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The Tokyo representative
. of the African National Con-
gress (ANC) plans to open
offices in Beijing and Seoul
within a year.

In a speech Saturday mark-
ing the first anniversary of
the ANCl's Tokyo office, Jerry
Matsila said there was in-
creasing activity in East Asia
against apartheid.

He said that during a recent
trip to South Korea, opposi-
tion leaders and youth groups
promised to put the issue of
apartheid higher on their
agenda.

As reason for opening an
office in Beijing, Matsila said
China was a member of the
United Nations Security
Council and inferntial in
East Asia. A Beijing office
could also have a psychologi-
cal effect on Hong Kong and
Taiwan, which are big trading
partners with South Africa, he
said.

As for Japan, Matsila said
he was disturbed by the coun-
try's Hmore dubious and con-
fusing new policiesll toward
Pretoria.

He said Tokyo appeared to
be stepping up contacts with
South Africa while failing to
obtain self-restraint in trade.
Recently Tokyo has had an
increasing number of meet-
ings with top South African
officials, Matsila told a recep-
tion attended by around 250
ambassadors, trade unionists
and other supporters of the
anti-apartheid group.

Matsila said Japanese comv
panies seemed to be covering
up trade with South Africa by
routing it through third coun-
tries.

J apanls two-way trade with
South Africa totaled \$3.98 bil-
lion in 1988, down 3.5 percent
from the previous year.

However, Matsila said,
ttTokyo will have to decrease
and cut totally its trade with
(South Africa) . . . before our
people can regain trust in
Japan."

Matsila described his
efforts to raise awareness
about apartheid over the past
year as challenging and diffi-
cult.