CARD SCHEME NEWSLETTER

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News of previous Kit Scheme prisoners:

JOSE LIMA DE AZEVIDO, Brazil (August 1965 Newsletter): We have beard unconfirmed reports that he is free and outside the country. Will any Kit Scheme member who has had any communication with him please let the Investigation Department know.

JAMES P. BASSOPPO MOYA, Rhodesia (July 1965 Newsletter): He is still at the Wha Wha Restriction Camp, where he has been since October 1964. He is now adopted, and is being helped with clothes, books and some money.

SHEIKH MUHAMMAD SALIM RUQAISHI, Cman (November 1965 Newsletter): Attempts to meditate through the British Government have been quite unsuccessfull, as it claims to have no jurisdiction or influence in the area. The Sultan of Muscat does not reply to correspondence or telegrams, whilst the British Resident passes on all correspondence to the Sultan. Anyone who received a reply by way of the Card Scheme is urged to contact the Investigation Department.

CHRISTOS KAZANIS, Greece (August 1966 Newsletter): A member of Amnesty who visited Greece in September attempted to see Kazanis and succeeded in establishing that he is still in Boyati Military Prison. Though she was informed by the police authorities that she could visit him, she was, however, not able to do so. She visited his family who appeared to have little money. His family hope to persuade the Jehovah's Witnesses organisation to finance a further appeal.

CHARLES CASSATO, Guyana (April 1966 Newsletter): We have since heard no news about Cassato in particular, but Ashton Chase, a lawyer for the P.P.P., has informed us that many of the released political prisoners are still subject to restrictions which prevent them following their particular profession. We are following this up.

ATO. BELATCHEW SABOURE Ethiopia (August 1966 Newsletter): Many of those who wrote to the Ethiopian Minister of Justice received a stencilled letter in reply. This stated that he had been released within a month of his arrest, having been detained in a mental hospital, following a plea of insanity at his trial before the High Court. According to the Minister of Justice, he was charged with "forging the signature of his superior, and on the basis of the same, issuing entry visas to twelve Indian nationals", and also of "uttering and publicizing remarks calculated to promote the practice of vice and immorality". This version conflicts with evidence and information provided by several reliable Ethiopian sources both inside and outside the country. Nevertheless we have confirmed that he has been released, and is now living with his brother, a former Ethiopian ambassador to Somalia. This is welcome news.

LASZLO NYUGATI, Hungary (July 1965 Newsletter): Lord Gifford, who recently returned from a visit to Hungary, has informed us that Nyugati is reported to have been released.

Here are this month's prisoners:

INIMA LEITE FLORES - Brazil

Inima Leite Flores is a young woman student who was arrested on the 1st August with two other students, Joao Bazoni and Astrojildo Filho, the President of the Metropolitan Association of Secondary School Students (AMES) in Guanabara. She had previously been detained by the Political Police (the DOPS) and interrogated without trial. The students are accused of distributing pamphlets criticising the government, and were denounced to the police by the proprietress of a small hotel where they used to eat.

The police have been arresting student Leaders because of their opposition to the military government. The students have protested against such domestic matters as the increase of prices in canteens, but in recent months their discontent has assumed an increasingly political character, and it culminated in massive demonstrations in many Brazilian towns at the end of September, when the police used tear-gas to disperse the student marches. As a result, any students already detained are likely to be interrogated in the most stringent manner, and there have been several cases of police brutality against prisoners.

Cards of protest should be sentito: The Minister of Justice,

The Minister of Justice, Sr. Luis Viana Filho, Brasilia, Brazil.

and to:

The Governor of Guanabara, Sr. Negrao Lima, Estado da Guanabara, Brazil.

B.P. KOIRALA - Nepal

Mr. Koirala was Prime Minister of the 1960 Government which was coorthrown by the Crown Prince of Nepal. He and other members of the Cabinet have been in prison eversince. Koirala is very seriously ill with cancer of the throat. Some of his colleagues were realeased a little while ago; but he was not.

Appeals for clemency should be sent to:

Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev Crown Prince of Nepal, The Royal Palace, Katmandu, Nepal.

DAVID SALVADOR - Cuba

Salvador was the first Secretary General of the Cuban Trade Union Congress after Castro took power. (He was elected in November 1959). He was othe founder of the Labour Humanist Front group. He was arrested in October 1960 after some counter-revolutionaries, presumably imprisoned on the island alleged that he had joined them. It is believed that he fell into disfavour with Castro because of his outspoken criticisms of some aspects of communist party policies. In November 1960 he was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on charges of embezzlement and for attempting to leave the country illegally. So far as is known he has not had a trial. It is not known whether there is any foundation to the charges made against him. Send your cards to him at:

Presido Modela, Isla de Pinos, Cuba.