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The Secretary-General,
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24th November, 1978

Dear Comrade,

With the establishment of the headquarters in Lusaka where all the various departments of the organisation are based the overall activities of the movement has expanded many-fold - at the same time the usage of funds has reached alarming proportions.

The SIDA contribution to the Zambian region is no longer sufficient. In fact the quarterly allocation (for 3 months) now only meets 5-6 weeks of our expenses. Thereafter much needed funds for the internal persecution of the struggle have ^{had} to be channelled to Lusaka and elsewhere. The Treasurer's department has therefore felt the need to urgently control and curb the evergrowing increase in expenses.

We are forced to look at the various areas of activities where money is demanded. To start with we are looking into the question of a proper system of purchasing and equitable distribution of food. The Treasurer is trying to formulate methods which will make it possible to feed our people more fairly and at the same time cut excess expenditure on food.

Transport

Motor vehicles have been bought out of a special allocation for just this purpose by donor countries. This does not involve allocation for food, etc. which is separately allowed for.

The movement today has more cars than ever before. Each vehicle uses K10 of petrol per day and if overhead costs such as licences, insurances, wear and tear or repairs, etc. ^{are accounted for} this could easily add on another K10 per day. Cars which do not necessarily have a lot to do also utilise the full K10 worth of petrol suggesting that some cars are moving about unnecessarily. From henceforth daily petrol consumption will be limited to K5 per day for smaller cars (Toyotas) and K7.00 per day for larger cars (Volvos). It is also hoped to gradually restrict the use of bigger cars for day to day use.

Drivers

In accordance with the traffic laws of Zambia and everywhere else no person is ~~to be~~ allowed to drive a car without a drivers licence. We have flouted this law by allowing people to use the organisation's cars without drivers licences. There have been a good few accidents of late and because the drivers are not licenced we have not only lost our claims for insurance but are being forced to pay for the damage of other people's cars whether

we are at fault or not. The Treasurers Department - ^{recognising} in the welfare of the movement - instructs that no person without a licence will from henceforth drive a motor vehicle. Those who have foreign licences have a period of 3 months in which to get a Zambian licence. We hope, comrades will understand and cooperate in this very vital oversight on our part.

Visit to Relatives in forward areas by old cadres

In 1973 the Defence and Aid allocated some funds (about K35,000) to assist comrades who left home as early as 1961 and who had not seen their families for many years. It was felt necessary both ^{as} political and humanitarian act that this should be done. These funds have been exhausted and regretfully we are in no position to entertain any such requests in the future. Immediately such funds become available the comrades will be informed.

Medical attention

When the Treasurer-General addressed ~~a~~ members at Makeni, instructions were given that our sick people needing a doctor's attention should consult Dr. Randeree. Failing which they should go to the hospital for attention. We still find individuals going to private doctors and pay fees which they demand a refund for. We would like to reiterate that no funds from the movement will be paid to private doctors.

Also at the meeting of members in Makeni the Treasurer-General raised a number of points viz. incentives, arbaini and work on our projects. ~~amongst many were raised~~. It was then passed on to the RPC for discussions and recommendations. Thus far there has been no response. If there is no response within the next 4 weeks the Treasurers department in consultation with the NEC will be forced to take unilateral decisions.

Requisitions for tickets:

Requests for tickets will only be considered if the following procedure is followed:

- (1) ~~For~~ Departments falling directly under the Secretary General's office should make requests through his office. Tickets will only be bought of one official written request signed by either the SG or the Administrative Secretary.
- (2) Similarly departments falling under our President's office will be signed by the President or his Political Secretary.
- (3) The same applies to the Treasurers department.

The amount of air travelling seems to be getting out of control therefore all requisition should be carefully screened by the departments. Also consultations between departments with similar responsibilities should take place - also perhaps ~~unlike~~ ^{different} between departments (giving security considerations priority) to avoid many people travelling to the same area all

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at the same time.

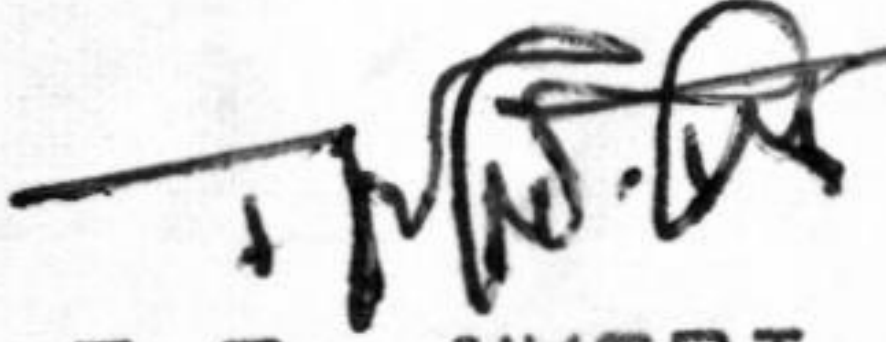
Requisition for Office Equipment and furniture

These are very expensive items. The requests made thus far exceeds our financial resources. Even if requests are made to the Star they have to be paid for in order that that project too is viable. There will therefore be an unfortunate delay until such time as resources are available. In any event the provision cannot be made all at once so comrades will have to please bear with us.

If the comrades cooperate with the treasury on the points raised above we are certain that we will be able to improve our efficiency and at the same time save money."

Yours in the struggle,

Amandla Maatla


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