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13/2/61.
Subject: Riots: PAC/ANC.
Sources: WELA on Feb 9/1961
Told me: (did not reveal sources):

- 1) About 2 weeks before, ~~EA~~ about 800 cell leaders of PAC had met in bush near Langa, Cape, at meeting addressed by Z.B. Molete. There had been a rift within PAC, but this was healed at the meeting. Had heard there were three opposing groups within the Cape PAC, and that the two largest had come together solidly at the meeting. The third and smallest was led by Makvetu and consisted of young hotheads. They had also accepted unity, but not 100%. All those at the meeting, it was believed — there was no certainty about this information — had accepted the plan as previously outlined (march on the city, etc).
- 2) During the previous week, £11,000 of arms reported to have been landed off Pondoland coast by sub. Ponder said to have paid £200 as down payment for this shipment, which was said to have come from Russia. Informant dubious about this story. Why only £200 paid, he asked?
- 3) African Leaders' Conference was called by ANC to give it chance of seizing leadership initiative which it had lost last year. PAC had seen through this and intended backing out of the conference. (NB This was also reported in latest issue of CONTACT). The ANC leaders had decided that the Leaders' Conference when held at the end of March, should call for a National Convention. This, they knew, would be refused by the Govt and they then intended to call for a national day of protest — in the full expectation that this would result in bloodshed. They wanted this to happen because of the effect overseas. They planned to create a situation where bloodshed would occur without themselves being personally responsible.

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Source: Julius Mali, member of continuation committee on Feb 9.

I asked him about PAC backing out of conference. He said he had heard such reports but nothing official had yet been received by the committee. He thought the PAC people were disturbed because of various statements made about the purpose of the all-in meeting, especially by Ngubane, who was speaking about a new organisation being created. This the PAC rejected outright, and they were tending to shy away from the all-in conference because of this.

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