

16th June, 1978.

*I got the photographs - will send
it to the participants.
Alissa*

Dear Cde Ray,

Thank you once again for the letter you sent me; I got only last night, and am now making an effort to acknowledge it. On the London report, I am just going to give you a glimpse of what is there;

(1) It is alleged that the people who write articles for Workers' Unity are Dave Hensen, Martin Legassick; R. Petersen's assistant Editor, is a person known only as Peter (I think his surname is Collins); he is known only to John, Paula, Rob, and Zola, and not to the rest; this person is certainly not A.N.C. The Editorial Board has never been told about his ~~function~~ function; he is a lawyer ~~fr~~ from Cape Town.

(2) In the Editorial Board, there is a definite reluctance to discuss the Freedom Charter, which in the words of Rob Petersen, is being even by leading A.N.C. cadres. There is a great reluctance to link up with the A.N.C. It seems as if SACTU is posed as an organisation that is independent and of its own right irrespective of the ANC. It is being counterposed as an organisation. EG When it was suggested that there should be an article in WU commemorating Nelson Mandela's birthday, Zola immediately suggested why do we (sactu) want Nelson, why should we not have Billy Nair's birthday as a celebration. It was only after discussion that this was dropped. When discussing comrades in the WU, they are identified as being only Sactu comrades, and their role in the ANC is not even mentioned.

(3) In an article in WU it states "Only the organised power of the mass of the workers, in independent unions based on Africans, can show the way forward. Security for all workers can only be guaranteed when we can overpower the bosses, take over production and organise it to meet the needs of the people" When it was asked if the 'we' meant the workers. We then asked if this was Sactu policy, as it is defining the struggle as a class struggle. It was then said that Sactu Policy had gone much further than that

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of the ANC, and this was indeed Sactu's policy... but when John was asked about his article in Sechaba, where he stated very clearly that Sactu saw the struggle as one of national liberation, he could not reconcile the two arguments and simply became abusive. At the same time we suggested that within the same sentence there should be a link-up with the ANC eg together with our allies in the liberation struggle or something to that effect, every reason under the sun was given as to why it would not fit in with the article, and it was only after considerable argument that it was included."

The above narration is nearly a verbatim report from where I extracted it. The names mentioned in the first paragraph are connected with the Unity Movement and the Trotskyites back at home. The big worry with our people is that the organ of our Trade Unions is being used against the sister organisation. The danger comes as result of John surrounding himself with ~~Trotskyites~~ Trotskytes.

Up to now, I would suggest that you treat this report as being confidential, since it comes from some of our Units in London. I would even suggest that our observations on the situation be kept to ourselves in case other people wish to use them to the detriment of the organisation, or even individuals for their sake.

I agree with the idea of the meeting of the ~~Internal~~ Internal. The N.E.C. should demand a proper report.

Oh' yes, to-day is the 16th of June; we remember the dead; dead Children; there are those that have just been sentenced to life imprisonment, in the Maritzburg case; and there are those who got up 17 years imprisonment in the Pretoria Trial. Yet there is 1 young man, who was sentenced to death for the Gobb Street incident; that is Solom Mahlangu. They are all looking up to us for their liberation. We will only be able to meet them if our organisation is on its proper footing. Let us fight for that all the time. What else Ray? Express my regards once more to Jack, to you, and to Johanne, where-ever he may be. Jacks' contribution in the Camps is being felt all over. I wish things should continue in the same spirit.

Yours

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