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Report by Max Moabi - WPC (Summary)

Welcome initiative to hold meeting of ANC Reps. in Europe.
Hope will serve as a basis for future consultations and briefings by HQ.

Working with national committees from 137 countries and in cooperation with the United Nations Special Committee against apartheid and the UN Centre against apartheid.

Publications of WPC New Perspectives, Peace Courier, and International Mobilisation are added weapons for our movement, published in 5 international languages English, French, Spanish, German and Russian. I.M. reach desks of every foreign minister of non-aligned countries.

Worldwide platform must be used to enhance our struggle for national liberation.

70th anniversary of ANC and sanctions

WPC propose seminar in honour of 70th anniversary of ANC:

- letter sent to Zambia suggesting holding event;
- event in Ethiopia

Highlevel ANC tour in Europe on sanctions funded by WPC

- national peace committees, anti-apartheid forces and ANC Reps. to be involved.
- arrange for press conferences and suitable events.

Arrange for similar tour of Arab countries.

Holding of joint conference by ANC and the PLO on relations between Israel and South Africa.

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Situation in Finland

Four main parties support ANC. Centre Party lost presidency after elections to Social Democratic Party. Split within People's Democratic League which included among others Communist Party, Democratic Party, Democratic Youth, Socialist Union and Women's League weakening the left.

Hope 19th Congress Communist Party will avoid split.

70th anniversary preparations

Africa Committee plans to hold tour of Finland next autumn by James Phillips and Finnish orchestra.

Music festival hope will be possible 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 records, T-shirts, posters, etc.

Taksvarki - One day voluntary committee wants contract of supply of paper for Luanda printing machine and spare parts.

Austria

Report on Tour 11th to 16th January, 1982 - by T. Seedat and
R. Mompoti

1. Visit undertaken at the invitation of the anti-apartheid Movement of Austria re "Week of Solidarity with the ANC in honour of its 70th anniversary - 11 to 16th January".
 2. Public meetings with film shows were held in GRAZ, SALZBURG, INNSBRUCK, LINZ and VIENNA. All the meetings were well publicized and attended. Judging from previous visits the Anti-Apartheid forces are very much better organised and the ANC has now become relatively well known in Austria. At the end of the tour we gave a well attended Press Conference. The press and radio gave the tour and press conference very good coverage.
 3. Special anniversary supplements on the ANC were published both by the Communist Party Daily (8 full size pages) and the weekend edition of the "Arbeiter Zeitung" organ of the Austrian Socialist Party (14 pages VOW size) - with very good coverage and comprehensive information on the ANC and our struggle. The supplements were also sold at the above meetings. By the way, the South African Embassy complained to the Socialist Party about the printing of the supplement!
 4. The Anti-Apartheid Movement had also arranged meetings with the following:
 - a) Chancellor Kreisky's Secretaries, Dr. Lenk and Dr. Holzer.
 - b) State Minister Frau D. Donal
 - c) Secretaries of Heinz Fisher
 - d) Official of the Foreign Office
 - e) Frau Sprengel of Volkshilfe
- a) Meeting with Dr. Lenk and Dr. Holzer
Dr. Lenk suggested the name of Comrade Mandela for the Kreisky Peace prize. The prize is given to several individuals annually e.g. this year the opposition leader in South Korea was amongst those that received the prize. The award is given to the individual and therefore only family members and not their organisations are invited. Nevertheless, it was only because of an oversight that

we were not informed. However, we were informed, and I did report this fact in my previous report, about Comrade Mandela's nomination. The Committee responsible contacted Winnie Mandela's attorney and is dealing with him. His name and address is as follows:

Ismail Ayob and Associates
12th Floor, Life Centre
42 Commissioner Street
Johannesburg 2000
P.O. Box 728

The "Selection Committee" for the award includes both Chancellor Kreisky and Willy Brandt.

Both the above agreed with our suggestion that although the award is a private one it will be both correct and politically desirable for the ANC to acknowledge the honour. Our suggestion is that Comrade President write directly to Chancellor Kreisky acknowledging and thanking him for the award. A copy of the letter should also be sent to the following:

Dr. Bruno-Kreisky Stiftung
für Verdienste um die Menschenrechte
Wipplinger Str. 33-35
1010 WIEN

The Secretary of the above foundation is Herr Karl HUMMEL (The translation of the above is: DR. B.K. Foundation for contribution towards human rights.)

By the way there is a thriving and successful campaign for the release of Comrade Mandela and all political prisoners under way in Austria. Many prominent people have signed the demand and so far over 5,000 signatures have been collected.

We also discussed the question of the agricultural machinery promised to us by Dr Kreisky during our visit with Comrade T. Nkobi. After suggesting that that was included in the 6 million shillings allocated to us by the Kreisky Children's Fund for the Third World, they agreed to go into the matter once again. They suggested and approached the "Bundeskanzleramt-Entwicklinshilfe" a department responsible for Development Aid to the Third World countries.

Enclosed is a letter received - it speaks for itself - I am sure that we will be successful in our request. I will get in touch with the appropriate person and department but suggest that a very concrete project in accordance with the enclosed letter from "Bundeskanzleramt" by Holzer be worked out and presented to and discussed with the appropriate authorities in Vienna (in person). Suggest that this be done personally by Comrade Thomas Nkobi when in Europe. This form of contact will clear up problems, furnish explanations immediately and save a lot of time. On the question of machinery we have already submitted a list of which I have a copy. We should either update the list in accordance with their requirements as stated in the enclosed letter from Holzer, or draw up a completely new list with a justification of our own current and new needs. In any event we should not cross wires and supply details that do not tally or are not in line with our own previous requests. Further questions discussed and subsequently cleared up with joint meeting between us and Frau Donal (State Minister), Kreisky's Secretary Dr. Holzer and Dr. Allette Leopold Lowenthal was the question of releasing the money allocated to us by the Kreisky Children's Fund. Dr Allette Leopold, who administers the fund, was being very difficult and presenting a lot of obstacles. The matter was cleared up with pressure from the State Secretary Holzer, Lenk and others. We agreed that we will give them a rough breakdown of costs for the construction of nurseries covering £250000 sterling. The breakdown should include:

- a) cost of materials
- b) cost of labour
- c) transport
- d) machinery used and costs, etc.

This must be done as soon as possible (within the next two weeks) so that the money can be released.

NB We should do this as a matter of urgency as a lot of good friends such as those mentioned above and also including Prelat UNGER of CARITAS and Dr Klaus WIESMULLER (Oberret i.e. Chief advisor to Dr. Kreisky) were involved in pressurising the Children's Fund Committee to relelase the funds to us. Please comrade, let us not let them down.

Dr. Lonk and Dr. Bruno Eigner (Secretary to Heinz Fisher see previous notes) again enquired about our intention re the opening of an office in Vienna. We replied that the matter was being seriously considered by HQ. This question was reported in details in past reports.

Meeting with Volkshilfe (Organisation which channels Austrian material aid to liberation Movements and natural disaster areas)- supported by public subsidies and trade unions.

Discussed final arrangements for transport of 14 tons of food and 10 tons of school material. On this matter I am in touch with the London Office. The goods together with 5 to 10 tons of office paper and equipment from CARITAS (Austria) is being prepared for transport for either March or April. They have also agreed to supply seeds of all type and toilets requirements for our women - in touch with London for details.

Subsequently to our Austrian Visit, we met Mr. Erich WEISBIER, the General Secretary of Volkshilfe. Assured us of increased help for our projects. I brought up the question of the school that has been built entirely by them for POLISARIO. He agreed to increase aid to us and to consider a major project i.e. school with us in Autumn 1982. We should follow this up and could be discussed with them before autumn. Comrade Thomas Nkobi, if suggestion made, re agricultural machinery is approved.

Recommendations, requests and information

1. Comrade Jele consider a trip to Austria - can be prepared in advance so that matters such as representation can be discussed with the Foreign Minister, the Socialist Party, etc. especially the question of finance for the office. This could also pave the way for a further visit by the President for a meeting with Kreisky - and taking into consideration his influence in the Socialist International, his role in the PLO, etc his word carries a lot of weight with people like Brandt, Mitterand amongst others. It could be arranged so that he spends a few hours with the Chancellor. We can put out feelers before making a formal request.

2. That we immediately submit the details required re money allocated to us by Kreisky's Children's Fund.

3. That Comrade Thomas Nkobi visits Austria with the details re farm machinery and for talks with Volkshilfe. We could get a lot of money for our "new major project".

4. I was told that Dr. Lenk will be the new Austrian Ambassador to the U.N.

5. Dr. Peter Fleisnner and Dr. Durmayer plus one or two others are playing a very important role in Austria on our behalf. On the other hand there is a group, attached to a minority Church group, although on the surface pro-ANC is creating problems and is led by Dr. Sauer and A. Krims.