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REPORTS RECEIVED:

Each prodhction unit should have submitted five reports in October.
Below is a list of each unit followed by the number of reports' that-
were received:

Agriculture Department
Carpentry Workshop
Clinic
Cobblery
Drivers
Electrical Department
Finance Office
Mechanical Workshop
Site
Stores (Logistics)
Supplies
Tailoring Department
Technical Department
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Comrades, it is not enough to hold your production unit meetings. You
must also submit your Minutes 4- AND IN TIME!!! Otherwise it is not
possible to reflect the information in the Bulletin:

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

The production unit reports that since several of its members werett
occupied on other missions, it has not been pdSsible to hold regular
meetings. We hope that theksituation will improve next month.

CARPENTHY WORKSHOP

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Comrades Peter and Patridk have'joined the Department.
A discussion is in progress 9n safety conditions in the W9rkshop.
Attendance is reported to be generally poor.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Work is in progress in Unit 3, the Children's Centre, Tabora and the
farm complex. Residence 25 at Dakawa has been electrified.
New transformers have arrived from Arusha, and tools for refrigerator
repair have arrived from Denmark.

Comrade Habibu has left to take up a scholarship in the Soviet Union. Comrade Andrew Nene has joined the Department on a full-time basis, and several students are working in the afternoons.

FINANCE OFFICE

The Minutes did not contain anything of substance to report?

MECHANICAL WORKSHOP

Comrade Sam Ngobese, who was working in the Welding Department, has been transferred to lighter duty in the Cobblery for health reasons. Short training courses are available from "Caterpillar" in Dar es Salaam. Cde Pumelele has been suggested to take part in these. Such training for one of our comrades would be very useful for the organisation, because at the moment we are paying a lot of money for the maintenance of our bulldozer. Having someone trained in heavy diesel mechanics would be a big saving.

SITE

Unit 1: Renovations of Block 1 (formerly the female dormitory) is in progress to bring it to the same condition as Unit 2. As time and space permit, the other buildings in Unit 1 will also be renovated.

Unit 3: The dormitory blocks are in the stage of finishing work.

This is going somewhat slowly due to lack of certain materials, especially hardwood timber for the furniture and fittings. However, a load of timber has recently arrived, so we hope to be able to continue the work. News has been received that the kitchen equipment for this unit is now at the Docks in Dar es Salaam, and it should arrive in Mazimbu shortly; we can then also complete the dining hall. The programme calls for the completion of this unit by the end of the year, and with a bit of luck we think we can meet this deadline.

Units 4 and 5: in progress.

School Complex: The beam of the laboratories is completed; work on placing frames will now begin. The slab of the Teachers' Block is due to begin casting soon.

Children's Centre: Three of the creche buildings have been roofed and frames are being placed. The walls of three of the nursery buildings are complete to lintel level and the fourth one is being built up at the moment. Foundation work has also begun on six residences for young children who will be at the Children's Centre and whose parents are not here.

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Tabora: The three mother-and-child hostels are in the final stages of work. Work on the community hall has stopped due to a lack of material (hollow blocks) .

Other: Work is also continuing on staff housing, the Finance Office, garage store, and the hospital.

Attendance and Attitude: Generally fair. Comrades Chicks and Boy have been suspended from work for non-cooperation. Welcome to Cde Blackmah Mnyande, who recently joined the department.

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Children's clothes have been sent to Dar for distribution, Preparations are under way for a distribution of women's clothing.

TAILORING DEPARTMENT

Production included bedsheets, curtains, aprons for the Carpentry Workshop, alterations and repairs.

See elsewhere in this Bulletin for a special article on the new Garment Factory .

TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

Attendance and attitude is generally good.

Work is in progress on the primary school, library, classrooms 7/8, and the Children's Centre. Joint meetings with the College Advisory and Planning Committee are being held.

The Department is planning to hold a series of seminars between November 1982 and May 1985 on Architecture and Construction. These will be mainly for the members of the Technical Department, but there is space for a few interested individuals from outside the department.

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WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

For some time the Works Committee has been preparing for a trip to Dakawa, but it had to be postponed several times because the comrades in that area were occupied. However, the trip finally materialised.

A comprehensive report on this will appear in the Bulletin.

The Works Committee convened a meeting with the Chairmen and Secretaries of the various production units. This meeting discussed the question of the Workers Party, which is to take place on December 31.

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The same meeting elected a sub-committee which is going to deal with the preparations for this occasion. 2 Utd.n 3
in the W.C. recognised the importance of the work
In one of its meetings
-- the question of reporting
importance to the development of the work
matters affecting the progress of work to the Committee. If this aspect is thoroughly done, then the question of people who drink liquor before going to work could be easily solved. The bad tendencies retard the progress of work and at the ultimate, some units were affected, because one production unit failed to complete its tasks. This is also dangerous
negative tendency of drinking during working hours
to those comrades who are working with machines: Hence the Works Committee is requesting the different production units that they should assist in combatting this cancer. Comrades, your cooperation would be highly appreciated. 'http://m39
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the Works Committee would like to inform you that ZCde Elsie
Lastly,
means the comrade is a member
is the new head of the Clinic, and that
her former Committee. H"
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EDITORIAL NOTE BY MISRTIN 'Domao ,
Mazimbu as a home for all other South African hNC'
cadres of the moment. We are given also a complete responsibility to cater for our needs. SELF-RELIANCE. We have here the new recreation facilities for the young ones as you can see in various places; Ilala, nursery and other places., Let us not forget to permit destruction on these various facilities, but to preserve the joy and bright future of the young ones.
The grievance Dept. is to see to it
have been lying there since
We have accepted
With the same breath we request the
implements on the Double-Up site, which
their arrival three months ago; and note that this is a rainy season. We need to reserve the implements and tools for work.
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We also appreciate as workers the work done by the Youthseeheeniully in their trip to Moshi, and we fully support their activities of the . Youth and we stand with them in the mobilisation of the local people for our struggle.
transport will not always be a crisis; this
Have courage. comrades:
and try to no-
is temporary and let us wait and cut down our demand
cept a request for cooperation. L3 W\$1.h r l,
Lastly, workers of the world unite! Here we say, let us unite in action to realise our plans which we have meant for our future Mazimbu. We need not fight for rights but since we have them, let us unite in action and see the struggle progress. vLet us support our plan; if: this is the fifth of a new system, an alternative for the bright future which as children we have not seen but prepare for generations and generations to come in our country.
Maatla! Power,
Amandla!
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ABOUT OUR COLLEGE

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and always appreciated.

2. ?The Sohafcq Staff Commissar, Cde John Pampallis, 'has' organieed.a
series of discussions on the theme df.dialectice.- An earlief
Bulletin invited any member of the community who was interested
to attend; Several members of the production-unitsvhave been 30-
'ing 505: On behalf of the Works Committee, We ubuld like to ex;
tend bur thanks for the fact that theselinteresting andtatimula-
ting dleeussions have been organised.

3. AFRICA LIBERATION WEEK: November 8 - 13

The School will be observing Africa Liberation Week with a eerie:
t of talks and discussions, each focussing On a different part of
our continent. For the duration of the week, the School's dfter-
noon programme will be suspended and study period will take place
in the afternoon. The evenings will be used for the talks and
discussions. All are invited to attend each evening, beginning
a; 7 p.m. The programme is as follows: rel ' 7h - , n_
, Monday: Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland (Cde Stanley Mabizela)
Tuesday:, , Kenya and Uganda (gueste.frog UniverSity of bar) l
Wednesday: Zambia and Zimbabwe (hopefully guest from Zambian
AHigh Commission) .l W &
Thursday;, Angola, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau (to be announced)
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Saturday: Recording of special interview.with the Sedgetary ;
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ADULT EDUCATION' h . . ' . 5 2 - . "

Evening classes will begin on Monday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m., and I
will be held at the_following placed: - t " ' I

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Form 5 and 4: New.Block.(Sonafoo)

Transport has been arranged to leave the Charlottes at 6:45 p.m.
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SEMINAR ON Y CHIL 00 1 .hND ED CATION

' The seminar was held from September 24 to October 2, 1982. Present were three UNESCO specialists, ANC delegates, mothers from the Chatlottesl ANC Youth Section, teachers and students.

The main purpose of holding this seminar was to look into the facilities for all South African children in exile under the cane of the mo, facilities which were denied them at home.

A further purpose was to provide an opportunity for ANC cadres to discuss and exchange views on common problems facing them in the area of early childhood care and education. W

And lastly, the seminar was meant to acquaint us with and to help us appreciate the role of education in early childhood care.

The following topics were discussed: .

- the importance of early years;
- the present situation of the young South African child (health care, family situation, education, etc.); -
- identification of specific problems, needs in the development of early childhood care and education;
- identification of relevant strategies for the development of early childhood care and education -- what exists, resources;
- outlines for future ANC programmes in the field of early childhood care and education.

At the end of the seminar we came to the conclusion that the structure and contents of our early childhood care and education fulfills three major functions:

- to help us cope with conditions in exile;
- to make our childcare service and early education instruments of the struggle for liberation;
- to prepare for a liberated South Africa.

Recommendations were made and will hopefully be followed up in the near future. 1

We thank the different departments for releasing some of their staff during this seminar. t

Submitted by: ANC NURSERY SCHOOL, MAZIMBU

(At the moment, there is a FAO-sponsored seminar on Group Feeding and Nutrition in progress. We hope to be able to provide a report on this seminar for our next issue of the Bulletin.)

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TO SOME IT WAS A DREAM

IT IS NOW A REALITY

THE STORY OF THE ANC CLOTHING MANUFACTURING PROJECT

(As told to us by Cde George Ponnen)

In 1967, whilst managing a garment factory in Livingstone, Uncle George Ponnen heard that sewing machines and cloth had been donated to the ANC. He suggested that the NEC consider setting up a small clothing factory. The seed of an idea was planted and in 1976 this idea was taken up and discussed seriously by the National Executive Committee, which requested Cde George (by this time in Canada), to come to Tanzania and organise a factory. '

Unfortunately, both Uncle George and his wife, Vera, were then receiving medical treatment and he was wholly in a position to start extensive planning work. i

In 1980, after the death of Cde Vera, Uncle George visited Amsterdam to discuss the plans with the Holland Committee on Southern Africa. The Committee was surprised to hear of the size and scale of the project proposed by the ANC. This was not to be a small tailoring workshop but a fully fledged factory, with serious political objectives! The Holland Committee was enthusiastic and undertook to raise funds. The GDR Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee has also supported the project and recently the EEC agreed to assist the funding of the industrial machines needed. ,

With Uncle George's assistance plans were prepared and construction of the factory started in 1982. The building is now complete and furnishings and fittings are being installed. If all goes well the new machines and all factory tools and accessories will arrive in December and the factory will be ready to open early in the new year. Some sixteen years after the idea was born and after great efforts the dream will become a reality! '

But a factory building and factory machines given by the support of our friends and comrades abroad are not enough to make a factory work. i It is now up to the cadres of the ANC to breathe life into the building, to switch on the power and let the machines hum. In our struggle, weapons alone are useless without manpower -- trained and dedicated. The ANC Garment Factory will be managed and run on a commercial basis. 27 machines and many accessories are expected. The raw materials -- cloth, buttons, zips; cottons, etc., will be supplied regularly with the help of our comrades in the Solidarity Movements. Eventually the factory will need 45 skilled men and women committed to achieve the mission given by the NEC -- i.e. to produce clothing for our own needs, to produce for a commercial market so as to increase our independence by raising our own funds for the struggle, and to train our cadres both for this mission and for a future free South Africa, where they will be needed to man and run the Garment Industry in the Spirit of the Freedom Charter.

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We are duty bound to our people at home and to our supporters abroad, who have already contributed hundreds of thousands of shillings, to succeed in this mission -- and our first step is manpower. Uncle George has already set up six machines to start intensive training for a few comrades, and gqules pf dressesj skirts, ethy are being produced. .

We are therefore appealing for comrades who are seriously interested in contributing to this mission; comrades who are interested in working in the factory and being trained on the job in the various skills needed. tCome forward NOW so that in early 1983 production can begin and the ANC Garment Factory can truly become a reality!

Comrades should contact Uncle George or Comrade Sonny.

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'UNITY IN ACTION!! _

THE WORKS COMMITTEE VISITS DAKAWA

Last weekend (October 30 - 31) the Works Committee of Somafo started a programme of unity with the comrades who are pioneering our new project at Dakawa -- the ANC Development Centre.

The majority of cohrrades there are young people, hany newly arrived from home and undergoing political and academic upgrading prior to being assigned new missions as students, etc.

The Comrades are preparing the ground for a full-scale start on the projects planned for Dakawa, which include a Vocational Training Centre, large agricultural projects, an Orientarion Centre; etc. In order to start farming this rainy season, bush and trees have to be cleared and this mission is being taken very seriously by the comrades.

The Works Committee arrived at Dakawa late on Saturday afternoon, and we were assigned a tent at the Paul Petersen residence. We were then . taken on a tour to the other residences -- Raymond Mahluba and Lilian Ngoyi. Despite the very difficult conditidns in which the comrades are hpused, we were igptessed with their cheerful releutionary morale.

On our return Me were briefed at a meeting with the representatives of the Dakawa hdmihisttation, comrades Joe, Nobunto and Lancaster.

Later, at a meetingumith the community, we were dfficially welcomed.

C?e Keith addressed3the meeting on the origins of Mazimbu, which was a so pioneered by a small group of dedicated comrades, including Cde Dennis, Cde Ndlovu, Cde Joe Kabetso and others together with the first student group, of which Cde Keith was a member. Keith ezplained that in the beginning Mailmbu was often regarded as a dumping place, but had developedy thanks to the dedication of its pioneers.

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Cde Spencer briefed the meeting 9h the Somafo project and Ode Sonny, our Chairman, explained the role of the Works Committee and Production Units. A few gifts, symbols of our unity, were presented to Dakawa,, V including an ANC flag and flagpole, a shield, and a Visitors Book with J' the following inscription: i JHL;" ' . . i 2L,

"Presented to the pioneers of Dakawa frbh'the Somafo Wokks Committee on behalf of the workers and volunteers of Mazimbu. Our struggle is one. Mazimbu and Dakawa are landmarks on the road to a Peoples Government. In the achievement of these historic projects, we are building ourselves for the tasks of a future free South Africa. With confidence in that future and with the support of the Tanzanian people and freedom-loving people throughout the world, we will overcome all obstacles. Victory is certain!" t: I .; F I ' . _t ; i 1 , ,

The meeting was followed by supper and finally we were entertained to some culture by the Dakawa comrades. A Sde Martin and Thhsb, accompanied by Keith on drums gave an ibprbmptu ndlamu. We finally got to bed at about 2 \$1,111. I

Early on Sunday morning we raised the flag, had breakfast and went to work. From about 08 until 12 we worked side by side with the Dakawa comrades cutting down trees; At the end of the morning there were some bloody hands but we were proud to have cleared a large area and to have contributed to the development of the new Dakawa Development centre,

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During the coming months we hope that all production units will visit Dakawa and will contribute as much as possible to the great work which is being done by our comrades there.'

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SPECIAL GUEST ARTICLEcr i4

OUR NEW DIRECTOR

(In our last issue, we welcomed Cde Mohammad Tily to Mazimbu. Now that he has been here a while, we have asked him to give us an article on his first impressions.) '

When the National Executive Committee asked me to be Director of Somafo (which includes all the Production Units and Dakawa), and to be in charge of the National Scholarship Committee, I felt honoured. As an Education Council member I made six visits to Mazimbu since 1978 and I knew more or less what required doing and what progress had been made up to my arrival in August as Director. This is making it easy for me to settle into the job, but I must say that the support I have received from everyone has made my first two months very easy.

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Briefly, my job is to establish an efficient administrative machinery for Mazimpu-and Dakawa, to coordinate the work of all the Departments engaged, though the directorate to develop Somafo as a revolutionary 'place of learning and the training of political cadres for the liberation struggle. w -V 7,t

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uMy main concern is to build a unified community in which the division between mental and manual labour is reduced and to create dynamic links between all the various departments and activities. I am convinced that Somafo and its associated activities will significantly affect the on-going struggle; it will form a major influence in a liberated South Africa and will become a pioneering institution in Airiea'as a whole. , ,. T i

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comrade Henry Makgothi in the past; for six months before I arrived. His main job was that of a Political Commissar. Many comrades come to me with problems that should be taken to the new Political Commissar, Comrade Arthur Sidweshu. My main task is to deal with heads of departments (School, Health, Construction, etc.), to link and rationalise the work of departments and to liaise with the Government Representative, Comrade Mponzi. '

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VOn a personal note, I come from Pietersburg and have been in exile for 20 years. My family of six is in London at present. I am interested in goat-keeping and hope when my workload decreases to assist with our herd at Mazimbu. I am keen to form a cricket team and to play tennis regularly.

-- Mohammad Tikly

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