

Report of the N.T.U.L UDF conference

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Date of the conf. : 03/02/85

Venue : Krantzstein Lutheran Mission (Masealan)

~~The following~~ Organizations, individual activists and working groups from all over the N. ~~Transvaal~~ Transvaal came together to discuss the progress of ^{the} UDF in this region. The meeting was convened by the N.T.U.L. Co-ordinating Committee of UDF.

The following organizations were represented:

1. South African Allied Workers Union (S.A.A.W.U.) - P/burg
2. United Metal and Mining Allied Worker's Union of ~~SA~~ South Africa (Ummawusa) - Steelport.

3. Mankweng Youth Congress (MAYCO)

4. Seshego Youth Congress (SEYCO)

5. Krantzstein Youth Congress (KRAYCO)

6. Congress of South African Students (COSAS)

7. Azanian Students Organization (AZASO)

8. Lenyenge Youth Working Group.

9. Nkowa-Nkowa Youth Working Group.

10. P.P. Rust + TIC w. group.

Other activists came from Sibasa (Venda) and Sekhukhuni land.

History of ^{the} UDF

Comrade Moss Chikane gave a brief history of the UDF. He pointed out that a call for a united front was made by Dr Allan Boesak on the 22 January 1985. This was followed by three regional launches - ~~in~~ ~~the~~ Natal, Transvaal

and Western Cape. On the 20th August 1983 more than 15 000 people from all over S.A. came together ^{in Cape Town} to launch UDF nationally. Since its formation the UDF has been engaged in the struggle against forced removals, influx control and the New Constitution.

The UDF succeeded in exposing the New Constitution which was and still is aimed at entrenching apartheid. On the 22 & 28 August 1984 more than 82% of the Indian and Coloured people refused to take part in the apartheid elections and voiced in action their support for the struggling masses under the banner of the UDF.

REPORT ON THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Comrade J. Mabudafasi read the report.

The N. Tol. Co-ordinating Committee was formed in May last year with the aim of coordinating UDF activities ~~in this region~~ and publicising the front in this region.

The committee ~~is~~ to some extent succeeded in developing contact between activists and between organizations in the N. Tol. Contact was also developed with many of the existing grassroots women's groups which ^{are} organized mostly around cultural activities and self reliant projects.

On the 5th August 1984 a rally was organized by the committee in Seslego. More than 5 000 people attended the rally from all

Regional Structure

This is a much more bigger structure than an area committee. ~~A~~ regional structure is ^{formed} when organizations operating in the same region come together and form a General Council (G.C). The G.C is the highest policy making body of the regional structure. The General Council is the one that elect an executive committee. Examples of regions are: Transvaal, Border, Western Cape, Natal and Eastern Cape.

Regions are being financed by the National. ~~The Most of the regions~~ Executive Committee. This however does not bar regions from raising funds on their own, in fact they are encouraged to do so. The ~~N.E.C~~ N.E.C is the only body which is allowed to raise funds on an international level.

Conclusion

~~The meeting~~ It was felt that the meeting should not take any decision on ~~whether to~~ ^{the kind} of a structure which will be much effective in the N.T.U. This was agreed upon in order to give comrades time to discuss ~~this with~~ ^{the type of} their structure we need to form in our area.

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