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Alles in ag genome, kan verdere onrus verwag word. Die "suksesse" wat behaal is en oorbeklemtoon word, gaan sekerlik nie ongemerk verby nie. So ook die huidige vlag stakings in Europa en die ontwrigting wat dit veroorsaak.

Vyandiggesindes is nog steeds besig om die klimaat vir arbeidsonrus voor te berei of die onrus te skep of aan te blaas.

Dat die landseconomie deur die stakings geskaad word lei geen twyfel nie. Die mate waartoe die ekonomie geskaad is sal 'n afsonderlike studie verg.

"Bevrydingsbewegings" maak daarop aanspraak dat die arbeid onrus die regte klimaat skep vir guerrilla of soortgelyke militêre optrede. In die verlede is bewys dat 'n Nie-blanke se opvatting van 'n staking is dat dit met brandstigting, beskadiging van eiendom en algemene geweldploging en wetteloosheid gepaard moet gaan. Dat die afgelope stakings in Durban nie in 'n groter mate in geweld ontaard het nie, kan net aan die taktvolle en verdraagsame optrede van owerheidsweë toegeskryf word. Die bui van die stakers wat met kieries en ander voorwerpe in die strate rondgehardloop het, was sekerlik nie dié van vreedsaames en wetsgehoorsames nie.

Hierdie stuk moet nie as volledig en afgehandel beskou word nie. Die toestand is vloeibaar en nuwe verwickelinge vind feitlik van dag tot dag plaas.

UDW hierarchy has a lot of answering to do

THE report into the administrative inquiry of UDW's sociology department, while exposing the hidden agendas of several academics on campus, has also raised many questions which its management have yet to answer.

But then, failure to answer questions or react to issues has been the character trait of UDW's management since the inception of the inquiry. It has done everything possible to suppress information on, and about the report and problems on campus.

A big question mark hangs over the heads of several of the university's lecturers.

In the weeks following The Mercury's exclusive exposé of the report and problems in the sociology department, information has been received about certain members of staff who were alleged to be on the payroll of the old intelligence services of the former government.

These members of staff, some of them key figures in the university's Combined Staff Association, were fingered as individuals who were recruited by the former national intelligence services to infiltrate progressive organisations and institutions. Some of these staff members have been linked to several criminal incidents on campus, including the theft of confidential documents.

The names of these individuals are known to The Mercury and the allegations are currently being investigated.

But the bigger question centres on the transformation of a historically progressive and once predominantly Indian university.

Students and academics who spoke to The Mercury believe the problems on campus revolve around a struggle for power.

The problems in the sociology department, according to the report, was simply a play out of the bigger crisis on campus.

According to the report, the sociology department in 1994 - at the time of Prof P. Munck's arrival - was not performing well in areas of teaching and research.

The department was plagued with the various members of the department. Dr David Hemson was on temporary staff and had subsequently applied for a permanent position.

He had placed himself in competition with Donor Fagan



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...Mantzaris... was concerned... the report... It continues: '... as a member of the Comsa executive, was engaged... the Management and more particularly with the Vice-Chancellor.'

'Dr (Dasrath) Chetty was engaged to work for television... research project which had received negative attention from the Press, Mr Reagan Jacobus (also of the Comsa executive) and the Press (more particularly, from a reporter who was allegedly living in Mr Jacobus's apartment on campus).'

Tension existed in the department and it was this tense atmosphere that set the scene for a bruising battle between academics.

After complaints about his alleged questionable behaviour, Dr Hemson attended a meeting to clear the air with Prof Munck and various others, the report contends. Dr Hemson reported that the meeting was a traumatic experience for him, almost like a disciplinary hearing.

He thus complained to Comsa and it was when Comsa intervened that a sequence of problematic events began.

'First, Comsa appears to have reacted to the matter without checking the facts - a practice which Comsa rightly finds reprehensible in senior managers but which, on this occasion, they seemed to be content to pursue themselves.'

'They did not approach Prof Munck or Dr Fagan (the complainant) for their views. Campus politics almost certainly precluded this - but Comsa nevertheless acted improperly.'

Report commissioner Prof John Butler-Adam further slammed Comsa in the findings, saying that the organization's resort to use the law - in another incident involving Dr Mantzaris - was inexcusable.

'It represents a total lack of respect for University order, and a lack of loyalty.'

That comment really sums up the crux of the power struggle on campus.

Comsa and its executives were allowed to throw their toys out of the cot and management allowed it until they were hit on the head by some of the toys.

What is management doing about those individuals named in the report - especially the lecturer accused of stealing confidential documents from the university?

How much longer is the university going to put itself at the mercy of a belligerent Comsa?

What is the nature of the relationship between the female Sunday newspaper reporter mentioned in the report and the Comsa executive?

The answers to these and other pertinent questions are eagerly awaited by campus as, indeed, many others. Will rector Dr Marcus Balintulo provide these long-awaited answers?

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UNIVERSITY OF DURBAN-WESTVILLE (UDW) : FINDINGS OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Source provided background information regarding the current instability at the UNIVERSITY OF DURBAN-WESTVILLE (UDW) (X1):
 - 1.1 Professor Ronaldo MUNCK (X2) has been reinstated as Head of the Sociology Department, following accusations that he was responsible for the bugging of Professor Dhiru SONI's (X3) office, after it came to light that he held discussions with NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NIA) members. MUNCK was reinstated after it was determined that he was not responsible for the bugging.
 - 1.2 Professor Marcus BALINTULO (X4) on the other hand has become the next victim of the harassment campaign against senior management of UDW. Threats were made against BALINTULO and his house has been under surveillance by unknown persons. He has asked for protection from the NATIONAL PROTECTION SERVICE.
 - 1.3 Heinrich BOHMKE (X5) is a full time UNION OF DEMOCRATIC UNIVERSITY STAFF ASSOCIATIONS (UDUSA) (X6) organiser at UDW. The COMBINED STAFF ASSOCIATION (COMSA) (X7) is affiliated to UDUSA. BOHMKE has only been at UDW for the last six months, after leaving the UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND (WITS) (X8). BOHMKE was recruited by Reagan JACOBUS (X9) to the UDW campus.
 - 1.4 Source also provided the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into matters in the Sociology Department. (See Annexure A). This report implicates Ashwin DESAI (X10), Evan MANTZARIS (X11) and David HEMSON (X12) in irregularities at UDW and basically clears the names of Honor FAGAN (X13), Cookie Singh (X14) and Louw-Hardt STEARS (X15) in this regard. The report that was produced by John BUTLER-ADAM (X16) also makes recommendations to the University Management regarding routes to follow with people involved in destabilising actions.

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1.5 During the next few weeks, the UDW will experience further instability due to the elections of a new SRC, a new COMSA executive and the University Council. Already the campus newspaper "FREE PRESS" has started on a discrediting campaign of the serving SRC members and written attacks have been made on the management style and competence of the University Management and BALINTULO in particular.

2. COMMENT BY SOURCE :

2.1 Rumours are rife at UDW regarding possible INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY (IFP) (X17) intelligence activities on campus and people who could possibly be involved in such activities, especially people who had previous relationships with the INKATHA INSTITUTE (X18).

3. COMMENT BY COMPILER :

3.1 The findings of the Commission of Inquiry into destabilising actions in the Sociology Department of UDW, are a microcosm of the broader instability that currently reigns at UDW. A lot of the events that took place in this department had a negative effect on the broader campus and vice versa.

3.2 The findings of the inquiry have as yet not been made public, and only the people involved and the authorities received copies. The students were informed of the broader findings of the report, but the document in itself was not made available to students.

3.3 The coming SRC, COMSA executive and University Council election, will further have negative effects on stability at UDW, as campaigning has already started and power bases are being sought. The possibility that this campaigning period will be misused by destabilising elements such as DESAI, is foreseen.

3.4 The comment by source that IFP intelligence activities might be taking place at UDW or that recruitment of members is being done, could not be established beyond doubt. These rumours have surfaced from various sources, but no evidence regarding this matter could be found as yet. If any information in this regard is uncovered, it will be forwarded.

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LABOUR CAMPAIGN - THE FOCUS ON WAGES AND POVERTY.

In terms of a National Council decision, the Labour Campaign has been brought forward somewhat, so as to occur towards the end of March or beginning of April. The reason for this is that government action against the Universities is likely to be announced in early March. Students will in all probability engage in large scale protest against this action. Rather than allow student activity to become dissipated through self-isolating protest, it was felt that their efforts should be channelled into positive action. If the government attempts to curb our activities as a National union, the most worthwhile manner of communicating our determination to continue is to embark on a campaign, designed to educate and change. It is for this reason that shortly after the Hands Off the Universities Campaign, we would go straight into a Labour Campaign.

One of the immediate problems raised by this change in timing is that of facilitating mass student involvement in a labour campaign. The idea of a campaign as first enunciated at NUSAS Congress in December related to a small group of committed students, who through the campaign would seek to educate other students and the public on some basic issues in the labour field. There was no consideration of how to cope with several hundred fairly angry students, all wanting to become involved in something meaningful. This change in perspective must be incorporated when planning for the campaign on the various campuses.

RATIONALE FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

We will have to convince many people of the validity of our concern with labour matters. This can be done on a number of levels:

- a) We are students, with considerable resources at our disposal. We have money, skills, knowledge, and the facilities for gathering and disseminating information. We live in an oppressive society, and one of the tools of oppression is to deprive the oppressed of the ability to understand their situation in its totality; how it works and how it might be changed. We can aid in the transcendence of this alienation by providing information and the tools whereby this situation of contrived ignorance can be changed. This is our role as scholars in the true sense of the work - the desire to seek for and communicate new alternatives.
- b) We are privileged white students who are concerned with the maldistribution of wealth and power in this society. Just as we are demanding political power for all people, so must we make this demand realistic by demanding an equalisation in economic power for all people, so must we make this demand realistic by demanding an equalisation in economic power for all. We want a more equitable distribution of the national wealth, and will attempt to persuade employees of the need for, and justification for, higher wages.
- c) We are concerned about poverty generally. Poverty is the result of low wages.

The rationale for our involvement can possibly be seen more clearly if we view the labour campaign in terms of how it ties in with the Hands Off the Universities Campaign, and the Education Campaign. Why has the government chosen to take action against the Universities? Of course there is the persuasive argument that we are troublesome agitators that the government cannot contain. But more fundamentally, is it not because these so-called people make a mess of everything (potentially, anyway) the universities then funnel training effectively as the training grounds of skilled white technicians for our industrial complex?

The Hands Off Campaign will focus on "political" issues - our right to free assembly, academic intercourse, untrammelled intellectual growth, etc. - But the point will be made that in the measures it proposes to enforce, the government will expose exactly what its conception of a university is: A sophisticated school for churning out graduates for the economic machine. A sophisticated school for function if its members are "wasting their time" protesting. In more general terms, the government cannot afford to allow the rigid system it is trying to enforce to be disrupted by those who not only search for the truth, but actually attempt to make it known (which the universities are not doing very effectively at the moment). The introduction of new alternatives and the shaking of old perceptions is challenging to the rather cheap materialism the government subscribes to.

Our purpose at this time is not only to insist on our right to free enquiry, but also to insist that the university performs this function in a meaningful way. While making our position clear as to how we view the role of the university, we must challenge the university itself to confront the problems facing it. It is no good fighting for the rights of the university, when the latter fails to avail itself of these rights. In this way, Hands Off will lead to an introspective assessment of the university's role in society - the part it is playing in the maintenance of a repressive regime, and the possibilities for action. This will lead into the labour campaign, which will focus on economic issues generally, which will provide a basis for firm university involvement in a programme designed for change, using the resources the university has but has not chosen to exercise. The research paper appended could form the basis for a critique of the university. The Labour campaign will ultimately taper into the Education campaign, with more detailed concern about our education system.

The campaign will form an integral part of the Wages Commission and hopefully NUSWEL Local Committee, planning and operation for the year. We will focus on the following groups:

A. University

We hope to involve staff and students. We must provide the critique of our society and our university as outlined above; gain commitment to our ideas and programme for action, and move out into the broader society. Awareness should be created on campus using the following techniques:

Newsboards:

Slide and tape shows (am negotiating with Dave Hemson for one on the Durban Strikes).
 Speeches - attempt to engage management, trade unions and workers in debate on campus.
 Seminars and discussion groups. I hope to produce guiding papers for these Posters - in process of being printed.
 Guerilla theatre (use Aquarius).

On my tour I hope to lay the basis for the above, and for the action that will follow.

Apart from the general student body, we need to concentrate on specific groups. Economics and business science students should be questioned on the role they will play in society, and although we will not prevent them all from becoming capitalists, we may be able to induce some concern for black trade unionism and better wages. Politics students should be challenged to come out from their self-created jargonised cocoons and make their analysis more meaningful and intelligible to those who might be able to use it to increase their own understanding and allow for change. Social workers should be questioned about their future activities, and the possibilities for meaningful action but the... an ideal position to stimulate the formation of... and benefit societies. There is much they can do in the field of housing and transport.

As a follow up to the campaign, training seminars should be organised for those who would become involved in Wages Commission and lack the skills.

We must attempt to communicate our aims and motivations to Afrikaans students - through their student press, through letters to SRC Presidents, etc. offering to speak to students and by arranging joint meetings, e.g. of economics students from both, and questioning all on their aspirations.

Academic staff

Good staff members should be involved as far as possible in the planning of the campaign. They should be involved in seminars with others to consider the nature of the university, etc. As a follow up, the Wages Commission should try and persuade as many members of staff as possible to place stop orders on the salaries made out in favour of the commissions. Pamphlets and/or letters should be sent to staff members on the campaign, and more specifically, on the critique of the university mentioned above.

Non-academic staff

Workers organisations have been formed on most campuses. As a follow up to the campaign, literacy programmes should be run, as well as seminars on the techniques of trade unionism. These workers could provide a useful nexus for further expansion. We must also look into the formation of a buying co-operative for workers on campus, and then, once it is functioning efficiently, transfer it to become a community-based operation.

As far as literacy training is concerned, I have made tentative arrangements for training for all campuses in March.

B. PUBLIC

a. Scholars.

Pamphlets should go out, and NYA informed of the campaign and its rationale. A similar critique of our school system can be made to that of our university educational system.

b. White Public

We must create awareness of the issues raised in the campaign, through the press, pamphlets, and possibly, pickets. We should also concentrate on specialist groups:
Employers Associations.
Trade Unionists - we need to formulate demands with which to challenge trade unionists. I am working on this at the moment, and will follow up on my tour.

Rotary, Lions, Jaycees etc. We should offer to speak to them and also send letters of explanation on the campaign.
Progs and UP - We should consider their respective policies in the light of what they mean ultimately and attempt to challenge them on the issues we raise. Black Sash, CI, SAIRR, Labour Party - we must solicit their support and consider combined action on certain aspects of the campaign

c. Black Public

Stickers and pamphlets on rights, organisation etc. Training seminars could be organised as a follow up.

General Strategy and Issues to raise

Our case must be made perfectly clear. To workers, we must focus on easily recognisable issues.

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I am working on a Charter of Workers Rights, based on the ILO convention to be circulated to Trade Unions, employers, workers. A dossier on case studies and recommendations for good employment patterns will be used for employers, most importantly for Foreign Firms. Other issues we will look at are:

migratory labour

contract workers

border industries

agricultural and domestic workers - I am working on the feasibility of our demanding a national minimum wage for farm labourers and domestics. As a follow up we could investigate the possibilities of benefits societies for these workers. Foreign investment - I have a questionnaire, and will allocate firms for research on a regional basis.

Transport and housing.

Labour will be an issue this year. Already a number of Church groups are considering the problem. On my tour I hope, with local organisers to visit bodies who may adopt this line, and work out areas for co-operation.

Concrete planning.

A so-ordinating committee should be set up on each campus to direct the campaign. (NUSWEL/SRC/Wages Comm.)

a. Timing

This should be decided on each campus, but it is important that some target dates be set in terms of which planning can start.

b. Name for campaign - to be decided on Campus Basis

c. Research

Each campus will to an extent identify issues and foci in their area. Research will tie in with this. The Charter of Workers Rights, the dossier on good employment patterns, and the foreign investment questionnaire will be provided by Head Office. In addition, the Secretary General will circulate to Campuses demands relating to specific issues, to ensure consolidated appeals eg. migratory labour, border industries, farm and domestic labour.

At the first meeting of the co-ordinating group, priority areas must be identified, so that work may begin forthwith. Research must also begin on follow up programmes.

d. Contact and Publicity.

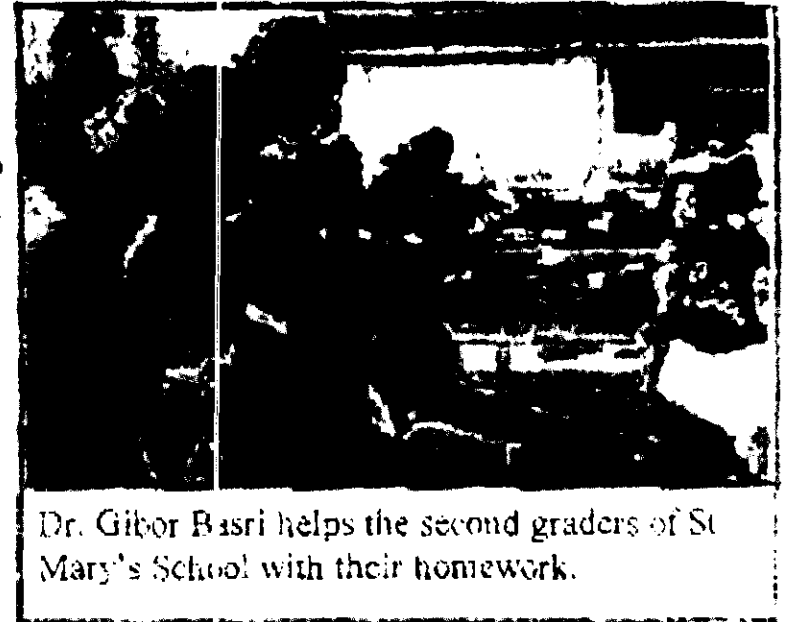
As much preliminary work as possible should be done before the campaign.

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Dr. Basri's 2001 space odyssey – a star among stars

PAS Cape Town was happy to have Dr. Gibor Basri, a University of California astronomer, represent the U.S. at the Grahamstown Festival from April 2 – 4. Dr. Basri lectured and spoke to a variety of audiences, ranging from professional astronomers to the second graders at St. Mary's school in Grahamstown's township.

His engaging manner made him a popular speaker. Everywhere he spoke, he reached his audience at a level they could understand. His primary venue was the Science Festival in Grahamstown, but he also spoke to audiences at grade schools in Grahamstown, a high school in Cape Town, Rhodes University in Grahamstown, the University of the Western Cape, and the South African Astronomical Observatory. In addition, he gave interviews on SABC TV and SAFM radio. As a leading black American scientist, Dr. Basri was an inspiration to the hundreds of South African school children he met.



Dr. Gibor Basri helps the second graders of St. Mary's School with their homework.

Demystifying the IV Selection Process

With the deadline for submission of IV nominations fast approaching, it might be helpful to review the characteristics of candidates most likely to make it through the selection process and to benefit most from a professional exchange program in the U.S.

Characteristics of Successful Candidates

- Have demonstrated leadership potential
- Work in a field that is priority U.S. Mission objective
- Have little or no U.S. experience
- Have not received a grant from the U.S. Government in the past five years
- Are between the ages of 25 and 45
- Are in a position to apply lessons derived from their experience and to transmit this knowledge widely (i.e., multiplier effect)
- Are able to travel for a 3-week period

PAS JHB hosts DVC on domestic violence

On April 18, PAS JHB hosted an interactive roundtable for individuals working on domestic violence. The participants included CG Sue Ford Patrick, academics and representatives of women's organizations dealing with issues of domestic violence. Dr. Lora Lempert, currently a visiting Fulbright Scholar at the Women and Gender Studies Program at the University of the Western Cape, joined the audience via a DVC from the PAS Cape Town office.

Dr. Lempert, a professor in the Behavioral Studies Department of the University of Michigan, delivered a presentation entitled "The Other Side of Help" which looked at the impacts of the help-seeking process for women. The presentation was followed by an hour-long discussion in which guests expressed their interest to have such programs on a regular basis. The participants are looking forward to Dr. Lempert's visit to Gauteng in order to conduct lengthy and informal discussions with her.

Speaking of English ... Dr. Haney takes on Durban

PAS Durban and the Regional English Programs office are co-hosting English Language Specialist Dr. Mary K. Haney, a Professor Emerita from College of Charleston, SC.

Dr. Haney, a specialist in writing and English for Business Communication, will conduct a workshop and provide consultative support for the nascent ML Suttan Technikon Writing Center, as well as for the University of Natal-Durban.

Dr. Haney was the co-director of the National Writing Project (Charleston area) from 1982 – 1999, and has worked with Public Affairs education initiatives in Poland and Indonesia.

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Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture

Advocate Ouma Rabajji, and Mr. Richard Chinner, both Deputy Directors in the NDPP Asset Forfeiture Unit, will participate in the Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture for Prosecutors Seminar, April 25-27, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, SC. The seminar is sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

Social Justice Education

Dr. Relebohile Moletsane, Senior Lecturer, and Mr. Crispin Hemson, Head, School of Education, University of Natal-Durban, will visit the U.S. to review the curriculum design of the social justice education programs at the University of Massachusetts. They will depart South Africa on April 27 and return May 7.

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April 20

Mr. Menzi Simelane, Chief Commissioner at the Competition Commission, departs on an IV grant to meet with officials from the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission.

April 27

Seven South Africans depart for a two-week visit in the United States on a program organized by the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL). A group of six politicians representing the three largest political parties will be accompanied by Ms. Lindiwe Zulu, Chief Director for Equatorial Africa, Dept. of Foreign Affairs, who will act as the group's escort. The group will travel to Washington, D.C., Louisiana, and Massachusetts, where they will meet with government and other experts to enhance their understanding of U.S. society and the manner in which it addresses economic, political and social issues.

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**MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) :
STAND VAN ORGANISASIE**

1. Source had an informal discussion with Professor David HEMSON (W/M) (X1) regarding aspects concerning the requirements of the subject enquiry and the following information was elicited :
 - 1.1 It is estimated that the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) (X2) has members throughout the country numbering between 500 to 600 at the most.
 - 1.2 There are no formal structures or branches.
 - 1.2.1 Activists work within the structures/branches of the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) (X3), SA COMMUNIST PARTY (SACP) (X4) and the CONGRESS OF SA TRADE UNIONS (COSATU) (X5).

(COMMENTS BY SOURCE : By implication HEMSON questioned why form branches when one can infiltrate ANC branches in the country).
 - 1.3 There are no specific positions/ portfolios within the MWT.

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- 1.3.1 The ideological work is done by HEMSON assisted by Martin LEGASSICK (W/M) (X6) and Andrew NASH (W/M) (X7).
- 1.3.2 The political work is also done by HEMSON on a national basis.
- 1.3.3 Paula ENSOR (W/V) (X8) is not very involved at present because of various personal problems.
- 1.3.4 Wiseman HAMILTON (S/M) (X9) is involved in trade union work within the framework of COSATU.
- 1.4 The MWT does not have any funding from abroad or locally.
- 1.5 Blacks attached to the MWT are involved in SELF DEFENCE UNITS (SDU) (X10) in areas such as Mpumalanga Township and Valley Of A Thousand Hills in Natal. There is also involvement in SDU'S in Johannesburg.
- 1.6 The MWT maintains that M BUTHELEZI (S/M), Chief Minister of KWAZULU, can be defeated militarily as was the case in the late 1980's. The MWT does not have the capacity to have its own members/supporters involved in the conflict.

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1.7 At one stage the AZANIAN PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY (APLA) (X11) was seen as irrelevant. Now the MWT sees the ANC as selling out on the people. The MWT believes that APLA/PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS (PAC) (X12) is a threat to the support base of the ANC.
(COMMENTS BY SOURCE : HEMSON was ambiguous on the MWT'S position relating to the armed struggle. By implication it would appear that he supports APLA'S strategy.)

1.8 The only organisations that the MWT has contact with is the ANC and partly the WORKERS FOR SOCIALIST ACTION (WOSA) (X13) in the CAPE.

1.9 It is the intention of the MWT to pressurise the ANC and its allies not to sell-out on the people. The organisation has infiltrated many branches of the ANC in the country with the main purpose of making the ANC more militant.

2. COMMENTS BY SOURCE :

2.1 It is not clear what exactly is the agenda of the MWT considering that it has no formal structures or branches. At times HEMSON is ambiguous and deviates from a point of contention, for example, the armed struggle.

2.2 Endeavours will be made to obtain more information on the subject matter.

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3. COMMENTS BY COMPILER :

3.1. The information contained in this report cannot, at this stage, be confirmed by any other source from this Regional Office.

4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : NONE.

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MARXIST WORKERS' TENDENCY (MWT) : SPLIT IN ORGANISATION

1. Source reports as follows on, among other things, a split within the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) (X1) on a national level:
 - 1.1 There are differences in the understanding of the role of international capitalism and how this affects SOUTH AFRICA. The split in the MWT is based on, among other things, such differences because not all people have the same knowledge of what happens in the world.
 - 1.2 African members, except for WILLIE (X2), believe that the MWT can no longer play a significant role and bring about changes whilst within the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) (X3) / CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS (COSATU) (X4). David HEMSON (X5) and WILLIE disagrees. There are also differences in ideas about how the MWT should operate within COSATU affiliated Unions. White members of MWT are now being accused by African members of not really being interested in the struggle and do not want to make sacrifices like they use to do in the past. They (Whites) are now living a good life and do not care what happens to the workers. This has now resulted in HEMSON and WILLIE being on their own with the only known support coming from Martin LEGGASSICK (X6) of CAPE TOWN.
 - 1.3 During the past week (specific date not known) WILLIE had a meeting with about fifty temporary workers from the DURBAN Docks at the Sidney Road Hostel, DURBAN. At this meeting, which was requested by the workers, they wanted WILLIE to organise guns for them. Their reason for wanting the guns was that they are being threatened by the permanent workers and also the companies who employ them that should they go on strikes they will be killed.
- (REMARKS BY SOURCE : It is unlikely that such threats were made in a serious light by companies. It would

appear that such workers are confused and it is for this reason that they show militancy).

1.3.1 WILLIE however said that he was not in a position to provide them with guns.

1.3.2 The temporary workers are not members of a specific political party but belong to the INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY (IFP) (X7), PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS (PAC) (X8), ANC and MWT.

(REMARKS BY SOURCE : It would appear that these workers are united in a matter of common concern and that party politics has not come to play any role)

1.3.3 Information suggests that these workers are against COSATU and the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS (NACTU) (X9) and refer to them as the "bosses unions".

1.3.4 African members of the MWT have also influenced the temporary workers against Unions affiliated to COSATU and NACTU but HEMSON and WILLIE had no part in this.

2. COMMENTS BY SOURCE :

2.1 It would appear that the temporary workers in question are aggrieved against COSATU and NACTU, specifically the SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAY AND HARBOUR WORKERS UNION (SARHWU) (X10) and TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION (TGWU) (X11), not on political grounds as such but that these Unions have not done and are still not doing anything to better their lot. The attitude of such workers coupled with the influence by the African members of the MWT possibly poses a threat to instability in the DURBAN Harbour.

2.2 Endeavours will be made to monitor developments in this regard.

3. COMMENTS BY COMPILER :

3.1 Reports have, over a period of time, been submitted with regard to inroads having been made by the MWT in the DURBAN Harbour.

4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : NONE

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MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) :
DAVID HEMSON (W/M) : ORGANISING : DURBAN OMGEWING

1. Source obtained the following information regarding activities of the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) (X1) in the Durban region.
 - 1.1. During the past couple of weeks the MWT has increased its efforts of infiltrating the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) (X2) and making it a revolutionary party for the workers.
 - 1.2. The key person in Durban, DAVID HEMSON (W/M) (X3), has been very active in the bay area where he has been involved with propaganda for the ANC and the MWT. Free copies of the "MILITANT" newspaper have been distributed in the area. HEMSON spends a lot of time talking to foreign sailors about how corrupt the SOUTH AFRICAN government is.
 - 1.3. HEMSON uses the fact that he is a very likeable person to his advantage to gain more members for the organisation.
 - 1.4. Members who have been chased away by the ANC due to
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their criminal activities have been approached by HEMSON, especially in the INANDA area, to be incorporated into the MWT.

1.5. HEMSON has tried to recruit several key people within ANC groupings in various regions. These members subsequently play an important role as revolutionaries themselves to turn particular branches into revolutionary groups.

1.5.1. These moves by the MWT have come to the attention of the ANC regional office where bad rumours have been spread by members such as :

Eric MTSHALI (S/M) (X4)
Dr N ZUMA (S/V) (X5)
Felix DLAMINI (S/M) (X6)
Linda ZAMA (S/V) (X7)
Sbu NDEBELE (S/M) (X8)

1.5.2. These members seem to be very concerned about the actions of the MWT and have deployed their own people in the townships to keep a watchful eye on the activities.

1.6. MWT has complained of the continuous harassment by the ANC. Many of them fear for their lives because they are not as well armed as the ANC.

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2. COMMENTS BY SOURCE:

2.1. Members of the ANC in the townships take a serious view of the MWT as a group that can damage the ANC at local level because of the close relationship which exists between the two organisations and the radical and revolutionary view of MWT which is against the present negotiation position of the ANC leadership.

3. COMMENTS BY HANDLER :

3.1 It will be appreciated if feedback regarding the relevance of MWT as a political organisation as well as burning issues in this regard could be forwarded.

4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : None

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MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) : INFILTRATION OF RECOGNISED UNIONS

1. The MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) (X1) in DURBAN successfully infiltrated recognised unions in the province in their efforts to promote alternative union initiatives from within established unions.
2. Source reports as follows:
 - 2.1 Willie CIRAH (X2), organiser for MWT, succeeded in becoming a full-time organiser for the TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION (TGWU) (X3) in DURBAN.

(REMARK BY COMPILERS: CIRAH is a well-known organiser for the MWT in DURBAN, and works very closely with David HEMSON (X4). HEMSON is also known for his initiatives to launch a new dock workers union for casual workers in DURBAN, as opposition to the existing affiliates of the CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS (COSATU) (X5) organising in the harbour sector.)

- 2.2 CIRAH announced that he is now in a position to promote the idea of an independent dock workers union from within TGWU. His intention on the long run will be to "take over" TGWU and establish the dock workers union as part of a MWT campaign.
 - 2.2.1 CIRAH already enjoys support amongst the majority of the casual workers in the DURBAN harbour. The majority of these workers are signed-up members of the BLACK TRADE UNION of TRANSNET (BLATU) (X6). Despite the fact that its members are aligned to the INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY (IFP) (X7), BLATU has established a close relationship with the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS (NACTU) (X8) in KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN).

(REMARK BY SOURCE: The exact working relationship between MWT and WORKERS INTERNATIONAL TO REBUILD THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL (WIRFI) (X9) with regard to the dock workers initiatives is yet to be determined. However, WIRFI has been involved in discussions with

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HEMSON and CIRAH to determine a code of conduct in this regard. It is not known if either WIRFI or MWT adhered to the conditions of possible co-operation in future.)

3. COMMENTS BY COMPILERS:

- 3.1 This report is relevant in the context that CIRAH's role within TGWU is not necessarily approved by its members who are aware of his "hidden agendas". Furthermore, CIRAH could play the COSATU members up against the IFP members within the union in an effort to cause division within TGWU to the benefit of his dock workers initiatives.

4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : NONE

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MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) : POSSIBLE FORMATION OF
INDEPENDENT DOCK WORKERS TRADE UNION : DURBAN : FEBRUARY 1995

1. Source reports as follows on aspects surrounding
the emergence of a new unnamed Dock workers Trade Union formed by the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) (X1) :
- 1.1 David HEMSON (X2) and WILLIE (X3) of the MWT have
been regularly visiting Dock workers in DURBAN over
the last four months with a view to forming a
Trade Union independent of the SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAY AND
TRANSPORT HARBOURS WORKERS UNION (SARHWU) (X4) and the
AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION (TGWU) (X5). The MWT has
concentrated mostly on casual workers and also
workers in full-time employment. Most of these
as workers live in the hostels of Stevedores as well
the Dalton Road hostel in the City which is where
they were visited most of the times by members of
MWT.
- 1.2 Between 600 to 450 Dock workers, mostly casual,
have given their support for this Union.
- 1.3 SARHWU is said to be upset with the emergence of
such a Union and have lodged a complaint against the MWT
with the local AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) (X6)
and the SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (SACP) (X7).
SARHWU likens the new Union to that of the TURNING
WHEEL WORKERS UNION (TWWU) (X8).
- 1.4 Workers who have aligned themselves to the new
Union claim that SARHWU and the TGWU have done nothing in
the interest of both casual and permanent workers
and that they are not to be trusted. On the other hand
the new Union has said that they are not working
against SARHWU and TGWU but in the sole interest of
the workers.
- 1.5 Information suggests that SARHWU has acknowledged
that they have blundered by showing no interest in
the welfare of casual Dock workers as they always
saw them as a threat to the permanent workers. In other
words, SARHWU felt that the casual workers were
wanting to "steal" the jobs of the permanent
workers

and because of that paid no attention to them.

Hence,
MWT saw the opportunity and exploited it to the disadvantage of SARHWU.

1.6 Speculation is rife at this stage that an MWT
orientated strike is imminent in the Durban Docks
as the organisation would like to show its strength.
The strike is expected to coincide with a large influx
of ships waiting to be unloaded.

(REMARKS BY SOURCE : There is no confirmation of
the intended strike. Should this happen it will cause
chaotic conditions in the harbour which will be bad
for the economy of DURBAN).

2. COMMENTS BY SOURCE :

2.1 Developments with regards to the above will be
monitored and reported.

3. COMMENTS BY COMPILER :

3.1 From intelligence gathered over a period of time it
has appeared, from a Trade Union point of view,
that the MWT as well as the WORKERS INTERNATIONAL TO
REBUILD THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL (WIRFI) (X9) have
taken a keen interest in Dock workers.

3.2 At this stage, the information submitted by source
cannot be confirmed by other sources from this
Regional area.

3.3 Relevant information has been liaised verbally with
the management of the DURBAN Harbour.

4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : NONE

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WORKERS INTERNATIONAL TO REBUILD THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL
(WIRFI) : MEETING WITH THE MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) :
INTENTION TO ESTABLISH WORKING RELATIONSHIP : 19950329

1. Source reports as follows on a meeting in DURBAN on 19950329 between Shahied MOHAMMED (X1), Secretary of the WORKERS INTERNATIONAL TO REBUILD THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL (WIRFI) (X2) and members of the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) (X3) with regard to, among other things, establishing a working relationship between both organisations :
- 1.1 From the MWT's side David HEMSON (X4) and WILLIE (X5) were present. MOHAMMED and three other unidentified members of WIRFI were present.
- 1.2 The meeting centred around discussion on the work being done by both organisations which, in essence, dealt with the following :
- 1.2.1 HEMSON said that the MWT will be part of the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) (X6) in its endeavour to bring about meaningful change in the country. MOHAMMED said that WIRFI can be proud of itself because it stands for socialism which the ANC / SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (SACP) (X7) / CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS (COSATU) (X8) does not. MOHAMMED said that the MWT cannot be part of this alliance if it really stood for socialism. HEMSON said that the ANC is a mass democratic movement and can still move towards socialism if there is an effort to change it from the inside. MOHAMMED said that from an analytical point of view this was not possible.
- 1.2.2 HEMSON said that the MWT saw nothing wrong in working with the TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION (TGWU) (X9) and the SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAY AND HARBOUR WORKERS UNION (SARHWU) (X10) because these Unions have the workers' interest at heart and also because these Unions belonged to COSATU. MOHAMMED said that whichever way one wants to assess the situation the

fact of the matter is that, at the end, the
aforementioned Unions owe their allegiance to the
ANC / SACP / COSATU alliance.

1.2.3 MOHAMMED said that the INTERNATIONAL DOCKWORKERS
MOVEMENT (IDM) (X11) is independent of the
aforementioned alliance, It is allied to the
international working class.

1.2.4 HEMSON spoke on the current situation of unemployed
and casual workers. He said that it was very
difficult for a Union to organise independently in
the Docks because Unions aligned to COSATU are not
very helpful. Furthermore there are social and
tribal problems amongst workers. Both SARHWU and IGWU do
not appear to be aware of this therefore their success
rate with regard to organising Dockworkers is
questionable.

1.2.5 Because of the aforementioned problems relating to
Dockworkers, HEMSON suggested that the MWT and
WIRFI should contemplate establishing a working
relationship. MOHAMMED agreed to that. MOHAMMED
suggested that both the MWT and WIRFI should make
contact with their respective contact organisations
in ENGLAND with a view to informing them of their
intentions and also to request finance for a
Conference in this regard to be held.

2. COMMENTS BY SOURCE :

2.1 MOHAMMED was adamant that the MWT cannot "serve two
masters", that is capitalism and socialism. In the
end it appeared that HEMSON had agreed to this.
Hence his suggestion that both the MWT and WIRFI should
establish a working relationship. On the other
hand, HEMSON might have realised that because of the
problems experienced by both SARHWU and TGWU with
regard to Dockworkers and the fact that WIRFI is
making inroads in the docks it may be better to
work with them rather than against them given, the
current unfulfilled expectations of workers and people as a
whole from the Government of National Unity.

3. COMMENTS BY COMPILER :

3.1 Attempts will be made by this Office to monitor
developments regarding the subject matter.

4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : NONE

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ULTRA LEFTWING CIRCLES : MANIPULATION OF WORKERS FOR OWN GAIN

1. Source reports as follows on a MARXIST WORKERS
TENDENCY (MWT) (X1) meeting of national leaders which was
held in CAPE TOWN at an unknown date between the end of
19940700 and beginning of 19940800 :
- 1.1 The following personalities were present :
- Martin LEGGASSICK (X2)
Lisa ENDSOR (X3)
David HEMSON (X4)
Wiseman HAMILTON (X5)
and three other unknown personalities.
- 1.2 The meeting agreed that the AFRICAN NATIONAL
CONGRESS (ANC) (X6) was moving towards a repressive state
where the workers cannot do well because the ANC has
taken control of them via the CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN
TRADE UNIONS (COSATU) (X7). The only chance was for
workers to do what they felt was right.
- 1.3 The meeting agreed that the document relating to
the RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (RDP)
could not be supported by the MWT because it was a Right
Wing reformist document and because it was against the
interest of the workers.
- 1.4 HEMSON said that the MWT needs offices in DURBAN
and the PWV area because there were opportunities to
attract supporters and members. He said that there
are a few "friendly organisations" in DURBAN which will
be prepared to come together and share offices and
facilities with the MWT. HAMILTON said that the
same could be achieved in JOHANNESBURG.
- 1.5 The meeting felt that it was a waste of time to
operate from within structures of the ANC. It could operate
effectively within trade unions and / or the SOUTH

has AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (SACP) (X8) because the SACP
more workers in their branches than the ANC.

1.5.1 No decision was taken with regard to the above.
members However, it was agreed to that this was left to
from. to decide which organisations they would operate

1.6 A decision was taken to increase the printing and
the distribution of the newspaper "Militant" so that
"voice of revolution" is heard in the ANC.

2. COMMENTS BY SOURCE :

2.1 The information came to hand from an informal
discussion held with unwitting source therefore
matter pertinent questions with regard to the subject
could not be asked. Hence many questions remain
unanswered.

3. COMMENTS BY COMPILER :

3.1 The information contained in this report cannot, at
this stage, be confirmed by any other source from
this Regional area.

4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : NONE

NOMINASIE VIR STREEKVERGADERING : DAVID HEMSON (W/M)

1. Source reported as follows on David HEMSON (W/M) (X1), Leader of the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) (X2) :
 - 1.1 HEMSON has been nominated for the Regional Assembly by the LAMONTVILLE branch executive of the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) (X3).
 - 1.1.1 Some of the abovementioned ANC branch members are also members of the NATIONAL UNION OF METALWORKERS OF SOUTH AFRICA (NUMSA) (X4).
 - 1.2 His nomination has been forwarded to ANC HEAD OFFICE in JOHANNESBURG.
2. COMMENTS BY SOURCE :
 - 2.1 HEMSON is generally popular amongst workers at grassroots level and who are also members of local Trade unions.
3. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : NONE.

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WORKERS COLLEGE : DURBAN :
MOONTLIKE KANDIDAAT EN VERIDERE REAKSIE : 19931100

1. Source reported as follows on the financial position and current activities of David HEMSON (W/M) (X1), Leader of the MARXIST WORKERS' TENDENCY (MWT) (X2) :
 - 1.1 HEMSON, for the past eighteen months, has been a part-time lecturer in Social Science at the UNIVERSITY OF DURBAN-WESTVILLE (UDW) (X3). To date, he was not successful in securing a full-time post as a lecturer at UDW.
 - 1.2 At present he is experiencing financial difficulties because the bulk of his salary is being paid to his ex-wife for the maintenance of his two sons.
 - 1.3 HEMSON was offered employment at WORKERS COLLEGE (WC) (X4), DURBAN by Yunus SHEIK (I/M) (X5), Director of WC.
 - 1.3.1 Arrangements were made by SHEIK for HEMSON to meet with John COPELYN (W/M) (X6). COPELYN told HEMSON that he was politically corrupt and that he did not think he was suitable for employment with the WC because he will confuse/corrupt the workers.

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1.3.2 HEMSON said that he will discuss the offer again with SHEIK because he was in desperate need of full-time employment.

1.4 Whilst at UDW, HEMSON attracted the attention of student leaders through discussions on Marxism and Trotskyism. As a result he fell foul to leaders of the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) (X7) at UDW and was subsequently harassed.

2. COMMENTS BY SOURCE :

2.1 COPELYN is one of twenty (20) members of the CONGRESS OF SA TRADE UNIONS (COSATU) (X8) who will be standing for the forthcoming general elections on 19930427 which means that he may probably relinquish his position with the SOUTH AFRICAN CLOTHING AND TEXTILE WORKERS UNION (SACTWU) (X9).

2.2 It is believed that HEMSON was initially responsible for guiding and advising COPELYN in his political career until about four years ago. Now COPELYN does not want to have anything to do with him probably because of political and personality clashes.

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3. COMMENTS BY COMPILER :

3.1 The WC which is independent of any Trade Union, offers political and general education for workers attached to Trade Unions.

3.2 COPELYN also lectures on a part-time basis at the WC.

3.3 Although COPELYN appears unhappy with HEMSON's possible appointment, SHEIK has the final say on appointments.

4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : NONE.

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2-3 : [REDACTED]

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