

In his opening remarks Cde Jackie noted that he will categorise his briefing into two viz.

- i. Where the Movement is with the government. and,
- ii. Where the Movement is with the preparations for repatriation.

This was necessitated by the nature and scope of his briefing.

1. WHERE THE MOVEMENT IS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

On the 25th September the ANC applied for indemnity for 3,000 people, 1,400 of whom were from Lusaka and the rest from East Africa on the basis reached with the government. (see Pretoria Minute) The Movement did this so as not to give the govt. ground to say the ANC is dragging its feet. The response which was expected on the 1st October has up to now not been received.

Cde Jackie said that in a meeting held with government Officials on the 11th and 12th September it was agreed that the Department of Home Affairs will design a specimen of an Emergency Travel Document which will bear the following information:-

- i. Name
- ii. Address
- iii. Date of Birth
- iv. Identity Number, though this is not essential

Returnees will be expected to affix their finger prints on the ETD and attach their photographs. The ETD will be photocopied, the owner will keep the original for 6 months after entry to serve as an ID. Part of the agreement of the ETD was that spouses of our comrades will have an extra stamp.

Three visits to the Ministry Of Home Affairs on the question of the ETD were all fruitless, the Minister kept on making excuses until it became clear that there were problems.

The government decided to send a questionnaire which every returnee had to answer because they felt the ANC forms which were filled in did not have enough information. The questionnaire required the following information:-

- i. Name,
- ii. Address.
- iii. Identity Number.
- iv. Valid Travel Document.

- v. Information on whether one had ever been prosecuted.
- vi. Where the trial took place.
- vii. Date of judgement.
- viii Motivation as to why ones actions should be taken as politically inclined.
- x. Date of departure from the RSA.
- xi. Point of departure. etc.

The Movement realised that the questionnaire was interrogative and that it applied to individuals not a category as per agreement that this will only apply to the "Grey Areas". (See Pretoria Minute) The questionnaire was therefore rejected. Meanwhile is being arranged for next week to iron out this issue and other issues such as the clause in the Pretoria Minute which states that having an indemnity does not mean one can go back to the country.

The meeting was also informed that at one stage the regime had suggested that 300 govt. officials visit 2 ANC centres to check what assistance people will need and the suggestion was rejected.

The ANC had further applied for customs exemption of (a) personal property and (b) ANC movable property.

- (a) It was agreed that all returnees would be allowed to bring back their personal household goods without paying customs duty and sales tax. Such property will include items like TV, Radio, Video, Furniture and vehicles provided the returnee can prove ownership of such items. With regard to vehicles only one per family would be allowed and on condition that it has been owned by the returnee for at least a year.
- (b) ANC Movable property would be subject to payment of duty.

2. WHERE THE ANC IS WITH PREPARATIONS.

Cde Jackie pointed out a number of problems with regard to preparations.

- i. No structure is ready to receive the returning exiles.
- ii. No transport to ferry them from the entry point to their respective destinations.
- iii. No transit Centre.
- iv. No funds for resettlement and feeding returnees whilst they are still in the transit centre.

The Movement has also realised that it cannot manage to repatriate and resettle exiles without any intervention by the International Community. Cde Jackie, however assured the membership that the movement is doing everything possible to have everyone

go back home and further stressed that exiles themselves will have to be actively involved in the preparations for the return of exiles.

He dismissed as false stories 300 ANC members whom it is alleged are in the Transkei. He put it in no uncertain terms that anyone going home before repatriation will not receive any financial assistance from all ANC offices inside the country. He also dismissed the rumours circulating that returnees will have to undergo AIDS tests, the only vaccination that is essential is that of Yellow Fever

He noted the Movements duty to have a list of all the fallen comrades and the circumstances under which they died.

Cde Zanele Mbeki added that people at home want to know the positions the exiles held within the ANC so that they can honour them and that they would also like to have commemorations

Cde Jackie concluded his briefing by calling for concrete suggestion with regard to welfare in terms of what people will need.