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Erich Honecker, General
Secretary of the Central

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Unity Party of Germany
and Chairman of the
Council of State of the
GDR, presents President
Tambo with the Order of
the Great Star of People's
Friendship. Present at the
ceremony were, left to
right, President Tambo,
Günter Sieber, Member
of the CC of the SED
and Head of the
International Relations
Department of the
Central Committee;
Hermann Axen, Member
of the Politbureau and
Secretary of the CC of
the SED; and Kurt Seibt,
President of the Solidarity
Committee of the GDR.

like you, Comrade Tambo.

Cuba is geographically far, but its people and its leaders feel very close to our hearts the wishes of freedom of the oppressed South African people. Dear Comrade, you and your people can always rely on the internationalist sentiments and actions of the Cuban people.

I wish you to live longer years so that you can see with your own eyes what I am sure has been your dearest dream: the happiness of your people. That is the dream of true revolutionaries.

Please accept my warm congratulations on your 70th birthday. I wish you the strength and determination to continue your courageous and active efforts for a South Africa free from apartheid and racial discrimination.

Your endeavours to bring about peaceful change to an equitable social and political order that is acceptable to all South Africans will continue to receive my full support.

Hansâ\200\224Dietrich
Genscher
Foreign Minister
Federal Republic
of Germany

Erich Honecker,
General Secretary of
the Central
Committee of the
Socialist Unity Party
'of Germany and the
Council of State of
the GDR

* On behalf of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, the Council of State and the people of the German Democratic Republic, and in my own name, I send you fraternal greetings and best wishes on your 70th birthday. Our Party and our people value you as a courageous patriot and outstanding leader of time,~ African National Congress who has devoted his life to the liberation of the oppressed people of South Africa from the apartheid system which is so hostile to the people and to peace, and to the struggle for peace and social . progress.

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We have got to know you as a staunch friend of our socialist country and appreciate the great contribution you have made to establishing, strengthening and deepening in'g close, relations between the German Democratic Republic and the African National Congress. We assure you that the German Democratic Republic will continue to stand side by side with the African National Congress and all anti-apartheid activists who work for the elimination of apartheid and for building an anti-racist, united and democratic South Africa.

Please accept my best wishes for good health and strength and further great successes in your important work.

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FROM HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

People's Republic
of Angola

Todor Zhivkov
Secretary General
Central Committee
Bulgarian
Communist Party

I have great pleasure in receiving you here at the Embassy of the People's Republic of Angola, one of the great sons of Africa and a freedom fighter as well, who during all these years has known how to be a strong defender of just ideas and of liberty for all people, a lover of peace and equality of all races, and a determined builder of democracy in its own country.

We know you will be celebrating your 70th birthday within the next few days. These 70 years of fighting for a sacred cause to transform a whole system that goes against every law of international entente between nations. Harold Macmillan's historic winds of change are blowing with greater force than ever for the heroic freedom fighters in South Africa and Namibia, and will only calm down with the end of the racist and colonialist system in these two countries. No one can stop massive popular will.

The MPLA Workers' Party and the ANC have a long-lasting friendship. We scrupulously follow all resolutions approved in international forums where help, is needed in abolishing apartheid South Africa. And this is what we are trying to do, with independence, dignity and pride in being Angolans, knowing that we are contributing through peace, friendship, and solidarity between people to build a better world in which all will have the same possibilities.

A Luta Continua! A Victoria e Certa!

Please accept, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and on my own behalf, most cordial comradely congratulations on the occasion of your 70th birthday anniversary and the awarding of the Georgi Dimitrov Order.

You stand in the front ranks of the progressive anti-imperialist forces in South Africa which are for putting an end to the arms race, for nuclear disarmament, peace and international cooperation.

We express our confidence that the relations of friend-

Soviet Womenâ\200\231s
Committee

The Presidium
Soviet Afro-Asian
Solidarity
Committee

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of racism.

We are sending you our sincere wishes for success in your noble struggle against the criminal apartheid regime, for freedom in your homeland and for the creation of a united, democratic and non--racial society.

On behalf of the millions of members of the Soviet public the Presidium extends to you our heartfelt congratulations. Your destiny is the embodiment of the history of the ANC. We observe that today, when celebrating your 70th birthday, you preserve the same energy, single-mindedness and i-\201rmness of belief in the triumph of the ideals of a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa which has been so characteristicpf you during your entire life as a freedom-i-\201ghter. Weâ\200\230use this opportunity to reiterate the unfailing solidarity of the Soviet people with the heroic struggle of the people of South Africa under the leadership of its tested vanguard, the ANC, for freedom and social progress.

FROM OTHER FRIENDS

Helen Atheda

May there be many more birthdays with the next celebrated at home with comrades in justice and peace.

Harry and Julie
Belafonte

Each passing year of struggle brings us one year closer to freedom. We love and respect your strength and courage.

Sibusiso Bengu and
Brigitte Tavaglione

Congratulations on your 70th birthday. May you live to see many more.

Frank Ferrari

Peter Florin

Arthur and Mathilde Krim, Harry and)ulie Belafonte, and Mary and I all send our warmest birthday greetings. May the year ahead add to your many, many achievements for your people and your cause.

You have committed your whole life to the struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa against the apartheid regime. In the course of this struggle you have gained

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your dynamic leadership the ANC will be able to step up its offensive against the racist policies of the Pretoria regime.

Rajinikumar
New Delhi, India

All your friends at Springdales School, New Delhi, wish you a long life and strength to win through to freedom.

All India Peace
Solidarity
Organisation

Etta Melandri
President, CLES

Allesandra Natta
General Secretary
Italian
Communist Party

Cospe, Italy

We are confident that under your courageous, militant leadership you will achieve full success in the heroic struggle of the ANC against apartheid and for human rights, freedom and peace.

Your Italian friends of CLES fraternally wish you a happy birthday and take the opportunity to renew to yourself and all the comrades of the ANC, our support and solidarity in your just struggle.

On behalf of the Italian Communist Party I wish to convey our feelings of high evaluation and solidarity towards the battle in which the ANC is engaged under your leadership, and towards the whole of the South African people in order to definitively liquidate apartheid in South Africa and eliminate from Southern Africa the threat of the Pretoria racist regime.

We wish to thank you for your tireless contribution to the cause of world peace, justice and democracy. In our daily engagement for a better world and a fuller democracy in our own country, we are constantly inspired and encouraged by the original struggle and ideas of the movement of which you are the leader, the ANC. Hoping that your next birthday will not be celebrated in exile, we renew our complete support and solidarity.

Anna Foca
President, Molise
Italy

Please receive with our warmest greetings a further reassurance of our commitment to stand by you and support your struggle for justice and freedom.

Abner Sans 30
Muthemba
Secretary General
Associação
Mozambicana de

It was with immense pleasure that the Mozambican association of Friendship and Solidarity, with Peoples (AMASP) learned of your 70th birthday and felt that such an occasion should not pass without our expressing the profound feelings of friendship and admiration we have

Cor Groenedijk
Chairperson
Werkgroep Kairos
Netherlands

to the ANC. We want to express our admiration for the strength and determination both the ANC and you have displayed in this struggle. We are glad that even with white South Africans you have won a reputation. We will do what we can to help you overcome racism.

We know that we share our feelings of friendship and of alliance with many people all over the world. We remember the outburst of enthusiasm and joy of your compatriots during your arrival at the Lusaka Conference of the World Council of Churches, the South African Council of Churches and the Liberation Movements in May 1987. The moving scenes of your meeting with our mutual friend Dr Beyers Naude made a lasting impression. Our work-group appreciates highly that you spent a part of your precious time to confer in churches all over the world of the rightness of the aim and principles of the ANC

We realise that in spite of the endeavours of you and your combatants, still a big task in the field of information and mobilisation lies ahead.

Together with many others we are joining your noble

' ..campaign for justice in your beloved country, being in-

spired by the determination and sacrifices of so many South Africans and of so many members of the ANC being led by you during so many years.

FROM THE MEDIA

Africa News
Organisation
(Johannesburg)

Tsukasov,
Managing Editor
World Marxist
Review

The Africa News Organisation wants to congratulate Mr Oliver Tambo on his 70th birthday, and pray that God will bless him and the people of South Africa.

The international staff of the WMR, the journal of the communist and workers' parties, cordially congratulates you on your 70th birthday. As a WMR author, you have, on more than one occasion, told our readers in dozens of countries about the heroic struggle of your people rallied under the ANC banner. We wish you fresh success in the heroic battle against racism and apartheid for a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa.

National
Committee,
South Africa Action
Denmark

Most militant greetings on your 70th birthday.
Under your leadership victory is certain for the ANC
and the people of South Africa.
Afrika Mayibuyel

Ingeborg Wick
Executive Secretary
Anti-Apartheid, FRG

The Anti-Apartheid Movement FRG sends to you whole-
hearted congratulations and warm solidarity greetings.
Our message includes the assurance of increased

endeavours for comprehensive, mandatory sanctions and V
material and political support to the ANC.

Kader Asmal
Chairman, Irish
Anti-Apartheid
Movement

Fons Geerlings
for the AABN,
Holland Committee
on Southern Africa,
and Kairos,
Netherlands

Little Steven, for
Artists United.
Against Apartheid,
(USA)

Abdul '5 Minty
World Campaign

Comrade Presidentâ\200\231s contribution to the growth and
development of the ANC and the service of our revolu-
tion is well known. Those who knew him at home or in
the difi-\201cult and dangerous period of the early Sixties
recognise that he has been the lodestar of our movement,
illuminating the path and directing us with the calmness,
resilience and courage which made the task of all so much
less difi-\201cult.

Comrade President has ensured that our movement
plays the central role in the liberation of our homeland.
In the hearts and minds of our youth, our workers and
farmers, in the towns, dorps and townships of South
Africa, the cry, in which all of us who love him will join,
will be: Long Life to Comrade Oliver Tambo! Victory
in his Lifetime!

A lifetime dedicated to the ANC, to the struggle for free-
dom and the longing for peace and democracy in South
Africa. A commitment and life full with optimism and
joy, but also with moments of pain and sorrow. We realise
that there is not time for a quiet life in the dynamics of
the resistance and the rapid developments at home. We
share your longing for the rapid dismantling of apartheid
and being united with the peOple at home. You and the
ANC can count on our support till the end of the road.

Happy birthday.
May this year see-the- dawn of a free South Africa!

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On your birthday President Sam Nujoma gave a lecture
in London on lNamibia: Britainâ\200\231s responsibilityâ\200\231 which l

Fidel Castro Ruz
First Secretary,
Communist Party of
Cuba

ship and co-operation between the Bulgarian Communist Party and the African National Congress will gain strength and will expand in the interests of the working people in our countries, of peace and progress in the world.

It is impossible to speak of the hard struggle of the South African people for its just rights without mentioning the ANC, a pioneer organisation in the fight for the independence of the African peoples and the unquestionable vanguard of the brotherly and suffering people that live in the Southern tip of the continent.

We know of your early spirited rebelliousness and of your outstanding role alongside the unyielding Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and other patriots who, from the Youth League of the ANC, gave a turn to the struggle and lifted it to a qualitatively higher phase.

Your upright political undertakings and your leading capacity have been of particular importance to the ANC since your election as its President. That unlimited and correct confidence of yours in the force of the large masses of your people has been proved right by the uncontainable rebelliousness of the oppressed ones, which shakes and frightens the Pretoria fascist regime and which has made it sink into an irreversible crisis.

Your struggle, esteemed Oliver Tambo, is reaching further beyond the abolition of the apartheid system. With the elimination of this repugnant regime imperialism will lose its main spearhead against the Southern African nations, whose people aspire to peace and economic development, all of which is impossible as long as South Africa is ruled by a racist government which, in its own essence, is aggressive and expansionist.

On your 70th year of a life devoted fully and fruitfully to the cause of freedom and justice, allow me to join you in your conviction that the struggle of the South African patriots of all races is not only inevitable, but today we feel it closer than ever. From the ruins of apartheid shall rise a united and democratic South Africa in which all men and women, blacks, whites, Hindus and coloured, shall be equal.

When victory comes, resulting from the revolutionary mobilisation of the masses, we all will know that they were led by a vanguard at the head of which there are men

FROM THE FAMILY

From Adelaide

Nini, Martin, Dali,
Tselane, Sacha
and Oliver

From across the miles I send you loving congratulations on your two anniversaries: 70 years of a lifetime and 45 years of political life which began at Fort Hare University in October 1942. Since then you have never looked back. You have been in the centre of our struggle and our people. Your life is inseparable from the day-to-day activities of our organisation, the African National Congress.

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It is right and fitting that on this day you should be amongst our people at our Headquarters, though the pressures of work are insurmountable.

I do hope that you will have a good day. Happy birth-

day and many more.

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You went beyond the Ngele Mountains to lead a larger family than that which you left behind.

You have made the fight for justice and freedom your life's work. Your contribution will never be forgotten. Our pride and love, our support and prayers reach out to you on this great day. Surrounded by those whose love and loyalty you hold, we send our own message. Happy birthday. We pray for the day when you will return to gaze upon your mountain range and complete the adventure of your life.

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Hugh Desmond
Hoyte, President
Co-operative
Republic of Guyana

General Ibrahim
Babangida, President
Federal Republic
of Nigeria

Nicolae Ceaușescu
Secretary General
Romanian
Communist Party

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you my sincerest congratulations and that of the government and people of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana as you celebrate your 70th birthday today.

We recall with profound satisfaction your recent visit to our land and cherish the opportunity which it gave us to learn from you of the present stage of the struggle in Southern Africa.

It is our hope that you will continue to be blessed with good health and abundant energy to carry on the fight for the liberation of South Africa.

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On behalf of the Government and People of Nigeria, I seize heartfelt congratulations on your attainment of three score and ten years of age. One is proud to see that most of these long years have been devoted to the struggle for freedom of your people, and it is also gratifying to note your unflinching dedication to the execution of the tenets of the Freedom Charter.

The Federal Government, the people of Nigeria and I take this happy occasion to appeal to the conscience of the civilised world to use their influence and put pressure on the racists in South Africa to abandon their crime against humanity and unconditionally set in motion the necessary machinery to bring about the implementation of democratic principles known and recognised by all civilised peoples of the world.

My best wishes for health and success in your struggle and activity for the triumph of the legitimate aspirations of freedom and independence, for the elimination of the apartheid and racial discrimination policy in South Africa, for peace and international co-operation.

I reaffirm my conviction that the relations of co-operation and solidarity between the Romanian Communist Party and the African National Congress will develop continuously to our mutual interest and the cause of peace and progress in the world.

Ingvar Carlsson
Prime Minister

of Sweden

Let me use this opportunity to extend to you my warmest congratulations. I can assure you that you have our wholehearted support for your important struggle for peace, freedom and justice.

Defence and Aid
Fund (BDAF)

to your great courage, dedication and determination and a
to your deep humanity.

Horst Kleinschmidt
Director
International
Defence and Aid
Fund (IDAF)

The International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern
Africa salutes you on the occasion of your 70th birthday.
Your life of dedication to the cause of freedom for all the
people of South Africa from apartheid has been and will
continue to be an inspiration to us and to millions of
people around the world. It is your leadership together
with that of the ANC that will make us celebrate the vic-
â\200\230 tory over racism, oppression and apartheid before too
long. We know that the struggle will be hard until then,
and that its demands on you personally will not decrease,
but be assured of our solidarity and our commitment to
contribute to the struggle in every way we possibly can.

Willy Brandt
President, Socialist
International

Please receive my very best wishes for todayâ\200\231s birthday.
Your struggle for the dignity of human beings and against
racial discrimination has become a symbol for all of us.

Pentti Vaananen
General Secretary
Socialist
International

This milestone in your life reminds us all of what you have
devoted your life to: equality amongst human beings and
freedom for your people.
You can be sure that the Socialist International stands by
your side in your struggle against apartheid.

FROM ANTI-APARTHEID
ORGANISATIONS

The Rt. Reverend
Trevor Huddleston

The best way in which we can celebrate President Oliver
Tamboâ\200\231s birthday is to renew our determination that
apartheid will be destroyed as quickly as possible. We greet
him with thankfulness for his Presidency of the ANC and
for his magniï-\201cent steadfastness in leadership of the
struggle, and we pray that he may have many more years
in which to complete the task and win the victory.

Cliff Dolan, Chair,
Australian ANC
Support Committee

We wish you good health and strength in the continuing
struggle for liberation.
We are with you in thought.

Against Military and
Nuclear
Collaboration
With Apartheid

chaired. It is also the date when the Namibian Mandate was withdrawn by the UN from South Africa 21 years ago. At the end of his lecture Sam told the audience that we were also celebrating your birthday â\200\224 and he went on to pay tribute to you. The meeting decided to send you their collective good wishes, together with those expressed by President Nujoma on behalf of SWAPO and its Central Committee, via the ANC representatives who were at the meeting.

In addition I invited the audience to send you their personal greetings and many of these present signed the simple cards we had at the meeting.

FROM THE CHURCHES

Edda Stelck
Campaign Church
Against Apartheid
Federal Republic
of Germany

The Campaign Church Against Apartheid, comprising more than 30 church and solidarity organisations in the-FRG, sends to you their wholehearted congratulations and warm solidarity greetings. We continue to work for the complete boycott against the inhuman apartheid regime.

Dr Gunnar Staalsett
General Secretary
The Lutheran
World Federation

Jan Ter Laak
General Secretary
Pax Christi
Netherlands

The Lutheran World Federation greets you on the occasion of your 70th birthday. Together with friends around the world we honour you for your inspired leadership of the peopleâ\200\231s struggle for freedom in South Africa and for your vision of a future in which justice, democracy and peace prevail. God keep you in safety and in health.

From a Dutch delegate to the Harare Conference on torture and mistreatment of children in South Africa, Anneke Visser, we heard the story of your arrival at the Conference; how you were carried upon the shoulders . of South Africans who had never even seen you before. She was very impressed by the scene. It was her i-\201rst confrontation with the leading role the ANC is playing in the struggle against apartheid; We think'she was rightly impressed.

On the occasion of your birthday we- want to again stress 'our allegiance to the anti-apartheid struggle and

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os Povos
Mozambique

for you, as leader and tireless militant for the liberation
cause of the South African people.

AMASP regards your birthday as a time for reflection
on your unshakeable determination and dedication to ser-
ving your people, which should inspire all fighters for
freedom, social justice and peace.

In order that you may continue to set that example
of dedication and selflessness, on congratulating you on
your 70th birthday AMASP wishes you long life and con-
stant good health until final victory over the forces of
apartheid and racism, responsible for so much misery and
suffering in South Africa.

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Novib, Netherlands

Novib's Africa Desk congratulates you on your 70th birth-
day. You can rely on our continued support for your strug-
gle for a free and democratic South Africa.

Dr Ayo Oiajune
Chairman, Nigerian
ANC Association

The Nigerian ANC Friendship and Cultural Association
wishes you good health and victory in the struggle against
apartheid and imperialism.

Africa Group
Isolate South Africa
Sweden

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1' We want to send our warmest congratulations to Oliver '

Tambo on his 70th birthday from the northern outpost
of the anti-apartheid movement.

Anna Lindh
President
Monica Andersson
International
Secretary
Swedish SDYL

The Swedish Social Democratic Youth League sends you
our warmest congratulations on your 70th birthday.
During your excellent leadership the ANC has become a
well known and deeply respected organisation internation-
ally and has made the struggle for justice and democracy
in South Africa a matter for the whole world.

For the SSU, which was established the same day you
were born, solidarity with the South African people has
been a priority since the Sixties. We are convinced that
victory and freedom is not far away and we look forward
to the day when the shameful apartheid system is nothing
but a terrible memory.

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Sharing our birthday cake with you in our thoughts,

the SSU wishes you long life, good health and all success
in the struggle.

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Young Communist
League, Sweden

We will celebrate by intensifying our solidarity work for
the liberation of South Africa.

Gus Hall
National Chairman
Communist Party
of the USA

Connie Hogarth
Executive Director
Wespac, USA

Though banned by the apartheid regime, the ANC has long been recognised around the world as the leader of the vast majority of your country's people. For decades, and especially in this decade, the gallant political struggle and armed battles it is leading against one of the world's most reactionary and terrorist regimes has captured the imagination and inspired the active support of progressive and democratic-minded people in every country.

Today it is clearly only US imperialism's support for apartheid which has become ever more blatant under Reagan stands between the united people of South Africa and their freedom. For its part, South Africa serves as a key US vassal in the international network which has, as its overriding characteristic, human repression and nuclear escalation.

Thus we communists as do all Americans who cherish peace and democracy have double reason to pledge to the people of your great country that we will intensify our solidarity with the revolutionary upheaval for which South Africa's people are fighting under the leadership of the ANC.

It is the power generated by your courage, your intelligence, your hope and your remarkable resilience, as well as those same qualities in our sisters and brothers in South Africa, in the face of the extraordinary brutality and evil of the apartheid system and its neo-Nazi regime, that gives us, living in the belly of the beast, the energy and determination to struggle by your side.

Thanks to your leadership and the ANC, we are strong in our work for comprehensive sanctions, both governmental and corporative, here in the USA, and we will continue to fight until the Botha regime is left in total isolation from the world of decent people. We can do no less in our common work for a non-racial, free South Africa and, ultimately, for the freedom of people under oppression all over the world

For these gifts which you and your people have given us, we honour you and pledge our solidarity with the struggle until victory.

Institute for African
Studies, USSR

The Staff of the Institute congratulates you, the prominent African political figure, the fighter against all forms

FROM INTERNATIONAL
ORGANISATIONS

Joseph Garba
Chairman
UN Special
Committee Against
Apartheid

Romesh Chandra
President
World Peace
Council

On behalf of the United Nations Special Committee
against apartheid and on my own behalf I sincerely con-
gratulate you on your 70th birthday.

I and the

Committee take this opportunity to express our unswerv-
ing support and assistance to the noble cause you
relentlessly struggled and unselfishly sacrificed for for most
of your life. You withstood the atrocities perpetrated by
the racist regime against you and your family, thereby
embodying the steadfastness and will of the oppressed
people in South Africa to eradicate apartheid once and
for all, and to establish a free, united, democratic and
non-racial society. Your personal contribution to the
people's struggle
against apartheid enhances the
legitimate aspirations of the South African people for
freedom and justice.

struggle

Be assured that the Special Committee Against Apart-
heid will, within its mandate, do all in its power to assist
in transforming these aspirations into reality.

It has been a great privilege for us to have fought and
continue to fight alongside you as head of the ANC and
member of the WPC Presidium.

Your able leadership and devotion to the cause of freedom
and social justice, together with the courage and heroism
of the people of South Africa, who have total trust in you,
inspire us and millions of people throughout the world over.
We wish you good health, new success in your work
and many more years of active service in our common
cause of peace, liberation, disarmament and co-operation
among people.

Pan African Youth
Movement

We take this opportunity to renew the unswerving
support, actions and militant solidarity of the African
youth with the people and youth of South Africa under
the banner of the ANC.

Ethel de Keyser
Director, British

On behalf of the BDAF Chairperson and Council I send
warmest greetings on your 70th birthday. We pay tribute

Bengt
Saeve-Soederberg
MinistIy for Foreign
Affairs, Sweden

Mwalimu Julius K
Nyerere
Chairman, Chama
cha Mapinduzi
Tanzania

Central Committee
of the Communist
Party of the
Soviet Union

Milojko Drulovic
President, Federal
Conference of the
Socialist Alliance of
the Working People
of Yugoslavia

I wish you good health and i-\20lnal victory in the struggle
against apartheid.

I send my warmest congratulations to you on your 70th
birthday. Yours has been and still is a dedicated life of
struggle for freedom and dignity for the whole people of
South Africa. We saluteyou on this anniversary.

My heartfelt wishes for you are i-\20lrst that you, the
African National Congress- and the people of South
Africa, together with all the people of Tanzania, can soon
celebrate the downfall of apartheid. Secondly, that in the
meantime you remain in good health to pursue the
struggle until the victory for justice is attained.

The Central Committee of the CPSU conveys to you, as
to a prominent African politician, a staunch i-\20lghter for
freedom and justice, cordial congratulations on your 70th
birthday. Your name has become a symbol of the
resoluteness of South African patriots who rally under the
ANC banner to dismantle the criminal apartheid regime,
to create on their Motherlandâ\200\23ls soil a united, democratic
and non-racial state

In the Soviet Union your name is well known also as
the name of a man who has done a lot to strengthen the
bonds of friendship between the Soviet and South African
people.

We wish you, Comrade Oliver Tambo, good health,

long life and new successes in your noble activities.

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to reassure
you of the continuous political and material support of
the peoples of Yugoslavia to the just struggle of the
oppressed South African people until the total eradication
of apartheid.

I am conï-\20ldent that the friendly relations and co-
operation between the Socialist Alliance of the Working
People of Yugoslavia and the African National Congress
of SOUth Africa will continue to grow from strength to
strength.

Cadres of MK

Somafco Students

wishing you good health, many more fighting days, we also ask you, our dearest Commander-in-Chief, to marshal our forces and lead us to war. Victory is within our grasp. Forward to armed seizure of political power!

To our young generation, the occasion of your birthday is a day of rededication and commitment to struggle until victory is attained in our motherland. We salute you for your outstanding leadership qualities which enabled you to lead our people in the face of the most stubborn onslaught by the fascist enemy. We are conscious that it is an obligation on our part to maintain the same revolutionary standards that you have set.

Through your art of collective leadership, you have managed to direct and guide our struggle, and as a leader you have gained respect and honour from our people and the armed militants of Umkhonto we Sizwe, whose determination to crush our enemy with arms in hand remains unshakable. Your wise words of counsel and leadership will always remain vivid in our minds. To the women in our centre, these wise words are a direct command.

The students of the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College are aware that your birthday occurs at a time of crisis in the apartheid monster's government. We have always been inspired by your hope for a free and democratic South Africa. We are confident that you shall lead us back home.

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FROM THE RANKS OF THE ANC

Mâ\200\231Afrika ka M.
Nodumehlezi

ANC Womenâ\200\231s
Section

If black be the bright colour of my rainbow
My green and gold shield
Will marshal my way to victory.
The voice of Oliver Tambo
Has sounded loud and clear:
Unite in Action and Act in Unity!

South Africa, Mother of patience!
Hold this Freedom Charter in your hands,
And let me be ensconced in thy bruised arms
For freedom comes galloping
Like a thousand horses across the Limpopo.

We the mothers, women of South Africa, welcome your
70th birthday with great pride and satisfaction. These are
70 years of the rich experience you shared with your col-
leagues and countrymen and women, and of achildhood
that has known no other life but that of the hazards of .
repression and oppression in all its forms. They have been
years of traversing through very difi~\201cult and stormy days
of struggle. Yes, of burying young and old alike, and of
being found always wehre you were needed most, even
at the risk of your life.

Dear Comrade President, the duty you have to con-
tinue to carry out, at the head of your colleagues and
countrymen and women, has had a very big impact both
in our country and among the international community.
It is this aspect of your great sense of responsibility and
political guidance that inspires us most and urges us to
pledge our readiness to play our role as women in our
duty to serve the nation.

Your 70th birthday is celebrated by all, near and far,
as it
is not only a birthday but a national and inter-
tional event, inseparable from the struggle of the people
of South Africa.

Youth Secretariat

To you, Comrade President, our loved and respected
leader, we send revolutionary greetings. As a co-founder
of the ANC Youth League with political giants such as

FROM POLITICAL PARTIES
AND ORGANISATIONS

Ezekias Papaioannou
General Secretary
AKEL, Cyprus

The Central Committee of Akel, expressing the feelings of the Cypriot people, warmly congratulates you and wishes you many fruitful years in the service of our people and speedy victory over the racist South African regime.

Donis Christodoulidis
Secretary, EPAAL

On the occasion of the 70th birthday of ANC President Oliver Tambo, the Cypriot Anti-imperialist Solidarity Committee (Epaal) extends to him and to the ANC best wishes for great successes in the just struggle for liberation from the brutal apartheid regime.

Ruukki Peace
Festival, Finland

Brothers and Sisters,
We support your struggle.

Maxime Gremetz
Secrétaire du
Comité Central
Parti Communiste
Français

félicitations

Nous vous adressons à l'occasion de votre 70^{ème} anniversaire nos chaleureuses et nous saisissons cette occasion pour réaffirmer à vous-même, à votre peuple, à l'ANC notre solidarité active dans le combat que vous menez pour l'élimination du régime d'apartheid, pour la liberté de votre peuple, et la libération de Nelson Mandela.

Nous vous adressons nos sentiments les plus fraternels et les plus chaleureux et tous nos vœux de succès.

Hans-Jochen Vogel
Chairman, SPD

On the occasion of your 70th birthday I should like to convey my very best wishes. The German social democrats honour your fight for a democratic South Africa and your tireless struggle against apartheid.

On this day we feel ourselves united with you.
Best wishes for you and your gallant struggle for freedom.

Hans Koschnick
Guenter Verheugen
Hans-Eberhard
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Social Democratic
Party of Germany

Hungarian Solidarity

The Hungarian Solidarity Committee respectfully and warmly greet you. Your indefatigable activity and your

NELSON MANDELA MUST BE FREE!

The people of South Africa, particularly the youth of our country, are renowned for their fearless challenge to the full might of Pretoria's tyranny. In spite of 13 years repression under the state of emergency, torture, detention and rule by the gun, our people remain determined to be free. The MK cadres crushed to death by a Casspir attacking their shack when they refuse to surrender; the hundreds on hunger strikes inside apartheid jails, refusing to submit; the hundreds of thousands of workers who fight for a living wage; for women's rights; for the release of political prisoners and detainees, including our children; the millions who paint the black, green and gold colours of their organisation, the ANC, at grave risk to themselves - all keep alive the flame of freedom.

And one person has come to embody the aspirations of all the South African people - Nelson Mandela. Imprisoned for over a quarter of a century, Mandela will celebrate his 70th birthday on July 18th, 1988. Let us ensure that the whole world celebrates this important day with him. His life symbolises our people's burning desire for freedom; his imprisonment is the imprisonment of the whole South African nation; the fight for his unconditional release, and that of all political prisoners and detainees, is the glorious fight against injustice, racial bigotry, and man's inhumanity to man.

So many of you honoured me on my 70th birthday. I ask that you, and all our friends, on as wide a scale as possible, observe the 70th birthday of that outstanding son of Africa, Nelson Mandela, on 18th May 1988. Let the apartheid regime know the high esteem in which this great South African patriot is held. Celebrate May 18th, 1988 in a manner befitting a man whose 33 years and ten months represents all that is true and noble in humankind.

Oliver Tambo

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Exile
Tamboâ\200\231s 70th birthday

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llARARE â\200\224 African National
-Congress exiles have prepared a
number of festivities to mark the
70th birthday today of their presi.
dent. Mr Oliver Tambo.

There is no doubt among ANC
exiles that Mr Tambo's character
-â\200\224 his peculiar mix of soft words,
earnest manner and ruthlessness
~ has at times been decisive in
securing the ANCâ\200\230s resurrection
as a ghost from the graveyard of
the 1960s now come back to haunt
the other main actors on the
South African political stage in

the 1980s.

While he was deputy to the ANC's then-president Albert Luthuli. in 1958-9, the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) broke away under Mr Robert Sobukwe. In 1960. he reluctantly left illegally for exile shortly after the Sharpeville shootings having resisted for almost a year and.

ANC executive order to go.

In 1969, as acting president of the ANC, he faced bitter criticism in exile of his own and the national executive's leadership.

But, by the end of the ANC's First National Consultative Conference in Tanzania in that same year, he had emerged leader of the organisation to succeed Luthuli who had died two years earlier.

In 1975, eight senior ANC members were suspended for campaigning, among other things, against the ANC's relationship with the SA Communist Party. They went on to form an African nationalist offshoot. which came to nothing.

If the ANC is ever to contend seriously for state power in South Africa it will have to do so under the leadership of younger and more vigorous men than Mr Tambo now is.

Mr Oliver Tambo

There are a few around, already well-placed in the ANC's leadership. Publicly, the most prominent is Mr Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's publicity secretary and Mr Tambo's chief aide.

The others include Mr Chris 'llani, the vibrant and highly popular number two man in Umkhonto we Sizwe and Mr Jacob Zuma, the upwardly mobile former chief representative to Mozambique.

Any successor will have to concede that it was Mr Tambo who laid the relatively stable groundwork he inherits.

Democratic Youth
Federation
of India

C. Raieswara Rao
General Secretary
National Council
Communist Party
of India

struggle against the apartheid system and all forms of ,
racism have won you and the ANC great respect,
acknowledged in the world. We Hungarians strengthen
once again our solidarity with the South African peopleâ\200\231s -
struggle led by the ANC.

We, the youth of India, are constantly inspired by the
struggle of the South African people to free themselves
from racist oppression and exploitation by the apartheid
regime of Pretoria

In India the struggle against apartheid has proved to
be the broadest mobiliser of organised Indian youth in
the 75th year of the ANCâ\200\231s foundation. Our organisa-
tion, of i-\201ve million youth from all over the country, have
been in the forefront of the campaign to educate the mass
of our people about apartheid and the imperialist interest
that has kept it alive.

The lifelong struggle of Comrade Tambo, his comrade

in arms Nelson Mandela and the ANC inspire our respect .
and give us hope that in the near future, under their
leadership, the South African people will achieve racial
equality, independence and an end to the exploitation
of their country.

Comrade Tamboâ\200\231s life is a saga of struggle, dedication'and
sacrii-\201ce and an example for younger generations to
emulate We in India have always taken a special interest
in remembering our special relations with the liberation
struggle of South Africa. We are historically connected
with your struggle from the days of Mahatma Gandhi.
Once again we greet Comrade Tambo, a true patriot,
an ardent anti-imperialist, an outstanding world revolu-
tionary and a staunch internationalist. By greeting Com-
rade Tambo, we are sending our greetings to the eternal
i-\202ame of liberty and emancipation. The most i-\201tting tribute
to him will be our resolve to rededicate in the struggle
to dismantle the apartheid regime of South Africa, which
is now one of the principal foci of national liberation
movements throughout the world.

Parliamentariansâ\200\231
Action for Removal
of Apartheid

The ANC, i-\201ve years older than you, is the only organisa-
tion giving hope of bringing normalcy to the general
populace in black townships. We are conï-\201dent that under

worldwide recognition as dedicated patriot and outstanding leader of the ANC. i wish you good health and energy in your important work for a non-racial, unitary and democratic South Africa;

Archbishop
Trevor Huddleston

Warmest congratulations on your birthday and may God bless and strengthen you always.

Lisbet Palme

ES Reddy

Randall Robinson

Please receive my greetings on your birthday, with the best wishes for the time to come, and with my wholehearted support for your struggle for freedom and justice.

It is distressing that the epic struggle of the South African people, led by you and your colleagues for four decades, is still unfinished and that so many patriots, even children continue to make enormous sacrifices. But at least the end is in sight at last, despite all the plots of the evil forces. The tremendous inspiration provided by your freedom movement, and by you personally, has been an important factor in the history of my generation. We owe a debt of gratitude which we must translate into solidarity rising with danger.

It is a matter of great pride for us to reflect on the many accomplishments you have achieved. At the same time, we hope that you will celebrate many more birthdays so that the struggle for a free South Africa can continue to benefit from your stirring leadership.

Ronald Segal!
and family

Many happy returns and much love.

Lennart and Ewonne
Winblad

We wish you all the best for the future. You are constantly in our minds.

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Joe Modise
Chris Hani
Steve Tshwete
Military HQ

Comrades Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, you have embodied the revolutionary aspirations of our people. Through your exemplary revolutionary leadership and guidance we, the youth, commit ourselves to play our role in the struggle for a democratic and peaceful South Africa. We are a contingent of revolutionary formations of our people.

On your 70th birthday accept our rededication and commitment to your esteemed leadership of our movement and people. We will give the enemy no quarter. We will, through our actions, uphold the title of the Young Lions.

We thank you for your leadership. We pledge to you and our National Executive Committee our total commitment. We will not fail you and our movement. We will fight. We will produce. We will learn. We will win!

Whilst it is true that it is actually the masses who are the real makers of history, so it is equally true that at certain historical periods some individuals stand up as heroes of their people and symbolise all that is progressive in the heritage of their people.

This becomes even more pronounced at times of revolution. The mass upsurge typical of this period offers ample opportunity for the ideas of people to find practical realisation in the activity of the masses, thereby leaving the imprint of those individuals in the course of the revolutionary process.

We take pride in the fact that our own struggle has produced such individuals, amongst whom our most beloved comrade President Tambo stands as a towering giant. We surely take pride in you, Comrade President. Your 70 years have been characterised by selfless devotion to our just cause.

Today, our people stand poised for great victories because of you. Internationally, you traversed the virgin territories after that historic mission you were assigned a by our people and you brought respect to our struggle. We cannot help but say loud and clear Long Live Comrade President! We thank you, Comrade President, for your personal example. We thank you for teaching us modesty, commitment, selflessness and internationalism. As we join the millions of progressive humanity in

FROM FRATERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Joe Slovo
General Secretary
South African
Communist Party

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On behalf of the Central Committee of the South Africa Communist Party, and in my personal capacity, we convey to you our warmest brotherly and comradely greetings on the occasion of your 70th birthday.

Your life began in October 1917, at the very dawn of the Great October Socialist Revolution, which undoubtedly left its imprint on the whole future of humanity. It is no exaggeration to assert, Comrade President, that your life and leadership have also left their indelible stamp on the very future of our own people and, indeed, the whole of our sub-continent. You have matured as a giant of our struggle and, in turn, you have played a singular role in helping to mature its components and its whole course.

Especially from the time you were ordered by the ANC to go abroad as its chief spokesman and organiser, you have made the prime contribution in putting the ANC firmly on the map of struggle, respected by the whole international community. You have achieved this by virtue of your brilliant grasp of liberation politics, your astuteness and your meticulous approach to organisational questions.

You have unsparingly used your considerable talents with an energy which disregards personal cost and with a devotion which is a shining example to every militant. Both in your lifestyle and in your work style, you have shown us what a professional revolutionary is all about. But it is not only these qualities which have earned you the affection, trust and leadership-loyalty of both our militants and our people; it is also your warm and humane personality, your approachability, your sense of fairness, your unswerving democratic instincts and your devotion to collectivism.

As far as our Party is concerned, we have always valued your commitment to the alliance between our organisations which you have described as the two pillars of the liberation struggle. You have stood like a rock against those who are so desperately trying to break our united

John Nkadimeng
General Secretary
â\200\235South African
Congress of
Trade Unions

Sam Nuioma
President
SWAPO
of Namibia

resolve to move shoulder to shoulder towards real
liberation.

Comrade President, we think of you not only as a
leader but also as a comrade, a brother and a friend. We
wish you long life and look forward to many more years
of serving with you and under you in pursuit of our
struggle and its inevitable victory.

Allow us to warmly embrace you on this important
occasion. SACTU, on behalf of our working class, salutes
you cordially as colleagues and above all as comrades.
Your 70th birthday is celebrated at a time of revolutionary
storms in our Motherland.

We remember with pride the heydays of our political
baptism and the stormy periods. You emerged stronger,
without battle fatigue. We are inspired. We are very proud
of your political track record of almost 50 years. Our
comradeship was forged in the crucible of struggle

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In this year of United Action for Peopleâ\200\231s Power, we
are charged with the task of organising all the unorganis-
ed workers, and of helping complete mergers in the trade
union movement.

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Let us sprint across the distance between the period
of national democratic revolution and the actual seizure
of power, in order that we celebrte your next birthday
at home.

We wish you long life and a radiant future.
An Injury to One is an Injury to All!

On behalf of SWAPO, I wish to extend to you our best
wishes on this occasion of your 70th birthday. Your life
has been seventy years of courageous struggle and inspired
leadership of the oppressed but struggling people of
Southern Africa in general and of South Africa in
particular.

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We join the ANC in celebrating your 70th birthday
and hope you will enjoy continued health to take you
through the remaining years of struggle against the racist
apartheid regime to enjoy the fruits of victory.
Long live the friendship between ANC and SWAPO!
The Struggle Continues!
Victory is Certain!

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On the occasion of his 70th birthday, President Tambo is awarded the Grand Companion of Freedom (First Division) by President Kaunda of Zambia (above) and the Order of Friendship by Czechoslovakian President Gustav Husak (below)

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The Order of the Friendship of the Peoples was presented to Oliver Tambo by Andrei Gromyko, the Chairman of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, to mark his 70th birthday. Among those present at the ceremony were, left to right, Joe Slovo, SACP General Secretaty; Anatoly Dobrynin, Head of International Relations, Central Committee of the CPSU; Pavel Demitchkev, First Deputy Chairman of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet; Andrei Gromyko, President of the Soviet Union; Gilberto Vieira, General Secretary of the Colombian Communist Party,- ANC President Oliver Tambo, and Alfred Nzo, Secretary General of the ANC.

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