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To: SRC Presidents
National Executive
Local Committee Chairmen
Advisory Panel
Overseas representatives

Dear Sir /Madam

Police Interference with Students

As I reported in the last circular concerning the withdrawal of Mr Raphie Kaplinsky's passport, I feared that there would be further intimidation of students. Following on this statement, the head of the Security Police, Brigadier, P.J. Venter announced that the Security Police were investigating the recent student unrest with the purpose to linking it up with student riots overseas and to find out what "outside organisations" had been involved in the unrest. Brigadier Venter said that he was not convinced that the recent student unrest had been solely the work of students, and the Security Police were investigating the matter to find out who had influenced and organised the students.

Replying to this in a statement, the President of NUSAS said "If the Security Police have questions to ask students about the recent protests, why did they not ask them at the time of the protest?" He indicated in his statement that he regarded the investigations by the Security Police as intimidation of students and that it could not "be allowed to pass unnoticed". Recent developments have shown that the Security Police are indeed pressing on with their investigations and the following cases have been reported.

At Rhodes University, the immediate past External Vice President of the SRC, Mr Ian Kirby, a Rhodesian student in his final year studying law, received a registered letter saying that whereas it was normal to give Rhodesian students exemption from having to obtain a residence permit while staying in the Republic, in his case, this exemption had now been withdrawn. A temporary residence permit valid until March 15 1969 was enclosed with the letter. No reasons were given, although Mr Kirby has written to ask for these. Mr Kirby has been a staunch defender of academic freedom and was the proposer of the motion to send a convoy of cars to protest at Fort Harde after the students had been suspended.

In Johannesburg, the NUSAS Regional Director for the Transvaal and Vice President of the Johannesburg College of Education SRC, Mr Horst Kleinschmidt was approached by a member of the Security Police who asked him if he would not inform on students for the Police. Mr Kleinschmidt was offered both money and the opportunity for further study if he were to take on this job. Mr Kleinschmidt rejected the offer and released it to the press despite threats that should he do so he would be courting trouble.

Mr Dave Barritt, a member of the past SRC at the Johannesburg College of Education, was warned by members of the Special branch that he would run into a lot of trouble were he to continue his involvement in political matters. Mr Barritt was recently beaten up by 2 people who climbed into his room one night. He had also been warned previously at a protest meeting held at the College of Education. Subsequent to these latter warnings Mr Barritt has lost his job with the South African Broadcasting Corporation where he had worked for some time. On Saturday night, Mr Barritt and 2 friends were attacked in the street. Mr Barritt was hit in the face before the attackers fled. It is understood that he has laid charges with the police, and is awaiting the outcome of their investigations.

Miss Loueen Timpany from the Natal Training College in Pietermaritzburg was recently "interviewed" by a member of the Special Branch in connection with her part in political activities at the training college. Miss Timpany was Chairman of the NUSAS Local Committee at the College and a member of the past SRC. He asked her of her activities, and who had influenced her and encouraged her to become politically active on the campus. She was also questioned on her family life. Miss Timpany has been active in NUSAS for some years and has always defended the principles of NUSAS with great courage.

As well as these instances there have been a number of others which I am not in a position to divulge at the moment. It would seem though that a number of students have been approached to work for the Special Branch as informers on campuses and that quite a few have already accepted, although this is not definite. Intimidation has also occurred to a number of students on campuses throughout the country and it seems as though it is likely to continue. In Cape Town itself, a final year Canadian student, Mr Gordon Kling, who was active in the recent sit-in, was visited by the Special Branch who examined and took details of his passport. There have been no further incidents that I can mention at Cape Town.

For my own part, I am still awaiting news from the Department of the Interior as to whether or not I will be granted a passport to go overseas for a few weeks at the end of the year. I applied over 9 weeks ago and have still heard nothing. I have been granted military clearance by the Department of Defence, but have as yet no indication of the result of my application for the passport.

Yours sincerely

DUNCAN INNES
PRESIDENT

Commenting on the activities of the Security police, Professor JD MacCrone, Principal of Wits University, condemned such action as "outrageous", the president of NUSAS said that he was "disgusted that the security police should resort to this", while Mr Peter Behr, SRC resident at UND said that he was "deeply dismayed".

Cape Town

Two foreign students at present studying at UCT were recently visited by the Special Branch. Neither was in at the time of the visit and thus we are unaware of the purpose of the visit. However, the two men indicated that they would return on another occasion.

Conclusion

The recent police activities against students are, I feel, cause for a great deal of worry as the intimidatory effect of these actions is obviously likely to be heavy. We must also presume that if a number of students have openly claimed that they have been asked to spy for the special branch, there are many others who have not disclosed this information and may well have taken on such work. While this is not likely to hamper NUSAS or any other student organisation, it is I think unfortunate for it breeds suspicion among students and this can hardly be conducive to the atmosphere of free expression and criticism which should exist amongst students. Also, police action coming at the present time, just as exams are under way, has upset a lot of students. To this end, I wrote to Brigadier PJ enter asking him to supply me with reasons for the police action, and requesting him to let the matter drop. The text of the letter is attached. I would be grateful if anybody aware of any further action of this nature by the police could contact me.

Yours sincerely

DUNCAN INNES
PRESIDENT

DI/MD

November 1, 1968

P/117/68

TO: SRC Presidents
National Executive
Local Committee Chairmen
Overseas Representatives
Overseas National Unions
International Organisations
Advisory Panel

Dear Sir/ Madam

Passport Refusal

Mr Ducan Innes, President of NUSAS, has been refused a passport to travel overseas on an Abe Bailey Scholarship.

Mr Innes, who had in his possession a passport valid for Rhodesia, applied in early August for a passport which would enable him to travel abroad. He intended to use the passport to take up an Abe Bailey Bursary which he had been awarded earlier on in the year. The Bursary would have enabled him to spend two months in the United Kingdom over the period from December to February.

He received no reply to his application for six weeks when he then sent a registered letter to the Dept. of the Interior requesting them to inform him of developments regarding his application. Shortly thereafter Mr Innes received a reply in which it was claimed that the Dept. had no record of his passport application, and advising him to go to the Regional Offices in Cape Town. There he was informed by an official that the Dept. could do nothing until such time as his Military Clearance certificate had been received from the Army Headquarters in Pretoria. Mr Innes submitted a new application at this time in case the first one had been mislaid somewhere. He was also asked to hand in his present passport which he did.

A few days later he received his Military Clearance certificate which he conveyed personally to the Regional Offices in Cape Town. He then waited two weeks without hearing anything from the Dept. At this stage he wrote to the Regional Offices requesting them to issue the passport as soon as possible. He received a letter from the Regional Office today informing him that his application had failed.

The Letter read:

" Sir,

I refer to your recent call at this office and regret to inform you that your application for the endorsement of your passport for travel to Europe and Israel, has not been successful.

Yours faithfully,

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

Background

Mr Innes is a South African citizen and had travelled abroad on a South African passport in 1962. His passport expired in 1967. In June of 1968 he requested an endorsement of his passport as he wished to travel to Rhodesia. His passport was endorsed for Rhodesia, while endorsements for all other countries for which the passport was valid were refused.

He was awarded the Abe Bailey Bursary in June of this year and would have left South Africa on the two-month tour on November 27th.

Comment.

No reasons have been given for the refusal to endorse Mr Innes' passport. This action against the Nusas President follows on action against the following Nusas Presidents:

- 1) Mr. J. Driver. (President 1963 and 1964.) Detained under the 90 day detention Act at the end of his term of office. No reasons given.
- 2) Mr Ian Robertson. (President 1966.) Banned under Suppression of Communism Act 5 months after taking office. No reasons were given.
- 3) Mr John Sprack. (President-Elect 1967.) Deported within two months of being elected to office. No reasons were given.
- 4) Mr John Daniel. (President 1968.) Refused passport twice. No reasons were given.

Yours sincerely,

NUSAS HEAD OFFICE.

TO: SRC Presidents
 Executive
 Local Committee Chairmen
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 Overseas National Unions
 International Organisations
 Advisory Panel

Dear Sir/Madam

Further Government action

Deputy Vice President - Andy Murray

On Saturday 2nd November, Mr Andy Murray, Deputy Vice-President of Nusas, was informed that he must leave South Africa by December 4th. He was informed of this on the day after the Nusas President was informed that he had been refused a South African passport.

Mr Murray is a B.A. Honours student at Rhodes University. He was elected Deputy Vice-President at the Nusas Congress in July and was to have come to Cape Town next year to do postgraduate work at UCT. A member of the past SRC at Rhodes, Mr Murray was Chairman of the Nusas Local Committee there.

He is a Rhodesian citizen who holds a British passport. He received a registered letter on Saturday which said that whereas it was normal to give Rhodesian students exemption from having to obtain a residence permit while staying in the Republic, in his case, this exemption had now been withdrawn. A temporary residence permit valid until December 4th 1968 was enclosed with the letter. This will mean that Mr Murray will not be able to fulfil his term of office as Nusas Deputy Vice-President in South Africa. No reasons were given why he should have to leave the country. Mr Murray said that he had not "the faintest idea" why he should be forced to leave South Africa. He said that he had written to the Minister of the Interior asking to be granted a visa till the end of next year. Mr Murray will attend the Nusas Executive meeting at the end of November before leaving South Africa.

The Rhodes SRC yesterday took a resolution calling on the University authorities to make representations to Mr Muller, Minister of the Interior, on his behalf.

Ex-Nusas President- John Daniel.

The immediate past Nusas President, John Daniel, who left South Africa to study in America on a British passport, after twice being refused a South African passport has had his South African citizenship withdrawn. This means that Mr Daniel will have to apply for a visa should he wish to return to South Africa. After having twice been refused a South African passport it is not likely that this will be granted.

Nusas President - Duncan Innes.

In a statement issued on Saturday 2nd November, Mr Innes said that he would give up his Abe Bailey Scholarship rather than leave South Africa on an exit permit. Mr Innes said: "I have done nothing either in my capacity as President of Nusas or in my private capacity which warrants me to expect retribution of this kind". Mr Innes appealed to the Minister of the Interior "to produce any evidence which can justify the removal of my passport. If he does not wish to do so publicly,

I am prepared to consult with him in the strictest confidence. All I ask is that I personally be given the opportunity to hear the allegations against me and that in private and in confidence I have the opportunity to defend myself."

Mr Innes is to write to the Minister appealing against the refusal of his passport and requesting an interview with him. It is understood that the Vacation Executive of the UCT SRC will meet this week to discuss the matter.

Past Rhodes SRC President- Peter Harris.

The immediate past President of the Rhodes SRC, Pete Harris, was interviewed by 2 members of the Special Branch on 29th October. Mr Harris was summoned to the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor where minute details of his passport were taken by the two Special Branch officers. He still has the passport in his possession. Mr Harris is a Rhodesian doing an Honours degree at Rhodes University and intending to work in Cape Town next year.

Comment

Mr Murray is the 6th Nusas official to have government action taken against him while in office since 1964. Others include:

Jonty Driver (detained under 90-day Act)
 Ian Robertson (banned)
 John Sprack (deported)
 John Daniel (passport refused)
 Duncan Innes (passport refused).

Since September of this year government action and police interference has occurred concerning the following students:

Raphael Kaplinsky. Student and SRC member at UCT.
 Passport withdrawn.

Gordon Kling. Student at UCT. Interrogated by members of the Special Branch and passport details taken.

Ian Kirby. Rhodesian. Past External Vice-President of SRC at Rhodes University. Told to leave the country by March 15, 1969.

Horst Kleinschmidt. Nusas Executive member, and Vice President of JCE SRC. Asked by Special Branch to act as an informer on campus in return for money and opportunity for further study. Threatened not to release information concerning offer to press, which he did.

Dave Barritt. A member of the past SRC at JCE was threatened by members of the Special Branch concerning his political activities. Subsequent to he was again threatened, beaten up twice, and removed from his job on the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

Loueen Timpany. A member of the past SRC at Natal Training College was interrogated by a member of the Special Branch.

Ten students from Natal claimed that the Special Branch had asked them to act as informers on the campus.

Including the latest three incidents this brings the number of students affected since September by government or Special Branch interference to 19.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Innes
 President.

STATEMENT ISSUED AT NOON ON NOVEMBER 2, 1968 BY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS.

The Abe Bailey Bursary is awarded each year to either one or two students from each university in South Africa. It provides the opportunity for the winners of the scholarship to travel abroad together for two months and visit the British Isles. It also enables students from both English and Afrikaans Universities to come together and discuss mutual problems. I was chosen in June of this year as the only representative from the University of Cape Town.

Since I have been refused a South African passport to travel overseas on the scholarship there are three alternatives open to me. I can either travel on a British passport which may be available to me in view of my father having been born in a country under British rule. If I do this I run the risk of deportation from South Africa as happened to John Sprack, or losing my South African citizenship, as happened to John Daniels, and be refused re-entry into this country. My second alternative would be to apply for an exit permit to take up this scholarship in which case I could never return to South Africa. Lastly, I can give up the scholarship and remain here.

To me there is no alternative. With great regret I shall give up my scholarship. I regard my duty as first and foremost to my country. I was born in South Africa and have lived here all my life. I will not leave.

Although I am opposed to the present government of South Africa's policies, I am deeply committed to remaining here and working legitimately for the good of the country. I believe that the work I am doing is in the best interest of South Africa, and I am grateful for this opportunity to serve my country. I have done nothing either in my capacity as president of NUSAS or in my private capacity which warrants me to expect retribution of this kind. I have certainly not wittingly broken any law nor been involved in any subversive activities nor associated myself with any persons proved guilty of subversive activities nor have dealings with any illegal or subversive organisations, and I appeal to the Minister of the Interior, who is ultimately responsible for this action against me, to produce any evidence which can justify the removal of my passport. If he does not wish to do so publicly, I am prepared to consult with him in the strictest confidence. All I ask is that I personally be given the opportunity to hear the allegations against me and that in private and in confidence I have the opportunity to defend myself.

Duncan Innes,
PRESIDENT.

DI/SL

November 11, 1968

P/121/68

To: SRC Presidents
National Executive
Local Committee Chairmen
Overseas Representatives
Advisory Panel
Overseas National Unions
International Student Organisations

Dear Sir/Madam

Further Government action against students

Removal of South African Citizenship

The immediate past President of the Rhodes SRC, Mr Pete Harris, today received a letter from the Department of the Interior which stated that his South African citizenship had been removed. Mr Harris had held dual citizenship in that he was both a South African and a Rhodesian citizen by way of birth and residence. His situation is analogous to that of Mr John Sprack who was deported at the end of last year. As may be recalled, John Sprack was born in South Africa but resided in Rhodesia. When he used a British (pre-UDI) passport to travel on, the Minister decided in July, 1967 to remove his South African citizenship. In September, following on this action, he was deported by the Minister.

Similarly, Mr Pete Harris, who was born in South Africa resides in Rhodesia and is at the moment studying in South Africa. For the past 3½ years Mr Harris, has used a Rhodesian passport to travel across the border between Rhodesia and South Africa. Today he received a letter from the Minister of the Interior which stated that he had left the Republic on a Rhodesian passport on July 10, 1968 and had again entered the Republic on a Rhodesian passport on July 27, 1968, "thus the Honorable, the Minister is satisfied that your actions indicate that you have made use of a citizenship or nationality other than South African of which you are alone a citizen, and that by so doing you failed to show to the Republic the undivided loyalty which it requires of its citizens". The letter then went on to say that Mr Harris had become an alien in the Republic and was no longer liable to the rights and privileges of South African citizens.

Comment

It will be recalled in my circular P118/68 that I informed you that on October 29, Mr Harris was interviewed by 2 members of the Special Branch. The interview occurred in the office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor where details of his passport were taken by 2 Special Branch officers.

It will be noted that Mr Harris' case is almost identical to that of Mr John Sprack and we can therefore assume that there is a strong likelihood that Mr Harris may now be deported. The reasons for this seem to follow the pattern of intimidation against student leaders. As SRC resident at Rhodes, Mr Harris was a strong advocate of the Student Power movement and one who staunchly defended the principles of academic freedom and human rights which NUSAS holds in such high regard. The present SRC President at Rhodes, Mr Bill Meaker has indicated that he will call a student body meeting this week.

Mr Harris is the third member of the past SRC at Rhodes to have action taken against him. Others include Mr Andy Murray and Mr Ian Kirby both of whom have been refused permission to remain in the Republic, and told to leave.

Action against foreign students at UCT

A number of foreign students at UCT have been sent letters by the Department of the Interior informing them that they are to report to the Department immediately and to bring along their passports, residence permits and temporary residence permits. The exact number of students who have been asked to do so is not yet known, but we are already aware of at least 10. All the students who have so far received this letter were active in the recent sit-in at UCT. A number of them have already been questioned by the Special branch. One of the students who has already been to the Department has said that he was asked to fill in a form answering a number of questions. One of the questions asked was "when do you intend leaving the Republic". I will send out more details on this as soon as I can acquire them.

Comment

Attached you will find a copy of a letter I have received from the Commissioner of the South African Police, Brigadier, P.J. Venter, in reply to a letter I sent him protesting against the police action on campuses. Apart from entirely missing the point of my letter, and misunderstanding some of my points, the letter doesn't make one interesting observation. "Recent events in the Republic have provided reasonable grounds for believing that the activities of certain persons at South African universities are endangering the internal security of the Republic as well as the maintenance of law and order." There can be no doubt now that the present witchhunt against students is the worst ever to be conducted in recent years. Since September, 30 students have been approached and intimidated by either the Government or the Special branch, 7 have in some way been deprived of some right by the Government.

All I can do at the moment, is to repeat my earlier request that students organise effective letter writing campaigns, defending their cases in the press, until the end of this month, when the NUSAS executive and Standing Committee can discuss the matter and decide on a course of action.

Yours sincerely

DUNCAN INNES
PRESIDENT

DI/MD

November 19, 1968.

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TO:

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National Executive
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Overseas National Unions
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Dear Sir/ Madam

Further Government Action Against Students

Told to leave Republic

The immediate past President of the Rhodes SRC, Mr Pete Harris, has received a letter from the Department of the Interior informing him that he must leave South Africa by December 20th. On November 11th Mr Harris was informed that his South African citizenship had been removed because he had used a Rhodesian passport to travel across the border between Rhodesia and South Africa (refer circular P/121/68). Mr Harris was informed that he must leave the Republic on Friday 15th November, just four days after his citizenship was withdrawn.

The letter which Mr Harris received was similar to those received by Messers Kirby and Murray, when they were ordered to leave the Republic. The letter said that whereas it was normal to give Rhodesian students exemption from having to obtain a Residence permit who are staying in the Republic, in his case, this exemption had now been withdrawn. A temporary residence permit valid until December 20th 1968 was enclosed with the letter. This will mean that Mr Harris will not be able to take up his job in Cape Town next year as he had intended. No reasons were given why he should have to leave the country.

Following on the withdrawal of his South African citizenship Mr Harris made the following comment: " There are two question which spring to mind immediately. Why had the many other South African born Rhodesians who travel as I have done not have similar action taken against them? Why if my crime is so real, has action only been taken against me now, after I have been travelling this way for four years? The government is either lamentably inefficient or inconsistent in the implementation of its statute and I have never doubted its efficiency.

In a statement issued at the same time Mr Bill Meaker, President of the Students representative Council at Rhodes University said: " This intimidation and discrediting of the bona fides of student thinking shows that the government is not going to tolerate any opposition to its policies even when this opposition is legal. It is distressing that young lives and careers are trampled on to enforce the governments ideology. It seems likely that further student action will be taken during the long vacation. "

In a staement issued after Head Office had received the news that Mr Harris had been told to leave the country, the President of NUSAS, Mr Duncan Innes, said: "In South Africa today one has come to learn to expect this sort of action from the government - and that is the tragedy of South Africa today. Seven students from Fort Hare are held indefinitely by the police and no one knows where or wether they will be charged or on what charge. Three students are told to leave the Republic and no reasons are given. Passport are removed without reason. South Africans have good cause to fear this arbitrary victimisation against students because one wonders who the government will turn on next after

the students. And one wonders where the Opposition is."

Comment

Action Against Mr Harris follows on an interview which he had on October 29th with two members of the Special Branch in the office of the Deputy Principal at Rhodes where full details of his passport were taken. On November the 11th Mr Harris was informed that his South African citizenship had been removed. Mr Harris is the third member of the past SRC at Rhodes to be told to leave the country.

Appeal fails

Mr Andy Murray, Deputy Vice-President of NUSAS, learned today that his appeal against his being told to leave the Republic had failed. In a letter from the Dept. of the Interior he was informed that the Ministry does not disclose reasons about why his asking persons to leave the Republic, and that an extension of his temporary residence permit had been refused. Mr Murray had requested an extension until the end of next year so as to complete his duties as Deputy Vice-President of the National Union. Mr Murray has to leave South Africa by December 4th.

Appeal against Passport Refusal

The President of NUSAS received a letter today from the Dept. of the Interior concerning his appeal against the refusal of his passport. The letter read: "By direction of the Honourable the Minister of the Interior, I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th November, 1968 and wish to inform that the contents thereof have been noted. A further communication will be directed to you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

PRIVATE SECRETARY."

The Principal of UCT, Sir Richard Luyt, has been instructed by the University Council to approach the Minister of Police and Internal Affairs, Mr S.L. Muller, on the refusal to grant a passport to the NUSAS President so that he may take up an Abe Bailey Bursary overseas. This was revealed in a statement issued by the University Council which said that Mr Innes was recommended to the Abe Bailey Trust by the University as a suitable candidate for an Abe Bailey Travel Bursary to Britain. It was reported to the Council of the University last week that Mr Innes had been unable to obtain the necessary endorsement to his passport to permit him to travel to Britain. The Council instructed the Principal to seek an early interview with the Minister of Police and Internal Affairs to obtain further information on the matter.

It is understood that Sir Richard has already spoken to the Minister over the telephone, and has arranged a meeting for sometime in the near future. Sir Richard has communicated the contents of his phone call interview with the Minister to the NUSAS President, but so far there have been no substantial alterations in the situation as last reported. Mr Innes has received a letter from the Abe Bailey Trust requesting him to return his Steamship ticket as soon as possible. Mr Innes refused to do this, pointing out to the Trust that he had lodged an appeal to the Minister, and informing them that he would only return the ticket if and when his appeal failed. Head Office will keep all centres informed on further developments on this matter.

Action against foreign student at UCT

The action reported in circular P/121 against foreign students at UCT who were present at the sit-in has reached alarming proportions. It seems that approximately 20 to 25 students have been told to report to the Dept. of the Interior and to bring their passports and residence permits with them. Once at the Department Offices they are asked to fill in a form which asks amongst other things their names and addresses, when they entered the Republic, when they intend leaving the Republic,

how long they still have to go at university, why they wish to study at UCT, who is financing them through UCT, as well as requesting them to list personal friends and associates. On arrival at the Department Offices some students have been taken off into a side room where they have been questioned for varying lengths of time ranging from Half an hour to two hours. Questioning has often been of an obnoxious nature. So far it is not known for what reason the department has been cross questioning students or why it should require this information. It is understood that the UCT SRC will meet to-morrow to discuss the matter.

Conclusion

As the date for the December Exec meeting draws closer this will probably be the last circular which I will be sending out until next year, unless something particularly startling should arise. I have enclosed a detailed summary of the attacks against students since September 20th which was compiled at the end of last week. It is however already out of date. Two alterations necessary are those concerning the number of students from UCT who have been asked to report to the Department of the Interior and the order received by Mr Harris to leave the Republic.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Innes
President.

DI/JF/11/69

To: NUSAS Executive
SRC President

17th February 1969.

SPECIAL BRANCH INTERROGATION

Mr M. Davids

On Thursday 13th February the NUSAS office clerk, Mr Mogamat Davids, was called across to Caledon Square Police Station for an interview with the Special Branch.

Sergeant van Wyk of the Special Branch phoned Mr Davids and requested him to be at the Police Station at 1 pm. Mr Davids said he did not know whether he would be able to be there, whereupon Sgt. van Wyk said, "If you don't come, we will come and get you."

I wrote a letter to Sgt. van Wyk, which Mr Davids handed to him and which is attached. Apparently the Special Branch had received an anonymous letter which accused Mr Davids of subversive activities.

He was questioned for 20 minutes and then allowed to go. Questions were of a general nature and had nothing to do with NUSAS. According to Mr Davids, van Wyk was hostile at the start of the interview, but changed his attitude after having read the letter.

Sgt. van Wyk telephoned the office after the interview to thank us for having allowed Mr Davids to visit him and apologised for any inconvenience caused.

Jon Stoffberg

Following telephone calls and visits to his home from Special Branch men, all of which occurred while he was out, Mr Stoffberg was visited by two members of the Special Branch, Captain van Dyk and Captain Conradie. They questioned Mr Stoffberg about student affairs in general and student plans for the coming year as well as asking him about his attitude towards NUSAS.

Miss I. Krupicka

The SRC receptionist at UCT and a very close friend of the NUSAS President, Miss Ivana Krupicka, was questioned by a member of the Special Branch, Mr Michael Morris. Questions ranged from her attitude to poetry to student affairs and NUSAS. Mr Morris has since attempted to contact Miss Krupicka, but he claims this is simply because he is interested in her as a person. Judging from his detailed knowledge of her activities since her birth, his interest is enormous.

Yours sincerely,

DUNCAN INNES

President.

February 13, 1969.

Sgt. van Wyk
Room 167
Caledon Square
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

Mr M. Davids has informed me that you wish to interview him at 1 pm today. He informs me that he is not aware of the nature of question that you wish to ask him. As these questions will either be concerned with his personal life or his position as an employee of NUSAS, I feel bound to comment on the latter.

Mr Davids is a clerk in our office and as such has no policy-making power in the organisation. As an employee of the organisation which I head, I do not wish Mr Davids to answer any questions regarding any aspect of NUSAS or its activities. Should you ask him questions regarding these matters I shall be most disturbed. I would point out however, that as President of NUSAS I will be more than willing to answer any queries which you may have regarding the organisation.

I also state that I require Mr Davids to be back in this office by 2 pm. Should you wish to keep him longer, I must request you to contact me so that we may ascertain whether it will be possible for him to return later.

In conclusion, may I say that recently I have spoken to the Minister of Police, Mr S.L. Muller, regarding the relationship between police and students. We reached agreement on many points and have, I think, achieved a far greater degree of understanding. I am sure you will agree that it is in the best interests of the country that relationships between these two bodies remain cordial.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan Innes
President.

CN/JF Presidential Circular No.14

To: SRC Presidents
National Executive
Local Committees
Advisory Panel
Honorary Officers

23th February, 1969.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following discussions with the Minister of the Interior, Mr Andy Murray, NUSAS Deputy Vice-President and Mr Pete Harris have reapplied for visas to return to South Africa, and Mr Duncan Innes has reapplied for his passport in order to take up an invitation to visit Britain.

Below you will find copies of the letters sent to the Department of the Interior by Messrs. Murray and Innes.

Innes

Dear Sir,

27th February, 1969.

Re: Application for Passport

Enclosed please find my application for a passport to travel to England this year. A few days ago, I received an invitation from the National Union of Students in England to attend their annual Congress, to be held between the 8th and the 12th of April, 1969.

In view of the significant number of scholarships which are awarded to South African students by British universities, I would very much like to accept their offer of attending their Congress. I would also wish to use my time abroad to attempt to raise more scholarships for students from this country at overseas universities. I will probably be required to speak at certain universities while I am over there, and these invitations I would like to accept. I would use these opportunities to clarify any misrepresentations which may exist abroad regarding the true position in this country.

Although my passport has already been refused once, I feel that the proposed visit which I contemplate making will be of immense value to the National Union and to the South African student community as a whole, and would therefore find it extremely valuable were I to be able to go on this trip. Owing to the fact that I am leaving Cape Town today, it was not possible for me to have sought an interview with you to discuss this matter, but I would like to state quite clearly that I will not attempt in any way to use my trip for any reasons other than those already stated.

I hope that this application will meet with your favourable attention.

Murray

Sir,

In accordance with the telegram directive from the Nation Union of South African Students received today, reading:
"REQUEST APPLY MULLER FOR READMISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA SOONEST URGENT",
I hereby make application to the Honourable the Minister of the Interior that he cancel the order issued on the 30th October, 1968, in which he withdrew the exemption in my case from the provisions of section 2(b)

of the Act granted to certain citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies and Rhodesia in terms of which they are permitted to enter and sojourn in the Republic of South Africa without being in possession of Aliens' Temporary Permits.

I further request that the withdrawal in my case of the exemption from the visa requirement granted to certain citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies and Rhodesia, in terms of the provisions of section 24(2)c of Act No 22 of 1913, as amended, be set aside.

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We are waiting for the outcome of these applications before deciding on any further action to be taken in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

CLIVE METTETON

Vice-President.

GH/JF

March 27, 1969.

To:

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National Executive
SRC Presidents
Local Committee Chairmen
Overseas Representatives
Advisory Panel
Student Editors

Dear Sir/Madam

"Varsity" (the student newspaper at the University of Cape Town) reported on Wednesday 19 March that it had uncovered the activities of a member of the Special Branch on campus.

The agent, Mr Michael Morris, was reported to have questioned Miss Ivana Krupicka, the SRC receptionist and former girlfriend of Mr Duncan Innes, the NUBAS President. He showed that he knew a considerable amount about her private life, and said that he knew that she was no longer going out with Mr Innes but that as SRC receptionist she knew a number of campus personalities and was involved in campus politics. He told her that she could trust him and that she would need friends in "the time of coming troubles".

The interesting point about this questioning was that Mr Morris had insisted that he see her alone and had wished to meet her in her flat, knowing that her flatmate was away at the time. She told Mr Innes about the interview, which took place in January, and this matter was raised by the NUBAS delegation to the Minister of Police, Mr Muller, in February. The Minister said that this and other cases like it were not in the line of duty of the men concerned and would be investigated. In August last year Miss Krupicka was warned as one of the foreign students involved in the sit-in at Cape Town.

On Saturday March 22 the Cape Times and the Rand Daily Mail reported the incident in some detail, saying that Miss Krupicka had confirmed the story. "He knew that I was friendly with Duncan Innes, but we did not discuss him or any other student leaders.

"Then he started dedicating poems to me and said he was in love with me. I found this very embarrassing, but felt sorry for him, so I agreed to see him once or twice after that.

"Altogether I saw him four times. When he kept on telephoning me, I told Mr van der Merwe (the SRC President) who informed him that he was not to interfere with SRC staff.

"At no stage did I discuss student affairs with him or divulge any information regarding student leaders."

In a statement to the Sunday Times, Mr Innes said that Miss Krupicka had not wanted the matter publicised because Mr Morris had led her to fear retribution.

The Sunday Times also reported the questioning of Miss Jenny Frazer, a NUSAS secretary. She was visited at home by Mr Morris who had said that he was looking for a previous tenant whose passport had expired. She subsequently learnt that he had questioned neighbours about her. He told her that he was not from the Security Branch, but from the Passport Police.

The SundayExpress(23/3/69) in an article under the headline "SRC girl Denies Spying at UCT" gave the impression that the "Varsity" article had suggested that Miss Krupicka worked with Mr Morris. Miss Krupicka denied this and her statement was supported by statements by Mr Fanning, editor of "Varsity", and Mr Innes, which appeared in the Cape Times on Tuesday March 24. Mr Fanning said that the report alleging that Miss Krupicka "worked hand in glove" with the Security Police was totally inaccurate.

"At no time did we accuse Miss Krupicka of spying - in fact we took pains to point out that she was an innocent party in the Michael Morris affair." The Varsity report contained no reference to Miss Krupicka's having assisted the officer in his spy activities.

In addition to this activity, a considerable amount of previous activity by Mr Morris was reported in Varsity. Under the headline "Michael Morris under suspicion for past five years", it was reported that "suspicions over the activities of Mr Michael Morris were aroused as early as 1964, when he was a member of the Liberal Party. Party office-bearers became curious as to his means of employment.

"Their suspicions were aroused by his zeal in attending party meetings, especially those in private houses. It was remarked that he was careful always to be introduced to all present and would draw people out about their political views and acquaintances.

"By this time five editors and two reporters of "Contact", the Liberal publication, had been banned. A sixth editor, a former SRC Vice-President, was detained without trial.

In Sole Charge

"Mr Morris had by this time established himself in the Party to the extent where he obtained the keys to the Liberal Party's offices.

"He was virtually in sole charge of the office and newspaper for several months - with access to all membership lists.

"He disappeared from the political scene in 1965, re-appearing in August, 1966. Still apparently an enthusiastic Liberal, he contacted Mr Keith Gottschalk (a Varsity staff member) and questioned him about student affairs, especially NUSAS and the Radical Students Society.

Wanted London Addresses

"He claimed to have been in London for the past year. He then attempted to find out the London addresses of the two former NUSAS Presidents, Mr J Driver and Mr H Osler.

"Mr Morris was also eager to get a job in NUSAS Head Office. He asked Mr Gottschalk to recommend him. He also left his phone number with Mr Gottschalk, urging him to phone at any time he needed assistance with the Radical Students Society.

Joined Race Relations

"He also attended meetings of the Student Writers Society and SAS Local.

"Off the campus, he joined the South African Institute of Race Relations and the Rational Thinkers Forum.

"'Varsity' discovered that Mr Morris had joined the Rational Thinkers Forum at reduced membership fees claiming a student concession. He was not a student at UCT at this time.

"Shortly thereafter he resigned from the forum under pressure from Mrs L Paltiel (its secretary and convener).

"Mr Morris had complained about the 1967 UCT Rag 'Happening'.

Still Active

"Among many friends of Mr Morris was Dr Raymond Hoffenberg, who was banned in 1967. More recently, Mr Morris attended a Radical Students Society meeting at which a Negro from the United States, Mr A Freeman, spoke.

"Early this year Mr Morris admitted that he was a member of the Security Branch in conversation with Miss Krupicka. He claimed that he only became a member of the Branch in July, 1966.

"Both Mr Gerald Ludi and Mr A Brookes revealed in court that they had spied on students but to 'Varsity's' knowledge this is the first occasion on which a professional spy had made himself known outside a court."

Comment:

The story as was published in 'Varsity' was accurate and it is unfortunate that the Sunday Express should have interpreted it as meaning that Miss Krupicka was helping Mr Morris. She only met him at restaurants and on the one occasion that he visited her flat she had a friend with her and Mr Morris left soon after arriving.

The continuing activity by the Special Branch is very disturbing, particularly as this seems to have been an effort to intimidate the people concerned, rather than to gather any information. It may also have been aimed at recruiting spies had either of the two girls indicated a willingness to give information. It is to be hoped that the publicity given to Mr Morris' attempts and the assurance given by the Minister of Police will bring an end to this intimidation.

Yours sincerely

CAIPE NETTLETON
VICE-PRESIDENT