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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT HELD ON 30 JUNE 84

1. 1.1 ATTENDANCE

AFFILIATES : EVATON RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION, MAMELODI YOUTH ORGANISATION, AZASO, LENASIA YOUTH ORGANISATION, SASDU, RMC, NALEDI CIVIC ASSOCIATION, VCA, JODAC, NEUSA, TIC, SAAWU, AYCO, SAYO, SRC, SMWU, AFRI NEWS, ASRO, SOYCO, DESCOM, MGNUS, YES, FEDSAW AND NGWU.

R.E.C. MEMBERS C. SALOOJEE. (CHAIR) I. MOHAMED, L. VOGELMAN, W. BOKALA N. PAHAD, A. SISULU, M. CHIKANE, R.A.M. SALOOJEE, M. VALLI AND D. MATHE.

1.2 APOLOGIES : F. CHIKANE, A. MOKOENA AND R. NDZANGA.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.  
MOVER: L VOGELMAN.  
SECONDER: I. MOHAMMED.

2.2 Amendments ANTI P.C. COMMITTEE should be included under item "affiliates present."

3. CORRESPONDENCE :

3.1 A letter from T. Mohale (of SASDU) was read.

3.2 A letter applying for membership of UDF (TVL) from Vaal organisation of Women (VOW) was read. The application was accepted.

4. REPORTS

4.1 SECRETARIAL REPORT  
This report was read by Valli.

4.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SECRETARIAL REPORT

P. Molefe said that 22nd July 1984 has been earmarked for the Day of Solidarity with the people of Cradock. It was decided that the Atteridgeville crisis be included in this campaign.

4.3 M.S.C. REPORT

This report was presented by M. Morobe.

4.4 MATTERS ARISING

It was decided that affiliates report on the MSC in their reports to the General Council. Co-ordinator was asked to report on the number of signatures submitted by each affiliates. The council also requested that more joint blitzes be organised. P. Molefe reported that over 3000 signatures were collected in Welkom and Pa...



Secretarial Report to the General Council Meeting held on 30 June 1984

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The general council of the United Democratic Front meets at a very crucial moment in the history of the Front. The next two months would act as the acid test for the UDF. On the one hand we need to complete the Signature Campaign and on the other the fraudulent apartheid constitution needs to be defeated. At the same time the living standards of our people are eroded even further with the rising food prices and particularly the increase in GST as from tomorrow. The forced removals of our people, the Bantustan policy and the dummy black local authorities continue to face the wrath of the people. The action on the part of the mineworkers and the resulting death points to the growing determination of working people to free themselves. The present Anti-Election Campaign in the Coloured and Indian communities being conducted by affiliates of the UDF is the most intensive campaign conducted in these communities in decades.

The state on the other hand has intensified its actions against the Front. Both signature collectors and signatories of the MSC have been harassed. In Parliament allegations have been made that the UDF is a front for certain banned organisations. A whole series of illegal leaflets have been systematically distributed - all of which make false claims of the UDF. Now even Mangope has joined in. He alleges that the UDF is interfering in the affairs of a foreign country by organising in Bophutatswana.

These are all signs that the UDF has become a nightmare for the white minority rulers and the surrogates.

The strategy of our enemies has been to:-

1. disorganise our ranks.
2. alienate the UDF from the masses
3. divide us - affiliate from affiliate, race from race and urban from rural.

Our task is to effectively counter this strategy.

The UDF (Tvl) has held a successful workshop on 23 June 1984 to develop a united campaign against the constitution. The report from the workshop would be presented separately.

At this meeting we also present an audited financial statement of the People's Festival and a financial report of the UDF(Tvl).

#### Attendance at General Council Meetings:

The executive committee has decided that only bona fide delegates and accredited observers be allowed at general council meetings. Bona Fide delegates would be those whose names appear on registration forms which would be issued before the next meeting. An accredited observer would be one who is recommended by the delegates from the organisation the person belongs to. Members of sub-committees would require the recommendations of the secretariat. Proxies for delegates would be required to furnish the credentials committee with written evidence of their bona fides. The credentials committee would comprise of L.Vegelzan and N.Pahad.

Special General Council Meeting 1984/07/14

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ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The following committee was appointed by the council T. Mali, M. Valli, G. Burger D. Montsis, Patrick Dan (Tembisa). Khauhelo and Khehla. The task of this committee would be to organise the convention.

In view of the time it was decided that a special General Council be held on the 7/07/84 in order to discuss the anti election campaign.

GENERAL

None.

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