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Dear Comrades,

In writing this report which is supposed to be a monthly coverage, it is our feeling that it has to cover events even prior to July for justice sake.

There can be no doubt that as beginning from the end of last year Radio/Publicity in East Africa took a fever pitch. This has not been our observation only but comments and recommendation even from some of our leaders. Amongst these one calls to mind our Secretary General Alfred Nzo on his last trip via here to London. Not so long ago, our Treasurer General comrade Thomas Nkobi did the same. Such commendations have come pouring from SWAPO of Namibia, ZAPU, the university of Dar-es-Salaam community and the public in general. One should also make mention of the fact that, with the arrival of comrade Cassius Mandla our propaganda machinery took a sharp turn. His bright ideas and industriousness injected a new lifeblood in our work.

The fact that such programmes as the Southern African Press was deprived the Pan African Congress and given to us should also be looked from this angle. It maybe of interest to note that this programme was given the P.A.C. when hostility against us reigned high in R/T (Radio-Tanzania). Our quality of work and effective public relations crystalised much of that attitude against the A.N.C. Today we can safely say we have won a great number of our former foes and helped to further isolate the Azanians. Today we watch them from the bottom of the valley screaming and howling against the "Liberal dominated A.N.C." This far we pat ourselves on our backs.

In passing, we would refer to the following dates as having had some impact in our work in East Africa, these are May the twenty fifth (Africa Day), June sixteen (Soweto Blood-bath), June twenty sixth (South Africa Freedom Day) and ^{July} August 18 (Mandela's sixtieth Birthday).

On Africa Day we approached both the Organisation of African Unity and the country's party C.C.M. and Government of the ~~XXXX~~ country to join hands with us in observing this great event in the life of our continent and freedom of the Africans people. Prior to the set date we did all in our means to publicise the occasion. We made full use of the Radio, Newspaper media, invitations to embassies, fraternal organisations and so on. Transport was arranged to convey our people from the different residences to Dar university (Nkrumah-Hall). The occasion, which took place by night was heralded by our national anthem. After the University Rector who presided thanked the efforts of the African National Congress for the materialisation of the occasion, Ndugu Mbita of the Liberation Committee gave a speech on behalf of the O.A.U. and the host country. Ndugu Mbita's speech centred on the chosen cause by the O.A.U. to support the liberation cause till final victory. What stood naked however was that no mention of the A.N.C. was said in any vein except the general term of liberation movements. Comrade Stephen Dlamini who was our main speaker made a very impressive speech which was greatly applauded by the brim-full hall. This far we felt that we had succeeded. The A.N.C. a liberation movement had managed to bring together the O.A.U., the party and Government of a host country to celebrate this event which ~~XXXX~~ ^{gn} highlighted a turning point in the History of the continent. This far we pat ourselves on the back. And in all this we had full support, co-operation, advice and encouragement of Comrade Reddy of whom we are very proud. In passing we must make ~~XXXXXX~~ mention of the fact that the brilliant and moving speech made by ~~XXXX~~ comrade Reddy, captured the public's mind. This delivery was made during

observation of Sharpville Day at the very Dar University. Even here comrade Stephen Dlamini was the main speaker. Comrade Reddys ~~s~~posing remarks centred on the three driving forces of the epoch. The speaker showed how vital and essential ~~the~~ role and significance of the socialist forces, international working class and the liberation movements in moving to genuine democracy and free society. The Chief Representative of the A.N.C. pointed out as to how the blending and consolidation of these forces are necessary. Lastly Reddy thanked the O.A.U., African states as the frontline ones as well as socialist and progressive forces for the liberation movements still faced with minority white regimes.

On June the sixteenth we had the advantage of celebrating the occasion in that Tanzania itself was to observe the day. On that day Ndugu Jumbe Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania lit the torch of freedom to mark the day, before hundreds and hundreds of people. A rally whereby brass, bands, soldierly marches, Umoja wavijana (C.C.M. Youth), Umoja wanawake (C.C.M. Womens league) and other bodies took part. This colourful and memorable event was joined by our Morogoro students whose A.N.C. slogans, posters, pictures of our leaders held their own place. And all along our most and utmost revolutionary foes the "Azanians" are nowhere to be seen. What we must also mention is that alongside this, ~~as~~ with all other national days, we made full use of the Radio, Newspaper media, and so on.

June 26 (South Africa Freedom Day) was observed at Mnazimoja Gardens. We invited C.C.M. Trade Union (Nuta), Umoja wavijana C.C.M. Youth, Umoja wanawake (C.C.M. Women). As is always the case we invited all our close friends the Soviet Embassy, Cuba, Vietnam, G.D.R., Poland, Czech, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Angola, Mozambique, Angola, Zambia and so on. Our fraternal friend we also did invite as usual. The main speaker was comrade Thomas Nkobi, for our women comrade Mita Seperepere


The presiding chairman was comrade Eli Weinberg. There were speakers on behalf of C.C.M., SWAPO. All the speakers presented very concrete and live speeches. The C.C.M. representative ~~MOVED THE PUBLIC~~ who spoke in kiswahili moved the public which could not hide its enthusiasm by applauding feverishly. Comrade Thomas Nkobi made a moving and captivating address which held the public spell-bound to the very end. His theme was our History of struggle, its significance, the road traversed and future prospects. As for the old horse comrade Eli Weinberg, his prowess and experience added much to the liveliness and success of the occasion. Our student choir from Morogoro livened the event with revolutionary songs and poetry. As for the attendance, as it is always the case with us, was super. Comrade Reddy was very pleased with our work and gave us due praise.

On the fifth of August Comrade Reddy approached publicity with a telegram from the Secretary General Alfred Nzo. The telegram impressed upon the importance and need to make August the eighteenth Mandelas birth day live up to expectancy. The telegram also impressed if I remember well vitality of campaigning for the release of political prisoners. At the behest of this, we took up the cudgels to make the day worth its salt.

On this we enlisted the expertise and skill of comrades Boston and Pat at the printing works. Their task, which they so ably fulfilled was designing posters depicting a portrait of our leader with the everlasting words he uttered before sentence. These posters which captivated Tanzania so excitedly, I am sure you have seen yourselves. With these we splashed the whole town. It gave us such satisfaction to watch people in town beholding the wonders of the African National Congress. In the Daily News comrade Max presented a most lucid and profound write up of that dedicated son of our motherland. Even on this occasion, we devoted the whole week in the air.

Once more, we made use of our stronghold as avenue (Dar-es-Salaam Nkrumah Hall) The main speaker was comrade Mzwai Piliso whose performance left friend ~~and~~ foe of the A.N.C. amazed and content. Comrade Mzwai traced the glorious history of our leader from a humble and royal Tembu family, to the golden city as watchman at a mine and then into the world of politics where he proved his prowess and ~~courage~~ courage. This it was pointed out Rholihla hla did as both a lawyer defending his people and as a fighter against the system. The speaker went at length to explain Nelson Mandelas role in the struggle, his being the first Commander in Chief of our revolutionary and national army. To him, he attributed courage, dedication and personal sacrifice. There was a standing ovation when the N.E.C. member made ~~a~~ calculated punches against false and evil prophets of Anti-Sovietism, Cuba, GDR and other socialist and progressive forces. The audience particularly applauded when the speaker pointed out that it was not for the imperialists to choose friends for Africa and liberation movements. The hall as it is always the practice at gatherings of the A.N.C. was full to the brim. The occasion was covered by TV, TASS, ADN, REUTER and so on. The ~~XXXXXX~~ Daily News, Uhuru were also present. As for the speech, it is no exaggeration to say that it was most moving, dynamic and worthy of the occasion. The C.C.M. representative at the Dar-University did his best to express solidarity and full support his country, the O.A.U. and progressives were and are to play in the struggle of our people led by the A.N.C. A congratulatory message from the party and Government of the G.D.R. was read to the audiences ovation. Little wonder that the following day the Daily News reported at length and lucidly about the success of this. To this very day ² Mandela is still a controversy in this part of the world, refer to cutting in here. To this we are sure the Secretary General and Headquarters will feel content.

So far so good. We shall now move once more to the general and then to the particular. On the whole, East Africa

can be said to be active so far as launching political and diplomatic offensives. To this, we must say that comrade Reddy has done and is ~~doing~~ doing his best. As head of Radio and Publicity, I can safely say that with comrade Reddy ~~and~~ I have successfully paid courtesy calls on all important missions here. This in turn has facilitated contact, exchange of material, ideas and involvement of one another in our joint tasks. To this should be included our participation and involvement at the invitations at their ceremonies, celebrations and so on. On our list of late is the Lybian mission of which we are intensely involving. With  hostilities crystalised between Zaire and Angola, we are looking with keen eyes as to your next move and directive. It would be of interest to recall that some time back, this office was approached by ~~one~~ one official of the Zaire diplomatic mission to establish some common between the Kinshasa Government and the African National Congress. By that time however, these were strong enemies of our friend Angola. Now that the situation is as it is, may it not be an opportune moment to begin studying the situation ~~as well~~ as well as trying to forge some quick link? Will we pardon ourselves if tomorrow Mobutho would give an office to P.A.C.? This cannot be totally discounted. African politics we must remember are too zigzag. The State Department ~~itself~~ itself through that vicious hyena the C.I.A. may try to bring this about. Let us not forget that the man is still on the other side of the gulf hence this possibility. And with Zaire more of a gateway to the Southern hemisphere, wouldn't this increase our woes? Would we not pride ourselves tomorrow when Zaire, through our strong influence or presence there refuse to let imperialist shipment of arms to the regime during war time? Comrade it is time that our theory anticipate. The South African situation needs this. "There is a tide in the affairs of man which taken at the flood lead on to fortune, omitted all the voyages of their lives are left in shallow miseries. This we must say is food for thought."

Before been heavily engrossed in other challenging tasks, we had even embarked upon visiting schools and technical colleges to explain the History, role and place the A.N.C. occupies in the South African struggle. This we hope will continue. It would be of note that our office is beseeched now and then by young and old Tanzanians wishing to know more about the A.N.C. This ~~XXXXXX~~ includes visitors from abroad. We can safely say we have done our best in this regard. It would be of note to mention that some two months ago the Pan-African Youth called upon the O.A.U. and African states to recognise the A.N.C. as the sole and representative vanguard of the South African struggle and people. Just on this refer to the cross word herein enclosed.

On general still, the P.A.C. continues to make slander campaigns against us. Of late their theme centres on the allegation that we refuse unity because we are manipulated by the pseudo Communists in our midst. Where we felt most hurt was when at one morning these super revolutionaries belittled Chief Albert Luthuli and towered above him Sobukwe. As for the Freedom Charter, it is their daily target of attack as a most petty ~~XXXXX~~ bourgeois document. Please save us from this situation as our patience may be exhausted. We are monitoring them all the same, hence the need of more cassettes.

Before moving onto the particular, I must say that we must view what is entailed from the Marxist prism that contradictions are a source of development. That it is the interaction of the positive and negative which brings about motion. In short there have been anomalies which got resolved in a comradely manner. We refer to a letter written by comrade Francis Meli to comrade Musa ~~to the letter~~ dated the fifteenth of May this year. This letter refers to a letter Comrade Musa wrote to the Swedish Afrika Group. The letter it is important to note was a response to theirs dated 17/10/77 whereby they showed interest in our organisation, contact means, as well as securing material. To this we replied as indicated in the photostat

letter herein. Comrade Meli however maintained that comrade Sizakele ~~xxxxx~~ must have been contacted from the very onset. The A.N.C. Editor for Sechaba emphasised co-ordination and organisation.

The next anomaly concerns the letter written to H.Q. by our department with no timely consultation with the Chief Representative. Reasons for this are contained in the letter we just wrote. This we agree can not be excused. We humbly apologise for this.

In the letter I handed over to comrade Nomava I did hint that some confusion was for some time created due to some comrades inexplicable role. For quite some time in fact we had to make restraint advices and admonitions as regards to unilateral actions. No ~~consultations~~ consultations whatsoever. The photocopy herein is good testimony since it seems it must have reached your very hands. Of this letter ~~I knew~~ I knew nothing until I came across it by coincidence. This is one letter among others. The next letter concerns Brian Bunting about cards for our propaganda department. I need not explain further since the letter is self explanatory. Of this letter too I knew of nothing.

These questions have been resolved and some checked. But all the same, I thought that for a candid and full report both the negative and positive must be exposed.

Last but not least, it has been agreed between the Publicity department and the Chief Representative that comrade Musa, liase between the Printing comrades and the Treasury or any other media.

Over all ~~xxxxx~~ I must say that our work is proceeding very well. The question of transport has been resolved and recently we received two Grundig Satelite 2,100 as a gift to Publicity and Radio from the Norwegian Council for Southern Africa. With the question of newspapers I must say there is slight improvement.

What I may have left out I am sure it has passed my mind.

We miss you and we hope you will soon be coming over.

Yours In Arms,

Musa Nkosi

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