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YOUTH LEADERS OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION (SWAPO) OF NAMIBIA
TO GO ON NATIONAL TOUR OF THE USA

New York, N.Y. October 18....Two youth section leaders of the two
major liberation movements of southern Africa, the African National
Congress and SWAPO, will go on a month-long tour of the United
States to help raise support for the struggle against white minority
rule in South Africa and Namibia. The tour is being organized by
the American Committee on Africa which on October 7-9 held a national
student anti-apartheid conference at which the two youth leaders,
Klaus Mophepha of the ANC and Selma Ashipala of SWAPO, gave major
addresses.

The tour will take Klaus Mophepha and Selma Ashipala to all
regions of the country including California, Michigan, Illinois,
Iowa, Minnesota, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York,
Pennsylvania and Washington DC. Both speakers have been active
in southern Africa where they are based in giving leadership to
the new generation involved in the struggle against white minority
rule in their countries.

Klaus Mophepha, who is 28 years old, was a leader of the
South African Students Organization (SASO) which played a leading
role in the 1976 Soweto Rebellion. After being forced into exile in
1976 he played an active role in coordinating ANC activities within
South Africa from Mozambique till 1982 at which time he joined ANC
headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia where he now serves on the secretariat
of the ANC Youth Section in charge of Culture and Education.

Selma Ashipala was born on June 16, 1960 (Soweto Day) in Walvis Bay
Namibia and after fleeing persecution for her political activities
in February 1978 went into exile in Angola. She survived the 1978
Kassinga Massacre in which South Africa killed hundreds of Namibian
refugees in southern Angola and now is active in the SWAPO Youth League
and is assistant secretary of the SWAPO Pioneers which is preparing Namibian
children to become the future defenders of the Namibian revolution.

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