

OTIP/002/0026/5 Msgs.

13/3/91

1. From Cole Walter
Sisulu
2. From Ngoako
→ Response to our
fax - re UBW issue
3. Spoke to Ngoako, he
says:
 - a) He is trying to
book & will most
probably come in
2 wks time

- b) Has started collecting material / doing draft for your Conference Report.
- c) Promises to check both Women & Youth League Conferences
- d) Will collect speeches / statements of Chance Horg & V. Chance of the various universities.

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Comrade

We as SANSCO, wish to point out that the facts concerning the conferring of an honorary Doctorate on Comrade Tambo was sent in anticipation of Comrade Tambo receiving an invitation to do so from the UDW Administration.

It has, however, come to our attention that no such invitation had been sent and that the invitation may either be intended for the year 1991 or 1992. At this stage, SANSCO is unsure as to what the intention of the University Administration is.

SANSCO's intention was to make Comrade President aware of the debates that were occurring within the student movement in particular, and the university community in general, around the issue of graduation. These debates are continuing.

Different conditions exist on different campuses -- the position of SANSCO is that the attendance of graduation depends upon the conditions on different campuses. SANSCO at UDW has been boycotting graduation ceremonies because of unacceptable conditions on our campus and as a protest against the education system. Last year Ms Nadine Gordimer and Dr Beyers Naude were awarded honorary degrees by UDW. These comrades refused to attend the graduation ceremony after representation was made by SANSCO. We wish to point out that this 'boycott strategy' is under debate and review. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT AS YET REACHED A DECISION ON CHANGING THIS STRATEGY.

Many of our objections were raised by the SANSCO NEC with Comrade Mandela and the ANC NEC when Comrade Mandela accepted a doctorate at UCT. There were many issues that were raised with the ANC NEC and suffice to say that the student movement was divided over Comrade Mandela's acceptance.

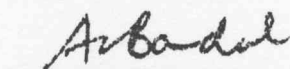
It is our earnest desire to avoid any controversy if Comrade Tambo is invited to accept this honour. We want to discuss the issue of graduation within our constituencies and achieve unanimity on the issue, so when conditions are right, Comrade Tambo can be honoured in a manner as appropriate and befitting our President.

It is hoped that the above background will shed some light on the issues under discussion.

We will constantly keep Comrade President informed of all further developments in this regard.

Thanking you

Yours in Struggle



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for (SANSCO UDW)