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NHL(Norwegian Agricultural College)- cooperation with South Africa.

Professor Ola Heide has visited several universities in South Africa. He tells that there might be opening for a cooperation between the Agricultural College and a university in South Africa.

He was pleased to meet Nelson Mandela.

Scramming injustice.

Home again full of impressions.

On certain conditions NLH are ready for a cooperation Heide tells Akershus Amtstidende.

Professor Heide went to SA together with 7 others from universities in Trondhei in, Oslo, Bergen and Tromso. The reason for travelling was in connection with the academic boycott which Norwegian universities and Colleges have had for several years towards South Africa as a consequence of apartheid, he tells. The boycott is now cancelled.

It was decided that when the boycott was over, a delegation from the universities in Norway should visit South Africa, and especially the black universities.

Two types of universities.

Ola Heide has the clear impression that there is still a long way to go until all universities are equal.

Injustice flourishes. They operate with two types of universities: The white ones, full of resources and the black lacking resources. To prevent the black majority in SA access to knowledge, is a way of suppression, he says.

Ola Heide is clear when saying there is a long way to go until there is justice and equality in SA. He looks with excitement forward to see if there will be a free election, and if one manages to establish an interim government.

-If this does not happen, I am afraid there will be civil war-like conditions and armed conflict. During my stay in the country, 30-40 people were killed in the conflict between the Zulu,s Inkatha and the liberation movement ANC.

Lunch with Mandela

Ola Heide and the rest of the delegation had long discussions with representatives from the ANC.

-I was very impressed by the far-seeing of the ANC people.

They were clever, and had a great will of negotiation. We also had the pleasure of meeting Nelson Mandela. We had lunch with leader of the liberation movement. A great experience, Heide tells, adding that the white minority still keeps the black majority with "nice talking".

The authorities are under pressure, but there are no doubt that there still is a conscious policy of suppression in SA.

NHL can cooperate.

The host for the Norwegian delegation was the University in Fort Hare in Ciskei, the oldest black university in South Africa.

There is economical crises at this University. What was positive was that the University had an agricultural faculty with a substantial infrastructure. Here it was also an experimental farm, which the NHL probably can have cooperation with by strengthening their possibilities within science and education. On our part we have, however, no means in our budget for such a cooperation, and the money must therefore come from the authorities.

- the trip was very informative. South Africa is a rich country, but unfortunately with a formidable injustice.