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MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 19831. PRESENT:

- 1.1 AFFILIATES: Mamelodi Action Committee, S.C.A., MGWUSA, TIC, Winterveld Action Committee, DESCOM, B.S.M., SASDU, Tvl Anti - P.C. Committee, NUSAS, AYCO, FED SAW, SAAWU, SOYCO, Vaal Civic Association, ERAPO, AZASO, TAC, Soweto Residents' Committee.
- 1.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Dr. R.A.M. Saloojee (chairman), Mrs. F. Baard, Mr. L. Vogelma, Mr. E. Shabangu, Mr. M. Bokala, Mr. Cassim Saloojee, Mr. Nasim Pahad, Mr. G. Du Plessis, Mr. M. Valli.

2. APOLOGIES:

Prof. Mohammed, Mr. M.Chikane, Rev. F. Chikane.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3.1 CORRECTIONS: Item 2 should include NUSAS.

3.2 Adopted.

4. MATTERS ARISING: None.

5. SECRETARIAL REPORT: Read and accepted (see annexure)

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM SECRETARIAL REPORT:

6.1 The secretary stressed that it was vital that all affiliates submit written reports at least two days before council meetings.

6.2 Mr. Mhangu asked whether the letter written to the Prime Minister was not in conflict with the decision taken in this regard at the last meeting. The chairman replied by bringing to his notice that the letter did not request a meeting with the P.M. but merely requested that he acknowledges receipt of our letter.

7. PORT ELIZABETH CONFERENCE:

7.1 TRANSPORT: It was decided that the bus would depart on 15 December 1983 at 7.30 p.m. from Khotso House. Delegates were informed that if they do not submit the bus-fare timeously the bus would be cancelled.

7.2 REMOVALS AND RELOCATION: Mr. Cassim Saloojee said that the UDF has not been sufficiently active on this front. Our participation was sadly lacking in the resistance at Mogopa. He suggested that the Tvl Region sponsors a resolution on this question at the Conference. It was also decided that the Programmes of Action for next year should include a rural component.

7.3 MILITARY CONSCRIPTION: The meeting was informed that the Western Cape Commission on this issue would be meeting on 14 and 15 December 1983 to discuss recommendations.

7.4 A delegate suggested that a response to the increase in bus-fares should be included in the Programme of Action.

8. MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN: The Council was informed that the Tvl Region quota of signatures is 400 000. Some delegates voiced reservation about the feasibility of accumulating the 400 000 signatures, while others said that the task is not difficult provided we make a determined effort. The meeting endorsed the decision to launch the campaign at the P.E. Conference. However, it was decided that the name of the campaign should be changed as the present binds us to one million signatures.

9. COLOURED AND INDIAN REFERENDUM: Discussion and debate ensued around two basic positions. The one view was that the UDF demands for a referendum and campaigns for a NO vote in the event of a referendum being held. The other view was that the UDF does not make a demand for a referendum and campaigns for a boycott in the event of a referendum being held. The meeting decided not to take a decision on this matter as it was to be decided upon at the National General Conference.

10: FINANCE: Each affiliate must mention in its report to the next Council Meeting its plans to raise money for UDF.

11: ASSESSMENT OF ANTI - B.C.A. ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN: It was decided that organisations should submit a written report in this regard.

12 GENERAL: A delegate enquired as to what the reason was for many Regional Executive Committee members not being present. Delegates pointed out that it was ESSENTIAL for Executive Committee members to attend all General Council Meetings.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14 January 1984

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