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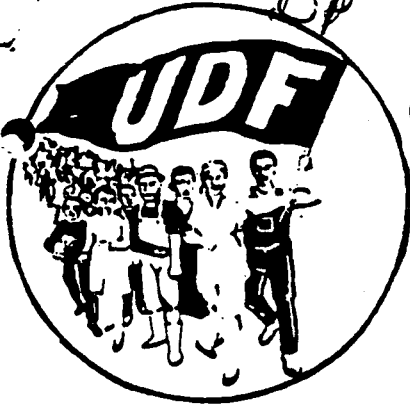
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The Secretary

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RE : NOTICE OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

DEAR COMRADES

KINDLY BE INFORMED THAT THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE UDF TRANSVAAL WILL BE HELD ON :

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY 1984
TIME : 2. 00 PM.
VENUE : KHOTSO HOUSE

THE COLOURED AND INDIAN REFERANDUM ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING AS THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED BACK TO THE REGIONS BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR DELEGATES ARE ARMED WITH A MANDATE ON THIS ISSUE.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN" WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED :

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.
2. ANALYSIS OF BLACK LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS.

FORWARD TO UNITY.

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MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 1983

1. 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. Beard, Mr. L. Vogelmar, 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 adopted (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 looking 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
- TIME: 2.00p.m.
- VENUE: Khotso House, Johannesburg
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SECRETARIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 1983.

1. The Eastern Cape Region of the UDF was successfully launched on the 4 December 1983 in Port Elizabeth. Eighteen organisations have already affiliated to that region.
2. The National Publicity Secretary has written a letter to the USA Government congratulating it on its condemnation of the S.A. and Ciskein Governments for the events on the border region.
3. The Western-Cape Region of the UDF is being taken to court by the magistrate who was responsible for the banning of their meeting in October. The magistrate claims that the UDF won the interdict by mis-informing the judge. He is also challenging the regions legal status. The N.E.C. has mandated the Western Cape region to defend itself.
4. 250 000 copies of the first issue of UDF - News Transvaal has been printed and distributed. The issue focused on the Black Local Authorities elections.
5. Finance:

The UDF - Transvaal region is facing a financial crises. The financial records are in a chaotic state and our debt is astronomical. In order to rectify the situation the executive committee has appointed Nasim Pahad to assist the treasurers. It has also been decided that no expenses would be incurred until the records are set in order, a firm financial policy and procedure for the expenditure is adopted and the astronomical owed to debtors are paid.

Furthermore a volunteer sub-committee has been established for the purpose of fund-raising. A musical festival is being planned for the 4 March 1984 at Fun Valley. Each affiliate is requested to second one person to this committee.

An amount of R100 has been contributed by NEUSA, and further amount of R500 by the TIC, however, most affiliates have not made any contributions whatsoever.
6. The Head-Office has decided to employ two people in the new year. The first is a post for a full-time receptionist/Typist. The second is a temporary post of National Co-ordinator of the million signature campaign. Circulars advertising the post have been posted to affiliates.

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7. The campaign against the Black Local Authorities elections was conducted in all areas apart from Jourton in Klerksdorp. Apart from Wattville, Daveyton and Tembisa no intensive campaign was conducted on the East Rand townships. In almost all cases all affiliates conducted the campaigns in their own names. The UDF-Transvaal played the role of providing information, general co-ordination, assisting organisations in planning activities and producing publications.

The executive committee has produced an analysis of the results. The analysis provides an interpretation of the results. The analysis is far more accurate than the information provided by the % polls. Our analysis indicates very clearly that the Local Authorities are as despised by our people as the community councils were.

The office is in the process of collecting and collating information as regards the elections. Affiliates are requested to contact the secretaries in order to study the results for their own areas. A thorough understanding of the results is essential for all those organising in communities.

8. Reports from Affiliates:

Reports have been received from DESCOM, AYCO and SOWETO RESIDENTS COMMITTEE. The Soweto Residents Committee is developing alternative proposals to the Black Local Authorities. Descom Has assisted the Vaal Civic Association trace its members who were arrested on voting day. They have also had discussions on the reform-strategy, UDF-media and the Coloured and Indian referendum.

AYCO reports that an Adhoc Committee was formed by AYCO, COSAS and the Alexandra Civic Association to oppose the Koornhof Bills. A demonstration is planned for 1 February 1984 when the Alexandra Council inaugurates. AYCO also plans to challenge Rev. Sam Buti on statements he has made about the UDF.

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Most affiliates have once again failed to submit their reports on time. This makes it impossible for the UDF to have an understanding of what is happening in different areas. Without this knowledge this council would fail in its duty of steering the UDF on the path leading to freedom.

9. National General Conference:

The national general conference is scheduled to start on Saturday, 17 December 1983 at 10 am in P.E. The conference would end ~~xxx~~ before lunch on Sunday, 18 December 1983. The following issues would be dealt with:

- a. Removals and Relocation.

- b. Million Signature Campaign
- c. Military Conscription
- d. State strategy of co-option - Coloured and Indian
- e. Assessment of Black Local Authorities elections.
- f. Programme of action for the next six months.

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Analysis of the 1983 Black Local Authorities Elections:

A scrutiny of the recent election results indicate very clearly that the new Black Local Authorities are no more acceptable to our people than the community councils were. It is thus that the Local Authorities would suffer the same fate as the community councils. There is no hope of the new Local Authorities gaining the support of the masses.

The rejection was far greater than would appear from the percentage polls. A few points need to be made in this regard:

1. Almost one-third of the wards throughout the country were uncontested. In fact, at least five entire councils were nominated, rather than elected. (Kwa Nobuhle, Lingelihle, Meluzi, Alexandra, and Huhudi.)
2. A large portion of the township population voting age was excluded from the voters roll. In some cases as many as half of the people were excluded. This fact has distorted the percentage poll.
3. A comparison of statistics of the 1983 elections with that of the last community council elections indicate that :
 - a. On an average the same number of candidates were nominated.
 - b. A similar number of wards were contested.
 - c. A similar number of people voted.
4. In Dobsonville the percentage poll decreased from 42% in 1978 to 23,6% in 1983.
5. The traditional pattern of rejection only in larger townships has been broken. A case in point is the Eastern Cape Township of Rini which had a poll of 26% in 1978.
6. The poll for Kagiso is 36,6% , yet only 1016 people actually voted. This constitutes a mere 3% of the population of voting age. (See attached Tables for a similar interpretation of the poll in other townships.)
7. Reports received from affiliates of the UDF indicate that a large number of those who voted were pensioners who are in an obvious position of vulnerability.

REV. FRANK CHIKANE

(Vice-President UDF - TVL.)

UDF STATISTICS

Township	De Facto Population Over 20	No. Of People on Voters Roll	No. Of People Who Voted	Average % Poll
KAGISO	34 000	18 300	1 016	36,6
DOBSONVILLE	31 000	18 000	2 402	23,6
SOWETO/DIEP- MEADOW	615 000	223 200	31 910	10,7
ALEXANDRA	35 000	27 000	-	-
KATLEHONG	104 000	65 000	11 589	22,7
WATTVILLE	16 000	15 586	2 022	16,6
VOSLOORUS	34 400	2 003	2 003	11,9
DAVEYTON	60 000	45 700	5 083	18,6
TEMBISA	130 000	86 460	7 703	16,9
KWA-THEMA	56 000	45 560	7 909	20,7
TOKOZA	28 000	24 000	4 019	20,4
JOUBERTON	22 000	14 517	4 606	31,7
IKAGENG	23 000	14 450	3 036	24,5
LEKOA	160 000	106 690	14 321	14,7

%¹/₂ Of De Facto Population	No. Of Positions On Council	No. Of Positions Uncontested
3	11	3
7,7	7	2
5,2	45	8
-	9	9
11,1	14	2
12,6	5	1
5,8	9	4
8,4	10	4
5,9	17	7
14,1	10	1
14,3	9	0
20,9	8	0
13,2	8	1
8,9	39	5

Township	De Facto Population Over 20	No. Of people on voters' Roll	No. Of people who voted
EVATON	33 000	23 540	535
MAMELODI	80 000	78 360	20 346
ATTERIDGE- VILLE/ SAULSVILLE	58 000	53 685	8 074
Overall Transvaal Averages			126 574
KAYAMNANDI	204 000	109 300	19 442
RINI	16 000	15 146	252
KWANOBUHLE	20 000	18 835	-
LINGELIHLE	7 500	4 000	-
GALESHEWE	34 000	16 620	4 111
KWAGUKA	30 000	27 365	?
MHLUZI	18 000	12 623	-
Total Averages			150 379

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Average % Poll	% Of De Facto Population over 20 voting	No. Of Positions on council	No. Of Positions uncontested	
5,1	1,6	11	7	
28,0	25,4	12	1	
14,8	13,9	11	0	
19,5	10,1			
18,7	9,5	21	1	
5,9	1,6	9	6	
-	-	16	16	not electe
-	-	7	5	not electe
27,0	12,1	12	1	
29,6	?	13	8	
-	-	11	11	not electe
19,0	9,8	324	103	

NOTES ON STATISTICS

1. The figures produced in the 1980 census have been used as a guide to calculate the "de facto population over 20".
2. While all legal residents of a township over the age of 18 are eligible to vote we have worked with the number of residents over the age of 20 as it is not possible to calculate the de facto population over the age of 18 using the 1980 population census figures. Thus our estimates in all cases would be a conservative.
3. Soweto and Diepmeadow has been combined due to it being difficult to obtain separate population estimates for the two townships.

