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GREETINGS ! A/J/1/24/4/70.

My first report deals with 'ORGANISATION' (what has been done sine I got back). My future reports which will follow shortly will deal with other aspects of work and observations.

A. PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROPAGANDA MATERIAL :

- (1) Technical equipment organised for production (cyclo-styling) of any amount of leaflets. Have compiled a mailing list of + 8,000 people (mostly of Africans) living throughout the country.
- (2) Great need for political literature. Vacuum must be filled specially for students and youth who are groping for for 'THEORETICAL' understanding of our struggle. Following literature required (draft copies) :
 - (a) Propaganda/Agitational for general public - e.g. messages from our leaders regularly -
 - (b) Theoretical - e.g. "Strategy and tactics of ANC" - Articles written by J/Slovo, J/Mathews and others - Art. Cl of Historical Nature etc. for distrib. to select people on our list, students, etc. - also progressive sociological/ anthrop. Literature required, scientific justification of our common humanity exploding myth of genetic superiority of 'White Race' ! Generation growing deprived of such progressive literature. Unesco reports can do. These articles intend publishing in monthly 'Student Newsletter !' (Incidentally, Salisbury Island students in state of unrest, degrees no longer to be conferred by Unisa but autonomous body 'University of Indians' from next year. (continued)
 - (c) Material of religious nature (Hindu, Moslem) required. Presently religious activity quite rife. Growing organised discontent felt amongst Moslems against G. areas affecting 'Mosques'. Literature by

religious leaders justifying our struggle, as was the case in India, can be most helpful.

- (d) Marxist-Leninist literature now absolutely essential, e.g. E. Burns 'Intr. to Marxism'!

Question of 'Newspaper for Indians' feasible once I have two to three sub-groups working on it. Have spoken to following persons who are interested :-

- (1) Ruwaida Desai - B.A. Grad. Salisbury Ist. Lives in Rdpt. Marriage in June, settling in Durban. Politically very sound.
- (2) 'Chubb' Garda - (B.A. Grad.) Lives in 14th Street Vrededp. - good for N/Paper work.
- (3) Hassen Jooma - teacher - lives in Pretoria - active in religious affairs - my college colleague honest democrat - V. good material for further develop.
- (4) K.C. Naik - (BSc. Grad.) teacher, reliable - went to America '69 on research scholarship.

Above 3 recommended for showing interest in news paper work - with exception of Miss. Desai who could be recruited to our movement. In next letter short list of potential recruits will be send - please send names of chemicals for developing formulae, A & B and how to use conventional signs. Greetings.

ENDS.

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A/J/2/12/5/70.

In this report I deal with the general political situation in our country. Many changes have taken place over the past years. These changes have affected all racial groups and has created necessary conditions for developing our struggle on a much higher level. On the one hand, the rapid developm. of the productive forces, controlled by the Big Mining, industrial state monopolies has spurred economic development of country. But it has also sharpened contradictions in the country. Outmoded prod.

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relations reinforced by a coercive political system brings about untold sufferings on our people. Recent survey shows 68% families in Soweto live below poverty datum line. Increases in prices of consumer goods (maise, coal) and services (train fares up by 30c p.m. bus fares by 1c per trip compulsory education tax imposed). Random survey of 835 Indian (cont.) households in Durban showed that in '69 betw. 50% - 60% had incomes below R73 p.m. the min. monthly living costs for family of seven. Similar sample of 818 Cape Coloured families in town showed Av. family inc. was R52 p.m. and Av. month. Exp. R51 with more than 49% on food - Vicious polit. laws enacted recently. Contradictions aggravating in our societies - evidence of heightened degree of polit. consciousness amongst all secti. of oppressed population. I am convinced our strategy of protracted struggle will be met with growing response from urban proletariat. Spontaneous recent stone throwings at police in Tvl. & Cape symptomatic of charged polit. situation. Events in Lesotho, struggles in (cont.) Indo-China / M. East, fully publicised here contributes in raising our people's consciousness - far-sighted members of ruling class raising alarm. Predict gloomy future for economy, discuss how to avoid future Ind. strikes, gravely disturbed about white labour shortage. Commis. of police admits P/force under great pressure, cannot attend to all social crimes "priority given to manning country's borders. Convinced that regular co-ordinated 'sparks' in our cities will cause real panic and put pressure on enemy. Sending you soon through post at your address D/copy of selected passages taken from Lenin's "what is to be done". Comment on suitability for our pub./distrib. purposes, include your suggestions criticisms, etc. Greetings to all - to Thabo and Anne especially.

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A/J/3/4/7/'70.

Many thanks for your letter containing formulas etc. I have obtained necessary chemicals from Protea Laboratories, future supplies is assured. Your message received clearly, with following exception - P.11 bottom portion and P. 12 top part. Firstly, I shall deal with some points raised by you.

(1) PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT : There are 2 duplicating machines available for my use. Both are in JHB. The owner's are apolitical - and their machines are used for business purposes. Names of owners are :
(a) MRS. CAJEE of Cajee's Commercial College,
Market Street,

(b) MR. BOORANY, of Dress Centre also Market St.,
I have studied the set-up at both places and can assure you that one can get things done without arousing suspision. I use their machines for duplicating school work and the owners leave me alone when I am busy.

(2) LIST OF 8,000 : Not based on telephone directory. Obtained from

(a) MAIL ORDER CO. (b) Newspapers and magazines. Classified according to regional/town distribution. Analysis shows + 60% live in urban areas of country and the remainder in rural districts including the 'homelands'. Age group unknown. Aiming to compile a much more detailed list in the course of time. Meanwhile this 'blind' list can be used for sending out literature to the persons - mainly of propa- ganda and agitational nature.

(3) I/NEWSPAPER : Much work is required to be done in this direction. At the moment I am confronted with a problem which the C.C. (Central Committee) can help solve. It is a 'problem of choice' as regards to the nature and substance of the paper. In this respect three choices are open to us :-

(a) An 'illegal paper' - with all the trappings of illegality involved, in terms of policy, content, production etc. A paper reflecting problems affecting all facets of

Indian life, criticising and condemning Govt. policies and openly advocating a policy of resistance.

- (b) A 'legal n/paper' - is favoured by persons mentioned in my first report. A paper devoid of political comment. No criticisms, no guidance, merely reporting of events and featuring secondary issues.
- (c) A 'semi-legal' organ as was suggested by Yusuf at our last meeting. Combining (a) and (b) is feasible but cannot be an enduring proposition. Sooner than later it will be exposed to attacks. Enemy is sensitive to any new form of organised activity by non-whites. To illustrate my point. Recently we have organised a social club for youth (25 members so far) living in the West Rand. The club is situated in Krugersdorp but since its opening we have been subjected to regular raids by the S.B. and police. Some members have been interrogated by the police.

4. STUDENT N/LETTER :

Intention is to publish this immediately on a monthly basis. The idea is to make this a theoretical journal. Open distribution is not envisaged but on a secret and selective basis. For example, an introduction to Marxism is contemplated through its Columns. Furthermore articles on various aspects related to our struggle is essential. The main purpose of this medium will be to make our students (distribution not to be restricted to Indians only) conscious of :-

Firstly : our past struggles, including the various phases of those struggles,

Secondly: to make them see in the present conditions a continuity on a much higher level and under different conditions.

Thirdly : to prepare them Theoretically so that as conscious persons they can parti-

icipate in fulfilling our historic tasks and not be duped by the oversympathetic reformists in the guise of the progs. Churchmen and the over active united states I. services.

(To be continued - next letter)

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- (5) SECURITY : I can safely state that I am not under any S.B. observation. My mail is not tempered with. When I arrived back, I was however visited by a local Indian connected with the S.B. the call, I was told at the time of the visit, was of a routine nature. Such checks are observed on all persons coming from abroad. However another incident was a bit more intriguing. Some six weeks after my arrival two persons visited 'Quarter Khota's' shop in JHB. wanting to see me and asking for my phone no. or address in Rdpt. They claimed that they were told to contact me by my friends in London (which friends - they did not mention to 'Quarter') - and that they were on their way back to London after spending their holidays in Durban. However, they never came to see me and that was the last that I heard of them.
- (6) POLITICAL LITERATURE : It will be 'okay' to sent literature to the undermentioned persons. Their addresses have been obtained indirectly thereby eliminating the possibility of them to suspect that I may have had a hand in them obtaining the literature. All of them are potential recruits.
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| (a) MR. YUNUS PATEL,
24 - 13th St.,
VREDEDORP, JHB.
(2nd Yr. Engineering
student - Wits) | (b) MISS. FATIMA WADEE,
Box 177,
HEIDELBERG, TVL.
(BSc Graduate -
presently teaching) |
| (c) <u>MR. M.S. ESSOP,</u>
<u>10 Smal St.,</u>
<u>ROODEPOORT.</u>
<u>(2nd Yr. Medical</u>
<u>student Wits.)</u> | (d) MISS. D. THETAM,
Box 3244,
DURBAN.
(BSc student at
Salisbury Island) |

(e) MISS. S. AREFF,
Box 4418,
DURBAN.
(BSc student at
Salisbury Island)

(f) MISS. K. CHOTIA,
17 Wanderers Ave.,
NEWCLARE, JHB.
(Office worker active
in 'Coloured' labour
party politics)

(g) MR. OMAR VAWDA,
6 Ravine Road,
Isipingo Beach,
DURBAN.
(BSc Graduate,
worker)

GENERAL = Incidentally a
matric pupil brought to
school today six recent
copies of 'Moscow News'
which he claims he receives
frequently without any inter-
ference by postal and custom
officials.

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A/J/4/17/8/'70.

Many thanks for your three letters which I re-
ceived from Monday 10th onwards. Today, I also re-
ceived your 'present' intact, with no sign of any inter-
ference. The leaflets are being posted as instructed.

Congratulations on last week's successful publicity
campaign. The impact has been tremendous. The distri-
bution has generated great excitement and discussion
amongst all sections of the population. Such type of
activity, if sustained on a frequent and growing level
will enhance tremendously the growth and revolutionary
consciousness of our people. C.C. can depend on us
playing our part in furthering the development of this
process.

Much obliged to you for sending information on
Augmented C.C. meeting your remarks on necessity and
importance for creating an Internal Apparatus is noted.
Highly appreciate your effort in sending out detailed
guidelines for internal organisation. The guidelines
are most appropriate and shall be steadfastly applied
during the process of developing our internal appara-
tus.

Most of your messages (more) received have been
legible, with the following exception :-

- (a) Letter dated 1/8/ - Page (1) blank.
- (b) Heal's report P.12 - beginning of YD's message
unclear.

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I have not received from you a list of names and addresses for postal distrib.

RECRUITING : C.C. will no doubt endorse my view that no unwise or 'poor' selection be made of persons (2) to work, specially within the main group. Much attention is being given towards finding quality persons capable of organising and developing an internal apparatus. In studying possible cadres for M. Unit, I have been motivated by the criteria that such person show potential for embracing our Communist ideology and not merely stop at liberal or petty-bourgeois democratic politics. At the moment I recommend one person, who in my view admirably satisfies this criteria. He is MAHOMED SALEEM ESSOP, who lives at 10 Small St., Rdpt. and is a 2nd year medical student at Wits. He is secretary of the Univ. Students Bursary Committee. I have had several discussions with him and he has impressed me in so far that he is highly conscious of political life around here and in his readiness to play a positive role in bringing about changes within X the country. Your answer to this recommendation is awaited. X

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NEW SERIES : A/J/1/10/11/'70 :

- (1) Thank you for your recent letter. I am eagerly awaiting the 'present'. Your instructions will be carried out accordingly.
- (2) I must confess my inefficiency and lack of discipline in not maintaining regular contract. There is also no reason or justification to blame this inadequacy on the petty family problems besetting me at the moment.
- (3) Despite these difficulties, presented by life in our close communal societies, we are surviving and managing to do out little bit. Not much has been done, yet there is so much to be done. In order to accomplish our revolutionary tasks X

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it is of primary importance to improve my style and tempo of work, to fulfill our duties with the devotion and absolute dedication which are basic requisites for achieving our noble historic ideals. (continued P.2.)

- (4) I wish to recommend INDRES MOODLEY, to work with us in the main group. He is a science graduate from 'Salisbury Island', lives in Lenz and works at S.C.S. Pharmaceutical Labs. in JHB. His permanent home is in Durban. I have had several discussions with him and am confident that he will prove to be a devoted comrade in furthering our struggle.
- (5) Regarding the newsletter we have reached a temporary stalemate. At present we are confronted with three requirements still to be realised :-
 - (a) The regular production of Indigenous Literature/ Newsreports by Local Contributors. We are in the process of organising permanent groups, both here and in Durban, who will be responsible in handling this matter.
 - (b) The Acquisition of suitable printing equipment. In this respect, I feel that in order to satisfy our immediate needs, our purpose can best be served by an electronic duplicating machine which is easy to handle, rather than a machine which is bulky and complicated. (cont.) I have such a machine in mind and can send you necessary particulars if you so desire. However, as a longterm objective a printing plant under our control is our aim and to realise this we shall have to keep our eyes open for any such opportunity which may present itself.
- (6) We have selected several suitable places on the Reef where future 'bombs' could be placed. These are points where masses of our people congregate daily, as station entrances, busstops, lunch-time meeting places, pass offices, specific routes taken by workers to and from work.

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- (7) Will it possible for you to send details/diagram of timing method used in pamphlet distribution. X
- (8) To what extent should we work amongst Africans? The reason for this question is that I know CORNELIUS intimately now for the past ten years. He lives in Dobsonville township and works in Rdpt. as a clerk. In the late sixties he was in the local branch of the A.N.C. and (continued) regularly attended our weekly youth congress study-circle meetings. I have had a few discreet talks with him recently and apparently he does not seem to have attracted much attention from the police. It is my view that he his politically aware and genuinely desires to play an active role, but at the moment he is at a 'loose end' and somewhat bewildered at our past setbacks. I am also casually in contact with young STEPHEN who works at the 'American Mission Press' in Rdpt. who is conscious of our oppression and hardships. X
- (9) 'SEARCHLIGHT' the newsletter which you are sending is having the desired effect. Amongst the youth there is lively discussion on its contents. X
- ENDS.

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A/J/1/16/3/'71 (NEW SERIES)

This will characteristically be a very short note - mainly for the purpose of acknowledgedging recent communication.

- (1) Many thanks for your special letter dated the 3rd and also the parcel received some weeks ago. X
- (2) (a) You could send out the proposed draft (stencils) and they will be prepared as intructed.
- (b) SUGGESTION: It may be better, if, rather than sending out the stencils, you could send only the text. We can then, either have this printed (subject to our by then possessing a printing machine) or have the text prepared on electric stencils. In this case a 'master'

copy or copies is prepared by you - this master is then electrically (continued) on a stencil. One stencil can the duplicate a maximum of + 2,000 copies. The 'scanner' machine for stencil preparing is accessible to us. Original photo's/diagrams/or photostat copies prepared on a master copy can also be reproduced on the stencil.

- (3) There is a wide variety of tape recorders available to us - both in the cassette and spool types and reasonably priced. I shall send you all information on these as soon as possible.
- (4) We are also making every reasonable effort of laying hands on the documents requested by you.

Regards to all.

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