

## REPORT ON COMRADE SECRETARY GENERAL'S DELEGATION TO BULGARIA

The delegation was headed by Comrade SG with Cdes Stuart and Raymond Nkuku as members of the delegation. The delegation was in Bulgaria for a period of a week, which was the last week of February 1987. The delegation's agenda comprised of the following:

1. The receiving of the Dimitrov-International Prize Award on behalf of Comrade Nelson Mandela;
2. Meeting with the Bulgaria National Women's Committee;
3. Signing of a Protocol Agreement with the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party;
4. Meeting with CC of the Dimitrov Komsomol.

In addition to the above-mentioned agenda, a tentative programme was arranged, to enable the delegation to hold meetings with the following organisations:

1. The Executive Committee of the Bulgarian Fatherland Front;
2. The Chancellor of the Party Academy of Social Sciences, and ANC students in the same institution;
3. The Secretary of the District Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party in Burgas, including a visit to the grave of one of our students in Bulgaria - Marolo Kedirelung;
4. The ANC Students Union and the rest of our students in Sofia;
5. The Bulgaria Solidarity Committee.

Comrade SG received the Dimitrov-International Prize on behalf of Comrade Nelson Mandela, with an accompanying cheque of fifteen thousand US dollars (\$ 15.000). Follow-up messages were read by Cde SG from the ANC and the Secretary of the Polit-buro of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

Later in the day, a Protocol Agreement was signed between the ANC delegation and representatives from the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party. The contents of the agreement included the following:

1. That the ANC will send ten (10) candidates to Bulgaria for Party School - annually;
2. That the ANC will send ten (10) students to Bulgaria for Higher Education - annually;

3. That the ANC will send ten (10) cadres to Bulgaria for health treatment - annually;
4. That the ANC will send two (2) cadres to Bulgaria for rest - annually;

In the meeting held with the Secretary of the Bulgarian National Women's Committee informed of the following:

- That the Committee has received a female comrade from ANC for rest and treatment;
- That the Committee has opened-up a programme for training ANC female cadres in leadership course;
- That the Committee extends to the ANC an offer for a young female cadre - interested in dress-making - to study in a clothing factory in Bulgaria, (On-the-job training);
- That the ANC Women's Section be informed of the World Congress of Women to be held on the 22/06/87 in Moscow;
- That the Bulgarian Women's Organisation, will on the 22nd and 23rd of October 1987, be holding (closed) conference of Bulgarian Women.
- That the Bulgarian National Women's Committee, was expecting to meet a two-member delegation from the Women's Section of the ANC in Bulgaria, before the World Congress of Women in Moscow;
- That the Dimitrov Komsomol will be its 15th Congress on 25th to 27th May 1987 - under the theme;- "YOUTH IN THE QUALITATIVELY NEW DEVELOPMENT IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE".
- That the current pre-occupation of the Dimitrov Komsomol in the international arena, focussed on the following:
  - i) Nuclear threat to World Peace and Security;
  - ii) Continued existence of Apartheid and Racism;
  - iii) Solidarity and struggle for World Peace.

In the meeting with the Bulgaria Fatherland Front Chairman, informed that the Front will hold its Congress on the 14th May 1987, and extends invitation to the ANC to attend the occasion.

In the meeting with the Chancellor of the Party Academy of Social Sciences and Management, informed of the following:

- That the ANC has ten (10) students attending a ten months course at the institute;
- That the institute offers, apart from the ten months short-term course, Post-Graduate course up to doctrate level; short courses for party functionaries - for a duration of one month, organise specialised courses for students from fraternal parties - agriculture etc;
- That the programme for the ten ANC candidates currently studying at the institute, was as follows:
  - i) Experiences of the BCP and the CPSU;
  - ii) Political Economy;
  - iii) Social Psychology;
  - iv) Experience of the BCP in economic reconstruction;
  - v) Acquisition of practical lessons in factories, farms etc;
  - vi) Receiving educational tours to the country-side every fortnight.

In this programme, preferences and choice of students taken into consideration. Later, held meeting with the ten ANC cadres studying at the institute.

Held meebing with the Secretary of the District Committee in Burgas, and had opportunity to address workers in factories and public rallies. The Committee also, made it possible for the delegation to visit the grave of our student in the District of Burgas - Marolo Kedireleng, who died in November 1982, at the age of 23. He suffered from cerebral malaria, in the process of which he committed suicide by throwing himself out of a window of his hostel room. A Bulgarian family, erected his tomb-stone.

Held meeting with our Students Union and the rest of our students in Bulgaria. The following were noted:

- A request by the RYC for scientific calculators and technical drawing sets, five of each, on behalf of five students doing engineering courses;
- The following break-down of our students composition in the various towns of Bulgaria, including the capital - Sofia
  - i) Thirty nine (39) students - in Sofia
  - ii) Five (5) students - in Plovdiv.
  - iii) Two (2) students - in Stara-Zagora
  - iv) Three (3) student - in Burgas.
  - v) Seven (7) students - in Varna.
  - vi) One (1) student - in Sandanski.
  - vii) One (1) student - in Pleven.
  - viii) Four (4) students - in Russe.
- A new RYC Executive Committee elected. Stability has once more set-in.
- Non-attendance and non-contact with RYC units by Comrade Nombulelo Skeile, including her unofficial visits to Lusaka. Requested to raise the matter with the Youth Section, and that her parents be consulted on the matter, so that in future no such visits should be tolerated.
- Agreed with the Ministry of Higher Education, that every year progress (academic) report should be sent to HQ and our GDR mission be copied to.
- On communication and correspondence with HQ structures, agreed on the following:
  - i) That reports from RYC be forwarded to NSC, HQ and GDR mission.
  - ii) That requisition fro books and other equipments for school, etc, be made to GDR mission or HQ in which case either of the two offices shall be copied. This will guarantee follow-up action on requisitions. The two offices will in turn consult the TGO in matters of urgency.
- Agreed that a letter from HQ to the BCP and Ministry be written, and should include the following:
  - i) Directive that all students, irrespective of passports held, to report directly to Mazimbu. Their flight tickets to be destined for Dar Es Salaam.

- ii) Directive that certificates, diplomas and transcripts of completing students and those who fail to complete be sent through diplomatic channels directly to Mazimbu. This if it was observed, will reduce the rate of defections, in the event these documents being handed directly to individual students.
  - iii) Directive that all doctrate studies be terminated forthwith, until such time that authorisation to upgrade is sought from HQ - only in exceptionally deserving cases;
  - iv) Directive that no student will proceed from technical level to University before reporting at Mazimbu.
- Informed that Nothemba Martins left during holidays, for Greece and ultimately reached her destiny - Israel. This was done without authorisation from the RYC or GDR mission, and it was a cause for concern with the hosts.
  - Informed that Snookie who has already begun his doctrate in journalism, intends to do his research in the UK. Already, a letter to this effect has been written by the RYC to HQ.
  - Requested to arrange for the dispatch of ANC publications to our students in Bulgaria, with the Youth Section.
  - Informed that Stanley Mngadi, now was expelled in 1984, immediately after completion of studies, left his wife (Bulgarian national) and child, and has since failed to maintain contact with the family. Informed that as a result, his wife was threatening to commit suicide. She has apparently been writing to Stanley, who in turn did not communicate back.
  - Informed that one of our students, Leonard Chego, defected to Cairo on his way to Mazimbu. This we are informed, he managed with the assistance of the American Embassy, which to date continue to finance his stay in Cairo.

Attached is his letter to Cde SG which he wrote recently on the 31/01/87 from Cairo.

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