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THE TRANSVAAL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 15 NOVEMBER 1984

A) PRESENT:

F. Chikane, M. Bokala, E. Molobi, C. Saloojee, I. Mohamed, E. Shabangu and M. Chikane.

B) OFFICE:

Pat Lephunya

C) APOLOGIES:

M. Valli, H. Sisulu, H. Hlaletoa, D. Muthe and N. Pahad.

D) MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

E) MATTERS ARISING:

The REC was informed that Mr. Anderson's visit was not an initiative of the United Democratic Front, he was sent by Mr. Kinorch to find out the facts about the Durban Consulate Six (6).

F) WORKSHOP:

The workshop as agreed and endorsed by the General Meeting to work out a policy on the International Relations of UDF to be planned in three (3) weeks time. The secretaries were asked to look into the contents of the workshop.

G) NELSPRUIT AND LEANDRA:

Pat Lephunya reported that he was not in the position to go to these areas but hope to do so in the near future.

(H) VAAL SITUATION:

Rev. F. Chikane reported that structures in this area are been ^{revised} and that a number of ten (10) volunteers are still needed to facilitate work in this area. The office should make available the small sum of money for travelling expenses.

I) CULTURAL BOYCOTT:

The National Executive Committee was asked to collect information and set up guidelines on what line is to be followed on this issue.

The Labour Research Committee was also to be approached to see what they could do and how they could help in this area.

J) MURPHY:

It was agreed by the executive to continue paying Murphy as long as he is still in detention, though his services were to be terminated at the end of November 1984.

) STAYAWAY

It was noted that the office has been receiving telephone calls seeking clarity on this issue. The office was asked to issue a press statement to clarify this matter.

L) TEMBISA TRADER:

We received a telephone call from a Mr. E. Twala of Tembisa Chamber of Commerce seeking consultation with the United Democratic Front. The executive agreed to this meeting only after clear consultation has been made with our officials in this area.

M) NATIONAL PROTEST DAY:

The National Executive Committee suggested that all regions plan a National Protest Day against repression to be held on the 25 November 1984. This was also to be referred to the General Council meeting. [REDACTED]

O) CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a telegram from New York to pledging solidarity with the detainees in South Africa. The second letter read was from the Unions seeking emergency General Council meeting to focus on the BLACK CHRISTMAS. [REDACTED]

P) N E C REPORTS:

This report was informal as the N E C will prepare a formal report. It was also made clear that the meeting of the 10th and 11th November 1984 was not a meeting as such but it was a workshop. However this focused on Administration restructuring and accountability of the National Office. [REDACTED]

Q) FINANCES:

It was agreed that UDF work out a method of meeting it's debts as it could not pay them all at once.

Johannesburg area committee is embarking on cake selling as a method to raise funds for UDF and this area committee.

R) AREA COMMITTEE'S- ACCOUNT:

The feeling of the executive was that it could run it's own account but the evaluation commission should look into the question of how funds of area committees could be administered.

S) REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

The executive felt that the annual regional conference of the UDF be planned for the first week of March 1985.

T) N E C CONFERENCE:

The National Conference of the UDF is to be held on the 6th and 7th April 1985 in the Transvaal region.

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