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SHARFULDWINE KHAN, FRELIMO REPRESENTATIVE TO UN & US,
WILL VISIT MADISON OCTOBER 22 and 23

Sharfuldine Khan, the permanent representative of the Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO) to the United Nations will speak at a public meeting on Thursday, October 22, at 8 p.m. in Great Hall at the Wisconsin Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street.

In addition, there will be a premier showing in Madison of a new color film, "Mozambique," depicting the struggle of the Mozambican people against Portuguese colonialism and racism, showing conditions and work inside the liberated zones in northern Mozambique.

Among other scenes, the film includes shots of a meeting of ten thousand African people being held under heavy foliage, shielding them from American-made Portuguese bombers overhead. The film was made by Dutch television in the spring of 1970 inside Mozambique.

Mr. Khan will speak about the conditions in Mozambique under Portuguese colonial rule, and the progress of the armed struggle to gain national independence, launched by the people in 1964. This war, little publicized in the US, is one of three liberation wars being waged by the African people against the Portuguese. The others are in Angola and Guinea-Bissau (West Africa).

In addition to the Great Hall talk, Mr. Khan will be available during the daytime on October 22 and 23 for colloquiums, classroom talks, community meetings etc.

If you can arrange an audience for Mr. Khan on those days, or if you would like the latest information on his Madison schedule, call Ruth Minter (who is co-ordinating his visit) at the MACSA office, at 257-2534. Contributions toward his honorarium and/or FRELIMO work are most welcome.
FALL PLANS, TOM TLOU'S VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA FEATURED AT FIRST MEETING

The first fall meeting of MACSA was Sunday, September 27th.
To begin the meeting, Tom Tlou, who teaches African history at the University, gave his observations of the situation in southern Africa from the perspective of a year in Botswana and Zambia.

Because MACSA's mailing and phone list is still somewhat in disarray and because some of you were not at home when we had people phoning you, many people apparently did not know early enough to plan to come. We are sorry, and urge you to contact us before the next meeting if you can help and let us know your concerns and interest.
The office is at 306 N. Brooks Street in University YWCA space. The phone is 257-2535. Ask for Marcia Halligan or Ruth Minter.

Decisions of the 1st meeting:
1. We will try a pattern of once a month meetings, focussed around an educational program but also including a work session either before or after.
2. We will launch a major campaign to raise material for liberation movements. Major reason: May be easier than raising money because money is tight and because human nature tends to respond more generously to specific requests that catch their fancy.
3. Sharfudine Khan, FRELIMO representative to the United Nations and to the United States, will come to Madison October 22-23 (see p. 1). We will make a major effort to raise money to provide a good honorarium and to share in travel expenses. He will also visit Chicago, perhaps Milwaukee, and Minneapolis. We will attempt to provide the community with as much exposure to him as possible, through publicity and meetings throughout the town. Khan will bring with him a film "Mozambique" done by Dutch television in liberated areas of Mozambique about six months ago.
4. We would like Marcia Halligan to work half of her work-study for MACSA if that can be arranged with the University YWCA for whom she now works. MACSA would raise the money to reimburse the U-YWCA for this part of her time.
5. If Mr. Tabata of the Unity Movement will be in town we will set up a public meeting but if it is near the time of Khan's visit we will be unable to give significant financial support. Ebo Janha will communicate on this.

The following people volunteered for various MASCA tasks:
To prepare a plan for the campaign for material and coordinate it: David Kinyon, Barb Olson, Bill Clark, Marylee Wiley. (See subcommittee report which follows)
To prepare a letter from MACSA to the Wisconsin State Journal re: recent article on Mr. Botha from the South African Information Agency: Bill Minter, Isis Southall and Marcia Halligan.
General Help volunteers: Gregor Trinkus, Kelley Morris, Peter Dorman, Roney Soronson, Dobby Bogstad, Chris Bishop and Chuck Giese.
MACSA newsletter: Meg Skinner, Kay Daut and Marylee Wiley.
Contact with churches: Wandile Kuse, Marylee Wiley, David Kinyon
Flyer for use in schools, church-etc. with quick introduction to Southern Africa and to MACSA: Marylee Wiley, Alice Chavya, Dave Wiley
Revision of pamphlet on Wisconsin Corporate Involvement in Southern Africa: George Lowe, Debbie Bogstad, Bill Minter.
Getting issue to high schools, free schools and community: Isis Southall, Barb Olson, Clarence Kailin, and Bill Clark.
October Visit of Khan: (at which time campaign for money and material will kick-off)
Ebou and John: Contact All Africa People's Union.
Debbie Bogstad: Contact WSA
Kelley Morris: help with printing & set up to show film at Green Lantern.

Gregor Trinkus: contact International Club.
Khan Co-ordination Cont'd

Dave Wiley: Contact African Studies Department
Isis Southall: arrange showings of film in high schools
Barb Olson: publicity among Walk for Development people
David Kinyon: will try to make some church contacts for money and publicity.
Ruth Minter: liaison with Khan himself and try to coordinate volunteers.

Tasks still needing volunteers:
- contact professors who might want Khan as a guest in class on 22nd or 23rd;
- Set up publicity plan — notices to interested depts., organizations and churches;
- Public media;
- Posters: make and distribute;
- Above All, help and ideas for raising needed funds — do YOU have connections we don't????

The following other possible MACSA activities need volunteers:
- Work on a pamphlet on GM and Southern Africa — strike makes issue current;
- needed: artist or layout person for materials we print;
- needed: community people discovering ways to get Southern Africa on the minds and agenda of people away from the University;
- needed: person to take charge of literature (ordering, distributing, setting up table in Wis. Mem Union, contacting libraries, handling mail-order requests for what we print)
- needed: media-minded people to get articles in papers, interviews wherever possible, arrange talk-shows, set up contacts to show films on WHA maybe, watchdog coverage local media gives to S. Africa;
- needed: person to coordinate speaker's bureau — organize list of people and films available and promote them throughout community.

Volunteers for any of the above tasks should contact the MACSA office at 257-2535.
Ruth Minter

MATERIEL SUBCOMMITTEE:
DAVE KINYON REPORTS

Following the broad directions set out by the first fall MACSA meeting, a committee of four met to deal with the specifics of collecting material for Liberation groups in Southern Africa. The four were Bill Clark, Marylee Willy, Barb Olson, and David Kinyon. The following is Dave's report:

We looked over the list of material priorities sent to us by FRELIMO and decided that our efforts would be most successful by emphasizing the following items:

FOODSTUFFS:
tin and dried food
CLOTHES
shirts, trousers, raincoats
OTHER
blankets, tents, school supplies, rudimentary building equipment, soap, and mosquito netting.

Of course the full list is available to all who want to send other items. However, in all cases we felt we should only accept items on the list or money equivalent.

The committee considered the most necessary medical supplies separately for several reasons. First, we're incompetent to deal with a chemical list as presented to us by FRELIMO. To deal with this, Dave Kinyon is going to see if it's possible to find a doctor on campus who might deal with it in terms of Mozambique. Secondly, drugs etc. are cheaper in England so Marylee is to write to several places to find prices. Also the feeling was that ways of sending material and associated channels had been set up already and we should take advantage of them.

The next step then, is how to present our appeal: by making a small brochure, appealing to our past membership with one letter, appealing to individual contacts in corporations with another letter (i.e. specific corps. might share their products) and appealing to community centers of Madison to disseminate information.
MACSA was involved on many fronts last year — research, education, protest, and support for liberation movements. Wisconsin Corporate Involvement in Southern Africa was published by the research committee, detailing the extent of investments and holdings of local companies in the financial structure of Southern Africa. George Lowe and Bill Hinter prepared this paper, available for 10¢ at the MACSA office. Rich Goodman researched the issue of Rhodesian sanctions, particularly related to chrome. This is not yet published. Kay Daut and Mike Savage began work on the South African information publications.

MACSA sponsored a course in the Free University, centering on the work of the liberation movements in Southern Africa. Speakers and films were provided to the Madison public schools through the assistance of Mrs. A. Soutball, a member of MACSA involved in the area studies programs in the schools. Bob Newberry arranged for some discussions in dorms on the Southern Africa problem.

The committee on religious groups provided speakers for several local churches; Wandile Kuse and Marylee Wiley gave slide lectures in various parts of the Madison community, off campus and in campus religious centers. A compilation of statements on Southern Africa made by church agencies and boards was duplicated and sent to local church social action committees.

The African Students' Union and MACSA upset the plans of the University Luso-Brazilian Center which scheduled a film "Portugal Today" — provided by the Portuguese Information Service. The evening meeting was spent without that film, but with brilliant comments on Portuguese imperialism in Africa, given by Dhou Janha, Bill Hinter, and Georges Nzungula.

Anne Crane, part-time work/study for MACSA, and Charlie Taylor arranged for the cleaning of a literature table in the Union. Literature was sold at many gatherings and netted some income for MACSA.

Letters to the editor were sent to Madison papers and to the New York Times countering South African propaganda and urging them to stop using fillers provided by the South African information agency.

Dean Acheson, an arch supporter of Rhodesia and Portugal, received an award by the World Affairs Council in Milwaukee. Some MACSA members picketed this meeting and distributed literature to those attending. MACSA members also attended the stockholders meeting of Gulf Oil, protesting with other Southern Africa groups. Gulf's investments and increased interest in Mozambique. The meeting was held in Pittsburgh.

American Committee on Africa representatives, Prexy Nesbitt from Chicago and George Houser from New York met with MACSA for updating on the wider activities of groups on Southern Africa in the US.

Congressman Diggs held informal hearings with MACSA members. He heads the House Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa. Wisconsin Senators and Congressman Kastenameier were sent telegrams on the day Rhodesia declared herself a Republic. Kastenameier, Proxmire, and Nelson acknowledged and agree with our (Cont'd on page 5)
stand on the withdrawal of the US Consulate in Salisbury.

A preliminary correspondence with the U of W concerning university holdings in companies involved in Southern Africa was made, also pointing out that recruitment on campus by companies which discriminate (in S. Africa) violates university policy.

MACSA received over $500 in gifts and sent these monies to the liberation movements. We must do as well or better this year.

The major event of the year was a ten day continuous program co-sponsored by the All Africa People's Union and in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre in South Africa. E. Kasonde from Zambia, G. Geingob from SWAPO, Dennis Brutus from South Africa, and R. Murapa from Zimbabwe joined several local students and professors for the lectures and meetings.

Special thanks for endless hours of work and participation go to MACSA supporters. In addition to those mentioned above, we add the names of Rich Sigwa1, and Alice Chhaya for work with local press and radio and for work on MACSA literature; to John and to Southern Africans Tom Tlou, Phyllis and Lindy Jordan for leading discussions in the Free University; the local schools and our own meetings; and to Ruth Ninter who worked and provided an office for us in the UYMCA. MACSA is especially grateful for the leadership provided by our chairman, Bill Hinter.

* * * -- Marylee Wiley

MATERIAL SUBCOMMITTEE CALLS FOR VOLUNTEER HELP
(Cont'd from page 3)

Workers are needed to:
1. put together the promotional pamphlet
2. put together several programs with appropriate speakers, films, slides and information.
3. draft a letter to community centers and university organizations, asking for space, time, and an audience
4. draft a letter to membership
5. develop a list of "sympathetic" companies to probe with letters.
6. help Marylee Wiley to mobilize Eagle Heights area.

NEWEST PUBLICATION OUT:
"ISRAEL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA"

Israel and Southern Africa: A Comparison of the Roles of South Africa and Israel in the Third World, the most recent MACSA publication, is available from the MACSA office for 15¢. The 24-page paper, which includes an annotated bibliography and general reading list, will be the subject of discussion at a MACSA program later this fall.

Copies are still available of Wisconsin Corporate Involvement in Southern Africa, for 10¢ at MACSA office, 306 N. Brooks St. Madison, 53715.

Also of interest to MACSA members is Ba Shur, Spring 1970 issue, which contains translated poems by FRFLNIO fighters, and a well-documented article on American Involvement in the Republic of South Africa. The journal, published by students in UW's African Studies Program, is available from the Dept. of African Languages and Literature, 1450 Van Hise, Madison 53706.

The current MACLA Newsletter has an article on South African government policy with respect to Latin America, for those interested in Third World inter-connections.

The Southern Africa newsletter has a new address: 637 West 125 Street, New York, 10027. A contribution to them will bring you the most complete coverage of the Southern Africa struggle.

Stop by MACSA's office in the University YWCA to see what other literature on Southern Africa is available for sale or free distribution.
Britain's Conservative government, led by PM Ted Heath, has come under a great deal of fire domestically and internationally following their summer decision to resume arm sales to South Africa. Several nations have threatened to withdraw from the Commonwealth; the British Labour Party, the United Nations Security Council, and several US congressmen have condemned the action. The arms are supposedly for "defensive use" only.

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The World Council of Churches decided in September to make grants totaling $200,000 to 19 anti-racist organizations, including South African guerrilla movements. FRELIMO, the organization of which Sharfudine Khan is UN representative, was one of the 19. The decision has caused a crisis in many South African churches, with SA government pressure on them to drop from WCofC.

Gulf Oil Corporation has threatened to bring defamation charges against the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ. In June, a conference resolution urged the 230,000 Ohio church members to turn in their Gulf credit cards as a protest against Gulf's policies in Portugal's African colonies -- Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau. Such a threat by a giant corporation against a religious body is highly unusual if not unprecedented.

SAVE THESE DATES:

- The Afro-American Studies Dept. will sponsor two fall colloquia of interest to MACSA.
- Oct. 20, Charles Hightower, ACOA Wash. rep. will speak in Human. on The Middle East Crisis: Its Implication for Black Americans.
- Nov. 9, Richard Stevens, chrmn. on "South Africa: A New Approach to Black Africa" in Humanities.

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