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1. Minutes of the National Executive of the African National Congress Women's League held at 97808. Mzimbahepe Jehannu-  
vuz. on Friday August 10th, 1956.  
at 10 p.m.
2. Present. were Mrs. L. Ngoyi President, Mrs. M. Ranta Secretary, Mrs. J. Baard, Treasurer Miss B. Madaba. Vice Pres-  
ident. And Mesdames M. Madhah and M. Molefe. N. Jukelazi. Gcigane  
Mafura, Bisset and Miss J. Mkiye.
3. Remarks. In her opening remarks the President told members that that was our first meeting since the election took place and that there were no minutes. further the President Congratulated members for the magnificent role they played in their respective Branches towards the furtherance of the people's struggle in general and against the passes in particular.
4. Correspond. No correspondents were read to the meeting.



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Reports.

A. a verbal report <sup>from Cape Western</sup> was ~~given~~ heard, stating that the Cape Western held a demonstration against Passes on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1956 and Committee meetings in February, March and April, and that at the latter meeting one woman got arrested. The Committee criticized the report, and further wanted to know why there were two Congresses, then the reporter was told by the Committee that the report could not be accepted and that she must refer it back to the Cape Province at head quarters and <sup>then</sup> to the mother body in the Cape.

B. Cape Eastern. Mrs. Gagan gave report on behalf of Cape Eastern and told meeting that everything



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was going on well at the moment.  
c). Durban. Florence Mkiye gave a report

of her trip of Natal in writing.  
The report stated that there were  
two women leaders who have  
been ~~appe~~ expelled because of their  
anti Congress activities and that  
the two women are trying to dis-  
organise Congress, but in spite of  
all that we are <sup>still</sup> able to enrol  
a women member almost daily and  
the strength of women members in  
Durban to day is more than that  
of men. ~~The Committee was highly~~  
~~satisfied with the report.~~ And that  
she is a full time organiser and  
she is paid £12-0-0 per month.  
Mrs Bisset reported that in her area  
there have women's league and that  
they also enrol members almost daily  
but ~~the~~ the women were not



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not allow them to have money of their own.

D. Mrs. Mapura reported on behalf of the Orange Free State that women were making progress. She told meeting that on March 28th 1956 300 women went to the Native Commissioners to demonstrate their opposition against passes. She further stated that collection of money amounting to £10 - 0 - 0 was made and that the money has been sent to the Treasurer. Mrs. Mapura further stated that the O.F.S. decided to send Mrs. Makhakwana to Senekal and Exelsior. She discovered on her arrival at Exelsior that a certain Rev. Makwate was organising a group of women to go and take passes. It was further stated that Mrs. Isie has now returned into Police informant.



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It was further stated that Mrs <sup>TSIE</sup> ~~Worth~~ ~~Saxena~~ was been threatened with expulsion by the women's league for her activities.

- Then after a brief but hot discussion the Committee resolved
1. to send officials from the National Women's League to meet with officials from O.S.S. - Basmantia.
  2. That the O.S.S. has not got properly elected officials therefore there must be a Conference of women's league to elect proper officials and that an official from the National Women's League should be there to conduct the Election
  5. Federation of S.A woman.

The President had a discussion on S.A. Federation of women and told members that there is no difference in Policy and principles



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between the A.N.C. and S.A.F.W.  
and Federation provides a forum for  
all women of all Racial  
groups to meet together and fight  
against our Common Enemy, namely  
oppression.

After some discussions the meeting  
agreed to affiliate to the Federation  
on a National basis.

General meeting discussed Section 10  
of Native Urban Areas Act. Racial  
Education and agreed that people  
be educated on the implications  
of these acts with a view of  
taking a decision against them in  
future.

Committee agreed to co-opt some  
body in the place of Mrs Typhens  
who's failing to attend.

There being no further business  
the President declared meeting  
closed at 2.15 A.M Sat. 11. 8. 56.



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