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PURPOSE OF THE VISIT.

I was invited by the Norwegian Council for Southern Africa, for the 10th Anniversary of the 1976 Soweto Uprising.

PROGRAMME

DATE: os/uUNE 1986

PRESS INTERVIEW I

1, I had a press interview with Verdene Gang - the largest Norwegian conservative newspaper, on the 1976 Soweto Uprising and on the present situation in South Africa.

2. MEETING WITH THE NORDIC AMBASSADORS FROM FRONTLINE STATES

I was invited as an observer to a meeting between ambaeseors of Frontline States and representatives of Solidarity organisations from both Norway and Sweden. Ambassadors present were from Zambaia, Angola and the representative of Tanzanian Embassy.

Each Solidarity organisation briefed the meeting about their solidarity activities in their countries.

REPORT FROM SWEDEN

- They held Swedish People's parliament against apartheid.
- . - They are carrying carrying continoue struggle against apartheid.
- ?hey have called for immediate and total sanctions against South Africa.
- They are going to emyloy three permanent people who are going to work on information on South Africa.
- They reported that most people in Sweden support sanctions against Apartheid.
- The government has forbidden transportation of technology to South Africa; forbidden importation of ag oricultural products from South Africa and Krugerand.
- All companies trading with South Africa must get trading licences.

REPORT FROM NORWAY

- Foreign committee of parliament agreed on oil sanctione and stopping traneportation of oil to South Africa by Norwegian ships.
- Since there is change of government in Norway - the Labour Party is in power. They hope to get positive response on sanctions against South Africa. .
- They have forbidden importation of manganese from South Africa
- They are going to boycott shell products since it is also investing in South Africa.
- l'hey have organised a special demonstration for june 16.
- They also reported that the Railway Workers Union and Transpvrtn Union have taken a decision to boycott all goods from South Africa.

BRIEFING BY AMBASSADORS

The Zambian Ambassador talked on behalf of the Frontline States.

- He gave a report on recent attacks on the Frontline States by South Africa.
- Analysed the situation inside South Africa
- Also talked on bad cooperation and relation between SADCC and Nordic countries.

MEETING WITH THE CENTRE COMMITTEE OF THE NCSA

- Briefed the members about the historical importance of the Soweto Uprising, present situation in South Africa, the role of Mazimbu and Dakawa in our struggle.
- The NCSA informed us that they have approached the Norwegian Football Association to organise a trophy for our soccer teams in Tanzania.
- They have also sent 15 typewriters and 50 technical drawing boards for the VTC in Dakawa.
- They have also approached the T.V Union on providing us with video cassettes.

DATE: 04 JUNE, 1986

MEETING WITH REDD BARNA - SAVE THE CHILDREN

1. I had a meeting with Khnt Ringstad - Disaster Relief Coordinator. He informed me of the following things:-

(a) They got a request from Lusaka to help the ANC kindergarten in Lusaka. And that they have responded positively to this request.

(b) They are interested in increasing material help for the ANC. They want to know our needs and they are ready for any request from our sides.

(c) Knnt is going to be transfered to Zimbabwe where he is going to be the Representative of Redd Barns. He would like to visit our complex both in Lusaka and Tanzania.

I then advices him to be in contact with our Chief Representative in Zimbabwe to arrange is visit to our complexes. He is going to Zimbabwe in September 1986.

2. Heating with Elin Enge - the Director of Information and Domestic Department of Redd Barns. She told me about their request to make a film by the Norwegian Youth for school campaigns. This time they went to focul on the children who are refugees because of apartheid. They want to sent two people who are going to internview children between the ages 10 and 15 in Dakaws or Mazimbu.

I informed her of the government restrictions to visit Mazimbu and Dakawe. I advised her to make all the arrangements with the ANC Chief Representative in Stockholm.

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NORWAY.

3. VISIT TO THE ANTI-RACIST CENTRE IN OSLO

This is an organisation of ilmigrants in Norway, msinIy from

_ Asia, Latin America and Africa. eThe main aim of this organiss-ite;; 3:
:tion is to fight against raeism and discrimination in Norway.r ;pff d'

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nallowed to have their own community rsdio which broadcast in
seven languages. I had discussions with Alfredo Zamnido
a refugee from Chiie who is the Director of the Radio- he
I informed me that they got some money which they collected from
stickers they sold. They went to have direct contact with the
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fVANC to hehd over this money. I advised her to cohtect our Chief
,Representatiee in Stockholm, Ode LindiweQC The artists from this
organisation staged a music concert for the ARC free of charge.

4. MEETING WITH THE OSLO BRANCH 03 THE NCSA'I

'The branch mainly consist of the militant working youth, who
have been very active in bchotting South African products.
They also forced the South African Consulate to close down.
There are some few Maoist who are pro-PAC and want to promote
it in Norway, though they are very blank on the history and
policy of the PAC.

I briefed them on the histories l importance of the Soweto
Uprising; importance and role of SOMAFCO in our struggle;
and recent developments in South Africa after the Soweto Uprising.

DATE: osJUNB, 1986

1. VISIT TO STANDARD TELEPHONE AND CABLES FACTORY - OSLO

The Iron and Metal Workers Union is having a branch in this
factory. This factory is h ving 3 300 employees. It manu-
factures telephones and electrical cables. It also produces
military-electronic equipments for NATO, though the Union is
not satisfied about this production. The IBM multinational
is having shares in this factofy. Aster explaining about
Mazimhu and Dekaws and our needs to the members of the Union -
they then promised to send some materials like napkins, toiletry
etc.

f 2. MEETING WITH THE IRON AND METAL WORKERS Union- Josio Batman ' be (3) Present at this meeting were a number of local trade Union ffChairmen and Representatives of different factories. I gave a brief account and historical importance of the SoWeto Uprising, recent events in South Africa and also about Our projects in both Mazimbu and Dakawa.

_(b) The union chairman informed me that they have collected Himoney for the mechanical workshop in Mazimbu. They are , vgreedy to purchase equipments and material and sent it to . I'Hazimbu. eth, 'j 't '

(c) The Union promised to send letters to various trade 7 'union clubs to donate second-hand machines for our projects.

I(d) Ellen Stenerud talked highly of our projects. She explained in detail of our material need and technical training. The IMWU is going to give direct support to the ANC.

(e) The members of the Union wanted to know what kind of support do we need the most. I explained that we need both material and financial support.

(f) The Union also pledged to continue with boycotting and isolating South Africa.

DATE: 09 JUNE, 1986

1. VISIT TO DEFA FACTORY - NESBYEN TOWN

The IMWU is having a branch in this factory. The main aim of a visit to this factory was to mobilise the workers, since they were not active in solidarity work. I explained about the developments of our struggle and present situation in South Africa.

I had discussions with the trade union members in this factory. , They explained the difficulties that they have been facing in organising the workers. The Director of the factory has been against workers discussing political issues in the factory. They were interested in the South African workers struggle. This factory is having 140 employees and it produces electrical heating system for the cars.

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_ ?hie factory is at the borders with Sweden. IThe programme'

did not go as planned, because the owner died the very same

'morning We arrived. That day; the factory was closed. We

were met by the chairman of the local trade Uhidn branch, which

is affiliated to Chemical Workers Union.

_ This factory has produced Steve Biko crystal plates, as support

, and political solidarity to our struggle- these crystal plates

are going to be sold and 50% of that money will be given to the

ANC as a contribution to our struAgle. '

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The owner of the factory instructed the whole proget wlth

cooperation of the workers in the factory. The workers did

voluntary work on the first copies of the crystal plates. The

Railway Workere Union is going to transport the plates free

of charge. The artist who made a picture of Bike, also did it

free of charge.

Also here I had a short interview with the local newspaper,

Glamoalen Avis and the local radiq Kbngsberg Naerradio.

DATE: 12 JUNE, 1986

1. Interview on the Soweto uprising with Klassestrumpen, a newspaper of the Meoist political party.
2. Radio Interview with Aftenpostens Radio Avis.
3. Video interview on Soweto Uprising and apartheid system. This: was organised and conducted by the Oslo Committee of the NCSA.' It lasted for 45 minutes.

DATE 13 JUNE. 1986

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f1. "Lssetting in from of the parliament whilst in session discussing -aomic sanct one against South Africa. This picketting was 'Qnised by the NCSA and th trade union organisation. There vere aLc t 30 trade unions carrying their own banners. The parliament dld not take any concrete measures against South Africa. Instead the session was scheduled for the later date. Th3 mnlm :heme was 011 transportation to South Africa.

2. VISIT TV NORSKAFILT FACTORY

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I hriefaa the members of the trade union branch on the Soweto upr ising, SON AFco and on the projects. The factory trade union eentributed protective clothing for the Mazimbu Welding Workshop.

l had an intervieuQinth Akerhus Arbeidsblad Labour party newspaper. I ' I '

I also had an interview with Troll radio-eocialist Left Party on the- impartance Qf becotte. ,1: A

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DATE 16 JUNE, 1986

Visit to Slemmestad Youth School, where I gave a talk on Bantu-Education and apartheid.

Interview with the Norwegian Broadcasting Service on the V Soweto Uprising.

MEETING WITH NORAD

This meeting was organised by the NCSA in connection with the request that we made concerning two teachers and two nurses. Present at this meeting was the Director of the Norwegian volunteers and the representative of the NCSA. On Primary teachers, the Director informed us that the Tanzanian government does not allow primary teachers in Tanaania. Besides this, NOEAD is not keen in this project of primary teachers.

On the question of the two nurses, NORAD is in favour of our request. They agree in principle, but they say it takes time to recruit, which involves selection of suitable candidates and giving them Special training for conditions in Africa. I stressed the urgency of our situation, since some of our people will be going for a course in nursing.

NORAD says they need the job description for the nurses. NORAD office in Oslo advised us to be in contact with NORAD office in Dar es Salaam., Inger Tveit who is the Director of the Norwegian Volunteers in Tanzania.

DATE 17 - 18 JUNE, 1986

VISIT TO TRONDHEIM REGION

1. I had an interview with a newspaper - the Adreesiavien and the local Radio - Adreasa. 17 i m 7 A ' H_ M

3 2. I had a meeting with Inge Lucie Beardegaard who is responsthe 1" '3 for Immigrants in Trondheim and also active ln.eolidarlty work. f'ihi 'She received me ..onv behalf of the mayor of Tronaheim, who wae"v ibusy with other_.engagements. _jl , , ,An ITIFW':ZIIWFVPQIg_V , VIxA_I briefed her-en the present situation in South Africa and about ?:(SOLAFCO. :Also on the necessity and urgency 3: ;economic boycotts ;e_agalnst South.Africakv ' I':"Nv. i m ' -It

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She informed me that they will be having an Internatinnal
Chiiarens Exhibition in February 1987. She asked for a doll
and drawings made by the children in the Primary School. Her
adress 18:

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3. I also had a meeting with active solidarity workers of NCSA
in Trendheing including two African students.

6 I briefed them on the present situation in South Africa and
8130 on 'SOMAFECO. They promised to give us material support
for SORAFECO; .

The Teachara Union in Trondheim have donated some money for
ATASA in;39u\$h Africa (Teachers Union) to build an underground
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-a. The gresan\$ \$1 tuation and events in South Africa has been
getting lot of coverage in the Norwegian mass media, and as
a rewgl't the public is aware of the evils of apartheid. They
are venyreyimggthetic to our.struggle. They are also enthusiastic
in gaging,our struggle both material and-poiitical support.
Same.pf them \$0 not know how to support our struggle. There
are anue-.greups in Norway who want or have established direct
contacte with certain poiitical organisations in South Africa.
Chiatihmvgr'y_dangerous, because they might be supportin wrong
araanisations in South Africa unaware. '

ah- I have also met different political groups, saying that they
have-denzt'd some money to the ANC. But they are not sure
Whether this money reaches the ANC. They are suspecting that
the umagn\$aeze are _sQuandering the money. And secondly,that
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