

30th January 75.

The Secretariat,

Rational Working Committee
Of the NEC,

ANC (SA).

Lusaka.

Dear Comrades,

The Zaire Meeting; Very regrettably I was not able to attend this meeting because of the non-arrival of the ticket. I have already informed Comrade Sindiso over the phone that as late as Monday, 27th January, I was informed by the East African Airways that they had just received my ticket which had been ordered from New York on the 25th January. Of course, it was already late for the meeting,

I however, had a meeting with Mr. Prank Pereira and the president of the African-African Institute to whom we also explained the difficulty which forced us not to proceed to Zaire. Nothing could be done about it. They, however, gave me a brief report of what took place there but regretted the absence of our organisation's representative.

Prank gave me a few papers which were distributed at the meeting, including our paper on "Contemporary Trends in the Conflict in Southern Africa". He informed me that he had been given the original hand-written draft which they typed and duplicated in Kinshasa. I suppose we had not time to duplicate the paper ourselves in Lusaka due to the difficulties in getting such work done because of the present disruption at the Liberation Centre. It was in any case a bit risky to hand it in as we did because typing errors especially could have been very dangerous more so that unfortunately none of us were present to correct whatever mistakes might have been there.

I have so far run through the paper quickly and noted some typographical errors. The other problem is that I noticed when looking through the paper that it did not end properly. One or more pages were left out of the compilation so that the conclusion was not properly rounded off. It ended off with point No.2 which starts off with "there is an urgent task for women and men of goodwill in

the world..... trend." This meant that even the references which

appear constantly in the body of the paper and are normally given at the end were not included nor were the tables referred to reflected.

On the whole our paper had a great deal of facts which undoubtedly helped to clarify the position to the reader. It certainly means

that a great deal of research was done for the preparation of the paper and if it were properly revised it could do for factual exposition of the problem at home. Our congratulation to the research team.

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NEW YORK OFFICE: Frank gave me a letter from Thami which contained a report mainly of the work of our delegation at the United Nations and various proposals. You will have, no doubt, had the benefit of a full report also from Duma as leader of the delegation and will therefore be able to attend to some of the questions raised in the report. Comrade Tom is at the moment in New York and hope that he will be able to look at some of the thorny problems of finance which keep on cropping up. Thami's report is herein enclosed.

TOM SEBINA: We have discussed the question of his illness with the chief Representative and also with Chief over the phone. It was felt that even though the medical report has not come an urgent request for his hospitalisation should be made to the German Democratic Republic. We chose the GDR because of our experience with their dealing with Comrades such as Maxie who had a similar complaint and appears to have recovered. We are awaiting results of our application.

CONCLUSION: I do hope that at some time in the future I shall possibly get a reaction from the Secretariat on my unceasing volume of correspondence from this end. Your reactions to my correspondence would also include my being briefed on current developments both within the ANC circles and general on the solidarity front, especially regarding our hosts.

I shall in any case continue the correspondence as a matter of duty.

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Secretary-General