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UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT - TRANSVAAL

MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 1983.

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1. APOLOGIES:

DR. R.A.M. SALOJEE, CASSIM SALOJEE, AUBREY MOKOENA, POPO MOLEFE.

2. PRESENT:

S.A. MINeworkERS UNION, M.G.W.U.S.A., VAAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, S.O.Y.C.O., S.A.A.W.U., SOWETO RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION, ANTI - P.C. COMMITTEE, T.I.C., G.A.W.U.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3.1 ITEM 3.12 SHOULD INCLUDE M.G.W.U.S.A. AS IT WAS PART OF THE CISKEI SOLIDARITY MEETING.

4. SECRETARIAL REPORT:

4.1 MEETINGS:

4.1.1 MASS MEETINGS WERE HELD IN KAGISO, SOWETO, ALEXANDRA, HUHUDI (VRYBURG), SEBOKENG, KATHELAHONG.

4.1.2 DURING THIS WEEKEND MEETING WILL BE HELD IN MANSIEVILLE, MEDUNSA AND KURUMAN.

4.2 OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

4.2.1 DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED WITH S.A. BLACK TAXI DRIVERS ASS.]

4.2.2. A LETTER HAS BEEN WRITTEN TO AZAPO REQUESTING A FOLLOW - UP MEETING.

4.3 PUBLICATIONS:

4.3.1 "DON'T VOTE", CISKEI, DECLARATION (ALL LEAFLETS).

4.3.2. UDF - NEWS NO. 2 WAS DISTRIBUTED ON 1/2 OCTOBER 1983.

4.3.3. NEXT ISSUE OF UDF - NEWS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON 21 OCTOBER 1983. THIS ISSUE WILL FOCUS ON PEOPLES WEEKEND, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, REFERENDUM AND A ROUND-UP OF EVENTS.

4.3.4. POSTERS AND HANDBILLS ADVERTISING THE PEOPLE'S RALLY WOULD BE AVAILABLE AS FROM 18 OCTOBER 1983.

4.4. OFFICE:

WE ARE NOW OPERATING FROM ROOM 405, KHOTSO HOUSE.

4.5 BANNINGS:

4.5.1. IN THE PAST MONTH MEETING ORGANISED BY UDF, TIC, KMC, & NIC HAVE

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4.5 BANNINGS:

4.5.1. IN THE PAST MONTH MEETING ORGANISED BY UDF, TIC, KMC & NIC HAVE BEEN BANNED. THIS INCLUDES THE UDF LAUNCHING MEETING IN EAST LONDON. LAST MONTH AND IN KINGWILLIAMSTOWN FOR 16 OCTOBER 1983. THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT, MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 9/10 OCTOBER 1983 IN JOHANNESBURG. WAS BANNED.

4.6 JOINT - SECRETARY:

R.E.C. HAS APPOINTED MOSS CHIKANE AS JOINT SECRETARY. THIS DECISION IS SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COUNCIL.

4.7 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

APART FROM THE TIC, NO OTHER AFFELIATE HAS SUBMITTED THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

4.8. VIDEO:

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A VIDEO ON THE NATIONAL LAUNCHING WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE UDF OFFICE AS FROM WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1983.

4.9. PEOPLE'S WEEKEND (29/30 OCTOBER 1983)

4.9.1. RALLY: THE RALLY WOULD BE HELD AT THE NUR - UL - ISLAM MOSQUE IN LENASIA ON 30 OCTOBER 1983.

5. MATTERS ARISING : FROM SECRETARIAL REPORT:

5.1 MOSS CHIKANE'S NOMINATION AS JOINT - SECRETARY WAS ACCEPTED.

5.2 THE SOWETO RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION SAID THAT THEY WOULD SUBMIT THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN INSTALMENTS.

6. REPORTS FROM AFFELIATES:

ONLY WRITTEN REPORTS WERE ACCEPTED. REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM ANTI - P.C. COMMITTEE, NUSAS, AND THE VAAL ACTION COMMITTEE.

7. NATIONAL PEOPLE'S WEEKEND:

7.1 IT WAS DECIDED THAT CHURCHES AND MOSQUES SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT SPECIAL SERVICES OVER THE PEOPLE'S WEEKEND.

7.2 AFFELIATES ARE TO ORGANISE LOCAL ACTIVITIES OVER THE WEEKEND. SOME OF THE SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES WERE: CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, PLACARD DEMONSTRATIONS, VIGILS, MOTORCADES, AND PLACARD DEMONSTRATIONS.

7.3 THE MEETING DECIDED THAT SPORTING ORGANISATIONS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO CANCEL ACTIVITIES DURING THE PEOPLE'S WEEKEND.

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8. MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN:

THE MEETING ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE NEED FOR THE ABOVE CAMPAIGN. THE PETITION SHOULD FOCUS ON A REJECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION ACT AND THE KOORNHOF PROPOSALS.

9. IT WAS DECIDED TO WRITE AN OPEN LETTER TO P.W. BOTHA IN ORDER TO PLACE ON RECORD THE NATURE AND AIMS OF THE UDF - TVL. THIS LETTER WOULD FURTHERMORE OUTLINE THE UDF'S VIEW OF THE BANNINGS OF OUR MEETINGS.
10. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT IN FUTURE ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD ON A MONTHLY BASIS.
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12 NOVEMBER 1983 AT KHOTSO HOUSE.
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REPORTS FROM AFFILIATES:

ANTI - PC

THE ANTI - PC CONTINUED WORK ON A NUMBER OF PROJECTS. AMONGST OTHER WE CONTINUED WITH

1. THE SETTING - UP AND STRENGTHENING OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEES IN VARIOUSE AREAS
2. PLANS FOR RIVERLEA MEETING ON 23 OCTOBER 1983 AGAINST REFORM PROPOSALS PROCEEDING WELL. PAMPHLETS ARE BEING PRINTED AND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK; A POSTER WORKSHOP HELD; SUCCESSFUL HOUSE MEETINGS HELD; UDF (TVL) VICE - PRESIDENT REV. F. CHIKANE WILL ADDRESS THE MEETING AND THE UDF WILL BE POPULARISED.
3. AGREED TO MAKE A MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION OF R300.00 IMMEDIATELY TO UDF AND HOPE TO INCREASE THIS TO R500.00 WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.
4. ALL LOCAL COMMITTEES WILL ENGAGE IN FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT OUR PROJECTS AND ALSO HELP FUND UDF. A BRAAI IS BEING HELD IN BOSMONT TODAY 15/10383.
5. DISTRIBUTED SPEAK AND UDF NEWS.
6. SHALL DISTIBUTE UDF NEWS BEFORE PEOPLE'S WEEKEND. PUT UP POSTERS, ADVERTISE THE MEETING AND ACT AS MARSHALLS ARE REQUIRED.
7. AGREED TWO MEMBERS ASSIST UDF MEDIA COMMITTEE AND ONE MEMBER TO WORK ON DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.

NUSAS

SINCE THE LAST GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING, NUSAS HAS LAUNCHED ITS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN REJECTING THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND EDUCATING STUDENTS AROUND THE KOORNHOF BILLS.

THIS FAR THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL WITH 14 000 STUDENTS SIGNING THE PETITION ON A NATIONAL LEVEL AND 7 000 AT WITS UNIVERSITY.

THE MAIN FOCUS HAS BEEN EDUCATIONAL, AND THIS TOO HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON CAMPUSES.

THE CAMPAIGN AT WITS WILL END ON TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 1983 TAKING THE FORM OF A UDF MEETING. ALSO A NUMBER OF CONCERTS ARE BEING HELD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR UDF.

WE ARE AT PRESENT ALSO INVOLVED IN ORGANISATIONS FOR OUR NATIONAL CONGRESS WHICH WILL BE HELD AT WITS IN DECEMBER.

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THE VAAL ACTION COMMITTEE

ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT AFFILIATED TO THE UDF, OUR COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE UDF.

THIS COMMITTEE CAME INTO ACTION AFTER CALLS WERE MADE ON 16 JUNE 1983 WHERE PEOPLE SHOWED THE NEED OF A CIVIC ASSOCIATION IN THE VAAL COMPLEX.

THOSE PEOPLE WHO PUT IT UPON THEMSELVES TO SEE TO IT THAT A MASS MEETING WAS ORGANISED CONSTITUTED THEMSELVES INTO THE VAAL ACTION COMMITTEE.

A SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS AND MEETINGS WERE ORGANISED. AMONGST OTHERS, MEMBERS OF THE UDF WERE CONSULTED AND SUGGESTIONS AND ADVICES FROM THEM AND MEMBERS OF ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE SOWETO CIVIC ASSOCIATION WERE WELCOMED.

THE MEETING WAS FINALLY CONVENED ON THE 9 OCTOBER 1983. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 1 000 RESIDENTS (OLD AND YOUNG) AND ADDRESSED BY DR. N. MOTLANA, MR. SHABANGU AND MR. C. NKONDO. LOCAL SPEAKERS ALSO VOICED THEIR OBJECTION TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ELECTIONS) AND ALSO SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT FOR AN IDEA OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

FEW RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING THAT OF JOINING THE UDF, WERE PASSED. AN INTERIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF FIVE OFFICE - BEARERS AND 11 AREA - REPRESENTATIVES WAS CHOSEN.

THE ASSOCIATION IS PLANNING A SERIES OF HOUSE - MEETINGS LEADING TO MASS MEETINGS IN VARIOUS AREAS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS.

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The Secretary.

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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING.

You are hereby informed that the next meeting of the UDF-TVU GENERAL COUNCIL WILL TAKE place be held on Saturday, 12 November 1983 at Khotso House. The meeting will start at 2 pm sharp.

Please ensure that the two delegates from your organisation is present as many organisations the General Council an important decision-making and co-ordinating structure.

Furthermore, if your organisations has not as yet made its financial contribution kindly attend to this matter as soon as possible as the need for funds cannot be overemphasised.

Amongst other matters, the boycott of the Black Local Authorities elections would be discussed.

Yours in struggle

M. VALLI (SECRETARY)

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MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 1983.

1. APOLOGIES:

D.K. R.A.M. Saloojee, Cassim Saloojee, Aubrey Mokoena, Popo Motefe.

2. PRESENT:

S.A. Mineworkers Union, M.G.W.U.S.A., Vaal Action Committee,
Vaal Civic Association, S.O.Y.C.O., S.A.A.W.U., Soweto Resident's
Association, Anti-P.C. Committee, T.I.C., G.A.W.U.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3.1 Item 3.12 should include M.G.W.U.S.A. as it was
part of the Ciskei solidarity meeting.

4. SECRETARIAL MEETING REPORT:

1. REPORT UDF TO

SECRETARIAL REPORT FOR GENERAL COUNCIL 15 OCTOBER 1983

4.1. MEETINGS:

4.1.1 Mass-meetings were held in Kagiso, Soweto, Alexandra, Huhudi (Vryburg), Sebokeng, Kathelohong.

4.1.2 This weekend During this weekend meetings will be held in Miansieville, Medunsa and Kuruman.

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4.2. OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

4.2.1 Discussions are being conducted with S.A. Black Taxi Drivers Ass.

4.2.2 a letter has been written to Azapo requesting a follow-up meeting.

4.3. PUBLICATIONS:

4.3.1 "DON'T VOTE", CISKEI, DECLARATIONS (all leaflets)

4.3.2 We have assisted in producing leaflets ^{and posters} advertise mass-meetings in various areas.

4.3.2 UDF-News No.2 was distributed on 1/2 October.

4.3.3 Next issue of UDF-News will be published

on 21 October. This issue will focus on Peoples Weekend, local authorities, referendum and a round-up of events.

4.3.4 Posters and handbills advertising the Peoples Rally would be available as from 18 October 1983

4.4. OFFICE

We are now operating from room 405, Khotso House.

4.5. BANNINGS:

4.5.1 In the past month meetings organised by UDF, TIC, KMC & NIC have been banned. This includes the UDF launching meeting in East London on 15 Sept and last month and in King Williamstown for 16 October. The National anniversary meeting scheduled for 9/10 October in Job was banned. This meeting, however

4.6. NUSAS:

The validity correctness of the Nusas President sharing a platform with Van Zyl Stabbert ~~was~~ has been questioned in some quarters. The Executive has decided to discuss the matter with Nusas in order to be able to assess the situation.

4.7. JOINT SECRETARY:

The R.E.C. has appointed Moss Chikane as Joint Secretary. This decision is subject to ratification by the Council.

4.8. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Apart from the TIC, no other affiliate has submitted their contributions.

4.8. VIDEO.

A video on the National Launching would be available from the UDF offices as from Wednesday, 19 October 1963.

4.9 PEOPLE'S WEEKEND (29/30 October)

4.9.1 ~~1.1~~ Rally: The rally would be held at the Nur-ul-Islam mosque in Lenista on 30 October 1983.

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~~4. LETTER TO P.W. BOGHA:~~

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM SECRETARIAL REPORT:

5.1 Mox Chikane's ~~was~~ accepted as nomination as Joint-Secretary was accepted.

5.2 The Soweto Residents Association was said that they would submit their contribution in instalments.

6. REPORTS FROM AFFILIATES:

Only written reports were accepted. Reports were received from Anti-P.C. Committee, Nusas and the Vaal Action Committee.

7. NATIONAL PEOPLE'S WEEKEND:

7.1 It was decided that churches and mosques should be ~~asked~~ ^{requested} to conduct special services over the People's Weekend.

7.2 Affiliates ~~were~~ are to organise local activities over the weekend. Some of the suggested activities were: cultural activities, placard demonstrations, vigils, motorcades and placard demonstrations.

7.3 The meeting ~~dec~~ decided that sporting organisations should be requested to cancel activities during the People's ^{weekend}.

8. MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN:

The meeting accepted in principle the need for the above campaign. The petition should focus on a rejection of the Constitution Act and the Koorndraf proposals.

~~AGENDA~~

9. It was decided to write an open letter to P.W. Botha in order to place on record the nature and aims of the UDF. The letter would furthermore outline the UDF's view of the banning of our meetings.

10. It was announced that in future all Regional Executive Committee meetings would be held on a monthly basis.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12 November 1983 at Khotso House.

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1. Report From: Anti-PC
To: WDF (Trl)

The Anti-PC continued work on a number of projects. Amongst other we continued with

1. The setting-up and strengthening of local committees in various areas
2. Plans for Riverlea meeting on 23/10/83 against reform proposals proceeding well - pamphlets are being printed and shall be distributed this week; a poster workshop held; successful house meetings held; WDF (Trl) Vice-President Rev F. Chikane will address the meeting and the WDF will be popularised.
3. Agreed to make a minimum contribution of R300 immediately to WDF and hope to increase this to R500 when circumstances permit
4. All local committees will engage in fundraising to support our projects and also help fund WDF. A braai is being held in Basmart today 17/10/83
5. Distributed Speak and WDF News.
6. Shall distribute WDF News before Peoples Weekend; put up posters, and advertise the meeting and act as marshalls as required
7. Agreed two members assist WDF Media Committee and one member to work on Distribution Committee

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Chairman Anti-PC

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2. NUSAS REPORT

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Since the last General Council Meeting, NUSAS has launched its national campaign rejecting the ^{new} Constitutional and educating students around the Kooijse Bills.

Thus far the campaign has been particularly successful with 14,000 ~~sig~~ students signing the petition on a national level and 2,000 at Wits University.

The main focus has been educational, and this too has had a significant effect on campuses.

The campaign at Wits will end on Tuesday 18th October ^{taking} ~~the form~~ of a UDF meeting, also a number of concerts are being held to raise funds for UDF.

We are at present also involved in organising for our National Congress which will be held at Wits in December.

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3. The Vaal Action Committee.

Although we are not formally affiliated to the UDF, our committee supports the UDF.

This committee came into action after ^{No 9. 2/3/87} calls were made on 16 June 1983 that where people showed the need of a civic association in the Vaal Complex.

Those people who put it upon themselves to see to it that a mass meeting was organised constituted themselves into the Vaal Action Committee.

A series of consultations and meetings were organised. Amongst others, members of the UDF were consulted and suggestions and advices from them and members of organisations like the Soweto Civic Association were welcomed.

The meeting was finally convened on the 9 October 1983. The meeting was attended by more than 1000 residents (old and young) and addressed by Dr N. Mottana, M. Shabangu and M. C. Nkondo. Local speakers also voiced their objection to the community council (elections) and also showed their support for an idea of the establishment of a civic association.

A few resolutions, including that of joining the UDF, were passed. An interim executive committee consisting of five office-bearers and 11 area-representative was chosen.

The association is planning a series of house-meetings leading to mass-meetings in various areas before the elections.

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