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AZANIAN PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION

MINUTES OF THE 1st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Held on 24-25 January 1981

1. Venue:
2. The Acting-President declared the meeting open at 10h 00.
3. In her opening note the Acting-President mentioned the fact that the Organisation decided on the venue to be in the Northern Transvaal in honour of the contribution made by the members of Azapo in this area to the struggle who were even at present in detention in various prisons in the country.
4. A tribute to Mr Themba Goba, the organisations branch chairman in Westonaria, who had passed away two weeks back, was read by the publicity Secretary. In his tribute the Publicity Secretary mentioned that Mr Goba had dedicated himself to the struggle for a very long time. That even during the days of NPC Mr Goba had featured very prominently. That after the bannings of 1977 Mr Goba was part and parcel of the a Soweto Action Committee and went on to head the branch of Azapo in Westonaria after Azapo's formation in 1978. Congress then observ a moment of silence.
5. The Rev. Thobejana open the meeting with a prayer.
6. The Publicity Secretary clarified to the meeting that the organisation had not clerieted from its previous stand on members of the press that they be WASA members only. That the White members of the press present were representing the foreign press as there were no WASA members on the foreign press.
7. The following branches were represented

a. Soweto	g. Mahwereleng
b. Seshego	h. Lenyenye
c. Lebowa-Kgomo	i. Welkom
d. Springs	j. Orkney
e. Tembisa	k. Lenz
f. Gugulethu	l. Dobsonville

m. Witbank

8. The Acting-President delivered the presidential address.
9. Minutes of the Inaugural Conference
 The General Secretary read the minutes of the Inaugural Conference.
 Minutes adopted
 MOVER G. Wauchope
 Seconder F. Makhado

10. Matters arising
 That concerning religions programmes the organisation has not done much

QUPA JOHN HLDMOKA

but that the Secretary for Youth and Culture has been having contact with the already existing Youth Clubs in an effort to engage the Youth in the organisations activities.

That on the question of a Commission to investigate organisations surporting to be the following the philosophy of Black Conscousness one Commission was appointed to investigate the civic associations which were rush-rooming all over the country, ie. Umlazi civil Association, FE CO and the Committee of 10 rejected the report of this commission.

That immediately after Congress one expert was requested to run labour clinics for Azapo but that in course of time he could not continue with the clinics because of his commitments.

That the organisation has made an effort to establish branches even in the so-called homelands and that the people who find themselves in these areas should not feel neglected or rejected.

That the organisation has made

That much as resolution 2(b) has been a hindrance to the organisation, this should be attended to during resolutions.

That resolution 3 was not attended to sufficiently but that on the organisation organising of summit involving all trade union leaders this was alone.

11. Paper on - lack Consiuousness as a criving force
by Mr K. Makhado

That the prison population does not constitute of the lumpen proletariat only but that there are some other various groups of prisoners as well

That concerning the petty bourgeoisie they still play their leadership role even though they may be decreasing in number. That at best it could be send as a matter of concern that some petty bourgeoisie are drifting.

That in classifying and categorising the people along scientific lines is matter of necessity because of the demands of today.

That much as the scientific perspective is essential, as a Black Consiuousness organisation we should rather adopt our experiences along our historical backgrounds and reject the division.

Paper adopted

12. Paper on the origin meaning and signifiacnce of the word "AZANIA"
by G. Wauchope

That because of the Arabs' trading in slaves in Azania people tended to think that Azania is a land of slaves. That this is definitely not so.

Paper adopted

Mover: Duke More

Seconder: Thabo Nwabani

13. Composite Executive Report:

That EAWU has experienced terrible divisions and now has about 4(four) splinter groups.

That Azapo should have attended to the question of EAWU as it seems that it needed real attention. That this Azapo has done in small way. That Azapo should also concentrate on progressive labour unions.

That congress should give directions vis-a-vis the new legislation.

That Congress should be empowered to elect Secretariats

Mover: M. Mofokeng

Seconder: Kenny Mosime

That on relations with other organisations branches should operate as they used to operate until there is a specific directive from the Executive.

That on relations with other organisations

That on resettlements the branches were handling them if they happen to exist within their localities but that from a national level nothing has been done.

That in order to give this particular problem the attention it deserves congress elect a secretary for Rural and Urban Development.

That Congress appointed a Commission to look into the question of Secretariats that could be necessary and present this to the meeting during amendments.

That as far as Natal is concerned the organisation is looking into the possibility of establishing branches there.

Report adopted

Mover: G. Moseki

Seconder: Monamodi Thotela

14. A paper on the "Future of education" was read by Mr John Samuels.

15. Report of the education commission

That the report is very comprehensive and very commendable and that it should be translated into ~~our~~ our various languages and be stored in our archives both inside and outside the country.

That we should rather adopt an eclectic rather than a dialectic one. Alter dialectic on page 4 3rd paragraph in the last sentence.

That on the question of a working class Congress ultimately agreed that our struggle is national and that the worker element is only a weapon the nation can use.

Report adopted

Mover: Sammy Thobela

Seconder: Mangale Makhado

16. That on the present crisis on Education Congress supports the stand taken by the National Executive Committee that the organisation shall support the students on whatever stand they decide upon.

17. Paper on the challenge of labour in the 80's
by Mr L. Moasala

Congress debated the question of the working class until it was decided that this paper should not be adopted.

18. Inroads of liberals into Black Consciousness
by Mr V. Nkumane

That the speakers Mr Nkumane has contradicted some of the basic beliefs of Black Consciousness in his address

That on culture the speaker alleged that African culture was better and more advanced than all other cultures and that this is rejected by Congress as it maintains that all cultures are equal but different.

That because of the various contradictions and controversies in the paper it be shelved and a symposium on Black Consciousness be called.

19. "Azapo's stand on the National Convention"
by Mr G. Wauchole

That the issue of the National Convention be looked into thoroughly and direction be given to the incoming Executive

That Congress should take a definite stand on people who sometimes address multiracial meetings and thereafter parade as Black Consciousness leaders.

That such people should never be allowed to address Azapo meetings.

Adopted

Mover: Makhuta Mocheng
Seconder: Yusuf Variava

20. A paper on sport
by Y. Variava

That as we do not recognise the press regime we not expect them to provide any sporting facilities to our people and as such we are not appealing to them to provide such but we are only exposing the realities on the lack of sporting facilities for Blacks.
That normal sport can only be expected on a free Azania.

That we criticise all sporting activities and we are looking forward to forming a body that shall have Black Consciousness perspectives or alternatively away SA.COS towards Black Consciousness.

That the formation of sporting clubs (i.e. rugby, cricket and soccer) and from their developing such an organisation would be most advisable.
That finance and venues for such clubs will be a major problem that the organisation will face.

That whether there is any recognition internationally or not as long as we can have support and in the process conscientise the sportsman.

That because the NPSL is mainly dependent on Kaizer Chiefs, Moroka Swallows LTD and Orlando Pirates and as they have lack managements the organisation hold consultations with them and try and show them our apprehensions about the NPSL and SANFA.

21. Commission report on Secretariats

The Commission decided the organisation have the following Secretariats

- (a) Legal Affairs
- (b) Labour
- (c) Education
- (d) Health
- (e) Sport
- (f) Urban and Rural Development
- (g) Youth and Culture

22. Amendments

(a) Section 19

i. As it stands

ii. The branch Executive Committee shall after the suspension or expulsion of a member immediately inform the National Executive Committee or National Council whichever will meet first.

iii. National Executive Committee or National Council shall rectify or dismiss such suspension or expulsion.

iv. As it stands

v. As it stands

(b) Section

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