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UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT - TRANSVAAL

MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 1983.

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1. APOLOGIES:

DR. R.A.M. SALOJEE, CASSIM SALOJEE, AUBREY MOKOENA, POPO MOLEFE.

2. PRESENT:

S.A. MINeworkERS UNION, M.G.W.U.S.A., VAAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, S.C.Y.C.O., S.A.A.W.U., SOWETO RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION, ANTI - P.C. COMMITTEE, T.I.C., G.A.W.U.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3.1 ITEM 3.12 SHOULD INCLUDE M.G.W.U.S.A. AS IT WAS PART OF THE CISKEI SOLIDARITY MEETING.

4. SECRETARIAL REPORT:

4.1 MEETINGS:

4.1.1 MASS MEETINGS WERE HELD IN KAGISO, SOWETO, ALEXANDRA, HUHUDI (VRYBURG), SEBOKENG, KATHELAHONG.

4.1.2 DURING THIS WEEKEND MEETING WILL BE HELD IN MANSIEVILLE, MEDUNSA AND KURUMAN.

4.2 OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

4.2.1 DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED WITH S.A. BLACK TAXI DRIVERS ASS.]

4.2.2. A LETTER HAS BEEN WRITTEN TO AZAPO REQUESTING A FOLLOW - UP MEETING.

4.3 PUBLICATIONS:

4.3.1 "DON'T VOTE", CISKEI, DECLARATION (ALL LEAFLETS).

4.3.2. UDF - NEWS NO. 2 WAS DISTRIBUTED ON 1/2 OCTOBER 1983.

4.3.3. NEXT ISSUE OF UDF - NEWS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON 21 OCTOBER 1983. THIS ISSUE WILL FOCUS ON PEOPLES WEEKEND, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, REFERENDUM AND A ROUND-UP OF EVENTS.

4.3.4. POSTERS AND HANDBILLS ADVERTISING THE PEOPLE'S RALLY WOULD BE AVAILABLE AS FROM 18 OCTOBER 1983.

4.4. OFFICE:

WE ARE NOW OPERATING FROM ROOM 405, KHOTSO HOUSE.

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4.5.1. IN THE PAST MONTH MEETING ORGANISED BY UDF, TIC, KMC & NIC HAVE BEEN BANNED. THIS INCLUDES THE UDF LAUNCHING MEETING IN EAST LONDON LAST MONTH AND IN KINGWILLIAMSTOWN FOR 16 OCTOBER 1983. THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 9/10 OCTOBER 1983 IN JOHANNESBURG. WAS BANNED.

4.6 JOINT - SECRETARY:

R.E.C. HAS APPOINTED MOSS CHIKANE AS JOINT SECRETARY. THIS DECISION IS SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COUNCIL.

4.7 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

APART FROM THE TIC, NO OTHER AFFELIATE HAS SUBMITTED THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

4.8. VIDEOS:

A VIDEO ON THE NATIONAL LAUNCHING WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE UDF OFFICE AS FROM WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1983.

4.9. PEOPLE'S WEEKEND (29/30 OCTOBER 1983)

4.9.1. RALLY: THE RALLY WOULD BE HELD AT THE NUR - UL - ISLAM MOSQUE IN LENASIA ON 30 OCTOBER 1983.

5. MATTERS ARISING : FROM SECRETARIAL REPORT:

5.1 MOSS CHIKANE'S NOMINATION AS JOINT - SECRETARY WAS ACCEPTED.

5.2 THE SOWETO RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION SAID THAT THEY WOULD SUBMIT THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN INSTALMENTS.

6. REPORTS FROM AFFELIATES:

ONLY WRITTEN REPORTS WERE ACCEPTED. REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM ANTI - P.C. COMMITTEE, NUSAS, AND THE VAAL ACTION COMMITTEE.

7. NATIONAL PEOPLE'S WEEKEND:

7.1 IT WAS DECIDED THAT CHURCHES AND MOSQUES SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT SPECIAL SERVICES OVER THE PEOPLE'S WEEKEND.

7.2 AFFELIATES ARE TO ORGANISE LOCAL ACTIVITIES OVER THE WEEKEND. SOME OF THE SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES WERE: CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, PLACARD DEMOSTRATIONS, VIGILS, MOTORCADES, AND PLACARD DEMOSTRATIONS.

7.3 THE MEETING DECIDED THAT SPORTING ORGANISATIONS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO CANCEL ACTIVITIES DURING THE PEOPLE'S WEEKEND.

8. MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN:

THE MEETING ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE NEED FOR THE ABOVE CAMPAIGN. THE PETITION SHOULD FOCUS ON A REJECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION ACT AND THE KOORNHOF PROPOSALS.

9. IT WAS DECIDED TO WRITE AN OPEN LETTER TO P.W. BOTHA IN ORDER TO PLACE ON RECORD THE NATURE AND AIMS OF THE UDF - TVL. THIS LETTER WOULD FURTHERMORE OUTLINE THE UDF'S VIEW OF THE BANNINGS OF OUR MEETINGS.
10. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT IN FUTURE ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD ON A MONTHLY BASIS.
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12 NOVEMBER 1983 AT KHOTSO HOUSE.
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