

REPORT ON THE HANDLING OF STUDENTS AND OTHER ACADEMIC
PERSONS BY THE ANC SECURITY

Since assuming duties as Secretary for Education in 1988 I have, on numerous occasions received reports from students and other ANC persons and recruits that they have had taken from them their personal belongings by the ANC Security personnel at the times when they were being processed or screened. The items taken, allegedly for security reasons, include items such as educational certificates, personal watches, money, calculators, pens, personal clothing and other personal belongings.

It is not clear to the Education Department why such personal belongings should be taken away from students and recruits for allegedly security reasons. It is not clear either why the items taken are never returned to the owners after the security have completed their work and the students or recruits have been cleared to join the ANC. The common story told by the students and recruits is that they are usually and invariably told by the security that they will be given their belongings when they arrive at Dakawa in East Africa. When requests are made to have their belongings returned to them after arriving in East Africa they are invariably told that their possessions were never sent to East Africa and that they must have been left at Chelston in Lusaka where they were taken from them in the first place.

The Secretary for Education has on more than one occasion raised the issue of the removal of personal belongings from students and other recruits by Security personnel with the Head of the Security comrade Joe Nhlanhla. On these occasions the Secretary for Education pointed out that he could not understand why educational certificates had to be taken from students and other recruits. Concern was also expressed as to why

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educational certificates were never forwarded to the Education Department for safe keeping after completion of their work by the Security.

It should be pointed out that the removal of personal belongings from students and other recruits takes place, in addition to occurring at Chelston in Lusaka, also in Botswana and Maputo. What has now emerged from among the group of students sent by the Mass Democratic Movement to the ANC is that they also have been subjected to the same treatment regarding the removal of their belongings from their persons. It should be stressed that this treatment of this group has alarmed the students and they are very angry that they have been deprived of their certificates and other belongings. A list of those affected among the students from home who arrived recently is attached to this report.

OBSERVATIONS

1. It is not acceptable that educational certificates should be taken away from students. It is not clear how these can require investigation for security reasons.

2. It is not acceptable that students should be told by Security Officers responsible for taking their belongings from them that these will be returned to them in East Africa and when they arrive in East Africa they are told that they should have had their belongings returned to them in Lusaka. This suggests dishonesty in the handling of belongings of the students and other recruits to the ANC on the part of the Security Officers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

i. The practice of removing educational certificates from student and other recruits must be stopped without further delay.

2. If ever there should be justification for the removal of education certificates from their owners these should without fail be handed over to the Education Department with proper records and reports indicating to whom they belong. The Education Department will have to organise and arrange the safe keeping of these certificates until their owners have need for them when they want to go to school.

3. The Security Department should take steps to trace and retrieve the missing certificates and pass them on to the Education Department.

4. The Security Department should also take steps to trace the other belongings of the students reflected in the attached report and pass them on to the Education Department for forwarding to their owners. Where this is not appropriate the Education Department should be advised on the reasons

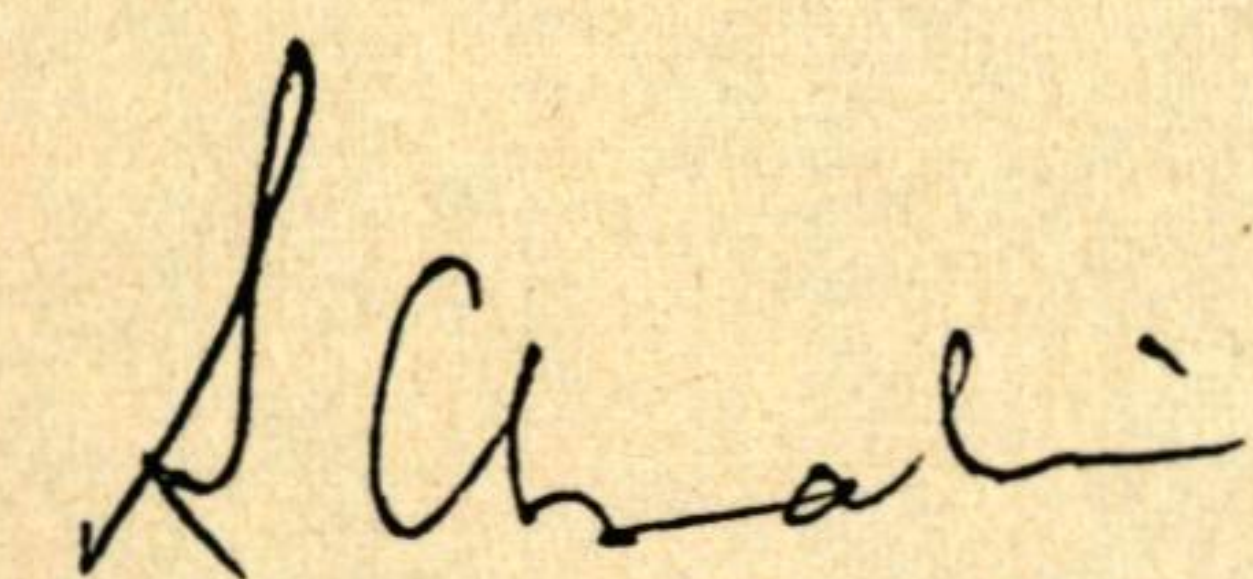
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that the Department is enabled to explain to the students.

CONCLUSION

The disappearance of all belongings of students and other recruits in the hands of the Security Officers is a matter of serious concern for the Education Department and should be taken seriously by the ANC. It certainly has a most negative adverse effect on the image of our movement in the eyes of those affected. It is imperative that this problem be addressed by the leadership to curb possible abuses by our Security Officers.

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LIST OF COMRADES WHO LEFT THEIR PROPERTIES IN THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES.

RUTH FIRST EDUCATION ORIENTATION CENTRE

<u>NAME & SURNAME</u>	<u>PERSON GIVEN</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
1. OLAF NENE.	CDE TSEPO	ZAMBIA (Chelston)

ITEMS LEFT

1. TWO (2) DUPLICATE OF MATRIC CERTIFICATE
2. ONE (1) ORIGINAL COPY OF MATRIC CERTIFICATE
3. TWO(2) TRANSCRIPT OF UNIVERSITY
4. ONE (1) STUDENT CARD
5. THREE (3) MAGAZINE
6. ONE (1) SONNY COMPUTER
7. TWO (2) AUTO-BANK CARDS (a) STANDARD BANK
(b) PERM BUILDING SOCIETY

2. MESHACK BEHENGU	CDE MAHLOBO	ZAMBIA (Chelston)
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ITEMS LEFT: STD V, FORM III, FORM V AND ATHLETIC AWARD CERTIFICATES
STANDARD BANK CARD
PERSONAL LETTERS
REFERENCE BOOKS AND PASSPORT

3. MASHIMOZA MOTSEI	CDE ZICHO	ZAMBIA (Chelston)
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ITEMS LEFT: CERTIFICATE FOR BOOK KEEPING

4. HEROLD NKOSI	CDE MCDONALD	ZAMBIA (Chelston)
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ITEMS LEFT: CARPENTRY CERTIFICATE

5. EDGAR MATLALA	CDE ZICHO	ZAMBIA (Chelston)
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ITEMS LEFT: BIBLE

6. FANYANA MTHEMBU	CDE PRO	ZAMBIA (Chelston)
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ITEMS LEFT: BIRTH CERTIFICATE

RECEIPT FOR ID

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7. NKOSINATHI VUNDLE	CDE MOUNTAIN	ZAMBIA (Chelston)
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ITEMS LEFT: R10,00 (TEN RAND)

<u>NAME & SURNAME</u>	<u>PERSON GIVEN</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
8. MLAHLEKI SITHOLE	CDE MOUNTAIN	ZAMBIA (Chelston)
<u>ITEMS LEFT:</u> 1. ONE (1) PAIR OF BLACK SHOES		

9. AARON MABASO	MAXIMUM PRISON	BOTSWANA
<u>ITEMS LEFT:</u> 1. SIXTY (60) PULA		
2. AMATHAMBO		