MARXIST WORKERIST TENDENCT (MWT): ALGEMEEN

- 1. Bron berig soos volg rakende leiersfigure in die MARXIST WORKERIST TENDENCY (MWT)(X1) asook aktiwiteite van hierdie politieke groepering:
- 1.1 Die volgende vier persone vorm die leierskap van die MWT in die RSA:
 - MARTIN LEGASSICK (W/M) (X2)
 - WISEMAN HAMILTON (S/M) (X3)
 - DAVID HEMSON (W/M) (X4)
 - PAULA ENSOR (K/V) (X5)
- 1.2 Werwing en teoretiese opleiding van lede van die MWT geskied hoofsaaklik deur die YOUNG WORKERS' EDUCATION PROJECT (X6) wat in Soutrivier, Kaapstad gelee is.
- 1.3 MATJIE ABRAHAMS (K/M) (X7) tree tans as nasionale organiseerder van die HVT op.
- 1.4 Sommige burgerlike verenigings in die Wes-Kaap en dan spesifiek die BELLVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION (X8) ondervind tans groot probleme met die optrede van die HWT. Laasgenoemde volg 'n modus operandi genoem "ENTRISM" waarvolgens 'n burgerlike vereniging van binne oorgeneem word en die beginsels en beleid van die MWT dan in die praktyk toegepas word.
- 2. KOMMENTAAR DEUR VERSLAGDOENENDE LID: GEEN.
- 3. KOMMENTAAR DEUR AFDELINGSHOOF :

VERSPREIDING:

MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT): ONDERSTEUNING VAN DIE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)/SA KOMMUNISTE PARTY (SAKP) TYDENS VERKIESING

- There have been debates within the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) (X1) regarding its participation during the coming elections.
- 1.1. Members involved in these debates are:

DAVID HEMSON (W/M) (X2)
THULANI (S/M) (X3)
THOKOSA MBELE (S/M) (X4)

- 1.2. In INANDA where MWT members have infiltrated the marshalls committees and the SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (SACP) (X5) a lot of debates took place during the last two weeks of JANUARY 1993. Members are questioning the wisdom of being part of an organisation such as the SACP, which ultimately has become like the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) (X6) and has, according to left wingers, "sold out" the whole socialist situation and ideology.
- 1.3. The leadership of the MWT (HEMSON AND THULANI) were positive that at this stage there was no chance that MWT could operate on its own because circumstances were against them.

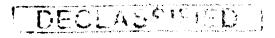
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- The ANC and SACP were big organisations which had a 1.3.1. good chance of ruling SA in the next few years. The duty of the MWT is therefore to infiltrate these organisations (as they have done already) and try to make them more militant, radical and marxist orientated. There is a good chance that this can be done because the vast majority of young people and the CONGRESS OF SA TRADE in (COSATU) (X7), ANC and SACP feel that they are being betrayed by the leadership within their organisations. This makes for good ground in which MWT can operate.
- 1.4. There is a debate within the MWT regarding future elections and whether MWT should help the ANC/SACP win the elections. Most of the young people as well as those not with MWT feel reluctant to help the ANC in the present situation. Further, members of NWT feel that they should not be assisting the ANC in any way due to its leaders' bad attitude towards MWT. Both MARTIN LEGGASICK (W/M)(X8), HEMSON and W. HAMILTON (K/M)(X9) have told their supporters that they must work hard in the future elections so that the ANC can become the government of the day. This will make it easier for MWT to critisize the ANC because MWT will be recognised as providing support during the elections.
- 1.4.1. The opposite opinion which also carries strong support in MWT is that the ANC and its regional representatives will not tolerate the MWT as they do not like them now and is therefore not likely to accept them after the elections.

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(COMMENT by source: debates on these issues continues)

2. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES : NONE.

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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)/
MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT): SAMESPREKINGS: DURBAN:
19920909

- 1. Die uitvoerende komitee van die SUID-NATALSTREEK van die AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) (X1) het op 19920909 in DURBAN samesprekings met 'n afvaardiging van die MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) (X2) gevoer. Die doel van die byeekoms was om "probleme" tussen die twee organisasie te bespreek. Die MWT is deur David HEMSON (N/M) (X3), ene THULANI (S/M) (X4) en nog 'n persoon (naam onbekend) verteenwoordig.
- Bron rapporteer soos volg oor die byeenkoms:
- 2.1 Sbu NDEBELE (S/M) (X5) opened the discussion by stating that it has come to the attention of the regional leadership that the MWT has infiltrated ANC structures to try to discrientate them by preaching TROMSKYISM. His feeling was that this was completely unacceptable because TROTSKYISM was not good for the young and older people in the movement and this has had consequences for the people in the branches. He asked HEMSON to tell them where the MWT was active in NATAL.
- 2.2 HEMSON said that he was not prepared to tell them where the movement was operating, because it could jeopardise the hard work of many dedicated people who built up the militant tendency within the movement.

NDEBELE/...





- 2.3 NDEBELE said that there was a problem of principle amongst the ANC leadership because it was inevitable that the MWT should either straighten up or be kicked out. He personally (and he thought he expressed the majority of those present) believed that things could be straightened out and the tendency could not be seen as destructive to the discipline of the movement.
- 2.4 Dr. N ZUMA (S/V) (X6) said that she disagreed with NDEBELE. She felt that the MWT should be expelled completely from the ANC structures because its members' behaviour was detrimental to the well being and discipline of the cadres and members of the movement.

 ZUMA accused MWT of curtailing the militancy of the people and especially the youth.
- 2.5 MTSHALI (S/M) (X7) said that the MWT must know that TROTSKYISM is stupid and if MWT wants to do something for the revolution they must join the SACP and work within it, but they must forget about TROTSKYISM because TROTSKY was the destructor of the Russian revolution. He said that people like them (MWT) were shot dead in the ANC camps because they were considered traitors of the revolution and state agents.
- 2.6 HEMSON told MTSHALI not make such statements because they make fools of themselves and that the ANC has denied that such shootings took place. MTSHALI then attacked HEMSON

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and told him that now he (MTSHALI) knows (after what was said) that the MWT is a counter-revolutionary organisation and worked for the State and the CIA.

HEMSON became upset and told him that it was wrong to make such claims and that it was the ANC which was fraternising with CIA agents and not the MWT. He called for the speaker to retract the statement immediately.

- DLAMINI said that the MWT were at war with the INKHATA FREEDOM PARTY (IFP) (X8), but in the end it was the ANC and UMKHONTO WE SIZWE (MK) (X9) who where responsible for "revolutionary war". The MWT were a bunch of intellectuals who wanted to be clever. He said the MWT always cried "foul" that the ANC was embracing GATSHA BUTHELEZI (S/M) (X10) but this was highly untrue because they were fighting BUTHELEZI and the IFP all over the NATAL region. So the MWT should not tell its people that the ANC in NATAL was in "good terms with BUTHELEZI because this was not true". HEMSON said that whoever told them these stories was lying. The only thing the MWT wanted to do was to make the youth more militant.
- 2.8 ZUMA then said that it was well-known that MWT, and HEMSON in particular, was recruiting members and cadres for the WOMENS ORGANISATION FOR SOCIALIST ACTION (WOSA) (X11) and they should stop that also.
- 2.9 HEMSON asked Sbu NDEBELE how well organised were the self defence units (SDU) and if they need arms to fight GATSHA and the STATE. NDEBELE said that it was true that the SDU's/...



SDU's were at the moment in a bad state and badly organised. The problem, said NDEBELE, was that he did not understand why the MWT wanted to operate separately within the ANC and not follow the discipline of the organisation.

- 2.10 HEMSON said that the MWT was prepared to give the ANC cadres and members seminars because the MWT knew that there was a severe lack of political education within the ANC.
- 2.11 This was unacceptable to some people in the panel who said that HEMSON was out of order to say such things. An old man from the ANC delegation then produced the CONGRESS MILITANT (newspaper of the MWT) and said that it was completely unacceptable in appearance and content. He told HEMSON that if the MWT wanted to be part of the ANC they should stop publishing "this rubbish". The newspaper was thought to be anti-ANC.
- 2.12 HEMSON said that there was no reason to stop the newspaper which was "doing very well" among the militant youth in the townships.
- 2.13 ZUMA said that further discussion was not necessary as there were no common grounds to discuss. The people then turned to THULANI and told him that the activities in NEWTOWN and other areas should cease to be anti-ANC.

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- 3. COMMENTS BY SOURCE :
- 3.1 The fact that ANC leadership (NATAL) met with the MWT means that there is an inherent "fear" towards the influence of the movement in this area.
- 3.2 There is an open struggle against the tendency which can turn ugly in the weeks to come. ANC leadership in NATAL seems very determined to "weld out" these MWT renegades.
- 4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : GEEN.

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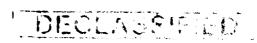
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MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT): WERWINGSVELDTOG IN DURBAN DEUR DAVE HEMSON (W/M)

- 1. Source reports as follows regarding the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT)(X1) recruitment drive in DURBAN in the person of Dave HEMSON (W/M)(X2):
- HEMSON, deputy leader of the MWT is in DURBAN and has 1.1 started organising workers, especially in the docks. He was a young militant in the seventies until his banning. He was heavily involved in the 1973 "dock" strikes. On his way back to the RSA he was approached by several unions to help, because of his theoretical and practical understanding of unions. He talked to some of the unions and he realised that the best union to work for (because he organise in the docks) is the TRANSPORT AND GENERAL He held WORKERS UNION (TGWU)(X3) (known as T & 3). discussions with Thibedi (S/M)(X4), the regional leader and he (Thibedi) - although a strong AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)(X5)/SA COMMUNIST PARTY (SACP)(X6) man-saw HEMSON as a good acquisition for the union. A letter was drafted to the CONGRESS OF SA TRADE UNIONS (COSATU)(X7) asking if there was any problem for HEMSON to help the union.

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Within four days a letter from the ANC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC) was written, telling the T & G people not to touch HEMSON as he is an undesirable element and does not belong to the movement's understanding of trade unions.

- The real fear of the ANC, however, is that HEMSON and the 1.2 MWT have made some good gains in the union movement so far, especially among shop stewards (but not organisers, etc). No ANC leader can stop HEMSON from working in the union. The ANC's fear is that HEMSON is a committed and determined revolutionary who will be a thorn in their flesh for several years to come. HEMSON had a lot of fights with the ANC leadership for a long time because he believed in the independent movement of the unions against the ANC's beliefs, who saw the unions as only the recruitment arm of UMKHONTO WE SIZWE (MK)(X8). He had a lot of fights in ENGLAND and then he was expelled. ANC is scared of his and M LEGGASICK's (W/M)(X9) capabilities, especially in DURBAN, where he's a popular figure and now "an exile who returned".
- 2. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: NONE.

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Lde Terror Lekota Convenor: Southern Natal ANC 130 Field Street DURBAN 4001

12 November 1990

Dear Terror

Herewith a copy of the letter which ${\bf I}$ sent on behalf of the BEC of Durban (entral to David Hemson for your records.

Yours in struggle,

lan Phillips
Acting-Chair: Durban Central

PS: Also attached a copy of the documentation sent to Cde Makgothi at HQ.

David Hemson P O Box 93 Botha's Hill 3660 ANC Durban Central Branch c/o ANC RIC Office 130 Field Street Durban 4001

12 November 1990

Dear David

The Regional Interim Committee, Southern Natal ANC, has informed us of the National Executive Committee's instruction of 7 November 1990 that your registration as a member of ANC, albeit in Durban Central, is invalid. Further, we also note that the Assistant Secretary General has informed you of the necessary procedures you should follow to be reinstated as a member of the ANC.

The BEC will be able to act further on this matter if and when further communication on the subject is received from the NEC.

Yours in struggle

Nag Phillips

Acting Chair: Ourban Central Branch Executive, ANC

cc. RIC, Southern Natal NEC, Johannesburg



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OUTEUR INLIGTINGSKETSE 6/85 : 1985/02/15

MWT-ANC: ONTLEDING VAN DIE ONRUSKIMAAT IN DIE RSA **ONDERWERP**

(Aanbeveel vir Spesiale Situasierapport)

Inqaba Ya Basebenzi, mondstuk van die Marxist Workers' Tendency of the ANC (MWT-ANC) in Londen, het op

 $12\November\1984$

redaksionele verklaring in Afrikaans, Engels en twee Swart

tale

uitgereik waarin hy die huidige onrussituasie in die RSA

ontleed en

tot die gevolgtrekking kom dat die RSA tans 'n

pre-rewolusionere

fase betree. Volgens die verklaring "...het die manjifieke

stryd

van die Swart proletariaat in Suid-Afrika ongetwyfeld 'n nuwe stadium op weg na rewolusie ingelui" en is die massabeweging

teen

die Staat "...nou meer wydverspreid en volgehoue, beter

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georganiseerd en meer gepolitiseerd" as in enige ander stadium

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verset teen die "rassistiese diktatuur".

.1 Die MWT-ANC is voorts van mening dat die Staat se ...onvermoe om die huidige onrussituasie te onderdruk" teenstrydige indrukke laat, nl enersyds dat hy op die punt

staan om

tot 'n val te kom, terwyl "die bloeddorstige toename in staatsgeweld, massamoorde, massa-arrestasies ens" andersyds

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indruk skep dat die Staat vir 'n onbepaalde tydperk te sterk

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bly om deur die "massabeweging" oorwin te word. Ten einde die huidige situasie te verstaan en aan te toon hoe na die RSA aan

'n

rewolusie is, asook in welke stadium van rewolusionere

ontwikkeling

die "onderdruktes" in die RSA tans verkeer, word die huidige binnelandse onrusklimaat gemeet aan die volgende drie algemene kenmerke van 'n rewolusionere situasie, soos deur LENIN

gestel:

- "Wanneer dit vir die heersersklasse onmoontlik is om hulle heerskappy sonder enige veranderings te

handhaaf en

wanneer 'n krisis in die een of ander vorm 'n kraak veroorsaak waardeur die ontevredenheid en verontwaardiging van die onderdrukte klasse

deurbars."

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beswaar toelaat dat hulle beroof word maar in tye

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onrus deur al die omstandighede van die krisis,

asook

deur die hoer klas self, tot onafhanklike historiese

optrede beweeg word. In hierdie verband is die MWT-ANC van mening dat die heersersklas in die RSA nie meer sy kapitalistiese stelsel

deur die

tradisionele metode van "naakte Blanke oorheersing" kon

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nie en dus genoodsaak was om, dmv hervorming: soos die nuwe grondwetlike bedeling, "handlangers" uit die Swart middelklas (Kleurlinge en Indiers) te werf in die hoop om die eise van

werkersmassa deur nuwe "verdeel-en-heersplanne" af te weer.

beweer die organisasie dat hierdie veranderings die "bankrotskap" van die tradisionele metode bewys aangesien dit duidelik nie

geslaag het om 'n nuwe metode van heerskappy te ontwikkel nie

die "stryd om nasionale bevryding" nie meer deur "...moontlike

toegewings binne die raamwerk van kapitalisme" beteuel sal kan

nie. Aangesien kapitalisme nie die "sosiale kostes van ware demokratiese verandering" kan bekostig nie en die RSA

in 'n ekonomiese krisis verkeer, is die MWT-ANC van mening dat

heerserklas se pogings om sy metodes van heerskappy te wysig,

"'n krisis van rassistiese en kapitalistiese heerskappy as

gelei het. Hierdie krisis het die "kraak veroorsaak waardeur

massabeweging stroom" en die stroom begin die omvang van 'n vloedgolf aanneem. Ontevredenheid oor daaglikse ontberings

vererger, by stygende lewenskostes en hoer AVB, sluit weer aan

"...'n groeiende gewaarwording van die gewelddadige

krag wat by die stedelike Swart bevolking, en veral by die industriele werkersklas, latent is". 1.3 In die verklaring word ook te kenne gegee dat die

wat die afgelope tien jaar op alle vlakke in die "onderdrukte" gemeenskap gevoer is, die weg berei het na die "politieke

van apartheid en kapitalisme", wat nou 'n stadium nader wat as

pre-rewolusionere krisis beskryf kan word. Foewel die RSA in

situasie verkeer "...waarin die elemente wat nodig is vir 'n rewolusie besig is om saam te kom", wys die MWT-ANC daarop dat "...die rewolusionere krisis nog nie heeltemal ryp is nie". Stakings, die anti-verkiesingsveldtog, die vakbondeenheids= inisiatiewe, dispute in die mynbedryf, skoleboikotte en

in 1984, asook die onlangse "politieke" wegblyaksie, is

MWT-ANC aanduidend van toenemende verset deur die "onderdrukte klasse'

1.4 Die SAW se toetrede tot die handhawing van wet en orde

die Swart woongebiede bewys volgens die verklaring dat die

sy "...onderdrukking nou in hoer versnelling voer". Hierdie optrede het egter "...geen dempende effek nie" maar het juis

die werkersklas die geleentheid gebied om die Staat se magte

te beoordeel en 'n taktiek te ontwikkel om die nuwe fase

te gaan. Die werkersklas se weiering om daardeur afgeskrik te word, is 'n verdere bewys dat 'n pre-rewolusionere fase betree

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1.5 In die verklaring word verder daarop gewys dat dit selfs moontlik is dat die Regering, in hierdie "nuwe fase van onderdrukking", die UDF en jeugorganisasies verbode kan verklaar en, soos aan die begin van die sestigerjare, vakbond- en ander leiers op groot skaal kan arresteer. Daar word egter nie voorsien dat sodanige optrede, behalwe om tydelik vir die betrokkenes problematies te wees, die situasie noemenswaardig sal verander nie aangesien daar, weens die toename in die getalle van jeug-, vakbond- en gemeenskapsorganisasies, "...geweldige reserwemagte bestaan wat nog in die stryd betrek moet word". Die mening word uitgespreek dat die oneffektiwiteit van toenemende "staatsonderdrukking" die moreel van sowel die heersers as die van die middelklas sal verswak en die weg vir skeurings in die klasse sal voorberei. Omdat die samehorigheidsgevoel in die heerserklas en die moreel van "...die staatsmagte nog nie genoegsaam ondermyn is nie", is die MWT-ANC van mening dat "...die langdurige krag en onbuigsaamheid van die stelsel van Blanke oorheersing" beteken dat die ontwikkeling van 'n rewolusionere krisis en die toneelskikking vir die ineenstorting/omverwerping van die sg regime "...'n uitgerekte, bitter en bloedige proses sal wees". Vervolgens is 'n fundamentele skeuring in die heersersklas, wat die Regering sal verlam en die middelklas verdeel, tans die erigste ontbrekende element in die rewolusionere situasie en behoort die aangeleentheid die aandag van rewolusionere stratee te geniet. historiese "...verdeling tussen liberale en regse kapitaliste" asook "verligtes en verkramptes" in die RSA word nie as manifestasies van "...'n fundamentele skeuring (gesien) nie omcat die groepe almal steeds daarop ingestel is om die werkersklas te onderdruk". Daar word gevolglik voorsien dat die heersersklas eers sal verbrokkel wanneer die besef van die "vrugteloosheid van sy pogings om die massabeweging te stuit", tot die "bevoorregte minderheid" deurgedring het en daar fatalisme/pessimisme in die "kamp van die kapitaliste" ontstaan. Die rol van die werkers en vakbonde in die rewolusie word voorts geskets en daar word aanbeveel dat die werkers se benadering tot die stryd tweeledig van aard moet wees, nl om
- sy "nie-rassige klassehouding" te handhaaf, dit vanaf die fabrieksvloer na die politieke terrein uit te bou en om die Blanke werkersklas by hulle aktiwiteite te betrek ten einde die mag van die Regering te ondermyn en die

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gekoppel word aan die noodsaak om kapitalisme self

te werp".

1.8 Volgens die verklaring bestaan daar tans 'n behoefte

duidelike werkersleiding in die "stryd" en het die onlangse wegblyaksie in Transvaal bewys dat RSA-vakbonde deur "...die felheid van die stryd teen die Staat" en die werkers se vasberadenheid om hulle georganiseerde krag vir politieke doeleindes aan te wend, gedwing word om 'n leiersrol in die

teen die huidige bestel in te neem. Die daarstel van 'n "massaparty" van die werkers om leiding te neem, sou volgens

MWT-ANC 'n "geweldige" voorwaartse stap beteken maar sal ook ernstige probleme en "noodlottige vertragings" veroorsaak. hierdie rede is hy van mening dat die mees effektiewe wyse vir vakbonde om in hulle doelstellings te slaag, sou wees om by en die ANC aan te sluit, die werkers daardeur te politiseer en demokratiese werkersbeheer en -leiding in 'n aktiewe, program binne die organisasies te vestig. In die verband

voorsien dat, indien die UDF sodanig omvorm sou kon word, dit "...sou meehelp om die politieke onafhanklikheid van die werkersklas te verseker teen die tot dusver oorheersende

van die middelklas" en sal dit ook "...die eenheid van die met die jeug en alle vegters, in die aangesig van die vyand,

bewaar".

1.9 Die MWT-ANC beveel ook aan dat, ten spyte van die suksesvolle wegblyaksie, vakbonde nie nou 'n onbeperkte

staking moet oorweeg nie maar eerder moet poog om 'n nasionale staking te inisieer en in aansluiting by die eise

tydens die wegblyaksie gestel is, 'n nasionale minimumloon te

"So 'n staking sou die druk op die Regering verhoog, die verder polariseer en dit moontlik maak om ons kragte op 'n

front uit te toets" ten einde swakhede/tekortkominge uit te

die daaropvolgende "aanslag" te beplan. Volgens die

dit ook noodsaaklik dat meer werkers in vakbondverband

word en, omdat die beoogde verenigde vakbond $^{\scriptscriptstyle ext{T}}$ ederasie 'n

bydrae in die verband kan lewer, moet daar sonder versuim Page 4

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oorgegaan word tot die implementering daarvan. Die taak van die federasie behoort te wees om sy ledetal sou gou moontlik tot meer as een miljoen uit te brei en hoofminister BUTHELEZI se "reaksionere" invloed in Natal te oorwin. Aangesien die RSA se nywerheidsentra volgens die MWT-ANC die hoofarena van die rewolusie sal wees, noodsaak dit "georganiseerde bande tussen nywerheids- en plaaswerkers" ten einde verset landwyd uit te brei, "staatsmagte" tot die uiterste te beproef en meer slaankrag aan die "stryd" in die nywerheidsgebiede te verleen. 1.10 Die verklaring lui voorts dat die rewolusionere situasie in die RSA weldra "ryp" sal word indien - die "regte" nasionale samehorigheidsgevoel in die versetbeweging ontstaan; die werkersklas daarin kan slaag om op 'n duidelike en georganiseerde wyse sy politieke leiding in die hele versetbeweging te vestig; die Regering en die heerserklas "...in hopelose wanorde gegooi word" en 'n skeuring in die middelklas ontstaan; - die "staatsmagte" uitgeput en verdeeld geraak het en "selfs die ergste wreedaardigheid nie meer hulle moreel in stand kan hou of hulle doeltreffendheid kan verseker nie"; - die Swart jeug en werkers hulleself amv gewapende verset begin verdedig. Ten slotte word beweer dat "...hoewel ons nog 'n afstand het om af te le voordat ons daardie stadium bereik, het die manjifieke stryd van die Suid-Afrikaanse proletariaat die binnelandse bevolking gebring tot op 'n punt waar die lig van oorwinning aan die einde van die tonnel sigbaar word". TOELIGTNG EN KOMMENTAÄR 2.1 Die MWT-ANC is in Maart 1980 deur oa Martin\LEGASSICK, David\HEMSON, Peter\COLLINS, Robert\PETERSEN en Paula\ENSOR, almal RSA-uitgewekenes en tot in daardie stadium lede van SACTU se Tegniese Subkomitee, gestig nadat hulle uit die ANC/SAKP en **SACTU** geskors is. Die skorsing het gevolg op die publisering van 'n pamflet getiteld "The Workers Movement and SACTU - A Struggle for Marxist Policies", waarin hulle na bewering die "kode" tov lidmaatskap van die ANC/SAKP verbreek het deur die beleid en leierskap van die "rewolusionere alliansie" wat deur die ANC/SAKP gelei word, in die openbaar aan te val en 'n onafhanklike faksie met 'n eie politieke mening binne die ANC/SAKP te vorm. Die MWT-ANC verskil van die ANC/SAKP en SACTU in die sin dat hy hom primer vir 'n ekonomiese aanslag op die RSA beywer en glo dat die omverwerping van kapitalisme gelee is in die politisering en mobilisering van die RSA-arbeidsmag ten einde die RSA-ekonomie dmv 'n werkerklasrewolusie lam te le. Slegs daarna, ter



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volvoering

van die rewolusie, kan daar tot 'n gewapende stryd oorgegaan

word.

In teenstelling met die SAKP wat hom op

Marxisties-Leninistiese

grondslag beywer vir 'n kommunistiese samelewing en 'n

diktatuur

van die proletariaat (wat neerkom op 'n bestel onder beheer

van 'n

politieke elitegroep), het die MWT-ANC 'n Trotskistiese inslag

met

'n suiwer werkersklasregering, sonder oorheersing deur 'n elitegroep of politieke kader, in gedagte. Nogtans het die

MWT-ANC

verklaar dat hy die ANC/SAKP en SACTU steeds steun in soverre

hulle

'n relevante bydrae tot die verwesenliking van sy eie

doelstellings

2.3 Die MWT-ANC beywer hom ook daarvoor om dmv sy opleidingsprojek (die South African Labour Education Project - SALEP) opleiding aan RSA-vakbondlui te verskaf ten einde die werkers in te lig oor lg se rol in die ondermyning van die RSA-ekonomie en die bereiking van 'n rewolusionere situasie in

die

Die omvang van die verspreiding van die Ingaba in die 2.4

RSA,

asook die aanvaarbaarheid daarvan vir RSA-vakbondlui, is nie

bekend

nie. LEGASSICK het in Januarie 1983 oa beweer dat daar reeds welslae behaal word met bg politiseringsprojekte en dat FOSATU

en

die General Workers' Union (GWU) 'n belangrike rol in die

verband

speel.

OPSOMMING

Ingaba Ya Basebenzi, mondstuk van die Marxist Workers'

Tendency of

the ANC (MWT-ANC) in Londen, het op 12\November\1984 'n redaksionele verklaring in Afrikaans, Engels en twee Swart

tale

uitgereik waarin hy die huidige onrussituasie in die RSA

analiseer

pre-rewolusionere

en tot die gevolgtrekking kom dat die RSA tans 'n

tov

fase betree het. Die MWT-ANC maak verder sekere aanbevelings

die klimaatskepping en deurvoering van die rewolusie.

SOCIALIST GROUPINGS : DOCK WORKERS' INITIATIVES : KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN) AND WESTERN CAPE

- Source reports as follows on, among other things, developments regarding the dock workers initiatives in CAPE TOWN and DURBAN:
- 1.1 Information suggests that there is constant communication between Shahied MOHAMMED (X1) of CAPE TOWN and David HEMSON (X2) of DURBAN on how to work together and put together things in the docks.
- MOHAMMED does not have many problems with organising the dockers in CAPE TOWN but HEMSON who organises and mobilises at the DURBAN docks has problems because members are only casual workers who have little or no chance of becoming permanent workers. To add to the confusion casual workers who are desperate to get a good deal also seek help from the SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAY AND HARBOUR WORKERS' UNION (SARHWU) (X3) and TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION (TGWU) (X4). HEMSON wants their undivided attention and does not want them to go to SARHWU and/or TGWU. Hence he cannot organise independently and effectively as he would like to.
- 1.3 HEMSON acknowledges that casual workers are very militant as was confirmed by the recent strikes in the docks. Should their grievances not be sorted out the problems / strikes in the docks will happen time and again.
- 2. COMMENTS BY SOURCE :
- 2.1 It would appear that casual workers will support any leader who is prepared to fight for their cause. Should this be the case then the revolutionaries / reactionaries from the ultra-left have the opportunity to organise and manipulate things to their advantage. At the same time one needs to look at many aspects of these strikes because too many Unions can create lots of problems in the long term as it will become more and more difficult both.



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politically and economically for all the parties that are involved which also includes the INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY (IFP) (X5).

- 2.2 Sight should also not be lost of the activities of possible small radical groups of workers who can also play a significant role because they deal with the most militant and important sections of the workers. Such people are influential and have the ability to mobilise. They have nothing to lose even though they may be fired as a result of strike or other related actions. In the end they are not the ones to lose, instead they survive to create another situation of the struggle.
- 3. COMMENTS BY COMPILER:
- 3.1 It could not be confirmed, at this stage, if HEMSON and other extremists were involved in the recent strike at the DURBAN Harbour.
- 3.2 This Office is still in the process of determining if the dock workers' initiatives in DURBAN and CAPE TOWN can both be linked to the efforts by WORKERS INTERNATIONAL TO REBUILD THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL (WIRFI) (X6)
- 3.3 The activities of personalities from the ultra-left who are involved in trying to organise workers in the docks are being constantly monitored by this Office.
- 4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : NONE



TRANSFORMATION PAINS AT HOW

Since 1990 students and staff have worked hard to transform upw and make it a democratic university in the new south Africa. So why do we have a crisis at our university which does not seem to go away?

Until 1992 the Combined Staff Association (COHSA) had played a worthy role, alongside the SRC, in furthering transformation at UOW. Then, last August, six leading progressive intellectuals (Bawa, Singh, Daniel, Filtova, HcCtacken and Hunck) wrote a strong critique of COHSA from a democratic perspective. They accused COHSA of being more of a protectionist cabal than a real trade union, and of not representing the majority of academic staff.

COHSA responded to the STX critical academics with force, malicious gossip and never answered their case. Ahmed have who served 10 years on Robben Island and was the longest serving prisoner in solitary confinement, and Halo Singh who played a vital role in trying to make the transformation process more transparent and democratic. They were intimidated and eventually left UOW early in 1995, after having played a leading role in the transformation process. Now Ronaldo Hunck and John Daniel are being subjected to a vicious campaign of intimidation to force them to follow suit.

The "Sociology Crisis" in fact is an organised attempt to block the transformation project at departmental luvel. Hunck was brought to UDW as a leading radical intellectual to create a strong department and a relevant sociology degree in the new South Africa. Who has organised this attack on transformation in the Sociology department and who does it benefit when the new programme doesn't go ahead.

Last September there was an illegitimate take over of the Sociology department at which a clique elected David Hemson as Head of Department to allow management to deal with the coup. Hunck was cleared of all the accusations made by the clique against him is that he was firing I members of staff to get or Fagan appointed. Reddy and Balintulo reappointed Hunck as Head of department, but COHSA objected and demanded a commission of enquiry.

Dirty tricks continued at UDW. Amonymous phone calls, attempts to blackmail staff, break into offices, intimidation and the vandalising of Hunck's home were organised in cold blood. Hunck's calls for the SRC to be involved were rejected.

The commission of Inquiry began in early 1995 and reported results. No one is allowed to see this report because it exposes the truth of what happened in Sociology and the way that Desai, Hemson, Allan + Dlamini operated. Comsa will not allow the report to see the light of day, because it shows that they were implicated and behind the takeover and removal of Nunck and Fagan. Many student can and have attested to this. We are now told that while students and staff cannot see the report, management are to take disciplinary action against:

DESAI: for a break into Hunck's office and being in receipt of personal documents.

MANTZARIS: For threatening and then (ailing)/4 of the Sociology Honours class

But what about David Hemson who continued to sexually herass Dr fague and presently undermined the democratic first year Sociology tutorial programme.

In a strange move it was also decided to discipline blanck, to keep COHSA happy. He is to be charged with speaking to the press after his house was vandalised and he was forced into hiding. Hunck has come out of hiding and in the one week of term to date, he and his family have been assaulted twice.

into this picture came the SRC with a call to Desai to debate the crisis of transformation at UDW and his increasing reactionary role. Desai and his COMSA followers responded with a full - blown attack. The SRC was taken to court, inflammatory mass meetings were organised and character assassinations of leading figures were carried out. Again COMSA demanded the immediate and permanent removal of Hunck and added John Daniel to the demand.

Just as with last year's criticisms of COMSA by the academics, we find the SRC criticisms met by force. By hitting the COMSA critics hard, they demobilised the academic base. By attempting to remove the SRC president recently, they hoped to demoralise the student base. In both operations, the objective was to block the transformation actions as always were aided and abetted by Allan and his so -called Free Press.

By its actions COMSA confirms that it is the protectionist racist cabal it has been accused of. It pays lip - service to transformation and turns a blind eye to dirty tricks and intimidation. COMSA is the main obstacle to transformation at 190M.

Around the same time, the Political Science Department came into the limelight when COHSA launched Its malicious attack on our Head. Prof John Daniel's intervention on the Heckett TV programme on UDW. It seemed that Daniel, as with the SRC was a 'racist provocateur' because he addressed the need for affirmative action. It was also implied that he had "gone out on a limb" to support Hunck. The Political Science steering Committee of students and tutors rejected this COHSA attack an our department, We believe their agenda is nothing other than the take over and destruction of Political Science as happened in the Sociology department. It is time for students to defend their departments and the democratic heads—who wish to assist the transformation process.

In recent weeks CORSA has urged that the "Socia Crisis" and its conflict with the SRC should be settled by a "truce". We view this as a trick! CORSA have to answer for their role in destroying the Sociology department. COMSA have to answer for calling the SRC and J.O.Daniel a "rucist" because they called for

offirmative action and why baws and hala singh were intimidated to leave this university. UDN can have a great luture. At present students degree's have been devalued by COMSA's continued troublemaking. Our campaign is to take transfermation forward, with or without COMSA. The sociology Report needs to be published immediately. An independent enquity into COMSA must be organised by the democratic movement.

I would like to finish by saying that there is a pattern here and we must see it:

- Six Protessors demanded a new and transformatory University, they were attacked viciously and silensed. Munck and Fagan began to introduce transformation at the level of the Sociology department and they were removed.
- The SRC challenged racism fascism in CONSA and there was an attempt to overthrow them and deligitimate them.
- John Daniel's of the Political Science department apoke out against the COMSA stalinist methods and its racism, call for affirmative action and his immediate and permanent removal was demanded.

All these attacks were made by whom? A group in COMSA and two of their associate student opportunists.

I now along with the Politics Steering Committee, wish to add my voice to those who have articulated the need for transformation and Affirmative Action. He are taking the risk that just to the others who have done so have been attacked and run off Campus, we will be too. He call on the meeting to may that the people here today will say no to the intimidation and that we begin actively openly and democratically become spents of transformation, to, as students, lead the democratic forces on campus to remove bully boy forces and open up the campus to immediate debate on programmes on transformation. We demand the return of those who have been forced off campus and pledge that we will protect their rights to critique and debate transformation, and their persons from physical harm.

Personally, I am calling the SRC to immediately fax the minister of justice as the head of security, Rimister of Police as the head of safety and the Minister of Education, to ensure that open and democratic debate can exist on campus.

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE STEERING COMMITTEE.

LEFTWING EXTREMIST GROUPS : UTILISING UNIONS AS ORGANISING PLATFORM : KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN)

- 1. Information was obtained regarding the role and influence of ultra-leftist groups and individuals within independent unions and affiliates of the CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS (COSATU) in KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN).
- Source 1 reports as follows:
- 2.1 It is impossible to believe that Sam KIKINI (X2) of the SOUTH AFRICAN ALLIED WORKERS UNION (SAAWU) (X3) could have anything to do with a leftist organisation

such the WORKERS INTERNATIONAL TO REBUILD THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL (WIRFI) (X4).

2.1.1 KIKINI is a very sensitive man who safeguards himself

from being used by destructive forces. He is always aware of his organisation being infiltrated by what

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believes to be "intelligence officers". KIKINI is a difficult person to discuss any other matter besides what he believes in and lives for. KIKINI is also known for supplying disinformation.

- 2.2 It is impossible to believe that WIRFI organisers could have discussed or convinced KIKINI successfully
- regarding the planned unification of SAAWU ϵ .nd WIRFI.

Nobody else within SAAWU could have held discussions with WIRFI because KIKINI appears to be the only man behind the running of SAAWU affairs.

- 2.3 Source nevertheless confirms that WIRFI, together with the TURNING WHEELS WORKERS' UNION (TWWU) (X5), are infiltrating affiliates of COSATU by making use of their facilities, resources and individuals.
- 3. Source 2 reports as follows regarding allegations made

 by TWWU that they have taken over the membership of the TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION (TGWU) (X6) in DURBAN:
- 3.1 It is known that TGWU are influenced by WIRFI in DURBAN. David HEMSON (X7), a former member of TGWU, is behind these initiatives organising TGWU members

for WIRFI and the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT)

(X8).

- 3.1.1 The regional organiser (name unknown) for TGWU in DURBAN was positively identified for his involvement with WIRFI and MWT in KZN. HEMSON and this unidentified person are seen together frequently.
- 3.2 Source also identified Thobias MSELENI (N9), a local organiser for the CHEMICAL WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION (CWIU) (X10), as an active member of WIRFI in KZN.
- 4. COMMENTS BY COMPILERS:
- 4.1 Investigations done by this office could not confirm previous information that SAAWU is being used by

WIRFI

as a mobilising mechanism in KZN. The opinion is therefore that WIRFI and other relevant leftist

will rather utilise the opportunities offered by COSATU affiliates in KZN to strengthen their hand in the province than to try and convince independent "hard line" unions like SAAWU for support.

5. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: None







BUITE-PARLEMENTERE DRUKGROEP : BEDRYWIGHEDE IN DURBAN

- Source reports as follows on the current activities of the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT) (X1) in the DURBAN area:
- 1.1 Workshops are presently being conducted in LAMONTVILLE and INANDA on Saturdays and Sundays by the following personalities -

Thami MTSHALI (S/M)(X2)
David HEMSON (W/M)(X3)
Nkonsingiphile DLAMINI (S/M)(X4)

- 1.2 The workshops basically cover aspects concerning capitalism, imperialism and the ANC attitude towards the rights of workers.
- 1.3 Several marshalls of the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)(X5) living in the above areas are also assisting in the running of the Workshops.
- 1.4 Workers attached to the following trade unions were seen to attend such workshops -

NATIONAL EDUCATION HEALTH AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION (NEHAWU) (X6)

NATIONAL UNION OF METALWORKERS OF SA (NUMSA) (X7)

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- 1.5 Up to fifty workers from the above trade unions are present at each workshop.
- 2. COMMENTS BY SOURCE :
- It is not possible to ascertain whether such workshops are having a major influence on workers as a whole.
- 2.2 The information contained in this report cannot, at this stage, be confirmed by any other source from this Regional area.
- 3. COMMENTS BY COMPILER:
- 3.1 Source will endeavour to monitor developments in this regard.
- 4. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : None.

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MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT): BETROKKENHEID BY POLITIEKE GEVANGENES: LEEUKOP GEVANGENIS

- 1. Source had an informal discussion with Professor David HEMSON (W/M)(X1), leader of the MARXIST WORKERS TENDENCY (MWT)(X2) regarding developments surrounding the political prisoners at the Leeuwkop Maximum Prison. HEMSON said the following:
- 1.1 He visited the aforementioned prison on 19930530 and had discussions with prisoners who support the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)(X3) and the NATIONAL UNION OF METALWORKERS OF SA (NUMSA)(X4).
- 1.2 The prisoners' legal representative is Mohamed BHAM (I/M) (X5) who is a brilliant lawyer.
- 1.3 A campaign to free the political prisoners is in progress but the ANC leadership is relatively quiet on the matter. Because of this the MWT has taken, among other things, the lead role with regards to visiting the prisoners, arranging for legal representation and negotiating with the authorities.
- 1.4 A trust Fund has been created and it was estimated that there was about R180,000.00 in it which will be utilised for the needs of the prisoners with regards to, among other things, their defence expenses.

Support/...



1.5 Support Committees were formed in the UNITED KINGDOM, IRELAND, SWEDEN, NORWAY and JAPAN.

- 1.6. The bulk of the aforementioned money came from SWEDEN, IRELAND and NORWAY.
- 1.7 COMMENTS BY SOURCE :
- 1.7.1 It is not absolutely clear why the ANC Leadership is keeping a low profile on the current political prisoners' issue as mentioned by HEMSON and neither did he elaborate on it. It would appear that HEMSON/MWT is playing the lead role for political gain.
- 2. COMMENTS BY COMPILER:
- 2.1 From intelligence gathered over the last six months in this region nothing is known to have been discussed in political circles regarding the question of political prisoners as discussed in this report.
- 3. COMMENTS BY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE : None.
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