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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE N.E.C. OF THE UDF HELD ON 21 - 22 JANUARY 1984 AT KHANZA HOUSE IN PRETORIA.

1. TIME : THE MEETING STARTED AT 10 - 30 AM.

1.1 CHAIRPERSON : R.A.M. SALOOJEE.

2. PRESENT

OSCAR MPEBEA	HENCOA SAKIS
ARCHIE GUMBE	SANDILE MAFINGO
JOSEPH MARKS	SABELO MOKHELE
ANDREW BODATH	MAKHELE M. M. M. M.
MILDRED MBSIA	JERRY MOKHELE
CHEBYE CAROCHUS	MUNA HANCOCK
TREVOR MANUEL	JOE HANCOCK
EDC R. NGUYI	VINCENT HANCOCK
PHILIP KOPPEE	GEORGE HANCOCK
DERPICK SWAENE	MORRIS HANCOCK
YUNUS MOHAMED	FOLO HANCOCK
MOSIHOA LEXOTA	MOSS HANCOCK
MOHAMMED VALLI	HANS HANCOCK
R.A.M. SALOOJEE	CAROL HANCOCK
FRANK CEIKANE	
ALLAN BOESAK	

3. APOLOGIES

1. JOHNSON KHASU
2. BUSHE MAAPE
3. CHRISTMUS TINTO
4. PRINCE MSOTEU

4. MINUTES : MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE ADOPTED AS A TRUE RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

5. OFFICERS/SECRETARIAL REPORT : A JOINT REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY AND THE PUBLICITY SECRETARY WAS RECEIVED.

COMMENTS

5.1 DETENTION : IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UDF - PORTER REGION WAS RELEASED ON FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 1984.

5.2 BLACK LOCAL AUTHORITIES (C. A.)

IT WAS NOTED THAT CONSUMPTION AGAINST ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CAMPAIGNED AGAINST ADMINISTRATION BOARDS. NO ACTION WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE ON GOING WORK ON THIS FRONT.

5.3 PUBLICITY

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE PUBLICITY MACHINERY WAS STILL UNSATISFACTORY AND INEFFICIENT.

THERE WAS A NEED FOR MORE CONSULTATION ON MEDIA.

THERE WAS A NEED TO PRODUCE AND DISSEMINATE AS MUCH INFORMATION AND AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE ON THE UDF.

A WORKSHOP ON PRACTICALITIES OF PUBLICITY WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT.

5.4 HOUSING (NEW HOUSING POLICY)

THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT WAS MANDATED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF CO - ORDINATING RESIDENTS/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR TAKING UP THE HOUSING ISSUE.

5.5 PROCEDURE FOR FORMATION OF REGIONS :

PROCEDURE AS RECOMMENDED BY GENERAL SECRETARY WAS ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT TO THE FIRST POINT TO READ AS FOLLOWS :

"THAT REGIONS INFORM THE GENERAL SECRETARY ABOUT THEIR INTENTION TO FORMALISE REGIONS AND TOGETHER WITH THE GENERAL SECRETARY WORK OUT PLAN DETAILS. "

5.5 ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE N.E.C

NORMALLY STRUCTURED REGIONS MUST SUBMIT NAMES OF TWO APPOINTED ZONE PRESIDENTS AND TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY SOON AS THEIR REGIONS HAVE BEEN FORMED.

THE BORDER AND EASTERN CAPE REGIONS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES BEFORE THE NEXT N.E.C. MEETING.

5.7 CO - OPTION

THE TWO SECRETARIES OF THE NORTHERN CAPE REGION WERE CO - OPTED BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

5.8 CONSTITUTION

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WAS ASKED TO DRAFT THE CONSTITUTION FOR PRESENTATION AT THE FOLLOWING N.E.C. MEETING. IT WAS STATED THAT THE NEW CONSTITUTION MUST NOT DEPART FROM THE SPIRIT OF THE WORKING PRINCIPLES.

5.9 BORDER REGION

THE BORDER REGION REQUESTED THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY MUST COME TO HELP SOLVE THEIR R.E.C PROBLEMS.

5.10 FRIENDS OF THE UDP

IT WAS DECIDED THAT REGIONS MUST BE ASKED TO DISCUSS IDEA OF THE UDP PROVIDING FOR A CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP CALLED THE FRIENDS OF THE UDP.

5.11 EVALUATION OF PB CONFERENCE

THE CONFERENCE HELD IN P.B. ON 17 AND 18 DECEMBER WAS EVALUATED. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE OBSERVATIONS MADE.

- . REGIONS HAD NOT CONSULTED ENOUGH.
- . AREAS WHERE THERE WAS APATHY WERE MADE TO DISCUSS MATTERS BEYOND THEIR UNDERSTANDING. E.G. O.F.S.

- MATERIAL CONDITIONS IN EACH AREA WERE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AT CONFERENCE WAS PLANNED.
- GUIDELINES FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE ABOVE WERE NOT PROVIDED TO REGIONS IN ADVANCE.
- AT CONFERENCE NATIONAL SECRETARIES DID NOT PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR DISCUSSIONS.
- THERE WAS NO CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GUN TRAINING AND ELECTIONS.
- THERE WAS GENERAL LACK OF COMMON PERCEPTION OF AND APPROACH TO ISSUES.
- N.E.C. MUST ATTEMPT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN REGIONS.

5.12 YOUTH

REGIONS MUST CONSIDER THE ROLE OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS MONITOR THEIR GROWTH AND GIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

6. POLICY DECISIONS

6.1 SATV AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE MEDIA

IT WAS DECIDED THAT NO UDF OFFICIAL/SPOKESPERSON SHALL GIVE INTERVIEW TO THE SATV. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE SATV REPRESENTED THE INTERESTS OF OPPRESSION WHILST THE UDF WAS A SYMBOL OF UNITY AND DEMOCRACY. FOR THAT REASON IT COULD NOT BE EXPECTED THAT SATV COULD REPORT OBJECTIVELY ABOUT PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS IN PARTICULAR UDF.

6.2 APPROACH TO MEDIA

IT WAS DECIDED THAT A DISCREET APPROACH TO MEDIA HAD TO BE DEVELOPED. THAT THERE MUST BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED BY OFFICIALS BEFORE AN INTERVIEW IS GRANTED BY ANY MEMBER. IN THE NEWS-ROOM EVERY REGION MUST ENSURE THAT CORRESPONDENTS ARE TALKING TO OFFICIALS WITH REGIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARIES/OFFICERS.

7. INKATHA

ON THE CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION OF MEETING BETWEEN THE UDF AND INKATHA PROPOSED BY CHIEF BUTHELEZI, THE N.E.C. TOOK THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS

- THAT THERE MUST BE NO MEETING WITH INKATHA AS NO BASIS EXISTED FOR SUCH A MEETING TO TAKE PLACE.
- THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO INKATHA STATING THE REASONS WHY THE UDF COULD NOT MEET INKATHA.
- THAT THE LETTER BE CIRCULATED AMONGST THE AFFILIATES BEFORE IT IS SENT TO INKATHA.
- THAT THE LETTER BE SENT TO THE NEWSPAPERS ONCE IT HAD BEEN SENT TO INKATHA.

REFERENDUM

8.1 NON - RACIAL REFERENDUM

THE N.E.C. DECIDED TO CALL FOR A NON - RACIAL REFERENDUM :

8.2 RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THIS MATTER :

- (a) THAT THE UDF CALLS FOR A NON - RACIAL REFERENDUM.
- (b) EACH AFFILIATES OF THE UDF MOBILISE AND ORGANISE THE PEOPLE TO OPPOSE THE CONSTITUTION ON THE BASIS DETERMINED BY LOCAL CONDITIONS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AIMS, OBJECTS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UDF.
- (c) THAT THE NATAL REGION PREPARES A FACT SHEET EXPLAINING LOCAL CONDITIONS

8.3 BORDER

THE BORDER REGION PLACED ON RECORD THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE DECISION OF THE N.E.C. OF ALLOWING FLEXIBILITY TO AFFILIATES OF THE UDF.

9. MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

9.1 REPORTS

REGIONS REPORTED ON PROGRESS MADE AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED. THE BORDER REGION STATED THAT DUE TO REGIONAL PROBLEMS PECULIAR TO THE REGION THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOOK SERIOUSLY INTO THE CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER THEY (BORDER) WERE PLANNING THE RALLY SCHEDULED FOR THE 4TH OF MARCH 1984 TO PUBLICISE AND POPULARISE THE CAMPAIGN .

9.2 BUDGET FOR CAMPAIGN

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT MUST WORKOUT A MOTIVATION FOR A BUDGET, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NATIONAL TREASURERS DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUIRED, TO RUN THE CAMPAIGN.

9.3 BOOKS ON ORGANIZING

THE N.E.C. APPROVED THE PRINTING OF THREE BOOKS ON ORGANIZATION IN THE UDF NAME. APPROXIMATELY 1 000 COPIES WERE AGREED UPON FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NATIONAL TREASURY SET ASIDE R5 000 FOR THE CAMPAIGN PENDING MEETING WITH NATIONAL SECRETARIAT.

9.4 THE NATIONAL CO - ORDINATOR

IT WAS AGREED THAT A NATIONAL CO - ORDINATOR OF THE MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN BE EMPLOYED ON THE BASIS OF CONDITIONS PRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT. IT WAS NOTED THAT A CAR WAS GOING TO BE NEEDED BY THE NATIONAL CO - ORDINATOR FOR HIS WORK. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE MATTER OF A CAR BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE N.E.C. IMPLEMENTS DECISION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN. (MSC)

9.5 MEDIA

IT WAS AGREED THAT A NATIONAL POSTER MUST BE PRINTED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT TRANSLATE THE SIGNATURE FORMS.

10. CONSCRIPTION10.1 RALLY

THE WESTERN CAPE REGION REPORTED THAT A RALLY HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR 26 JANUARY 1984 IN THE REGION. A SPEAKER FROM SWAPO WAS EXPECTED AS WAS AS COMRADE TERROR.

10.2 INFORMATION ON CONSCRIPTION :

BORDER REGION INDICATED THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ON CONSCRIPTION AS A RESULT THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF CONSCRIPTION.

11. REMOVALS

THE ISSUE OF REMOVALS AND RELOCATIONS WAS DEFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING N.E.C MEETING.

12 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

IT WAS (a) NOTED THAT THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY'S APPLICATION FOR A PASSPORT HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE MINISTER IN CHARGE.

(b) AGREED THAT COMRADE JERRY COOVADIA COULD SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE UDF WHILST ABROAD FOR THAT SPECIFIC VISIT. HIS MANDATE WOULD LAPSE AS SOON AS THE TRIP WAS OVER - AND NEW MANDATES WOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN IT WAS NECESSARY.

(c) AGREED THAT COMRADE CASSIM SALOOJEE MIGHT GO ABROAD TO ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT WITH FUNDING AGENCIES.

(d) IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT MUST PRINT BOOKLETS ON UDF TO BE DISTRIBUTED/CIRCULATED ABROAD WITH A VIEW TO INFORMING SUPPORT GROUPS ABOUT THE UDF AND ITS WORK.

13. FINANCES

(a) IT WAS AGREED THAT A MEETING BE HELD BETWEEN THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT TO DETERMINE GRANTS TO REGIONS.

(a) AGREED THAT PAYMENT OF R2 000 OWING TO NATAL WHICH WAS USED FOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN P.E. BE EFFECTED.

(b) IT WAS NOTED THAT THE NATIONAL TREASURY OWED WESTERN CAPE, R750 FOR FLIGHT FROM NATAL TO JOHANNESBURG.

14. EDUCATION14.1 TEACHER TRANSFERS

EASTERN CAPE REPORTED THAT A PETITION CAMPAIGN WAS UNFOLDING

I4. EDUCATION

I4.1 TEACHER TRANSFERS

EASTERN CAPE REPORTED THAT A PETITION CAMPAIGN WAS UNFOLDING FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE TEACHERS WHO WERE TRANSFERRED. THE EASTERN CAPE FURTHER CALLED UPON THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY TO GIVE THE MATTER PUBLICITY.

I4.2 MATRIC RESULTS

THE TRANSVAAL REGION OF THE UDF REPORTED THAT A MEETING HAD BEEN CALLED TO DISCUSS THE J.C. AND MATRIC RESULTS. THE MEETING WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ATTENDED BY NUSAS, AZASO, COSAS, NEUSA, TAC. THE TRANSVAAL UDF INTENDED TO FORM A PARENTS COMMITTEE.

I5 PERMIT SYSTEM

AN URGENT MOTION ON UNIVERSITY PERMIT SYSTEM WAS PRESENTED/TABLED/TABLED BY THE BORDER REGION. THE MOTION REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO THE FORT HARE UNIVERSITY.

I6 ELECTIONS

THE N.E.C. NOTED THAT THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ELECTIONS HAD TO BE CLEARLY DEFINED IN TERMS OF WHAT WAS REQUIRED TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT AREAS NEEDING ATTENTION HAD TO BE IDENTIFIED. REGIONS WERE MANDATED TO EXAMINE THE PROBLEM OF ELECTION.

I7 MEETINGS OF THE N.E.C.

I7.1 ROSTER

THE GENERAL SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO DRAFT A ROSTER OF ALL N.E.C. MEETINGS.

I7.2 NATIONAL WORKSHOP

IT WAS DECIDED THAT A NATIONAL WORKSHOP MUST BE HELD IN CAPE TOWN ON WEEKEND OF 18 AND 19 FEBRUARY TO DISCUSS MSC. AND OTHER KEY QUESTIONS FACING THE UDF.

I8 CLOSURE

THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 17 - 02 HOURS ON SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 1984

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