



Eighteenth session
Agenda item 55 (b)

QUESTION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES
FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICANS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In reference to paragraph 28 of the report (A/5526), concerning applications made for the grant of passports to two South West Africans awarded scholarships under the Special Training Programme, the following letter, dated 10 October 1963, has been received by the Secretariat from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations:

"I have the honour to refer to your letter ... of 2 July 1963 relating to the scholarships awarded to Messrs. M.W. Januarie and J.C. Beukes. In this connexion I should like to direct your attention to the discussions on educational matters which took place in Pretoria in May, 1962, between the South African Government and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Special Committee on South West Africa and which are described in the last paragraph on page 2 et seq of United Nations Press Release GA/2501.

"You will recall that the Honourable Dr. H.F. Verwoerd indicated at the time that bursaries offered to South West African students for post-graduate study abroad for the purpose of educational advancement would be sympathetically considered, but that each case would be dealt with on its merits.

"Apart from the fact that Mr. Januarie's case falls outside the scope of the Prime Minister's statement, as post-graduate study is not involved, I should like to direct your attention to the following:

(a) Mr. Januarie was able, with the financial assistance of the South West Africa Administration, to complete a two-year teachers' course in Coronationville, Johannesburg. While his training was free of

charge, he received a sum of R.350 for the period 1960-1961 to cover accommodation and other expenses.

(b) In 1962 Mr. Januarie applied for a scholarship of R.400 per annum of three-year duration in order to study for a B.A. degree (Social Work) at the University College of the Western Cape, as well as for a study loan of R.150 per annum for three years. Although the applicant could, on the strength of his academic achievement, not be taken into consideration for one of the scholarships, the authorities nevertheless decided to grant him a study loan of R.150 per annum for three years, in view of the fact that vacancies for graduates in social service will be available in future.

"The South African authorities are not able, in view of the foregoing, to grant passport facilities to this student for study abroad. You will appreciate that, as South Africa has the necessary study facilities and as the authorities are prepared to place them at the disposal of Mr. Januarie, he will not as a result of this action be deprived of an opportunity to further his studies.

"The considerations relating to post-graduate study as outlined by the South African Prime Minister also apply to the case of Mr. J.C. Beukes, who has apparently not so far approached the South West Africa Administration for financial assistance in connection with his proposed studies.

"The enclosures to your letter of 2 July 1963 are attached."
