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REPORT ON VISIT TO COPENHAGEN.

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The visit was very successful, though the meeting completely boycotted us. The

rally was reported both in the newspapers, radio and television, but we did

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not feature. It is only the communist newspaper, which on seeing that no news-

paper had reported on us decided to make a feature on us, on the Tuesday

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the rally was held. This is despite the fact that a journalist from the nation-

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nal television had come to interview me. Later, I was made to understand that

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he also writes for the biggest circulation paper in Denmark and that he is sym-

pathetic to the African National Congress.

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The explanation given was that there was a lot of internal movement and jockeying

around the country, because the parliamentary elections were to be held on the

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the 10th of May.

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Nevertheless, the rally will remain memorable for two reasons.

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(a) It was the first May day rally that was attended by leaders of all the main

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opposition parties, that is-, including the Social Democrats, the Socialists as

well as the Euro-Communists.

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(b) It was the biggest May day rally that could be remembered in the history of

the country. This was because all the previous May day rallies were sectarian with

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each party or trade union having its own meeting. Even on this occasion they first

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met at their own centres, and only later walked to the grounds where the main

rally was to be held. '

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The only two meetings that were held outside the rally was between the Communist Party and the ANC and the one between the ANC and the Danchurch Aid.

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The Danchurch Aid confirmed their approval of the request that the DM had made to them towards the end of 1987 for assistance in the following:

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(a) For a seminar to be held in Harare for approximately 20 - AO participants

mainly from inside the country to discuss cooperation between "the ANC outside and the MDM on the question of upgrading and placement for experience .

(b) for intership of 15!- 20 graduates in the ingeneering fields in the Front-

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line States. f,

(c) For the printing-of lectures.from the Zambia Natioanl Correspondence College.

( This however presents problems in that the ZNCC would prefer the mater ial to

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be printed in Lusaka. )|

It: would appear that one of the reasons why they took this sudden positive

decision was that after hearing of the "bill to stop funding from outside, the

government decided to allow the Danchurch Aid to send as much money as possible,

into the country as possible before the Bill becomes law.

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The Chairman and Secretary of Danchurch Aid told us that they were looking for

ways of continuing to support projects in the country even after the Bill has become law. We told them that we believe that it is possible but that they should discuss the matter with the Treasurer General.

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The rally was attended by over 200 000 people, but the money was not collected

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at the rally but was contributed by different trade unions. When the cheque was presented to me for an amount of 81 100 Danish Crowns, it was said it was for the work of the ANC in Denmark. There I gave it, to the Chief Representative.

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I noted that the Anti-Apartheid Movement though small was quite active, and that the Chief Representative and the representative of SACTU are equally active and appear to be well known in political and trade union circles.

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Incidentally all speeches were limited to ten minutes. This meant that we had prepared had to be summarised. '

Signed ..... ' ( Date

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I wish "to thank, the Danish workers in

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for our trade unions in South Africa  
during tje last miners' strike as  
well as 'your concern that our ANC

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been the rallying point for workers  
internationa1ly demanding an end to

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solidarity and calls for a just and  
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in South Africa where our people, and  
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especially our workers, are locked in  
a life and death struggle against the

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In a bid to maintain white supremacy  
this apartheid regime has unleashed

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These include the, mass detention of

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detention camps., > the military

occupation of black ghettos, the  
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squads and vigilantes- There have

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been extended: the influence of the media to

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block: reports of its unmitigated

state's terror as well as attempts to

even silence the church and religious

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leaders like 'J Allan - Boesak. Beyers

Naude and Desmond Tutu-

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Yet these measures have

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demonstratively failed to break the

heroic spirit of defiance or the  
unyielding determination of our

masses, with the workers in the  
forefront, to dismantle apartheid.

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effectively banned the UDF and 17

civic organisations, while

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politically emasculating the Congress  
of South African Trade Unions

(COSATU). Additionally Botha's

Parliament has tabled 'a Bill to stop

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foreign financial support for the

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ANC leaders. like the ANC Chief

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â€¢Long live may day - â€¢-

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SCENEPROGRAM 1. MAJ 1988.

Afgang fra Nørresågade og Folkets Hus kl. 12.30  
Sammensmeltningen sker på Set. Hans Torv.

kl. 13.00 Musik v/ JETTE & CO.

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kl. 14.00 Velkomst v/ IB SØRENSEN

kl. 14.05 Musik v/ KANSAS CITY STOMPERS

kl. 14.15 Tale v/ SVEND AUKEN, Socialdemokratiet

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kl. 14.25 Praktiske bemærkninger v/ IB SØRENSEN

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kl. 14.30 Tale v/ ELISABETH BRUUN OLESEN, Venstresocialisterne'

kl. 14.40 Musik v/ OTTO BRANDENBURG og KANSAS CITY STOMPER  
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kl. 15.00 Tale v/ OLE SOHN, Danmarks Kommunistiske Parti

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kl. 15.55 'Afslutning v/ IB SØRENSEN

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kl. 16.00 Internationale v/ RODE HORN (Faellessang)

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kl. 16.10 Musik v/ NEWS

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konferenciers: IB SØRENSEN/ANNE MARIE HELGER