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PROGRAMME FOR MSC

New "AL 21"

1. SCWETC MSC COMMITTEE (MUST BE REVIVED)

2. NEW METHODS OF GENERATING IT.

2.1 INVOLVING PEOPLE.

2.2 PLACES WHERE SIGNATURES ARE COLLECTED.

2.2.1 SCHOOLS SPORTFIELDS, CHURCHES, UNION OFFICES,  
BUSSTOPS, & RAILWAY STATIONS AND ETC.

2.2.2 SUPER MARKETS (SHOPPING CENTRES)

2.2.3 DOOR TO DOOR.

2.2.4 MASS MEETINGS

3. PROGRAMME OF COLLECTING SIGNATURES IN SCWETC

3.1 DEFINE GROUPS

3.2 DEFINE AREA OF WORK

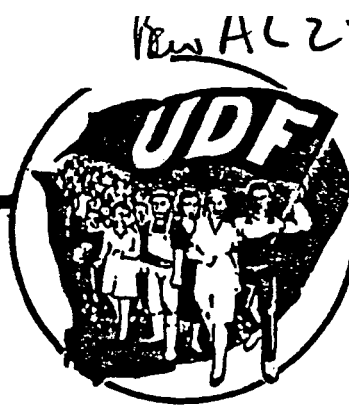
3.3 GIVE DATES AND TIME

3.4 RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS.

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# UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT

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## EMERGENCY UDF WORKING DOCUMENT

In the light of the detentions and suppressive measures of the Apartheid regime because of our victories in the past few weeks, and because of a need to strengthen our organisation fostered up by our campaign against the Apartheid constitution and all the pain and sufferings that go with it the following has been suggested.

### 1. AREA COMMITTEES

That the following area committees be established and be set into action immediately to address the priority issues as indicated.

#### 1.1 PRETORIA AREA COMMITTEE

##### AREA TO BE COVERED

Atteridgeville, Laudium, Pelindaba, Ga Rankua, Mabopane, Soshanguve, Hamanskraal, Eesterus and Mamelodi.

##### ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT

To take responsibility of the developing region of the Northern Eastern Transvaal.

##### PRIORITY ASSIGNMENT

To take up the campaign against the Kanguane elections with the the people of that area.

##### PROPOSITION

That two teams besides local effort to constituted to deal with the two assignment.

##### OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

Community, workers and students, etc struggle.

#### 1.2 EAST RAND AREA COMMITTEE

##### AREAS INVOLVED

Katlehong, Thoko a, Volsrus, Wattville, Actonville, Daveton Kwa Thema, Tsakane. Duduza, Reiger Park, Eedepark, Rotanda, Alropark, Mackenzieville, Geluksdal, etc.

##### Assignments

Community, worker and students, etc struggles.

##### ROTANDA ELECTIONS

Deacon asked too take responsibility of organization of that area.

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To : take up a campaign against the election of the Town Council with the co - operation of the councillors who have resigned.

### 1.3 VAAL AREA COMMITTEE

#### AREA TO BE COVERED

Evaton, Roshney, Residensia, Sebokeng, Boipatoong, Bophelong, Sharpeville and Restwood.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

Community, worker, students etc struggles.

### 1.4 JOHANNESBURG AREA COMMITTEE

Johannesburg with neighbouring suburbs including Fordsburg Western Coronationville, Bosmoont, Riverlea Alexander and possibly Tembisa.

#### Priority Assignment

Bosmont elections, community, workers and students.

### 1.5 SOWETO with Noordgesig Eldorado Park Lenasia and ernadale

Assignment. Community, worker, students etc struggles

### 1.6 WEST RAND AREA COMMITTEE

Dobsonville, Kagiso, Azadville, Toekomsrus, Mothlakeng, Westonarea, Carltonville etc.

#### WESTERN TRANSVAAL

That the appointed "acting" secretaries take responsibility of this area and find the relevent workforce to organise the area.

#### NORTHERN CAPE AND FREE STATE

Responsibility of sthe national l officie.

#### SECRETARIAT AND ORGANISERS

- 4.1 That Murphy assumes st the role of acting secretary. assisted by possibly Williams Smith (as per recommendation of Anti P.c. committee) part time.
- 4.2 That the voluntary services of Barbara, Khehla and Fazel to provide a back up system to the administrative work of Esther and Pat be contined.
- 4.3 That more volunteers be sort from the other resources of oo organisations and projects to put some of their time to UDF work
- 4.4 That Dan handle the Vaal situations wiith the help of the a acting secretaries in the office and members of Soweto Civic Association

4.4 That Deacon handle the Rotanda situation with the help of the acting secretaries in the office.

5. COPY OF UDF NEWS

Copy of UDF news to be published by mid week 26/09/84 to address itself solely to the election victory, rest victories, the resignation of councillors, students struggles, gains made and the cost paid for the said to be distributed during the latter part of next week to the Eastern Transvaal but with specific attention to affected areas like the Vaal and Soweto and the East Rand. etc.

6. TIME LIMIT

All of these activities must be undertaken by the end of this month with a written report expected by the 1st. of October at the UDF office.

SUGGESTIONS

This working document is not final at all. All suggestions and modifications are welcome.

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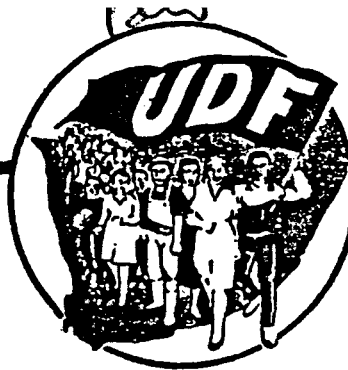
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18 July 1984

## ANTI-CONSTITUTIONAL CAMPAIGN

### LIST OF MEETINGS

1. Wednesday 18 July 1984

Event: MASS MEETING

Organisers: Transvaal Indian Congress, UDF

Venue: Selbourne Hall, JHB.

Time: 7.30 P.M

Speakers: Cassim Saloojee

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2. Wednesday 25 July 1984

Event: MASS MEETING

Organisers: Transvaal Indian Congress, Tv1 Anti-P.C Committee,  
UDF.

Venue: Civic Hall, Mohadin, Potchefstroom.

Time: 7.30 P.M

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Benoni Students Movement, Benoni Youth League,  
Saulsville -Atteridgeville Youth Organisation,  
Mamelodi Youth Organisation, MOYA Youth Movement,  
Alexandra Youth Congress, AZASO, COSAS)

Venue: Patidar Centre, Lenasia

Time: 2.00 P.M

Speakers: Firoz Cachalia  
Dan Montsisi  
Lulu Johnson  
Cedric Kekana

4. Saturday 28 July 1984

Event: MASS RALLY

Organisers: UDF (Northern Cape Region)

Venue: Kimberly

Time: 2.00 P.M

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Event: MASS MEETING

Organisers: TIC

Venue: Sweizer Reinecke

Time: 2.0PM

Speakers: Cassim Saloojee

6. Sunday 5 August 1984

Event: MASS RALLY

Organisers: UDF - Northern Transvaal Affiliates

Venue: Naledi Hall, Seshego, Pietersburg

Time: 2.00 P.M

Speakers: Albertina Sisulu

David Mahopo

Abel Nkabinde

7. Sunday 5 August 1984

Event: MASS RALLY

Organisers: Tvl Anti-P C Committee

Venue: Bosmont, Johannesburg

Speaker: Prof Ismail Mohamed

Time: 2.00 P.M

8. Wednesday 8 August 1984

Event: MASS MEETING

Organisers: Tvl Indian Congress, UDF

Venue: Middelburg

Time: 7.30 P.M

Speakers: Abel Nkabinde

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9. Thursday 9 August 1984

Event: PRAYER SERVICE

Organisers: Federation of South African Women

Venue: Dube Chapel, Soweto

Time: 6.00 P.M

10. Friday 10 August 1984

Event: WOMEN'S CULTURAL EVENING

Organisers: Federation of S A WOMEN

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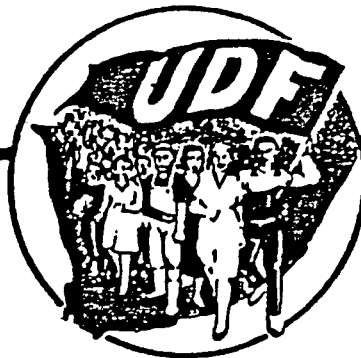
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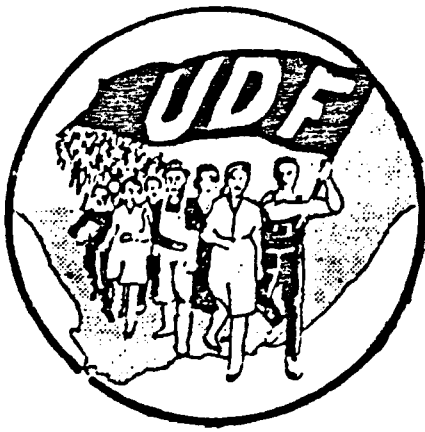
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27 AUGUST 1984

CIRCULAR TO ALL AFFILIATES AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES

Comrades

The UDF is a year old now. Over the past year we have grown tremendously. We have fought many battles, won many struggles and made some mistakes.

We have also passed our first phase in opposing the New Deal i.e. Community Councils/Black Local Authority elections and elections for the tricameral parliaments.

We are now faced with having to fight the implementation of the new deal. We will only be able to do this if we look back on our successes, our weaknesses and the problems which have cropped up over the past year.

At present, all the regions of the UDF are evaluating the work of the UDF over the past year. At our GC held on 01 August '84 we decided on the following areas for discussion:-

1. ASSESSMENT OF WORK DONE

- a) Summary of the goals which we set for ourselves on 20 Aug 1983.
- b) Have we managed to achieve these goals through work done?
- c) Assessment of the following campaigns: Million Signature Campaign; Campaign against Community Council Elections; Campaign against tricameral elections; Anti-Forced Removals.
- d) Assessment of the extent to which supporting campaigns were built into the above campaigns eg Anti-Conscription into anti-elections.

2. ASSESSMENT OF POLITICAL OBJECTIVES

Because we are committed to the establishment of a unitary, non-racial democratic South Africa, we should also look at the following:

a) Democracy within the UDF

An assessment of our structures ie. GC; regions; area committees; executive and sub-committees. Ways of improving on the performance of each of these structures is required.

b) Non-racialism

The building of non-racialism into our practice in UDF structures and campaigns in the community.

c) Leadership

It is broadly argued that the leadership of our struggle should come from the working class and, in particular, from the 'African' working class. Some assessment of this is

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required with the view to translating this into an efficient practice.

3. THE NATURE OF THE FRONT

The working principles describe the UDF as a front comprised of affiliated organisations. Also, the structures established are those normally associated with a front. However, we have often been forced to operate as an organisation. The role of the affiliates is thus diminished, especially when area/regional committees function well and in the height of intensive campaigns.

This situation must be thoroughly assessed.

4. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Our relationship with other organisations and sectors has been quite haphazard in the past year. Here, our contact with the labour movement, and religious groups should be examined.

These areas of discussion should not be regarded as being final, but simply as a starting point for any areas of discussion organisations would like to raise.

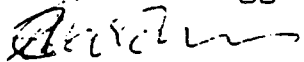
We ask that organisations discuss these issues. We understand that there might at this stage be a lack of clarity or some differences of approach to these questions. A workshop will thus be held to clarify these matters further. This workshop will be held on SUNDAY 09 SEPTEMBER from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

This workshop is being organised to clarify the issues and not to take decisions. We would then ask organisations to thoroughly assess the UDF within the organisation. Mandates will be called for at a GC to be held on Wednesday 20 September (After this the Western Cape approach will be taken to the NEC on 29 September, then back to the region for discussion before the National General Council which will be held at some point in December.)

The workshop on 9 September should be attended by the same number of people who normally attend GC eg AZASO is allowed 2 delegates + 2 observers, so would be allowed four people delegates to the workshop.

We urge you to discuss these issues as best you can and to ensure that your delegates attend this workshop.

Yours in struggle



Cheryl Carolus  
Regional Secretary



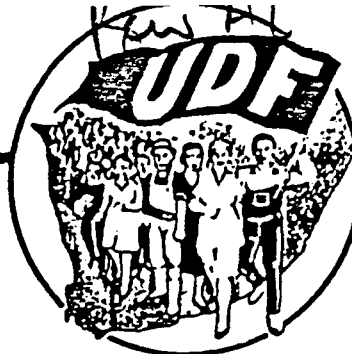
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I would like to repeat the appeal for maximum co-operation in this assessment since it will be the only real determinant in the future of the MSC.

Yours in struggle,



*P* POPO MOLEFE  
GENERAL SECRETARY



31 August 1984

MEMORANDUM: TO ALL REGIONAL SECRETARIES

SUBJECT: THE MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

Our failure to collect even 1/3 of the targeted one million signatures reflects seriously on the abilities of the Front. Previous decisions at N.E.C to extend the period of the campaign have not been translated into action.

We will be required to take a firm decision on the future of the MSC at the next N.E.C. To do this, we will need a thorough assessment of all our efforts to date.

I therefore urge all regional Secretaries to take responsibility for assessment of the campaign in their region, and to submit these reports to Head Office by 14 September 1984.

The report should cover the following:-

- \* Totals to date (actual not inflated!)
- \* Methods used in collection - blitzes, factory floor etc and a breakdown by % for each method.
- \* Participation in MSC - by organisations formally and their members e.g No. people at blitzes and organisations represented.
- \* Structures for co-ordination of the MSC - date of formation and present state.
- \* Chronology of campaign, indicating when campaign started flagging.
- \* Reasons for waning of interest - pressure? inadequate structures? Lack of enthusiasm, etc?
- \* Projected possibilities and suggestions for regenerating the campaign.

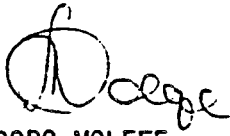
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FACT SHEET

1. Whenever you phone in, please state your position and bus number.
2. The telephone number at the Main Centre in Johannesburg is (011) 35 6388.
3. Co-ordinators who require assistance must phone the above number.
4. Co-ordinator to contact Main Centre in Johannesburg preferably from every stop.
5. Co-ordinator must phone Main Centre in Johannesburg from Bloemfontein and Beaufort West.
6. If unable to contact Main Centre Johannesburg please phone Cape Town on (021) 328 230.
7. If unable to get through to any of the above numbers, please phone (011) 39 2440 or (011) 648 7509.
8. Explain route and stops to passengers before leaving.
9. Stops to be limited to duration of 15 min.
10. If possible, on return journey negotiate with bus driver to pass through areas (eg Lens, Soweto etc) and return to Khotso House thereafter.
11. Your destination is Racklands Civic Centre, Mitchell's Plain Cape Town.

We trust that this will help you plan discussions in the region.  
Do not hesitate to clarify any questions you might have on the  
plan with head office.

Yours in struggle,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Popo Molefe'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'P' and a cursive 'o'.

POPO MOLEFE

GENERAL SECRETARY



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12. People must remain on same bus (as allocated) for return journey.
13. Forswopping arrangements - contact Krish.  
before return journey
14. If unable to get through to telephone numbers listed above, refer to "lawyers list" and liaise with appropriate lawyer directly.

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# Million Signature Campaign

Briefing Document

- Framework.

Rev "A 426"

## ① The Campaign in Context

- The UDF phase of our struggle
- Brief history - campaigns - strengths & support
- Its policies - declaration
- Why the M.S. Campaign now - objectives

## ② The House Visit - or discussion

- why?

- what can we achieve through this process.

## ③ The Approach.

- what to say - Introduction  
persuading the person.  
Conclusion

- how to say it

details of proper conduct and attitude. ———

(PTO)

~~necessary~~ info

- The Constitution or Koorlof Bills  
its content

Why we reject them?

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(5) Answers to possible problematic questions eg. relation to local problems.

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(6) Motivations for why it is important to sign.

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(7) ~~You~~ Last message to people we meet

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- how they can help - local level
- support UDF
- what they must do in relation to anti constitution or K.B. campaign

Anti-SAIC

BRIEFING DOCUMENT

THE CAMPAIGN

BACKGROUND

Democracy means that all adult citizens of a country have the right to vote for or be elected to one parliament. In South Africa there is no such democracy. The "parliament" is elected by Whites only. Africans, Indians and Coloureds have never had the right to sit in the S A parliament.

Over the decades various White governments created a range of "dummy" institutions (or so called votes) in an effort to placate and divert the struggle for a democratic S A e.g. before 1960 vote for White representatives in Parliament or Senate, the Bungas in the Transkei, the Native Representative Council 1935. None of this worked.

In the mid - 50's and early 60's apartheid took another form. The Coloureds were removed from the voters roll; bantustans were created; the S A I C (initially National Indian Council) was nominated; in the mid - 60's local advisory bodies like the L A Cs, Management Committees and Urban Bantu Councils (now Community Councils) were nominated and then elected.

The S A I C must be viewed in this context. It is an institution created by the government to divert the struggle for a democratic S A and divide the struggle along ethnic lines. Those who believe in a unitary, non-racial, democratic S A are compelled to oppose the S A I C.

ANTI-S A I C CAMPAIGN

The campaign against the S A I C is being conducted by Anti-SAIC committees in Natal, Transvaal and the Cape. The leading political organisation in the campaign is the Natal Indian Congress. These committees include and have the support of many other organisations such as DHAC and its affiliates; sports organisations like Southern Natal Soccer Board; trade unions; student organisations; religious organisations like MYM etc.

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EVENTS TO DATE

The campaign in the Transvaal is getting massive support. In Lenasia, over 3 000 people attended the first meeting of the Transvaal Anti-SAIC Committee. Almost every house in each city and town is being visited.

In Natal a massive drive to visit every home in the greater Durban area is on the way. The Anti-SAIC has its own newspaper - People's Unity. About 100 000 copies of each paper and pamphlet are distributed in all areas.

A national conference held on October 10th and 11th was attended by over 120 organisations and some 500 delegates from all parts of the country. A resolution rejecting the SAIC was unanimously accepted, as was a declaration reaffirming the Freedom Charter and calling for a national convention.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN

1. To ask people not to vote and thus demonstrate our rejection of separate government bodies and apartheid as a whole.
2. To demand equal rights for all on the basis of the Freedom Charter.
3. To build our unity necessary to solve our problems.
4. To build greater unity with other oppressed groups.
5. To popularize the idea of building or strengthening our own democratic organisations.

HOUSE TO HOUSE VISITS

For the campaign to be effective it is important for us to reach out to every family. This is the only way to ensure that our message and policy reaches the maximum number of people effectively.

The candidates in almost all the areas are not holding public meetings but are using house visits as their main form of canvassing. There is evidence that some people are being threatened that they "will be charged" if they do not vote.

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, therefore necessary for us to go to each and every house  
elucidate the views of the SAIC candidates. It will give us  
opportunity to :

clear up any wrong ideas people have about the Anti-SAIC  
Committee, the Campaign and about not voting;

understand better the attitude of the Community to the  
SAIC, the NIC and our problems.

## E APPROACH

### INTRODUCE YOURSELF

I am Sally. I am from the Anti-SAIC Committee. I would  
like to take up a few minutes of your time to discuss the  
SAIC elections.

(If person does not know about the election, explain what  
the SAIC is, that there is an election on November 4; that  
they might be approached by candidates to vote).

If there are other adults in the house could you call them  
as well.

We are asking people not to vote on November 4 - what are  
your views on the SAIC?

### IT IS NOT ILLEGAL (YOU CANNOT BE CHARGED) IF YOU DON'T VOTE

Remember you will not be breaking any law if you don't vote.  
You cannot be charged. Our lawyers have checked this.  
Some SAIC candidates are going around threatening people  
that they will be charged if they don't vote.  
Please tell others in your family and at work, that they  
will not be breaking any law if they don't vote.

(Give the pamphlet)

### DON'T VOTE - THE REASONS

The SAIC is created by the government, they are paid by the  
government, therefore they work for the government. Some of  
them earn R550 per month - one Chairman R1 500 per month.  
The executive earns R1 275 per month.

For 17 years they have been able to do very little about  
most of our problems :

Group Areas Act - people still being moved  
High rents/rates - they keep going up  
food prices - very high  
facilities and amenities - most areas still have virtually  
nothing.

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attitude

———— (PTO)

They have no power. They cannot make new laws. They cannot change laws. They cannot force the government or City Council to do anything - the SAIC is not supported by the majority of our people.

The government created this body to bluff our people that we actually have a say in the country - we don't.

The best way we can show that we do not want useless bodies like the SAIC is by not voting.

4. HOW DO WE SOLVE OUR LOCAL PROBLEMS

From our experience in Phoenix, Chatsworth and other places (eg the rent boycott) we know that only when we are united can we get anything from the City Council.

The LAC's have shown that they are useless.

Our aim should be to form strong residents/community organisations in every area which is loyal to the people not the government or City Council.

We can do without the LAC and SAIC.

Both the LAC and SAIC in fact interfere in the work of our organisations when we try to negotiate with the government and the City Council for lower rents/rates etc.

5. OUR FIGHT FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

From the time of Mahatma Gandhi the Indian Community has always been led by one organisation - the Natal Indian Congress.

Only the Congress can lead the community and make sure that we live in peace and safety with all other communities in S A.

Please read this pamphlet and other newsletters you will get and discuss how we can make the congress a strong organisation.

6. REMEMBER ON NOVEMBER 4

We must show that the Indian Community will not be bought off and misled.

We must not vote.

We must not believe the lies of SAIC candidates that we will be charged if we don't vote.

7. OUR ATTITUDE

We must be polite, not become impatient with people who might disagree,

We don't enter into any arguments - if a person cannot be persuaded excuse yourself.

Make a note of the address, we will arrange for a Senior Anti-SAIC person to visit the house.

On leaving thank them for their co-operation.

Tell them we will be coming back to them in the next few months.

8. FINALLY

Ask people to read PEOPLE'S UNITY and other publications of the NIC and Anti-SAIC committee. Watch for adverts in the paper. Move on .....there's lots more to do! COMRADELY GREETINGS!

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UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT - MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

ORGANISING HANDBOOK

*Rev AL27*

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PROVIDES GUIDELINES ON HOW THE HANDBOOK CAN BE USED EFFECTIVELY. MAKES THE POINT THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE CREATIVITY THAT EMERGES WHEN A GROUP OF ACTIVISTS PLAN A CAMPAIGN, BUT THAT THE HANDBOOK CAN BE VERY USEFUL.

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A SHORT PIECE ON THE UDF, MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN AND THE AFFILIATE.

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2. GETTING TO KNOW THE AREA

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- THE AREA , ITS PHYSICAL DETAILS EG. HOUSES, CHURCHES  
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- THE PEOPLE, HISTORY, SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND THEIR  
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- TYPES OF TRAINING
- THE WORKSHOP - DETAILS OF HOW TO ORGANISE A WORKSHOP  
THE AIMS AND SUGGESTION OF HOW THESE CAN BE ACHIEVED,
- A PRACTICAL EXPERIMENT, IN THE FIELD TO TEST OUT  
THE THEORY. DETAILS OF HOW THIS CAN BE ORGANISED.

4. EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

- EVALUATING THE APPROACH TO FIELD WORK , CORRECTING  
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WORKING OUT THE LOGISTICS

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- MEANS AVAILABLE , DESCRIPTION OF TYPES AND HOW THEY  
CAN BE USED EFFECTIVELY.

FIELD WORK - SOME PRACTICAL HINTS

SELF DEFENCE , WE MUST PROTECT OURSELVES, SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

## 6. EVALUATION

ASSESSMENT OF OUR LEVEL OF ORGANISATION

MAKE A CRITICAL EVALUATION

FOLLOW UP WORK - UDF AND OTHER ORG. WORK.

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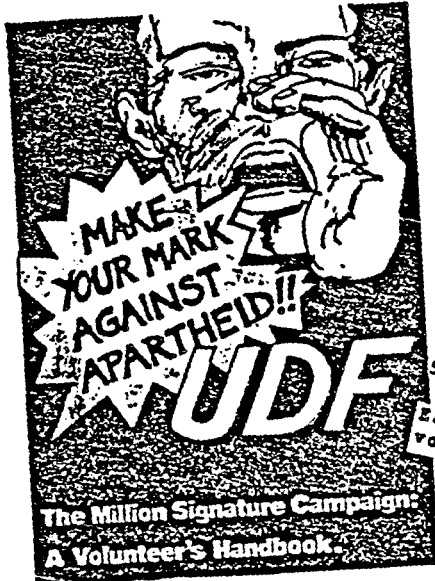
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Essential reading for all volunteers.

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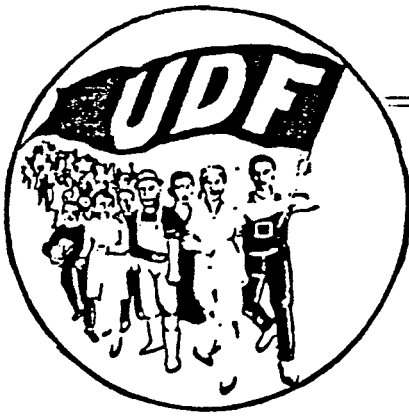
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Dear Comrades

You are been informed of the UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT general council meeting to be held on Saturday 14 April 1984.

Please ensure that you attend as this is the major decision making body of the UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT Transvaal.

Yours faithfully

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P R E F A C E

The United democratic Front is leading our resistance to the new Constitution and the Koornhof Bills. It is a symbol of the unity we are building among all South Africans. It is our protection against those who seek to divide us. Over its short, but eventful, existence over 600 organisations throughout South Africa have been mobilised into the Front. Millions of people today support the UDF.

But, the UDF is only as strong as its affiliates. In our struggle for freedom, we are armed with our ability to organise and mobilise our people. The million signature campaign affords us the opportunity of building organisation where none exists and strengthening existing affiliates in a common programme involving all our people throughout the country.

We face over the coming months, the task of collecting one million signatures from our people; a million signatures that say NO to the Constitution and Koornhof Bills; a million signatures that say YES to a non-racial democratic South Africa and YES to UDF.

This is the challenge that faces all UDF affiliates - and all democrats in South Africa - to strengthen our organisations.

INTRODUCTION

For over 300 years now our people have struggled for freedom and democracy in this country. The fight has taken many forms against a changing enemy.

We fought with spears against the guns up to 1906 to get our land back. Till the 1940 's there were campaigns of peaceful negotiations with petitions and delegations to the government. This led to the 1950's when we saw people stand up in their thousands to defy apartheid. In the 1960's the people's organisations were crushed.

It was only in the 1970's that we saw once again the people coming together, forming organisations to take up the fight for better wages, housing, education etc.

Over the past few years we have seen these struggles intensify and the demand for a non-racial democratic South Africa grow louder. It was this long process of building organisation throughout South Africa that made possible the formation of UDF in 1983.

The UDF was first introduced at the Transvaal Anti-SAIC Committee Conference in January 1983. This was followed by consultations during the earlier months of the year and culminating in the National Launching at Mitchells Plain, Cape Town, attended by over 15 000 people.

Since then the UDF has grown. It now consists of 5 structured and 2 un-structured regions with more than 600 organisations in its fold.

Its short track record speaks proudly of people's victories over the management committees, community councils (which had extremely low polls), the anti-Rajbansi campaign. The Ciskei campaign and People's Weekend demonstrated the growing support that the UDF enjoys. In just five months since August, the UDF has won the support and respect of millions of people throughout South Africa.

It has been able to state in clear terms the demands and aspirations of our people. It has been able to educate and lead our people in the issues that affect them.

THE ORGANISATIONAL APPROACH

The UDF believes that it is not a few leaders, but the masses of our people that will make our history. It is only through the involvement and participation of all our people in the struggle that we can build a new South Africa.

It is for this reason that the UDF and its affiliates adopt organisational approach to the struggle. We see the need to continuously reach out to people, mobilise them in issues and activities, to build on their understanding, overcome their fears, weld their unity and organise them in the affiliates of the Front.

#### THE MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

The million signature campaign offers us the opportunity to work amongst our people within the approach that has been outlined. It gives our people the chance to demonstrate their rejection of the Constitution and Koornhof Bills and their support of the UDF. It gives us, the affiliates, the chance to educate our people about the Constitution and the Koornhof Bills and the consequences of such legislation. It gives us a chance to popularise the UDF and its principles (non-racialism etc)

It promotes the strengthening of the UDF organisationally by strengthening existing structures and building organisation where none exists.

## PREPARING FOR THE CAMPAIGN

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

It is during this part of the campaign that we must lay the proper foundation on which to launch a massive campaign. We must work rigorously and ensure that our preparations are adequately done so that they hold us in good stead for the campaign. Also important is that we ask ourselves at each point, before we take any step, that whether what we are about to do will contribute towards the objectives we outlined for ourselves.

In this section the most important stages in the preparation for the Million Signature Campaign are discussed. It is assumed that work on the Million Signature Campaign has to start from the beginning. It is important that all the stages below are implemented in all regions and areas.

### 2.2 PLANNING

### 2.3 SETTING UP A COMMITTEE

Our first task is to set up a Million Signature or UDF Committee, and if one already exists to strengthen it.

#### Recruitment

Our responsibility is to involve the broadest range of individuals and organisations in the UDF. Our only criterion must be their willingness to accept the Declaration and our approach to work.

To ensure this, draw a list of all organisations in the area, youth, church, women, civic, cultural and sporting etc. Speak to leading members or request to address their meeting. From these organisations we can either get people to join our Committee or their co-operation to collect signatures in their own right.

Make a list of individuals that have shown active interest in the community, that have

made some contributions in the past, have attended all regular activities that have taken place in the past, speak to them about the UDF and draw them into your Committee, no matter how little they have to offer, (even if they are prepared to do typing, help once a week etc).

An important point to remember is that the process of recruiting never ends. During the campaign we must continue to speak to people, and people themselves may show interest. Always find a space and role for anyone showing a keenness to join.

### Circulate a newsletter

Circulate a newsletter explaining UDF, million signature campaign and invite people that want to help to a meeting. Try to popularise a contact person, address and phone number.

### Convene a Meeting

Once we feel that we have enough people to start work with, the next step is to convene a meeting. The meeting should:

- introduce all the people involved (get to know each other)
- explain the UDF, Million Signature campaign
- elect a formal committee or structure.

To ensure the smooth running of the Campaign, to ensure that all people are part of decision making, to allow for the proper allocation of tasks and responsibility it is important that we build a democratic committee in which all people work, make decisions and feel a part of the group.

Select a set of officials, that are responsible and will do their work, suggestion: chairman, secretary, minutes secretary, treasurer.

Regular meetings at a central venue at which all matters are openly discussed and decided on - helps to build a strong group.

## 2.4 TASKS OF THE COMMITTEE

### 2.4.1 Build Organisation

## 2.4.2 Getting to know the area

Before we plunge into field work, we need to know a great deal about our area, its people and special qualities that it has.

There are three sections of information that we need to get.

### (i) Resources

For a campaign to be successful, resources are essential. Find out if the following are available:

- venues that are available for small meetings and mass meetings.
- printing facilities
- homes in various areas that can be used during the campaign - to meet at, store material etc.
- loud hailers, mikes, P.A. systems etc.
- places at which posters etc can be displayed.
- material needed for publicity - cardboard etc
- MONEY will be need at all stages.

Other facilities and resources you think may be necessary, locate them now - so when they are needed - it is easy!

### (ii) The Area

How large is the area, how many homes, what type (economic, sub-economic), what rents, transport costs. How many people - what age groups they fall into, number of schools, churches, clinics, doctors surgeries, sports fields - what kind of people and what numbers of people belong and attend these, who are the people in charge - will they be sympathetic to UDF, shopping centres, bus stops - when do people congregate at these points and any other such information will help in planning our campaign.

### (iii) The People

This information will be useful when talking to people. It will help us to use the right language, example to persuade them.

We need to know about some of their past experiences - history.

About their work - where they work - are the factories close by.

What type of social conditions exist, when are they home, watching TV, etc - so that when we can choose the best times to visit them.

We need to know their opinions, views (on politics and people we call our leaders etc) and prejudices (especially race, religion) etc - so that what we say does not put

them off, so that we know what our challenge is when we meet the people.

Any reactionary or problematic people|groups that may exist must be considered in relation to any danger they may pose.

These are some examples of the information we need before we embark on the campaign. More information - about the people and their views especially about UDF etc. must be collected during our contact with people. We must try at all times to learn more about our area, the people and their lives.

### 2.4.3 Training

#### WHY

We have always only a limited number of people involved in our organisations. Organising skills, are always inadequate. Training of activists is to ensure that we equip them with a whole range of skills so that they carry out their work (i) correctly (ii) productively - greatest level of efficiency. Improving the quality of our activists - means we can achieve more and contribute more to the struggle.

#### Important Considerations

- \* Know the people we are training - what are their strengths, weaknesses and limitations start with what they know and build on it.
- \* Make them feel a part of the learning - (not only listen to those who 'know it all') ensure that the people contribute and actively participate - this always helps a person gain confidence in him/herself.
- \* Training does not take place in workshops only - but also while we are working with people on a day to day basis. Teaching and learning must go on at all times.

#### Types of Training

- i. understanding the struggle - knowing what is important in the struggle, what our aims are at each stage, who needs to be organised and how.
- ii. technical skills - ie. from taking minutes, chairing meetings to being able to write and print pamphlets, take photographs etc.
- iii. organising skills - running workshops, doing home visits, planning meetings etc.

Some training must take place before fieldwork - even for those that are experienced. (million Signatures campaign is a new challenge).

A single or a series of workshops may achieve this.

### The Workshop

The workshop/s must be used to train the members of the committee in the art of the struggle. There are four main aims that need to be achieved:

- i. understanding briefly the history and nature of our struggle.
- ii. providing the field worker with adequate knowledge of the UDF - its history, policies, the Constitution, Koornhof bills - their content and implications and South African politics and society generally. Discuss the contents of the UDF Declaration.
- iii. Preparing for the actual field work, what approach must be used, what language and how to communicate, basically being able to put across whatever the message is, being able to learn more about the people, and persuading the person to sign the declaration.
- iv. carrying out a practical exercise. An experiment on a small scale, to test out the theory in practice.

### Planning the Workshop

This must involve the maximum number of people, so that they all know how to organise a workshop, what is expected to be achieved from the workshop.

- i. venue - choose one that is suitable for the number of people invited.
- ii. invitee list - to check that all people are informed. Use workshop as an issue around which to mobilise people - invite as many people as possible.
- iii. Date and time - choose a suitable time - which allows for maximum attendance and at least 3 hours for the workshop.
- iv. programme - must allow for adequate time for discussion - breaks (refreshments). Look at creative ways in which 4 aims outlined can be achieved.
- v. Evaluation and follow up - we need to discuss whether the information and approaches worked out during the workshop were adequate and if not to work out a programme (another workshop or meeting) at which this can be discussed.

### Some suggestions

- i. Invite a member of the regional executive of the UDF. He can either be a speaker or help answer questions.  
Use videos, publications, information booklets that have been published. This must be explained simply - (use charts, handouts).  
Have group discussions - ask a few basic questions that will help to clarify the information.



- ii. Use briefing document, get somebody to give a talk on the type of people in the area and what approach and language would work best. Use method of role play, where 2 people act out a home visit, others must watch and criticise until correct approach/es are arrived at. Very important.
- iii. The practical experiment - this must preferably be done a few days after the workshop, at a time when a few hours are available and people can be expected to be at their homes.

#### Aims of Practical Experiment

- to give field workers a taste of the actual work that needs to be done - initiation.
- test out the approaches developed at the workshop - are we able to get people to sign?
- get an idea of the types of responses one can expect from people - any difficult questions that were raised.
- observe the level of awareness amongst the community about UDF, Constitutional Bills etc. - this helps in designing the propoganda campaign.
- from this experience - work out a more correct method of work.

#### How to organise it

- depending on the number of fieldworkers, choose a reasonable number of houses that should be visited, make sure that the sample you choose is fairly representative of the area (include number of each type of house).
- meet at a central venue - pair off the field workers - this is done so that we can learn from each other and point out each others mistakes.
- allocate a reasonable number of houses to each pair of field workers.
- set a time limit.
- give a final briefing - wish everybody well. (each fieldworker must carry his briefing document).
- meet after the home visits have been completed to exchange information and share experiences tha have taken place.

#### 2.4.4 Evaluation and Assessment

We have now reached the final stage of preparation.

- i. An evaluation of our field workers abilities, their approach (has it worked?) must be made - all errors and weaknesses must be attended to. This should be done collectively - with all the people that did the fieldwork (and others) All people must be encouraged to participate, to criticise others and themselves

in a way that will allow us to improve our style of work.

Look at the various thing/ elements that make a home visit successful.  
Discuss through reflecting on the practical each step - (learn from our mistakes)

Note information such as questions asked (work out responses) how long did it take etc.

ii. Make a detailed assessment of the people.

- how much do they know about the UDF, Constitution and Koornhof Bills
- what is their level of awareness about the political situation in our country
- what kind of information do they need to receive
- what kind of publicity would work the best in present conditions
- what is the reaction, feeling towards us (the committee) coming to their doors or meeting them in the bus, church or wherever else we are meeting them.

Once we have this information we are ready to plan and launch the actual campaign.

# The Campaign

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up

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Self Defense }

⑥ Evaluation - not done.

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Only section completed -

Publicity & Propoganda

# PUBLICITY / PROPAGANDA

1. Need for the people to be made aware that the campaign is taking place in the area.  
(need to create a buzz).
2. People need to know what the campaign is about and what it entails.
3. People need to know what the UDF is and what it is fighting for/against.
4. Need for existing <sup>Area</sup> UDF structure or newly formed Million Signature Committee to popularise itself and its leadership and composition <sup>to propagate publicity</sup> - local flavour/character, is an important element in running a national campaign locally. People must not view the UDF coming in from the outside, but rather <sup>people</sup> from within the area doing this type of work.

## MEANS

5. Publicity must be understood by people and must appeal to them. To ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> effective, <sup>in the</sup> publicity campaign refer to your assessment made in the section before the last.

## MEANS

- (1) Posters
- (2) stickers
- (3) mass meetings
- (4) pamphlets
- (5) motor-cades
- (6) drama & music
- (7) local press
- (8) placard demonstrations (permission first)
- (9) speak at church, or other meetings.

Note: - ~~not~~ to let assessed according to Sunday technical ~~notes~~ and at the meet  
your ~~are~~ ~~no~~ things; - POS 1/5 - ~~and~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~meet~~  
pamphlets can be handled

posters) posters should be brief and clear in its message and appearance. Preferably use the national poster for the MSC unless you need to advertise some other activity eg. an MSC mass meeting or play.

pamphlet) - should cover all the first ~~four~~ <sup>five</sup> points under publicity. Note: In large areas, posters and pamphlets should be handled section by section as house visits are being done. Distribute pamphlets door to door, <sup>in a district</sup> tell people very briefly at the door about the campaign, answer any questions and tell them that we will back during the week to collect your signature."

### Local Press

Some areas have a local newspaper - use it to publicise MSC. etc. Many churches come out with newsletters for their parish - make enquiries and ask if an MSC article can be put in

Motor-cade) - should take place at a time when most people are on the streets. Posters, banners etc are stuck on vehicles and vehicles drive along the street hooting / a loud-hailer can be used to tell the people when we are coming to their district to conduct house visits.

## APPLICATION.

The different ~~forms~~ ~~and~~ ~~types~~ of forms of publicity should be discussed within the committee with a view to piecing these together into a ~~publicity campaign~~ systematic ~~and~~ ~~programmed~~ publicity campaign that would be part of the M.S.C programme in the area. Not all the forms need to be applied. The forms chosen need to be assessed according to the needs of the area, and human and technical resources

## Example of a publicity Campaign.

1) Discussion after pilot survey on how, when and where we are going to tackle the area.

2) Possible findings from the pilot are that not many people have heard of the campaign and what it involves.

Therefore: Need for posters, <sup>(provided nationally)</sup> to create a "buzz".  
Since it has been assessed at the meeting that the area is large and we are going to do a district at a time, we need to confine posters to the district that we are going to cover first.

Steps to be taken:

- ① allocate tasks like organising <sup>brushing</sup> string backing cardboard for poles, glue, etc.
- ② allocate a meeting time for <sup>volunteers</sup> ~~people~~ to come and put up posters (assess which time of day is best suited for this work).
- ③ locate places where posters would be most effective in the district (where they would be seen by most people).

- ③ Most likely that buzz may be created, but people still have no <sup>basic</sup> knowledge of UDF, constitution / Koorhof Bills, local UDF leadership; ~~the need to sign declaration~~, the fact that this is being done nationally, ~~etc~~. somebody is going to come to your house and ask you to sign, etc.

Therefore: Need for education to come after initial "buzz". Pamphlet needs to be drawn up and distributed before fieldwork starts.

steps to be taken: Do we have skills, ~~and~~ technical resources, <sup>and finance</sup> or access to these? If we don't; request assistance and training from other such structures.

If we do - pull together people with different publication skills and start working. Pull together whole group for distribution.

- ④. Fieldwork starts but after a while we need a little boost for people to know that the campaign is still going on - chance to popularise UDF and its slogans. to ~~some~~ people who have by now heard a bit about campaign in the press and from friends whose houses have been visited and from church where the leadership has been ~~therefore~~ given a chance to speak.

Therefore: Need for a motorcade with cars plastered with "UDF" and Slogans in around densely populated shopping centres etc on (Saturday?).

At the same time UDF stickers are handed out, as well as "the pamphlet". Volunteers use this opportunity to collect signatures on the street and

outside the shopping centres as the people are attracted to the cars. Use loud hailer to announce which area next

④ steps to be taken: Suitable date ~~and~~ <sup>and pl.</sup> time to be set. Meeting time to be set for decoration of cars. Responsibilities must be allocated. ~~Recr~~ "Recruitment" for cars must be made to max. no. of cars from supporters in the area. make sure streets are lined with posters on morning <sup>car</sup>

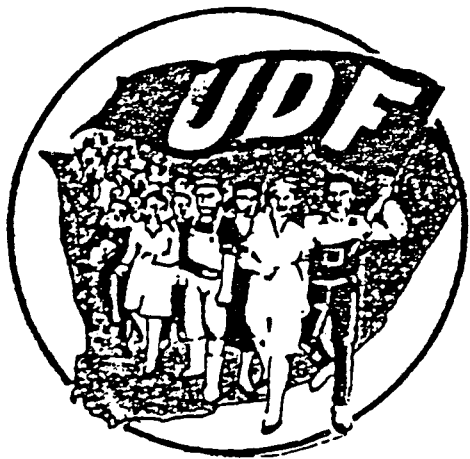
⑤ Area is ~~almost complete~~.  $\frac{3}{4}$  way complete. Maybe we should have a mass meeting. invite national or regional UDF leaders to address our people on "politics"

steps. publicity for mass meeting - pamphlet.  
- distribution. personally with few words.  
arranging venue and speakers



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# million signature campaign

Briefing for Fieldworkers



*Go to the people,  
live with them,  
learn from them,  
love them —*

*Start with what they know,  
build on what they have —*

*..... but of the best leaders,  
when their task is accomplished,  
their work is done,  
the people all remark:*

*"We have done it ourselves."*

INTRODUCTION

Over the coming months we, the activists, will be going to the people to collect 100 000 signatures for the UDF declaration.

We will be speaking to the people in their homes, at churches, in the streets, bus ranks, wherever people are to be found.

It is important that we have adequate information on the topics we are going to be discussing, ie. the UDF, Constitution, and the Koornhof Bills. (and why we reject the latter two) Very important also is that we use the correct approach when speaking to the people.

This briefing will guide us in our work. We need to add on to this document information about our area, local organisations and other issues not mentioned in here.

The briefing will be done in two sections. The first will be about the house-visit and some suggestions on our approach, the second will be on the information we will be needing.

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Read through this briefing and discuss the ideas in here before going into the field.

Remember that when we are out in the peoples houses, we are carrying the name of the UDF and its policies and principles, CARRY IT WELL.

THE MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

The reasons for the million signature campaign are spelt out clearly in the 5 objectives of the campaign.

1. to collect a million signatures to show that we will never accept Apartheid.
2. to popularise and show the support the UDF has.
3. to educate our people about the UDF, Constitution and Koornhof Bills.
4. to show a clear rejection of the constitution and koornhof bills and support for a non-racial democratic South Africa.
5. to use the campaign to popularise and build our local organisations.

The campaign will be conducted by all UDF affiliates in S. A. over the next 4 months.

## THE HOUSE VISIT

(3)

### WHY?

- \* Because we need to reach all the people in our community, even if we have to go to their homes. Not all people will come to meetings.
  - \* We need to educate people about UDF, the constitution and koornhof bills. This can best be done in a small group or one to one discussion in which we can clarify any misunderstandings, answer any questions and give people individual attention which has the maximum impact.
- We need to learn about our people. We need to find out about their problems, about how they feel about various issues, their willingness to take part in activity, their level of understanding about the political situation in the country. All this we can only do by speaking to people individually, asking questions and listening carefully when they speak.

### HOW?

There are various approaches to conducting a house-visit. The approach we use will depend on , who we are speaking to, what are the issues affecting that community (eg. election, koornhof bills) other conditions such as the history of work, amount of work done in that area. This must be considered when working out the approach to a house-visit in your area.

However there are some basic points that we can keep in mind. Here is described a particular model , which must be modified for your area.

Let us assume that a pair of you are working in a particular street in the township.

### STEPS FOR THE HOUSE - VISIT

Our first step is to knock on the door.

Greet the person answering the door, Good evening , I am \_\_\_\_\_ from the (name of local org.). or I am from the UDF.

I wonder if I could take up a few minutes of your time, or any similar statement, without mentioning politics or such words.

GETTING INTO THE HOUSE IS VERY IMPORTANT.

(4)

Once you are in or have the person willing to listen, attempt to draw in other members of the family into the discussion. This can be done by asking if there are other people at home, as the matter you want to discuss affects everybody.

Once you have the maximum number of people, explain your purpose.

You are a member of an organisation affiliated to the UDF. You and others are going on a door to door campaign to discuss \_\_\_\_\_ This may differ from area to area. EG. you are discussing the constitution. The UDF is \_\_\_\_\_, give a brief explanation, and at present it is conducting a campaign to collect a million signatures.

At this point ask a few questions, or enquire as to whether the person knows of the UDF, or about the constitution, Koornhof bills. This must be done carefully, not in any way frightening the person, or in an abrupt manner. ASK GENTLY. eg. Have you heard of the UDF and constit. What do you know about it.

The answer you receive would allow you to assess how much the person knows, and how much you need to explain.

If you need to explain, use the knowledge in the earlier pages. DO NOT GIVE A LONG SPEECH, EXPLAIN BRIEFLY, MAKE SURE THE PERSON IS FOLLOWING WHAT YOU ARE SAYING.

Encourage discussion, get the people to talk. This can be done by asking the right type of question. How long have you been living here, Are you happy with the way the township is, what do you feel about it are some ways of getting people to talk.

Answer all questions - if possible. If you are unable to, take down the address and tell the person you would get someone else to visit them.

At the correct time give an explanation of the signature campaign, and why it is important for people to sign.

If person is antagonistic, disagrees with you, try to persuade them gently, if this does not work, thank them and leave. ~~DO NOT BE PROVOKED INTO ARGUMENTS, ANGER OR VIOLENCE. DISCIPLINE IS IMPORTANT.~~

If the person is supportive but scared, then explain that the UDF is a legal organisation, the campaign is legal, millions will be signing, the forms are not going to handed to the government, etc. BE PATIENT.

If the person you meet is very interested, spend more time, ask if he is prepared to join or help in some way . WATCH OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Before you leave the home, ask if there is any other information they would like to have, make sure that you have explained all the important issues to the people. ENSURE THAT PERSON IS ADEQUATELY INFORMED AND HAS UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU HAVE SAID.

GET THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES OF PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 16 BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

Your last message to the people, tell them to continue to support the local organisation abd the UDF. They can do this by reading all the newsletters that will be distributed, coming to meetings, talking to friends and taking an active part in your campaigns.

Ask them to read and discuss the newsletter that you leave with them.

thank them warmly .

While in the house, make a note (mental) of the way people respond, the questions they ask, problems they talk about, their attitude towards you, the local organisation and the UDF.

THIS FORMAT MUST BE MODIFIED TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

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- \* DRESS NEATLY - APPEARANCE IS IMPORTANT
- \* BE POLITE - PEOPLE ARE DOING YOU A FAVOUR AND NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND
- \* ALLOW PEOPLE TO TALK , ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS ETC. LISTEN AND LEARN
- \* DO NOT ARGUE WITH PEOPLE. IF THEY DISAGREE WITH YOU ,TRY PERSUASION, IF IT FAILS THANK THE PERSON AND LEAVE.
- \* SPEAK IN LANGUAGE PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND, NO NEED TO IMPRESS PEOPLE WITH BIG WORDS. SPEAK IN A WAY THAT THEY UNDERSTAND.
- \* SIGNATURE ARE NOT THE ONLY IMPORTANT THING, EDUCATE AND LEARN.
- \* LOOK OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS,            \* WORK HARD - THERE IS NO EASY WAY.

YOU ARE NOW READY FOR THE HOUSE VISIT. TRY IT, LEARN FROM EACH VISIT,  
USE WHAT YOU LEARN IN THE NEXT VISIT.

### QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKED

There will be some questions that may arise during your discussions  
with the people. PREPARE YOURSELF WELL TO ANSWER THEM.

Some of these questions may be difficult, discuss these with the  
committee so that we have the best answer and also that all of us  
use the same approach to such questions.

To this document must be added issues that are specific to your  
community.

Some of the questions one can be asked.

Why doesn't the UDF participate in the constitution?

What do we expect to achieve by boycotting everything?

Is it not illegal to boycott?

In Indian and Coloured areas, the fears people have about majority rule  
Won't South Africa be another Uganda etc.

It is illegal to fight the govt. , if I sign the police will take me  
away , and similar questions.

Why does UDF not join Inkatha, why are they fighting amongst each other

And many similar questions,

WE MUST BE ARMED WITH ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION ,WITH THE ANSWERS  
TO DIFFICULT QUESTIONS. We must remember that our approach to people  
is important.

ONCE WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN HANDLE THE HOUSE - VISIT.....

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G O F O R I T

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## WHY THE GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED ITS NEW DEAL NOW? - WHY THE UDF WAS FORMED

For over 300 years our people have been fighting for Freedom and Justice in South Africa. Today that fight continues.

### WARS OF RESISTANCE

During the 1700 s and 1800 s our people fought against the colonisers to get back the land taken away from us. With spears against guns, this phase of our struggle ended with the Bambata Rebellion , when 4000 people were killed, in 1906.

### EARLY POLITICAL RESISTANCE

Then came the period when Whites ruled through denying the Black people political rights (VOTE) In 1910 the Whites came together and formed the UNION. Blacks were excluded. After this first constitution was drawn, many laws were passed which further deprived us of rights. For eg. the Land Act of 1913 gave 87% of the land to 20% of the people. Our people formed political organisations to represent them and fight for equal rights. The Natal Indian Congress and ANC were active in this period. Petitions and delegations were used to voice our demands.

### PERIOD OF MASS CAMPAIGNS (1950 s)

This continued until 1948. In this year two things happened. The present Nationalist government came into power. The new government began introducing many apartheid laws (group areas, separate amenities suppression of communism etc) It took away what little voting rights people had. With this the peoples organisations changed their way of taking up the fight for a better South Africa.

The people responded by going on defiance campaigns and similar mass campaigns involving thousands of people. They drew up the Freedom Charter. In this document they put down their ideas of what kind of South Africa they wanted for the future. This was done by the Congress Alliance. The alliance represented the UNITY of the people at that time. The alliance was made up of the Natal and Transvaal Indian Congress, the ANC , The Coloured Peoples Congress , Congress of Democrats and the South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU)

The alliance was crushed by the government in 1960. Organisations were banned, people were banned or jailed and many leaders went into exile.



PUPPETS REPLACE LEADERS ( 1960 s)

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It was during this period of little resistance from the people that the government introduced its puppet bodies, to represent us. The SAIC, LAC, HOMELANDS, CRC etc were born in this period.

RE EMERGENCE OF PEOPLES ORGANISATIONS (the UDF phase)

But the people rejected these stooges. In the 1970's we saw once again people coming together to form their own organisations. Over the past 6-7 years we have seen many youth, women, civic, political and trade unions organisations being formed to take up the problems of the people. We have heard the voice demanding a non-racial democratic South Africa grow louder.

We have seen this resistance and other factors result in great difficulties for this government. The Economy has been hit by increased unemployment, inflation and other serious problems. The education system has been rejected both during the 1976 and 1980 boycotts and student organisations like COSAS and AZASO. We have seen the people rise against housing and transport problems, and we have witnessed South Africa being isolated from the world as tremendous pressure being brought onto the govt. to change.

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All these factors, and an increased amount of disunity among the white govt. put South Africa in a crisis. It had to respond. It would never be prepared to give up Apartheid and give us the genuine change we are demanding. It came up with its new deal, another fraud. The government hopes that the NEW DEAL would win over the Coloured and Indian people (Through its new constitution) and a section of the African community. (Through the Koornhof Bills) It hopes that the new deal would improve its image in the eyes of the world.

But our people nor the world has been fooled. When these plans were announced, the peoples organisations all over the country discussed them. The call was unanimous, a clear rejection of the new deal. The world voted against it at the United Nations, a vote was taken on the new constitution, 147 countries said NO and no country voted in support of it.

AT A TIME WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WAS THREATENING TO FURTHER DIVIDE THE PEOPLE, TO DESTROY THE UNITY WE HAVE BUILT OVER THE YEARS AND TO GIVE APARTHEID A NEW FACE, WE NEEDED TO SHOW OUR UNITY AND CLEAR REJECTION OF THE NEW DEAL .....

THE UDF WAS BORN

## THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT

### ITS FORMATION

The idea of the UDF was first introduced by Dr. Alan Boesak at the Transvaal Anti-SAIC conference in January 1983. It was at this conference that a draft declaration was passed, and delegates from the different provinces were elected. The delegates were given the responsibility of consulting in their regions about the idea of forming a united front.

A long process of consultation resulted in the formation of regional committees of the UDF. This occurred during the months of March to July. There was general acceptance of the need for the United Front

The national UDF was launched on the 20 August 1983. The launching took the form of a conference and mass rally. The conference was attended by 2000 people from over 400 organisations. The rally which followed the conference was held at the same venue in Mitchells Plein, Cape Town. The UDF launch was attended by over 15000 people from all parts of the country and people of all races.

Since then the UDF has grown both in numbers and experience.

Today in the UDF there are over 600 organisations. The UDF is made up of 7 regions. They are Natal, Western Cape, Transvaal, Eastern Cape, Border, Orange Free State and Northern Cape.

Its short but eventful history speaks proudly of peoples victories.

- \* In Cape the UDF led a campaign against the management committees (LAC) which resulted in a 98% stay away.
- \* In Transvaal and Cape the Black Local Authority elections were boycotted successfully.
- \* A well publicised campaign was organised against the violence in
- \* Peoples Weekend, over 30000 people attended various meetings held throughout the country on 30 October.
- \* The Natal Indian Congress, a UDF affiliate campaign showed that the Indian people reject Rajbansi and the Constitution.
- \* The United Committee of Concern led the campaign among the Coloured people of Natal to show their rejection of the Labour Party and Const

Through these campaigns the UDF has won the support of hundreds of thousands of people.

THE UDF BELIEVES IN .....

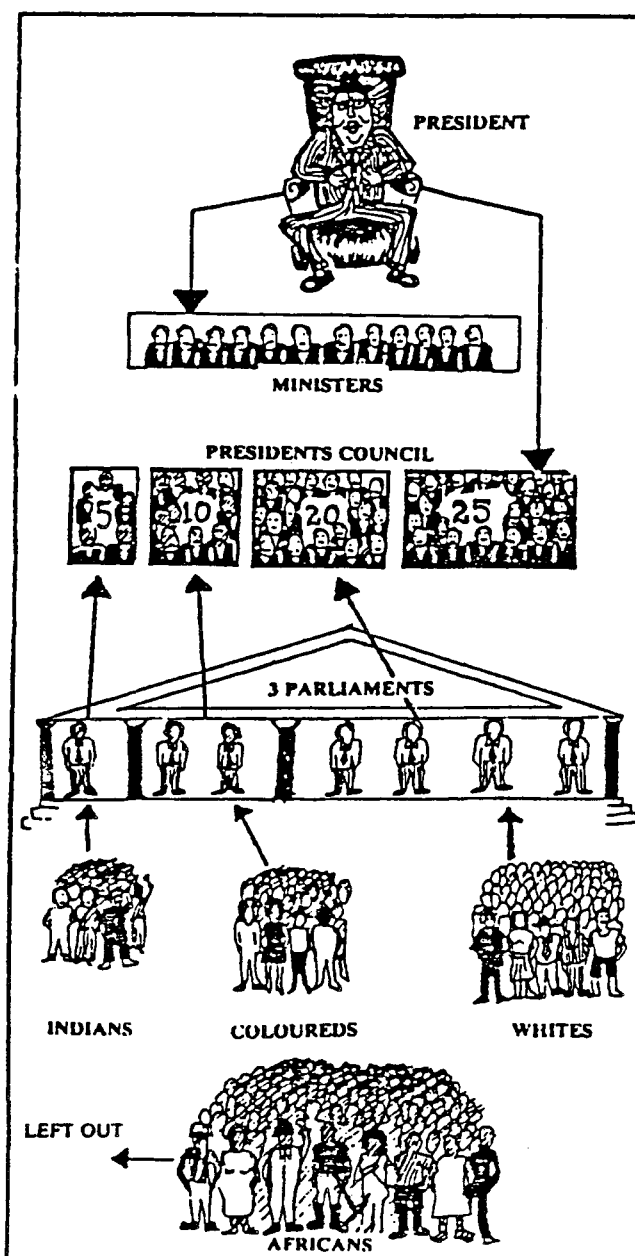
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UNITY OF ALL PEOPLE, It brings together people of all races, young and old, workers, students, priests, businessmen, professionals, women, youth . It believes that we must defend the unity we have built and that we must struggle together so that we can build greater unity among all the people of south Africa, Black and White.

DEMOCRACY , The UDF operates in a way which allows all its affiliates and their members to be part of the decisions that are made. It believe that all South Africans have a right to take part in the running of their country. The UDF is working for a new South Africa in which the constitution will be drawn up by all the people, in which all people shall have a direct say in all decisions.

ORGANISATION. we the oppressed people have only one weapon in our fight to bring freedom to our country. This is the mobilisation and organisation of our people. It is only the people of South Africa, when they are organised and united, that will bring change.

## THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND WHY WE REJECT IT



### THE NEW PLAN

The government's new plan is explained in the diagram. The Indian people will have to vote for an Indian parliament, the Coloured people for a Coloured parliament and the same for Whites. The African people, who make up the majority of the country are totally left out from the plan.

There will be 3 separate parliaments, but they will be different in size. As the drawing shows, for every 4 Whites in parliament there will be only 2 Coloured and 1 Indian. This means Whites will even have more votes than Indians and Coloureds put together. Even if the Indians and Coloureds unite there will be 4 Whites against 3 Black people.

The next part of the plan shows the President, the ministers and the Presidents Council. The President will be chosen by the parliaments. Because Whites have more votes the President will be White (maybe P.W. Botha). He will have a lot of power. He will hand pick all the ministers, eg. minister of health, minister of community development and others. We know he will choose people that will agree with him.

The Presidents Council, which will help the President run the country is also controlled by Whites. Of the 60 people in this body, 25 will be chosen by the President, there will be 20 Whites and only 10 Coloureds and 5 Indians. This means 45 Whites against the 15 Coloureds and Indians put together. Again we will have no say, because Whites will have more votes.

This problem of more Whites than Coloureds and Indians put together means that we will still have no say. Whites will still control the country and make the laws. Things like money for houses, education, hospitals, etc. will be decided by them. Our problems would not be solved by this new plan.

This plan shows clearly how the government is trying to divide us, by bringing in the coloureds and Indians but leaving out the African people. So we find we are brought into the government, but it is planned in such a way that we still don't have any say.

Not explained in the above diagram are two parts of the constitution. These are the electoral college and standing committees. The electoral college is the group that will elect the president. The group will be made up of the members of the party that wins the majority in each parliament. Each parliament will have representation on the basis of the 4:2:1 ratio. This means the White majority party will decide who the president is. The standing committees will be made up of members of the three parliaments, again in the usual ratio. They will discuss those issues of common concern to all races, eg. housing, defence. The parliaments will discuss only their own issues eg. education, welfare.

WE REJECT THE CONSTITUTION BECAUSE .....

- \* the constitution comes nowhere near our idea of Democracy , it does not talk about a system where all the people would be involved in taking decisions that affect their lives
- \* The constitution was drawn up by the same government that has been responsible for our suffering, we were not consulted, we were not involved in the drawing up of this new plan.
- \* The constitution still practices racism, separation and denial of rights based on colour.
- \* The African people , the majority in the country are left out of the constitution. The govt. is further dividing us.
- \* Whites will still control the country, they have more say at every level of the constitution, White domination continues.
- \* Laws that have been responsible for our suffering all these years, and which we reject will remain eg. the group areas act. Added to this the Indian and Coloured people will be forced to make laws against the African people.
- \* We will be forced to join the army and fight on the border , to defend an unjust system.

WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE WORKINGS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE REASONS FOR REJECTING IT BEFORE WE GO INTO HOUSES. WE MUST BE IN A POSITION TO EXPLAIN SIMPLY AND YET CLEARLY WHY THE CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE REJECTED BY ALL PEOPLE THAT BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE AND PEACE.

AN IMPORTANT POINT TO REMEMBER IS THAT NO MATTER WHO WE PUT INTO THE PARLIAMENT (EVEN THE BEST OF OUR LEADERS) HE WILL HAVE NO POWER TO CHANGE ANYTHING.

## KOORNHOF BILLS

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

The 3 bills which make up Koornhof's so called reform plan are:

1. the orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill.
2. the Black Local Authorities Act
3. the Black Communities Development Bill

The first two bills were withdrawn and referred to the Grosskopf Committee and they can pass through parliament at any time this year.

### 2. THE BILLS:

#### 2.1 ORDERLY MOVEMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF BLACK PERSONS BILL:

##### Who will have urban rights?

- a). Only the new category of persons called PERMANENT URBAN RESIDENT will have urban rights.
- b). Permanent Urban Resident Status will be given to those who own properties, this include those with 99 year leasehold but not people renting houses and staying in hostels.
- c). And also those S.A. citizens who have lawful resident in a prescribed area for 10 years may apply to be granted permanent urban rights - this excludes 8 million people who are citizens of independant homelands.
- d). Persons born in prescribed area to parents with urban rights may apply to become (PUR'S).

##### What will happen to other people?

- a). Those who have section 10 rights at the moment but without approved accomodation will have them taken away.
- b). People who are citizens of independant homelands won't be granted these rights.
- c). Kwa Zulu residents have no urban rights nor will they have under this section.
- d). Everyone who is not a PUR will enter the prescribed area as a contract worker and may not remain in the area, without a permit, between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.  
No one will have a visitors permit for more than 14 days in the year. People who will now and then be required to produce permi to be in the area, and if they can't they will be arrested.

Those found in the prescribed area between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. will be sentenced to 6 months or R500 fine for each person.

Employers who employ people without permits to be in the prescribed area will face 12 months in jail or R5000.

#### Resettlement of people.

- a). Farm tenement boards will be set up to determine the number of people that should be in an area. The Board may order that a group of people in excess of the areas labour needs, be removed
  - b). The minister may remove people if he thinks they are being a nuisance or are congregating in an area where it is undesirable or if their presence may canvass support for a public campaign to change the law. The people may be ordered to be removed with dependants to any place the Director General may decide.
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#### 2.2 THE BLACK LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT OF 1982:

This law sets out how local government will take place in some black townships in the prescribed area. For people in Durban it applies to Lamontville, Chesterville, etc.

- \* Community Councils will be replaced by local authorities elected by PUR'S only.
  - \* The local authorities will be responsible for; refuse removal, water supply, drainage, electricity, health services, etc.
  - \* The local authorities will still have to raise money for improvements because they won't have access to revenues.
  - \* They will be completely autonomous, that means they will also finance themselves.
  - \* Unlike other Indians, Coloured and White local governments the black local authorities will have no representation at govt. level
- This law details the powers, functions and obligations of the local authorities and the powers of the Minister to intervene in the affairs of the local authority.

#### IMPLICATIONS OF THE BLACK LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT:

- \* No one is eligible for election if he/she has ever been found guilty of an offence under any security law.
- \* The minister determines the number of members in the local authority and the basis for election. If the community boycotts the election The Minister can appoint persons until further elections.

- An official of the state can attend meetings of the local authority - can participate but not vote - the state watches over meetings.
- \* The local authority must have an approval of the Minister before it can acquire stocks or borrow money or withdraw any account or invest money or make or accept donations or impose levies. Any by-laws must be made with the approval of the Minister.
  - \* If the Minister feels that finances are unsound he can tell the local authorities what should be done and if it fails to do this the Minister can remove any particular person from the office or dissolve the local authority.
  - \* If the local authority fails to perform its function the Minister has the power to take action and costs incurred by him will be payable by the local authority.
- If it is clear that this is a discriminatory Act which has not been drafted with the intention of responding to the wishes of the communities but to the dictates of the apartheid system.

#### THE BLACK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT BILL:

The Administration Boards are now to be restructured.

They will be responsible for the running of townships and hostels, the charging and collecting of rents, appointment of inspectors, registration of sites and other similar responsibilities.

The Board will be the sole authority responsible for acquiring land and establishing townships, and local authority will have no power in such matters.

The minister has the power to de-establish a township. ( destroy ). This is in spite of the long term rights granted to residents in terms of the 99 year leasehold.

Only the Board may grant the right of leasehold, and leasehold may only be granted to permanent urban residents or their descendants, after it has been approved by the minister. Citizens of independent homelands are excluded from this.

IT IS CLEAR FROM THE ABOVE EXPLANATIONS OF THE BILLS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES THAT THE PLANS ARE AIMED AT :

FURTHER DIVIDING THE PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT, TEMPORARY AND THOSE THAT ARE EXCLUDED FROM ANY RIGHTS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. MORE POWER TO THE PUPPET COUNCILS AND BOARDS, GREATER HARDSHIPS IN RELATION TO HOUSING, SECURITY and peoples ability to earn a living



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UDF supporters and members of affiliates who are being harassed all over the country. It was decided that all acts of harassment should be reported to the UDF office and if possible press publicity should be obtained. Affiliates are also requested to write to the press protesting at such harassment.

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**LIVE LET LIVE PRIZE (FREEDOM PRIZE)**

The UDF was awarded this prize by the Swedish Labour Movement. This award was made to Mr. Murphy Morobe who accepted the prize on behalf of the UDF. This prize was awarded to the UDF because it has been recognised by Sweden as promoting principles enshrined in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights thereby contributing to the struggle for democracy peace and justice.

**ENGLISH AND NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TOUR**

The publicity secretary has written letters to the team touring South Africa and to the New Zealand Prime-Minister expressing our opposition to such tours.

**P W VISIT**

The UDF has sent a telex to British Newspapers expressing opposition to the P W Visit and will be writing to Western Governments expressing our opposition to the tour and to the government's policies.

**HOUSING CONFERENCE**

Diakonia has agreed to host a planning conference which will plan and determine an agenda for the National Housing Conference. Secretaries for the various regions will revert to the Natal Secretaries to advise whether it would be possible to hold such a planning conference.

**EVALUATION**

Many of the questionnaire forms are still outstanding. Those affiliates who have not completed their questionnaire are requested to complete them and leave them at the UDF offices. Affiliates are also requested to come with clear proposals as to how the evaluation programme is to be continued and finalised.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The UDF Regional Executive Committee was elected on the 14th May 1984. It has been in office for over a year. Affiliates are requested to suggest when the next Annual General Meeting should be held.

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Diakonia has contributed the sum of R250,00 as its affiliation fees. Affiliates are requested to emulate this exemplary action by Diakonia as money is urgently needed.

REMOVALS

This is a matter which has been discussed on many occasions at all levels of the UDF. However affiliates are requested to discuss the matter - in particular what forms of action the UDF can engage in to oppose removals. Affiliates are requested to make specific concrete and practical suggestions.

The next General Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 13th June 1984 at 5.30 p.m. at the Ecumenical Centre.



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STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF A UNITED FRONT AGAINST  
THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PROPOSALS.

WHEREAS democracy is the means by which the free will of the people is expressed in electing their chosen representatives to govern, in the processes through which they rule and in the allocation of resources for the benefit of all the people;

AND WHEREAS, these truths are cherished by the whole of the civilised world and are goals for which women and men have given up their lives and are willing to die;

AND WHEREAS, the constitutional reform proposals devised by the minority white government for South Africa, avoid recognition of these fundamental needs of democracy in that:

- they have been imposed without genuine consultation with and active participation by the people of this country.
- they make race and ethnicity the only criteria for the right to take part in government.
- they do not begin to redress the intrinsic economic and social inequalities which have been the deliberate result of centuries of white domination.
- they, in fact, perpetuate and consolidate economic and racial exploitation and entrench the apartheid state.

AND NOW THEREFORE we, democrats assembled on this 23rd day of January, 1983, at the Selbourne Hall in Johannesburg, South Africa, do hereby unanimously

- reject in their totality and without qualification the constitutional and reform proposals
- form ourselves into a <sup>united</sup> ~~national~~ democratic front (ADF) to oppose the implementation of this devious scheme disguised to divide the people.

WE declare that the broad principles on which this ADF is constituted are:

- A belief in the tenets of democracy referred to in the preamble
- An unshakable conviction in the creation of a non-racial, unitary state in South Africa undiluted by racial or ethnic considerations as formulated in the bantustan policy.
- An adherence to the need for unity in struggle through which all democrats regardless of race, religion or colour shall take part together.

- A recognition of the necessity to work in consultation with, and reflect accurately the demands of, democratic people wherever they may be in progressive worker, community, and student organisations.

We further undertake to work according to the following guidelines:

- The mobilisation of our people for the rejection of these constitutional reform proposals should complement and reinforce the ongoing day to day struggles on basic issues which face workers, communities and students.
- A firm acceptance of the existence of dangers at the local council level in the proposals which entail the retention of the Group Areas Act, maintenance of racially exclusive local areas, concentration of control in favour of the rich and exacerbation of poverty.
- An acknowledgement of the threat to the attainment of decent living standards by the African majority by these proposals which would facilitate forced removals, aggravate impoverishment in the bantustans and allow the continued escalation in rents, transport costs and food prices.
- A clear understanding of the utter failure of these proposals to address the problems of rising unemployment, low wages, poor working conditions and weakened collective bargaining powers.
- A true appreciation of the inability of the reform proposals to restructure and redirect education in this country to conform to the demands of democracy. In fact they maintain and consolidate racially separated and unequal education.

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We pledge to fight together side by side against the government's constitutional and reform proposals.



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- reject in their totality and without qualification the constitutional and reform proposals
- form ourselves into a <sup>United</sup> national democratic front (NDF) to oppose the implementation of this devious scheme <sup>he signed</sup> ~~disguised~~ to divide the people.

WE declare that the broad principles on which this NDF is constituted are:

- A belief in the tenets of democracy referred to in the preamble
- An unshakable conviction in the creation of a non-racial, unitary state in South Africa undiluted by racial or ethnic considerations as formulated in the bantustan policy.
- An adherence to the need for unity in struggle through which all democrats regardless of race, religion or colour shall take part together.

A recognition of the necessity to work in consultation with, and reflect accurately the demands of, democratic people wherever they may be in progressive worker, community, and student organisations.

We further undertake to work according to the following guidelines:

- The mobilisation of our people for the rejection of these constitutional reform proposals should complement and reinforce the ongoing day to day struggles on basic issues which face workers, communities and students.
- A firm acceptance of the existence of dangers at the local council level in the proposals which entail the retention of the Group Areas Act, maintenance of racially exclusive local areas, concentration of control in favour of the rich and exacerbation of poverty.
- An acknowledgement of the threat to the attainment of decent living standards by the African majority by these proposals which would facilitate forced removals, aggravate impoverishment in the bantustans and allow the continued escalation in rents, transport costs and food prices.
- A clear understanding of the utter failure of these proposals to address the problems of rising unemployment, low wages, poor working conditions and weakened collective bargaining powers.
- A true appreciation of the inability of the reform proposals to restructure and redirect education in this country to conform to the demands of democracy. In fact they maintain and consolidate racially separated and unequal education.

AND NOW THEREFORE

We pledge to fight together side by side against the government's constitutional and reform proposals.

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UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT - TRANSVAAL

UDF MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

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A. INTRODUCTION

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1. REJECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION ACT.
2. REJECTION OF THE KOORNHOF LAWS.
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THE AIM OF THE CAMPAIGN IS TO COLLECT AT LEAST ONE MILLION SIGNATURES CONTRYWIDE. IN THIS REGARD, A MINIMUM OF 300,000 SIGNATURES WOULD HAVE TO BE COLLECTED IN THE TRANSVAAL REGION.

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THESE CAN BE CAREGORISED INTO EDUCATIVE, IDEOLOGICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES.

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THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES THAT ARE COLLECTED WOULD INDICATE CONCRETELY THE WIDESPREAD REJECTION OF BOTHA'S PLANS. IT WOULD ALSO SHOW THAT THE UDF'S SUPPORT IS ACTIVE AND WIDESPREAD.

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THIS CAMPAIGN ALSO MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO ENLIST THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE WIDE RANGE OF SUPPORTATIVE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

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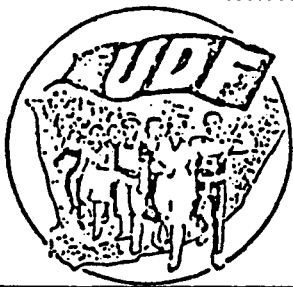
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Rona, ba ratang tokoloho lefatsheng la Afrika Borwa, re batla lefatshe kaofela le tsebe hore:  
Rona re hanana le apartheiti.  
Rona re tshehetsa tshokollo le kopano ya batho ba rona kgahlanong le bobo ba apartheiti.  
Rona re ema le kano ya ho se kgetholle lefatsheng la Afrika Borwa ho se na kगतello, bokebekwa ditjheleteng le kgethollo ka mmala.  
Rona re re:  
Tjhee, ho molao wa motheo o motjha hobane o tla eketsa apartheiti le matla a ba basweu.  
Tjhee, ho melao ya Koornhof e tla timang batho ba bangata ba Afrika Borwa tumello ya tswalo ya bona.  
E, ho United Democratic Front (UDF), mme re e tshehetsa ka botlalo boitekong ba yona ho kopanya batho ba rona ntweng ya bona kgahlanong le molao wa motheo o motjha le melao ya Koornhof.

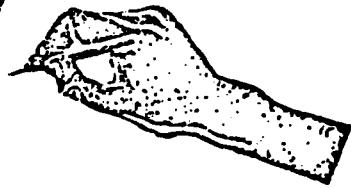
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Asiyifuni i-apartheid.  
Sizihlanganisa nomzabalazo, nobumbano ebantwini, silwa nkungcola kwe-apartheid.  
Sihlangene ngenjongo yokwakha iNingizimu Afrika engena bandlululo enikeza zonke izizwe zayo amalungelo alinganayo, futhi ekhululekile ekucindezelaneni, nasekuxhashanzweni kwezomnotho nasobandlululweni.  
Thina Sithi:  
Asivumelani nomthetho sisekelo omusha ngoba uqhubeka nokuqinisa iapartheidi kanye namandla abelungu.  
Asivumelani nemithetho ka Koornhof okuyiyona ephula isizwe esim-pisholo amalungelo aso okuzalwa, ngamandla amangalisayo.  
Siyavumelana ne United Democratic Front, futhi sizoyisekela kuyo yonke imizabalazo yayo yokwakha ubumbano kubantu bonke, nasem-zabelazweni wayo wokwenqaba umthetho sisekelo kanye nemithetho esavivinywa ka Koornhof.

Ons, die vryheids liewende Suid Afrikaners, verklaar aan die hele wereld om te weet dat ons:  
Apartheid verwerp.  
Ons steun die reg en eenheid van ons mense teen die euwels van apartheid aan.  
Ons staan vir die vereniging van 'n nie-rasisties, demokratiese Suid-Afrika, vry van onderdrukking, en ekonomiese eksploitasie en rassisme.  
Ons se:  
Nee aan die nuwe bedeling omdat dit verder apartheid en blanke dominasie behels.  
Nee aan die Koornhof wette wat meer en meer swart mense van hul geboortereg sal ontnem.  
Ja, vir die UDF en ons gee dit ons volle ondersteuning in sy pogings om ons mense te verenig in die veg teen die nuwe bedeling en die Koornhof wette.

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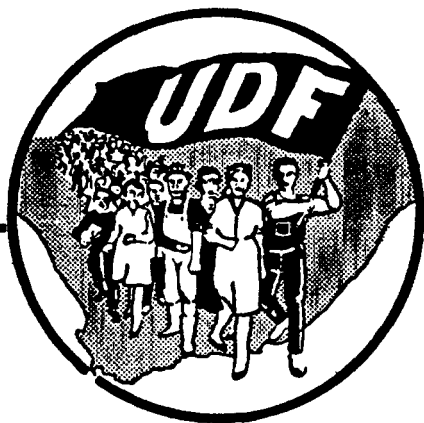
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2 Judith Braun	Kruppstr. 164 4330 Mülheim	Judith Braun
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4 Susanne Reitsch	Göelenstr. 41, 4330 Mülheim/P.	S. Reitsch
5 Markus Mies	Am Brück 70 4350 Mülheim	M. Mies
6 Birgit Beck	Ackerstr. 49b, 4330 Mülheim/P.	Birgit Beck
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# UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT

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DURBAN  
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Tel: 031-32 7860

1. Welcome - East Cape - chair
  2. Pres. address + handshakes
  3. Report - General Sec - anti-apartheid
  4. In. part - 10/10/83 - 10/10/83
- Reminds - Political letter -

5th December 1983

Dear Member

Re: NOTICE OF CONFERENCE

Kindly be advised of the following arrangements concerning the conference to be held in Port Elizabeth on the 17 - 18th December 1983:

1) AGENDA:

- i) Anti-Constitutional Campaign- (Challenge Referendum/Election/Etc - a National Response ?)
  - ii) Million Signature Campaign
  - iii) Conscription
  - iv) Removals and Resettlement
- Expanding UDF

*Kasturi Govender*

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**APARTHEID DIVIDES, UDF UNITES**



2) PROGRAMME:

16th December - Friday - Rally

17th December - Conference

18th December - Conference

3) TRANSPORT:

i) Departure to Port Elizabeth (by bus)

Date - 15th December 1983

Place - St Anthony's Hall

Time - 6 p.m.

Expected travel time - 12 hours

ii) Return to Durban

- return immediately after the end of conference

Sunday - 18th December 1983.

iii) Cost - R35.00 (THIRTY FIVE RAND) per delegate.

4) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

i) Delegates are requested to bring the following :-

a) Clothing and other personal necessities for  
3 (THREE) days.

b) Either 1 (ONE) sleeping bag or a blanket.

c) Writing material

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- ii) Delegates are also requested to bear in mind that the state through its machinery constantly seeks to harass the UDF at its gatherings it is therefore imperative that delegates must maintain the highest form of DISCIPLINE at all times which we have displayed in the past. This will include the non-allowance of alcohol drugs or any other items that would give the state an excuse to interfere with the trip on the bus.

5) DELEGATE ALLOCATION:

A) POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS: (14)

- a) N I C - 2 delegates
- b) R M S - 2 delegates
- c) UDF branches:
  - i) North Coast - 2 delegates
  - ii) Western Areas - 2 delegates
  - iii) Durban Central - 1 delegate
  - iv) Merebank - 1 delegate
- d) COMMITTEES OF CONCERN:
  - i) Sydenham - 1
  - ii) Wentworth - 1
  - iii) Austerville - 1
  - iv) United C C - 1

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B) COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS: (32)

1) JORAC :- 1 per affiliate (as follows)

- a) Chesterville - 1
- b) Lamontville - 1
- c) Hambanathi - 1
- d) Klaarwater - 1
- e) Executive - 1

2) D.H.A.C - 1

3) C H A C - 3

4) A S H A C - 1

5) V H A C - 1 — 1

6) Merebank R.A. - 1

7) C M R A - 2

8) Overport R.A. - 1

9) Reservoir Hills RPA - 1

10) Umlazi Res. Ass - 2

11) Isolomuzi-Inanda - 2

12) G W P - R.P. Ass - 1

13) P.W.C. - 3

14) St. Wendolins  
Res. Ass. - 2

15) NERA - 2

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16)	Tongaat Civic Ass.	-	2
17)	Umbumbulo ,(Kwa Makuta)	-	1
18)	Cleremont Res. Ass	-	1

C) STUDENTS: (10)

1)	COSAS	-	2
2)	AZASO (Reg Council)	-	1
3)	AZASO (Howard Coll)	-	1
4)	AZASO (Ngoye)	-	1
5)	UDW (SRC)	-	1
6)	MSRC	-	1
7)	SRC (UN OF NATAL)	-	1
8)	Mangosuthu Tech.	-	1
9)	AZASO (UNP)	-	1

D) YOUTH: (10)

1)	Malayo	-	1
2)	Matoyo	-	1
3)	N.E. - Youth CLub	-	1
4)	Isipingo YC	-	1
5)	Reservoir Hills YC	-	1
6)	Tongaat YC	-	1
7)	Umlazi YC	-	1
8)	Kwa Mashu YL	-	1
9)	Cleremont YC	-	1
10)	MESS	-	1

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E)	<u>OTHERS</u>	<i>Kwasa Mashu W.O</i>		(19)
	1)	DLA	-	1
	2)	Diakonia	-	1
	3)	Blash Sash	-	1
	4)	J A S A	-	1
	5)	J. P&R. Com	-	1
	6)	Ecumenical Cnt.	-	1
	7)	Ukusa	-	1
	8)	D.G.C.	-	1
	9)	N.C.A.	-	1
	10)	P.M. BURG	-	10
F)	<u>UNIONS:</u>			(6)
	1)	SAAW U	-	2
	2)	T.W.U	-	2
	3)	C U S A	-	2

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO ALL AFFILIATES TO ATTEND NEXT G.C. MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 1983 AT ST. JOSEPH (6.30 p.m.)

Yours sincerely

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Y.I. MAHOMED  
SECRETARY FOR UNITED DEMOCRATIC  
FRONT



A meeting of the UDF North Coast was convened on June 1984. Area reports were shared from Kwa Mashu, Inanda-New Town and Phoenix. The N.E.C report of 2 June 1984 was also circulated and discussed.

Following area updates of progress on the MSC, group discussions were held to address, as requested, the following questions:

- 1) ANTI-ELECTION CAMPAIGN:
  - a. How can we contribute to the anti-election campaign?
  - b. What joint action is possible to demonstrate our united protest?
- 2) MASS RALLY - 18/19 AUGUST:
  - a. What should be the focus of the rally?
  - b. Where should it be held?
  - c. Who should speak?
- 3) MSC:
  - a. What more can be done in our areas to reach our targets on the MSC?
- 4) REMOVALS:
  - a. What forms of action should the UDF take to oppose removals? (Concrete and practical suggestions needed).

The summarised responses to each were as follows:

- (1) a. Co-ordinate under UDF and through NIC
  - \* Joint area actions i.e. blitzes
  - \* Regional rallies followed by a big rally
  - \* Focus more work on removals
  - \* Distribute pamphlets
  - \* Publications - directed to students in zulu
- b. \* Demonstrate maximum unity of all oppressed peoples by collaboration between all racial groups (Joint work)
  - \* Activities should be under the banner of the UDF
  - \* Get speakers from UDF
  - \* Joint statements/publications
  - \* Approach students (AZASO, NUSAS, COSAS) to express their rejection
  - \* Work stoppage - contact and co-op with trade unions UDF/Trade Unions joint effort

- (2) a. \* Link with MSC (at end of MSC)
  - \* Show strength of extra-parliamentary movement
  - \* Constitution-boycott elections
  - \* Koornhoff Bills (one speaker)
  - \* Joint struggles
  - \* Anniversary of UDF
  
- b. \* Durban (City Hall)
  - \* Phoenix
  - \* Orient Hall
  
- c. \* Frank Chikane
  - \* Jerry Coovadia
  - \* Alan Boesak
  - \* Dorothy Nyembe
  - \* Archie Gumede
  - \* A female speaker
  
- \* Sisulu
  - \* M. Ramgobin
  - \* Lekota
  - \* Popo Molete
  - \* Archbishop Hurley
  - \* Toiva
  
- (3) \* Hard work
  - \* More blitzes, Railway Stations, bus-stops, factories, schools, markets, churches
  - \* Ministers should speak at churches
  - \* Involve religious organisations
  
- (4) \* Focus more attention through: publications locally and internationally
  - \* UDF should form a committee to oppose removals - educate by exposing conditions externally and internally
    - organise
  - \* UDF should form a vigilance group
  - \* Focus on "incorporation" of Hambanati, Umlazi, Ladysmith, Ntsuma, Lamontville
  - \* Look at Ilinde Lani in Inanda area.





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## SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

KIMBERLEY ST. BONIFACE  
MISSION IN GALESHELE

DATE: 18-MARCH-1984 TIME: 15h00

CROWD ATTENDANCE: 300

CHAIRPERSON: Jomo Kwaqo

The first MLC launch in the N.C. was held in Galeshewe, Kimberley. The meeting was addressed by the following speakers:

- (i) Galeshewe Youth Interim Committee
- (ii) Hushudi Youth Organisation (Hyo)
- (iii) Fedsem (Mrs Maphagi)
- (iv) Cde Aubrey Mokuwena (R.M.C. & UBF)
- (v) Cde Rev. F. Chikane (UBF)

The keynote speaker Rev. Chikane touched on the history of resistance, the birth and relevance of the UBF and the purpose of the signature campaign.

The only newspaper ~~present~~ available present was the ~~DFA~~ Diamond Fields Advertiser (DFA) with up photographers. Five minutes before the meeting a symbolic signature from the Rev. Et. A.M. Maphagi

has been secured. Ft. Maropeng is president of NCC-Northern Cape Council of Churches members of the Kimberley D.D.S.C.

After giving ~~the~~ signature he volunteered to take five (5) forms with him to continue the campaign among his congregation.

When ~~the~~ Kimberley meeting dispersed at 11:30 ~~approximately~~ already 150 signatures had been collected.

~~Our~~ publicity was fairly weak, though ~~though~~ although there was a positive response from people in Kimberley to the meeting ~~less~~ our publicity did not take advantage of this score that we were fairly weak on this score.

- ii. A very large number were response, and quite a few adults.
- iii. Adults not hostile but need proper approach.
- iv. Press coverage is very weak and not really projecting the UDF properly. An announcement advertisement ~~had~~ instead of an article had appeared about the launch on the Koidan ~~and~~ preceding to Sunday of the ~~the~~ launch.

NORTHERN CAPE REPORT. 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 03.0  
NATIONAL SECRETARIAT MEETING

INTRODUCTION:

There are three area committees in three areas of the Northern Cape, i.e. Kimberley, Vryburg and Kuruman. These area committees are at the moment consulting with ~~individual~~ organisations/individuals in their respective areas, and thus far have been able to reach 8 organisations which are prepared to join the regional structure intended in the Northern Cape.

The vastness of the area and lack of reliable transport makes it in most cases difficult for co-ordination of activity. Follow-ups to certain work done in certain areas has largely been delayed by

- ① Lack of enough manpower

- ② Lack of ~~lack~~ basic organisational skills for most of our activists.

- ③ Difficulty in securing venues for our mass meetings.

However problems also referred to are gradually becoming minimal but are still going to hamper progress for a long time unless ~~serious~~ <sup>serious</sup> attention is devoted to them immediately.

## 2. 1 million Signature Campaign

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### 1. THE WORKSHOPS (Conducted by Cde Popo Motate).

#### 2.1.1. VRYBURG (18<sup>th</sup> FEB).

⊙ Poor attendance was shown in Ffuhudi; and those that had attended were late and the workshop couldn't be conducted, because the ven. was to be used for church-service shortly after the scheduled time.

⊙ The idea of the workshop degenerated into a discussion on the UDF and its campaigns including the MSC.

⊙ The executive <sup>Committee</sup> of the Colridge Ratepayers & Tenants Association was met in the evening and the following subjects were discussed:-

- i. Level of support for the association
- ii. Campaigns of the association
- iii. Programme of action for of the association. (New housing policy touched)

Observations from the above subjects led to the conclusion that the MSC has potential to be pushed in the "coloured" community of Vryburg.

All in all the MSC in Vryburg will definitely have support from the African & Coloured communities, the Indians are still too far away from the popular struggle in the area and organisation amongst them is still remote.

1. Doubts about numbers - Taken over in months. End of August be deadline. First stage should be concerned through building infrastructure. If of energy, work in MSB - it must be sped up so that at least by June energy work must have been done. Enough work should be made - major events be organised. Without these events the campaign will be every dull. Commission National treasury to be consulted to iron out the finance issue.

Leads of the union collectors.

Maintaining moral of activist - depends on regional conditions. Vigilance must be practised. Training aspect is tied to that.

Expenditure: Media are problematic - activists insufficiently trained.

Publicity: Enough resources must be available to create buzz, blitzes,

Relationship with Trade Unions - May Day be observed. UBF jointly with the trade union movement.

Booklets - Development of interest, great lengths were gone but the product is really not decent. Jan van Hind-broek: Specifics should

Criticisms pertaining to booklets be sent through regional publicists.

Methodology - Sampal/MSB

Swanwick - Has no problems and plans are underway referred to

Natal - No problems at the moment, Staffs have been referred to

W. Cape - The influence isn't much

Storace: Photocopiers be made. Security measures be observed.

Regional measures be drawn in accordance with these regions.

Training - In some training be provided. The practice will be to educate them then theory.

Equations to send to support groups.

Relationship between the sections & the MSB

National Co-ordinators - Job descriptions - P. & B. give mandate to two secretarial general (publicity) to look into the question. Active should be thought of but get a job.

1. Booklets.

2. Staff

3. Areas conditions in specific regions

4. Areas work areas

5. Make recommendations

\* Can be invited to work on the MSB - the all

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LIBS  
THE  
NATIONAL  
CONGRESS

This will be a kind occasion in which the LIB had  
been given to <sup>the public</sup> invited to prepare ground for the  
LIB and the Communist Party.  
for area committee for Kimberley has been formed is  
working hard in and with the 'young area committee' in  
rehabilitating the LIB and finally launch a regional  
branch of the party.

The LIB will be extending its million signature campaign  
to the Northern Cape. The campaign will be launched in  
the ~~morning~~ of St Boniface Hall at 7 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Million Signature Campaign Launch (Imberbee)

PLEASE (LIB IN THE NC)

1-12-17





UDF SIGNATURE COMMITTEE SURVEY

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1. Introductions

- a. Explain the signature committee and introduce self.
- b. Tell purpose of visit:
  - i. To advertise seminar on MSC and forthcoming UDF NEWS to be held on Friday 13 April, Khotso Hse, 5.30 - 9.30pm.
  - ii. To get some pre-liminary information on how the MSC is going, and what at this stage affiliates think the value of a UDF NEWS would be.
  - iii. To use this information to plan a programme for the 13 April seminar that will cover in-depth discussion of these issues by a broad group of people from different affiliates.
  - iv. To raise the issues with the affiliates so that they can come prepared to the seminar.

2. Questions

1. Do you and your organisation understand the MSC?

Yes

2. How do you and your organisation understand it?

We see it as an attempt to show to the state and the rest of the world that our people reject the new constitution and the Koomhof Bills. If a million people sign - it would show more people than the number that participated in the white referendum.

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50000 x 1/5

3. Is there anything in the MSC you don't understand?

No.

4. How has your organisation taken up the signature campaign?

Erapo has collected signatures at its cultural day and we intend doing house to house visits as well as collecting signatures at strategic points.

5. What were your aims (or what will they be) in taking up the MSC? What did you hope to ~~xxxx~~ achieve?

Our aims are to popularise the UDF and Erapo. As well as giving people an understanding of the reasons for us rejecting Apartheid.

6. What successes did you have in taking up the MSC?

A few hundred people <sup>are</sup> now ~~know~~ aware of the UDF but just as important through this campaign we have been able to continue our struggle against the Black Local Authorities Act by getting Tom Baye to sign and placing

7. What problems have you had?

Pressure on him to resign.

People were not aware of the campaign as well as fear amongst the people to sign.

8. What do you know about the campaign in other organisations or areas?

To our We are not aware of the campaign taking in other areas or the E. Rand.

9. There is a co-ordinating committee that meets every Wed at 5.30 at UDF Offices. What benefits could your organisation get from sending someone to attend it?

We'll be able to learn of the campaign in the other areas as well as be informed (educative) issues around the MSC.

10! How could your organisation assist this co-ordinating committee?

By having our activists attend the comm's meetings - further assistance would depend on the needs of the committee

11. Could your organisation send members to take part in joint campaigns like blitzing an area, collecting in town, etc.? (Give details - how many, what days are best, etc).

At this stage our activists are fairly involved in their own area

12. Would you want the co-ordinating committee to assist in organising MSC activity in your area? (Specify: eg. blitzes, workshops, etc).

If the need arises we'll consult the committee

13. Do you and your organisation feel a need for education around the MSC? Have you tried workshops, using the handbooks? What ~~efforts~~ success and problems have you had here?

Workshops, using the handbook, is being planned for the near future.

14. Do you feel a need for propaganda around the MSC? Have you tried posters and pamphlets - with what effect?

There is definitely a need for propaganda we have not received pamphlets or posters

15. In what way could a UDF NEWS assist your organisation with the MSC?

By popularising the MSC

16. What is the main emphasis you would like in a UDF NEWS:

a. - Popularizing the MSC ...

b. - Information about the MSC (ie news) ...

c. Education about the MSC (ie. analysis of the information) ...

17. What issues do you think should be covered in UDF NEWS when it next appears:

(Indicate priority by numbering issues. eg. put 1 next to the priority issue, 2 next to the second most important, etc.)

- .... ① MSC,
- ;;; ③ May Day
- .... ② Constitution and elections
- .... ⑦ Koornhof bills
- .... ⑥ Conscription
- ... ③ Resettlement
- .... ⑤ Housing sale, rents, civics
- .... ④ Education

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(additional issues)

18. Do you think the campaign is a good idea as regards your organisation and the UDF? Why?

*Yes, the campaign would popularize UDF and our organisation. It would give access to potential membership and thereby strengthen our organisation.*

3. Conclusion

Remind people about the seminar 13 April, Khotso House, 5.30 - 9.30p  
All welcome.

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FROM THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

THIS NOTICE MUST PLEASE BE READ TO ALL OR BY ALL  
ACTIVISTS IN YOUR ORGANISATION OR AREA.

DEAR AFFILIATE

The campaign to collect a million signatures is now 4 months old. The National Executive meeting of the UDF on 31 May decided that the campaign should be concluded before the elections in mid August.

In Natal we have collected 40 000 towards our target of 300 000 signatures. Nationally the figure stands at 230 000.

It is clear that unless we approach this campaign in a more organised way and are prepared to do a lot more hard work, WE WILL FAIL.

We urge all affiliates to put more effort into door to door work, but at the same time to give EQUAL PRIORITY TO SIGNATURE INTENSIVE ACTIVITY AT CHURCHES, BUS STOPS, SHOPPING CENTRES ETC.

MSC PROGRAMME FOR JUNE

- \* Saturday morning blitz into durban city centre. On the 23 June we hope to bring together 300 activists from throughout Durban, and collect 25 000 signatures. Meeting point is St Anthonys at 8.30 am sharp. Areas must please mobilise the maximum number.
- \* A second Saturday morning blitz will take place on the 30 June. This will take place in Clairwood. Meeting point will be announced.
- \* All affiliates and areas are called upon to please hand in signature forms to the office on a weekly basis. Between now and the 30 June we call upon all areas to visit the office, to return forms as well as give a brief report about your area.

Thanking you  
Yours in Struggle

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT MEETING HELD ON 28/29 APRIL 1984

### MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

The total number of signatures collected up to these dates were approximately 100 000 to 120 000 - a regional breakdown is as follows:

Transvaal	-	15 000
W. Cape	-	60 000
E. Cape	-	13 000
Border	-	15 000
Natal	-	20 000
O.F.S	-	4 000

The National Secretariat was of the view that if all regions intensified the activities the UDF will achieve its target. Some of the ideas for intensification of campaign:-

- \* Intensive blitzes both in areas on a door to door basis and at events which attract large numbers of people.
- \* Signature forms should be printed in commercial newspapers with a returning address.
- \* Shops in areas should be used as receiving points for signature forms.
- \* Efforts should be intensified to collect signatures at factories, universities, colleges, schools, churches, etc.

Absence of adequate resources were identified as a major factor that was hindering the campaign. Affiliates and persons with resources and access to resources should contact the office to see if the resources they have can be utilised to assist the campaign.

Affiliates are requested to discuss ideas on how the campaign should be rounded off. The one idea is that it should be presented to the United Nations.

APARTHEID DIVIDES THE NATIONS

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### NATIONAL SECRETARIES

Affiliates are requested to contact the national secretaries through the regional offices. This decision has been taken because affiliates were making many requests of these men - as a consequence their own work within the UDF has suffered.

### MAY DAY

May Day meetings are being held by the UDF in conjunction with worker organisations in the different regions.

### HOUSING CONFERENCE

The conference will not be held on the weekend 31 May 1984 - 3 June 1984. One of the reasons for not holding the conference is that we have not had feedback on the questions posed in the earlier circular, namely:-

- a) The programme for the conference, particularly the topics, speakers and the structuring of the conference itself.
- b) Whether the conference should be held by UDF or by the Civic Organisations affiliated to UDF.

Affiliates are urged to discuss these aspects and provide feedback.

### RISING FOOD PRICES AND G.S.T

The National Secretariat was of the view that the rising food prices and the increasing G.S.T were hitting the poorer sections of the community and the working class hardest. Affiliates are requested to provide feedback on:-

- a) Whether the campaign should be taken up; and
- b) Ideas on how the campaign is to be taken up and what are possible forms of action.

### NEC MEETING

The next NEC meeting will be held in Cape Town on the 31.5.84 - 3.6.84.

### GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Because of the feedback required from affiliates for the N.E.C meeting the next G.C meeting will be held at 5.30 pm. on the 23 May 1984 at St. Joseph's (Ecumenical Centre).

### EVALUATION

A reminder that the evaluation meeting is being held at 2.00 pm, 12 May 1984 at St. Joseph's.