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MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14 04 1984

PRESENT: SCA, SRC, CCSAS, JODAC, SASDU, MGWUSA, NUSAS, ERAFC, FEDSAW, ASRO, DESCON, AFRI - NEWS, TVL. AFTI F.C. TIC, AZASO, L.Y.I. VCA, NEUSA AND YCS.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Received a letter from DESCOM regarding the use of courts in repression.

Received a letter of invitation from AZAFO.

Received a letter of invitation from CASSA.

Received a letter of thanks from Mrs. Tsotsobe regarding her sons funeral.

Received a letter from ASRC indicating that they want to affiliate.

RECEIVED a letter from BLACK_SASSH regarding their observer status.

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

BLACK SASH was welcomed as observers in the UDF. General Council meeting.

AZAFO's letter of invitation was not acceptable by the General Council.

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The meeting agreed to participate with AZAPC for tactical reasons.

It was further agreed that organisations must take initiatives in organising for National Days.

FATIFICATION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL 25 02 84

The minutes were read and ratified.

It was further agreed that the executive should get to the affiliates to inform them about the General Council meeting.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATES

Only three (3) reports were received. These reports were from MUSAS, DESCCM and JCDAC.

It was noted that non receiving of reports makes it difficult for the office to keep in contact with affiliates.

Affiliates in their report should focus on the organisation's work in taking up the UDF campaigns.

Format for the report should be developed by executive.

SECRETARIAL REPORT

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It was mentioned in the secretarial report that Cde. Murphy Morobs is appointed as MSC coordinator.

MSC committe held a workshop on the MSC.

Grisis in the Pretoria schools reported, it was mentioned that the situation is worsening.

UDF training committee is planning a workshop for civic associations on the 27 to the 29th April 1984, at DAIESIDE.

No 7 8/4/87 Explanation was given about the UDF individuals merit in the Pretoria school boycott by M. Chikane. It was apparent that this intervention created strious problems. After serious discussion on this it was resolved that local organisations should discuss this issue among themselves rather than debate this in the UDF general council meeting.

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It was stressed that UDF should respect other organisations and their role.

To avoid further confusion UDF personalities should identify themselves and make it clear on whose behalf they speak. This is necessary so as to avoid confusion about the role of the UDF.

Commission to be established to investigate this issue - M. Chikane, F Chikane and appointed COSAS member will be the oordinatores of this commission.

MILLION SIGNATUTE CAMPAIGN

The coordinator reported on the MSC. spoke of the problems faced by (a) MSC committee

- (b) Affiliates.
- (c) Activists.

A comprehensive programme of action is being developed.

A signature blitz will be held on 28 April in Johannesburg. This would link up with May Day. Over 200 activists are expected to participate in the blitz. All organisations are encouraged to take part in this blitz.

On 26 April at 5pm Khotso House there will be a briefing session on the blitz.

Blitz should take place in as many areas as possible in the TVI Organisations should take the active and consult with the MSC committee for assistance.

CONSTITUTION AND ELECTIONS

At present the TIC conducted a house to house meetings with influential people, media blitzes to convince people not to vote.

July August agitation campaign to convince people not to vote.

Embark on a programme in the rural areas.

Constitution affects all communities therefore it is not sufficient for only TIC and Anti P. C. to be working on this area.

The executive will link at ways and means for other organisations to take up the campaigns.

CONSCRIPTION COMMITTEES

Reported that only four people attended the conscription committee.

Conscription committee should set up a meeting with present coordinating committees among the youth and students groups to get assistance from othem.

Conscription Committee should try and make contact with all organisation in the UDF.

Noted that while conscription affects youth it will be a crucial factor in the election therefore it does affect the adult population. Thus all organisations should be taking up this issue, not only the youth groups.

Date of conscription meeting is 25 April at 5_30 pm.

PRESIDENT WELCOME

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After a long absence, the president was welcomed by the General council of the UDF. She said that she hope that in the future she will be in the position to speak to us all again.

RESTRUCTURING OF UDF

Frank Chikane reported that on the executive recommendations regarding the restructuring of the UDF. This was accepted in principle.

FINANCES

Tressurers were not present to give the report. The house expressed its concern about their absence.

Also concern was epressed about the absence of the executive members.

Noted that the festival committee have not sent a financial statement. Concern was expressed about the Festival committee It was decided that the Festival committee should submit a financial statement to the next General Council Meeting.

UDF NEWS

Could not be discussed in details because the financial statement was not submitted.

Affiliates were encouraged to join the media committee.

GENERAL

DESCOM gave a brief report on repression in South Africa and heighlighted the fact that the courts are used more and more in repression. It was agreed that legal affairs would work closely with DESCOM in highlighting and campaigning against repression.

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to be fairly disorganised. There does not seem to be much initiative taken in keeping the Compaign going. Some activists have expressed difficulty in coping with the demands of the compaign congamentational inexperience)

EDUCATION: No significant number of work-shops around MSC have been conducted in various areas.

Therefore, a fau amount of ignorance is prevalent.

among activists on what the MSC is all about and some have even found it difficult to respond adequately to people's questions on the compaign and related is sues from prose pulsary was proportioned in the prose pulsary was proportioned evaluation.

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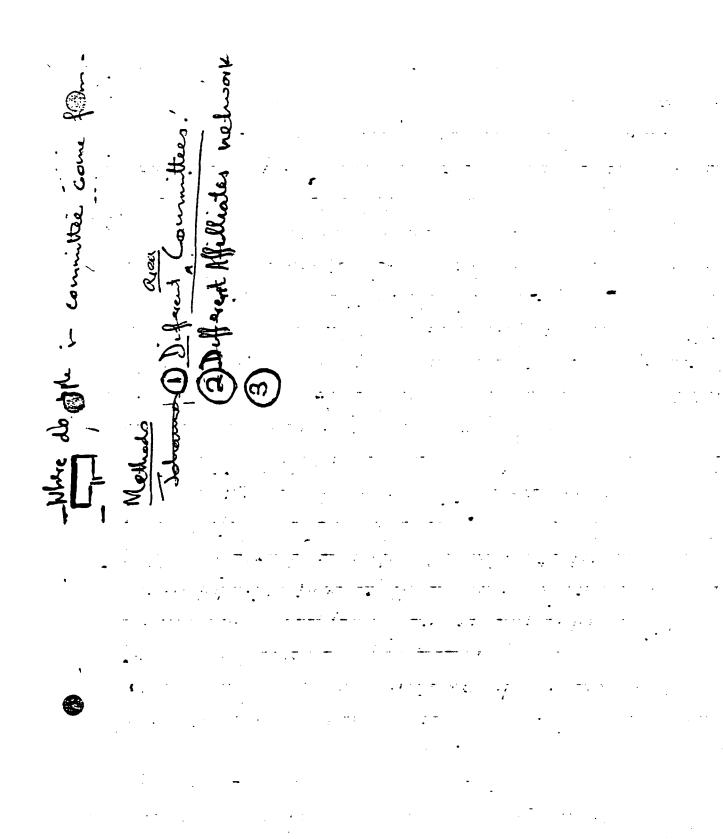
These are but a few of the problems facing the MSC.

The MSC three fore asks of all activists and Affilhiates to take deliberate steps in seeing to it that the campaigns regains it's promine.

The MSC-committee would live more activists to come into the committee because it's virtually impossible for the few people on it to do all the work which the MSC requires of us.

The MSC calls on all affilhates to establish strong area - committees which should see to it - that the campaign is taken forward

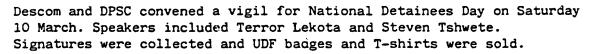
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Descom Report to UDF General Council April 1984





UDF Music Festival

Descom set up a barrewars stall at the festival. It was relatively successful although it involved a lot of labour and little profit. Descom made R64-00 and therefore R32-00 goes into UDF coffers as agreed. In addition to the braai, Descom members helped collect signatures.

UDF committees

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Descom has been sending representatives to the Million Signature Committee and the Media Committee.

Repression Campaign

Descom is canvassing progressvie organisations on a campaign around repression. Last month we sent letters to organisations particularly affected by repression including UDF inviting them to discuss current repression strategies with Descom and to co-operate in developing a counter strategy A possible component of this is a campaign against repression. We hope that this matter will be raised at the April General Council meeting.