

MARCH 1962THURSDAY 1

Memo is handed to him. He informs us that an appointment has been arranged with the Secretary General of the Party.

FRIDAY 2

9/30: We meet Mr Bahi Ladgham, Secretary for Defence and SG for Neo Destour. As all African leaders, he stresses the importance of unity amongst Africans in our country and promises to arrange appointment with President HB.

We spend the day in the country of Mons. of Solaan, 65, Rue del Alfa, Tunis.

We visit the Fouks, Lagollette, Carthage, Saiyada, Amelcar, Sidi Bou Said Lai Morsa and boxing.

SATURDAY 3

9/30: We visit Museum of Neo Destour Party and we meet the Director of the Neo Destour.

At 12 we visit Tunis University.

We return for lunch and take the call to OR (London) We dine with Ahmed Bennou SG of General Union of Students of Tunisia, 11 Rue of Espagne, Tunis.

We visit the zoo and museum.

SUNDAY 4

At 9/30 we set out for HAMMAN LEEF, Nabeul and Hammamet. We meet Nouri Boudali, Delegate of the Neo Destour and President of the Tunisian Trade Union. He explains to us the organisation of the Party in his district.

We lunch at Fourati Hotel and thereafter visit Mohamed Jedidi, an impressive orange king. He asked us about Luthuli. In the evening we see Traditional dancing.

MONDAY 5

We meet President Bourguiba from 9/45 am to 12 am. He strikes us as a sincere patriot genuinely interested in the struggle of our people. He delivers an elderly brother advice on methods and tactics and gives material assistance. Sadok Mokaddem, Minister of Foreign Affairs present at 4pm we meet Mokaddem at 9.15 we meet Belcaceem Krim and Mohamed Azid, vice Premier and Minister of Information.

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TUESDAY 6

At 8 am we fly from Tunis to Casablanca. We put up at Hotel Vileda.

WEDNESDAY 7

At 11 am we meet Tunisian Charge de Affairs who moves us to Balina Hotel.

At 7/30 pm we meet Mr Sandani who arranges an appointment with the Minister of Foreign Affairs at 9 pm today.

At 9/15 pm we meet Dr Abdelkrim EL - KHATIB, Minister of African Affairs. He expresses general approval of purpose of mission and another meeting is arranged.

THURSDAY 8

At 5 pm we meet Mr Bouselain at the Algerian Offices in Morocco. We have a preliminary discussion and he advises that he will arrange an appointment with the Head of the Alg Diplomatic Mission in Morocco.

FRIDAY 9

At 6/30 I meet Dr Mostefai, Head of the Algerian Diplomatic Mission in Morocco. We present him with a memo. We arrange to meet again.

Earlier during the day we met the Angolan leader Andrade, President of MPLA, Marcelles Des Santos, Secretary of Udenawo Aquinos Braganza.

MONDAY 12

At 10 am we meet Jacques Veres, personal adviser to Dr Kahib, Minister of African Affairs.

TUESDAY 13

3/30 I meet Ghana Ambassador at Morocco.

6 pm Dr Mostefai. We find Dr Mostefai engaged and we postpone appointment to 9 am on 14th.

WEDNESDAY 14

Mr Luma 1 pm.

At 9/15 am we meet.

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Dr Mostefai who gives us a brilliant and interesting chat on general principles of strategy and tactics as well as their experience. At 10.45 ~~am~~ we adjourned at 1 pm we met MARIO ANDRADE and Emmanuel Lima.

The latter gives us a fascinating chat on Angolian N.L.A.

SUNDAY 18

11.25 pm Robbie and I leave by train for Oudja.

MONDAY 19

We arrive at Oudja at 8 pm and are met by an Officer of ALN. We meet Si Jamali, Abelhamid, Abderrahman, Larbi, Noure/Deline Djoudi. I explain the situation in S.A. We are shown around and at 4 pm we leave for Zegangan Training Base in what was formerly Spanish Morocco. We are shown the armaments Museum and attend the soldiers theatre.

TUESDAY 20

We continue the rounds accompanied by ^{COMM} ~~GAMIN~~ JAMAL (Commander). In the afternoon we busy ourselves with G Mausers.

At 4 pm we leave for Oudja.

WEDNESDAY 21

We visit Boubker. First the HQ of the Administrative Branch of the Northern Areas Battalions.

We also visit the Battalion itself and inspect the dugouts.

6/30: We begin a discussion with the authorities at HQ. We were due to leave Oudja by train at 9/45 pm the same day but at 9/25 pm we decided to postpone the return journey for the following morning and the discussion continued until 2 am.

THURSDAY 22

At 6/30 am we leave by Car for Rabat. We have a lush lunch at Mekners and arrive at Rabat at about 6 pm.

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FRIDAY 23

We have further discussions with our friend Jacques Verges and he hints that all our demands will be met even if NOT fully.

At 8 pm we return by car to Oudja to attend the welcome for Ben Bella and colleagues. In the car with us is Verges and Nicanor of the U.P.C. of the Cameroons. In a second car there is Andrade and Djibo Bakary of the Sawaba Party, Niger.

SATURDAY 24

We meet Colonel Sleman of ALN and he shows us around and we also take pictures with him.

In the evening we meet Ben Bella at a Banquet. I have an informal chat with Ait Amed and am impressed by his ability and alertness.

SUNDAY 25

Andrade, Bakary, Nicanor and I are invited to accompany Ben Bella as he inspects the Guard of Honour. There are fantastic crowds at the parade and the enthusiasm is simply bewildering. The journalists behave very wildly and are completely uncontrollable. Also the enthusiasm of the crowd to see Bella and to be close to him lead to a breakdown in the seating arrangements.

MONDAY 26

We have further discussions with the heads of the ALN from 2 to 5 pm I have a political discussion with officers of the political depart. They are keen and most alert and put pertinent and searching questions on a variety of topics.

In the evening we return to Rabat by train.

TUESDAY 27

We meet Dr KHATIB, Minister of State for African Affairs and we finalise our mission.

WEDNESDAY 28

I leave Rabat by air at 2 pm and reach Bamako at 6 pm. I stay at the Grand Hotel.

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THURSDAY 29

I call at the Offices of the Bureau of Political Affairs to see S.G. of the Govt Party. I am told he cannot see me because it is after 12. Language difficulties prevent me from explaining further and I decide to leave matters there.

The Moroccan Ambassador invites me for lunch and I am introduced to the ambassador of the U.A.R. Bakary calls to see me. I also meet leader of the African Ind Party of Senegal.

SATURDAY 31

I meet Andrew Amegatcher Press Attache in the Ghana Embassy, Mali and who undertakes to arrange with his Ambassador to see me. Later in the evening I am introduced to the ambassador. He apologises for his inability to see me during the day and promises to see me the next day.

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