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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Your Editor has returned and greets you all. She warmly thanks Cds. Themis Qweta, Lulama mapule and 311 others who made it possible for this newsletter to continue in her absence. While in London, she saw on television The Horror of Sharpeville 1976 where police, both black and white, beat students into the University bus and using rhinowhips continued to beat them violently while they cowered inside. Women too, were whipped in the streets. At least 26 people were killed by shooting and it is estimated that over 300 were injured. Unrest has spread as the people have fought back; Peaceful protest began because of further rent rises against the imposition of dummy local authorities and the so-called new constitution and continues against Bantu education. In the past 6 months over 600,000 students have boycotted schools.

Amongst those indiscriminately killed by the police were Joyce Nzomo aged 9 years and Thabo Sibeko 6 years old, Thabo's funeral at Daveyton was also viewed on television where, despite a ban on public demonstrations, 3,000 people defiantly attended with clenched fists and singing ANC songs.

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BACK AT SOMAFCO

In line with what is happening inside our country, SOMAFCO students hotly debated the issue of putting all ANC communities in exile on the same footing as our people at home and reminded us of Kesseinga 1978 when a SWAPO settlement in Angola was bombed by the Boers viciously murdering and maiming unarmed men, women and children.

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REFUGE IN BRITISH EMBASSY

-6 Former UDF detainee, about to be re-arrested took refuge on Thursday in the JHB. British Consulate. Further news awaited.

VISITORS TO OUR COMPLEX

We were honoured during the past fortnight with the visit of Idagga R.A. Sembuli Member of Parliament of the Morogoro Rural Area, U.R. of Tanzania; Four SIDA representatives from Sweden were welcomed. They were Ulla Fornens, Gunilla Esaner, Boye Lingren and Jan Ernest. Godfrey A.J. Semiti - FAO consultant from Lusaka was also here.

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ural group together with a mem-
ber of their Embassy treated an
enthusiastic audience to song,
folk dance, magic, Juggling,
trapeze, mime, music fun and
laughter. Thank ytullt was a
great evening for young and old
alike. Our Primary school dis-e
played some of their talents as
well.

Before the concert, we heard
the Bulgarian speaker tell of
Bulgaria's defeat of Fascism 40
years ago and outlining the gains
of the people's revolution since
then.

Our Director thanked the Bul-
garian Government and people for
their practical aid and support
of our struggle which include:
material aid, scholarships and
medical treatment. The National
Commissar moved a vote of thanks
and the Youth and Students deliv-
ered a message.

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soMAFco ANNOUNCEMENT

The Entertainment Committee have some
interesting Video tapes and a film
will be shown to-night at Unit 3. All
are welcome to attend..

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LETTER BOX

From former SOMAFCO student Ghandi Badela who has completed his first year at Donezk - USSR and is now on his way to Leningrad to thther his studies.

He informs us that together with students from many other countries, he was instrumental in helping to set up a Student Council at the University of which he became the head and was also in charge of the wall newspaper. "We made our mark and rest assured that the name of our movement has gone into the history of our faculty," he says.

For his class work he wrote on the Struggle of the South African People for Freedom and Social Progress. his article is to be displayed in the faculty museum.

His photograph, together with Nikita's and some other South African students will be on the wall during the 1984/85 academic year - for being active and studying well. Ghandi received the highest marks in his class.

During his vacation he has been working on the building of a railway, making his mark too, with pick and shovel. Well done! Carry on the good work in Leningrad!

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SPORT - SOCCER - by Adam Ventshu

Ngoyi Strikers notched a double scoop when Faku signed two youngsters for the team. Thabo and Pule should give the side the character necessary to win trophies. Thabo, known to those here with him, is one of the best soccer players and liable to decrease narabo's popularity. While in Europe he has become tough and versatile enough to play in almost any position. Pule, nicknamed Jomo because of his resemblance in play to Ephraim Sono of South Africa, rested on Sunday, he helped wsllop Msgole Shooting Stars. 4-0.

LAST WEEK RESULTS

FRIENDLIES: SOMAFCO 6 - TANESCO 0

NGOYI % ' SHOOTING STARS 0

MOJA-MOJA 2 - MAGOLE CALLIES 4

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Programme is definitely not progressing as planned nor is it proceeding with the seriousness that was expected. There is inconsistency in attendance which has dropped from 80% to 10-20% with a loss of 45% periods missed.

This deterioration is difficult to explain for as adults, more discipline and commitment to study is expected. Permanent staff members are needed and the lack of these is no small part of the problem.

Richard Sibongile warns that unless those who enrolled and under-

took to study do not attend, the programme is in danger of total collapse. "Learning" is part of the three-pronged motto of the Youth so please take advantage and get back to your desks!

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SOME IMPRESSIONS FROM LONDON

Andile and L Maseko send warm greetings to all. Lynr is hard at work on the ANC News Briefings while Andile continues to study. He recently accompanied the ANC London choir to the Edinburgh Festival where they received excellent press reviews.

Au at th. Women's Meetin had auch a large attendance in the Hakney own hall that 200 extra chairs were required. Cd. Marius Sohoon gave a most moving account of his wife and daughter's death, their funeral and the fantastic facilities laid on by the Government of Angola. He sends warm greetings to Mazimhu & Dakswa. P0221 Nongena An excellent Swuth African play was staged at the Warehouse Theatre. Black and white South Africans performed with great clarity, the tragedy and frustration of forced removals, separation of families, migrant labour and the hopelessness of the Bantustans.

MINERS STRIKE followed by Dockworkers and others has brought the might of the entire state against them.

Scenes witnessed on television depict a growing police state with thousands of police in full riot gear to ensure that one or two strike breakers can return to work. Their viciousness be-

LEAGUE GAMES: LUTHULI 1x 2 - DYNAMOS agins to resemble South Africa's Police.

VOLLEY BALL: Motsoaledi 3- B. First 1

BUT THE STRIKERS BATTLE ON.