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UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT TRANSVAAL

REPORT TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UDF

DATE 21 JANUARY 1984

1. SINCE THE LAST N.E.C. MEETING, THREE GENERAL COUNCIL AND SIX REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WERE HELD.

2. BLACK LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BLACK LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS WAS CONDUCTED IN ALL AREAS APART FROM JOUBERTON IN KLERKSDORP. APART FROM WATTVILLE, DAVETON AND TEMBISA, NO INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN WAS CONDUCTED IN THE EAST RAND TOWNSHIPS. IN ALMOST ALL CASES THE CAMPAIGN WAS CONDUCTED IN THE NAME OF AFFILIATES. THE UDF - TVL PLAYED THE ROLE OF PROVIDING INFORMATION, GENERAL CO - ORDINATION, ASSISTING ORGANIZATIONS IN PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCING PUBLICATIONS. (SEE DOCUMENT : AN ANALYSIS OF THE BLACK LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS)

3. PUBLICATIONS

NUMEROUS LEAFLETS AND POSTERS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE COURSE OF THE ANTI - LOCAL AUTHORITIES CAMPAIGN. THE FIRST ISSUE OF "UDF NEWS TVL" WAS PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1983.

4. RURAL AREAS

4.1 MOCOPA : UDF OFFICIALS PAID A VISIT TO THIS WETERN TRANSVAAL VILLAGE WHICH WAS THREATENED WITH FORCED REMOVALS TO THE NORTHERN TRANSVAAL.

4.2 LEANDRA : THIS IS A TOWNSHIP IN THE EASTERN TRANSVAAL WITH A POPULATION OF 18 000. THE COMMUNITY FACES REMOVALS TO KWA - NDEBELE. A VERY CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP EXIST BETWEEN THE POWERFUL LEANDRA ACTION COMMITTEE AND THE UDF - TRANSVAAL.

4.3 BADPLAAS : THIS EASTERN TRANSVAAL RURAL SETTLEMENT ALSO FACES. REMOVALS. A MEETING WAS HELD BETWEEN CHIEF J.M. DLAMINI AND UDF OFFICIALS. UDF TRANSVAAL HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS THE 'SWAZI' PEOPLE IN MARCH WHEN THEY GATHER AT THE EBHULENI ROYAL KRAAL ON THE OCCASSION OF THE ANNUAL CEREMONIAL FEAST.

5. MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

SEE DOCUMENTS : ' MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN ' AND 'PHASES OF THE MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN'

5. AZAPO : A MEETING WAS HELD BETWEEN UDF - TRANSVAAL AND AZAPO ON 11 TH NOVEMBER 1983. AZAPO SAID THAT THEY HAVE DECIDED NOT TO AFFILIATE TO UDF. THEY WILL HOWEVER, CO - OPERATE WITH THE UDF ON ISSUES WHICH DO NOT COMPROMISE THEIR PRINCIPLES.

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THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE AFFILIATED TO UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT TRANSVAAL :

1. VAAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION.
2. JOHANNESBURG DEMOCRATIC ACTION COMMITTEE.
3. NATIONAL GENERAL WORKERS UNION.

8. FINANCE

8.1 FINANCIAL REPORT : SEE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1983.

8.2 FUND RAISING : THE 'PEOPLE MUSIC FESTIVAL' FEATURING A HOST OF POPULAR MUSICAL GROUPS WOULD BE HELD ON THE 4 MARCH 1984 AT FUN VALLEY. THIS IS THE MAJOR FUND - RAISING ACTIVITY FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

'FRIENDS OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT TRANSVAAL' IS PLANNED TO BE LAUNCHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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