

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN B.P.C. AND OTHER BLACK
ORGANISATIONS - 1973.

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SASO

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS' ORGANISATION
36 BEATRICE STREET

P.O. Box

Tel. No.

DURBAN

Cables: SASORG

B.P.C. 41B 25.A

Our Ref:

Your Ref:

To all:
 Music Groups
 Drama Groups
 Poets and
 Artists.

Dear Black Brother/Sister,

There is a crying need for direction and mutual understanding amongst our artists in the various fields of Black creativity. Music groups are faced with a series of split and difficult contracts; poets, dramatists and artists are not expressing themselves fully because of limitations placed on them somehow, and most cannot reach the Black community as they would wish because of unavailable channels of communication.

Because of this need, Culcom, which is the cultural committee of SASO, is arranging a coming together of all Black artists, musicians, poets, etc, around the Reef, on Friday, 9th February, 1973, at the Pharmacy House Club Lounge. Culcom was set up at the last SASO Conference and its aim is to organise the cultural side of our life. There has been a great neglect of this aspect and the sooner we wake up to our responsibility the better it is for everyone of us. We have to organise ourselves against unfairness and be able to solve our problems. Others have done it and succeeded, and others are doing it now.

The Programme for the day is:-

PROGRAMME

- 9.00 - 1.00 - Musicians and Poets
 - Problems
 - How to solve them
- 1.00 - 2.00 - Lunch Break
- 2.00 - 4.00 - Artists and Dramatists
 - Problems
 - How to solve them
- 4.00 - 6.00 - Finding out new direction and a
 General Round-up

Please communicate to us your interest or otherwise by sending in form below to Convenor, Culcom, 607 Pharmacy House, 80 Jorissen Street, Braamfontein.

POWER AND SOLIDARITY.

benjlanga.
 benjlanga
 (publications-director)

Name:

Address

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Category (Music, poetry, drama, art or creative writing)
 Where necessary please indicate which group you represent

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Black People's Convention,
P.O. BOX 11427,
JOHANNESBURG.
10th January, 1933.

The General Secretary,
Black Allied Workers Union,
P.O. Box 11427,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Brother,

I have instructed by the National Executive Committee of B.P.C. to request you to supply us with the following:

1. Information on the Black Trade Unions and the general progress that has been made by you as far this affair is concerned.
2. Any publication that you might feel is relevant and might put us in the general picture as to what you have achieved.

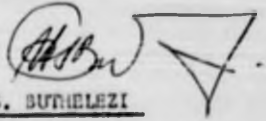
This letter can be regarded as a follow up of the resolution which was adopted at Congress:

" That this congress recognising the existence of the Black Workers Project and the Black Allied Workers Union which are both working in the interests of the Black Workers, mandates the B.P.C. National Executive to promote closer working relationship and greater co-operation between these and other Black trade Unions with a view to establishing a single National Black Workers Council." (Motion 17).

Any advice that you may offer on this issue will be warmly welcomed and appreciated.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

" BRAKING THE CHAINS "



H.S. BUTHELEZI

SECRETARY - GENERAL

P.O. BOX 11427,
JOHANNESBURG.
30th January, 1973.

The Secretary,
Transvaal Youth Organisation,
c/o SASO,
80 Jerrisen Street,
BRAANFONTEIN...Tvl.

Sir,

I take this earliest opportunity to make contact with your organisation with a view to working in co-operation where our interest are identical or related.

I have been instructed by the National Executive of the Black People's Convention to request you to send us your Constitution. I have herein enclosed the B.P.C. constitution.

I would very much appreciate a response from you at your earliest opportunity.

" BREAKING THE CHAINS "

SIPHO BUTHELEZI

Secretary - General

P.O. BOX 11427,

JOHANNESBURG.

30th January, 1973.

The Secretary,

Lyric Theatre,
21
91 Central Road,

FORDSBURG....Tvl.

Sir,

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We further hope that you will eliminate any semblance of discrimination such as selling certain tickets to Indians as this evil policy of discrimination is not yours. We the Blacks, have not decided on racism oppression or discrimination we are all the victims of it and where possible we must let the white man implement it himself.

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Further kindly note that Black People's Convention is a Black political movement for Blacks and by Blacks, it needs financial and moral support from blacks. You can play a big role by making your financial contribution or calling on us at 724-3863 for elaborate on any relevant point relating, to our projects.

" BREAKING THE CHAINS "

SIPHO BUTHELEZI

(SECRETARY - GENERAL)

P.O. BOX 11427,
JOHANNESBURG.
30th January, 1973.

The Secretary,
Majestic Cinema, (Pty) Ltd.,
76 Central Road,
Fordsburg....Tvl.

Sir,

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SIPHO BUTHELEZI
(Secretary - General)

P.O. BOX 11427,
JOHANNESBURG.
30th January, 1973.

The Secretary,
Rio Cinema,
104 Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Sir,

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SIPHO BUTHELUZI

(SECRETARY - GENERAL)

P. O. B O X P. O. BOX 11427,
11427,
JOHANNESBURG,
30th January, 1973.

Sir
The Secretary,
Avalon Theatre,
93 Central Road,
BURGERSDORP.

Sir,

Although it has taken a long time for Indian Cinema owners in Portersburg and Johannesburg to realise that their exclusion of Africans in film shows banned for Africans by the racist white minority regime was racism on their part, a statement in the World 12/1/73 purporting to eliminate this anomaly came as a pleasant shock.

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(SECRETARY - GENERAL)

P.O. BOX 11427,
JOHANNESBURG.
30th January, 1973.

The Secretary,
Searlite (Pty) Ltd.,
44 President Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Sir,

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" BREAKING THE CHAINS "

SIPHO BUTHELEZI
(SECRETARY - GENERAL)

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BLACK COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

Telephone 67558,
86 Beatrice Street, Durban.

Sponsored by the Christian Institute
and the S.A. Council of Churches.

Director: Bennis A. Khoapa

7th February, 1973.

The Secretary-General,
Black People's Convention,
P.O. Box 11427,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Buthelezi

re: Request for Loan.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 30th January, 1973 regarding the above matter.

We are actively considering your request at this moment and would like to contact you in due course to tell you whether to what extent we can be able to be of help to you.

I hope to be able to give you word by the middle of March, 1973.

Sincerely,

B.A. Khoapa
DIRECTOR

HEAD OFFICE: 5th Floor, Pharmacy House,
80 Jonsson Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg.
Director—Peter Randall.

SPRO-CAS 1: Study Project on Christianity in Apartheid Society 1969-71

SPRO-CAS 2: Special Project for Christian Action in Society 1972-73

P.O. Box 11427,
JOHANNESBURG.

The Secretary,
Mihloti Black Theatre,
13, First Avenue,
Alexandra Township,
JOHANNESBURG.

Re-planned tours of Mihloti by BPC.

Dear Brother,

With reference to your letter which stated that you can accommodate sponsors from the second week of Sept, I would like to know what the present position is as regards this matter. I would also like to inform you that BPC is still very keen to undertake this project.

Hoping to hear from you very soon,

"BREAKING THE CHAINS"

(President.)

FREE UNIVERSITY TRUST COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 2346

DURBAN

Phone 31-7275

(ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY)

24th May, 1974

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Brother/Sister,

I hereby wish to inform you that there will be a National Free University Seminar from the 31st May to the 2nd June 1974 at the St Peters Seminary, Hammanskraal.

As you know that attendance of seminar^s is one of the conditions of your having received the loan, I therefore wish to impress upon^{YOU} to attend this seminar at all costs. Arrangements have already been gone into and we would not like to be failed by your not attending the the seminar. Drastic measures will be taken against those students who do not pay any attention to what we request of them. We have to stop being evasive and start facing and carrying out our responsibilities. In fact, this letter serves as a reminder as you have already received information about the seminar from Head Office.

Yours in the Struggle,

M.G. FICKOJCE.
(Regional Secretary)

B.P.C. Kantso JHB 242

FREE UNIVERSITY TRUST COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 2346

DURBAN

Phone 31-7275

(ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY)

26th February 1973.

Dear Mr./Mrs/Miss

re: FREE UNIVERSITY LOANS

We are pleased to inform you that your application for financial assistance was successful and the Committee grants you R100 (for registration & 3 courses) towards your studies through UNISA. We shall in due course expect you to sign an Acknowledgment of Debt form. So as to constitute a binding agreement between yourself and the Trust Fund. All fees are directly payable to the University.

As part of the scheme it is expected that you will make yourself available for the following seminars:-

- April 20-23: SOCIALISATION OF THE UNIVERSITY
- May 31 - June 2: HUMANITIES IN THE BLACK PERSPECTIVE
- Aug 30 - Sep. 3: NATURAL SCIENCE AND ITS ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT

We expect leading experts in the various fields to deliver lectures during these seminars.

If you require tutorial assistance or a book service please indicate what courses you are studying and what are the most important books you require. How often can you attend tutorials organised in Durban and Johannesburg? All this information will help us make this scheme a success.

POWER & SOLIDARITY,

(SECRETARY)
S. MCOODY

BPC Kambor JHB

25/6/74

BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION



P.O. BOX 11427,
JOHANNESBURG,
2000
12th June, 1974.

The Chairman/Convenors,
Established B.P.C. Branches,
Lament Hills.....
Comrade,
re: Affiliation.

The motivation behind this circular is the realisation that a number of our branches and/or centres have acquired the minimum number of members required to constitute a branch, but have not yet applied for affiliation. As soon as a centre has twenty-five (25) members registered with the the Branch, the onus rests on it to apply immediately for affiliation to the National Offices. This is a formality which has been over-looked by a number of our branches for no records of applications exist at the Head Office.

I hasten to call upon branches to apply forthwith for affiliation and to submit their membership strength as well. In order to facilitate the latter I shall enclose herewith the membership assessment forms which have to be filled in and submitted on or before the 10th of July, 1974. May I just say that it would be administratively convenient to submit the forms in their entirety and not the detached stubs as stipulated on the forms. This type of submission facilitates filing at the Head Office. I further appeal to the Branch vice-Chairmen and the Organisers to take upon themselves an obligation in rounding up all the members.

Some branches were given the forms in March at the First National Council meeting but have not yet submitted them. In such cases membership forms shall not be included until we hear from the Branches concerned of new members. The importance of these membership assessment forms can never be over-emphasised in view of our target of a million membership within three years-and this seems to be our second year. This presupposes that Branches are intensifying their drive to recruit more members into the Movement. Another illusory phenomenon is the apparent complacency and stagnation -in as far as the membership drive is concerned- in Branches attaining branch status. We wish to stress this here and now that it is not the end-point but should be viewed as an incentive for amassing more members. In six to eight/...

In six to eight weeks' time, the National Office shall be sending out progress reports of branches with regards to the membership drive since the last Congress. This will enable you to assess your commitment in the struggle whether it has been taken involvement or not. It should not be interpreted as though our Struggle is concerned with numbers for the magnitude of our Struggle can never be measured in terms of numbers but in involvement and commitment. May you be informed that the Minutes of the 1st National Annual Congress are ready but I wish to say that these shall only be sent to those branches that acknowledge receipt of this circular. Our stumbling block with regards to communication between us and branches has been the lack of acknowledgment by the branches. We shall be sending them out before the end of the month.

Forward Congress to us realize our aim and objectives of making the world a worthwhile place to live in.

BREAKING THE CHAINS

Mit'ulele Cindi.

SECRETARY-GENERAL

- 7/. Also please find enclosed a copy of a fund-raising project (Ration 10) to be undertaken by way of ~~film shows~~ and a paper on the Administration of Branches.

BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN DURBAN ON THE 10th SEPTEMBER, 1972.

MINUTES

The meeting opened at 10.30 a.m.

Present. R. v. Mayetula, M.N. Sheal, E. Zolva, M. Dlamini, S. Cooper.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read, passed and accepted.
2. Matters Arising from Minutes.

(a) Banking Account

The Secretary reported that bank officials wanted at least two people for the opening of the account. The Secretary and Vice-President were requested to attend to the matter as soon as possible. It was agreed that between the 8th - 10th October, 1972 when the P.R.O. is in Johannesburg, the matter should be attended to.

(b) Registration of B.P.C.

It was reported that this matter was not yet attended to. It was agreed that the question of registration should be looked into at the same time with the Banking Account i.e. when the P.R.O. is in Johannesburg.

Offices (Dr. Chetty's)

The Secretary reported that the said offices are still under construction. They are situated in Lenasia. The Committee's findings were that the offices would not be suitable. They would not be easily accessible as they would be out of town. The Secretary further reported that he had a discussion with Dr. Chetty regarding his promise donation. Dr. Chetty gave R25.00. He said that further donations should be discussed and some agreement reached before he can continue. The Committee suggested and agreed that:

- (i) The possibility of getting four Offices (Board Room and three (3) offices) at Pharmacy House from Christian Institute should be investigated. These offices would be accepted by B.P.C. on condition that a monthly rental is paid. The B.P.C. would not accept donation (rent free) from the C.I.
- (ii) The Secretary was requested to meet the C.I. about the said offices. And, it was agreed that Dr. Chetty should be approached by the Committee regarding his office costs (as per Maritzburg Financial and Legal Commission report).

(d) Black Press

It was reported that the South African Students Organisation SASO would be holding the Black Press Conference in Johannesburg from 9th - 10th October, 1972. It was recommended that members of the Executive in Johannesburg should attend. The P.R.O. reported that he would be going up for the Conference.

(e) Mr. Moerane re: Conference Money for B.P.C.

The Secretary reported that he investigated the matter with the donors. His findings were that the donors had given R300.00 to Mr. Moerane for the N.O.C. conference at Donaldson in December, 1971. He reported that Mr. Moerane said that all the money was spent on the preparations and running of the Conference. There was no balance. It was agreed that the matter should be discontinued.

(f) Daystar Publications

The Secretary was instructed to ignore the matter as nobody knew who these people are.

3. REPORTS

(a) President

The President reported that he was invited by SASO Executive Office (Black Theology Project Branch) to attend the Conference at Maphumalo. The theme of the Conference was "Relevant Theology for Africans". SASO had sent their director of Theology and Mr. Baqwa. They were rejected and refused entrance into the Conference. They called upon B.P.C. President who testified who they were. They were then accepted. When Dr. Manase Buthelesi left the Conference in protest, Mr. Steve Biko and four (4) others wanted to leave in support of Dr. M. Buthelesi. The Conference recommended that when discussing Black Theology, Whites should leave. The B.P.C. President delivered a paper on "Independent Churches" at this Conference.

Further, the President reported that Mr. D. Tenqua (from Transkei) and Rev. Ranochata (from 4748 Zone 4 Diepkloof) were prepared to start B.P.C. branches at their respective places.

The President finally reported that he received a letter from his wife reporting that some people in Senoane are worried that they did not hear anything from B.P.C. and the Conference. He still recommended that Mr. Malaza should still be visited as he was on our side.

(b) Vice-President.

The Vice-president reported that:

- (i) A branch was established in Tumbisa. The branch was to elect a Committee on 1/10/72
- (ii) He did Soeto for a week. He was helped by some Students. He hoped to launch a branch there soon.
- (iii) In Pretoria he was helped by "NRESO" people to launch a branch.
- (iv) He sent 10 copies of the Constitution to Springs.
- (v) Kroonstad people asked for Constitutions.

- (vi) He himself has a helpful contact in Graham.
- (vii) People in King William's Town and Port Elizabeth were conscientised. He found them tripped by fear because of past political experiences. Mr. Steve Biko was to make a follow up.
- (viii) Umtata and Kokstad were not yet done.
- (ix) In Zululand two priests Rev. Dlamini of the Anglican Church and Rev Mjoli (R.C) were prepared to offer their pulpits for the B.P.C. message. They had promised to invite one of the B.P.C. officials. It was recommended that the President should do the job.
- (x) He couldn't proceed to Mahlabatheni; he had some people to do the job.
- (xi) The fund-raising letter was sent out.
- (xii) On Conference preparation he reported that he received a reply from Hammanskraal. The letter was read. It was recommended that a letter plus R30.00 registration fee should be sent.
- N.B. It was reported that the Hammanskraal officials requested that Press Statements issued by the B.P.C. regarding the Conference at their place should first be shown to them. They must be sent a copy.
- (xiii) Mr. Langa was asked to help with organisation of branches at Kwa Masha and Umlazi.

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 The Committee recommended that the least of people who volunteered to found branches should be given to the Organiser (Mr. Shesi). The Organiser should write a comprehensive letter to these people and send them the constitution.

3. Secretary

The Secretary reported the following:

Finance: as per 30/9/72

B/T 26/8/72	Balance	R 148.00
	Approved loan to Mr. Koko	45.00
	Balance	<u>R 193.00</u>

August, 1972		Exp.	Income
	Balance as per 26/8/72	R ---	R 103.00
26/8/72	Received Postal Order R1.00 x 2	--	2.00
27/8/72	" Donation: Dr. Chetty		25.00
"	" Paid to Mr. S. Cooper	20.00	
"	" " Mr. H. Shesi	5.00	
30/8/72	" " Mr. N. Shesi (Telegrams)	10.50	
"	" " Mr. N. Shesi (K.W.T.)	10.00	
September	to Print Fundraising Letter	20.00	
27/9/72	Received: Refund from N. Koko	R 65.50	45.00
	Balance	R 109.50	
		<u>R 175.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>

N.B. The Secretary recommended that Executive Committee members should not be refunded travelling expenses. It was agreed that 50% of pending claims should be repaid. It was also agreed that it be put on record that the secretary said that he would not ask for refund of his travelling expenses to Durban on 30/9/72. The P.R.O. requested that he be paid part of his original claim. These were the expenses towards the printing of the B.P.C. membership cards and receipts books. He sacrificed his personal expenses to the cause of the B.P.C. Other members followed suite. It was agreed that no travelling expenses will be paid to the executive members until such times when the B.P.C. has enough funds.

4. ORGANISERS

Reported that he was still organising. He had not yet succeeded in forming branches.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

The P.R.O. reported on the role of the B.P.C. in the Chatsworth Township bus strike. The report stated that:

- (a) Bus Service to Chatsworth was (officially) to stop as from 1st October, 1972.
- (b) People in Chatsworth organised a mass protest meeting. About 10,000 people had gathered on Sunday 22nd September, 1972.
- (c) The B.P.C. had consulted with local organiser of the protest to allow one of our men to speak at the mass meeting - reason being that the B.P.C. had cancelled its meeting called for the Sunday on the same project. This request was refused.
- (d) B.P.C. issued and distributed 10,000 leaflets in the township and at the meeting.
- (e) The crowd refused to allow the meeting to continue before "stooges" were removed from the platform. The crowd refused Mr. A. Grobbelaar and Miss Bolton to speak. They demanded that they be sent away or else the meeting would be closed down. Only ~~one~~ man spoke. The protest was a success. Further protest meetings were to be planned.

On review of the situation it was recommended that where possible supporting mass meeting should be organised in Johannesburg (Lenasia) and other places. This could be discussed with the Labour Youth Organisation. The importance of this protest was that about 5,000 workers would lose their employment if the bus service to Chatsworth is withdrawn. The people of Chatsworth would also have to bear extra costs on train fares.

The committee agreed that the p.r.o. seek legal advice on "POST" article that openly blamed the B.P.C. for disrupting the Chatsworth protest meeting. Damaging would be sought against Post Newspapers. The Committee approved of further meetings in Chatsworth. It was stressed that pamphlets issued should bear teh footnote: "Issued by B.P.C. local branch".

On Minutes of Pietermaritzburg Conference:

The Committee recommend that this should be studied and the Commission's recommendations should be implemented. The meeting closed at 2.45 p.m. Next Meeting: 28th/10/72 Venue: Naphuzulo Seminar. Time: 10.00 a.m. N.B. The meeting recommended that invitations to the Conference at Hammanskraal should be sent out as soon as possible. Invitations should be sent out to branches asking them to send delegates. Agenda for the Conference to be prepared at next E.C.N.

Signed.....PresidentSec-Gen

BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN THE SASO OFFICE ON SATURDAY 30th AUGUST, 1972

The Meeting opened at 12.45 p.m.

In the Chair Rev. Mayethula.

Mr. S. Cooper.

Mr. M. Shezi.

Mr. H. Mngashekhulu -- Observer.

Apologies:

A written apology was received from Mr. D. Koka (Secretary-General) who could not attend the meeting because of a "family tragedy".

No apology was received from Mr. Dlamini and it was assumed that he was probably not aware of the meeting.

Quorum:

It was noted that the quorum is not mentioned in the Constitution and the meeting was, therefore, declared quorate.

Mr. Shezi was officially asked to take the minutes in the absence of the Secretary-General.

Why the meeting was not held on the 29th July, 1972.

The Chairman explained that there was an AICA Conference he had to attend as the leader of the Youth League on the said date. He told Mr. Shezi about his plight after seeing Mr. Koka who said that the BPC meeting could be postponed. Mr. Shezi was against the postponement. Rev. Mayethula and Mr. Shezi decided to meet with or without Mr. Koka on the evening of Thursday the 27th July, 1972 and finalise this. Messrs Shezi and Koka never turned up. Mr. Shezi's explanation was that Mr. Koka phoned on the morning of the Thursday in question saying that Mr. Mayethula was decidedly attending the AICA conference and this was seen by Mr. Shezi as the cancellation of the appointment with Rev. Mayethula.

Letter from Mr. Koka:

The letter was read from the chair and comments were invited. The apology for this meeting was rejected and Mr. Koka was unanimously censured for his absence and for his conduct of cancelling the meeting which was scheduled for the 29th July, 1972.

Agenda:

The agenda was drawn up and agreed on as follows:

1. Minutes and matters arising.
2. Implementation of resolutions.
3. Branches.
4. Finances.
5. Office.
6. General.

Minutes and matters arising:

The meeting felt that the minutes were wanting in many respects. The mover and seconder of motions were to be included, the voting power (where applicable) was also to be reflected. There was also a comment on the typed motions; that they were not like the original. It was also the feeling of the meeting that the accepted reports should have been part of the minutes. It was on these grounds that the minutes were turned totally inadequate and rejected. It was said that more comprehensive minutes should be prepared and reports which were missing were also to be located and included in the minutes. Of the missing reports the report on Urban and Rural Politics was noted as one.

2./.....Branches.

Branches:

Mass rallies were said not to be our priority or necessarily a must. We still need to establish the core of the BPC through branches which in terms of the constitution should have a minimum of 25 persons each. Mass rallies could then come after the National Convention in December, and these can be effected through the Presidential tour.

Concerning the mass rally to be held on the 13th August, 1972 as proposed by Mr. Koka was to continue but only if it was to be well advertised and should be cancelled if the time factor militates against it. Mr. Shesi was asked to attend and assist Mr. Koka if the said rally materializes.

Finances:

Under this stationary was discussed and it was agreed that receipt books were needed. The PRO was to get in touch with the printers. The need for documents for formal way of accepting money were also to be looked into. The PRO was also to secure a rubber stamp and he (Mr. Cooper) also reported that the letter head design was on the way.

The tele graphic address was to be applied for and the following suggestions were accepted:

1. Convention
2. Blackan *Black card*
3. Solidarity.

Membership form/card:

The membership forms were discussed and amendments were proposed and made. Mr. A. Mokoape came in at 1.20 p.m. per invitation of the meeting to discuss the proposed amendments:

Introduce: 2 "I shall always believe in the equality of all men." (Delete Original)

Delete "5" completely.

Reconstruction "8": "I shall take pride in Black creativity."

Reconstruction of "10": "Finally I shall undertake to shoulder my task of making the world a worthwhile place to live in."

Emblem of the BPC:

The BPC emblem was discussed and was left to the PRO to look into. This emblem is to be included in the membership form/card.

Funds discussed:

Fund raising was seen as very important and it was agreed that Mr. Shesi acting as National Organiser as per agreement with Mr. Dlamini, should prepare for the next meeting. He was also asked to look into preparing papers for projects. The problem of paying the office staff was also discussed. It was, however, difficult to assess how much we have as the financial statement was not tabled and this was to be requested from the Secretary-General in the next meeting.

Office:

It was agreed that we may continue sharing the office with "Allied Workers". It was, however, agreed that we should first get all particulars about the said office before it was sanctioned. A question was asked about the office (at Dr. Chetty's) which was hinted at the last meeting, but no one could answer this as the Secretary-General was not in.

General:

Pamphleteering as a means of publicity was accepted and the PRO was to write the pamphlets.

The PRO is also to look into the buying of shares in certain business concerns. He is also to continue investigations on the formation of a paper (newspaper) and give progress report to the next meeting.

Creation of slogans for the publicity of BPC was to fall under pamphleteering.

Conference Centre:

We cannot have a mass rally on 16th December, 1972. The application for the amphitheatre are therefore, to be cancelled and the Executive is to agree on a venue for the Conference of December, 16th.

Mr. Simi was given the duty of finding a venue for the 16th - 18th Dec., 1972. Suggestions were made and St. Ansgars P.O. Box 81, Roodepoort was agreed on.

National Tour:

This was to begin with Presidential Tour after the constitutional elections of the Executive in December.

Two or three members of the Executive were also to members of major centres. The duty of working out the itinerary was left on the hands of the PRO (Mr. Cooper) and this was to be presented at the next meeting.

There being nothing more to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 2.30 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on the 26/8/72 in the SASO office in Jhb.

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