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Training centre for city

by MBONGENI ZONDI

THE Natal midlands is set for a major skills boost following the launch of the South African Opportunities Industrialisation Centre (SA-OIC) in the city yesterday to offer entrepreneurial and vocational training to disadvantaged people.

With a national budget of R10 million for the next three years, a pilot project will start operating in the city with a first intake of 1 200 in September this year.

The Reverend Leon Sullivan, founder of OIC in 1964 and well-known for the Sullivan principles employment code for U.S. companies in South Africa during the apartheid era, delivered a keynote speech and officially opened the centre.

In an impassioned plea to the country's leaders to work together, Sullivan said the launch marks a new beginning for South Africa.

Public Works Minister Jeff Hadebe, KZN Economic Affairs and Tourism Minister Jacob Zuma, MP Blade Nzimande and representatives of USAid and local NGOs attended the



Public Works Minister Jeff Hadebe and the Reverend Leon Sullivan admire a wire bowl at the OIC launch. — Picture by MARK WING

launch.

OIC has established programmes in 80 U.S. cities and 17 worldwide,

including Africa. Already more than 10 million individuals have received assistance.

The South African programme is funded by the Public Works Ministry, the OIC in the U.S., USAid and the International Foundation for Education and Self Help (Ifesh).

The Reverend Phumani Zondi, chairman of SA-OIC, said contracts will be offered to trainers before September.

"The Pietermaritzburg programme will be the first of five such programmes scheduled for South Africa which are being planned for other parts of the country," he said.

It is expected that a majority of the first trainees will be from around the city and other parts of the province.

Yesterday's launch was a dream come true for the KwaZulu-Natal Non-Governmental Organisations Partnership which approached the Public Works ministry in 1994 after a meeting at which it was decided that something be done for the local youth, especially those affected by violence.

SOS ANNOUNCEMENT

Philadelphia New Observer, November 13, 1996-7

Large Shipment of Books And Supplies to Help The Children of Africa Campaign

Philadelphia-300,000 books and millions of pens, pencils and other items were put on a boat at a port in New Jersey, October 21, 1996, and shipped to Ethiopia from an SOS Campaign launched by Reverend Leon H. Sullivan, minister of Philadelphia and the African-African American Summit movement which he chairs to help the children and schools of Ethiopia with greatly needed school supplies. Already through Sullivan's Efforts and his IFESH (The International Foundation for Education and Self-Help) and the OIC (Opportunities Industrialization Centers) worldwide movement that he heads, teachers have been located in Ethiopia to assist with upgrading education in the country along with international youth fellows sent by the IFESH Foundation to receive supplies and work with the Ethiopia ministry of Education and Red Cross to ensure the proper distribution of supplies to the schools of greatest need.

This large cargo of school supplies to Ethiopia marks the beginning of a campaign that in the next few years will send millions of books, pens, pencils, paper, typewriters, computers and other items to help the children and schools in the most distressed parts of Africa where half of the children have no schools at all and just about all the schools are badly in need of educational supplies and materials. Sullivan's efforts also have already sent 400 master teachers to African countries such as Kenya, Ghana, Gabon, Ethiopia, Benin to help upgrade teaching abilities of teachers in these countries. It is Sullivan's objective to send 1,000 of these teachers from the United States for this purpose in the next several years.

Supplies of already more than five million books, pens, pencils, soap and other materials have been donated by publishers, organizations, youth and elementary schools from Philadelphia and 20 other cities, Brother's Brother in Pittsburgh, the Church of the Latter Day Saints and hundreds of African American Churches who are gathering supplies and sending them to Philadelphia to be sent with the help of the U.S. government to the schools and children of sub-Saharan Africa.

At the Fourth African-African American Summit to be held in Harare, Zimbabwe in Southern Africa, July 20-26, 1997, Reverend Sullivan will be announcing the success of the SOS Campaign that came out of requests from presidents of African countries at the last Summit in 1993, in Senegal. More than 7,000 persons are expected to attend the upcoming Summit including 200 companies, a number of CEO's and presidents and prime ministers from many African countries.

October 26, 1996, in Philadelphia, at the Liberty Bell, Reverend Sullivan signed a joint pact with Federico Mayor, director general of UNESCO (United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization) to work together with nations around the world to help with education of children of Africa in the shortest time possible. Says Sullivan, it is his hope and prayer that this push being made by the Summit and its leaders with UNESCO and others will help the children of Africa to stand shoulder to shoulder with all other children from the rest of the world, and help them to compete equally with them in reading, science, and every other way.

Persons interested in sending books, pens, pencils, typewriters, and other supplies to assist SOS are asked to call 1-800-835-3530. Because of a great desire in the United States by many to attend the coming Summit, persons interested in making reservations are urged to make them as soon as possible by call 1-833-977-8664.



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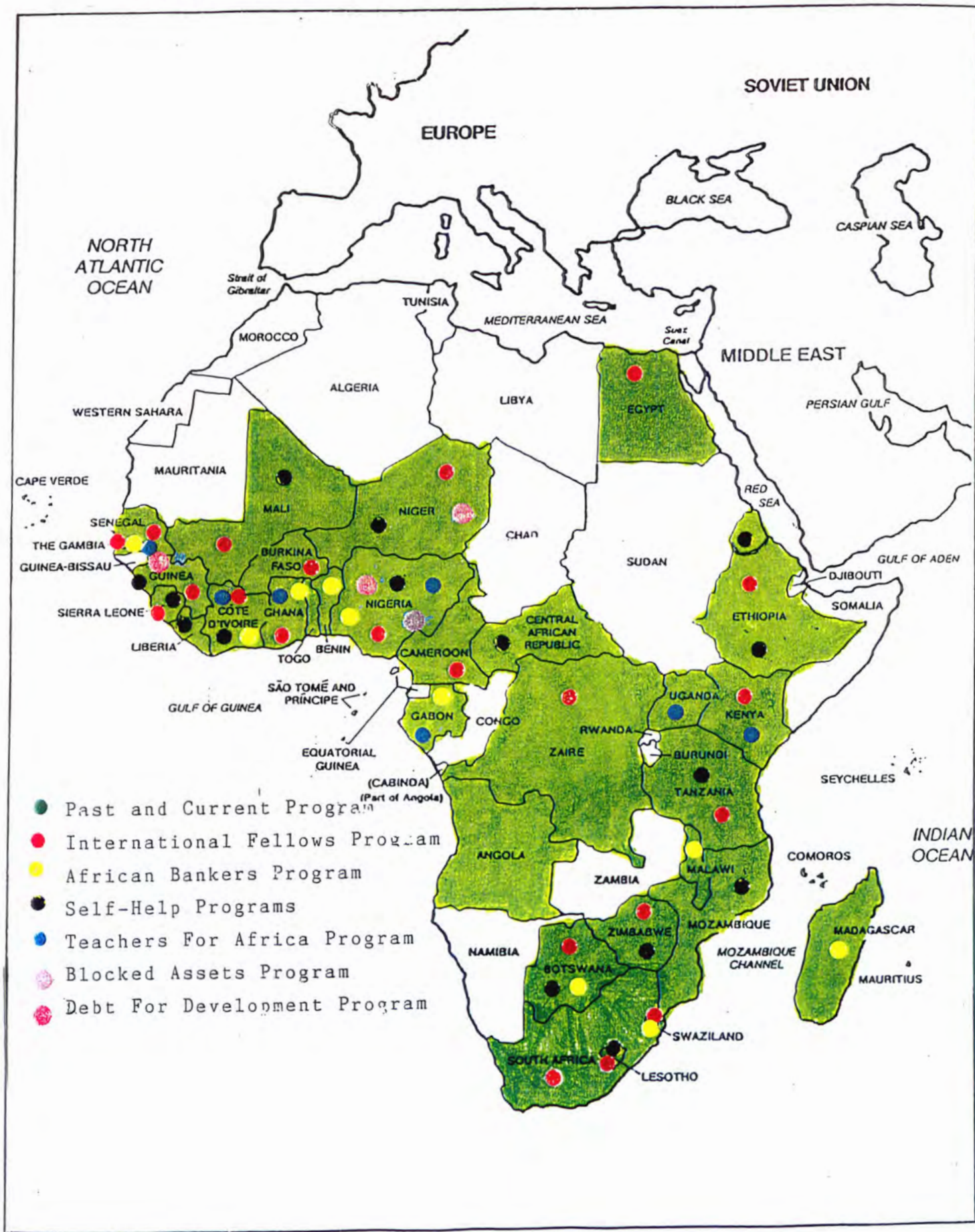
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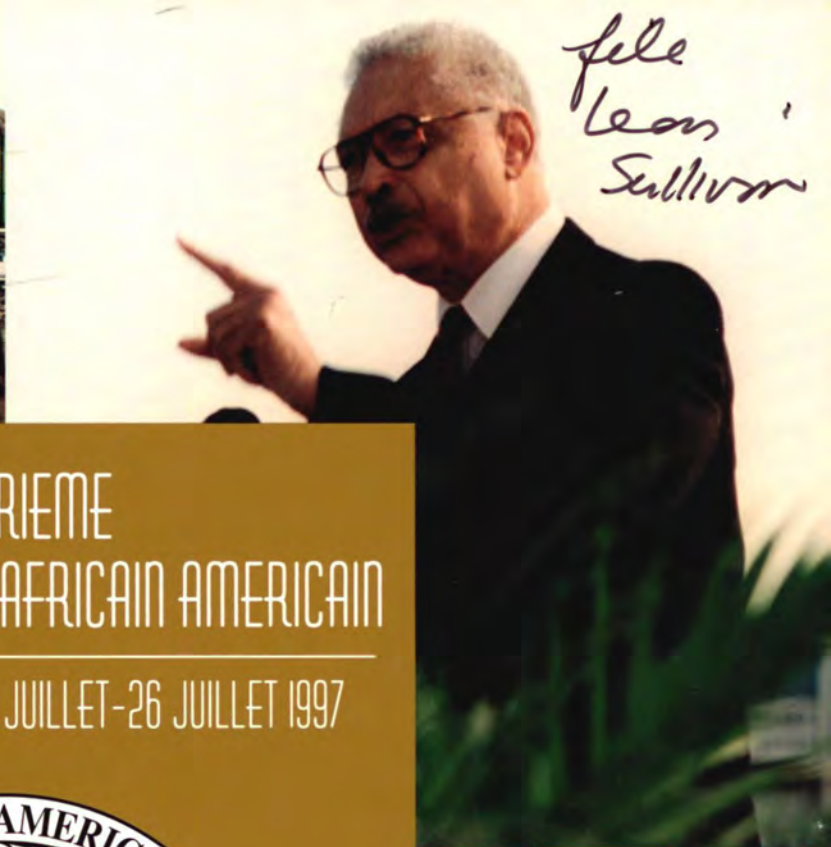
Since beginning in 1964 OICs in the United States of America have trained 2,500,000 people, most of them under 40 years of age: 65% on welfare: 75% placed on jobs and 80% still working on jobs earning \$50 billion a year in incomes, and paying \$8 billion in taxes each year already.

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