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Poetry

* "Our leadership collective should remain close to the*
* people and be accountable to them. At the same time*
* we must have to fight against all tendencies to de-*
* velop contempt for the masses of the people and the-*
* refore to think that decisions must be taken on the-*
* ir behalf... We must build within our organisation*
* on the basis of a common programme of action."*
* Jan. 8th Speech. Pres. OR Tambo*

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SIX COMRADES TO TESTIFY IN COMRADE
EBRAHIM'S TRIAL

Defence and state lawyers in the "Bethal treason trial" are due to meet members of the ANC in London, after the Pretoria Supreme Court granted six members of the movement permission to give defence evidence on commission.

Comrade J. Nkadimeng, NEC member and five other leaders of the movement could not give evidence inside the country for obvious reasons.

The six comrades are expected to give evidence to refute state claims about treason trialist, Cde. Dbrahim Ismael Ibrahim's seniority in the movement. Racist police have claimed that he is the most senior member of the ANC to have been captured in the past 20 years.

Comrade Ebrahim is appearing with Acton Mandla Maseko and Simon Dladla. They face charges of treason, attempted murder and terrorism arising out of landmine attacks in the Eastern Transvaal.

Justice Daniels has issued a commission to JP Herholdt - a South African attorney and the London partner of the S. African attorneys Shepstone and Wylie to take down the evidence of the witnesses.

ANC members due to give evidence with cde. Nkadimeng are cdes. Vusi Khumalo, Jacob Zuma, Ronnie Kasrils, Todzi Memela and Johannes Mkhwanazi.

According to a court order issued by Justice Daniels, the state will be represented by state council, H. Prinsloo and L. Gering and HK Naidoo and attorneys Triscilla Jana and Chris Watters.

Council for the state and defence will have the right to cross-examine the witnesses.

Also expected to be present at the commission's hearing are two police officers, warrant officers NJ Deetloofs and PJ Tienaar, who gave state evidence during the trial.

Costs of the trip will be paid individually by both counsels, while the cost for the

commissioner and personnel for the recording and transcription of the evidence will be paid by the state.

The trial was postponed to October 3, when the defence council is expected to resume its defence argument.

THE POPE VISITS MOZAMBIQUE

The Pope's tour of Southern Africa culminated by his visit to Mozambique. He was received by large numbers even larger than they were either in Lesotho or in Swaziland. This was despite the hardship the Mozambican people live in due to the drought and the Renamo, a S. African backed bandit group.

The Pope in Mozambique called for peace and appealed to the international community to assist. The Pope preached peace and this he did whilst avoiding the crucial issue apartheid the root of destabilisation in Southern Africa. Dr. Alan Boesak and Reverend Frank Chikane were attending the Pope's mass in Mozambique. They were disappointed by the Pope's obvious neutral stand and went further to say that the Pope had "avoided all major issues and denounced violence and thus disassociated himself from the people."

Meanwhile the British Foreign Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe also visiting Mozambique. He promised financial help to the Mozambican people and visited the Beira Oil pipeline. He condemned the Renamo bandits and referred to them as terrorists.

S.A. WIMPY BAR BOMB.

At least 25 people were seriously injured when a bomb exploded in a Wimpy fast food restaurant in the South African city of East London.

JOURNALIST SHOT.

Zwelisha Mhlawuli, a black journalist who described child torture in South Africa

JOURNALIST SHOT.....continued.

in a BBC documentary, "Suffer the children" was shot in the eye by a sniper, her lawyer said.

CANDIDATE SHOT.

A black candidate in municipal elections condemned by progressive groups has been shot dead at his home in Soweto.

SWAPO TO ABIDE BY AGREEMENT.

Swapo has formally informed the United Nations that the organisation will abide by the peace agreement concluded between South Africa and the Angolan and Cuban forces.

Swapo's president, Mr. Sam Nujoma, wrote in a letter to Dr De Cuellar: "Swapo will be ready to continue to abide by this agreement until the formal ceasefire, under (UN) Resolution 435, is signed between Swapo and South Africa, thereby triggering the implementation process."

Cde. Nujoma said the cessation of Swapo's combat actions against the South African forces would only continue if South Africa did the same.

Cde. Nujoma urged Dr De Cuellar to use the present climate of peace to initiate consultations with the parties concerned.

TOIVO YA TOIVO ON THE QUESTION OF THE ANC IN A FUTURE NAMIBIA.

The Secretary-General of Swapo, speaking in Oslo, predicted that an independent Namibia would soon become embroiled in armed conflict with South Africa.

Cde. Andimba Toivo ya Toivo, who was attending an international conference on refugees in Southern Africa, told a news conference that he did not believe that South Africa was ready to live in peace with its neighbours. "The fate of Angola will be transferred to Namibia after it becomes independent," he said referring to Pretoria's support for Unita in Angola.

Cde. Toivo said he had no doubt that Swapo could win an election in Namibia. He said a Swapo government would give refuge to members of the African National Congress.

"We have been cooperating with the ANC. After independence we follow the policy of the Organisation of African Unity to give asylum status and the ANC is no exception," he said.

UNRELIABLE RACIST PRETORIA.

South Africa has an ace up its sleeve in Namibia - the South West Africa Territory Force - which would assure its interest

in power in Windhoek.

This is the opinion of Swapo publicity and information secretary Gerry Ekandjo.

"The South African Defence Force created the Swatf: the South West African Territory Force is an extension of the SADF, even in law."

"Conscription in Namibia applies to all youths, blacks and white. South Africa has created this force to destabilize an independent Namibia. It represents the embryo of a future civil war, a future "Unita" in the heart of Namibia."

The problems of the region could be solved only by political negotiation, not military power, said Cde. Ekandjo: "The full might of the SADF - the most powerful military force in Africa - has not been able to defeat Swapo."

WALVIS BAY.

Walvis Bay will definitely remain a part of the Republic of S. Africa, this is according to Pretoria's Deputy Minister of Defence, Wynand Breytenbach.

Interviewed by SABC-Radio news abroad "SAS Tafelberg" during the Navy's largest ever exercise, Operation Magersfontein on Walvis Bay, he said developments relating to Namibia not in any way affect the future of Walvis Bay as a naval and military base, and SA will continue to use the base. He should have continued to say SA will continue to use the base even against the will of the people of Namibia and will continue with its policy of Destabilisation.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Radio-SA, the state controlled radio station has announced a possibility of a meeting between Botha and some African state leaders including Zimbabwean. This was announced soon after the arrival of UN Secretary General Perz DE Cuellar in Pretoria. De Cuellar's visit is connected with the ongoing discussions concerning the independence of Namibia in which S. Africa, Cuba and the US are taking part.

Meanwhile 39 people are reported to have been injured when two bombs exploded in Johannesburg in a space of 8 hours. One bomb exploded outside the house of a municipal candidate and another one is said to have exploded in a disco. The Botha regime is blaming the ANC for the explosion.3/

THE INTERNET.....continued.

The world knows that the ANC does not place bombs in such places as discos. Sasolburg, police stations and military installations can bear us out.

News around the World.

Burma: The situation is still tense in the capital town of Rangoon after wide-spread clashes following the military take-over last week. There are now plans to form an alternative government. Former leader U Nu is believed to be in hiding. Meanwhile the authorities have called on the Burmese people to stop demonstrating.

New Delhi: The Indian authorities have released more than 136 prisoners arrested about four years ago in Punjab. This is to pave the way for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's visit to that part of the country.

Israel: Israel last week took the world by surprise when it launched its own satellite. This has shot Israel into space race.

Dhaka: The death toll in the Bangladesh floods passed with 1500 last Sunday after 100 more people drowned or died of disease, officials said.

They said 65 people drowned when two boats capsized in the flooded Padma and Jomuna rivers in the north of the country. At least 30 others died of diarrhoea and other diseases in overcrowded refugee camps.

The number of people ill from eating and drinking contaminated food and water has increased to more than 600 000, health workers said.

Officials said supplies of fresh food and medicine from the government and voluntary agencies were inadequate to meet demand.

"They are just a drop in the sea," one relief official said.

Municipal authorities in Dhaka have forced thousands of homeless families to leave relief camps because they were unable to feed them.

THE COMPUTER CLASS ABOUT TO TAKE OFF.

In our article "The Electronics Department Unfurling its Service Banner," one of the issues mentioned is providing our Mazimbu office Personnel with a basic acquaintance of the computer as well as an introductory course in the usage of the office programme - the word processor. When this announcement was published we were still deeply engrossed

in the necessary spadework not only to make an old decision a reality, but also to make it worth its while. Now, as this article goes to the press, we are just simply levelling the ground and can safely declare our teaching staff's preparedness for the planned and eagerly awaited maiden take-off. This will be joyfully conducted with two groups very anxious to march into the modern world of computer usage.

The pioneer groups qualified as initial participants of the computer course on the basis of their early verbal application for enrollment. On reading about our intentions, which were published in an earlier bulletin of News & Views, they swiftly approached our department to express their interests in the computer course and their eagerness to be enrolled. The enrollment continues as interested comrades come forth. They will then be timely informed as to when their group, based on registration chronology, is due to start with the course.

Due to gross restriction of space in the Computer Room the number of each group of participants we are presently able to enroll is painfully limited to six at a time. Our enthusiasm to swell the group is boundless, but in the ultimate end it is reality that always dictates the final word. We therefore, with due respect for the popular demand, have to realign and confine ourselves to the dictates of the Computer Room's dimensions. We however wish to inform the community that a bigger accommodation for electronics and computer teaching is being built at Sonafco. When this comes into operation, our intake will likewise be enlarged. In the meantime we will hop along in groups of six.

Two parallel classes will be held in the Computer Room (Sonafco). One class will be every Monday, and the other every Wednesday, both from 17.00 to 19.00 hours.

The syllabus will cover general knowledge of the computer and the usage of basic word processing.

COSATU CONSTITUTION : AS AMENDED AT COSATU 2nd NATIONAL CONGRESS.

E-D-I-T-O-R-I-A-L

The launch of the Congress of South African Trade Union (Cosatu) on the 1st of December, 1985 brought to life the largest trade union umbrella organisation in the country's history. Cosatu, representing more than a million mainly workers (blacks), adopted since its inception a tough political stance which eventually led to imminent confrontation with the government.

Cosatu includes the country's strongest unions in the mining, metal, retail, automobile, transport and food industries.

Below is the constitution of Cosatu:

1. NAME.

The name of the Organisation shall be the Congress of South African Trade Unions, hereinafter referred to as "THE FEDERATION".

2. HEAD OFFICE

The Head Office of the Federation shall be situated at an address decided by the Central Executive Committee.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.

- 3.1 To secure social and economic justice for all workers.
- 3.2 To strive for the building of a united working class movement regardless of "race", colour, creed or sex.
- 3.3 To encourage all workers to join progressive and democratic trade unions and to develop a spirit of solidarity among all workers.
- 3.4 To understand how the economy of the country affects workers and to formulate clear policies as to how the economy would be restructured in the interest of the working class.
- 3.5 To work for a restructuring of the economy that will allow the creation of wealth to be democratically controlled and its fruits fairly shared amongst the working class.
- 3.6 To strive for just standards of living, social security and fair conditions of work for all.
- 3.7 To help actively in the formation of broadly based industrial unions in all industries where none exist.
- 3.8 To help actively in the merging of unions operating in the same industry into broadly based industrial unions.

**** As from this week, News and Views will regularly publish the C.C.

Know about the C.C. through your weekly issue of N&V. Don't the next week's issue!!!!!!

This was something to be expected. But the Pope's visit to Southern Africa has left many more angry than bewildered. He strongly rejects ANC's policy based on the Freedom Charter. He loathes our strategy of engaging the racist South African regime in armed struggle. The Pope clearly knows that in contemporary western society the knowledge of the population is shaped mostly by the mass media and that the racists have tried to do likewise in South Africa, But have dismally failed. The oppressed majority know who their enemy is and what they want.

Aided by their truncated TV coverage, The people who hold exclusive political power in South Africa pretend not to have a sense of proximity to a crisis that is traumatising the lives of millions of their black countrymen. Their awareness of it is remote, or is so it seems, like something happening in another country, and so purposely they failed to respond as people holding power must if the country is to deal with its crisis.

Attacks carried out by Umkhonto we Sizwe, the military wing of ANC, have greatly weakened S. Africa's economy. White South Africa, spoiled by years of affluence and privilege, has a very low threshold of tolerance of economic pain. The argument used against sanctions that they would hit the blacks hardest while hardly hurting the whites at all, has long been revealed as fallacious.

The Pope advocates for peaceful change in South Africa. This has led to him being strongly criticised by the Reverend Allan Boesak and Frank Chikane at his last week's visit to Mozambique. The plane in which he was landed at Jan Smuts airport due to bad weather conditions. He was welcomed at the airport by South Africa's Foreign Minister, Pik Botha. We do not know what the Pope and the South African authorities discussed. What we do know is that his calling for peaceful changes in South Africa has been strongly rejected by the toiling masses of South Africa. A non-violent policy won't bring about meaningful change in South Africa.

NO "moderates", not even the Pope can change ANC's strategy of armed struggle. The ANC has the hearts and minds of the politically awakened masses.

News around U & me...!!!

WOMEN'S SECTION!

Sometime in February 1986, the Regional membership of the women's section called a general meeting to elect its Regional committee. This committee was composed of the following members:

CHAIRPERSON: : Thaninga Shope
 DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON: Emily Dennis
 SECRETARY : Tembi Cele
 DEPUTY SECRETARY : Joyce Mwanza
 TREASURER : Nokulunga Tunani
 WELFARE OFFICER : Granny Galawe

This committee served for a period of 14 months. Due to the departure of most members of the stated committee this year, the regional membership was obliged to bring forward its next general elections. These were held Sunday, 18th September 1988 and the following comrades were elected as the new office bearers of the Regional Women's Section.

CHAIRPERSON : Virginia Modise
 DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON: Helen Radebe

Other office bearers are as follows:

Nompumelelo Mokoena; Maele Mokoena;
 Joyce Mohammed; Ma-Monare.

We wish to appeal to the general membership of the A.N.C. in the Region to give this committee its maximum support and help at all times.

Maatla!!!

Thaninga Shope
 (outgoing RWC)

ANC Pioneers with a Christian Conference. (Lutheran Seminary.)

On the 9th of September 1988, our pioneers made their humble contribution to a world-wide campaign against apartheid. Cde. Ben reports that his effort, to contribute in a workshop group he was part of left him cold and isolated. For example his contribution on the subject of man - woman relationship as obtained in Mazimbu, namely, man cooks, do washing, earn equal incentive as their female counterparts met with repeated, "That is okay but we must not allow other influences to obscure our christian attitude." IN short there were traditionalist and strong conservative influences that cloaked somewhat bourgeois and chauvinist tendencies.

Our pioneers came and blasted their way into the steel hearts. Cde. Ben, Mzimah, Zondi and Sibusiso Nxumalo, head of the religious desk in DAR, could not move. The pride of our nation, boys and girls stood side by side. None was standing within the

context of the biblical, "man is the head of the family decree but as partner born in the revolutionary situation, "Enough is Enough" was their message.

They transported the christian conference into South Africa, They carried them into the pain of a denied childhood and the brutal birth of a fighting child - a South African child. Legs among the audience were shuffling as people became restless. Tears rolled on the faces of men as the children spoke revolutionary determination not to be deterred by apartheid but to fight on until final victory.

That audience can not be the same again. Within no time the floor spoke their determinations to come along with the children in the fight against apartheid, 5 500/- was collected in no time.

Vivè!! East Africa pioneers.

TUCK SHOP!! TUCK SHOP!! TUCK SHOP!!!!!!!

There is outcry by the community that another tuck-shop be opened. It is being suggested that it should specifically be for kids. The reason is that they usually stand for hours on end in the queue without being successful even to buy a single item.

We also make an appeal that they in turn must stop hanging around the tuck-shop and asking their elders to buy them soft-drinks.

By 6:45p.m, we do not expect to see students near the tuck-shop, (they should not be attended to if seen at that time.). All students should be at school by that time preparing for studies at 19:00.

NEW ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY STOCK!!

APPLE: IDEOLOGY AND CURRICULUM
 BASIC DOCUMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW.
 BREWSTER: TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY.
 CLANCY: SITE SURVEYING AND LEVELLING.
 EARGLE: HANDBOOK OF RECORDING ENGINEERING.
 ELLINGTON: PRODUCING TEACHING MATERIALS
 FAVORITE FILET CROCK T. DESIGNS.
 GRUNDY: CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY.
 HUTCHINSON ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LIVING FAITHS.

JENKS: DON'T DO, DELEGATE!
 MAKENAN: THE ECONOMICS OF TROPICAL FARM MANAGEMENT.

(for reference only: please, don't ask these books for loan!):

HANLON: BEGGAR YOUR NEIGHBOURS: APARTHEID POWER IN SOUTH AFRICA.
 CONFRONTATION AND LIBERATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.!!

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The library would like the community to know that the last part of Cde. Nelson Mandela's Birthday Concert will be shown at 19⁰⁰ hours (7.00p.m.) at the library (Multi purpose hall) on the 26th September 1988.

You are welcome!!!!

The community & students are hereby informed that tomorrow, Saturday the 24th, Mazimbu will be hosting two cultural groups coming from Mozambique and Zambia. Performances will be at 15.00 hours and the second one will be at 22.00 hours. The show will take place in the school square. You are kindly requested to be seated by 15.00 hours.

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POEM:

CETSHWAYO: AN APPRECIATION.

"Cetshwayo", the great fathers of
Africa
the founder of the Black Front
we still remember you
we are watchin your steps.

African unity,
the driving force
to uproot apartheid
Cetshwayo instead joined the struggle
Oh! 1884 the end of the Cetshwayo
but, black front exists
among nationalists
Cetshwayo, the essential element in struggle.

John Tengo Jabavu'
with his paper - 'Imvo Zabantsundu'
insisted multi-racial government and justice.

Pixley joined Jabavu
influenced by Cetshwayo's ideas
he was much interested
in multi-racial system.

We also remember 'John Dube'
together with 'Bambata'
they're essential elements too
in nationalism.

A man of peace
'Luthuli, the father of nation'
people loved him much
Absorbed in peace
and liberation.

The 'wonderful' Sobukwe
the young nationalist militant
played a leading role
he talked of mass action.

The 'Black pinpernel,
True nationalist-Mandela'

his voice of action
with 'Umkhonto we Sizwe'
coinciding SA being republic.

Oh! Mandela,
struggle is his life
peace loving man
we join too, making SA 'Doerfree'
Bravo Mandela
and "Nkosi Sikelela iAfrica".

Kimo, A.J.

ZPC - POLITICAL DISCUSSION

On the 21st September 1988, the political discussion were held with the continuation of the "Constitutional guidelines For the Democratic S. Africa."

What was discussed was the question of Franchise and the Bill of rights. Under Franchise was, of primary importance, whether the franchise should concentrate to the industries of be referred to the people in general.

The conclusion reached was that according to the Freeexom Charter the first clause id 'The People Shall Govern, so it is of primary importance that the people should be given opportunity to exercise their franchise rights. The Bills of rights was another burning issue where it was argued that why actually they should be included as seperate entity to the Constitution. No earlier conclusion was reached on this point.

Next week on the 28.08.88 the discussion will be on the municipal "bogus" elctions. This will be led by Cde. Nhla-nhla Nassina.

VISIT TO MAZIMBU AND DAKAWA BY THE HON. MIN. CAPT. K. TSEKATA FROM THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA, 23.08.88.

9.00 - 9.10 : Visit to Government Rep.
9.15 - 9.30 : Welcomed by the Administrator
9.40 - 10.00: Visit to Day Care and NURser
10.40- 10.00: Visit to Library and S.School
11.00- 11.45: Travel to Dakawa
11.45- 12.00: Briefing by co-ordinator
12.00- 13.00: Tour of Dakawa
13.00- 13.45: Travel back to Mazimbu
14.00- 14.30: Carpentry and Garment Factory
14.45- 15.00: Visit to the Farm
15.45- 16.00: Visit to the Hospital
16.15- 16.29: Tea! Fare Well!