

UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT TRANSVAAL

SECRETARIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Rev "02"

MEETING HELD ON THE 14 JANUARY 1984

I. NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 17 AND 18 DECEMBER 1984

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT DEALT WITH THE FOLLOWING ISSUES.

1. THE COLOURED AND INDIAN REFERENDUM.
2. MILITARY CONSCRIPTION.
3. THE MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN.

AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION ON THE TACTIC TO BE ADOPTED AS REGARDS THE COLOURED AND INDIAN REFERENDUM, THE CONFERENCE RESOLVED THAT :

- (a) THE UDF ALLOW ITS AFFILIATES FLEXIBILITY OF TACTICS TO SHOW REJECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION.
- (b) THAT THE REGIONS DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND GIVE FEEDBACK TO THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE N.E.C.

AN INPUT PAPER ON MILITARY CONSCRIPTION WAS DELIVERED. DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF TIME THIS ISSUE WAS NOT DEALT WITH ADEQUATELY. HOWEVER, THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDED THAT THE MATTER BE DISCUSSED AT REGIONAL LEVEL.

IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN WOULD BE LAUNCHED IN JANUARY 1984. THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE TRANSVAAL REGION WOULD BE 300 000.

2. MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

THIS CAMPAIGN WOULD BE LAUNCHED ON 22 JANUARY 1984 AT A RALLY IN SOSHANGUVE BY THE N.E.C. WHICH MEETS IN PRETORIA OVER THE SAME WEEKEND. THE OCCASSION WOULD ALSO HIGHLIGHT THE CONTINUED DETENTION OF UDF PATRON PATER SMANGALISO MKATCHWA. A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CO - ORDINATE THIS CAMPAIGN IN THE TRANSVAAL. THE COMMITTEE MEETS ON WEDNESDAYS AT 5.30 PM AT THE UDF OFFICE. ALL ORGANISATIONS ARE WELCOMED TO SEND VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE.

3. THE NORTHERN CAPE REGION

THIS REGION IS TO BE LAUNCHED ON THE 21 AND 22 JANUARY 1984 AT RALLIES TO BE HELD IN VRYBURG AND KIMBERLY.

4. FINANCE

THE R.E.C. HAS ADOPTED A FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1983. THE REPORT INDICATES AN EXPENDITURE OF R80 000 AND THE AMOUNT OWING IS OVER R32 000.

RURAL AREAS

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ATTENDED AND ADDRESSED A PUBLIC MEETING IN LEANDRA ON THE 31 DECEMBER 1983. SUBSEQUENTLY A WORKING RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE LEANDRA ACTION COMMITTEE. A VISIT WAS ALSO MADE TO THE REMOVALS AREA BADPLAAS.

6. A MESSAGE SUPPORTING THE DEMANDS OF THE PICKET PAY WORKERS ON STRIKE WAS SUBMITTED TO CCAWSA.

7. REPORT FROM AFFILIATES

NEUSA PRODUCED A NATIONAL NEWSLETTERS IN WHICH UDF FEATURED PROMINANTLY AND DISCUSSION ON UDF WAS HELD AT ITS AGM. AT PRESENT ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN UDF CAMPAIGNS.

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