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MINUTES SECRETARIAT 15.8.55.

C.O.D.

Arising from N.E.C. Minutes.

a) Pamphlet - General political situation.

Secretary to ascertain whether finished.

b) Isa-Warden.

Reported that Commission's Report on the Nursing Bill had been received for the purpose of memorandum. Agreed to pass to Parliamentary Sub-Committee for attention with a recommendation that a doctor at the hospital be contacted to assist.

c) Hillbrow By-Election.

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The/leaflet intended to the voters in Hillbrow was discussed and amended.

Agreed to send to printers for quotation and to have 3000 printed.

d) Freedom Charter.

It was agreed to inform the press of the N.E.C. endorsement of the Freedom Charter on behalf of C.O.D.

It was agreed to ask branches to endorse Freedom Charter on behalf of their branches.

e) Resolutions The secretary asked for clarification on resolutions
CORRESPONDENCE. to be sent to the press, and after discussion this was given.

- 1) Letter from the Secretary, Claremont Branch, enclosing a copy of a leaflet centred round Tembeni, which was distributed in Cape Town by C.O.D. and inviting the N.E.C. to order reprints.

Agreed that 5000 be ordered.

- 11) Letter from woman in Pietermaritzburg asking to be enrolled as member. Agreed her letter be referred to the Durban branch, who should be asked to contact her, and the woman to be notified accordingly.

Registration of Coloured People.

After discussion on steps in hand to combat the horrifying measures taken by the authorities, it was agreed to assist S.A.C.P.O. where possible and to issue a press statement.

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(vii) to oppose the use of South Africa's natural resources for war preparations and to insist that uranium be used for peaceful purposes only.

(viii) to keep before us, in all our work and general propaganda, the urgent and pressing questions of peace, so that work for peace becomes part of all our struggles in South Africa for democracy, for equal rights for all, for racial harmony and for human happiness.

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MINUTES SECRETARIAT MEETING 2.12.54.

1. Arising from Secretariat Minutes.

a) Lee-Warden

- 1) Report of function £85.0.0. had been sent. Balance would follow in a day or so.
- 11) Labour Party Letter - noted.
- 111) Lee-Warden - Letter reporting on election - noted. The possibility of C.O.D. having to find more money for the election has to be considered.

iv) Election Results.

Victory Celebrations.

It was agreed that arrangements be made to celebrate Lee-Warden's elections.
Region to be asked to arrange party.

b) Rent-Increases

Reported that issue is deferred as a result of court cases.
Agreed to leave in abeyance for the time being.

c) Lewsen-Harvey.

Agreed to check on whether or not Region has ~~asked~~ had formal discussions.

d) National Conference.

No replies were available. member
It was agreed that a ~~member~~ of the committee who would be in Cape Town over the holidays should discuss this matter with the Cape Region.

e) Propaganda

(1) Ten Good Reasons now available.

(11) Pamphlet Fund.

Check on administration of fund.

(111) New Pamphlet

Arrangements under way.

f) A.N.C. Conference.

It was felt that failing the chairman being able to attend, a member of the Durban Region should be asked to convey fraternal greetings.

g) Xmas Recess.

Agreed to recommend to the N.E.C. that it omits one meeting over the Xmas season.

h) Police Terror.

Reported that the pamphlet is now underway.

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2. Costs of Delegates to N.A.C.

It was agreed that C.O.D. should be responsible for at least a second class Rail Fare in respect of the delegate to the N.A.C.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

Sekoni.

Agreed to pass this letter to local A.N.C.

4. Bantu Education Campaign.

Agreed to request Region to consider organising a Public Symposium on Bantu Education for early in January. Suggest people like Bishop, Huddleston, Julius Lewin etc.

5. Agenda for N.E.C

1. Minutes
2. Matters Arising.
3. Correspondence
4. Finance Report
5. General.

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Secretariat Minutes 10.2.55.

1. Arising from Minutes:

a) Western Areas Protest Campaign.

It was agreed to issue a statement protesting against the banning of meetings and the Police Procedures etc. in effecting the removals.

b) Pamphlet Noted.

c) Counter Attack - Reported that stencils were done - check.

d) City Council Memorandum on Rent Increases - Check.

e) Bantu Education Campaign

i) A member to discuss with Rev. Heddleston

ii) Agreed to discuss further at next meeting

f) Parliamentary Sub-Committee - noted

g) Population Registration Campaign. - noted.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

a) National Action Council C.O.P.

Reported that branches and Regions had been advised - situation possibly affected by ban on public meetings.

b) Lee-Warden - noted.

3. ORGANISATION.

Johannesburg Region

Check on whether or not requested to submit details, membership organisation etc.

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1. Arising From Minutes.

a) Western Areas noted.

b) Educating For Ignorance Agreed to check on Forum advertisement response.

c) Counter Attack check.

d) Natal Indian Congress Conference.

Reported that no reply had been received. It was agreed that if necessary the chairman would deliver a message of greeting.

e) Political Statement and National Conference

(1) Agreed that a member of the secretariat would amend the statement in the light of the points made by the N.E.C. and that it would be sent out with a covering letter to the branches.

(11) That the chairman should draw up a report for conference.

f) Olive Schreiner Centenary check

2. Peace Council

It was felt that C.O.D. should be doing more in the peace struggle. It was agreed to write to the Peace Council requesting information on plans, particularly with reference to the New World Peace Appeal, and to offer the assistance of C.O.D. membership.

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1. Arising From N.E.C. Minutes

a) Western Areas noted.

b) Educating for Ignorance

Noted that 500 copies had gone astray.
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c) Education

The secretary discussed latest developments. It was agreed that a full report together with resolutions of P.E. conference should be obtained for next meeting.

d) Congress of the People

The N.E.C. directive to branches and regions was discussed and amended

(i) It was agreed to refer it to the N.E.C. for final approval.

(ii) It was agreed to recommend that the Bellevue leaflet on C.O.P. should be printed in ~~sufficient~~ sufficient quantities to make them available to all branches and regions.

(iii) It was agreed that membership levies should be passed through C.O.D. books and paid to C.O.P. in lump sums.

e) Commission of Inquiry into Undesirable Literature.

Check on who is doing ?

~~2. AGENDA N.E.C.~~ The agenda has been arranged.

2. SECRETARIAT

The secretariat wished to record its appreciation of the excellent work done by the secretary and recommends that the N.E.C. regularises her position.

3. Agenda: The agenda for the N.E.C. was fixed.

No Minutes of N.E.C. Available.1. Senate Bill

A report on what had been done in respect of the Bill was discussed.

IT WAS AGREED :-

- a) That a general meeting of members be convened as soon as possible to discuss the Bill and what more could be done about it.
- b) That a pamphlet be produced covering the situation which arises out of the Bill - Lessons be drawn and why C.O.D. is the answer.

2. Population Registration Act.

The committee discussed the Population Registration Act. It was the opinion that the onus was on the ~~Registration~~ Registrar to request the individual to furnish a photograph and that unless he did so no penalties could be imposed on the individual for his ~~failure~~ failure to have a pass.

3. Resolution on Peace for National Conference.

The Secretariat amended and approved ^a draft resolution on Peace which is being submitted to National Conference in the name of the N.E.C.

4. Agenda for the N.E.C. was arranged.

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