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Interviewee: MEC Seaparo Sekoati

Venue : Longtill [his home]

Time : 13h00

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Godwin: You are the MEC of Health in Limpopo Province. How did you work yourself up to that position?

MEC: I started when I was still young in 1983. conscientised in politics .i was also compelled by the environment to involve in struggle and what was happening in Mozambique. Workers were getting organized. We also launched UDF in 1980's.

Godwin: How do you know MR Mogudi J. J?

MEC: As a businessman. He used to be a land-lord .We used his office to hold meetings. In 984-1985 we established education crisis committee .in 1984 we had bus boycott, Mr Mogudi was part of it .Mr mogudi helped in finance to overcome our missions.

Godwin: Which political organization did you belong to during the struggle for freedom?

MEC: I was belonging to South African youth Congress (SAYCO) and Phalaborwa Youth congress (PAYCO)

Godwin: What role did you play during the struggle?

MEC: The most powerful activist. I was organizing events i.e meetings, boycott, stayaways and campaigns.

Godwin: What triggered you to be involved in politics?

MEC: In 1984- 1985 the youth of Namakgale were met with brutal force from the Namakgale and Mankweng police force. Meetings were disrupted by the police .Cde Jack kgwedi was killed. This brutal killing happened during workers masses .Students Organization mobilised the learners to strike against price hikes, buss fees increases and the language used .Mr Mogudi’s hotel was bombed by the South African Defence force while Cdes were holding a meeting. A very young woman was murdered at Lulekani .Number of accidents occurred during that time.

Godwin: What activities did MR Mogudi do during the struggle?

MEC: He was mainly involved in sneaking fellow cdes to and fro exile .He also assisted cdes with finance.

Godwin: Do you have any incident which occurred during the struggle that you can share with me?

MEC: Yes .I remember Cde Jack kgwedi killed during the strike by the police , Malatji Mavis was also killed by the same apartheid police right in Lutheran Church and a beautiful young lady was killed at Lulekani .Mr Mogudi’s hotel was bombed .

Godwin: I heard MR Mogudi’s hotel was bombed .Tell me about it.

MEC: Yes. It was bombed by the South African Defence Force.

Godwin: Where you ever assaulted by the police? Why?

MEC: Yes .several times. I was regarded as foe number one, for causing mass meetings. I was also charged with public violence for 14 times in 1984

Godwin: Do you think MR Mogudi’s involvement in politics helped in the struggle against apartheid?

MEC: It has. Mr Mogudi stand firm and fight for the people .He was arrested for several times .He was the chairperson of Phalaborwa Education Crisis committee, Chairperson of Civic Association.

Godwin: What are your views on this oral History competition?

MEC: People are taking freedom for granted. It is very important to young people in South Africa to participate in this competition.

Godwin: Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to talk to u.

MEC: I hope whatever I told you will make a difference in the competition and to you as a learner.

Godwin: Thank you, Sir.