

SOPHIATOWN: On the 28/7/58, ~~xxxxxxx~~ when I saw Sobukwe, I asked him whether anything further had happened in regard to the taking over of the Sophiatown branch by the Africanists. He said no, the position was rather confused at the moment. The entire Sophiatown executive, except for Segala and Mbuli, was pro-Africanist. The Africanists wanted the branch to come out solidly against the leadership on an Africanist ticket. The exec., however, said that they were too engrossed in organizing the people for the provincial conference scheduled for October, and they therefore wanted the Africanists to take over the running of the branch lock, stock and barrel, and thus leave the present leaders free to carry on full-time with the work of speaking to people, etc. Bob said that he was not too clear about the situation but the Africanists felt that this would not be a wise course of action as it would allow the Reds the chance to attempt to discredit the entire Sophiatown branch.

Comment: The only clear point in this muddle is that it seems that Sophiatown is largely completely pro-Africanist, and if this is indeed so, and the time of making this public is carefully chosen, it could come as a very, very great blow against the Reds. I shall keep an eye on this development.

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