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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL INDIAN CONGRESS HELD AT JISWA CENTRE, LENASIA 1 April 1984.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. Mr. N. Pandya          | 16. Mrs. A. T. Naidoo                           |
| 2. Mr. A. R. Dawood       | 17. Mr. A. Cajee                                |
| 3. Mr. R. Parekh          | 18. Dr. V. Jaga                                 |
| 4. Mr. R. N. Bhoolia      | 19. Dr. E. Jassat                               |
| 5. Mr. W. G. Patel        | 20. Mr. E. Saloojee (Cassim)                    |
| 6. Mr. A. Varachia        | 21. Dr. R. Bulbulia                             |
| 7. Mr. M. Bham            | 22. Mr. I. M. Moniat                            |
| 8. Mr. A. K. Shah         | 23. Mr. F. Cassim                               |
| 9. Dr. Y. Panchbhai       | 24. Mr. R. Naidoo                               |
| 10. Miss M. Sita          | 25. Mr. M. V. Moosa                             |
| 11. Mr. M. S. H. Cachalia | 26. Mr. M. Rasool                               |
| 12. Mr. W. Pahad          | 27. Mr. P. Joseph (Arrived af. lunch)           |
| 13. Mr. A. K. Saloojee    | 28. Dr. R. A. M. Saloojee (Arrived after lunch) |
| 14. Mr. G. Saloojee       | 29.   |
| 15. Mr. Y. Ravat          | 30.   |

Apologies : Mr. O. Motani.

1. The meeting was opened by the President at ~~Jiswa Centre~~ 11.30 a.m.
2. The minutes of the Council meetings held on 9 October 1983 and 11 December 1984 were adopted as correct by Mr. R. Parekh, seconded by Mr. A. R. Dawood. The word "other" was to be included in ~~the point 5 in~~ the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 1983 which would now read: ~~in point 5.~~ The meeting ended at about 6pm. All the other items ... time.

3. President's report:

The President analysed the situation facing the oppressed people of today. He pointed out that the opposition we face today from the government and reactionary political parties is very different to the 1981 Anti-Saic campaign.

The state was aiding the forces of reaction in order to divide the community. It is manipulating cultural and ~~dangerous~~ <sup>reactionary</sup> sentiments in order to divide the community along sectarian lines. In this way, it hoped to have a high poll in the coming elections. The state is attempting to gain credibility and legitimacy both internally and externally. The signing of the Nkomati Accord between Mozambique and South Africa has come through the barrel of a gun. In the coming days our commitment to liberation must stand firm.

The TIC's objective is to secure a low poll. Otherwise we will appear not to be representative. The Council of the TIC will have to play a more prominent role in the coming months and this could be done at many levels.

The opposition parties have started their campaign in different areas. Hence, we must begin to hold house meetings. The executive and secretariat cannot shoulder this on their own. Therefore I appeal to all of you <sup>to help</sup> in our tasks and objectives.

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4. Secretarial Report: See Annexure A
5. Treasurers Report and Financials: Provisional accounts were made available with budget estimates for the forthcoming campaign. (See Annexure B)  
The financial reports were discussed and broadly accepted with the following decisions:
- a) Council members should make monthly donations. For those not on the Council, the TIC will provide a service in the form of information and literature. The treasurer's were asked to approach the members for monthly contributions.
  - b) The Shortfall ~~is~~ R16 000 (approx.) to be made up through a win-a-car competition. The legal position needed to be discussed with lawyers. It was suggested that this competition can be effectively integrated into our campaign and not detract from the serious political work that needs to be done. It was also suggested that the tickets be reduced from R100 to R50 and the ticket should simultaneously be an invitation to a function. The price of the car should be between R12 000 to R15000. The Planning Council will look into details.
  - c) It was suggested that printing costs be reduced through the purchase of a printing machine. The Planning Council will look into this.
  - d) The TIC adopted the following resolution dealing with the opening of a banking account and related matters.
    - (i) "The TIC Council Meeting of 1 April 1984 resolves that it empowers the two treasurers, Mr N Pahad and Mr A K Saloojee to open a banking account in the name of the organisation. The signatories will be ~~any~~ either the President or Chairperson, and any one of the treasurers."  
The motion was moved by Mr R Parakh and seconded by Mr Shah.
    - (ii) The Secretariat and treasurers be authorized expenditure to the maximum of R200. All other expenses to be sanctioned by the Executive, or in cases of emergency, by the Planning Council.  
The treasurers were given the power to implement a system of finance management and to co-opt whoever they please. Mr Shah and Mr Pandya would also help in this regard.
    - (iii) Resolution on Auditors:  
"The TIC Council resolves that Aboo Kaloo and Company be appointed as Auditors". Moved by Mr Shah and seconded by Dr Bulbulia.
6. Discussion on above reports:
- a) The Secretary announced that the TIC would be acquiring offices in April at the AEL Centre in Fordsburg. An appeal was made for office equipment, and the following responded:
    - Mr A Shah - Roneoing machine, typewriter, couch and the use of his photostating machine.
    - Mr A Cajee - filing cabinet
    - Mr A R Dawood - Office desk
 Mr Shah also made his premises available for use as an office. The Planning Council would decide between this offer and the AEL Centre.  
  
It was accepted that an office secretary be employed at R500 per month.  
It was also suggested that all relevant information be made available to the office.



b) The Planning Council will look into the possibility of employing a Campaign Director. This position should only be filled if there was a suitable candidate. The salary etc, will be negotiated by the Planning Council, although a salary of R600 per month was recommended by the treasurers in the report.

7) Co-optation of additional Council members and constitution of the Executive.

Azhar Cachalia was co-opted onto the TIC Council, <sup>nominated</sup> by Dr Bulbulia, seconded by Mr A Cajee. The Council then constituted the TIC Executive by filling in two vacant seats:

Dr Bulbulia and Mr A Cachalia were appointed onto the Executive. The TIC Executive is now as follows:

Officials: President - Dr Essop Jassat

Executive

- Chairperson: Mr Bhoolia
- Vice- Presidents: Dr R A M Saloojee  
Dr I Cachalia  
Mr M Rasool  
Mr R Parakh
- Secretary: Mr. I. Momoniat
- Ass. Sec : Mr. F. Cassim

Joint

- Treasurers: Mr N. Pahad  
Mr A. K. Saloojee

Publicity Sec: Mr. E. A. Saloojee

Eight other Members: Mr. M. Bham. Mr. N. G. Patel Mr. R. Dawood  
Mr. S. Cachalia Mr. M. V. Moosa Mr. Y. Ravat  
Mr. A. Cachalia Dr. R. Bulbulia

(Note Mr. J. V. Patel, Mr. Ndou, Mr. T. S. Govender, Mrs. T. N. Naidoo, and Mr. N. Parbhoo were not in the position to serve on the executive, at their own request).

In future only the above will be formally informed of executive meetings. However, Council members will still be free to attend executive meetings, although it was not the responsibility of the secretariat to inform them of the dates of the executive meetings.

8) The Council than adjourned for lunch at 1-30pm and reconvened at 3pm. During lunch, a discussion was held with activists on how the TIC would express its protests against Rajbansi, who was to speak in Lenasia

9) Protest against Rajbansi;  
The Western Transvaal Cultural Society had invited Mr. Rajbansi to speak in Lenasia at a close meeting. The TIC was taking up a door to door campaign distributing leaflets on this issue. A Volunteers meeting was also to be held on Tuesday 3 April 1984 to plan the protest activities of the TIC for Sunday 8 April 1984. Placard demonstrations were also planned .

10) The August elections and the TIC programme of action :

- a) The programme of action presented by the TIC executive was adopted by the Council. (This is the programme as presented by the planning Council, except for the change on branch /area committees. Each area was to submit its plans for their area to the executive which was to finally decide on the exact of these local structures)
- b) Mr. N. G. Patel pointed out that the programme was not concrete enough. It was felt that the programme needed to be broken up on an area basis.
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- d) Each area than reported on their progress thus far:  
East Rand- had an area committee which has been active since the beginning of the year. An East Rand branch was to be formed in the near future.

Pretoria- TIC members would be meeting to discuss the formation of a branch ,

Other areas were still to meet to discuss their local structures.

- d) The Council needed to know how each area would compliment this programme . It was accepted that each area reports back to the planning Council on a fortnightly basis. The TIC Council would also receive detailed reports at its next meeting on the local structures for all areas. The initiative was to be taken by each area. It was accepted that area committees could be formed in order to facilitate the formation of branches.
- e) The TIC executive fully supported the million signature campaign (MSC) and the planning Council was asked to integrate the MSC into the campaign against the elections.
- f) Rural areas:  
It was decided to begin to have small meetings with small groups in the rural areas. The following people were given the task of co-ordinating the campaign in the specified areas:  
Eastern Tvl- Mr. Rasool and Dr. Kela.  
Western Tvl- Mr. C. Saloojee, Dr. Saloojee and Mr. A. Cajee.  
Northern Tvl- Mr. Motani and Mr. Sayed Cachalia.

11. General

- a) The TIC Council discussed the registration of voters and decided that the TIC would not campaign against registration. It noted however that there were cases of people being forced to register through promises of plots e.g. Springs.
- b) Dr. R.A.M. Saloojee, Mr. P. Moidoo, Mr. C. Saloojee, Mr. N.G. Patel, Dr. Jassat, Mr. M. Bham and Mr. Pahad, would represent the TIC at the Release Mandela Committee Conference to be held on the following weekend.
- c) The next General Council Meeting would be held on Sunday, 13 May 1984.



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