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INTRODUCTION

- 1. By resolution 1705 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, the General Assembly establishe a United Nations Special Training Programme for South West Africans. To finance the programme a sum of \$50,000 was set aside from the United Nations budget for 1962. The same amount was allocated for 1963 and 1964.
- 2. By the same resolution, the General Assembly invited Member States to make available all-expense scholarships for the use of South West Africans, both for the completion of secondary education and for various forms of higher education.
- 3. By resolution 1901 (XVIII) of 13 November 1963, the General Assembly, noting that many of the scholarships offered by individual Member States were for higher education and that few South West Africans possessed the qualifications required to make use of such scholarships, invited those Member States offering scholarships and those which might subsequently do so to consider providing in their offers scholarships for secondary education and for vocational and technical training. The General Assembly further invited Member States to give sympathetic consideration to requests by the Secretary-General for the placement in their secondary, vocational or technical schools of candidates who have been awarded scholarships under the Special Training Programme for South West Africans.
- 4. The Secretary-General was requested to report on the implementation of the resolutions to the General Assembly at its regular sessions. In accordance with this request, the Secretary-General submitted reports to the General Assembly at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions. The present report supplements the previous reports and covers the period from September 1963 to October 1964.
- 5. In compliance with paragraph 5 of resolution 1901 (XVIII), an interim report (A/AC.109/L.118) on the implementation of the Special Training Programme was submitted in May 1964 by the Secretary-General to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Annexes, documents A/5234 and Add.1; and ibid., Eighteenth Session, Annexes, documents A/5526 and Add.1.

I. UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

General.

- 6. Following the terms of the General Assembly resolutions, the types of training offered by the United Nations under the programme are as broad as possible and include secondary education, teacher-training, technical and vocational training and higher education.
- 7. Candidates who are awarded scholarships are placed in educational establishments in Africa or elsewhere, according to the studies to be pursued. The awards cover the full cost of tuition, travel and maintenance. If the student is offered free education in the country of study, the award covers travel and other necessary expenses.
- 8. Scholarships are granted for one year and are renewable until completion of the course of study, subject to satisfactory performance by the student.
- 9. A Selection and Review Panel, on which the Department of Trusteeship, the Office of the Controller and the Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations are represented, considers applications for scholarships and renewals.

Scholarships granted

- 10. In October 1964, a total of thirty-five scholarships had been granted under the Special Training Programme. Nine of the scholarship recipients were unable to take up their awards. The remaining twenty-six accepted their awards and started their studies under the Programme in the country in which placement had been requested for them.
- 11. The following are the countries of study of the scholarship holders: Ghana, Nigeria, Norway, Sierra Leone, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
- 12. At the beginning of the academic year 1964/1965, the death of one secondary school student, the expiration of one scholarship which was not renewed and the withdrawal of five secondary school students, four of them at Kurasini Centre, Dar es Salaam, reduced the number of scholarship holders to nineteen.
- 13. Details of the scholarships granted according to the educational level of the students are given in annex I to the present report.

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Applications

14. A number of inquiries about the programme and requests for application forms have been received. At present further applications are under consideration.

Financing of the programme

- 15. As stated in paragraph 1 above, to finance the Special Training Programme, a sum of \$50,000 was allocated for 1964. The funds obligated for the awards granted vary in accordance with the course of studies followed and the country of study. Although not all the funds set aside for 1964 have been used for the awards granted, the funds already obligated and those likely to be needed for awards at present being considered will amount to nearly the sum allocated for this year.
- 16. Some of the scholarships granted have already been renewed and it is expected that most of them will be renewed in due course. The renewal of scholarships in 1965 will require an allocation of funds approximately equivalent to the sum set aside to finance the programme in 1964. Consequently, the granting of an appreciable number of new scholarships in 1965 will only be possible with an allocation of additional funds.

Travel of United Nations scholars

17. By operative paragraph 4 of resolution 1901 (XVIII), the General Assembly once again requested all Member States, and in particular the Republic of South Africa, to facilitate in every possible way the travel of South West Africans seeking to avail themselves of educational opportunities provided under the Programme. No official information has been received of any change in the position taken by the Government of South Africa that it would consider applications for post-graduate studies on the merits of each individual case. However, a student residing in South West Africa, was granted a passport and allowed to go to Sierra Leone to study towards a B.A. degree at Fourah Bay College. 2

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^{2/} The position of the Government of South Africa is stated in a letter dated 10 October 1963 received by the Secretariat from the Permanent Representative of South Africa. The letter refers to the case of the student who at present has been granted a passport which has enabled him to go to study in Sierra Leone. See the report submitted to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session (A/5526/Add.1).

18. Most of the present scholarship holders had already left South West Africa at the time they were granted their awards. In some cases, students who applied for a United Nations scholarship while still in South West Africa have left the Ferritory without travel documents before they were granted a scholarship.

lo-operation by the specialized agencies

19. Information on the establishment of this co-operation is contained in the report submitted to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session (A/5526 and Add.1). The co-operation by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) through a comprehensive secondary school to be established in Africa is being discussed by the Department of Trusteeship and representatives of UNESCO.

II. SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES

Offering States

- 20. At 31 October 1964, twenty-five Member States had made scholarships available for the use of South West Africans in response to General Assembly resolutions 1705 (XVI) and 1901 (XVIII). These Member States are: Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Thana, India, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Kuwait, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Sweden, the United Republic of Tanzania, Tunisia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Yugoslavia.
- 21. Details of the offers and awards made in response to General Assembly resolution 1705 (XVI) up to September 1963 are contained in the reports submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions (A/5234 and Add.1; A/5526 and Add.1).

New offers and awards

22. In a note dated 28 January 1964, addressed to each Member State of the United Nations, the Secretary-General referred to General Assembly resolutions 1705 (XVI) and 1901 (XVIII) and in particular to operative paragraph 2

of resolution 1901 (XVIII) by which Member States offering scholarships and those which might subsequently do so were invited to consider providing in their offers scholarships for secondary education and for vocational and technical training. The Secretary-General expressed the hope that Member States already offering scholarships would extend their offers to include secondary, vocational and technical training, and that other Member States who might decide to offer scholarships would similarly provide for such training in their offers. He stated that he would appreciate receiving details of any amended scholarship offers or of new offers, so that appropriate publicity might be given to them.

23. The replies received by the Secretary-General concerning amended scholarship offers, new offers and awards made until 31 October 1964 are noted below.

BULGARIA

- 24. In a note dated 26 June 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that the Government of Bulgaria had offered ten scholarships for higher education for the academic year 1964/1965 to the programmes concerning the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories, the Territories under Portuguese administration and South West Africa.
- 25. All applicants must have completed their secondary education and be eligible for admission in their home universities. After being admitted the students must take a one-year course in Bulgaria, prior to joining their respective faculties, and sit for a proficiency examination in the language.

BURMA

26. The offer made in 1962 for three higher education scholarships for the use of South West Africans continued in the following years. In a note dated 28 May 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that the medium of instruction in the secondary, vocational, agricultural and technical institutions of Burma is the Burmese language and that a similar transformation is under way for the use of the Burmese language as the medium for university instruction. In view of the language difficulty which would confront South West African students under these

circumstances, the Government of Burma considered that South West Africans might prefer to study in other countries where the English language would be the medium of instruction.

BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

27. In a note dated 7 April 1964, the Permanent Representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic informed the Secretary-General that all applications from inhabitants of South West Africa for grants for study in educational institutions in the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic would be given favourable consideration.

CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)

28. In a letter dated 6 March 1964, the Secretary-General was informed by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) that although his Government was not offering scholarships under the programme, it was prepared to give sympathetic consideration to individual candidatures submitted by the Secretary-General of students who had been granted an award under the programme.

CZECHOSLOVAKTA

29. In a note dated 18 May 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that the Government of Czechoslovakia, in pursuance of resolution 1901 (XVIII), paragraph 2 had offered two scholarships to South West African students at Czechoslovak secondary vocational schools for the study of general and electrical engineering, weaving and spinning. Applicants should have finished elementary school and know either English or French.

DENMARK

30. In a letter dated 8 September 1964, the Secretary-General was informed by the Permanent Representative of Denmark that no scholarship had been granted to South West Africans since July 1963. The Danish Government was ready to give

favourable consideration to individual, specific applications from South West Africans for studies in Denmark, especially with regard to education within agriculture, adult training and the co-operative movement.

31. In a note dated 8 September 1964, the Secretary-General was also informed that the Danish authorities had set aside funds for eleven refugee students from South West Africa. Scholarships are to be distributed on the recommendations of the International University Exchange Fund.

INDIA

- 32. The Government of India made available three scholarships for 1962/1963 and three for 1963/1964. These scholarships were for university studies.
- 33. In a note dated 29 May 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that the Government of India would offer three scholarships for the academic year 1964/1965 for university and vocational and technical training. The conditions and terms of the scholarships would remain as in the previous offer.
- 34. In a letter dated 30 September 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that so far no scholarship had been awarded by the Government of India to a South West African student since no application for scholarship had been received from such students.

ISRAEL

- 35. In a note dated 22 June 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that the Government of Israel was prepared to make available scholarships for the use of South West Africans for studies in all suitable programmes offered in Israel's Programme of Training Opportunities.
- 36. The Programme falls within the framework of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in co-operation with other universities and institutions and consists of courses in Israel, on-the-spot courses and individual training.

ITALY

37. The Government of Italy made available one scholarship for university study for the academic year 1963/1964.

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38. In a note dated 24 March 1964, the Permanent Representative of Italy informed the Secretary-General that his Government, in response to General Assembly resolution 1901 (XVIII), had offered a scholarship for the academic year 1964/1965 for secondary education and for vocational and technical training for South West Africans.

KENYA

39. In a note dated 13 July 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that the Government of Kenya had made available two scholarships in secondary education for the use of South West Africans.

KUWAIT

- 40. In a note dated 10 April 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that the State of Kuwait had made available ten scholarships for the use of South West Africans and inhabitants from Territories under Portuguese administration. The scholarships are for secondary education and/or vocational training. Courses in Arabic might be arranged in Kuwait with a view to bringing the students to the appropriate level requested in the institution they will attend.
- 41. In a letter dated 23 July 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that these scholarships had remained unused and were still available as originally offered.

PAKISTAN

- 42. The Government of Fakistan made available two scholarships under its Cultural Scholarship Scheme to students from South West Africa for studies in Fakistan during 1962/1963. For the academic year 1963/1964, one scholarship for the study of medicine had been offered.
- 43. In a note dated 19 August 1964, the Permanent Representative of Pakistan informed the Secretary-General that, in response to General Assembly resolution 1901 (XVIII), his Government had made available three scholarships to South West African students.

POLAND

44. The offer made in 1962 of two scholarships for higher education continued in 1963.

- 45. In a note dated 8 August 1964, the Permanent Representative of Poland informed the Secretary-General that in the course of the year his Government had made available, through its embassies in Addis Ababa and in Dar es Salaam, fifteen all-expense scholarships for higher education to candidates from Non-Self-Governing Territories in Africa, including South West Africa. The Polish Government had not made a final distribution of these scholarships to each of the three special programmes provided for in resolutions 845 (IX), 1705 (XVI) and 1808 (XVII) concerning inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories, South West Africa and Portuguese Territories respectively. Awards will be made in the order in which applications are submitted.
- 46. In a note dated 5 October 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that in 1964 the Government of Poland had awarded twenty all-expense scholarships to students from South West Africa. Five of these were used by students for higher education, while fifteen were used for secondary technical education and practical training programmes.

SIERRA LEONE

- 47. In a note dated 25 February 1964, the Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone informed the Secretary-General that the offer of twelve secondary school scholarships and two scholarships tenable at Fourah Bay College originally intended for non-white South Africans had been extended to include South West Africans and Southern Rhodesians.
- 48. In a letter dated 12 August 1964, the Secretary-General was informed of the applications received and the awards made. Although several awards had been made, none had been granted to a South West African student.

SUDAN

49. In a note dated 23 July 1964, the Permanent Representative of Sudan informed the Secretary-General that the Government of Sudan had offered ten all-expense scholarships to South West African students. Five of these scholarships are tenable at the Khartoum Technical Institute and the remaining five at the Higher Trade School. Candidates should have obtained the General Certificate of Education.

SWEDEN

- 50. On 15 April 1964, the Permanent Representative of Sweden informed the Secretary-General that a study was being undertaken by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the appropriate use of an allocation of \$200,000 made in the draft budget for the fiscal year 1964/1965 for the provision of educational and training facilities for refugees in Africa. Pending the outcome of this study, scholarships are offered to South West Africans under the regular Swedish scholarship programme administered by the Swedish Agency for International Assistance. These scholarships cover higher education, as well as secondary, vocational and technical training and are made available for studies in Sweden and, when appropriate, outside Sweden.
- 51. In a letter dated 21 September 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that four applications had been submitted by South West Africans to the Swedish Government. One scholarship had been awarded and three had been rejected because the applicants already held other scholarships.

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

- 52. The offer originally made in 1962 of five scholarships, three of which were for university education and two for personal and technical education, continued during the period under review.
- 53. In a note dated 14 September 1964, the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Republic informed the Secretary-General that the scholarships offered to

South West African students had not been used owing to the tardiness of the arrival of applications and to the fact that the applicants were not qualified for the scholarships.

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

54. The United Kingdom Government had offered twenty-two scholarships for South Africa as a whole, including South West Africa, for the period 1963/1964.

55. In a letter dated 18 August 1964, the Secretary-General was informed that during the current year no applications for scholarships had been received from South West Africans.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- 56. In a note dated 9 October 1964, the Permanent Representative of the United States of America informed the Secretary-General that the ten South West African students who had been awarded scholarships by the United States Government for the academic year 1962/1963 were continuing their studies under renewed scholarship grants. Five of the scholarship holders were studying at the high school level and five at the university level.
- 57. In the same note the Secretary-General was advised that the United States Government had made available ten additional scholarships for the academic year 1963/1964. All ten scholarships had been granted and eight of the students were already studying in the United States. Seven were studying at the high school level. These scholarships are renewable, depending upon the performance of the student. The renewals are intended to see a student through his first university degree in the United States.
- 58. By the same note, the Secretary-General was informed that the United States Government planned to offer an additional ten full scholarships to South West Africans for 1964/1965. Selection of scholarship recipients will be made in accordance with the standards and procedures established for the United States educational and cultural programme.

YUGOSLAVIA

- 59. The offer made in 1962 of two scholarships for regular (university) studies continued in 1963/1964.
- 60. In a letter dated 12 October 1964, the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia informed the Secretary-General that in 1963 and 1964 none of the scholar ships were granted to students from South West Africa from the quota offered to the United Nations for that purpose.

Description of offers

61. Based on the information supplied by the offering States, a description of the offers and awards made up to 31 October 1964 is given in annex II to the present report.

Information on the programme

62. A pamphlet giving details of the scholarships and explaining how to apply for them has been widely distributed. Information on the programme is also included in the handbook Study Abroad, 1964-66, published by UNESCO.

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UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL TRAINING PROCRAMME FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICANS

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Up to October 1964.

ANNEX II

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY MEMBER STATES TO SOUTH WEST AFFICANS

Offering State	Offers	Field of study	Awards made Number Yea	Tear	Travel expenses	Allowances
Bulgaria	Offer of ten scholar-ships made in 1964 <u>a</u> /	University education. Students take a preliminary language course			Round trip paid	Free lodgings and free medical care
Bur ma	Original offer of three scholarships made in 1962 and continued	Higger education	1		Not included	Tuition; books; monthly maintenance allowance of Kyats 250/-
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republio	All applications will be given favourable consideration. (Note dated 17 March 1964)	At educational institutions	•		Not specified	Not specified
China	Offer made in 1962 and continued	Agricultural training	:		Round trip paid	200 New Talwan dollars per day
	Fellowships offered through UNESCO for the training of African University staff		• · • •		Round trip	Monthly maintenance allowance (800 New Taiwan dollars); monthly per sonal expenses (400 New Taiwan dollars); installation expenses, book allowance; tuition fees
Czechoslovakia	Offer of two scholar-ships made in 1964	Secondary vocational education	:		Round trip paid	Not specified
Denmark	Offer under the Darish Programme for bilateral assistance to develop- ing countries. (Note dated 29 November 1962)	Agriculture, adult education and co-operative movement	rt I	1963 1964	Not specified	Not specified
	Offer of eleven scholar- ships to refugee students (Note dated 8 September 1964)	Not specified			Not specified	Not specified

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY MEMBER STATES TO SOUTH WEST AFRICANS (cont'd)

Offering State	Offers	Field of study	Awards made Number Yea	made Year	Travel expenses	Allowances
(H) an a	Offer made in 1962 and continued	University and secondary education	ਜ :	1963 1964	Round trip pald	Tuition; room and board; free medical care; allowences for clothing and holidays
India	Original offer of three scholarships made in 1962 and continued during 1963-64 and 1964-65	University studies and vocational al and technical training	1		Round trip paid	Maintenance allowance of 250 rupees per month; tuition; examination fees; medical expenses; approved study tours; book allowance
Israel	Offer made in 1964	Agriculture, education and vocational training, medical personnel, administration, co-operation and labour, community development, medicine, agricultural engineering	•		Not specified	Not specified
Italy	Original offer of one scholarship for university education made in 1963. Offer renewed in 1964 for secondary education	Secondary and vocational and technical training. Prelimin- ary language course	•		Round trip paid	Monthly allowance of lire 80.000. Medical and acci- dent insurance
Kenya	Offer of two scholarships made in 1964	Secondary education	:		Round trip paid	All-expense scholarships
Kuwel t	Offer of five scholar- ships made in 1964	Secondary education and/or vocational training. Preliminary language course	,	ļ	Round trip paid	All-expense scholarships
Norway	South West Africans may apply for fellowships offered to students from developing countries (Note 24 June 1963)	Graduated studies and research. (Public adminis- tration, economic planning, fishery economics)	•		Not specified	Not specified

Offering State	Offers	Field of study	Averds made Number Year	Travel	Allowances
Pakdstan	Original offer of two scholarships made in 1962. Offer of three scholar- ships in 1964	University studies	•	Not specified	Rs. 250 per month; ennual equipment allowance; medi- cal allowance; study tour
Poland	Original offer of two scholarships made in 1962 and continued in 1963. Offer of fifteen scholarships made in 1964	Higher education Preliminary language course	20 1964	Round trip pai.d	Monthly stipend of 1,000 zlotys; free tuition; medical care; lodging in a student hostel
Sierra Leone	Offer of twelve secondary school scholarships and two at university lavel originally intended for South Africans was extended to South West Africans	Secondary and university education		Singie passage paid	All—expense scholarships
Suden	Offer of ten scholarships made in 1964	Five scholarships tenable at the Khartoum Technical Institute and five at the Higher Trade School	:	Round trip paid	All-expense scholarships
Sweden	Scholarships offered in 1964, under the regular Swedish scholarship pro- gramme administered by the Swedish Agency for International Assistance	Higher and secondary educa- tion; vocational and tech- nical training	1 1964	Not specified	Not specified
Tuni si.a	Original offer of three scholarships made in 1962 and continued	(a) Secondary education (b) Higher education. Duration of course of study	•	Not specified Not specified	(a) Board and room; 10 dinars every three months for incidentals; (b) Tuition and 25 dinars per month

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY MAMBER STATES TO SOUTH WEST AFRICANS (cont'd)

Offering State	Offers	Field of study	Awards made Number Yea	made Year	Travel expenses	Allowances
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	Union of Soviet All applications will be Socialist considered with sympathy. Republics (Letter 19 March 1962)	Studies at any USSR educational establishment	:		Not specified	Not specified
	Also, scholarships at the Patrice Lummba Univer- sity, Moscow. Offer made in 1962 and continued	University studies. Secondary education can be completed at the University! Breparatory Department. This Department also provides preliminary language course of up to one year.		į	Round trip paid	Free tuition; scholaratip grant; hostel accommod- ation; medical care
United Arab Republic	Five scholarships offered for the academic year 1963/1964. Renewed for 1964/1965.	University and general and technical education	L		Round trip paid	Free tuition; £10 Egyptian installation expenses; book allowance; monthly allowance of £12 for university students and of £10 for other students
United Kingdom	Offer of two scholarships made by the British Council for 1962/1963. A further twenty-two scholarships were similar ly offered for 1963/1964		ı		Round trip paid	Tuition fees; personal allow- ances and other expenses
United Republic Tenzenia	United Republic Original offer of five Tenzenia scholarships made in 1962 and continued	Secondary education	•		Paid	Not specified
United States	Ten scholarships made available for 1962/1963. A further ten scholarships for 1963/1964. An additional offer of ten scholarships for 1964/1965.	Secondary and university education	33	1962/63 1963/64	Round trip paid	All-expense scholarships
Yugoslavia	Original offer of two scholarships for the academic year 1962/1963 and continued.	Higher education	1		Round trip paid	Not specified

Offer includes the programmes concerning South West Africans Freschution 1705 (XVI)7; inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing

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