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JD/RT

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No. P/18/66

To: SRC Presidents,
Chairmen, Local Committees,
Student Editors and SANSPA,
Executive of NUSAS

Dear Sir/Madam, Banning of NUSAS President

I wish to inform you that at 1.15 today, Mr Ian Robertson, the NUSAS President, was served with three banning orders. Mr Robertson has never been warned in the past and has never before had any contact with the Security Branch.

He is 21 years old and possesses a B.A. degree from the University of Natal, Durban. He is a former Latin teacher and at the University was President of the Students' Representative Council. He has been widely regarded as one of the most moderate student leaders in South Africa.

The banning orders were all dated 3rd May. They confine Mr Robertson to the Magisterial district of Cape Town, and he must report to the police every Monday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. The ban prevents him from attending any gathering, including even "any social gathering, that is to say any gathering at which the persons present also have social intercourse with one another".

He may not visit any Bantu area or township; any factory premises; any place at which a publication of any sort is prepared; any school or university (which deprives Mr Robertson of his normal livelihood as a teacher), though he may attend "bona fide gatherings of students at the Univ. of Cape Town, assembled for the sole purpose of attending lectures for the LL.B. degree"; any court except to apply for an exemption to the banning order; any harbour and any place which constitutes the premises of NUSAS or World University Service.

He may not communicate with any other banned person. He may not prepare any matter for publication. He is specifically prevented from giving any educational instruction in any manner or form to any person, other than a person of whom he is a parent.

Attached you will find the full texts of the banning orders.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN DANIEL

Vice-President.



"To IAN ALEXANDER ROBERTSON,
132A Hatfield Street,
Cape Town.

NOTICE IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION
TEN OF THE SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT, 1950 (ACT NO. 44 OF 1950)

WHEREAS I, BALTHAZAR JOHANNES VORSTER, Minister of Justice, am satisfied that you engage in activities which are furthering or may further the achievement of the objects of communism, I hereby, in terms of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section ten of the Suppression of Communism Act, 1950 (Act.No. 44 of 1950), prohibit you for a period commencing on the date on which this notice is delivered or tendered to you and expiring on 31st day of May, 1971, from -

- 1) absenting yourself from the area comprising the magisterial districts of Wynberg and the Cape;
- 2) being within
 - a) any Bantu area, that is to say
 - (i) any location, Bantu hostel or Bantu village defined and set apart under the Bantu (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, 1945 (Act. No. 25 of 1945);
 - (ii) any area approved for the residence of Bantu in terms of section 9 (2)(h) of the Bantu (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, 1945 (Act.no. 25 of 1945);
 - (iii) any Scheduled Bantu Area as defined in the Bantu Land Act, 1913 (Act.No. 27 of 1913);
 - (iv) any Bantu Township established under the Regulations for the Administration and Control of Townships in Bantu Areas, promulgated in Proclamation No. R.293 of the 16th Nov., 1962;
 - (v) any land of which the S.A. Bantu Trust, referred to in section 4 of the Bantu Trust and Land Act, 1936 (Act. No. 18 of 1936) is the registered owner of any land held in trust for a Bantu Tribal Community in terms of the said Bantu Trust and Land Act, 1936;
 - b) Any Bantu compound;
 - c) the premises of any factory as defined in the Factories, Machinery and Building Work Act, 1941 (Act.no. 22 of 1941);
 - d) any place which constitutes the premises on which any publication as defined in the Suppression of Communism Act, 1950, is prepared, compiled, printed or published;
 - e) any place which constitutes the premises of any organisation contemplated in Government Notice No. R.2130 of the 28th Dec. 1962, as amended by Government Notice No. R.1947 of the 27th Nov., 1964, and any place which constitutes premises on which the premises of any such organisation are situate;
 - f) any place or area which constitutes the premises on which any public or private university, university college, college, school or other educational institution is situate, except the premises of the University of Cape Town for the sole purpose of attending bona fide lectures for the LL.B. degree;
 - g) any area set apart under any law for the occupation of Coloured or Asiatic persons;
 - h) any place or area which constitutes the premises of any superior or inferior court as defined in the Criminal Procedure Act, 1955 (Act no. 56 of 1955), except for the purpose of -

- (i) applying to a magistrate for an exception to any prohibition in force against you under the Suppression of Communism Act, 1950;
 - (ii) attending any criminal proceedings in which you are required to appear as an accused or a witness;
 - (iii) attending any civil proceedings in which you are a plaintiff, petitioner, applicant, defendant, respondent or other party or in which you are required to appear as a witness;
- i) any harbour as defined in section one of the Railways and Harbours Control and Management (Consolidation) Act, 1957, (Act. no. 70 of 1957);
 - j) any place which constitutes the premises of the National Union of South African Students or the World University Service;
- 3) communicating in any manner whatsoever with any person whose name appears on any list in the custody of the officer referred to in section eight of the Suppression of Communism Act, 1950, or the Riotous Assemblies Act, 1956 (Act. no. 17 of 1956), is in force:
- 4) performing any of the following acts, that is to say -
- a) preparing, compiling, printing, publishing, disseminating or transmitting in any manner whatsoever any publication as defined in the Suppression of Communism Act, 1950;
 - b) participating or assisting in any manner whatsoever in the preparation, compilation, printing, publication, dissemination or transmission of any publication as so defined;
 - c) contributing, preparing, compiling or transmitting in any manner whatsoever any matter for publication in any publication as so defined;
 - d) assisting in any manner whatsoever in the preparation, compilation or transmission of any matter for publication in any publication as so defined;
 - e) (i) preparing, compiling, printing, publishing, disseminating or transmitting in any manner whatsoever any document (which shall include any book, pamphlet, record, list, placard, poster, drawing, photograph, or picture which is not a publication within the meaning of paragraph (4)(a) above); or
 (ii) participating or assisting in any manner whatsoever in the preparation, compilation, printing, publication, dissemination or transmission of any such document,
- in which inter alia -
- aa) any form of State or any principle or policy of the govt. of a State is propagated, defended, attacked, criticised, discussed or referred to;
 - bb) any matter is contained concerning any body, organisation, group or association of persons, institution, society or movement which has been declared an unlawful organisation by or under the Suppression of Communism Act, 1950, or the Unlawful Organisations Act, 1960;
 - cc) any matter is contained concerning any organisation contemplated in Govt. Notice no. R.2130 of the 28th Dec. 1962, as amended by Govt. Notice No. R.1947 of the 27th Nov., 1964; or
 - dd) any matter is contained which is likely to engender feelings of hostility between the white and the non-white inhabitants of the Republic of S.A.;
- f) giving any educational instruction in any manner or form to any person other than a person of whom you are a parent;
 - g) taking part in any manner whatsoever in the activities or affairs of any organisation contemplated in Govt. Notice No. R.2130 of the 28th Dec., 1962, as amended by Govt. Notice No. R.1947 of the 27th Nov., 1963;

- h) taking part in any manner whatsoever in the activities or affairs of the National Union of South African Students or the World University Service.

Given under my hand at Pretoria on this 3rd day of May, 1966.

Minister of Justice.

Note: The Magistrate, Cape Town, has in terms of Section 10(1)(a) of Act no. 44 of 1950 been empowered to authorise exceptions to the prohibitions contained in this notice."

"To IAN ALEXANDER ROBERTSON,
132a Hatfield Street,
Cape Town.

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION TEN QUAT
OF THE SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT, 1950 (ACT. NO. 44 of 1950)

WHEREAS there is in force against you a prohibition under sub-section (1) of section nine of the Suppression of Communism Act, 1950, (Act.No. 44 of 1950), by way of a notice addressed and delivered or tendered to you,
I, BALTHAZAR JOHANNES VORSTER, Minister of Justice, hereby, in terms of sub-section (1) of section ten quat of the said Act, order you for a period commencing on the date on which this notice is delivered or tendered to you and expiring on the 31st day of May, 1971, to report to the officer in charge of the Caledon Square Police Station, Cape Town, on every Monday between the hours of seven in the forenoon and six in the afternoon.

Given under my hand at Pretoria on this 3rd day of May, 1966.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE"

"To Ian Alexander Robertson,
132a Hatfield Street,
Cape Town.

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION NINE OF THE
SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT, 1950 (ACT NO. 44 of 1950)

WHEREAS I, BALTHAZAR JOHANNES VORSTER, Minister of Justice, am satisfied that you engage in activities which are furthering or are calculated to further the achievement of any of the objects of communism, I hereby, in terms of sub-section (1) of section nine of the Suppression of Communism Act, 1950 (Act.no. 44 of 1950), prohibit you for a period commencing on the date on which this notice is delivered or tendered to you and expiring on the 31st day of May, 1971, from attending within the Republic of South Africa or the territory of South-west Africa -

- 1) Any gathering contemplated in paragraph (a) of the said sub-section; or
- 2) any gathering contemplated in paragraph (b) of the said sub-section, of the nature, class or kind set out below:
 - a) any social gathering, that is to say, any, any gathering at which the persons present also have social intercourse with one

another,

- b) any political gathering, that is to say any gathering at which any form of State or any principle or policy of the Govt. of a State is propagated, defended, attacked, criticised or discussed;
- c) any gathering of pupils, or students assembled for the purpose of being instructed, trained or addressed by you.

Provided that this notice shall not deter you from attending bona fide gatherings of students of the University of Cape Town, assembled for the sole purpose of attending lectures for the LL.B. degree.

Given under my hand at Pretoria on this 3rd day of May, 1966.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

NOTE: The Magistrate, Cape Town, has in terms of section 9(1) of the abovementioned Act been empowered to authorise exceptions to the prohibitions contained in this notice.

NUSAS STATEMENT TO THE HESS 11.5.66

The banning of the NUSAS President, Mr Ian Robertson, is one of the cruelest and most unjust acts ever perpetrated in South Africa. It cripples a young man's life in the most inhuman manner simply in order to discredit the organisation of which he is the head.

Ian Robertson is a person held in immense respect by all who know him, for his honesty, courage and sincerity. He is totally guiltless of anything other than a determined stand for the principles of decency and justice in South Africa.

His banning will not in any way diminish NUSAS' firm belief in the rule of law and democratic procedures; on the contrary, we shall speak out for these things with even greater determination and sharp awareness of the callousness and injustices of South Africa - a callousness and injustice which this unwarranted act epitomises.

NUSAS' activity will continue as before.