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On my arrival in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania in 1963 I was enrolled as a member of the office staff and given the responsibility of editing our news digest - "Spotlight on South Africa" - which was already in existence for a month or two. I immediately set about the task of making the necessary changes required to make the digest a presentable, readable and worthwhile publication which would serve a valuable purpose for internal and external consumption.

I remained editor of "Spotlight" until the end of 1964. By this time, I believe, the publication made a favourable impression abroad as a reliable and factual source of information. This could be gauged by the fact that our mailing list expanded from a few scores to over 800 copies per week, constant enquiries were received about the publication by interested parties and international organisations as well as the United Nations Special Committee on Apartheid used and quoted at length from the digest. Credit for this achievement must undoubtedly go to all comrades in the office connected with the publication: leader writers, typists, and other personnel doing technical work. Today, I am of the opinion that "Spotlight" serves a very valuable function indeed. It is extensively used as a source of reference material by research students, anti-apartheid bodies and all those interested in the Southern African struggle for liberation. This is borne out by the fact that readers and subscribers constantly "harass" us if they missed an issue and by their regular and favourable comments. And also that some subscribers have paid in advance for a number of years.

Towards the end of 1964 I approached the office that opportunities should be made available to me to enable me to go abroad for the purpose of acquiring knowledge in a different field. I was of the opinion then, and am now, that as much as political and propaganda work is of importance and necessary, nevertheless it was equally necessary that all office personnel, as far as possible, should make use of their opportunities outside the country by learning the arts of different forms of struggle because of the radical change in our own struggle at home. It was on this basis that I approached the office and made a request that I be temporarily relieved from my work in publicity. The request was granted and I accordingly went abroad at the beginning of 1965.

I returned to Dar in 1966 having finished my course and also having spent a few months in hospital for medical treatment and surgery. I again joined the staff of Spotlight and together with Lee (Benjamin Leinaeng) - the editor - continued in my normal duties of producing and distributing our journal. This position obtained until Lee left for the United States to continue a further course in journalism, sometime in 1967. Once again I assumed the responsibility of taking full charge of Spotlight, with the assistance of comrades from the office of course, and under the direction of the then Director of Publicity until I left for Zambia in June 1968. At the moment I am both on the editorial boards of Spotlight, ~~Mayibuye~~ and Mayibuye and assist in the production, compiling and distribution of these journals. I am also, at the moment, involved in the preparation of a printed publication - Mayibuye Annual - which it is hoped would be published shortly.

My arrival in Zambia was necessitated by the fact that my wife and children arrived in Lusaka in June 1967. When I left ~~in~~ South Africa unexpectedly in 1963 she was to have followed me to Tanzania but due to various reasons this was not possible. During 1963/64 I kept in touch with her and was making tentative arrangements for her to follow me. However, nothing was finalised as she had difficulties in obtaining a travel document and arrangements fell through when I left Dar in 1965. On my return to Dar in 1966 I was inundated with old correspondence, cables, etc. from my wife which to say the least, were quite desperate and frantic. Subsequently I

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more cables, letters and telephone calls from her wanting to know my intentions to her and the children and that pressure was being put on her to join me at all costs. I informed comrades both in Dar and Morogoro about the situation and requested them to advise me what I should do under the circumstances. No apparent decision was taken until my wife and children arrived in Lusaka. It was then decided, after having had a brief meeting with her and the children in Tunduma, that I should also proceed to Lusaka where some kind of an arrangement would be arrived at by the office. I left Dar for Lusaka in June 1968.

It is approximately two years since my wife's arrival in Lusaka. At present there appears to be no finality as to what should be done under the circumstances.

Be that as it may. However, I am finding myself in a bit of a dilemma. Although a qualified nurse and midwife my wife has been unable to obtain a work permit. And with my allowance I am unable to make ends meet. For a number of months I managed to live with friends but this is not possible now. I've managed to find a room and a kitchen. ~~Rentals~~ My monthly rental (together with water and lights) is K46. I am receiving K40.00 from the office.

In view of the above and in view of the fact that my wife's passport will expire shortly we have decided it would be advisable for her to leave Zambia and proceed to London where it is presumed the chances of her obtaining employment would be relatively easier. There is also an added difficulty. Due to her uncertainty of obtaining a work permit here my wife sent the children to South Africa and as they are on her passport she is rather reluctant, at this stage, to send her passport to South Africa in order that the necessary cancellations could be made on her's before separate passports are issued to the kids. She is afraid that her passport may be withheld or unnecessarily delayed thus making her position in Zambia rather precarious.

The above, in a nutshell, is my position. I would greatly appreciate it if the office could discuss the position and come to some sort of an arrangement. I would also like to apologise to all comrades for burdening them with a purely personal problem thereby wasting their time from more urgent and important political matters related to our struggle for freedom and human dignity.

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LUSAKA, Zambia.

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