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NEWS AND VIEWS MAZIMBU DAKAWA

IN THE YEAR OF THE WOMEN

MARCH 8TH. INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

When women everywhere re-affirm -
"We give life and say NO to death."
PEACE is the theme of the day and
suffering and oppressed women of
the world are remembered.

One such woman who will be
thought about is Selva Braselli,
since 1975 a prisoner in the Punta
de Rieles concentration camp of Ur-
uguay, mother of 2 young daughters.

A brilliant student of architect
ure she joined the ranks of the Com-
munist Party and as a Councillor of
the Montevideo District/fought for the
demands of the people. After the
coup of 1973 she did undercover
work until her arrest. She has en-
dured brutal and sadistic torture
which has left her with a severe
heart disorder, rheumatism and a
punctured eardrum. Although in con-
stant pain she is often taken to
the punishment cell. Just over 40
she looks 60 and is so weak she can
barely stand. Still, she could
write to her daughter thus:

"What do I have to give you, my
daughter, my love? I can give you a
dream of laughing children and warm
sands, a dream of fathers working,
of mothers singing and dancing, and
working too. A dream of walks in
the sunshine over wild fields. But
the reality I have to give you is
the unwilling separation between us
I did not want it. It is not some-
thing I have chosen."

All women will want to make the
dream she has offered her daughter
come true. For her and every woman
under the heel of Fascism, racism,
imperialism and colonialism.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MARCH

- INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY will be
celebrated at Mazimbu on Sunday
11 March from 2 - 5 p.m. at Unit 2
Hall. EVERYONE WELCOME! The prog-
ramme will include messages, speak-
ers and culture.

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- SACTU DAY - March 5th To be marked
this year at Dakawa where the pro-
gramme will include a letsema. This
important 29th. anniversary arrange-
ment is being organised by the
Works Committee who wish to inform
all those who are to be included in
the Brigade that the bus will leave
Mazimbu at 07.00 sharp. The activ-
ities will mainly take place in the
morning so please be punctual.

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SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT VISITORS

Our lifeline with our friends and
supporters throughout the world dep-
end largely on representatives who
visit us and are therefore most wel-
come in our midst. All are worthy
of much more space than we are able
to give them. In brief, news of
recent arrivals:-

- Josef Jonsson - SIDA consultant
and lecturer of Agriculture at Upp-
sala University Sweden. Spent sever-
al days with us last month, mainly
looking into the SIDA funded Mazimbu
farm which he and his colleague rat-
ed amongst the best three SIDA proj-
ects.

- Rudolf Hüpfl soon to be joined by
a second engineer, represents the
Institute for International Co-oper-
ation in Vienna Austria. They are con-
cerned with the most important serv-
ice of providing water for Dakawa and
will be with us for some two months,
doing a survey and getting to know us.

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SOLIDARITY & SUPPORT VISITORS(CONT)

- Rien Cardol - AABN - Anti-Apartheid Movement, Netherlands. An organisation that helps us in so many diverse and novel ways. Rien is spending 2 weeks here, talking to department heads, students, staff and sectors in preparation for their 1984 Campaign on our behalf. He has brought with him copies of the Mazimbu/Dakawa 1982-3 Progress Report printed for us in Holland. WE SAY THANK YOU TO THEM ALL AND KARIBUNI!

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ADDRESS AT SOMAFECO - Unit 2 Hall on Friday 2nd. March after the news will be given by Rien. He will explain the work being done by the Dutch AAM and will brief us on the recently held PUBLIC HEARING in Amsterdam on South Aggression in front line states. All are invited

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S.O.S. FROM CD. BABU SEPTEMBER

CAN YOU HELP?? There are far too few teachers for 188 children at the Primary school. The staff are overworked, stress and strain causing illness and absenteeism which explains why children must sometimes be sent home during school hours. For this he apologises and says that at least THREE MORE ADULTS are needed to keep the school going. Will you be one of them?

- THANKYOU SAYS BABU

To Cds. Tweed and Maboe from Adult Education helping daily for 2 hours teaching basic literacy to our children who cannot speak English. Also to Cd. Gloria who saw the need and came from the Nursery School Section to assist with Grade 2 Class.

- OTHER ITEMS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

+ Saturday morning KEEP FIT CLASSES have begun.

+ DRAMA AND MIMI GROUPS are being guided and trained.

+ SOFTBALL LEAGUE is under way - every Wednesday afternoon. On Feb 15 - Muntu's Marauders beat Thabo's Tigers 5-1 runs.

+ DISCIPLINE Says Babu is EVERYBODY'S CONCERN. He appeals to parents at Tabora and Ilala to ensure that the children of the Primary School do not break the rules by being out of bounds. They must be at the school or dormitories except for specified visiting times.

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HOSPITAL PATIENTS

+ We regret two serious accidents to Cds. General Mabuza who lost a hand as a result of touching a live electric cable. He is recovering well in the Morogoro hospital; also Chico Ntlwati critically injured by being run over by a tractor at Dakawa, who is in Muhimbili hospital. All comrades of Mazimbu & Dakawa wish them well hope for their complete recuperation. Please visit the two patients whenever possible.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ From the DIRECTORATE - Water at Units 1 & 2 is apparently not always getting through. This should not be, as with the installation of the new water supply pipes, Units 1, 2 & 3 should experience no difficulty in getting water at any time - day or night. If for any reason the water does not flow PLEASE INFORM COMRADE GENERAL IMMEDIATELY.

- Post and Newspapers You are requested to collect your mail daily. Failure to do so means that important notices are not reaching you in time and money is being wasted when newspapers are left in pigeonholes.

+ From the TRANSPORT OFFICER - Transport for sick comrades. If you are ill at night please apply to the nearest residence where a car is parked if you need to visit the clinic. The ambulance is only for taking patients to the hospital.

N.B. Ilala Residents may ask for transport from Cd. Dikang, Peace if the Communications car is there or from vehicle drivers in Copenhagen. Tabora Residents should appeal to Cd. General Twala.

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STOP PRESS- TOIVO JA TOIVO RELEASED FRM ROBBEN ISLAND. GREAT NEWS FOR SWAPO AND ANC.

- Charlotte Residents will be helped by Cd. David Mdluli. ANC DOCTOR ON CAMPUS AT LAST!

- SOMAFCO Either Cd. Jimmy Phamho or whoever is in charge of the school's Green Hiace should be called. A huge welcome to Dr. Amo Moroka, our very own doctor. Nobody could be more welcome. We wish her happiness in our midst and we know that the health of our community in her able hands, can only improve.

The above arrangements are only for internal assistance. If referrals are made by the clinic staff at night then either Cds. David or Monpati can be woken up for trips to the hospital.

Patients are urged to be punctual for transport in the mornings. Latecoming cannot be tolerated, causing disorganisation and adding to the costs of fuel etc.

RPC NEWS

+ The first General Branch meeting of the year was held on February 26th. when EDUCATIONAL MATTERS were discussed. Problems and progress were reported on- SOMAFCO, Primary, Nursery Schools, Adult Education and Scholarships. Much was learned and gratitude goes to those who led on the various topics

+ Working Brigades comprising comrades from the various political units are being organised to work voluntary in contributing to the development of the Dakawa Centre. This is a good opportunity for our people to get better acquainted and combine in important tasks. Culture and other activities are to be included. 1st. Brigade - Sunday.

+ The community is reminded that if they want further information re SOMAFCO or the Primary Schools they are welcome to see the principals. In fact an open invitation from the Head of the Primary school was issued for people to come and see for themselves.

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WOMEN'S POETRY WORKSHOP continues every Sunday morning - 10a.m. at Nomusa Xaba's house. Aim, Women's Poetry book for the Year of Women.

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EDITOR'S NOTE Thanks to all sectors who have contributed to the newsletter. Bricks to those who have not!

ACCLAIM FROM ABROAD

The AABN sent special thanks to the students who were interviewed on tape regarding their experiences in Matola and Maseru. These were used to good effect in the Amsterdam Public Hearing at which Cd. Busi Zokwe gave on-the-spot evidence. To her they send gratitude and warm regards.

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MATERIAL AID

As a result of the speaking tour to schools in Sweden last year by Cds. Spencer Hodgson and Ghandi Badela, numerous useful gifts are beginning to arrive in Mazimbu, collected by the students. ASANTE!

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COMMUNITY WORK

The Copenhagen Residents Committee have planned a two hour work programme in their area on Sunday 7-9 a.m. All comrades living here and in Double-Up who will not be in Dakawa, please turn up to help improve your environment.

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PUBLICITY

Form 6 students Wandile and Solly have volunteered to help on publicity and plan to do a regular column for the Newsletter, titled "What is to be Done". This will include interviews with heads of political sections, production units, student groups, etc. They hope to broaden active participation by the community in "NEWS & VIEWS". Good luck!

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