

70th ANNIVERSARY - PLANS FOR 1982U.K. Mission

Short History of the ANC: 5,000 requested by HQ for forward areas. 2,100 sent. Balance 2,900. The Communist Party of Great Britain is making a contribution of 1,000 pounds sterling towards the cost of 3,000 booklets printed.

The Holland Committee on Southern Africa has agreed to apply (?) for the printing of the booklets and are still willing to do so. Mission is in touch with them on where it will be cheaper to reproduce - it may be cheaper to have them reprinted in London since the plates are with the printers. It has been agreed to have the booklet translated into several languages - French, German, Amharic, Swahili, Spanish, Portuguese. HQ views on this matter would be appreciated.

Folios: the HCSA is still interested in making the folios; the quantity produced will depend on the cost or reprinting the booklet. The 70th anniversary committee cannot stress enough the importance of having badges. Should make every effort towards having them made.

Photo exhibition: together with the International Defence and Aid Fund the mission is in the process of producing an exhibition on the history of the ANC - something like 200 photos. Copies of this exhibition will be sent to all ANC offices and our supporters, and will be for sale. Also intend to reproduce the exhibition in a book form with relevant explanations and text. But for this shall need printers - and hope Italy will once again come to our rescue/assistance. Hope the exhibition will be ready by April.

Slides exhibition: Once the photo exhibition is finalised, the slides exhibition will be pursued.

Statue of Mandela: A British sculpturer, a member of the CPGB, Ian Walter, has proposed to produce a sculpture of Mandela either in full or his bust. This has been welcomed by the 70th anniversary committee. Ian Walter has responded positively to the idea of producing a miniature bust of Mandela. This could then be replicated in one of the Socialist countries for mass distribution inside SA and as a fund raiser in other parts of the world. Details are still being finalised.

Mandela posters: The sample of the Mandela poster printed by the OAU Liberation Committee in Dar has been very well received in the UK. Committee has therefore requested our Dar office to arrange for about 1,000 to be printed for London/UK. This poster is badly needed, as it will assist greatly in the committee's publicity and propaganda campaign.

Mandela badges: Committee has not worked out practicalities yet. Would like HQ ideas on this.

Exhibition and Sale of 70th anniversary material

As part of the Committee's objective to publicise and mobilise support for our cause as widely as possible, it was decided to seek the support of progressive bookshops in London and other parts of the country. Progressive bookshops such as Collets, Central Books, have agreed to have window displays of our material for at least one week at any one time. They hope to coincide it with AAM's 11 - 14th March programme. The bookshops are stocking Freedom Charters, Sechabas, History booklets, 70th anniversary posters, etc. for sale.

Meetings: The UK mission is constantly receiving large numbers of invitation to address meetings all over the country. The mission is therefore under considerable pressure to respond to these invitations: and it is estimated that on the average 3 meetings per week are being addressed by members of the UK mission. This increase in momentum is due to the overall political development in SA, and enhanced stature of our movement. The Anniversary Committee has arranged with the AAM's support for the ANC to do a speaking tour at the end of February/March to be followed by a major tour in October by the Chief Representative.

One day seminar: To be organised with the support of the AAM: in solidarity with Southern Africa.

June 26: AAM has been asked by the mission to organise a meeting on June 26 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Defiance campaign.

October 11: Major activity around Political Prisoners Day; undertaken by "South Africa the Imprisoned Society" (SATIS) Committee.

August 9th: Women's Day. The Women Section is making preparation to organise around the 70th anniversary.

Concerts:

June 16: Royal Albert Hall. Artists are still to be confirmed. Possibilities: Harry Belafonte, Fu Tsong, a South African artist, and others are still being approached.

October 31: no title has been given it yet. Profs. David Blake and Alan Bush are involved in the musical organisation of this concert. Prof. Blake will be composing a piece of music set against a text on Mandela. The text will be prepared by Blake from material he will obtain from the mission. Prof Bush envisages engaging two choirs (which will include some of our people) totalling no fewer than 60 people and the ideal being 100. Alan Bush composed a piece of music in commemoration of our women's demonstration in front of Pretoria Parliament buildings - it is called "Africa is my name". A copy of the musical piece together with the lyrics was given to Cde Chief on his way to Lusaka in January.

Branch and units: The branch and units, women and youth sections have arranged programmes which will highlight the 70 years of struggle. A detailed report will follow.

In conclusion, the mission suggests that for the future we should:

1. Plan well in advance, preferably a year before;
2. Also plan the tasks for our various donors and those who fund our projects so that we do not overburden any of our supporters - in this case the Holland Committee on Southern Africa;

3. All our offices should be encouraged - where possible to take their own initiative, to tap local sources of funding and not depend on some ANC offices;

4. More and better coordination and even specialisation by ANC offices in the implementation of tasks for HQ is needed. This especially so with ANC offices in the same region. This is not only necessary but should be maintained. ANC offices, throughout the world, should be informed of what others are doing;

5. While emphasis is laid on producing material for HQ it is advisable that the offices pay more attention to the needs of the areas where they operate.

N.B. Mission decided not to invite Fu Tsong in our concerts, including that of June 16, 1982, since he performed in South Africa in February.

FRG Mission

a. Translating the pamphlet "History of the ANC" into German and hope to have it ready by June 26.

b. Has in preparation a large documentation - a collection of 20 articles explaining apartheid in a much more detailed fashion to the German public. Mission hopes to publish it also as a contribution in the year of the 70th anniversary.

c. Has planned a large 70th anniversary public meeting for the 15th of October to be held in Cologne. This is to replace a meeting which was to take place in March. Wolfgang Roth, the Nigerian Ambassador and other personalities have agreed to speak at the above meeting. Sure that they will agree again to address the October 70th anniversary meeting. Mission's request would be for one of the Executive members to consider addressing the October meeting. Could use this occasion for contacts, between the movement and people of interest to us. In fact, the mission would plan a visit of the delegation from the South (HQ) around this date.

Austria

The Communist Party of Austria - the Salzburg District - has invited the Bonn mission to a festival at the beginning of June, 1982. Dollar Brand (Abdullah Ibrahim) has agreed to perform at this function (at a fee). The festival is arranged around the ANC's 70th anniversary and all proceeds will be directed to the movement.

GDR Mission

In October activities around the 70th anniversary are planned in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Poland.

World Peace Council

WPC proposes seminar in honour of 70th anniversary of the ANC. Letter sent to Zambia suggesting holding this event with Ethiopia as venue. Propose high level ANC tour of Europe on sanctions to be funded by WPC. National peace committee, anti-apartheid forces and ANC representatives to be involved. Will arrange for press conferences and suitable events. Could also arrange for similar tour of Arab countries. Also proposes holding of joint conference by ANC and the PLO on relations between Israel and South Africa.

Finland

Africa Committee plan to have tour of Finland next autumn by James Phillips and Finnish Orchestra. Music festival hope will be possible to bring Amandla.

Stockholm office and Africa Finnish Committee planning jazz festival for July in Pori. Event draws thousands of youth, used for collection of funds, selling of records, T-shirts, posters, etc.

International Department