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SECRETARIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 1983.

1. The Eastern Cape Region of the UDF was successfully launched on the 4 December 1983 in Port Elizabeth. Eighteen organisations have already affiliated to that region.
2. The National Publicity Secretary has written a letter to the USA Government congratulating it on its condemnation of the S.A. and Ciskein Governments for the events on the border region.
3. The Western-Cape Region of the UDF is being taken to court by the magistrate who was responsible for the banning of their meeting in October. The magistrate claims that the UDF won the interdict by mis-informing the judge. He is also challenging the region's legal status. The N.E.C. has mandated the Western Cape region to defend itself.
4. 250 000 copies of the first issue of UDF - News Transvaal has been printed and distributed. The issue focused on the Black Local Authorities elections.

5. Finance:

The UDF - Transvaal region is facing a financial crisis. The financial records are in a chaotic state and our debt is astronomical.

In order to rectify the situation the executive committee has appointed Nasim Pahad to assist the treasurers. It has also been decided that no expenses would be incurred until the records are set in order, a firm financial policy and procedure for the expenditure is adopted and the astronomical owed to debtors are paid.

Furthermore a volunteer sub-committee has been established for the purpose of fund-raising. A musical festival is being planned for the 4 March 1984 at Fun Valley. Each affiliate is requested to second one person to this committee.

An amount of R100 has been contributed by NEUSA, and further amount of R500 by the TIC, however, most affiliates have not made any contributions whatsoever.

6. The Head-Office has decided to employ two people in the new year. The first is a post for a full-time receptionist/Typist. The second is a temporary post of National Co-ordinator of the million signature campaign. Circulars advertising the post have been posted to affiliates.



7. The campaign against the Black Local Authorities elections was conducted in all areas apart from Jourton in Klerksdorp. Apart from Wattville, Daveyton and Tembisa no intensive campaign was conducted on the East Rand townships. In almost all cases all affiliates conducted the campaigns in their own names. The UDF-Transvaal played the role of providing information, general co-ordination, assisting organisations in planning activities and producing publications.

The executive committee has produced an analysis of the results. The analysis provides an interpretation of the results. The analysis is far more accurate than the information provided by the % polls. Our analysis indicates very clearly that the Local Authorities are as despised by our people as the community councils were.

The office is in the process of collecting and collating information as regards the elections. Affiliates are requested to contact the secretaries in order to study the results for their own areas. A thorough understanding of the results is essential for all those organising in communities.

8. Reports from Affiliates:

Reports have been received from DESCOM, AYCO and SOWETO RESIDENTS COMMITTEE. The Soweto Residents Committee is developing alternative proposals to the Black Local Authorities. Descom has assisted the Vaal Civic Association trace its members who were arrested on voting day. They have also had discussions on the reform-strategy, UDF-media and the Coloured and Indian referendum.

AYCO reports that an Adhoc Committee was formed by AYCO, COSAS and the Alexandra Civic Association to oppose the Koornhof Bills. A demonstration is planned for 1 February 1984 when the Alexandra Council inaugurates. AYCO also plans to challenge Rev. Sam Buti on statements he has made about the UDF.

Most affiliates have once again failed to submit their reports on time. This makes it impossible for the UDF to have an understanding of what is happening in different areas. Without this knowledge this council would fail in its duty of steering the UDF on the path leading to freedom.

9. National General Conference:

The national general conference is scheduled to start on Saturday, 17 December 1983 at 10 am in P.E. The conference would end ~~not~~ before lunch on Sunday, 18 December 1983. The following issues would be dealt with:

- a. Removals and Relocation.



- b. Million Signature Campaign
- c. Military Conscription
- d. State strategy of co-option - Coloured and Indian
- e. Assessment of Black Local Authorities elections.
- f. Programme of action for the next six months.

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