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REPORT ON THE FRG STUDENTS

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The above mentioned students arrived in Lusaka in April, Walter arrived later than the other two. They had returned from the FRG due to problems there with their sponsoring body.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE G.D.R.

The arrangements for these scholarships for our comrades in the FRG in the GDR, were apparently made by them with our GDR mission. We however have had no report from them, (FRG comrades) on the reasons and the discussions they had with the mission. The only information we have about the scholarships is a letter from our mission in the GDR.

On the 7th of February, informing us of our students problems in the FRG, and requesting for a scholarship for Vusi Tshabalala and two other students Nomsa and Charlotte Mbatha.

Then another letter was written to us raising the possibility of obtaining scholarships for the FRG students in the GDR and finally, in the same month 19/2/80 another letter mentioned that 3 scholarships were offered for students with a knowledge of German. Incidentally when these offers came, we were not certain in what fields they were being offered and at what level. Also, in view of the fact that this offer was being made we did not find it necessary that a formal letter of application was still to be written for them to be considered. This we got to know later. A letter to this effect was written later at the request of our Chief Representative in the GDR.

When the comrades ~~of~~ Nhlape and Goina came, we mentioned the offer to them. However it turned out that they could not take them up since it was later clarified that these were for university courses and they did not have the qualifications for them. This therefore meant that they had to wait until scholarships at technical level were offered. Incidentally they did insist on going for technical level studies rather than university. The real problem here, could be detected from the lack of coordination between the students union in the PRG and HQ on their problems.

- The ignorance of the scholarship committee on the conditions of these students above. This information should have been supplied from HQ by the Youth Secretariat.
- Lack of clarity on the part of the secretariat on the agreements reached between the students union in the PRG and the mission in the GDR, and between the latter and the party in the GDR.

RECOMMENDATION

- That this explanation be made to the students concerned and that they be persuaded to wait for the next offer of technical scholarships in the GDR.
- That a full report be obtained from the students union in the PRG and the mission in the GDR on the negotiations made between them and also between the mission and the party in the GDR.
- That a request be made to the party for the students who have problems of the same nature as the three-including them - to be offered scholarships for both the March and September intakes at technical and university levels respectively, to ensure the final solution of this problem.

Finally the students apparently think that their stay is being deliberately engineered so that they should cover the nine months period. But even if this were to have been waived in their case, objectively, they cannot find placement in the GDR, before March next year since this is the only time intakes for technical level courses are made.

The delay therefore is more because of the latter than the nine months period they were told of. This we think should be stressed with them.

The other observation we made was that they wanted to get through with the schooling as quickly as possible so that they can get back to political activity in the South. Hence perhaps the urge to get back to Lesotho.

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