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NORTHERN TRANSVAAL UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Dear Comrades

You are hereby invited to a major conference to be held on the 3rd March 1985 at Kratzenstein Mission (Mmasealama)

The purpose of this conference will be to make final arrangements on launching of the N. Tvl. U.D.F. comrades are urged to attend this major conference.

You are requested to extend the invitation to other comrades.

Yours in the struggle

*A. C. Cabudehlan*  
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CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE



REPORT ON NORTHERN TRANSVAAL UDF CONFERENCE.

DATE : 03. 02. 1985.

VENUE : KRATZEINSTEIN LUTHERAN MISSION ( PHASEALAMA )

Organisations, individual activists and working groups from all over in the N. Transvaal came together to discuss the progress of the UDF in this region. The conference was convened by the N. Tvl co-ordinating committee of UDF. The following organisations were represented:

1. South African Allied Workers Union (S.A.A.W.U.) -P/burg
2. United Metal and Mining Allied Workers Union of South Africa (Ummawusa)-Steelpoort.
3. Mankweng Youth Congress (MAYCO)
4. Seshego Youth Congress (SEYCO)
5. Kratzenstein Youth Congress (KRAYCO)
6. Congress of South African students (COSAS)
7. Azanian students Organisation (AZASO)
8. Lenyenye working group.
9. Nkowa-nkowa Youth working group
10. P.P Rust TIC working group.

Other activists came from Sibasa (Venda) and Sekhukhuneland.

HISTORY OF THE UDF

Comrade Moss Chikane gave a brief history of the UDF. He pointed out that a call for a united front was made by Dr Allan Boesak on the 22 January 1983. This was followed by three regional launches Natal, Tvl and Western Cape. On the 20 Augustus 1983 more that 15000 people from all over S.A came together in Cape town launch UDF natinally. Since its formation, the UDF has been engaged in the struggle against forced removals, influx control and the new constitution. The UDF succeeded in exposing the new constitution which was and still is aimed at entrenching apartheid. On the 22 and 28 August 1984 more 82% of the Indian and Coloured people refused to take part in the apartheid elections and voiced in action their support for the structural issues under the banner of the UDF.



REPORT ON THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

Comrade Joyce Mabudafhasi read the following report.

The N.TVL. Co-ordinating committee was formed in May last year with the aim of Co-ordinating UDF activities and publishing the front in this region. The Committee to some extent succeeded in developing contact among activists and organizations in the N.TVL. Contact was also developed with many of the existing grassroots women's group which are organised mostly around cultural activities and self reliant projects.

On the 5th August 1984 a rally was organised by the committee in Seshego more than 5000 people attended the rally from all corners of Northern Tvl. This was the biggest political rally ever held in the history of the N.T.V.L.

Structures were formed during preparations for the rally and after. The committee failed in Co-ordinating activities the way it had planned mainly because of lack of funds. The national executive of UDF had promised to help financially but funds were available only for the rally. There after nothing happened

The meeting identified the problem as lack of Co-ordination and agreed that a much more permanent structure was needed to Co-ordinate in this region. Comrade Moss Chikane was asked to explain UDF structures <sup>and</sup> their functions. He confined his report only to the Area Committee and Regional structure because he regarded <sup>them</sup> <sub>^</sub> as ~~more~~ more relevant to our discussion.

AREA COMMITTEE.

Organizations working in the same area come together and form an Area committee e.g. organisations in Mankwerg or Seshego can form an Area committee. <sup>The</sup> area committee sends two delegates to each Regional Council meeting. These committee have got to raise funds on their own.



REGIONAL STRUCTURE.

This is a much more bigger structure than an area committee. A regional structure is formed when organizations operating in the same region come together and form a general council (G.C.). The general council is the one that elects an executive committee. e.g. of regions are: Tvl, Border, Western, Cape, Natal, and Eastern Cape.

Regions are being financed by the national executive committee. This however does not bar regions from raising funds on their own, infact they are encouraged to do so. The N.E.C. is the only body which is allowed to raise funds on an international level.

DECISION.

It was felt that the meeting should not take any decision on the kind of a structure which will be much effective in the N.Tvl. This was agreed upon in order to give comrades time to discuss the type of structure we need to form in our area.

Another meeting where a decision will be taken as to which structure going to form will be held on the 3rd March 1985. Comrades are asked to come with full mandate from organizations on the question of structure.

CO-ORDINATION.

The committee was given the task to continue co-ordinating until the next conference. Names of people who could be contacted by the committee were given.

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES...

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\_\_\_\_\_ Coordinating Committee.

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