

339 Speaker: Our two nominees are Joe Phahla from AZASO and (clapping) Mr. Yunus Mohamed (clapping).

Langa: Thank you very much those are the regional secretaries who have been elected. Now the next position is that of executive members, executive members, two per region. We start with the Transvaal.

Speaker: Mr. Chairman, the nominations again from the Transvaal is Dr. Ram Saloojee (clapping) and Mr. Aubrey Makoena (clapping)

Langa: Thank you very much. The Western Cape?

Speaker: Mr. Chairman, we have elected and accepted Moverad Mosiah (?), Andrew Borraine (clapping).

Langa: And Natal?

Speaker: I have pleasure in announcing Prof. Jerry Coovadia and (clapping) Rev. Xundu (clapping).

Langa: Thank you very much, those are the elected executive members for each region. (inaudible) question from order.

372 Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Now I think that Free State must also be represented. I have somebody in mind presently of which can represent Free State by the name of M.K. Malefane (clapping).

Speaker: Its all right, its all right. Ja, I am sorry but as a constitution is presently drafted, unconstituted regions which are small regions are high co-options onto the executive committees, that the constitution which we have accepted. The National Executive Committee will undoubtedly, eh make some arrangements for co-option of people onto the executive or make sure that repre- that the requirements of these areas are properly represented. So I would ask, we are in a very restrictive situation, things are changing all the time, organisations are infact growing everywhere and in the constitution as we have planned it and as it has been accepted at this conference, does not make any provision for voters to have that kind of nomination. I will suggest in these circumstances that the matter we left to the National Executive Committee to handle and I'm sure that the National Executive Committee as constituted will make a decision which will take into all the circumstances and which hopefully all the parties will be happy with (clapping).

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Langa: Thank you very much. Those were the Executive Members. The next position is that of National Treasurers. These are National Treasurers. We need two National Treasurers.

Speaker: Here again Mr. Electoral Officer, I think nominations have been accepted by various regions have they not?

Speaker: The two nominations received for treasurers were Mewa Ramgobin from Natal, and Cassim Saloojee from Transvaal.
(clapping)

Langa: Thank you very much. My task is now accomplished. I congratulate those who have been elected to these honourous positions and I wish them well. Thank you. (clapping)

Speaker: Thank you Pius. Congratulations to everybody who has been elected. Eh, we have to rush off, rush on again. We got the last part of our agenda, the working program. I'll ask Popo to read the last part of it (inaudible). There is two positions which haven't been filled and lets go back to that.

Speaker: The two positions are, the two positions are, firstly the National Secretary and again the Secretariat has received a nomination. That of Popo Molefe (clapping). For publicity secretary again there is a single nomination, Mr. Terror Lekota from Natal (clapping)

Speaker: Thanks again, eh, the last part of our agenda, the working programme. I'm asking Popo to read the last half of it I has been recommended by the secretariat for acceptance and implementation by regions.

440 P. Molefe: It is my wish that eh, in bringing these programme of action, I do not raise any controveries. We actually here moving against time, that is why I am going to choose to read the last two parts which is the objectives of the campaign and the tasks.

The objectives of the campaign;

To oppose the constitutional bills and any election emerging therefrom.

To oppose the Koornhof bills and any election emerging therefrom.

To mobilize every section of our people into the front.

To educate people about dangers from the proposals and the need for unity in action.

To promote democratic consultation and participation throughout the campaign.

To encourage co-operation and united action between all sections against co-operation.

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TASKS:

1. To establish the United Democratic Front as the only representative front representing all sections of our people.
2. To popularise the U-UDF within and outside the country.
3. Mobilise all organisations and communities into the UDF.
4. Establish UDF branches throughout the country.
5. Implement door to door campaigns throughout the country.
6. Encourage the strengthening of all grass roots democratic organisations, community and other barriers, sorry, sorry, sorry I jumped one line.
6. Encourage the strengthening of the grass roots democratic organisations.
7. Promote meaningful co-operation and united action across all communities and other barriers.
8. Ensure democratic participation and consultation in all aspects of the campaign.

Speaker: Can we have, can we have show of hands for acceptance for the program. Thank You, eh. The purpose of this is not necessary to accept it but to implement it and I think it is the most important part it and everybody leaves here with a commitment to go back and implement this, this program or this working program we just accepted. The importance of it, that the most important part of it, to go back into the field and start doing it.

We now come to the end of this part of our, of our, of our historical day and you know how to close. I would like to call upon our president, or one of our presidents Mr. Archie Gumede, to close on behalf of, of the presidency. Mr. Archie (clapping)

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Woman Speaker: Mr. Chairman,

Speaker: One minute while Archie Gumede is coming up, I just want to say that all marshalls and all people who wish to assist or want to assist in the handling, in the handling or clearing up of the hall or in the handling of the income, incapable to come into the hall, please report to the back of the hall as soon as the closing is over.

Woman Speaker: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. Ah! At the moment that we've been given a draft infact a program of action and we accept it, (inaudible) nationally its been accepted but I propose that this be taken to various regions and the regions to look at the program of action and, and bring about a concrete kind of a program of action and I move that the national delegates of each region to come to a joint meeting and come with a clear concrete plan of action and I also propose that an immediate call of action should accompanying those kinds of um, decisions. (clapping)

Speaker: Just before we close, just before Archie come up, one more message we feel should be read out now.

519 Speaker: I have a message here from M.K. Malefane. It reads thus: "Besides being here as part of the free state UDF, I am also representing the Mandela family and would like to announce that Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and his cell mates give their blessings to this gathering and we want you to know that right at this moment they are with you even though not physically. (clapping)

532 Song: as attached.

Speaker: Comrades, comrades, comrades, before Archie closed this meeting the entire executive just elected is to meet Zac Yacoob at the table here. I now present Archie Gumede. (clapping)

550 A. Gumede: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Ladies and gentlemen, sons and daughters of Africa, I greet you in the name of our departed heroes, the Luthuli's, the Mathews' and many others whose names I cannot recall at this very historical moment. I greet you in the name of my fellow presidents who through circumstances be-

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yond their control are not able to be with you here today. I only wish to say that and I believe that this occasion will live in the memories of each and everyone of us as an exceptional occasion when people of all races from all sections of the community have met and have had a discussion of problems that affect them in their daily lives. We are very grateful that we have come to an end of this session without meeting any insuperable problems. And I must express my thanks to all the people who have contributed to the success of this occasion, not forgetting the secretaries and the other people who have been involved in organising all that has been organised. I will not forget the people who provided the lunch that sustained us so that at even this hour we are still able to follow the proceedings with intelligence, with sufficient eh, support. (clapping) With those few words I wish to say thank you to one and all. (clapping)

Audience: Amandla

Speaker: Sorry, I think we've reached the situation of desperation at this point. There are thousands of people gathered outside. Firstly, we make an appeal to every attorney in the audience to come to the front and meet with Zac Yacoob. The full national executive is also to come to the front. While that is happening certain changes have to be made to accommodate everybody and we have to work out a plan to change the arrangements within the hall because there will be thousands of people in the marquee outside as well.

613 Speaker: There is an appeal, those glass doors on the side as well as the fire-escapes will be opened to allow people within the hall to go outside. The hall has to be changed so it is going to be impossible to do that with people and chairs and tables and things in the way. Eh. As soon as we are ready we will allow people to come in from there first and later through the front entrance. There are marshalls and we appeal, we appeal for maximum co-operation.

(Noise)

(Interruption)

Interruption (xxx)

END OF TAPE 4 SIDE 1

TAPE 1 : SIDE 1

019 SONG : WE GO WE GO WE GO EVEN IF
IT IS DIFFICULT
LEADER : IT IS BAD TO IT
AUDIENCE : WE GO WE GO WE GO
EVEN IF IT

023 INAUDIBLE

WE GO WE GO WE GO
EVEN IF IT

024 INAUDIBLE

025 WE GO WE GO WE GO
EVEN IF
WE GO WE GO WE GO
EVEN IF IT

TAPE 1 : SIDE 1

SONG:

230 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 THIS IS THE ORGANISATION
 IT IS FOR YOU
 THE ORGANISATION IS THERE
 IT IS FOR YOU
 THE ORGANISATION IS THERE
 THE U.D.F.

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 THE ORGANISATION IS THERE
 THE U.D.F.
 THE ORGANISATION IS THERE
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 THE ORGANISATION IS THERE
 THE U.D.F.
 THE ORGANISATION IS THERE
 THE U.D.F.

251 SLOGAN:

AUDIENCE : POWER IS OURS
 AUDIENCE : POWER IS OURS
 (Chairman speaks in between)

TAPE 1 : SIDE 1

460 SONG:

LEADER : HERE IS THE SUPREME COURT SPITTING FIRE
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : INAUDIBLE
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : INAUDIBLE
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : ONONO
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : OLOLO
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : ONONO
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : OLOLO
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : HERE IS GASA'S HOUSE ABLASE
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : THE BOYS WILL SAY THEY ATTACKED IT YESTERDAY
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : INAUDIBLE
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : INAUDIBLE
AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING
LEADER : WE ARE GOING WE ARE GOING WE ARE GOING

SLOGAN:

238 LEADER : HELLA MANDELA
AUDIENCE : HAYI
LEADER : OUR MANDELA
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI
LEADER : HELLA MANDELA
AUDIENCE : HAYI
LEADER : OUR MANDELA
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI
LEADER : ARCHIE GUMEDE
AUDIENCE : HAYI
LEADER : OUR LEADER
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI
LEADER : I FEEL LIKE GOING MAD
AUDIENCE : HAYI
LEADER : I SEE AN INFORMER
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI
LEADER : I FEEL LIKE GOING MAD
AUDIENCE : HAYI
LEADER : THAT I FIGHT
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI
LEADER : THE U.D.F.
AUDIENCE : HAYI
LEADER : UMHLANGANISO
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI
LEADER : THE U.D.F.
AUDIENCE : HAYI
LEADER : UMHLANGANISO

SONG:

506 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 THIS IS THE ORGANISATION
 THE U.D.F.
 OH THIS IS THE ORGANISATION
 THE U.D.F.
 OH IT IS THE ORGANISATION
 THE U.D.F.
 OH IT IS THIS ORGANISATION
 THE U.D.F.

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS
 AUDIENCE : UNITE
 OH THIS IS THE ORGANISATION
 OH THE U.D.F.
 OH IT IS THE ORGANISATION
 THE U.D.F.
 OH IT IS THE ORGANISATION
 THE U.D.F.
 OH IT IS THE ORGANISATION
 THE U.D.F.

SONG:

585 LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

OH THIS ORGANISATION IS THERE
OH THE U.D.F.

(ABOVE REPEATED TWO MORE TIMES)

SPEAKER : FREEDOM

CROWD : YES

SPEAKER : APARTHEID

CROWD : NO

SPEAKER : APARTHEID

CROWD : NO

POWER IS OURS OLIVER (X2)

705 SONG: THE NAME OF HELEN

JOSEPH SHOULD BE PRAISED
THE NAME OF HELEN

END OF TAPE 1 : SIDE 2

008 IN ENGLISH.

SAMSON NDOU: ENGLISH

AUDIENCE : DO.

AUDIENCE : IN ENGLISH

AUDIENCE : POWER IS OURS

AUDIENCE : POWER OURS

AUDIENCE : OURS POWER

TAPE 1 : SIDE 2

SONG:

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

IT IS THE ORGANISATION

THE U.D.F.

(X3)

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

OH THIS IS THE ORGANISATION

OH THE U.D.F.

(X3)

TAPE 1 : SIDE 2

SONG :

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

LEADER : UNITE WORKERS

AUDIENCE : UNITE

OH THIS ORGANISATION IS THERE

OH THE U.D.F. (X4)

SPEAKER :
CROWD :
SPEAKER :
CROWD :
SPEAKER :
CROWD :

POWER IS OURS OLIVER (X2)

327 SONG:

THE NAME OF HELEN JOSEPH
SHOULD BE PRAISED
THE NAME OF HELEN JOSEPH
SHOULD BE PRAISED (X5)

THE NAME OF HELEN JOSEPH
SHOULD BE PRAISED
THE NAME OF HELEN JOSEPH
SHOULD BE PRAISED (X2)

THE NAME OF HELEN JOSEPH
SHOULD BE PRAISED (X5)
THE NAME OF HELEN JOSEPH
SHOULD BE PRAISED

THE NAME OF HELEN JOSEPH
SHOULD BE PRAISED (X3)

383 SONG:

AUDIENCE : HE IS LEARNING SOLDIERS
LEADER : HE-HE THAMBO
AUDIENCE : THAMBO IS IN THE BUSH MAMA
LEADER : HE IS TEACHING
AUDIENCE : HE IS STILL TEACHING SOLDIERS
LEADER : HE-HE THAMBO
AUDIENCE : THAMBO IS IN THE BUSH MAMA
LEADER : HAYI HE TEACHES
AUDIENCE : HE IS STILL TEACHING SOLDIERS
LEADER : HAYEYE THAMBO
AUDIENCE : THAMBO IS IN THE BUSH MAMA
LEADER : HAYI HAYI WHAT IS HE DOING
AUDIENCE : HE IS STILL TEACHING THE SOLDIERS
LEADER : HEYI YO THAMBO
AUDIENCE : THAMBO IS IN THE BUSH MAMA
LEADER : HAYI WHAT IS HE DOING
AUDIENCE : HE IS STILL TEACHING THE SOLDIERS
LEADER : HEY WHAT IS HE DOING
AUDIENCE : COME ENQUIRE BOYS
LEADER : HAYI HAYI WHAT IS HE DOING
AUDIENCE : HE IS STILL TEACHING THE SOLDIERS
LEADER : HAYI YOU COME
AUDIENCE : COME COME BOYS
LEADER : HAYI WHAT IS HE DOING
AUDIENCE : HE IS STILL TEACHING SOLDIERS
LEADER : HAYI THAMBO
AUDIENCE : THAMBO IS IN THE BUSH MAMA
LEADER : HAHA WHAT IS HE DOING
AUDIENCE : HE IS STILL TEACHING SOLDIERS
LEADER : HA HA THAMBO
AUDIENCE : THAMBO IS IN THE BUSH MAMA
LEADER : HAYI HAYI WHAT IS HE DOING
AUDIENCE : HE IS STILL TEACHING THE SOLDIERS
LEADER : HO HO THAMBO
AUDIENCE : THAMBO IS IN THE BUSH
LEADER : HE IS STILL TEACHING THE SOLDIERS

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405 cont. LET AFRICA COME BACK (X5)

TAPE 2 : SIDE 1

405 SONG:

THE GUN IN ANGOLA
BRING THE GUN
THERE IS THE GUN IN ANGOLA
BRING THE GUN
HERE IS THE GUN IN ANGOLA
BRING THE GUN
(X6)

405 CONT. SAME WORDS REPEATED AS ABOVE

471 SLOGAN: INAUDIBLE OURS OURS OURS

474 SONG CONTINUES:

THE GUN IN THE BUSH
BRING THE GUN
HERE IS THE GUN IN THE BUSH
BRING THE GUN
HERE IS THE GUN IN ANGOLA
BRING THE GUN
HERE IS THE GUN IN THE BUSH
BRING THE GUN
HERE IS THE GUN IN ANGOLA
BRING THE GUN
HERE IS THE GUN IN ANGOLA

483 SLOGAN: POWER IS OURS (X4)

492 SONG:

HAYI HAYI THAMBO
THAMBO IS IN THE BUSH MAMA
HA A WHAT IS HE DOING
HE IS TEACHING THE SOLDIERS
REPEATED (X8)

534 SONG:

WE SHALL GET THEM
WITH THEIR CHILDREN WE SHALL GET THEM
HO THAMBO'S ROCK IS FORMIDABLE
INAUDIBLE

542 SLOGAN:

LEADER : THEY UNDERRATE US
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI HAYI
LEADER : THEY UNDERRATE US
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI HAYI
LEADER : THEY UNDERRATE US
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI HAYI
LEADER : THEY UNDERRATE US
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI HAYI
LEADER : THEY UNDERRATE US
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI HAYI
LEADER : INAUDIBLE
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI HAYI
LEADER : INAUDIBLE
AUDIENCE : HAYI HAYI HAYI

THE ABOVE EXCHANGE IS REPEATED (X8) TIMES

566 SONG:

ACROSS THE RIVER
WE SHALL GET THEM
WITH THEIR CHILDREN WE SHALL GET THEM
ACROSS THE RIVER
WE SHALL GET THEM
WITH THEIR CHILDREN WE SHALL GET THEM
THE ROCK OF THAMBO
IS FORMIDABLE IS FORMIDABLE
THE ROCK OF THAMBO
IS FORMIDABLE (INAUDIBLE) IS FORMIDABLE
ACROSS THE RIVERS
WE SHALL GET THEM
WITH THEIR CHILDREN WE SHALL GET THEM
ACROSS THE RIVERS
WE SHALL GET THEM
WITH THEIR CHILDREN WE SHALL GET THEM

581 SLOGAN:

POWER IS OURS
POWER IS OURS

SONG: INAUDIBLE

TAPE 2 : SIDE 2165 SONG:

LEADER : HERE IS THE U.D.F. HEY

AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING

LEADER : WE ARE GOING

AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING

LEADER : WE ARE GOING

AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE

LEADER : EVEN ACCORDING TO ARCHIE HEY

AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING

LEADER : WE ARE GOING

AUDIENCE : WE ARE GOING

LEADER : WE ARE GOING EVEN IF (INAUDIBLE)

TAPE 3 : SIDE 1SONG:

LEADER : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM
AUDIENCE : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM
LEADER : INAUDIBLE
AUDIENCE : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM
LEADER : OUR GUIDE
AUDIENCE : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM
LEADER : OUR GUIDE
AUDIENCE : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM (X3)
LEADER : OUR GUIDE
AUDIENCE : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM (X8)
LEADER : EVEN IF HE IS IMPRISONED
AUDIENCE : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM
LEADER : EVEN IF HE IS IMPRISONED
AUDIENCE : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM
LEADER : EVEN IF HE IS IMPRISONED
AUDIENCE : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM
LEADER : EVEN IF HE IS IMPRISONED
AUDIENCE : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM
LEADER : OUR GUIDE
AUDIENCE : WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM WE SHALL FOLLOW HIM
LEADER : EXCHANGE REPEATED (X2)

642 SONG:

(THEY SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM IN ZULU AND SOTHO.)

TRANSLATION

GOD BLESS AFRICA
 LET ITS FAME BE HELD HIGH
 HEAR OUR PRAYERS
 GOD BLESS ~~AFRICA~~
~~LET ITS FAME BE HELD HIGH~~
 WE ITS INHABITANTS

GOD BLESS AFRICA
 LET ITS FAME BE HELD HIGH
 HEAR OUR PRAYERS
 GOD BLESS

WE ITS INHABITANTS
 COME SPIRIT COME
 BLESS

GOD BLESS
 COME SPIRIT
 BLESS

GOD BLESS
~~WE ITS INHABITANTS~~
 COME HOLY SPIRIT
 GOD BLESS

WE ITS INHABITANTS
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GOD BLESS OUR NATION
 FINISH THE WARS AND SUFFERINGS
 GOD BLESS OUR NATION
 FINISH THE WARS AND SUFFERINGS

SAVE IT, SAVE IT.

OUR NATION
 OUR NATION

SAVE IT GOD
 SAVE IT GOD

SAVE IT, OUR NATION
 OUR NATION

SONG:

MANDELA: (INAUDIBLE) FREEDOM
(SONG IN ENGLISH BUT VERY INAUDIBLE)

84 SONG: (ACCOMPANIED WITH CLAPPING)

WHERE IS THE GUN IN ANGOLA
COME WITH IT (X3)
THERE IS THE GUN IN ANGOLA
COME WITH IT (X11)

84 cont. THERE IS THE GUN IN ANGOLA
COME WITH IT (X16)

84 cont. THERE IS THE GUN IN ANGOLA
COME WITH IT (X10)

TAPE 3 : SIDE 2

90 SONG:

THIS IS PARTICULARLY BAD (X2)

WO MOLO MOLO SABATHA

THIS PLACE IS BAD

PARTICULARLY THIS PLACE

IS BAD THIS PLACE

WO I WANT MANDELA

THIS PLACE IS BAD

THIS PLACE IN PARTICULAR

THIS PLACE IS BAD

WO WE ARE NOW CONTROLLED

BY POOR WHITES

THIS PLACE IS BAD

HEY MAQABANE

PARTICULARLY THIS PLACE

IS BAD THIS PLACE

HEY WE ARE NOT CONTROLLED

THIS PLACE IS BAD

HEY MAQABANE

PARTICULARLY THIS PLACE

THIS PLACE IS BAD

WE WANT THE JOE SLOVOS
THIS PLACE IS BAD
HEY MAQABANE
PARTICULARLY THIS PLACE
THIS PLACE IS BAD
(INAUDIBLE)
THIS PLACE IS BAD

THIS PLACE IN PARTICULAR
THIS PLACE IS BAD
(INAUDIBLE) REPEATED (X2)

WE WANT THEM THEY ARE MANY
THIS PLACE IS BAD
PARTICULARLY THIS PLACE
IS BAD THIS PLACE

WE WANT THE LEADERS
THIS PLACE IS BAD
PARTICULARLY THIS PLACE
IS BAD THIS PLACE

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OPMERKINGS

1. Hierdie is 'n transkripsie van die betrokke vergadering. Die transkripsie is so akkuraat as moontlik en is so ver as moontlik woordeliks korrek.
2. Verskillende sprekers kon van mekaar uitgeken word op die opnames en hulle word binne die transkripsie aangedui.
3. Woorde, sinsdele of sinne wat heeltemaal onverstaanbaar is, byvoorbeeld weens swak opname, geraas of waar sprekers gelyk praat, word aangedui met stippellyne, die woorde "inaudible" en "indistinct".
4. Agtergrond geluide en enige ander moontlike kommentaar, word tussen hakies aangedui, indien dit baie opvallend is.
5. 'n Vraagteken in hakies na 'n naam en/of 'n woord in hakies, dui 'n mate van onsekerheid aan.
6. Die transkripsies is van heropnames van die oorspronklike bande gemaak.
7. Tellernommers word aan die kantlyn aangebring om die opsporing van spesifieke gedeeltes te vergemaklik. Die nommers stem nie noodwendig presies ooreen nie maar is 'n genoegsame hulpmiddel.
8. Vertalings deur amptelike hoftolke word aan die agterkant aangebring met die nodige bladsy en tellernommers om vergelyking te vergemaklik.

TAPE 1 - SIDE 1.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER.

001. That even in the so-called Bantustans, the people who are buying the lands in the areas are really not owning the piece of ground, because the ground still belongs to the Trust Co-operation and this Co-operation is controlled by White Management, therefore, even those who are buying land in these Bantustans area, are eh are really being fooled, Mr. Chairman. This eh conference should declare itself a total opposition and I feel that why should the majority of the people, the back, Black people cannot own the piece of land, Mr. Chairman.

I can own a land and have ^{title deed} time to it. But not some of my colleagues. I cannot see them. I think this is one of the most serious problems that face our African Community, and that this conference, we should demand, that land, the question of 99 years should be completely overlooked and that the land should be open to the peoples of South Africa.

Thank you. Thank you. (The people in the Conference are clapping their hands).

CHAIRMAN : Mr. VIRGIL BONHOMME.

019. V. BONHOMME. (Inaudible)

It is clear that the New Housing Policy is, is part of the New Constitution. The New Housing Policy decided that, the Government decided that within a year, they will sell 500,000 houses, and in selling 500,000 houses they believe that they going to create a Middle Class, which is one of terms
(The speech is interrupted by someone who is coughing)

You know the New Housing Constitution is not designed, it includes a third of the people (inaudible) in order to create the Middle-Class will be that this Middle Class to this New Constitution
to serve your people into the New Constitution will bring about division within the Community. The, New Constitution is designed

in about seven divisions. So far further (inaudible).

The New Housing Policy is designed in that way. The New Housing Policy is designed to create a Middle Class is designed to create a Middle Class what will be attracted to the New Constitution. The New Con the New Housing Policy is also designed in order that the Government may now - eh forfeit their or throw away their responsibility of Housing and decide to the house only people who earn under R150-00 a month. At the same time the people what, support apartheid, the big business homes, the Banks, the Estate Agents.

This gives them the opportunity to make money out of this New Housing Policy. It gives them the opportunity to put money into the Housing into housing in order to make money. We know these big businesses, big House, Big Business houses have got a lot of money stored away during the Boom Years, th-through the later 70's and early eighties, and this money is laying idle and they want to be able to spend it, and and because of the support of apartheid the dominance creates this opportunity for them to spend it.

We've got to ask ourselves, what happened to people who can't afford to buy houses, and it's very clear it's very clear that the Govern- ment, the Government says that they will spend their their money on only service sites, and it means that people who can't afford to buy houses, will then have to go pay (inaudible) ^{for service site}.

The differences before when allocated a house you were forced to take it. You have no alternative now you have got no alternative you've got to take that service site sites. If you don't take that site, you have to become a sub-stand and overcrowding will will will take place.

If you don't become a ^{sub-}tenant, you take that, you take the service sites. Because of your because of your low income, because you can't afford a house, you will erect a sub, a sub-standard structure. A sub-standard structure will then lead to a, to a slum, it will lead to a bad house and bad house will lead to a bad education.

Those systems are designed to bring us down a peg or two. Those

61. systems are designed to dehumanise us. Those systems designed that one day on a very near future in about four or five years time when the out, when the people from the outside world invest money in this country, we will then say to the Government. We have to move on, you have to improve on your New Constitution. You have to allow these people some more rights, then the Government will be able to say to them, Look at those people, look at their living conditions, look at their ^{education} (interruption) look at their health status. Do you expect those people to share power with us or become part of the power or the decision making of this country.

That's how it's designed and Housing Policy is part of the New Constitution. We also know that the Government believe clearly that it must create this middle-class, it must create a class of people ~~who~~ what, what will be attracted to the Constitution, and the Government believe very, very clearly that the Black people owned their own houses owned their own properties that it will ^{kill} call the Militancy in the areas. It will kill the the struggles that take place, the Housing struggles, the Rent struggles and they also believe that us Black people if we own land that we will believe that we own a stake in the land. And they believe that if we believe that we own a stake in the land we will be prepared to defend the stake in the land and when they talk about defend the state in the land, they talk about defending the borders that is the New Housing Policy.

Thank you MR. BONHOMME (Clapping).

CHAIRMAN : (Unknown).

Because of restrictions of time, eh, I would like to move on and as people who work, as people who need to maintain families, we are affected both by wages and rising costs. We have seen in the past few years continued struggles against increased Bus-fares, against increased Bread prices and against increased costs of living on the whole.

We are also aware that all around us workers are organising themselves and workers are taking decisive action for wage increases.

We would like brief discussion on workers and the cost of living.

90. (Long pause between).

Transvaal, I don't know the name can we

ELLEN LAMBERT.

My name is ELLEN LAMBERT. I am from RYGER PARK, BOKSBURG in the TRANSVAAL. Eh, Mr. Chairman, when one talks of the rising costs of living, the increase in inflation, eh, one wonders that over the years costs have gone up and the costs go up but wages go up much slower, and when wages do go up, you find that the inflation is increased in such a way that it is always the big ^{monopolies} that benefit from these and the masses in the townships suffer.

Here I speak particularly for the old age pensioner who have to battle on the meagre pension of R88-00 a month, that's for Blacks and in uh, Coloureds and Indians. The Black pensioner gets R88-00 every second month and the White pensioner gets about a R156-00 a month.

Now I say who pays more? For bread, milk, sugar, the essential commodities, the Cabinet Minister pays the same price for bread and sugar and low and behold the M.P. gets an increase of R600-00 in salary. The Honourable members of the PRESIDENT-COUNCIL are earning R3100-00 a month and total increase of R600-00, that a lot of our people do not even earn. Why would this money not put into the kitty and give it to the old age pen. pensioners. To make their lives more liveable, to help the children who get onto wealthy ground. To enable them a better standard of living, a better education because it is the children in our townships, in our slum areas, in the Squatters Camps, who are going to be our leaders of tomorrow.

It is these children who have to grovel around for their piece of bread, while their parents, the majority of them today, are suffering from the disease of alcoholism and dagga dependence. It is these children that the Government fears so much, that the Government accuses of being Communism because communists, because they are creating this thing to these children to become eh, to

become militant as a result of their very existence because they want to this. Because they want more and because they are demanding better education and a better standard of living. I thank God for U.D.F. I thank God for this platform and I appeal that the U.D.F. Executive will stand up and particularly make it a special appeal that Pension will now become uh equal to make the life of those eh, a little better.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN.

Thank you MRS. LAMBERT. (Applause).

We call REV. XUNDU.

136. REV. XUNDU.

First and foremost, eh, Mr. chairman, I would like to say that the question of Costs of Living arises from bad stewardship or irresponsible stewardship of the present Government.

Money is made for man, and not man for money, and it's because of this reason, the Government is pushing people to a situation where people appear as if they are made for money. This Government has had very poor and irresponsible stewardship in that, in the very structure of this Government it has entrenched unjust wages, unjust working conditions. The whole issue arises from the fact that they have no stewardship which is fair and just. It must be understood also that, eh, the costs of living arises from the fact that the Government continues on the Policy in which they wages of a person is determined on the work of that person and not to take into cognisance the other responsibilities that the worker has, or each worker has a responsible to clothe to educate, to to pay for the health of the children and so on.

And yet the Government of South Africa by their policy of Homelands create a situation where men are taken to stay in Hostels and they are ^{Placed} paid in those Hostels without the Government taking its responsibility over the Health, the education and so forth of the Community, therefore, a non just wage. Here is is is one which

which operate. Money is spendly responsibly, the so-called inflation in South Africa is, is, a man, is, is, is a man invented thing, for if money was not spent on the Defence Force, if money was not spent on propaganda, if we didn't have the MOULDER GATE GAME, and the RHOODIE GAME, there would be enough money to share amongst all of us. The fact that rents are raised to an irresponsible rent heights, is because South Africa believed that they will not subsidise Black Housings.

Rank
We say that rent should be distributed at tariffs which people can afford, but this Government in order to keep itself in power, is prepared to spend millions of rands on Defence, millions of rands on propaganda, and those people who work and produce the wealth of this country are the least paid.

CASH
An ounce of gold in South Africa costs about four thousand, four hundred and fifty five cents, and yet those people who shall work that gold get a peacant. The cost of living therefore is a farce in South Africa. And it should be our endeavour therefore to come together in a United Front to fight this issue.

Also I want to say that, eh, the work the load which has been placed on people as a result of cost of living, is placed in such a way that the cent is going to become very high for those people who stay in the suburbs of South Africa called, Townships, and transport becomes high. Therefore forcing people in a shrewed manner to voluntarily choose to go to homelands, where they will be told that the rents are lower and so forth, therefore, the people at all stages, I believe U.D.F. should implement their programme in which we try to make the strongest protest to the unfair escalations of living conditions in South Africa.

We ought to address ourselves to those who are wealthy, to be so taxed, that they are able to look after the needs of those who don't have, industries must be so taxed that the flow of profits should benefit those who are poorter, and we should take a conscious resolution here, that for those of us here who are in business we should make a programme. "SENZE UHLELO OLUTSHA". (MAKE A NEW PROGRAMME).

"ELUTHI SIBAKHUKHELE KAHLE ABANTU ESIBASHILESO" (LET'S PAY BETTER OUR EMPLOYEES).

cost of living

Because even among us, you find people who have been blessed with wealth, who pay poorly, if least discount, or there should be a conscious, a conscious decision here, among the members here to relieve the cost of living in order that each, even those of us who are blessed to be having business, to be in professional business, should be able to relieve the costs of living by paying at least, a good wage, to those who work under them. (Applause).

I therefore say therefore that eh the whole issue of the, eh ra, of the, of the, of the, of the costs of living is a farce and a programmes and ways and means can be found of how best to distribute the wealth of this country, such that, everybody benefits and benefits well.

Thank you very much.

(Clapping).

210. CHAIRMAN : Thank you, REV. XUNDU.

MR. R.D. NAIDOO.

MR. R.D. NAIDOO.

Western area and Natal. Mr. Chairman, if we look at the history of the working class - struggle, in this country, right from the early days, we found that the workers participated in the struggles for only one thing.

For decent living and decent living conditions so that they may enjoy the full spell of life in this country. Unfortunately in our country, starting right back from the 1938 to now, and I was involved in the Trade-Unions Movement.

We were unable to organise the unorganised workers in this country. Primarily for the reason the Pass Laws were ba, a great obstacle in bringing about unity in the ranks of the working-class. As time

Reason for worker involvement

went on, we found that the workers despite the many many difficulties, were able to rally around the banners of their own Trade Unions and conducted illegal strikes according to the ^{b)}pa, Laws of the Land. Right up to the time of the 1955, when the SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS came out very clearly under the banner of the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, where able to give a direct lead a direct lead to the working class and point out. (Applause).

And pointed out to the working class of South Africa that do not unite now, we will lose our every Birth-right in this country and we will use, even lose, our Trade-Unions rights. The Government of this country foresaw there is a raising tension, that is coming against the White united front, the white united front, so therefore, they introduced the WIEHAN and the RIECKETT-COMMISSION to bring about some laws, where the Black Trade Unions can now organise themselves. What did these WIEHAN and RIECKETT COMMISSION meant to the working class, a further division in the ranks of the working class as are, as a result, the militant SACTU was banned, and all of us went to lick our wounds, and we went back and we re-assessed our situation and we realised now that our struggle lies, everyone of you, are present here, must realise now that our struggle lies in the hands of the working class. (Applause).

As long as

As long as we the working class will man the machinery, who handles the tools, we are going to lie low.

And going to wait for something to fall from heaven, then I am sorry to say, the facist machinery will come into oppression. They will destroy the entire Trade Union structure to the machinery that the Government has now created, and we need support from the opportunists in our ranks.

250. Therefore comrades ³to now say, time has come, the revolution is now beginning under the banner of the UNITED FRONT.

(Shouting, whistling and clapping).

Revolution

We the working class, we the working class, wherever you are, whether you are domestic servants or a mine worker, white collar worker, must now rally our organisation and march behind the UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT, and work for the system where the exploitation of man by man will be done away with and (shouting, whistling and clapping).

And we must, and we must relentlessly work until the means of production is in the hands of the working class.

(Shouting, whistling, screaming and using the slogan of) "AMANDLA - NGAWETHU, AMANDLA - NGAWETHU, NGAWETHU".

CHAIRMAN :

Thank you, thank you very much, R.D.

We ask for a further contribution and I am sure everybody else will be in the shade now.

(Applause).

MAMA ZSHLANGU.

(The speech is in XHOSA and interpreted to ENGLISH:

NDIYANIBULISA MAM KULENJIKALANGA

INT.

268. I greet you all this afternoon.

NDIZAWUTHETHA PHANTSI KWALAMAXABISO OHYUKILEYO NAM NDIWA NDIVUKELWE.

INT.

I'll also speak on behalf of these fact, of high cost of living.

274. SONG IN ZULU. (9(a)).

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Manyanani Makhosikazi

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MANYANANI, MAKHOSIKAZI (X2)
MANYANANI, MAKHOSIKAZI
IKHONA LENHLANGANO - I U.D.F. (X4)

SLOGAN.

AMANDLA, NGAWETHU.
AMANDLA, NGAWETHU.
INKULULEKO, EYETHU.
NIYABASABA NA, HAYI ASIBASABI SIYABAFUNA.

SLOGAN.

INJURY TO ONE
INJURY TO ALL

ARE YOU AFRAID OF THEM, NO.
WE ARE NOT AFRAID, WE NEED THEM.

NAM NDIYANIBULISA BANTAKWETHU
EMVA KWEMINI NJE.

INT.

I ALSO GREET YOU COMRADES THIS AFTERNOON.

PHANTSI KWALAMAZWI AMNANDI KANGAKA ENDIWAFUNYANESO.

INT.

On behalf of these words, that we heard today.

ENDI, NAPHANTSI KWAM, KWALOMBANDELA ENDIWUTHETHA KANGE.

INT.

And also on which I am going to speak about.

MKHONTO ISENAKALISE KAKHULU THINA BANTU BANGAMAKHOSIKAZI, KWIZI
NJO EZINGAMAXABISO APHAKAMILE QKUTSHA.

INT.

304. This has been an attack to us, as women, the cost of living.

KWAQGIBA KWANYUKA NEXABISO LOKUKHWELA.

INT.

And also the transport fares has, has gone up.

PHANTSI KWAMAXABISO ONYUKILEYO, KUNZIMA NOKONDLA ABANTWANA BETHU.

INT.

It's very difficult to feed our children from this cost of living.

ABANTWANA BETHU BANEZIFO, NGEZIFO, NGOBA ABANANTO ZOKUTYA.

INT.

Our children are having lots of diseases because, they don't have enough food.

URULUMENI AKABONI INDAWO, ANOKUTHI ANCEDISANE KUYO, KUNYE NABANTU.

INT.

Government has not subsidised at all.

KUNOKUBA ANCEDISANE NABANTU, UFUNA EZAKHE IZINTO EZINOKUBA ZIMNIKE IPOLOFITHI, APHA KITHI ABANTU ABALAMBILEYO.

INT.

Instead of footing subsidy as such

(Applause).

UKUYE KUTHI KULABANTU, ABALAMBILEYO, ANGABANIKI NENDAWO ZOKUHLALA.

INT.

And also these starving people, does not give them a place to stay.

KANYE INJONGO ZAKHE UKUCIKICANA NABA.BANTU, ABALUSIZANA ABANGAFUMANI NEMALI 'ZONELEYO.

INT.

He is oppressing the already oppressed people.

URULUMENI INTO OBUKUFANELE ANGABE, USAYENZA EBANTWINI, EBKUFANELE
UKUBA AZONGE, NOBAKANYE ONYUSE AMAXABISO OTYWALA EZIBHARINI

INT.

What you are supposed to be increasing the prices of, of Brandy's
at the Beer-Halls.

UHULUMENI EBENOKUKWENZA UKUBA ENYUSE EZINTO ZOKUZITABULISA NGE-
WEEKEND EBENOKUYENZA.

INT.

He was supposed to be increasing the price of travelling costs.

KODWA EYONA INTO ATIJONGILEYO KUKUCIKISANA NABANTU ABALUSIZI
ABAHLELI NDAWONYE, ABONDLA INTSAPHO ZABO.

INT.

But he is suppressing the people who are feeding their families.

AKAGE KANGA URULUMENI ONGANALUSIZI BANTAKWETHU.

INT.

This Government is a merciless Government.

UKWAZILE UKUTHI SINGENAWO NAMAXABISO OKUBA MASI KWAZI UKUBHATALA
EZINTO ZAKHE ZONYUKA MIHLA LE AKWAZI NOKUNGASINIKI NENDAWO ZOKUHLALA.

INT.

As he increasing the prices, he doesn't even give us the places
to stay.

AKAKHATHALI NOBA UVUKA PHANTSI KWEKHELO, KODWA UFUNA UKUKU CICIDA NOBA
UVUKA PHANTSI KWEKHELO.

INT.

He doesn't care whether you are coming from the bushes, but he's
also oppressing you from that bush.

(Clapping and shouting).

KWISICELO SETHU NEZIKHALAZO ZETHU, NEZIMFUNKO ZETHU, EBESIZENZA UNYAKANA WONKE SIJIKELAZANA NAYE, AKAKHATHALI U-RULUMENI, NGOKU USUKE WASITHATHA WAYOSILAHLA EKHAYA - ELITSHA.

INT.

In all the demand that we have formulating right across this year he didn't care about them, what he did he wants to throw us at KHAYA -ELITSHA.

APHO KWELO-KHAYA- ELITSHA KU-MBANA NICIKIDANA, NGOKUBA ABANTU ABANAZIMALI ZOKUYABELA I IKHIN POEZE APHA EIDUSEBENZINI, APHO SISEBENZA, KHONA, NGOBA IKHAYA ELITSHA LIKUDE NENDAWO OKU SETSHEZWA KUZO.

INT.

344. Also at KHAYA-ELITSHA, he is oppressing people further because the people are suffering from high prices from KHAYA-ELITSHA, They don't have things to travel, they don't have money to pay their fares.

UYOBABEKA KUDE ABANTU, ENZELE KUBA AZONYUSA I-TRAIN LE, KUYO AZOFUMANA IMALI LE, AKAKHATHALI UKUTHI WHAT IS WHAT.

INT.

He is putting people very far away from one another and increasing the train fares as well.

NAM LEYONTO EMVA KWEMINI NESE NDIBONA UKUTHI KUMELE NDIYIZISE NGAPHANTSI KWALOMBUTHO OMKHULU KANGA-KA NAMHLANJE, WAFUMANISA SIWUVUSE-LASO OKUBA YENGE INYAKI EZISI-CIKIDAYO THINA BANTU BALOMTHUNZI WE-AFRICA, NGAMAXABISO APHAKAMILIYO.

INT.

That is why I am so glad to come and bring this grievances to this big organisation, when when the people all of us are going to hear to our grievances, because we've got grievances against this Government, so we are appealing to this UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT.

UKUNQATSHELWA ZINDAWO 'ZSKUHLALA MA-AFRICA.

INT.

We have no places to stay Comrades.

ENKOSI KAKHULU.

INT.

Thank you very much.

359. (Clapping).

CHAIRMAN.

Thank you very much, MAMA ZSHLANGU, I am sure that there are many people who'd like to contribute to this discussion, however, we are running against time. I'd like to read a message we've received from the FOOD CANNING WORKERS UNION.

We would like to express our support for your conference, and our shared commitment to ONE UNITED NON RACIAL AND DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA.

Although we have not joined the U.D.F. we have pledged to fight alongside all organisations which reject the New Constitution. The orderly movement and settlement of Black persons Bill, and Black local Authorities Laws. As we see eh, as we it these laws are aimed first and foremost at the working class, and we will do all within our power to see that they do not succeed. AMANDLA.

AUDIENCE.

NGAWETHU.

CHAIRMAN.

We would also just like to put together the work, or the resolutions committee up until now. We have had discussion on removals, and the GROUP AREAS, on Housing, On cost of living, and position of workers. We have a Draft Resolutions which will be put to the House for acceptance.

I will ask POPO MOLEFE to read the resolutions.

382. POPO MOLEFE.

Thank you chairperson and the House. Eh, removals and Group Areas

the forced removals and cruel uprooting and removals of our people from our land, and homes as evidence at Crossroads and KHAYA-LITSHA, has been the backbone of this Government's rigid apartheid scheme.

Bulldozers and trucks remove our people daily and dump them in areas far from the working places. Children are hurt, our leaders killed, families have been torn apart and communities destroyed.

We have over the years been robbed of our land, shelter and livelihood. Our protests are met with teargas, batons, and bullets. We are divided, urban from rural, community from community.

398. We demand the return of our land and homes. We demand the right to live where we please. In the land of our birth.

Now therefore this first NATIONAL CONFERENCE of the U.D.F. held at ROCKLANDS MICHELS PLACE, eh MITCHELLS PLAIN, CAPE TOWN on 20TH AUGUST 1983 salutes all communities who struggled against the GROUP AREAS and removals. Demand that the Government must repeal this GROUP AREAS ACT, and stop inhuman removals now, and return the land to the people.

Urges communities faced with removals to organise their people to, to resist removals.

Further urges all communities,

to joint with the affected communities to fight removals.

CHAIRMAN.

We have heard the resolution on removals and on GROUP AREAS, eh, can we have acceptance or amendments if any? (Person from audience speaks). (Inaudible).

CHAIRMAN.

Thank you, we have amendment is the amendments accepted too?

AUDIENCE.

Ja.

CHAIRMAN.

Can we have acceptance of this resolution - Sorry, what didn't you hear? (Inaudible from the audience).

CHAIRMAN.

I ask the sentence reads : forced and cruel, uprooting and removals of our people from our land, and homes as evidence Crossroads and Khaya-Elisha has been the backbone of this Government's scheme.

It used to read of this government's rigid apartheid scheme, is the amendment.

UNKNOWN PERSON.

My reason for the amendment was that apartheid is apartheid, whatever form it takes rigid or not. We oppose, apa, apartheid in all response.

CHAIRMAN.

Is the Amendment - Is the Amendment accepted? Is the resolution accepted. Can we have a formal acceptance?

(Clapping).

Can we have a show of hands please?

Yes the next amendment is on Housing, and again we'll ask POPO to read it.

443. POPO MOLEFE.

Uh chairperson and the House it would appear I'm going to get a bit of problems in reading this resolution, eh, somewhere it, it would appear that it is not written in a very very clear way but I am going to try my best to read it ^{Such-} so that you understand its contents. ^{give you}

"Noting housing is a basic, human need, decent shelter, healthy 17/... ..

living Constitutions and House's Costs - No, No, No, No, No.

Noting housing is a basic human need.

CHAIRMAN.

Perhaps we can ask somebody from the Resolutions Committee to try and uh, decipher their own handwriting.

457. PAUL DAVID.

We've got a struggle against a bad handwriting here. The resolution on Housing Policy, reads as this follows:-

Noting housing is a basic human need, decent shelter, healthy living conditions and housing at costs that people can afford, designed to produce security and comfortable rights which all citizens must enjoy.

Our need is to be housed closed, closed to our places of work. Our need is for rents we can afford. We must have some guarantee that our houses will not be bulldozed, that we will not be forced to move either to other areas or homelands, and that we will be allowed to live in the areas of our choice. We must know that our children will grow up in safety and health.

We want more Government subsidised Housing. Further noting, that there is a housing crisis prevalent in our country today as a result of the cruel policy of removals, the GROUP AREAS ACT, the system of low wages.

474. Further noting, that the New Housing Policy introduced by the Government is part of the New Constitutional Plan to create a Black Middle Class, resistant to democratic change.

But the Government does not hear us, we need security, but the government bulldozes our homes and forces us elsewhere to homelands.

We need Government subsidies but the Government has almost stopped them. We need to live close to our places of home, but the Government builds townships far away. We demand housing but the Government spends the money on the Army, Police and bulldozers.

Now, therefore, this first NATIONAL CONFERENCE of the U.D.F. held at

ROCKLANDS MITCHELL PLAIN, CAPE TOWN, on 20th of August 1983, resolves:-

- (1) That the Government scraps its New Housing Policy.
- (2) That the Government must not force people to buy their homes.
- (3) That rents must be subsidised and fixed at prices people can afford.
- (4) That the Government must not introduce site and service schemes as a substitute for decent houses.
- (5) That more Government subsidised housing must be provided.
- (6) That the Government should provide good quality housing and should maintain houses at no extra cost to people.
- (7) That communities throughout South Africa, organised themselves to oppose this new Housing Policy.

499. (Applause).

CHAIRMAN.

You have heard the Resolution read. Are there any amendments? If not, can we have acceptance. I think, the show of hands would be adequate at this stage. Yes, thank you.

The next resolution is one on Workers and Cost of Living.

(Laughing).

515. UNKNOWN SPEAKER.

This NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT noting:-

1. That workers are the producers of the wealth of this country, yet they do not enjoy the benefits of their work. They produce of the wealth they produce.

2. That workers do not enjoy security in their job and evidence^{a.} by rising unemployment and increasing threat of retrenchment.
 3. Workers continued to be harassed, intimidated and jailed in their term to organise against these exploitative and oppressive conditions through the building of genuine democratic Trade Unions.
 4. That State manoeuvres such as the PRESIDENT'S COUNCILS PROPOSALS and the KOORNHOF BILLS are designed to destroy the unity that, workers are striving to build, and are aimed at denying workers genuine political rights and, and believing:
533. 1. That workers must fully share in the benefits of the wealth they produce.
2. That workers are entitled to security in their jobs and freedom from unemployment.
 3. That workers have the right to organise themselves into Trade Unions of their choice without State repression.
 4. That workers must enjoy full democratic rights in leadership of the working class in the democratic struggle for freedom.

Therefore resolves:-

- (1) To work for a South Africa in which the oppression and exploitation of workers will cease to exist.
- (2) To encourage the building of genuine Democratic Trade Unions.
- (3) To strengthen the unity between genuine Democratic Trade Unions and all Patriotic and Freedom loving people in the struggle for political rights, for all.

CHAIRMAN.

We have heard the resolutions on workers and their positions in South Africa read, uh, are there any amendments, if not, can we have accep-

tance by a show of hands please.

(Clapping).

There is a switch on the side. No it's higher up.

(Inaudible - speaker from the audience).

I'm sorry, uh, can we try and arrange for a mike please, I don't think that, the other delegates can hear.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER.

Hallo, eh hallo.

I would like, I would like to indicate uh some form of amendment that the migrant labour system that drives down the wages, uh, workers and, and no forces them to live in single sex hostels, can that be accepted. The migrant labour system that drives down the wages of workers (okay) and who forces them to live in single sex hostels.

CHAIRMAN.

Okay, uh, I think that it would now read something like this, that State manoeuvres such as the PRESIDENT'S COUNCILS PROPOSALS, eh, and the KOORNHOF BILLS and WIEHAN and RIECKETT COMMISSIONS are designed to destroy the unity that workers are striving to build, and are aimed at denying workers genuine political rights, that the migrant labour system that drives down the the workers and forces them to live in single sex and hostels.

Uu, oh, that would fall under noting, right. Noting that the migrant labour system drives down workers and forces them to live in single sex hostels.

602. Is that acceptable as an amendment?

Can we have acceptance by a show of hands, of the re, resolution as amended okay.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER.

Eh, and the, and that uh, believing that migrant labour and influx control was a fundamental

denial of the rights of workers to work where they choose.

CHAIRMAN.

Okay, there's a further amendment uh, amendment and believing eh, can I try and read the whole resolution as it is now?

This National Conference of the UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT noting:-

1. That workers are the producers of wealth of this country, yet they do not enjoy the benefits of the wealth they produce.
2. That workers do not enjoy securing their jobs, as evidence by the rising unemployment and increasing threat of retrenchment.
3. Workers continue to be harassed, intimidated and jailed in their attempts to organise these exploitative and oppressive conditions through the building of genuine democratic Trade Unions.
4. That State manoeuvres such as the PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL PROPOSALS and KOORNHOF BILLS, WIEHAN AND RIEKETT COMMISSIONS are designed to destroy the unity that workers are striving to build and are aimed at denying workers genuine political rights.
5. The migrant labour
system drives down workers and forces them to live in sc, single sex hostels.

And believing:

1. That workers must fully share in the benefits of the wealth they produce.
2. That workers are entitled to security in their jobs and freedom from unemployment.
3. That workers have the right to organise themselves into Trade Unions of their choice, without State repression.

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