

NMO/OIG/0021/10



ANC REPRESENTASJON I NORGE

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
P.O. box 6765 St. Olavs plass
N-0130 OSLO 1
Telefax: 47-2/11 57 07

FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

TO:.....ANC.....Stockholm.....
.....

RE:.....Cape Town.....March.....
.....13.9.89.....
.....
.....

FROM:.....ANC.....OSLO.....
.....

DATE:.....14.9.89.....

Number of pages (including cover sheet):.....3.....

A0960989E DEFIANCE/MARCH

CAPE TOWN, 13 SEPT (AND) - THE CENTRE OF CAPE TOWN CAME TO A STANDSTILL OVER THE LUNCH HOUR TODAY AS MORE THAN 35 000 PEOPLE LINED ADDERLEY STREET AND JOINED THE MARCH FOR "PEACE IN OUR CITY" AFTER A PRAYER SERVICE AT THE ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.

THE MARCH, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU AND DR ALLAN BOESAK, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES, TO PROTEST AGAINST THE ELECTION NIGHT KILLINGS BY SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE IN THE CAPE PENINSULA ON SEPTEMBER 6, DREW VAST RESPONSE.

AN HOUR BEFORE THE CHURCH SERVICE WAS DUE TO START, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAD GATHERED IN WALE STREET IN FRONT OF THE CATHEDRAL, INCLUDING SCHOLARS WHO ARRIVED IN BUSLOADS, AND BLOCKING THE STREETS.

CHURCH LEADERS FROM VARIOUS CHURCHES STRESSED THAT THE MARCH HAD TO BE DISCIPLINED AND PEACEFUL AND MARCHERS WERE WARNED THAT THEY WOULD BE "REGARDED AS AGENTS OF THE SYSTEM" SHOULD THEY RESORT TO VIOLENCE OR DO ANYTHING TO DAMAGE THE PEACEFUL NATURE OF THE MARCH.

THE MARCHERS LEFT THE CATHEDRAL AT 13H05 AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS A HELICOPTER CARRYING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES STARTED TO CIRCLE IN THE VICINITY OF ADDERLEY STREET.

THE MARCHERS WALKED WITH THEIR ARMS LINKED AND SIX ABREAST WITH ARCHBISHOP TUTU, DR BOESAK AND CAPE TOWN MAYOR GORDON OLIVER IN THE FRONT ROW. OTHER CHURCH AND ACADEMIC LEADERS INCLUDING DR BEYERS NAUDE AND DR JAKES GERWELL, FOLLOWED.

BY THE TIME THE HEAD OF THE MARCH TURNED THE CORNER FROM ADDERLEY STREET INTO STRAND STREET THE TAIL HAD NOT YET LEFT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.

SPECTATORS AND MARCHERS THROGGED ADDERLEY STREET AT LEAST 25-DEEP FOR A DISTANCE OF SOME SEVEN CITY BLOCKS.
(MORE)

NNNNZCZC

MARCH

2

CAPE TOWN

A LARGE SECTION OF THE CROWD ERUPTED IN CHEERING AND WHISTLES AND CLENCHED FIST SALUTES WHEN A HUGE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS FLAG WAS RAISED BEHIND THE YELLOW BANNER THAT THE FIRST MARCHERS CARRIED.

DR BOESAK TOLD A CHEERING CROWD IN THE CAPE TOWN CITY HALL THAT "SOMETHING LIKE 100 000 PEOPLE" HAD TAKEN PART IN TODAY'S MARCH IN CAPE TOWN.

WHILE HE TALKED TO THE APPROXIMATELY 1 800 PEOPLE WHO WERE LET INTO THE CITY HALL BEFORE MARSHALLS CLOSED ITS DOORS, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THROGGED STREETS OUTSIDE AND FLOODED THE GRAND PARADE.

DR BOESAK SAID, "IT SEEMS THIS MARCH IS MUCH GREATER THAN WE DARED HOPE OR IMAGINE... PEOPLE AT THIS MOMENT ARE STILL COMING DOWN ADDERLEY STREET. THE GREAT BULK OF PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET MOVED INTO STRAND STREET."

HE SAID SPEAKERS INCLUDING HIMSELF, ARCHBISHOP TUTU AND MAYOR OLIVER WOULD FIRST ADDRESS THOSE IN THE HALL, THEN MOVE ONTO THE MAYOR'S BALCONY OVERLOOKING THE PARADE TO ADDRESS THE CROWDS THERE.

ALSO ON THE PLATFORM WERE NAUDE, REV FRANK CHIKANE, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, DOROTHY ZIHLANGU OF THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN, JAY NAIDOO, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS, CYRIL RAMAPHOSA, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF MINeworkERS, AND SHEIK NAZIEM MOHAMED, PRESIDENT OF THE MUSLIM JUDICIAL COUNCIL.

BY 14H00, WHEN THE LEADING MARCHERS HAD REACHED THE CITY HALL, THE LAST OF THEM HAD NOT YET LEFT THE CATHEDRAL.

EARLIER TODAY, THE ACTING CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF CAPE TOWN, H.S. VAN WYK, GAVE HIS PERMISSION FOR THE PEACEFUL MARCH TO GO AHEAD.
(MORE)

NNNNZCZC

MARCH 3 CAPE TOWN

THIS WAS A UNILATERAL ACT BY THE GOVERNMENT AS THE CHURCH LEADERS DID NOT APPLY FOR PERMISSION NOR DID THEY GIVE AN UNDERTAKING ON THE NUMBERS WHO WOULD TAKE PART.

THE MARCHERS TOOK 45 MINUTES TO WALK THE 1,5 KM FROM THE CATHEDRAL TO THE CITY HALL.

IN THE CITY HALL, AT THE END OF THE PROTEST MARCH, BOESAK SAID TODAY'S EVENTS HAD SHOWN THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT NEED THE STATE OF EMERGENCY.

HE CALLED ON ACTING STATE PRESIDENT F.W. DE KLERK TO SHOW HIS SINCERITY BY LIFTING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AS FROM TOMORROW.

"WE MUST HELP DE KLERK GET HIS FACTS CLEAR. THIS PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION AND THE DEFIANCE CAMPAIGN CANNOT BE OVER JUST BECAUSE DE KLERK WANTS TO TALK. TALK ABOUT WHAT - THAT IS THE QUESTION.

"WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL AND ACHIEVED OUR FREEDOM. AS LONG AS APARTHEID CONTINUES AND AS PEOPLE ARE DETAINED WITHOUT TRIAL, AS LONG AS OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOICE, AS LONG AS NELSON MANDELA AND OTHERS ARE IN JAIL, OUR PROTESTS WILL CONTINUE."

BOESAK SAID TODAY'S MARCH WAS "A VICTORY FOR ALL OF US".

"IN 1985 WE MARCHED ON A PRISON. TODAY WE MARCH TO A CITY HALL. TOMORROW WE WILL MARCH TOGETHER TO PARLIAMENT. THIS WILL NOT BE A MARCH TO PROTEST BUT A MARCH TO CLAIM OUR RIGHTS AND RULE THE LAND OF OUR BIRTH AS IT SHOULD BE RULED."

HE SAID THAT DE KLERK MIGHT BECOME THE STATE PRESIDENT WITH THE SHORTEST TERM OF OFFICE IN SOUTH AFRICAN HISTORY.

ARCHBISHOP TUTU SAID TODAY WAS A DAY IN WHICH "WE THE PEOPLE HAVE SCORED A GREAT VICTORY FOR JUSTICE AND FOR PEACE".

(MORE)

NNNNZCZC

MARCH 4 CAPE TOWN

HE SAID : "MR DE KLERK PLEASE COME HERE. WE INVITE MR DE KLERK, MR VLOK (LAW AND ORDER MINISTER) AND ALL THE CABINET. WE SAY COME HERE AND SEE THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY. COME AND SEE WHAT THIS COUNTRY IS GOING TO BECOME..."

"WE WANT TO SAY : MR DE KLERK, WE HAVE ALREADY WON. MR DE KLERK, IF YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR YOU, JOIN US, JOIN THE PEOPLE, JOIN US IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THIS NEW SOUTH AFRICA."

ARCHBISHOP TUTU ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO MITCHELLS PLAIN POLICEMEN LT. GREGORY ROCKMAN WHO LAST WEEK SPOKE OUT AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY AND SAID "WE MUST RECOGNISE THE COURAGE OF A YOUNG MAN".

AT THE ARCHBISHOP'S URGING, THE ENTIRE AUDIENCE STOOD WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED AND LINKED AND CHANTED "WE ARE UNSTOPPABLE".

THEY ALSO RESPONDED WITH CRIES OF "VIVA" WHEN ANOTHER SPEAKER, CHAIRPERSON OF THE UDF IN THE WESTERN CAPE, DULLAH OMAR, GREETED THEM WITH "VIVA UDF AND VIVA ANC".

NAIDOO OF COSATU SAID "TODAY WE HAVE WITNESSED THE MIGHT OF OUR PEOPLE. WE HAVE WITNESSED THE MIGHT OF OUR PEOPLE UNDER OUR FLAG...THE GREEN BLACK AND GOLD FLAG".

THIS WAS A CLEAR MESSAGE TO DE KLERK THAT HE SHOULD DO AWAY WITH THE "ILLEGITIMATE RACIST PARLIAMENT" AND ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO CHOOSE A GOVERNMENT OF THEIR OWN.

"WE ARE SAYING THAT OUR LEADERS OLIVER TAMBO AND JOE SLOVO ARE INDEED THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE SITTING IN THE PARLIAMENT OF THE FUTURE..."

"WE HAVE LIBERATED CAPE TOWN TODAY BUT THE TASK THAT FACES US IS TO MAKE THAT LIBERATION PERMANENT."

THE MEETING IN THE HALL BROKE UP AT ABOUT 15H15.

ENDS+

DBM/B-AK/JJ

NNNN