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to
The Political Editor
"South"

CAPE TOWN/South Africa

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, Sunday, February 18, the Protestant Academy Bad Boll hosted a celebration with members of the West German solidarity movement, the general public and friends of the academy as a sign of solidarity with the release of Cde. NELSON MANDELA.

Some 160 adults and 30 children gathered in the halls of the academy to celebrate this important event in the history of the South African liberation struggle.

The foyer was decorated with posters as well as with the text of Mandela's speech which he held in Cape Town and in Soweto. Pictures from SA newspapers showing the celebrating crowds in various cities were also displayed.

In his welcome address, the first director of the academy, Rev. Manfred Fischer reiterated the dedication of this institution to assist wherever possible to keep up international pressure for especially financial sanctions against the SA government; to continue informing the general public of the political machinations and brutal killings perpetrated by the Inkatha movement - which enjoys respectability amongst especially business circles here in the FRG. Furthermore, in fostering our partnership with the ecumenical institution in Durban, DIAKONIA, we plan to host a "South Africa Week", October 15-21, 1990. In close cooperation with the colleagues in South Africa, we shall concern ourselves with labour, educational and cultural issues of a post-apartheid society - looking amongst others at ways in which we can support these undertakings from this end.

The following speech, held by the black South African, Robert Kriger, programme coordinator at the academy, using excerpts from Mandela's speech, pointed out that as long as all the conditions of the Harare

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Declaration have not been met, we have to maintain the international pressure on the SA government with sanctions and to uphold our support of the armed struggle, as well as of the Mass Democratic Movement. As long as the State of Emergency is still in place, as long as there are political prisoners languishing in jail, people on death row, mass & forced removals, police killings, etc., we cannot celebrate without re-dedicating ourselves to the struggle of the South African majority.

To this end a statement was circulated, signed & supported by those present and which will be published as an advertisement in your paper (see addendum).

The afternoon's addresses was rounded off with an audio-visual report of a group of young church & trade union members who had recently been to SA at the invitation of members of NUM. They spoke of the situation in the mines in the Orange Free State, of strife-torn Natal and of the situation of the relatives of the Uppington 26.

We ended the day by singing - to the best of our ability - the national anthem, Nkosi sikele Afrika.

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Dear friends,

the above may be used or reworked into an article in your paper, as we consider it important that people in SA share in the work being done here.

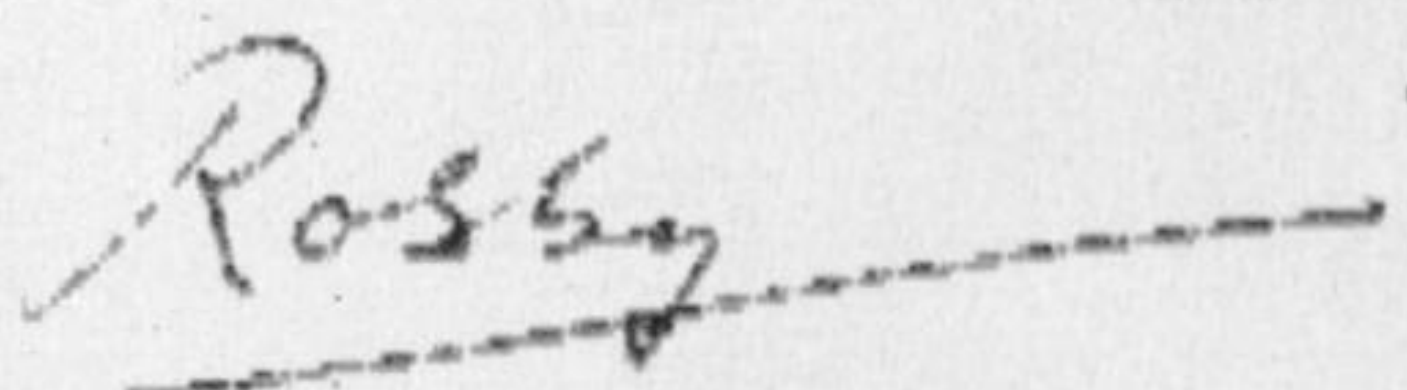
I have enclosed the programme which was sent out. You could get Noel Bruyns to translate sections of it for you.

Enclosed you will also find the text of our advertisement with the signatories. We have DM 500 available for the publication, therefore we leave it up to you to decide whether it should be a half or quarter page advert. Please inform me accordingly.

Send your invoice per fax, so that we can transfer the money soon.

We would also appreciate a copy when the ad appears.

Yours in the struggle,


ROBERT KRIGER

encl.: - programme of 18.2.90

- advertisement text plus signatories

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Advertisement Dept.
"South"

CAPE TOWN/South Africa

Dear friends & comrades,
further to our advertisement text "Forward to Democracy & Peace"
plus the list of signatories, I overlooked a few signatures/names
which still have to be added, especially as it includes the names
of the academy's three directors!

Here follow the additions; please insert:

Gottfried Rothermundt
Irmgard Reid
Godlind Bigalke

Sigrid Hermann
Angela Mai
Guenther Metzger

Gudrun Vetter
Manfred Fischer

That's it.

Regards,

Robert Kriger

Robert Kriger

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Please place the following text plus signatories in the next edition of your newspaper "South". The invoice is to be faxed to the above no.

FORWARD TO DEMOCRACY AND PEACE

The following undersigned members of the West German solidarity movement and public celebrate the release of comrade

NELSON MANDELA

and other political prisoners as the beginning of the process of peace in South Africa.

We welcome the recent unbanning of liberation organisations as well as the few political concessions that have been made.

We recognise this political move by De Klerk as being the result of the untiring resistance by the struggling people of South Africa against that crime against humanity - the apartheid system.

We are aware, however, that the conditions for negotiations for a free, democratic and non-racial South Africa have not yet been fully met.

We demand, therefore, that the South African government demonstrate a genuine willingness for democratic change by fulfilling the requirements of the Harare Declaration.

We pledge for our part to continue supporting the liberatory struggle in South Africa by amongst others applying pressure on the West German government not to back down at this historic juncture on the sanctions issue.

Sunday, 18 February 1990, Bad Boll, FRG

Karin Gonser	Marlis Rehm	Erika Reinoel
Meinhard Reichel	Charlotte Reichel	Martin Stark
Nadine Cooper	Dieter Merling	Ute Fischer
Charly Trautwein	Wolfgang Kroeger	Sigune Kroeger
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Dagmar Hoffmann	Fernand Schmit	Inge Lempp
Martin Schuez	Frank Brauns	Annemarie Schuez
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Gustav Franz	Irmtrud Franz	Juergen Becker
Klara Schrade	Harald Groeschel	Martin Kreuser
Walter Schwenninger	Cecilia Mosquera-Schwenninger	
Susanne Koehrer	Erwin Schrade	Andreas Gehrung
Heidemarie Stockburger	Waltraud Hager	Fritz Hager
Elfriede Lipkol	Annerose Luebke	Sonja Luebke
Gunther Hermann	Inger Hermann	Ursula Schurr
Christian Schurr	Fabian Mbnia	Jobst Kraus
Marianne Gaissert	Ethel Kriger	Robert Kriger
Uschi Eid	Paul Hell	Walter Halliger

Bad Boll, den 11. Februar 1990

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,
liebe Freundinnen und Freunde,

Nelson Mandela ist frei.

Nach über 27 Jahren schwerster Haft verließ am Sonntag, den 11. Februar 1990, der 71jährige ehemalige Generalsekretär des 'African National Congress' ungebrochen das Victor-Verster-Gefängnis. Ein großer Tag für alle Südafrikaner/innen, ob sie nun mit seiner Freilassung einverstanden sind oder nicht. Denn das politische Kalkül der weißen Minderheitsregierung, den Befreiungskrieg kaputt zu kriegen, indem sie den wohl wichtigsten politischen Führer mit allen Mitteln über ein Vierteljahrhundert vom Volk getrennt hielt, ging nicht auf. Wir wissen ja, daß vor allem in den letzten Jahren Mandela von seinem Gefängnis aus die Rolle des politischen Führers aktiv übernahm. Vertreter sowohl der weißen Regierung als auch der Massendemokratischen Bewegung gingen beim Victor-Verster-Gefängnis ein und aus. Einen direkten Kontakt zwischen ihm und dem exilierten und bis zum 2. Februar 1990 noch verbotenen ANC (Afrikanischen Nationalkongreß) in Lusaka/Zambia ließ Mandela einrichten.

Die bedingungslose Freilassung Mandelas bietet eine historische Chance, den Friedensprozeß in Südafrika einzuleiten und den Rahmen für ein demokratisches und nicht-rassisches System dort zu schaffen.

Und darum wollen wir diesen Tag feiern!

Wir wollen aber auch gemeinsam neue Kraft schöpfen, um das nächste Stadium des Befreiungskampfes mit tatkräftiger Solidarität zu unterstützen. Denn jetzt haben die Apologeten des südafrikanischen Systems ihre Legitimation, Pretoria wirtschaftlich unter die Arme zu greifen und ihm aus der ökonomischen Krise herauszuhelfen, bekommen. Eine gestärkte weiße Minderheit aber würde nie demokratische und menschliche Veränderungen zugunsten aller Südafrikaner zulassen.

Sollten Sie mitfeiern wollen, bitten wir um sofortige telefonische Anmeldung unter den Nummern:

(07164) 79-262 (Kriger) oder 79-242 (Gaissert) oder 79-266 (Steck)
oder 79-257 (Hirsch) oder 79-238 (Gonser).

Bitte folgende Angaben durchgeben:

Namen - Personenzahl (Kinderzahl) -

Sachspenden: Kuchen oder Butterbrezel.

Für Kinderbetreuung wird gesorgt.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Ihre

Manfred Fischer

Manfred Fischer

(Geschäftsführender Direktor)

Robert Kriger

Robert Kriger
(Studienleiter)

Klaus Hirsch

Klaus Hirsch
(Studienleiter)

P R O G R A M M

für Sonntag, 18. Februar 1990

15.00 Uhr

Eintreffen
Kaffee und Kuchen

15.45 Uhr

Begrüßung
Manfred Fischer

Redebeitrag
Robert Kriger

- evtl. Video-Aufzeichnung der Rede Mandelas -

16.15 Uhr

Südafrika-Reisebericht (mit Dias)
Harald Gröschel

Diskussion / Singen

18.00 Uhr

Ende der Veranstaltung

- Wir sammeln für die Südafrika-Arbeit der Akademie -

EVANGELISCHE
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Wir feiern Nelson Mandelas Freilassung -

am Sonntag, 18. Februar 1990

ab 15.00 Uhr

in der Evangelischen Akademie Bad Boll