

Necessity to consider Cyprus question proclaimed

A spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs made the following statement on 23 August. It was published as an official document of the Security Council at UN Headquarters on 28 August:

The GDR Government supports the proposal of the Soviet Government to convene, within the framework of the United Nations, an international conference to settle the Cyprus conflict in which shall participate Cyprus, Greece, Turkey and all states members of the Security Council and to which other states, in particular non-aligned countries, could also be invited.

The situation that has emerged in Cyprus as a result of the plot of certain NATO circles against the constitutional Government of the Republic of Cyprus continues to be complicated and tense.

Attempts of the militarist circles of NATO to eliminate the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic

of Cyprus, a non-aligned country, are continuing. Now as before these circles are seeking to transform the territory of that Mediterranean island into a NATO stronghold. Engineering their criminal machinations which run counter to the interests of the Cypriot people and threaten international peace and security, they trample upon international law and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. Equally obvious is the complete failure of the "guarantees" imposed on Cyprus under the agreements of Zurich and London. The resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations aimed at ending foreign intervention, the immediate withdrawal of foreign troops, and the restoration of the constitutional regime in Cyprus have not been implemented. Foreign troops were not withdrawn but reinforced. By-passing the Security Council, attempts are being made in a closed NATO setting, behind the

back of the Cypriot people, to attain the goal of subjecting Cyprus to the interests of that aggressive pact.

In view of these facts which do not only increase and prolong the suffering and sacrifices of the Cypriot people, but also run counter to the process of international detente, and prejudice the interests of all peoples, the Government of the GDR reiterates its strong position that the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic

of Cyprus must be defended. It deems it necessary that effective measures should be taken, in accordance with the resolutions of the UN Security Council, to defend the Republic of Cyprus against any foreign interference, to achieve the withdrawal of all foreign troops and to enable the Cypriot people to decide for themselves matters affecting their state.

It is therefore high time to convene a representative forum of states to consider the Cyprus question. The conference proposed

by the Soviet Union would be highly instrumental in preparing effective decisions and guaranteeing their implementation.

Aid Consignment Handed Over

An aid consignment of the German Red Cross of the GDR has been handed over to the International Committee of the Red Cross to assist in the medical care for the people of Cyprus. It contains blood plasma and various medicaments.

UN conference discusses sexism

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Delegates to the United Nations Conference on equity have called for an international clearing house for information.

The delegates, from 32 countries, are attending the two-week long UN sponsored conference to discuss "National Machinery to Accelerate the Integration of Women in Development and to Eliminate Discrimination on the Grounds of Sex", which is also the title of the conference.

They feel that legislation passed by governments is not enough to liberate women as they discussed methods to integrate women into all aspects of social, political and economic life.

Freda Patiel, a Canadian delegate, maintained that legislation was insufficient unless it was accompanied by efforts to accelerate the worldwide integration and its administration," she said.

Other delegates called for a co-operative international information bank to reinforce truth and female solidarity. They also stressed the need to collect scientific and statistical data on the world's women.

A collection such as this though would need an international base for accurate communication. Delegates were worried that data collected from various countries would be based on different

criteria.

Some women at the conference urged countries to prevent overlapping functions in departments responsible for data collection. Canada's Sylvia Gelber urged developing countries to collect data on the basis of sex.

"Objectives can't be knocked down by prejudice or bigotry. They stand unassailable if they are accurate," she said.

Gelber also said analysis of data can play a major role in the development of national machinery for equality, especially in the legislative arena.

"For example, if 98 per cent of your nurses are women, of what possible use is an equal pay law? That statistic tells you a different law is needed there."

At all costs, she said, "don't right one injustice by perpetuating another."

Youth leader on trial

WINDHOEK (CUPI) -- A black South African youth leader will go on trial this month for maliciously damaging his prison cell.

Thomas Ndalikutala Komati, of the South West African People's Organization Youth League, used a spoon to scratch political slogans in a cell where he had been held in solitary confinement for five months.

Komati was held from January 31 to June 11, without trial under South Africa's anti-terrorism laws. The only charge to be laid against

him so far is malicious damage to property.

While Komati had originally pleaded guilty, he changed his plea in early August to not guilty on the grounds of temporary insanity, following hallucinations during solitary confinement.

He said he found himself talking to some friends who appeared to be in the cell with him and he scratch the slogans during one of these "visitations."

The judge has rejected Komati's not guilty plea.

Professors want faculty union

VANCOUVER (CUP) -- Professors at the University of British Columbia have applied to become one of the first faculty unions at a major North American university.

The Faculty Association, initially established as a social group for professors, applied Wednesday to the BC Labor Relations Board for certification as the bargaining agent for the university's 1,750 professors.

If board certification is granted the association will be able to begin negotiating binding labor contracts with the UBC Board of Governors.

Association president, Meredith Kimball, said that the association has signed 900 names to its application for certification since professors voted last February to form the union, although only 613 names, 35 per cent of the faculty, are required.

She said in an interview that an ad-hock committee on collective bargaining came forward with a number of position papers during the summer.

Two papers respectively dealt with areas of negotiations and grievances to be discussed with the Board of Governors, while a third talked about department administration.

"This paper suggests that there would be a procedure whereby each department would be able to keep certain ways of doing things or change them by vote," said Kimball.

"It also recommends that the head of a department be given only a three-year renewable contract and that those in the department be able to review his or her performance."

The heads of UBC departments are currently appointed to indefinite terms, usually by the dean of the faculty.

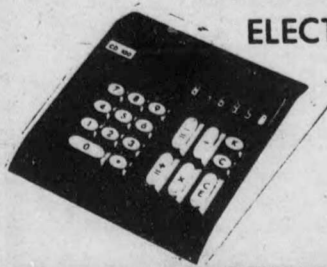
Professors voted February 14, 1972 to begin to form the union because of a fear that the BC government's threat to reduce allocations to UBC would keep wages down.

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