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**REPORT on the MEETING ANC-MAA
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Agenda

- 1) Organisation of a "collectif" of solidarity organizations for Dulcie September's memorial
- 2) ANC Cultural Band "Amandla" tour in France
- 3) ANC office: problem of understaffing, information bulletin to be launched
- 4) Overview of the 26th oct. demonstration and MAA present actions

1) A "collective" of solidarity organizations:

- forthcoming solidarity days : Women's Day (8 march), Sharpeville (21 march), Dulcie September memorial (29 march)

- ANC office is solicited from quite a number of different groups for the organization of events on the 29 march in commemoration of Dulcie, but it should not be a one-sided affair. All anti-apartheid groups should meet to decide what will be organized collectively. What is the procedures to be followed to avoid possible conflicts and to achieve this objective?

- MAA suggests that the only suitable way would be that the ANC representative in France invites the concerned organizations at a meeting he will chair and in which he will present his request.

MAA thinks that several months will be required to discuss and organize the event and that it should be limited to Dulcie's Memorial to start with.

The practical and efficient way the "collective" can work has to be clarified, knowing that there would be in it around 50 groups. An organizational committee would have to be set up.

It is agreed that Solly Smith would send a mail to all the concerned organizations. MAA will provide him with a list of the organizations of its network. This letter could be sent in November calling for a meeting in December.

2) Amandla tour

- The ANC cultural band has been all over Europe except in France.

- ANC wishes Amandla to tour France and it could be from June 89 for several months. Any group interested will be able to use them for solidarity shows and to generate funds for campaigns. ANC and Amandla will take a percentage (to be decided), but its main aim is not to generate funds.

- Danielle Mitterrand's Foundation could finance part of the cost to bring Amandla in France. Lusaka, where the band is based, has a budget for those tours.

- MAA raises the problem of the heavy organization required to make the tour a success. Amandla is a band of 30 personnes, with a full truck of instruments... Local groups throughout France will need to know in time the dates the band could come in their towns, the cost they would have to bear; accommodation, food and transport have also to be planned... It is not easy for them to organize such a thing, and it would be the same on the national level of the organization of such a tour :

- Promotion and coordination is a central point. A tour manager is required as not any solidarity organization might be able to fulfill this job. A first free

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concert with special guests, personalities and media, could be organized, especially if the D. Mitterrand's Foundation is involved. Records and cassettes could be produced in France.

3) ANC office and bulletin

- Solly Smith informed the MAA that the ANC office will be moved. A new place has not yet been found. The ANC publication, "Amandla" is not satisfactory: too big and unattractive. ANC would like a 6 pages bimonthly bulletin. Paper, typesetting, printing as well as translation are already secured. An editorial board is needed.

- The MAA can provide some help on distributing it through its network, but it is already committed with its own publications.

- A. Bouillon is editor of "L'Afrique du Sud en direct", a bimonthly newsletter which is not a MAA publication as such, but to which A. Bouillon and others from the Movement (together with independant people) already contribute. Knowing the time which is required to do such a professional work, these personnes will not have time available. Channels could be set up to facilitate the exchange of informations, from the ANC to the Centre of Documentation and "l'Afrique du Sud en direct", as well as from them to the ANC office.

4) The way France could play a special role in contributing to the process of dialogue between South Africans, and between S. Africans and other representatives has also been discussed.

5) Overview of 26th oct. demonstration and MAA activities

- The demonstration in front of the SA Embassy in Paris on the 26 oct that gathered a thousand people was found very encouraging. The MAA and organizations of the liaison committee have published a one page-advertisement in the "Weekly Mail" on this occasion. (Copy attached) More SA music (especially Amandla songs) could be used in such events. A protest march involving all anti-apartheid groups is an idea that ANC will welcome.

- The MAA presents the last steps taken concerning France-SA collaboration affairs, about which it has written letters to the government. After the press conference (11 oct), the MAA has received other replies from some ministers :

- . Roland Dumas (Foreign Affairs) about the presence in SA of French "coopérants" in the French Embassy Trade Commission and in French private companies; and about French mercenaries in the Comoro Islands Presidential Guard - one of these, JP Dessales, was implicated in Dulcie's assassination, according th press reports ("Actuel")

- . P. Quiles (Minister of Post, Telecommunications and Space) about the installation with French assistance of a SPOT satellite receiving station in SA.

- . The MAA is in contact with the National Office of Customs Investigations instructed by the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Budget to investigate in (namibian and south african) uranium smuggling, following a letter the MAA wrote about Comurhex.

- . On SA coal imports in France, following press reports the MAA has written to Socialist Party leaders, hoping that the competition between L. Fabius, M. Rocard and P. Mauroy would bring results in this affair.

November meeting : Thursday, 24th, 18h 30-19h 00: at MAA's office.

PJ : copies of letters to the Socialist leaders, and from R. Dumas and Quiles. Copy of the WM add.