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Detlef HIRSCHMANN, German Democratic Republic

Detlef Hirschmann is a schoolboy from Halberstadt, one of a family of six children. His family are church-goers and have been in trouble in the past for criticising the East German regime. Detlef was arrested in October 1970, together with other boys from his class. It is thought that they had all made remarks hostile to the regime, which is a crime in the GDR. Detlef later got a three year sentence. Send your cards to: Detlef Hirschmann, Strafvollzugsanstalt Torgau, Torgau, GDR.

Sviatoslav Iosipovich KARAVANSKY, USSR

A 51 year old poet, linguist, translator and journalist from the Ukraine. Arrested in 1965 (he also spent the years 1944-1960 in prison) Karavansky was charged with writing and distributing unofficial literature dealing with Ukrainian nationalism. He was sentenced to 8 years and 7 months severe regime in Vladimir Prison. Send your cards to: SSSR, RSFSR, g. Vladimir-oblastnoi, p/ya OD-1, St-2.

Nikolai Ivanovich BARANOV, USSR

A 35 year old worker, who was arrested in Moscow in early 1971. He was charged with anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda and, like many political dissidents, he was sent to a psychiatric hospital, although there is no evidence that he is mentally ill. Write to him at the Hospital: SSSR, RSFSR, g. Leningrad, Arsenalnaya 9, p/ya. U.S. 20/st. 5, Tyuremnaya Bolnitsa.

Jose Alves Tavares MAGRO, Portugal

Jose Magro is a former office clerk, and a leading member of the illegal Portuguese Communist Party. After serving six years from 1951 to 1957, he was sentenced again in 1959 to ten years plus security measures. He escaped from prison in 1961, but was caught in 1962 and condemned to a further ten years with security measures. In 1966 an extra sentence of five years was added to his term. He has now spent 17 years in prison, with at least another nine to serve. He will be sixty by the end of his present sentence, and is in poor health. Send your cards to: Cadeia do Forte de Peniche, Peniche, Portugal.

Francisco CORDERO Bazago, Spain

Tried in 1967 on charges of illegal association and illegal propaganda because of his activities with the Communist Party, he was sentenced to a total of 9 years and 2 months imprisonment. He is now 63 years old and held in the Instituto Geriatrico of Almeira Prison in southern Spain, far from his home in Toledo and his wife who is suffering from an incurable illness. Sr. Cordero's health is also poor. Send your cards to him at: Instituto Geriatrico, Prision de Almeria, Almeria, Spain.

Elenaldo Celso TEIXEIRA, Brazil

Elenaldo Teixeira is a lawyer; he was arrested on 16 July 1970, and charged with subversive activities. In fact, he had lived among the sugar plantation workers in Pernambuco in order to gather information on the workers' depressed circumstances. Teixeira is probably still in preventative detention. Our last direct news of him is from a statement which he made on April 8, 1970 concerning the torture which he had been forced to endure during interrogation: Write: c/o Ministerio da Justica e Negocios Interiores, Espl dos Ministerios, Rua do Mexico 128, Rio de Janeiro. Write "Prisao desconhecido" on the envelope. (Prison unknown.)

Didymus MUTASA, Rhodesia

Didymus Mutasa gave up a well-paid job with the Rhodesian Civil Service to work with fellow-Africans at Cold Comfort Farm, a multi-racial community on the outskirts of Salisbury. Last year the Rhodesian government closed the farm, deported its founder, Guy Clutton Brock, charged one member with possessing subversive leaflets, and, not being able to find anything against Mutasa, detained him indefinitely at Sinoia Prison. He has a wife and three small children. Christmas cards should be sent care of his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Mutasa, the African Children's Home, P.O. Box H 99, Hatfield, Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Ibrahim BASH-TAQI, Sierra Leone

A former leading member of the ruling All People's Congress (APC), and previously Minister of Information, Mr. Bash-Taqi split with the APC during the summer of 1970, and helped in the formation of a new party, the United Democratic Party (UDP), in the autumn of the same year. Following clashes between APC and UDP followers, a State of Emergency was declared in September 1970, and many leaders and members of the UDP were arrested. When he returned in October 1970 from visiting his relatives in London, Mr. Bash-Taqi was arrested and has been held without trial ever since. Send your cards to: Pademba Road Prison, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Ntsu MOKHEHLE, Lesotho

Leader of the Basutoland Congress Party (BCP), whose apparent victory at the elections of January 1970 led to the declaration of a State of Emergency in Lesotho by the ruling Basutoland National Party (BNP). Mr. Mokhehle was arrested along with other BCP leaders, and held without trial in Maseru Central Prison until June 7th 1971. He was released from prison but put on house arrest, and not allowed visitors other than his wife and children unless given special permission. Send your cards to: Motsamai Road, Stadium Suburb, Maseru, Lesotho.

Mrs. BUSONO Wiwoho, Indonesia

Mrs. Busono Wiwoho was arrested in late 1965, and has been detained without trial ever since. She is about 40, is an educational psychologist, and has two children. Her husband, also in detention, was a leading Professor of Psychology. She is held in Plantugan Prison camp (Tapol), near Semarang, Java, Indonesia.

Le Tan Viet-Nam, Viet Nam (South)

He is a student of agriculture and was arrested in February 1969^{and} sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment, of which he has served 2 years on the penal island of Con Son. He was charged with "peace activities", an accusation brought against large numbers of people who try to work for the ending of the war. Send your cards to: Mr. Le Tan Viet Nam, Identity No. A. 4608, c/o The Con Son Province Chief, Mr. Le Canh Ve, Con Son National Correction Centre, Con Dao Polo Condor, Con Son Island, Republic of Viet Nam.

Meng Hsiang-ko, Taiwan

- (also known as Prometheus Moon) 41 years old, originally from Manchuria; he is a writer and the translator of Hermann Hesse's works. Arrested around 2nd April 1971 when a number of potential opponents of Chiang Kai-shek's Government were detained in an official effort to intensify control over the population in view of the current UN debate about mainland China's admittance. No charges, trial or sentence known. Send your cards: c/o The Head of the Military Garrison Command Headquarters, Taipeh, Taiwan (Republic of China).

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Bruno KOLYSKO, German Democratic Republic

Bruno Kolysko is serving a three year sentence for expressing outspoken anti-Communist views. It is thought that, in his views, he was influenced by the fact that both his parents suffered deportation in the USSR and were never heard of again. Kolysko, a 23 year old steelworker, born in Latvia, had also applied unsuccessfully to emigrate to West Germany. Send your cards to: Strafvollzugsanstalt Kottbus, GDR.

Petr UHL, Czechoslovakia

Petr Uhl is believed to have been the leader of a group of young people arrested in December 1969 in connection with the "Movement of Revolutionary Youth" which they had founded. The movement advocated a return to pure socialist methods in dealing with Czechoslovakia's problems and true control by the workers over the country's affairs. Petr Uhl got the highest sentence - four years' imprisonment - after being convicted of "subversive" activities. In reality he has been imprisoned for having expressed dissident political views. Send your cards to: Petr Uhl, Veznice Ruzyne, Praha, Czechoslovakia.

Mustafa DZHEMILEV, USSR

Mustafa Dzhemilev is a Crimean Tatar. He was active in the campaign by Crimean Tatars for the right to return to their homeland, the Crimea, from which they were brutally deported in 1944 by Stalin. At his trial in 1970 he was charged in particular with helping to distribute the campaign's bulletin and he received a three year labour camp sentence with severe regime. Greetings can be sent to him at the following address: SSSR, Uzbekskaya SSR, Tashkentskaya oblast, pos. Zangiata, p/ya UYa 64/1 E.

Kalliopi KATSIGRA, Greece

Kalliopi Katsigra is 46 years old and a dressmaker by profession. She was arrested in November 1968 and still suffers partial paralysis and deafness as a result of subsequent torture. In May 1969 she was sentenced by military court to eight years imprisonment for "being an accomplice to a resistance group and engaging in subversive activity." She is now in Korydallos prison in Athens. She suffers from spondylo-arthritis. An appeal for remittance of her sentence because of ill health has been rejected. Cards should be sent to: Miss Kalliopi Katsigra, Korydallos prison, Athens, Greece.

Joaquim Pires JORGE, Portugal

Joaquim Pires Jorge was arrested for the third time on December 15, 1961 and has been in prison ever since. He was charged with crimes related to his membership in the Portuguese Communist Party and sentenced to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years imprisonment, plus "security measures," the latter being a Portuguese legal provision which enables a sentence to be indefinitely prolonged by police decision. Jorge has been brutally treated during his imprisonment. He is now 64 years old, and in very bad health. His wife died in 1970 from cancer, leaving their 19 year old daughter who supports her two grandmothers. Send your cards to: Cadeia do Forte de Peniche, Peniche, Portugal.

Ignacio CHAMORRO, Paraguay

Ignacio Chamorro is a young boatman arrested in 1959 on suspicion of having ferried guerillas across the Paraguay River and held without trial since then. Reliable sources claim that he did this innocently, was not connected with illegal activities against the Stroessner government and may even have been confused with a wanted guerrilla of the same name, of twice his age. Twenty years old and illiterate when arrested, he taught himself to read and write while in prison, using bits of old magazines, as he is denied books. Chamorro is unmarried, prison conditions are known to be bad and recent letters smuggled out of prison appear to indicate that his mental condition may be deteriorating. Send your cards to: Comisaria Villa Aurelia, Asuncion, Paraguay.

Joseph MSIKA, Rhodesia

Joseph Msika, an African Nationalist, is detained with Joshua Nkomo, the ZAPU leader, and approximately 9 others, at Gonakudzingwa Detention Area. They have been there for more than 6 years. Gonakudzingwa is in a remote, desolate part of Rhodesia, near the Rhodesian/Mocambique border: visits from relatives are difficult because of the long, expensive journey, and these few detainees suffer much from isolation. Greetings cards to Mr. Msika will be read and valued by all the inmates. Send your cards to : P.B.U. 5504, Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

Ali Muhsin BARWANI, Tanzania

Former Minister in the Zanzibar Nationalist Party (ZNP) government which came to power when Zanzibar received its independence in December 1963, Ali Muhsin was arrested in January 1964 when the revolutionary Afro-Shirazi Party (ASP) took control of the island in a violent coup. Following the union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar to form the United Republic of Tanzania in April 1964, Ali Muhsin was imprisoned without trial on the mainland. He is still held in Bukoba Prison, P.O. Box 17, Bukoba, Tanzania.

Hornisdas MBANDA, Rwanda

A respected Tutsi chief in the old kingdom of Rwanda, Hornisdas Mbanda remained loyal to the Tutsi Mwami (King) when the Bahutu people (the majority in Rwanda) rose in revolt just prior to independence in 1959. He was sentenced to death, but the sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment. Early in 1960, he was confined in a specially constructed prison for political offenders in Ruhengeri in northern Rwanda and has been there ever since. Because the evidence brought against Hornisdas Mbanda at his trial by a military court was never substantiated, he was taken up as an adoption case by Amnesty. Send your cards to him at: Prison de Ruhengeri, Republique de Rwanda.

E. Abdurachman MARTALOGAWA, Indonesia

E. Abdurachman Martalogawa was arrested on 21 December 1965, shortly before the Communist Party was formally banned; he was a communist Member of Parliament. He is scheduled for indefinite detention without trial. He is 41, married, with two children. Address: Tempad Pemanfaatan, Pulau Buru, Indonesia.

Hsieh Ts'ung-min, Taiwan

Graduate of Law, junior tutor at a university. Arrested 1964, released 1969. Found work at a firm, but was fired after 1 month for fear of reprisals on the firm. Re-arrested on February 2nd, 1971. No reasons for the arrest are known, nor whether he has been tried and sentenced. Send your cards to him: c/o The Head of the Military Garrison Command Headquarters, Taipei, Taiwan (Republic of China)

Thieu-Thi-Tan and Thieu-Thi-Tao, Viet Nam (South)

- sisters, both former high school students at "Mary Curie", Saigon. Both were arrested in 1968 for "anti-Government activities", a common charge against many persons who work for the ending of the war. Thieu-Thi-Tan's sentence was suspended, yet she has been held in prison for over 3 years. Her health condition is bad. Thieu-Thi-Tao was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment, but has already served over 3 years. Her health condition is very bad; she is now paralysed, most likely due to torture, bad prison conditions. Send your cards to: Miss Thieu-Thi-Tan and Miss Thieu-Thi-Tao, c/o The Director, Centre de Reeducation de Tan Hiep, Bien-Hoa Province, Republic of Viet Nam.

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Aleksandr Nikolaevich SHEVCHENKO, USSR

Aleksandr Nikolaevich Shevchenko, a 29 year old dissident baptist, was arrested in Odessa on 18.10.68. He was sentenced to five years' ordinary regime to be followed by five years in exile. Shevchenko was accused of violating Articles 138 and 209 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code (equivalent to Articles 142 and 227 of the RSFSR Criminal Code). Article 227 deals with the activities of religious groups, Article 142 deals with illegal religious practice. Send your cards to him at: SSSR, Ukrainskaya SSR, Voroshilovogr. obl., Sverdl. r-n, p/o Leninskoye UL 314/38.

Sandor SOMOGYI, Hungary

Sandor Somogyi is a Roman Catholic priest, aged 34. It is believed that he was ordained secretly as a priest but, denied the right to fulfil his duties openly, he has been limited to doing unskilled work as a labourer. He was first arrested in 1965 together with many other priests and spent a year in prison. In 1970 he was rearrested together with other priests and sentenced to four years' imprisonment. The trial was held in secret, but the charges are believed to concern teaching "ideology hostile to the Hungarian regime." Send your cards to: Sandor Somogyi, Gyujtofoghaz, Kozma utca 13/2, Budapest X, Hungary.

Il'ya GABAI, USSR

Il'ya Gabai is a Jewish teacher from Moscow. He has been an active member of the dissident community for the last few years and spent some time in prison in 1967. He was rearrested in 1969 and later sentenced to three years' imprisonment for spreading "clearly false fabrications discrediting the Soviet state". Gabai denied the charge stating that the documents he had helped to circulate represented the truth about the human rights problems in the USSR. Send your cards to him at: SSSR, RSFSR, g. Kemerovo - 28, p/ya 1612/40 'br. 44.

Alexander ZOGRAFOS, Greece

Alexander Zografos is a 45 year old journalist, and was the founder and Secretary General of the "Social democratic Union" in Greece. A member of "Elas" during the 1939 War, he was editor of the newspaper "Laikos Paratiritis". Mr. Zografos was arrested on the 21st of July 1969, but it was not until March 1971 that he was finally sentenced to 19 years imprisonment, charged with plotting to overthrow the government. Cards should be sent to: Mr. Alexander Zografos, Korydallos prison, Athens, Greece.

Cipriano DAMIANO Gonzalez, Spain

Member of the National Committee of the Confederation Nacional de Trabajadores de Espana (one of the pre-civil war democratic trade union organisations, which are now banned in Spain), he served a ten year sentence from 1952 to 1962 and was later sentenced in absentia in 1965 to four additional years' imprisonment, all because of his trade union activities. After returning to Spain from France once more, he was again arrested in May 1970 for the same reason and sentenced in December 1970 to five years' imprisonment. A printer and 52 years old, he is held in Segovia Prison. Address: Prision Provincial, Segovia, Spain.

Professor Antonio MAIDANA, Paraguay

Maidana was formerly Second Secretary of the Paraguayan Communist Party. In 1958 he was arrested after attempting to organise a strike for a fixed minimum wage; he was then sentenced under Law 294 which lays down a penalty of up to ten years for connections with the Communist Party. At the trial, the Judge ruled in favour of Maidana's release, but President Stroessner intervened and he was sent to jail, where he remains, despite the fact that his sentence expired in 1961 and a second court ruling supported his release. Conditions in the prison are extremely bad. Send cards to: Comisaria Seccional 3, Calle Chile entre 14 July y Jejui, Asuncion, Paraguay.

Father Cosmas DESMOND, South Africa

Father Cosmas Desmond, a 35 year old Roman Catholic priest, is under house arrest. Two years ago he visited the 'resettlement areas' where Africans are being sent in their thousands to live under terrible conditions of hardship, because the Nationalist government does not want them in urban areas. He described the conditions in his book, 'The Discarded People', (Penguin Africa Press), now banned in South Africa and though the government is not required to give any reason for house arresting a person, it is likely that Desmond's exposure of the government's policy of 'resettlement' is the cause. Christmas cards can be sent to him at 17, Fourth Avenue, Parkhurst, Johannesburg, S. Africa.

Morlai Bai KAMARA, Sierra Leone

Mr. Kamara was a supporter of the United Democratic Party (UDP), which was banned by the ruling All People's Congress (APC) following the declaration of a State of Emergency in Sierra Leone in September 1970. He has remained imprisoned without trial ever since. His father is also being detained without trial, after his appeal against conviction on a charge of treason was upheld in the spring of 1971. Prior to his arrest, Mr. Kamara was the sole support of his father's large family, which is now destitute. Please send cards to: Pademba Road Prison, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Otini KAMBONA, Tanzania

Otini is the younger brother of Oscar Kambona, former Tanzanian Minister of External Affairs. When Oscar Kambona broke with President Julius Nyerere in 1967 and subsequently left Tanzania for self-imposed exile in England, a number of his political associates and relatives, including Otini, were arrested. Since that time Otini has been held without trial at various prisons in Tanzania. He is at present at the Central Prison, P.O.Box 921, Dodoma, Tanzania.

Mrs. Lie Tjwan Sien, Indonesia

Mrs. Lie Tjwan Sien has been in prison since 1967; she is a teacher, aged about 50, and has two daughters. Her husband, a doctor, is also detained. She is scheduled for indefinite detention without trial. Address: Plantugan Prison camp (Tapol), near Semarang, Java, Indonesia.

Chang Hua-ming, Taiwan

He is a journalist, about 45 years old. He was arrested in 1966. Sentenced to 8 years imprisonment and 4 years loss of civil rights on 11th November, 1966 on charges of "repeatedly writing propaganda supporting the rebellion" against Chiang Kai-shek's regime. An appeal against the judgement was dismissed on 3rd March, 1967. State of health not very good, has spent some time in solitary confinement. Send your cards to: Mr. Chang Hua-ming, P.O.Box 7908-2, Chin-Hsi, Tai-Tung, Taiwan, (Republic of China).

Akram Sion BAHER, Iraq

Akram Sion Baher, a 27 year old Jew, was an employee in the accounts department of a property company which was purged by the authorities - the owner, a Moslem, is now in exile in Beirut and 2 other Moslems, employees arrested at the same time were released within a few days. Mr. Baher "suddenly" disappeared from his home, a common occurrence in Iraq. Despite his family's repeated requests for official information they only heard indirectly of his arrest which has never been officially confirmed. Send your cards to: Akram Sion Baher, Kasr Nihaya, Baghdad.