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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

of South-Africa

Afrikkalainen kansalliskongressi

20/11/89

The Chief Representative
African National Congress
Dar es Salaam.

Dear Comrade,

re: Cde Gerald Mohlala

The above boarded an Aeroflout flight today for Dar via Moscow and he is scheduled to arrive tomorrow(21/11/89) at 11.10am.

Cde Gerald has been sent back to base because of persistent heavy drinking resulting in behaviour unbecoming of a cadre and very detrimental to the Movement. His Sponsor, their patience tested to the limit, have withdrawn his scholarship and the Student Village Council, where he resided, has ruled that he should leave the premises.

Enclosed are various documents relevant to the case which give an indication of the problems this region has faced with the comrade:

1. 2/11/88. First written warning from the Student Village Council cautioning Cde Gerald on the consequences of continued drunken behaviour.
2. 28/4/89. Second written warning from the Village Council. The Office requested that the Council give him another chance, hence no eviction took place at this point.
3. 30/5/89. Letter from the Office to Gerald prompted by reports that the comrade was now soliciting money from high school students - the very same students the Sponsor had been mobilising to raise funds to support four of our students here, Cde Gerald included.
4. 23/9/89. Letter from the Office to Cde Gerald once more indicating the seriousness of the situation after receiving the Sponsor's report for the academic year 1988/89(already forwarded to NSC and Education; further copies enclosed).
5. 1/11/89. Final written notice from the Council instructing Gerald to leave their premises by the end of November.

6. 3/11/89. Letter from the Office, after consultations with the Sponsor, instructing Cde Gerald to prepare for departure back to Tanzania.

7. 8/11/89. Final report from the Sponsor, the Peace Education Institute of Finland.

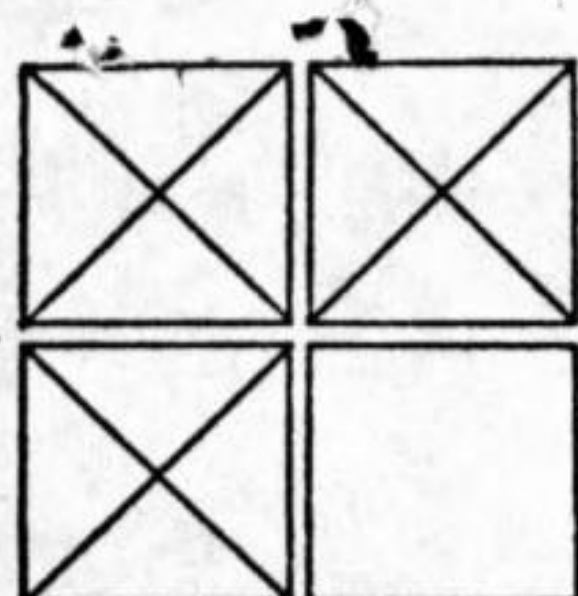
It is the view of the Office, and the Sponsor agrees, that Cde Gerald is talented and has the potential to achieve good academic results. To his credit, he acknowledges his mistakes but unfortunately all promises of future good behaviour evaporates as soon as the next bout of drinking occurs.

We hope that back at base he will seriously reflect on his weaknesses and make every effort to warrant another opportunity to realise his abundant potential.

In the Year of Mass Mobilisation for People's Power!

Mohamed Hussein
Chief Representative.

cc: Education Department, Lusaka
NSC, Mazimbu.



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Jyy:n Kortepohjan ylioppilas-
kylän kylähallitus

PÖYTÄKIRJA 10/88

Aika: Keskiviikko 2.11.1988 klo 8.30

Paikka: Rentukan Sirkus-kabinetti

Läsnä: Olli Porkholm varapj.
Lasse Koistinen
Seismo Malm
Jorma Janhonen
Tyyne Salonen
Yrjö Tolvanen va-siht.
Leo Kamunen siht.

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Kokouksen avaus

Varapj. Olli Porkholm avasi kokouksen

2

Laillisuus ja päätösvaltaisuus

Kokous todettiin laillisesti koollekutsutuksi ja päätösvaltaiseksi.

3

Edellisen kokouksen pöytäkirja

Luettiin ja hyväksyttiin pöytäkirja 9/88(12.10.88)

4

Esityslista

Hyväksyttiin esitetyn mukaisena

5

C 306/häirintätapaus

Kylähallitus katsoo näytetyksi toteen, että asunnossa C 306 asuva Gerald Mohlala on useaan otteeseen häirinyt muiden samassa talossa asuvien yörauhaa siinä määrin, että rauhoittamisessa on tarvittu poliisia. Häntä on tästä häirinnästä aikaisemmin varoitettu suullisesti. Kun tällä ei ole ollut pysyvää vaikutusta antaa kylähallitus Gerald Mohlalalle kirjallisen varoituksen ja ilmoittaa, että häirinnän vielä uusiutuessa tullaan ylioppilaskylän puolelta ryhtymään kaikkiin tarpeellisiin toimenpiteisiin vuokrasuhteen katkaisemiseksi hädän kautta.

THE COUNCIL OF KORTEPOHJA STUDENT VILLAGE

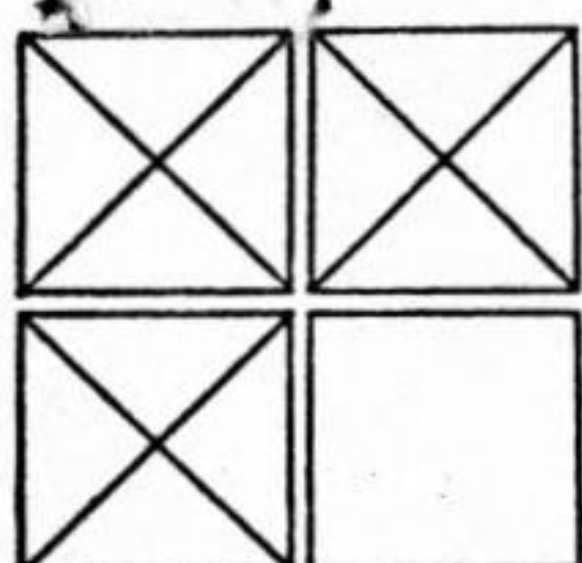
RECORD 10/88

2nd November 1988

Paragraph 5

A case of disturbance

The council of the student village holds that Mr. Gerald Mohlala, living in flat C 306, has often disturbed his neighbours in the night to such an extent that the police has been called in to calm him down. He has been given a verbal warning of this but because it seems to have no permanent effect, the council of the student village gives to Mr. Gerald Mohlala a written warning and announces that if this disturbance will continue, the student village will take all necessary measures to cancel the housing contract with Mr. Gerald Mohlala.



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asukasneuvosto

LYHENNYSOTE

PÖYTÄKIRJA 8/89

Aika: Perjantai 28.4.1989 klo 8.30 - 11.10
Paikka: Rentukan Sirkus-kabinetti

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8-05-1989

Läsnä: Hannele Wahlstén puheenjohtaja
Antti Hilden
Leena Kuikka
V-P. Muuronen
Antti Teittinen
Pekka Vepsäläinen
Jorma Janhonen
Sirkka Lahtinen
Tarja Parviainen ymp.vlk. -9 §
Leo Kamunen sihteeri
Poissa:
Vesa Järvinen
Heikki Risku

1
Kokouksen avaus

Puheenjohtaja avasi kokouksen.

2
Laillisuus ja päätösvaltaisuus

Kokous todettiin laillisesti koollekutsutuksi (kutsut lähetetty 25.3.) ja päätösvaltaiseksi.

7
C-talon häirintätapauksen jatkokäsittely (liite)

Asukasneuvosto katsoo selvitetyn, että yo-kylän asunnossa C-306 asuva Gerald Mohlala on aikaisemmista suullisista ja yhdestä kirjallisesta varoituksesta huolimatta häirinnyt kovaäänisellä musiikilla ja melulla asuintalonsa yörauhaa 10.4.89 klo 03 siinä määrin, että paikalla on tarvittu yo-kylän laitosmiestä tilannetta rauhoittamassa.

Perehdyttyään G. Mohlalan kirjalliseen selvitykseen asiasta asukasneuvosto päätti antaa G. Mohlalalle ankaran varoituksen häirinnästä. Samalla päätettiin, että jos tällaista tai muunlaista häirintää vielä ilmenee, sanotaan G. Mohlalan vuokrasopimus välittömästi irti. Pöytäkirjanote tästä päätöksestä toimitetaan G. Mohlalan lisäksi ANC:n edustajalle Mohamed Husseinille.

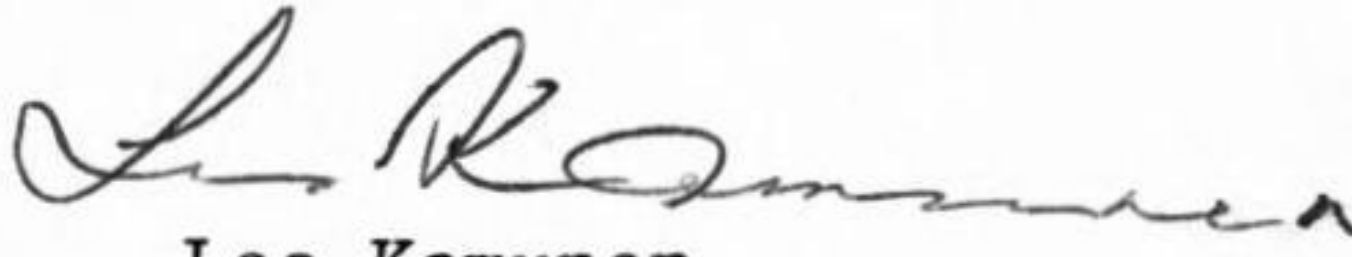
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Kokouksen päättäminen

Puheenjohtaja päätti kokouksen klo 11.10

Hannele Wahlstén
puheenjohtaja

Leo Kamunen
sihteeri

Pöytäkirjan vakuudeksi


Leo Kamunen
sihteeri

RECORD 8/89

28th April 1989

Paragraph 7

A continued handling of the disturbance

The tenant meeting holds that Mr. Gerald Mohlala, living in flat C 306, disturbed other people in the house with loud music and noise to such an extent that the janitor of the student village has been needed to calm him down. This happened at 3 o'clock in the night 10 th April 1989 in spite of several verbal and one written warning he had already received.

After getting familiar with G. Mohlala's written account of the matter the tenant meeting decided to give G. Mohlala a strict warning. The decision was also taken that if there is any kind of disturbance in future the housing contract will be immediately cancelled with G. Mohlala. The extract from the minutes concerning this decision will be sent the ANC representative Mohamed Hussein as well.



AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA (ANC)

PL 33, 00531 Helsinki

Tel: 7011290

Accounts: PSB 84477-4, STS 710010-87364

12th May 1989

Kortepohjan Ylioppilaskylä
Taitoniekantie 9
407 40 Jyväskylä

Dear Friends,

We are deeply grateful to you for once more having shown great patience with and understanding for our student, Gerald Mohlala.

Your decision to give him another final warning is all the more appreciated because of the gravity of the situation and the unpleasant consequences Gerald's repeated bad behaviour has had on fellow students living around him. May we, through your Council, extend our sincere apologies to all who have had to suffer the inconvenience and discomfort caused by his actions.

Gerald has now been given a final warning and we hope that he will reflect carefully on the precariousness of his position. We have urged him to seek the necessary psychological counselling from the University and requested his fellow ANC students to play a supporting role. We hope there are also sympathetic Finnish students around who could also assist him in integrating more fully into the diverse aspects of University life.

We also would like to extend our appreciation to Mr. Leo Kamunen for his role and assistance in the matter. The decision taken by the Council on 28/4/89 is clearly noted as well the implications thereof.

Yours respectfully,

Mohamed Hussein
ANC Representative



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30th May 1989

Cde Gerald Mohlala
University of Jyväskylä
Jyväskylä

Dear Comrade,

Persistent reports over the last year and more about your unseemly behaviour have greatly alarmed the Office and the time has surely come to address the desirability of your continued stay in Finland. These reports include instances of:

1. Drunken and noisy behaviour late at night and early in the morning in the student quarters where you reside. On several occasions your irate neighbours have had to call in the residence authorities, who in turn called in the police, to quieten the situation. The Student Council has also, besides verbal warnings, sent you two letters giving a final warning that any further disturbances will result in immediate eviction. The Office had to intervene on the last occasion, hence the second written warning.
2. Waking people up in the very early hours of the morning by telephoning them and making unreasonable demands. This peculiar habit also seems to manifest itself when you have had too much to drink.
3. Borrowing money from the bank and individuals to finance - we have difficulty in concluding otherwise - your drinking sprees. What is particularly serious, and prompts this stern letter, is the recent confirmed report that you are now soliciting money, on the basis of some or the other sad story, from high school students - the very same students your sponsor, Helena Kekkonen, has been mobilising to finance your studies here in Finland.

Helena has, with good intention and reason, expressed her grave concern on more than one occasion and pointed out the negative impact your behaviour is having on donors and consequently on the project, i.e. the project that supports you and the other three ANC students. Furthermore, there is the damage done to the high esteem and credibility she enjoys in Finnish Society - a credibility which she consistently, with great conviction and courage, uses in mobilising support for the ANC and the struggle against apartheid.

Needless to say, your behaviour is also having a detrimental impact on the high standing of the Movement in this part of the world. Your exploits are well known and much discussed in the solidarity movement. We emphasise once more, as we have done often in the past, that all cadres represent the Movement and our actions, particularly the bad ones, reflect back on the Movement.

You have been spoken to, counselled, and cautioned on numerous occasions by your sponsor, by your fellow students, by this Office, and also by the Office in Stockholm. To your credit you admit your mistakes, but regrettably promises of future good behaviour only last until the next drinking bout.

This letter now serves as a final caution to you to pull yourself together and behave in a manner expected of an ANC cadre. Failure to do so will leave us with no option but to return you back to base.

You are further instructed to desist completely from taking loans and to submit speedily to this Office a full list of all outstanding loans you have incurred. You are further expected to make good these loans before the next academic year starts using money earned from your summer vacation job.

Your stipend will henceforth be paid on a weekly basis by your sponsor to ensure that you have money throughout the month, especially for food.

Contact has already been set up with the Counselling Services of the University. The onus rests on you to make full use of these services to try to solve your drinking problem.

Finally, we re-iterate the gravity of the situation and request your fullest co-operation in all the above matters.

AMANDLA !

Mohamed Hussein
Chief Representative

cc: Education Dept., Lusaka
National Scholarship Committee, Mazimbu
Helena Kekkonen, Peace Education Institute
ANC Student Union in Finland, c/o Chairperson Cde Wandile
Nkankula



AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA (ANC)

PL 336, 00531 Helsinki
Tel: 7011290

23rd September 1989

Cde Gerald Mohlala
University of Jyväskylä

Dear Comrade,

I have received your progress report from your sponsors, The Peace Education Institute, covering the academic year 1988-89.

Once more the issue of your conduct, particularly in regard to excessive drinking and mismanagement of your finances, is being highlighted. Evidence of misbehaviour continues to filter in despite the many cautions you have received.

Of further concern, the report indicates a poor academic performance for 1988-89. Only 5 study weeks were achieved instead of the 25 to 30 expected of a full-time student.

Your sponsors are of the opinion that your scholarship should be discontinued at the end of 1989 UNLESS YOU SHOW SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN BEHAVIOUR AND SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT. Under the circumstances, I find it difficult to quarrel with the strong view they have taken.

Once more you are urged to reflect deeply on the seriousness of the situation and exert every effort to pull yourself together.

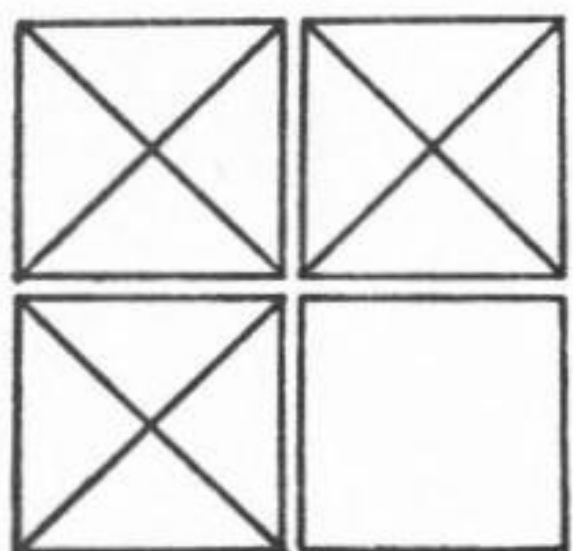
AMANDLA!

Mohamed Hussein
Chief Representative.

Report for 1988-89

GERALD MOHLALA:

Gerald arrived in Finland in October of 1986 and commenced pedagogical studies at the University of Jyvaskyla in the autumn of 1987. By the end of the first year, he had completed 15 study weeks, but during the past year only five, albeit all with the grade "Good". After two years at university, he has a total of 20 study weeks. Gerald has had very big problems with the use of alcohol and money. Earlier on this year he was warned that he may be dismissed from the university dormitory because of bad behaviour (for playing his stereos too loud). We have had serious discussions with gerald concerning his problems. Mohamed Hussein, ANC's representative in Finland, has also been informed and he has issued Gerald with a written warning. During the summer, gerald had a job in Helsinki in order to improve his financial position and it seems that he has "pulled his socks up" during the summer. Nevertheless, the "Without a Home Country" Project is of the opinion that Gerald's scholarship should be discontinued at the end of 1989 UNLESS HIS SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS IMPROVE CONSIDERABLY AND HE IS ABLE TO GET HIS FINANCES IN ORDER.



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PÖYTÄKIRJANOTE/PÖYTÄKIRJA 14/89

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- 9 - 11 - 1989

Aika: Keskiviikko 1.11.1989 klo 8 - 9.50
Paikka: Rentukan Sirkus-kabinetti
Läsnä: Hannele Wahlstén puheenjohtaja
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Pöytäkirjan tarkastajat

Antti Hilden ja Jorma Janhonen

5
Gerald Mohlalan asumisoikeus yo-kylässä

Merkittiin tiedoksi seuraavaa:
Gerald Mohlala C 306 sai 28.4.89 pidetyssä asukasneuvoston kokouksessa viimeisen kirjallisen varoituksen aiheuttamistaan häiriöistä. Häiriö kuitenkin toistui 30.10.89 klo 4 aamuyöllä niin vakavana, että tilanteen selvittämiseksi tarvittiin poliisin apua. Aikaisemman päätöksen mukaisesti tämän häiriön seurauksena katsotaan G. Mohlalan asumisoikeus yo-kylässä menetetyksi, ja hänelle on annettu aikaa marraskuun loppuun muuttaa pois asunnosta C 306. Tämän hän on ilmoittanut tekevänsä vapaaehtoisesti. Ellei näin kuitenkaan tapahdu, asia viedään häätöjuttuna asunto-oikeuteen.

10
Kokouksen päättäminen

Puheenjohtaja päätti kokouksen klo 9.50

Hannele Wahlstén

Leo Kamunen

Pöytäkirjan tarkastajat:

Antti Hilden

Jorma Janhonen

Otteen oikeaksi todistaa:


Leo Kamunen

RECORD 14/89

1st November 1989

Paragraph 5

Gerald Mohlala's right of occupancy in the student village.

The following was recorded in the minutes:

Gerald Mohlala, living in flat C 306, was given the last written warning, because of the disturbance he had caused, by the tenant meeting of 28th April 1989. The disturbance was repeated on 30th October at 4 o'clock in the morning, so seriously that the police was needed to help. According to the former decision and because of the last disturbance, G. Mohlala was held to have lost his right of occupancy in the student village and was given time to move from his flat C306 by the end of November. He has informed that he will do this voluntarily. If it does not happen, the matter will be taken as an eviction case to the Rent Tribunal.



AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

of South-Africa

Afrikkalainen kansalliskongressi

3rd November 1989

Cde Gerald Mohlala
University of Jyväskylä

Dear Comrade,

The latest occurrence of rowdy behaviour due to excessive drinking, resulting in the police being called in to detain you during the early hours of Monday morning, and coming barely a week after I had once more pointed out to you the need to pull yourself together, finally compels me to instruct you to ready yourself for departure back to Tanzania.

Your sponsors, too, have decided that your continued stay in Finland is no longer desirable and are terminating your scholarship. Furthermore, the Student Council has run out of patience and decided that you must leave their premises by the end of this month.

Please note the following points in preparation for your departure:

1. Your sponsors will provide a plane ticket and you are expected to depart before the 20th of this month.
2. The ticket only allows for the normal 20 kg of accompanied baggage. All other belongings should be securely packed by you and addressed to:

The Chief Representative
African National Congress
P O Box 2239
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania.

Label all packages: CONTENTS:Personal Effects/Gerald Mohlala.

These belongings will be shipped by the sponsors who will instruct you on transport arrangements to the freight company. Shipping documents will in due course be sent to the Chief Rep's office in Dar with notification thereof to you.

3. All items bought by you for which payment is still outstanding should be returned to the suppliers. You should only take with you(or pack) those items paid for.

Your fullest co-operation is urged so that both the sponsors and the Office can handle departure arrangements without undue fuss or delay.

AMANDLA!

Mohamed Hussein
Chief Representative.

cc: Peace Education Institute(Sponsors)
ANC Student Union in Finland(c/o Chairperson, Cde Wandile Nkankula).

Dear Mohamed,

please find enclosed my original report
in order to send to comrades in Lusaka.

Gerald is in Aeroflot's "crew" waiting
for the first possible ticket on 20.11
at 2 p.m. (from Helsinki; in Dares Salaam
the flight will be 21.11 at 11.10 a.m.)

The confirmation will happen on next Monday.

But: Gerald called me saying:

"I am not going back to Dares Salaam!"
What can I do? Cancel the ticket??

Best regards,

Helena

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- 9 - 11 - 1989

Another problem associated with Gerald's adapting to life in Finland was his fascination with goods which are on offer everywhere. Starting from his first year in Finland, Gerald began to gather things which were not really essential (e.g. stereo sets, videoplayers, records, TV, household appliances and especially clothes) and all these at top prices. This in turn led to a state of permanent indebtedness. At first, his sponsor agreed to Gerald's request for loans and attempted then to subtract a set sum of money from his monthly allowance as repayments on the loan. Later, requests for further loans were refused. As a Christmas present in 1987, Gerald was exempted from having to pay back a loan of 1000 marks. Following this, Gerald took loans from elsewhere: stores, banks and private individuals. As it was not nice to have young, gullible fellow students lose their money, Gerald's sponsor paid back approx. 2000 marks worth of loans during 1989. But the future looked very bleak; despite promises he made, Gerald would most probably have continued to run into more debt in his eagerness to buy things. His existing debts were in the region of 2000 - 3000 marks.

Gerald's loans had a serious aspect to them with regard to other people. The majority of the supporters of the "Without a Home Country" project are modest, medium or low income people, students and pensioners, who themselves lead a very frugal existence. It did not please them to see the life of a prodigal led by one of their proteges. And every creditor who, despite requests to have his money refunded, had to go away without his money, of course, told others of Gerald's behaviour and inevitably, in the eyes of the people, Gerald stood for the ANC and the "Without a Home Country" project. It is far more difficult to attract people to take part in the project if they have a negative impression of the community as a whole (ANC and the project) because of the behaviour of one student.

Owing to the above circumstances and following thorough and lengthy discussions (both within the Peace Education Institute and with Mohammed Hussein), it was decided to have Gerald return to Africa. All in all, the impression is that the western way of life with its great liberties and luxury goods was unsuitable for Gerald. The outcome may have been different had Gerald been placed in Helsinki so that I would have been able to keep a closer eye on him. It was, however, impossible to find accommodation in Helsinki and the entrance requirements at the Helsinki University are stricter than elsewhere. The sponsor's was also of the opinion that studying in a smaller town and assisted by a local tutor would lead to better results. Although this did not eventuate, I am assured that, back in his own culture, Gerald will find a new opportunity for maturing and for strengthening his character, and that once that has happened, he will, talented and sensitive as he is, find a new chance to study at some other university, perhaps even here in Finland.

Helsinki, 08.11.1989



Helena Kekkonen



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ANC's Department of Education

Report on Gerald Mohlala

Gerald Mohlala came to Finland in October of 1986 at the invitation of the Peace Education Institute as one of the "Without a Home Country" scholarship holders. He spent his first academic year in Finland studying Finnish and social subjects at Viitakivi College. The next two years he spent studying pedagogical subjects at the Jyväskylä University's Faculty of Education.

Gerald Mohlala proved to be a pleasant, open and talented student. It was particularly during his first year in Finland that he eagerly took part in programmes arranged by the Peace Education Institute, telling about himself, what the ANC is doing and the conditions in South-Africa. Such cooperation was very welcome and it helped us to collect funds for the "Without a Home Country" project and thereby for the needs of ANC and SWAPO.

Unfortunately, the conditions in Finland were not congenial for a person such as Gerald. Gerald was often invited by Finnish students to so-called "get-togethers" in the evenings and these gatherings were often marked by considerable consumption of alcohol. Already by the second year, Gerald began to show signs of the excessive use of alcohol. He would occasionally drink and neglect his studies for days, sometimes even weeks. Despite such behaviour, he made fairly good progress in his studies during this second year (the first at university).

During the third year the situation went from bad to worse. Under the influence of alcohol, Gerald became the cause of disturbance at nights for his fellow students and his acquaintances whom he used to call on the telephone. His fellow students were often forced to call the police to take him away to the police station to calm down. The university's student association, which owns the dormitories, gave Gerald three serious warnings and contacted his sponsor indicating that if such behaviour did not stop, they would be forced to expel him from the student dormitory because of bad behaviour. At this point, Gerald was given a serious warning by his sponsor as well. We appealed to his sense of responsibility and conscience to make him stop drinking. Despite promises he made, the drinking went on as did disturbances at night. In addition, his studies during the third year suffered so much that he achieved hardly any results.

At this rate of progress it would take him 8-10 years to complete his studies and his sponsor is by no means willing to accept such a proposition.

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