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Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Algeria
to
Saankie Nkondo, Chief Representative from ANC

With deep consternation we got the sad news of the assassination of the great activist Chris Hani. His life was an example for devotion and sacrifices in the South African People's struggle for liberation and a promotion of the ideals of liberty and justice. In this sad moment I want to express my heartfelt condolences to you. Please forward my sincere sympathy to the family.

The Ambassador - N. Harbi

20 000 people, is in turmoil following the demolition of 65 shacks and the local council's insistence that people pay R50 monthly rental a shack. More than 600 people were left without shelter on Wednesday night after a combined force of SAP and Tokoza municipal police used iron bars to destroy the shacks at the edge of the camp.

The destruction of the shacks followed a weekend of ferment when nine people were arrested — two for allegedly stoning a police car and seven for allegedly disturbing the peace.. *Daily Dispatch 14.7.89*

Scores of men from Polar Park, Tokoza, came home on Wednesday to find their families sleeping in the open after local municipal policemen demolished about 100 shacks for the third time in six months. Families said they had been issued with 24-hour notices by council officials, who referred to them as 'illegal' squatters. They said the council had not offered them alternative accommodation or a reason why they had to move...

The families said the officials, who demolished the shacks, had not given them time to remove their household goods which were damaged in the process... Ms Ethel Makhubalo, who stays with her husband and their two-year-old son, said: 'I'm going to rebuild my shack because the council just destroyed our homes without offering us alternative accommodation. Our children risk the danger of becoming ill by sleeping in the open during cold days like these.'... *Daily Dispatch 14.7.89*

BANTUSTANS

Transkei/Ciskei Feud

Transkei has announced that a number of Ciskei exiles, among them members of the Sebe family, will be moved to South Africa. The Transkei military leader, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, told the SABC that in terms of an agreement entered into by the Transkei, Ciskei and South Africa, Mr Lent Maqoma and the Sebe brothers, Charles and Namba, and their families, would be relocated to South Africa.

He said that, in terms of its national norms, Transkei could not return the Ciskeians who were living in Transkei to Ciskei. It was therefore decided that they be handed over to another country, which in this case was South Africa... *Daily Dispatch 14.7.89*

Transkei Postal Workers Threatened

A confidential security police letter written to Transkei's Postmaster General (PMG) in October last year has dashed all hopes that the homeland's military government was about to relax its ban on democratic trade unions. Hopes were raised following a huge May Day rally held by mineworkers in Umtata, said to be the first of its kind in the homeland's history.

The security police letter, signed by the Chief Deputy Commissioner of Security Police, Lt Gen L N Tyelela, warned that postal workers had become 'a thorn in the government' and said that in acting against workers, it would 'meet force with force'...

Unfair transfer and suspension of postal

written and, just seven months later, police detained more than 200 postal workers, all members of the Transkei Postal Workers' Association (Trapowa)...

In the letter, the cops claimed to have information that Trapowa was being briefed by 'ANC-orientated members'. According to the security cops, this indicated that Trapowa would break away from the Transkei Civil Servants' Association and they cited the walk-out of a meeting at the Umtata City Hall as proof of this. The cops told the PMG that, soon after the walk-out, Trapowa members convened their own meeting and sang 'freedom songs'. 'Therefore, this is not a union but an ANC school,' the cops said in their letter to the PMG. *New Nation 14.7.89*

Bop Resistance

The Bophuthatswana government crackdown on the rebellious villages of Leeuwfontein and Braklaagte took a grim new turn this week when police pre-empted the mass funeral of one of the villagers killed in recent security force action. Residents say police collected the family of the dead man, Mphake Mosimane, yesterday morning and conducted them to an unscheduled burial service. This was despite an earlier undertaking to return the body to the family. The whole community, as well as diplomats and large numbers of union members — Mosimane was a member of the National Union of Mine-workers — were expected to attend his funeral on Saturday.

It is understood that the other villager, Anthony Mathe, will be buried in similar circumstances today. Yesterday afternoon, lawyers acting for the dead man's family were planning to apply for a court interdict restraining the authorities from carrying out the burial and compelling them to hand over the body.

Residents say Mosimane family members were told that if they did not co-operate with police the body would be buried without their knowledge. Last week, the homeland police undertook to return the bodies of both victims to their families after lawyers had threatened a court interdict. The bodies were not returned. Homeland police told the families of the dead men that no weekend funerals would be allowed, and restrictions permitting only members of the families at the funerals were issued... *Weekly Mail 21.7.89*

Bop Bans Organisations

The Black Sash and its subcommittee, the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac), described their ban from Bophuthatswana this week as 'a move towards a blanket curtailment of opposition to forced incorporation'. 'Homeland' authorities banned the two organisations under its Internal Security Act. Less than a month ago, Trac was the first human rights organisation to expose the outbreak of violence in the twin villages of Braklaagte and Leeuwfontein.

The Black Sash said the ban was 'a measure of desperation' on the part of the 'homeland' authorities by shifting the blame for the outbreak of violence in the villages on to them. Both the Black Sash and Trac argue that the ban will not stop the vigorous resistance and opposition to incorporation by the villagers.

back to 1984 — at the request of traders in the tin-shack area of Winterveld, near Pretoria. The traders were being harassed by 'homeland' police and authorities, and were made to pay heavy fines for failing to produce trading licences. Many were forced to take 'homeland' citizenship as a condition of acquiring trading licences. Trac provided legal advice services in the area. They have also offered welfare services, dealt with the problems and pensions and corrupt 'homeland' authorities, and monitored trends of repression.

This week Bophuthatswana authorities accused both the Black Sash and Trac of 'working behind closed doors to instigate the villagers of the two villages to revolt against the government'... *Weekly Mail 21.7.89*

KwaNdebele

The Chief Minister of KwaNdebele, Mr Masana Mahlangu, has appointed two new ministers. The new Minister of Justice is Mr Solly Mntungwa Mahlangu, a former detainee and Speaker of the homeland's Legislative Assembly during the time of the late Chief Minister, Mr S S Skosana. The Water and Works Affairs portfolio goes to the provincial chairman of the Southern African Black Taxi Association in the Transvaal, Mr Dingaan Paulos Mahlangu.

The two ministers are well known in the homeland by their nicknames: 'Mr Speaker' and 'Paradise'... About four years ago Mr Paradise Mahlangu was appointed to the post of Minister of Internal Affairs after the then minister, Mr Piet Ntuli, was killed in a car bomb blast at the height of the unrest in the homelands. But Mr Mahlangu turned the post down... *Star 12.7.89*

KwaZulu

A senior Zulu prince is furious about pamphlet allegations that he is plotting the assassination of his nephew, Zulu King Zwelethini Goodwill Ka Bhekuzulu. The pamphlets, alleging Prince Mcwayizeni was in collusion with the ANC on the king's elimination, have circulated widely during the past fortnight. The prince said: 'I have no intention of assassinating the king. It would no benefit me as I am not his heir, and leadership would go to one of his children. I reject all these allegations.' He said it was clear the pamphlet came from those serving the apartheid system, as its intention was to divide the Zulus.

The prince resigned from the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly earlier this year after acting as the king's delegate in a dispute with KwaZulu Chief Minister and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi. Buthelezi told the Assembly the prince resigned because he had been 'wooed away' by the UDF. He described the prince's request for replacement on grounds of ill health as 'diplomatic illness'. This week the prince challenged Buthelezi to repeat his statement outside the House. 'I would have thought he would have approached me directly as a relation instead of the way he did if there was bad feeling between us,' he said.

Late this week the king confirmed that Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda had