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SECRETARIAL REPORT FROM THE TRANSVAAL

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1. CAMPAIGNS.

BLACK CHRISTMAS.

The meeting called to evaluate the stayaway, a decision was taken at that meeting to launch a consumer boycott. The NEC also met and took a decision before this meeting to go on the black christmas campaign. The UDF was asked to convene a meeting of all organisations to discuss this matter.

In the UDF general council meeting a black christmas committee was formed to popularise this campaign.

Public meetings were organised and the black christmas cards were distributed.

2. ANTI REPRESSION CAMPAIGN

Mass meetings were held in Pretoria, E. Rand, and Tembisa. - Soweto mass meeting was banned though the banning order was contested successfully.

A protest meeting in support of the treason trialist was banned, in Johannesburg but was shifted to Pretoria where more than thousand people were attracted to this meeting though at a very short notice.

3. VAAL RELIEF WORK.

The UDF (TVL) set up a Vaal crisis committee in order to address the Vaal crisis situation.

The Vaal information service was set up with offices in Sebokeng and Sharpeville.

ITS TASKS

- Distribute food to destitute families.
- Assists individuals and families requiring legal or medical assistance.

4. DPSC.

Has been established in Sebokeng and in Sharpeville, attempts are being made to revive affiliates in this area.

5. EDUCATION CRISIS.

In a public meeting organised by UDF area committee (SOWETO) a parents committee was formed, to work very closely with COSAS.

7. REPRESSION.

If there is any period very significant in the UDF itself it is the period after or during the elections.

Repression mounted, and it found the UDF unprepared for it. Immediately after UDF big names were locked up in jails - the whole machinery of the UDF came to a standstill.

Crisis in areas like the Vaal, Tembisa and Soweto erupted - No UDF quick response came out. The masses expected UDF to give direction, UDF was not there to give direction, opportunists were there to seize the opportunity. We must address this question very seriously.

UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT TRANSVAAL.

The N.E.C. took a decision on a "BLACK CHRISTMAS" thing of all the regions only Transvaal region effected the decision, Transvaal was left alone to see what it can do. Was it simply because the crisis affected Transvaal only? We must address this situation very seriously also.

WHERE IS UDF - WHERE IS UDF GOING TO?

Now that elections are over, the question where is the UDF going to? must be attended to very closely. The question of political alternatives must be looked into very seriously.

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