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Comrades,

Re: Martyrs of the Party

A Party pamphlet is being written about members of the South African Communist Party who have been killed by the enemy. This pamphlet will include a selection of those, if not all, who have died in detention, like Looksmart Solwandle, been executed, like Vuyisile Mini, been assassinated like Johannes Nkosi, Joe Gqabi and Ruth First, been victims of enemy raids and ambushes like Mduduzi Guma, Paul Dikeledi and Titus Mngoma etc or fell in action like Gordon Dikebu, Bryce Motsamai and others.

We are appending a list of such comrades and appeal to our membership to help compile information about those comrades.

If you know any of the Party comrades we have omitted please bring this to our attention.

We have in mind to produce pen pictures profiles of as many of our outstanding heroes as possible. This will be more elaborate than the concentrated presentation found in Umsebenzi.

To repeat, we are here only dealing with those who have been killed by the enemy and not those who have died of natural causes. To assist you in the collection of this data, we are also appending a questionnaire. Please note that there is a section dealing with your impressions of a fallen comrade you may have known. We are extremely interested in such impressions which may be utilised in question form without necessarily disclosing your name (if security demands it).

We look forward to your prompt and speedy response for this will bring forward the date of publication of this invaluable work.

Communist greetings.

General Secretary

LIST OF SOME CUMMUNIST MARTYRS

1. Johannes Nkosi
2. Ahmed Timol
3. Petrus Nzima Nyaoase
4. William Khanyile
5. Mduduzi Guma
6. Motsho Mokgabudi
7. Gordon Dikebu
8. Zola Nqini
9. Titus Mngoma
10. David Skhosana
11. Morris Seabelo
12. Shadrack Maphumulo
13. Rogers Nkadimeng
14. Ruth First
15. Zenzile Phungula
16. Joe Juluka
17. Mzwandile Hlobo
18. Cassius Make
19. Paul Dikeledi
20. Vuyisile Mini
21. Bryce Motsamai
22. Flag Boshielo

## QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to obtain information about those members of the SACP who have been killed by the enemy. Do not be put off by the length. Even if you can provide a few facts, these will be most appreciated.

1. Names (Real and assumed)
2. Date of Birth
3. Date and Place of death
4. Survived by; wife or husband, children, parents, brothers sisters and whereabouts (if known)

### 5. Family Background

- a). Parents names
- b). Occupations
- c). Other members of the family
- d). Where they last lived
- e). Political details of family
- f). Influence of the family and circumstances of upbringing of the comrade.
- g). Parents and relatives views of the deceased.

### 6. Schooling

- a). Which schools
- b). School friends
- c). Academic record
- d). Sporting and other interests, hobbies, and political activities at school
- e). Type of personality during the school years
- f). Influences which shaped him/her

### 7. Married Life

- a). Name of wife or husband
- b). When and where married
- c). Background to marriage
- d). Where they lived
- e). Political involvement of wife/husband
- f). Occupation of wife/husband

g). Children

- i). Number
- ii). Names and addresses
- iii). Dates of birth and ages
- h). Influence of parents. If deceased, influence of deceased comrade on children
- i). Children's schooling and qualifications
- j). Spouse and children's views of deceased.

8. Higher Education and Qualifications

- a). University
- b). Friends
- c). Academic record and qualifications
- d). Interests
- e). Political involvement
- f). Type of personality during this period
- g). Influences

9. Employment

- a). Places where worked and employed.
- b). Qualifications at work
- c). Experiences at work which shaped him/her
- d). Reasons for taking such employment
- e). Trade union involvement
- f). Political involvement
- g). Type of personality during this period

10. Political Activity

Refer to involvement outside the above

- a). When and where joined the organisation (i.e. liberation or democratic or trade union movement)
- b). Comrades he /she was involved with
- c). When and where joined the Party
- d). Involvement in Party activities
- e). Involvement with other comrades
- f). Distinguishing events or incidents
- g). Type of personality

11. Arrests and Prison record

- a). Dates of these
- b). Charges
- c). Sentences served
- d). Experiences of police brutality
- e). Fellow prisoners and their views of comrade's prison behaviour

12. Exile

- a). Reasons for having to leave home
- b). When left home
- c). Manner of crossing the border
- d). Where he lived in exile
- e). Activities in exile .... including tasks undertaken for the movement.

13. Training

- a). Where he underwent training
- b). With whom
- c). Type of training
- d). Qualifications and record

14. Distinguishing events, actions, tasks performed

Give whatever details you may know about. Anecdotes would be most useful.

15. Personality and Character

Give your considered views here by all means illustrate with examples and anecdotes.

Refer also to a sense of duty, devotion and discipline of the comrade, their courage, perseverance and political understanding as well as their particular qualities.

By all means indicate the sense of humour of the comrades.

16. Any Other Remarks or Ideas

Concerning the acquisition of further information.

Copies of photos you may have

Any letters or articles the comrade may have written. Where you have no copies please refer us to the source

Your name and way of contacting you.

If necessary your Party name and contact can be given.

If a non - Party source has been utilised kindly provide identity and further interviewing will be useful to us.

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