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MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LABOUR PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA HELD AT UPINGTON FROM 6 TO 8 JANUARY 1976/NOTULE VAN DIE TIENDE JAARKONGRES VAN DIE ARBEIDERSPARTY VAN SUID-AFRIKA GEHOU TE UPINGTON VANAF 6 TOT 8 JANUARIE 1976.

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TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 1976 AT 9.15 A M/DINSDAG 6 JANUARIE 1976 OM 9.15 V M

OFFICIAL OPENING/AMPTELIKE OPENING

1. Conference rose upon the entry of the leadership and invited guests.
2. Die Nasionalevoorsitter, Eerw H J Hendrickse, het 'n beroep gedoen op Mnr D Maasdorp om konferensie in die gebed voor te gaan.
3. Mnr Maasdorp het konferensie in die gebed voorgegaan.
4. At the request of the National Chairman, Conference rose as a mark of respect to departed members.
5. Mnr P W Theron, V K R Lid vir Kalahari, het almal hartelik gewelkom. Dit was die eerste keur dat konferensie te Upington gehou word en dit was die wense van die Gordoniastreek dat afgevaardigdes die tyd wat hulle sal deurbring te Upington sal geniet en dat konferensie suksesvol sal wees.
6. The National Chairman introduced Mr Collins Ramusi, Leader of the Lebowa People's Party and invited him to open Conference officially.
7. Mr Ramusi duly complied and a copy of his address is attached to the official minute.
8. Mr Ramusi's address was enthusiastically acclaimed and in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Ramusi, the National Vice-Chairman, N S Middleton, greeted him with the words "Sujaku lingelela - we say Ukayi Murena. We salute you today with the famous salute LABUWA - AMANDLA."

Mr Middleton continued -

"Now is the time to lift our oppressed brothers and sisters from the flooded injustices to the solid block of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

Black people (as you, sir, as an attorney will know) have experienced gross unjust treatment in courts and other places.

As in so many past and present experiences our hopes have been blasted and the shadow of deep disappointment still lingers over us. All this lives with us and we have no alternative but to prepare ourselves for direct action whereby we would present our own very bodies as a means of laying our case before the conscience of those that rule over us.

Sir, do take back to your people this message from their fellow oppressed: that it is an historical fact that privileged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily. We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor but that it must always be demanded by the oppressed.

Your presence here with us today, my dear Black brother, is the proof of our legitimate and unavoidable impatience of not wanting to wait any longer - we want our freedom now - not tomorrow.

In any liberatory movement there are four basic steps:

- a. collection of facts to determine whether injustices exist;
- b. negotiation;
- c. self-purification and
- d. direct action.

We in the Labour Party have gone through all these steps.

Your presence here with us and your talk has made us more determined to cash this cheque that will give us riches of freedom and the security of justice for all.

Now is the time to make real promises of democracy. Now is the time to get rid once and for all of this yoke of segregation.

We want you and your people to know, sir, that freedom and democracy does not reside behind the doors of committee rooms or created councils, but in the open where voices can be heard pleading on their behalf.

SHOSHOLOZA MFANA KA RAMUSI UMBUSO WEZIHLUPEKI USUFIKILE MAYIBUYE."

9. The National Chairman called on the Leader of the Party, L S Leon, to deliver his annual address.

Mr Leon presented his annual address, a copy of which is attached to the official minute.

Before and after his address, Mr Leon was accorded rousing, emotional standing ovations.

10. Immediately thereafter every delegation expressed faith and full confidence in Mr Leon and his colleagues and also pledged their loyalty and devotion to leadership and the cause. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That this Conference fully supports the stand taken by the Leader and his Executive and condemns in no uncertain terms the dastardly manner in which Mr Leon was dismissed as Chairman of the Executive.

We want South Africa to know that Mr Leon is the elected leader of our people and that no iron fist of White South Africa can ever remove him from our hearts. White South Africa will have to answer to us for their action.

This Conference further denounces the appointment of Mrs A Jansen as Chairman of the Executive of the C P R C as a blatant example of "kragdadige baasskap".

The strains of WE SHALL OVERCOME, FREEDOM ISN'T FREE AND VORENTOE KINDERS VAN DIE LABOUR reverberated through the Conference hall.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED AND RESUMED AT 2.00 P M

1. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Submitted for approval a draft copy of Standing Orders (copy attached to the official minute).

It was agreed:-

a. That the following clauses be totally deleted -

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| 3 | 4(h) | 4(i) | 6(b) | 6(c) | 6(e) | 6(f) | 6(h) |
| (2 and 3) | | 6(i) | 7(c) | 8 | 10. | | |

b. That all the words in Clause 6(j) from "Unless" be deleted.

c. That "or C P R C Member" be added to 7(e).

d. That 9, 11, 12(b) and 13 be re-phrased.

FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Standing Orders as amended be submitted to N E C for approval before being incorporated in the Party Constitution.

2. ADDRESS BY THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Rev H J Hendrickse delivered an inspired opening address, a copy of which is attached to the official minute.

Conference accorded him a well deserved standing ovation whereupon the below-quoted resolution was unanimously adopted -

"That delegates attending the Labour Party's Tenth Annual Conference, strongly condemns the action of the authorities at Jan Smuts Airport in detaining our Chairman, Mr Hendrickse, on his arrival after attending the World Council of Churches Conference held at Nairobi as an accredited leader of the People.

This action cannot be condoned by right thinking people."

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

OFFICE BEARERS -	L S Leon	D M G Curry	Rev H J Hendrickse
	N S Middleton	F E Peters	P J Kleinsmidt
	W J Meyer	W S Miller	

C P R C MEMBERS -	Miss L D Boezak	D T Cairncross	Mrs M Coetzee
	C J de Bruyn	L V du Preez	G J Fortuin
	C W Hendrickse	E M S le Fleur	C J Reed
	I Richards	F W Theron	R D Williams
	D Young	E P Abraham	T " " Arendse
	V Sass	R J Lackay	J H Nash
	M B Savahl.		

REGIONS -	Cape Peninsula (4)	Eastern Province (4)	Western Cape (3)
	Griqualand West (3)	Natal (4)	Gordonia (4)

BRANCHES -	Arcadia (2)	Bishop Lavis (2)	Bishop Lavis L Y O (1)
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Bloemfontein/

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Bloemfontein (1)	Bloemsmond (2)	Bonteheuvel (1)	Bosmont (3)
Carnarvon (3)	Cathkin (1)	Eshove (2)	Hankey (1)
Greenwood Park (1)	Homevale (2)	Kakamas (1)	Inysna (2)
Kensington (2)	Kimberley (3)	K/W/Town (2)	Lowveld (1)
Malmesbury (3)	Postmasburg (2)	Parkside (4)	Pretoria (4)
Riversdale (4)	Sedgefield (1)	Salt River (1)	Scottsdene (1)
Schauderville No 1 (2)	Schauderville No 2 (1)	Schauderville No 3 (2)	
Kraaifontein (2)	Silvertown (2)	Sparks Estate (2)	Vryburg (4)
Stellenbosch (2)	Uitenhage (4)	Windvogel (2)	Western (3)
Wellington (1)	Wentworth (4)	Coronationville (1)	Salsone (3)
Elsies River (1)	Upington (4)	Reiger Park (1)	Prieska (2)
Genadendal (2)	Saldanha (1)	Worcester (3)	Soverby (2)
Grassy Park (1)	Somerset East (1)	Kleinskool (2)	Montagu (2)
Currieskamp (4)	Mid-Ennerdale (2)	Eldorado Park (3)	Keimoes (4)
Van Wyksvlei (1)	Oudtshoorn (2)	Kenhardt (2)	Straussburg (2)

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All branches present were eligible to vote and participate at Conference.

Of the C P R C Members present, only V Sass was not entitled to Conference privileges.

B Andrews was officially recognised as a representative of the Western Cape Region.

The application for registration by the newly established Windermere branch had as yet not been lodged with the Cape Peninsula Region and its delegate could, therefore, not be accorded official recognition.

4. GREETINGS AND MESSAGES

Apologies and good wishes were tabled from:-

W D Plaatjies and E Essop (unforeseen circumstances), A Adams (urgent business) and S Jacobs (hospitalised) and S Solomons.

God's guidance and best wishes for success in deliberations were received from:-

Somerset East Branch, Thomas Family of Paarl, Schauderville Branch No 1, H M Juries (Arcadia Branch), Hilda Mitchell, Parkside Branch and Frances Heradien.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

That the committees be constituted as follows:-

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE

L V du Preez M Lewis T Potgieter E Abrahams
 I Richards (National Chairman and National Secretary ex officio).

RESOLUTIONS/..

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

C September	C Redcliffe	Miss L Boezak
W Hector	M Munnik.	D. Saldanha

PROGRAMME (ACTION) COMMITTEE

W J Meyer	L Dewrance	C Reed	D M Curry
P Meyer	W Diedericks	D Saldanha.	

PRESS COMMITTEE

Leadership.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Ninth Annual Conference held at Umata from 1 to 3 January 1975 be confirmed.

7. MATTERS ARISING

Item 12(j) was merely a point of view expressed during the discussion and not a firm decision taken.

8. NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

The National Secretary, F B Peters, presented his annual report.

The Chairman submitted that the acclamation was an endorsement of the approval of the secretary's splendid efforts and dedication. The secretary had been a tower of strength and units were urged to communicate constantly with Head Office. It would prove invaluable.

DISCUSSION/BESPREKING

- a. Konferensie moet bewys word van diegene wat net uit eiebelang optree. Stappe moet geneem word om van sulke persone ontslae te raak.
- b. The necessity for leadership to take instant decisions was acknowledged. However, such decisions had to be reported to N E C at its next meeting.
- c. The time was opportune to revive the Labour Youth Organisation. With proper guidance from all concerned, a powerful youth movement could be created.
- d. Branches should operate independent of the C P R C Member where necessary.
- e. To achieve consolidation it was necessary to keep lines of communication open and promote the polarisation of the oppressed groups. A Black Alliance was a priority.

At this stage the Leader of the Party introduced the following unopposed motion:-

"That/..

"That the Party with all its units be instructed to bring into being 'The Black Alliance' as decided at Durban with other leaders of the Black community."

- f. Die Party het rigting maar ons sal self besluit hoe om in werking te tree en watter platforms te gebruik vir ons politieke doeleindes.
- g. We must not become too dependent on news media. Branches could play a vital role here. The peoples' troubles at all levels had to be taken up. We could not allow people who were not involved in the struggle with us to dictate to us.

White South Africa was highly organised against us and we had to be organised equally.
- h. The Party participated in separate institutions to destroy them and too much importance should not be attached to such institutions. This was only one facet of our struggle. Priority should be given to grass root work.
- i. We should not be afraid to go outside the law to implement the Black Alliance Convention.
- j. Nuwe takke sonder leiding kan nie vorder nie. Sekere sake verwag hoer magte en dit is in hierdie hoedanigheid dat die leiding van V K R lede verlang word. Baie takke het alreeds gesterwe want dit kos baie om takke aan die lewe te hou.

BESLUIT

Dat die verslag aangeneem word.

KONFERENSIE VERDAAG OM 6.00 N M

WOENSDAG 7 JANUARIE 1976 OM 9.00 V M

9. LOCAL AFFAIRS/PLAASLIKE AANGELEENTHEDE

D M Curry presented a paper on "ASPECTS OF HOUSING", a copy of which is attached to the official minute.

DISCUSSION/BESPREKING

- a. Huurkontrakte veroorsaak al die moeilikheid. Dit was voorgestel dat huurkontrakte goedgekeur moet word deur die Department van Gemeenskapsbou.
- b. Bestuurskomitee lede was gewaarsku dat hulle nie beskerm word nie en kan vervlog word terwyl hulle in belang van hul gemeenskap optree.
- c. A deputation to the Minister of Community Deveopment should be arranged to exert pressure for the conversion of existing housing schemes to selling units. Furthermore houses must be built to conform or improved to conform to building regulations of local authorities.
- d. Diegene wat elders moet werk moet geregtig wees tot behuising in die areas waar hulle woonagtig is.
- e. Amptenare tree minagtend op teenoor ons mense, self ons oue van dae.

- f. We should be consulted on the drafting of regulations and conditions of tenancy.
- g. The type and size of dwellings fell far short of what was desired and essential.
- h. Representations had to be made at national level because all efforts at local level would be frustrated.
- i. Relevant legislation had to be amended to curb the power of local authorities. In addition the power and influence of civil servants had to be countered. Possibly representations should be made for the replacement of White civil servants by Black personnel.
- j. Local authorities and the state had become the biggest land owners. Our freehold rights had been taken away and the position had been aggravated by the vicious expropriation acts under the guise of redevelopment schemes.
- k. Housing schemes represented scenes of desolation with improvements being effected at a negligible rate.
- l. Verder verhogings in huur moet nie toegelaat word nie.
- m. Lack of amenities had contributed to a great extent to the anti-social manifestations with the resultant high incidence of crime and violence.

Civilised genocide aptly described the situation with even our livelihood being taken away. The authorities simply ignored the fact that "bad social conditions breed evil social elements."

- n. The severe restrictions on gatherings in areas such as Genadendal was condemned.
- o. The proposed new "Coloured" settlements (Atlantis and Mitchells Plain) were nothingelse but the basis of "Coloured" homelands.
- p. Constant deputations had to be arranged to object to conditions of tenancy and lodge other grievances. In this connection tenants and ratepayers associations had to be established.
- q. The plight of the people in housing schemes was aggravated by the regular increases in bus fares which had to be condemned and opposed.
- r. It was the duty of the Labour Party to act on behalf of the people at local level through its Regions and branches.

Mr Curry was complimented on his presentation whereupon the undermentioned resolutions were unanimously adopted.

- a. Dat wanneer munisipaliteite huishuur wil verhoog, moet die inwoners geraadpleeg word.
- b. In view of the problems relating to housing for our people, such as:
 - acute shortage conditions of tenancy rentals
 - inhuman treatment by local authorities Evictions
 - squatter camps high transportation costs standard of housing, etc.

This Conference appoints a standing committee of not less than five persons/..

persons to deal with these problems by taking the necessary action.

That the appointment of the committee be referred to N E C.

CONFERENCE RESOLVED ITSELF INTO COMMITTEE AT TWELVE NOON

10. PARTY FINANCES

a. Submitted annual financial statement for the period 1 December 1974 to 30 November 1975.

b. Die Nasionale tesourier het sy jaarverslag gelewer.

c. The National Trustee tabled his annual report.

Copies of the foregoing are attached to the official minute.

DISCUSSION/BESPREKING

a. Audit fees were not reflected on the income and expenditure schedule because the account had not been received as yet.

b. Funds in the savings account (3½%) had to be transferred to a special savings account (8%).

c. Depreciation was not an expense and was therefore incorrectly reflected on the income and expenditure schedule. It was suggested that a replacement account be opened into which the amount allowed for depreciation could be put.

d. It was felt that a firm of chartered accountants audit the books of the Party in future.

e. The discretionary fund stood at R527,93.

f. Furniture and office equipment should be reflected separately on the statement in future.

RESOLVED

That the financial statement be accepted subject to the depreciation correction by the Finance and Administration Committee.

PLEDGES

RESOLVED

That the decision taken at Umtata be rescinded.

Thereupon it was MOVED by D Curry, duly seconded

That all C P R C Members be compelled to pay to Head Office an amount of R50,00 permonth of their C P R C allowances but that the Leader, National Chairman and National Secretary be exempted.

MOVED by P Peffer, seconded by M Dangor

That the 10% contribution pledged by C P R C Party members in the Transvaal be re-allocated in full to the Region.

MOVED/..

MOVED by M Lewis, seconded by T Porgieter

That since each member of the C P R C pledges R50,00 of their monthly allowances to Party funds, this amount be allocated to -

Region	R15,00
Head Office	R10,00
Discretionary Fund	R25,00

DISCUSSION/BESPREKING

- a. Transvaal was a vast area with limited and inadequate manpower resources to effectively carry out the necessary organisational work. It was necessary to eliminate the Federal strongholds and influence in certain areas.

Die Streek was van plan om 'n permanente organiseerder aan te stel. Daar was groot dele sonder verteenwoordiging en skakeling met hierdie mense was noodsaaklik. Sonder inkomste kon hierdie werk nie gehandhaaf word nie. Dit was maar net 'n tydelike versoek wat weer oor ses maande kon oorweeg word.

Konferensie moet in aanmerking neem dat die Transvaal nog nooit die dienste van die organiseerder of sekretaris geniet het nie.

- b. Takke moet Streke help om fondse in te samel om doeltreffend in werking te tree. Streke het voorheen sonder die V K R pande klaar gekom.

Eenhede kon hul sake aan N U B stel wie fondse kon uitdeel soos dit nodig gevind word maar die volle bedrag moet beslis by Hoofkantoor bly. N U B moet besluit waar dit nodig is om fondse in te ploeg.

- c. The time will come when the Party will move off the C P R C. We had to become totally independent of the C P R C contributions. Branches had to become the source of Party funds.
- d. The Greenwood Park branch saw the need to build-up the discretionary fund from which the travelling expenses of leadership could be met.

The Transvaal delegation withdrew its amendment with the consent of Conference.

The amendment by the Greenwood Park branch was put to the vote and lost.

The motion by D Curry on the recommendation from the N E C was put to the vote and CARRIED.

FURTHER RESOLVED

- a. That the Treasurer's report be adopted.
- b. That the Trustee's report be adopted.

WESKAAPLAED STREEK

Gereelde paaiemente was noodsaaklik sodat Hoofkantoor doeltreffend in werking kon bly. Displinêre optrede moet gevolglik streng teenoor oortreders toegepas word. Baie V K R lede was afwesig en met die sitting van die Raad wou van hulle die Party dreig met hul stemme.

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Voorgestel deur J Johnson, geskondeer en

BESLUIT

Dat ter strenger optrede teenoor die V K K lede en die betaling van hul pande, hulle die volgende opgely sal word:

- a. geen amptenaarspos in die betrokke Streek beklee nie;
- b. nie stemgeregtig by konferensie is nie;
- c. gesuspendeer word van die Party kookus.

CONFERENCE IN OPEN SESSION AT 3.05 P M

20. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

LEADER OF THE PARTY	L S Leon
DEPUTY LEADER OF THE PARTY	D M G Curry
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN	REV H J Hendrickse
NATIONAL VICE-CHAIRMAN	N S Middleton
NATIONAL SECRETARY	F E Peters
NATIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY	W S Miller
NATIONAL TREASURER	P J Kleinsmidt
NATIONAL TRUSTEE	W J Meyer

All were elected unopposed and acclaimed.

14. LANDELIKE GEBIEDE

G J Fortuin het 'n lesing gelewer oor die beheer van Kleurling Nedersettings 'n afskrif waarvan aan die amptelike notule aangeheg is.

BESPREKING/DISCUSSION

- a. Superintendente het al die magte en tree op soos diktators.
- b. Die LUB het miskien nie genoeg gebruik gemaak van sy magte nie.
- c. The inhabitants had to eek out an existence and settlements were nothingelse but labour depots for White overlords.
- d. Nedersettings was eenvoudig glad nie lewensvatbaar nie.
- e. Irriteerende regulasies moet herroep word terwyl landboubeampte ook groot struikelblokke was.
- f. Daar moet op 'n hoer vlak oor hierdie aangeleentheid beraadslag word. As ons optree kan die irriteerende regulasies herroep word.
- g. Projekte soos gemeenskapsale, oprigting van huise, ens. moet voorkeur geniet.

BESLUIE/RESOLUTIONS

- a. That where no farm schools exist, provision be made for grants to enable children of farm workers to attend schools at the town nearest the particular farm.

b/..

b. Dat voorsiening van alle plaas arbeiders wat noodwendig plase moet verlaat aan die nodige huisvesting - al is dit n tydelike herberg wat hulle self kan oprig:

seiklik en nie meer die plaaseienaar se werk kan doen nie -

hoë ouderdom en nie meer geskik vir harde werk nie -

behoefte ontstaan aan die opvoeding van kinders want plaasskole bestaan nie meer nie.

13. RESOLUTIONS ON SPORT

Introducing the resolutions on sport, N S Middleton said that South Africa had three types of God, one of which was sport. Too often our sportsmen allowed themselves to be used to get South Africa back into international sport.

The new concept of multinational sport he rejected completely as too the vast sums of money spent on propaganda overseas to mislead the outside world on the true position in South Africa. Our sport was governed by politics but the biggest culprits were the sports administrators.

MOVED by N S Middleton, seconded by J Nash and

UNNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- a. That this conference calls upon all Black people of South Africa to boycott all sports meetings where discrimination is being practised and appeals to all overseas teams and individual sportsmen and women not to participate in any sports competitions in South Africa until all codes of sport in South Africa are played and conducted strictly on non-racial basis at club, provincial, national and international level.
- b. That this conference appeals to the Government of New Zealand to reconsider its decision not to interfere in sport administration in their country and to immediately intervene by stopping the pending tour by the All Blacks Rugby team to South Africa, and further appeals to the New Zealand Rugby Union not to come to South Africa as their coming will underline and support the South African Government's policy of apartheid insport.
- c. That this conference calls on all Black sportsmen not to take part in any of the MULTINATIONAL EVENTS now being introduced in South Africa to make believe that sport in this country is conducted on a non-racial basis.
- d. That this conference demands that the Government stop interfering in sport especially with regard to the use of sportsfields

MOVED by D Curry, duly seconded and

RESOLVED

That the conference condemns the action of the Government in refusing a passport to Mr Norman Middleton and conference fully supports him in the stand he has taken to implement non-racial sport in South Africa.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED AT 6.15 P M

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DONDERDAG 8 JANUARIE 1976 OM 9.00 V M

Rev H J Hendrickse opened proceedings with a reading from "Faith for Daily living" - Do not limit your tomorrows. Finish what you started a year ago".

Toe het gevolg n gesamentlike offering van ons DAAGLIKSE SMEEKGEBED.

12. SOCIAL WELFARE AND PENSIONS

N S Middleton delivered a paper on "The Coloured Cadet Camp", a copy of which is attached to the official minute.

DISCUSSION/BESPREKING

- a. Some things done at the camp were good and others not.
- b. The staff at the camp were not fulfilling the duties for which the camp had been established.
- c. The camp had become a source of cheap labour.
- d. Rehabilitation centres were essential but true compulsory education would solve most of the social evils.
- e. The institution was another example of creating jobs for White pals and we should not be bluffed that this type of institution was good for the social evil in our society.
- f. Whilst being concerned about the cadet camp, the need for rehabilitation centres was acknowledged.

RESOLUTIONS/BESLUIT

EENPARIG BESLUIT

- a. Dat na aanleiding van die diskriminasie wat voorkom i v m die toekenning van die fondse wat deur die nasionale rampsfondse daargestel deur die Regering ingesamel word:-

Die Party afsydig behoort te staan teenoor die toekomstige nasionale rampsfondse en administrasie daarvan en dat fondse liever aan plaaslike bestaande streke vir administrasie en nie aan bestaande rampsfondse komitees wat deur die Regering daargestel is.

- b. In view of the fact that the cadet camp is not serving its proper purpose, conference requests the repeal of Act 46 of 1967 and that provision be made for the establishment of rehabilitation centres where these social evils - juvenile delinquency, work-shy-ness - can be eliminated.
- c. This conference calls upon the State to appoint Black social workers, C P R C Members and other responsible persons to act as pension officers and administrators and not clerks in magistrates' courts and municipalities.
- d. Dat alle oue van dae wat die ouderdom van 60 of meer - vrouens en mans onderskeidelik moet kwalifiseer vir ouderdomspensioen ongeag of daar besittings is of lopende inkomstes - dieselfde soos vir blankes.
- e. Dat n beroep gedoen word op kerkinstanties, plaaslike owerhede en organisasies om hul sale beskikbaar te stel vir die uitbetaling van pensione en toelaes.

15. RACE RELATIONS

L S Leon read the declaration signed by representatives of the Labour Party, Indian Council, Prog-Reform Party and Homeland Leaders at the first meeting held aimed at laying the foundation for regular meetings to plan for the future of South Africa.

At the second meeting where only leaders were present, correspondence was sent to the Prime Minister replying to his criticism of their efforts and calling for a national convention of all people of South Africa.

Mr Leon said that it had become abundantly clear that a Black Alliance was a priority after which reconciliation with White South Africa could take place.

Several letters from business houses overseas were read supporting the Labour Party's call for equal pay and equal opportunity for all, ample proof that we have made our mark locally as well as overseas.

White South Africa could be brought to its senses if we exploited our labour and buying power. In spite of threats by the Prime Minister in his New Year message, we would have consultations continuously with other groups.

At this stage the Chairman informed conference of a message received from Dennis Brutus extending greetings and good wishes for a successful conference.

Conference reiterated its call for the withdrawal of foreign investments unless the demands of the Labour Party were met.

FURTHER RESOLVED/VERDER BESLUIT

a. Dat die Party nie deelname het in die Verhoudingskomitees nie omdat:

Hierdie lede nie op demokratiese wyse gekies word nie -

Die meerderheid van die lede van hierdie komitees die landsbeleid goedgesind is -

Dat enige wrywing wat heers nie deur ons veroorsaak word nie maar wel deur landsbeleid.

b. This Conference condemns the proposed action of the South African Indian Council leadership in accepting the government's offer of an inter-consultative cabinet council and its rejection of the ideal of Black solidarity.

c. Conference notes with appreciation the attempts by other formations to bring about a non-racial South African society

AND mandates our Leader to continue with talks organised by the Prog-Reform Party to the end of working towards the holding of a national convention representative of all South Africans.

11. REPORT-BACK BY CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE

Die same roeper het soos volg verslag gelever:

Die Komitee op die voorgestelde wysigings tot die Grondwet wil aan

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konferensie aanbeveel dat die hersiende wysigings aan alle formasies van die Party deur die algemene sekretaris gestuur word vir bespreking en deur die sekretaris by die volgende konferensie voorgelê word.

RESOLVED

That we accept the recommendations of the constitutional committee but that the proposed amendments to the constitution be referred to N E C before being submitted to the next conference for approval.

16. EDUCATION/ONDERWYS

In his address on the above, Rev Hendrickse took the opportunity to express some of his concerns.

Hy bewus daarvan dat die huidige stelsel nie aan die beginsels van onderwys voldoen nie.

Opvoedkunde was n uitbreiding en uitbouing en moet basies streef na die waarheid.

Education was essentially the search for truth, leading out to the situation which ought to be to equip us to take our rightful place in the community (all people).

Therefore, he rejected the system in South Africa which was stigmatised by ethnicity. We must strive for a national education system and not one of ethnic confines.

During his period in office, Rev Hendrickse found that all power was vested in the Minister who delegated certain of these powers to the C P R C Executive but retained the right to withdraw such delegations.

Eerw Hendrickse het geweier, saam met sy kollegas, om sy magte aan Wit amptenare te deleger wat seker baie hoofpyne veroorsaak het. Die Uitvoerende Bestuur het gebruik gemaak van hul magte maar dit kon wees dat Mev Jansen van hul besluite herroep het.

It was significant, and we should take cognisance thereof, that the Minister retained the power concerning compulsory education.

RESOLUTIONS/BESLUIE

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- a. That this conference requests the establishment of a technical college on the West Coast in view of the skilled labour that will be required as a result of the direct challenge of the Saldanha-Sishen project.
- b. That the indoctrination of teachers at orientation courses be stopped immediately.
- c. That this conference calls upon all principals to include a "Bantu" language in the school curriculum;
Further encourages branches to make representations accordingly.
- d. That this conference is in full agreement with the basic principles enunciated in the Black students manifesto in which racist education is rejected; in which the encouragement and promotion of Black

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literature is regarded as committal; and in which the intellectual and physical development and the liberation of the Black peoples of South Africa is laid down as a cornerstone of policy.

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- e. That this conference of the Labour Party calls upon the State to grant full autonomy to the University of the Western Cape to allow it to open its doors to all students, irrespective of race or colour, and to allow it to implement a policy of using lecture staff of any creed or colour.
- f. That the Labour Party of South Africa calls for the introduction of free and compulsory education for all South Africans and for the establishing of non-racial schools in which the youth of the country can learn to live and grow up together.
- g. That this conference of the Labour Party asks for the abolition of discriminatory procedures in allocating finances for the education of the youth of South Africa, and calls for an equal amount per capita per annum to be spent by the State on every South African pupil.
- h. That this conference of the Labour Party wishes to record its strong protest against the phasing out of Black students at the medical school at the University of Natal.

17. GENERAL/ALGEMEEN

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED/BENPARIG BESLUIT

- a. That the Party stresses its firm belief in the fact that arrest, banning and detention of persons without their immediate trial are evidence of oppression and calls upon the Government of South Africa to bring to trial before the open courts of law all persons being detained or banned under security provisions.
- b. That the Party underlines its firm belief in the principle that all men and women have the right to organise themselves in order to obtain the best conditions of reward for their labour, and calls upon the Government for the granting of authority to organise under trade union rights to every South African worker irrespective of race and colour.
- c. That the leadership of the Party undertake the task of replying to all newspaper articles that seek to destroy the image of the Party as well as individual leaders.
- d. Dat daar menswaardige behandeling by Staatsinstellings soos by - landdroskantore, poskantore, spoorwegstasies, aanklagtekantore en ander.
- e. That closer contact between the leadership and the membership be brought about through regular publishing of a newsletter or bulletins over and above the issues of Steadfast.

That local branches and regions where possible issue their own bulletins as well.

Expresses appreciation to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for the excellent issues of Steadfast.

- f. This conference of the Labour Party conveys to Mr Donald Woods,

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Editor of the Daily Despatch, our expression of support and solidarity in his recent stand.

- g. Dat daar van die Eerste Minister gevra word om weg te beweeg van diskriminasie deur apartheids etikette soos net vir blankes en nie-blankes oral deur die land te verwyder.
 - h. Dat om inflasie te bekamp, moet die regering die moeras van wette soos werkaftakening wat ons vooruitgang strem en die doeltreffende gebruik van arbeid verhinder, herroep moet word en dat verder alle diskrimineerende wette herroep moet word.
 - i. That the whole question of housing and group areas be seen as part of our liberatory struggle - conference encourages all its Party formations to work for the abolition of all obstacles that debar all oppressed people from being permanently settled in their land South Africa.
 - j. That conference records its condemnation of those so-called "Coloured" leaders who are alleged to be seeking to establish a so-called "centre party" that will oppose the Labour Party's policy of confrontation and which appears to be government instigated.
 - k. That the Labour Party condemns business concerns who by the discriminatory practice of creating two marketing organisations - one aimed at the White market and one aimed at the Black market - with different price structures for each group thereby exploiting the Black group.
 - l. This conference regards South Africa's presence in Angola as unwanted and unwarranted and calls for the immediate withdrawal of South African troops and police from that situation so that the Angolan people in terms of Mr Vorster's own policy of noninterference, can find their own solution without foreign interference.
 - m. The Labour Party of South Africa, striving for the complete liberation of all the oppressed peoples of South Africa, and conscious of the fact that God guides and rules the destinies of all men, calls upon the oppressed people of South Africa to unite in a NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER on a day to be decided by N F C.
18. With regard to the Labour Youth Organisation, it was
- RESOLVED
- That branches give attention to the revival of Labour Youth Movements and encourage such formations.
21. RESOLVED
- That the Eleventh Annual Conference of the Party be held at Cape Town on dates to be decided by N E C.
19. RESOLVED
- That N E C confirm the minutes of the Tenth Annual Conference and that copies thereof be circulated to all units and Members as soon as possible.
22. A moving tribute was paid to the hosts for their splendid efforts to make conference as successful as possible and also to Party officials for their dedication and sacrifice by Mrs H Coetzee.

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The Leader endorsed these sentiments and wished all who had to travel a safe return to their loved ones.

23. Conference closed at 2.00 p m with prayers said by Rev Hendrickse and to the strains of WE SHALL OVERCOME AND FREEDOM ISN'T FREE.



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