

## ON BLACK COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES AND ZIMELE TRUST FUND

Please note that this is an entirely unofficial report, made by the writer without the authority of the two organizations, in order to keep friends overseas in touch at this difficult time. It needs to be read in conjunction with the first report I sent, dated September 10th.

1. BLACK COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES.a) Durban.

Plans for the new Clinic are going ahead, Ben Khoapa tells me. Anglo-American have made a generous grant of R55,000, which will cover the building of the Clinic itself and of Staff quarters. This Clinic will be built at the old Adams Mission site. The Revd. Ben Ngidi, a former Chairman of the Congregational Church and at present on the Staff of the Federal Theological Seminary, will become Natal Regional Director in January, thus leaving Ben Khoapa entirely for his work as National Executive Director, so the news from Durban is good!

b) Johannesburg.

I was wrong about Aubrey Mokoena. He is detained, like Steve Biko, under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act. This means no visitors, and possibly severe 'interrogation'. I have no news of Aubrey, save that he is detained in the Fort, the old and grim prison in the centre of Johannesburg, where more than a dozen women are also detained under the Internal Security Act. Mr Winston Mkhondo, whom I have not met, but who was working for BCP before his detention, has recently been released after 382 days in detention. I have visited Dr. Motlana, a Director of E.C.P., in detention at Modder Bee Prison, Benoni.

c) Umtata.

I have no recent information.

d) Kingwilliamstown

The Administration remains in the capable hands of Mrs Mhlehle Kosi, ably assisted by Miss Mosisipho - (I apologise for having lost the note I made of Mosisipho's surname: this is one of the disadvantages of knowing everyone by his or her first name!) A well produced "Black Viewpoint" publication on "Transkei Independence" has just appeared: I am enclosing as many copies as I can persuade my courier to take for distribution to our friends.

Zanempilo Clinic continues to run smoothly. Dr. Palweni will be leaving at the end of the year, but there is hope, first, for the release of Dr. Ramphela and Dr. Solombela at the end of the year, or, failing that, for new help to replace him. I think Dr. Palweni is going to the new Clinic in Natal.

I was down in King at the beginning of this month, so these notes are based on personal observation. I was able to see Dr. Ramphela Ramphela in detention, also Mr Malusi Npumwana. Both these dear friends were looking well and are in excellent spirits, and they assured me of the good health and spirits of our other friends in detention. The treatment in King Prison is reasonable. The men play football, etc. Newspapers, books and food can be brought in. They are not kept in isolation. They can receive two visits per week of half an hour each. All this is written without in any way wishing to mitigate condemnation of the senseless brutality and waste of detaining these people, some of the best young citizens of South Africa. Miss Thoko Kwanjwa is now held with our other friends in Kingwilliamstown Prison under the Internal Security Act.

Steve Biko remains in detention under Section 6 (Terrorism Act). His wife has seen him twice: the last time was November 15th. She tells me he is very thin. A doctor sees him once a week.

ZIMELE TRUST FUND.

Mrs Nonaliso Kakavu, the hard-working and conscientious Secretary of the Trust, continues to work unaided, but in constant co-operation with Mrs Mhapi. We are exercised about the legal position of the Fund, particularly in the light of recent threats made to the Secretary by members of the Security Branch. We are investigating the position, but we are hampered by the fact that the Security Branch still has most of the Trust's documents which were removed shortly after the detention of the late Mr Mhapi. Until more clarity is reached over this it would be wisest for our friends to channel funds for Zimele through the Durban-based firm of attorneys, Mr Mxenge, 5th floor, Danjee Centre, 158 Victoria Street, Durban 4001, whose Trust account number is 0705695 at Standard Bank, Commercial Road, Durban 4001.

The first project, a brick-making scheme at Dimbaza, has begun. This engages eight ex-political prisoners, who have been employed by the Trust at R90 per month for six months. They have a Datsun truck, bought by the late Mr Mhapi for the Trust before his detention, and a concrete-mixer. They are still awaiting a brick-making machine. Other tools are available. While I was in King we heard that they had sold 300 bricks at 25cents each, and that more orders had come in than they could cope with.

The second project, a soft-goods selling project at Mdantsane, is not doing so well, principally because of the lack of a male field worker to give it some kind of remote supervision.

But mainly, at this time of depletion of staff through detentions, the work of relief (including help in educational fees) is the biggest work of the Trust: this extends to Durban (through Mr Selby Bequa, Trustee) and Cape Town (through Revd. Tamsanqa Moletsane, Trustee); and a contribution is also being made to the relief work of the Black Parents' Association in Johannesburg, to express solidarity with them.

Miss Tenjive Mtintso, whose detention was mentioned in the first report, was moved from East London to Untata (Transkei) last month, before independence - for what reason remains obscure. Her mother (helped by Dependent's Conference of SACC and by Zimele) was able to fly down from Johannesburg last week with Tenjive's boy Lumumba, and, after much initial difficulty, was able to see her. She reports that Tenjive is very thin, but otherwise reasonably well: but her conditions of confinement are on the whole as rigorous as under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act in the Republic of South Africa, except that her warders are black and not white, and therefore tend to be more human, and will at least converse with her in her own language. Mr Pumzile Mahlakata, the Field Worker for Zimele, is now held under the Internal Security Act, and so is with our other friends in Kingwilliamstown Prison.

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