

Notes taken from Selvyn Gross, Saturday 25.6.77 in Gaborone.

Educated in Herzlia, CT. Went to Israel, studied at Haifa University. There was contacted by Israeli CP students and given ANC - Sechaba and AC to read. Felt need to return to SA, studied at UCT CAGAL under Mary.

Bavasa contacted him and was brought into discussion group.

Stated: Gordon Young influenced by ARM - Patrick Paula Ensor. Rob Petersen linked with Bavasa Unity Movement - Trotskyites. Trafalgar, Harold Cressey, Vister - colleges are mainstays of Unity Movement.

Young Col. who were influenced by Unity Mov't ie Parents-members of the Teachers' League of SA - this new generation not happy with the aims and philosophies of their ~~xxx~~ parents.

Mary lectured to the SPEF - South Peninsula Education Fund an affiliate of the NEUM and made a great impact on the young. Situation reached that there was confrontation between young and old leading up to physical fights.

Unity Mov't elders attacking CP - Stalin - ANC. Young working towards taking over TLSA and Teachers' Educational Journal - presently edited by B. Kies and his wife ie SASO - most militant youth many want close association with ANC.

Gerry Mare IIE wrote on Durban Strikes, was involved in NUSAS trial with Karel Tip, Gordon Young, Paul Jordaan - PJ is in Maputo.

UCT Wages Commission.

a) After Geramy Basken banned, Di Cooper - wife of Alan Aderem - became Chairperson.

b) Wages Com. put out a leaflet dealing with the bus company Tollgate increases in fares and in support of people's boycott of passes. /Document inaccurate and they were forced to print a leaflet of apology./

Com. considered it to be an abdication of principle and they resigned collectively and left it to a new Com. to issue leaflet.

c) Present head ~~is~~ of WC is John Murphy - law student 1st year LLB born in Newcastle England, has a Brit pp. In his general line he is sympathetic to MK.

Lou Haysom /Fink Charles Haysom/ SRC pres. also linked with NUSAS/ also a member of Wages Com.

Gerry Mare and Karel Tip still in SA.

Johan Maree working with Honour Students primarily Extramural seminars on Trade Unionism, He is still with the West. Prov. Adv. Bureau.

Work

~~work~~ with squatters - of whom three-quarters Coloured, one quarter African. 50% overall are unemployed.

Squatters Committee is:

- a) mobilising squatters against bulldozing housing;
- b) dealing with unemployment;
- c) organising on basis of grass-root organisations ie committees and groups;
- d) welfare work : (i) Health Committee in community medicine  
(ii) Literacy.

Essential to obtain reports:

- (1) Charles Simpkins on unemployment
  - (2) Strikes in Mines by Alicia Kooy
  - (3) various other unpublished reports by SALDRU
- History workshop on recent riot.

- (a) Communities Commission (UCT). The present Chairperson is Pippa Green. Degeneration in work with squatters since Alan Aderem was banned.
- (b) Craig Williamson. Former NUSAS Executive. In charge of finance. Was or is running a pipeline through Botswana.
- (c) Humphrey Harrison.. Saw Winnie Mandela in Brandfort. Has interest in BPC External Mission and in meeting people connected with. May be going to England for a few months next year. Present Vice-President of SRC. In running for President next year. Taking first steps politically. Shows inclination towards class-analysis.
- (d) Ken Hughes. Maths lecturer in UCT. Led study group including Gordon Young and Jeremy Cronin in 1973. Studied Gramsci's The Modern Prince inter alia. Brilliant man, voracious reader. Almost encyclopaedic knowledge of facts and figures. Formerly involved in Radical Society. Very friendly with Keith Gottschalk.
- (e) Sean Archer. Economics Dept at UCT. Interest in Probrzhensky. In 1974 led a private seminar on political economy. Knew of off-campus study groups at that stage.
- (f) Michael Morris. Sociology Dept, UCT. Studied at Sussex. Wrote article which appeared in Science and Society last year, dealing, I think, with primitive accumulation in South Africa. Has worked with David Kaplan. Same vintage as Raphie Kaplinsky.
- (g) Boxall. Former editor of Varsity. (1972?) Had breakdown, classified as schizophrenic. Went into printing. Presently president of Typographical Union. Wants to make Union non-racial.
- (h) Jonathan Bloch. Extremely hard worker. Extremely good at collating information. In one of my groups (connected with Bavasah). Study group. Went through Marx, Wages, Price and Profit, Manifestos of First and Second Congresses of COMINTERN (3rd International). Programmatic statements. Jonathan had a considerable amount of Lenin. Also Sam Mhlongo, "Class Analysis of South Africa" in Class Today (1st Quarter, 1975). Expelled from group. Used to avoid studying what was set. Extremely nervous.

/Fear.....

Fear of mother determines all his fears. Working with CARD. Wrote CARD memorandum which was printed in AC. Think CARD is defunct. Compiled Counter-Information Service booklet on Soweto riots. Collects information from South Africa by telephone. Sends literature to people in South Africa in envelopes addressed in his own handwriting. Connected with International Socialists, a Trotskyite group in England. Not very analytically acute. Was very close friends with Alan Aderem, and still corresponds with him. Studying law at London.

(i) with Alan Aderem, studied Marx, Wages, Price and Profit, The Communist Manifesto, Lenin, Imperialism (he later read What is to be done?, One Step Forward, Two Steps Back, State and Revolution). The two manifestos of the first two congresses of the CI, Report (and Theses) on the World Situation - delivered at the Third Congress of the CI. Fairly deep study of South African history.

(j) Tony Cliffe, Lenin (Pluto Press), 2 vols., quite popular in Cape Town. Cliffe - leader of International Socialists.

(k) D'Arcy du Toit. Associate of Rob Peterson. Advocate. Went to England. Made overtures to Workers Revolutionary Party (WRP) - Trotskyist sect led by Gerry Healey. Vanessa Redgrave is a member. Tsietsi Mashinini, on a lecture ~~xxx~~ tour sponsored by Tariq Ali's International Marxist Group (IMG) (British Trotskyist group, member of Unified Secretariat, Fourth International) made overtures to the WRP in Britain.

Notes from Gaberone

Page 1 - last paragraph: Gerry Mare was involved in Breytenbach trial not NUSAS trial. Paul Jordaan was not involved in NUSAS trial - Cedric de Beer, Karee Tip, Glan Moss, Charles Nupen and Eddie Webster. Gordon Young also involved in Breytenbach trial not NUSAS trial.

Page II Wages Comm. Present chairperson- Mary-Anne Cullinan. Lou Hayson has never been involved. John Murphy now in Britain.

Page III - Communities Commission now just used as a source of money. Chairperson Merle Jawitz. Put out publication called ACTION- haven't done so yet this year (1978).

Alan Adrem's banning not reason for degeneration of work with squatters but rather the riots and growing involvement of black movements in squatter camps- made whites pull out.

Ken Hughes not very trusted and over-emotional. Too big a mouth.

Sean Archer liberal, not radical

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Wages Comm. leaflet in support of people's boycott of buses not passes. Inaccuracy involved a figure of 1%. Tollgate demanded they put out a leaflet of apology or that they, Tollgate, would. Wages Comm. resigned because they didn't want to put out pamphlet favouring Tollgate on Tollgate letterhead paper. Apology had to be approved by Tollgate. They resigned - and SRC (UCT) put out apology - most of this apology pamphlet landed in rubbish bins.

At time wages Comm. couldn't do very much - Umanyano banned - could no longer put out workers' paper. Used Tollgate issue to resign- wanted to resign anyway. Supported by Berskin in decision.