

Minutes of the Provincial Executive, AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.
held on Thursday 16th June 1955.

Present: Mr. E. P. Moretsela, B. Ngwendu, act. treasurer, G. Matseke,
H. Makgothi, O. Metsabi, P. G. Keetse and G. Nkadimeng.

AGENDA was as follows:

- (1). Minutes and matters arising.
- (2). Correspondence. (a). Alexandra report.
- (3). Commission's report in Mr. Vundla case.
- (4). Mrs. Sibande's Funeral.
- (5). Orlando A.N.C. Branch.
- (6). Mr. Mvabaza's Death.
- (7). Report on C.O.P.
- (8). Office administration.
- (9). Membership cards nad school.

Under the item of minutes it was discovered that there were no minutes, so the committee decided to pass this item.

Under correspondence two letters were read, and accepted for discussion.

- (a). On the letter from Randfontein the committee has agreed that legal opinion must be sought, while they must also be encouraged to take a political stand.
- (b). On the discussion of the other letter which came from the Western Areas Regional Committee, the executive agreed to refer the matter to the commission.

Commission: Mr. H. Makgothi was called upon to report on the commission and there to submit a report in the following manner, that he took evidence ^{from} witness who came from the western areas to give evidence to the commission against Mr. P. Q. Vundla. The executive endorsed the action of Mr. Makgothi and further advised that letters should be written to Mr. Vundla and the Western Areas branches of the A.N.C. inviting them to appear before the commission in the next sitting.

Alexandra reports:

ALEXANDRA REPORTS:

Mr. O. Motsabi reported that when he submitted the decision of the executive to the Alexandra branch, members accepted the decision, and promised that they will do this only after the C.O.P. Only Mr. B. Molewa complained that part of his evidence was never considered by the commission. On this question decided to ask Mr. Molewa to appear before the Executive, so that his complaint can be discussed thoroughly.

Report of the funeral of the late Mrs. Sibande:

The treasurer reported only five branches so far have responded to the call to make contribution towards the funeral arrangements. Those branches are the following :- Sophiatown, Central Branch, Moroka, Brakpan and Alexandra Township.

The executive decided that letters must be written to all the remaining branches and call upon them to make their contributions in this respect. The ~~executive~~ executive ask the funeral committee to prepare a report.

President's Report:

That the attendance ~~was~~ of the funeral in Bethel was first class, and that he had made a sworn with Buney Undertakersto be paid on Monday the 20th June a sum of £18-18-0.

Orlando Branch:

Under this item the committee did not go into because of lot of work confronting them.

Mr. Mvabaza's Death.

The committee decided to instruct the Pimville Branch to take the responsibility of the funeral arrangements in this respect since the deceased asked to be buried by the A.N.C. and collection lists to be drawn in order to afford them to carry out the work.

Report on the C.O.P.:

Mr. President reported that a telephone call was put for Dr. Congco through us. The executive instructed that a letter be written to the National Working Committee this to their attention.

Further the executive resolved to take charge of the food arrangements during the proceedings of the C.O.P. in respect of the general public.

and a letter to be written to all branches to send each a woman volunteer to serve food to the public in the conference of the C.O.P.

Office Administration:

The executive agreed that ~~the~~ two women to be asked to assist during the absence of the secretary and each be given ten shillings for travelling fares this week.

The president reported that he had written a ~~telegraph~~ telegram to Dr. Congo asking to give membership cards as soon as possible.

General:

Question of the school was left out for the next meeting of the executive.

A letter to be written to Klerksdorp telling them that their complaint is being considered.

The meeting terminated at 8.43. p.m.

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