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..... the most exploited and oppressed amongst us, need to be brought into a sharper focus. The struggles being conducted by the mothers and wives by the domestic and farm workers need to be linked to the national political struggles being waged by the UDF.

The various debates that were conducted within the UDF over the last few months has brought to the fore the urgency for us to arrive at a collective understanding of what the nature of the UDF is. Since the formation of the UDF, discussion on the nature of the UDF was not conducted systematically, both in the Transvaal and elsewhere in the country. We thus have a situation today where there are a range of differing interpretation of what this Front is all about. If this situation is not overcome, we are bound to encounter internal difficulties. We cannot avoid facing these issues squarely and systematically.

At the local level, the formation of the UDF has demanded of all local organisations to embrace the national political struggles of the day. This has introduced a tension between the local organisational imperatives of affiliates and the demands being made by the Front. This tension has begun to manifest itself as a problem which must be overcome.

In view of the great challenges being faced by the UDF, the executives committee has begun developing a proposal for a restructuring of the UDF (TVL). This will assist in executing more effectively, the administrative and political tasks of the Front.

MEDIA - A national seminar of all media committees from all regions was held on 21 and 22 January 1984. Amongst the recommendations made by the committee is a proposal for a monthly internal newsletter called UDF updates.

On 3 February 1984 a 'Media Night' was held at Khotso House at which members of a number of affiliates attended. Banners were printed, T-shirts silkscreened and signature forms renewed. Because of the success of the event the media committee has decided to repeat the performance in other areas if such request are made.

The media committee has also decided to co-opt members of affiliates for a period of three months so that more people can gain skills.

### MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

A workshop involving about 70 seventy activist was held on 11 February 1984. The workshop discussed the aims and objectives of the campaign. Also issues such as fund - raising, education and using the campaign to strengthen local organisations.

An organising manual is being prepared for the campaign. Two copies of this book would be made available to affiliates. Furthermore, an information booklet is being prepared. This booklet would contain useful information for signature collectors. Both booklets are scheduled to be printed by the end of next week.

The signature committee meets on Wednesdays at 5.30 pm at the office. Please ensure that your area/organisation is represented on the committee. The committee has decided to collect signatures at the NPSL cup final on 10 March 1984. Many volunteers would be needed to assist. Volunteers would be gathering at 9am at Khotso house.

A full time co - ordinator for the campaign is to be employed for the Transvaal. Applications are still open and those wishing to apply should do so by Monday (27 -2 - 84)

### UDF PEOPLES FESTIVAL

The festival committee has been working daily over the past three weeks in order to ensure that the festival is well advertised. A meeting of all marshalls will be taking place at Khotso House tomorrow at 2pm. All organisations are requested to attend the meeting as over 250 marshalls would be required on 4 March 1984. Those volunteering as marshalls would be gathering at Fun Valley on 3 March 1984 at 9am and camping over for that night.

Affiliates have been requested to use the opportunity of the Festival to raise funds by selling food or any other items. This should be done in consultation with the Festival committee.

Organisations have also been requested to display their banners at the Festival and use these when the organisation signs the signature form in between sessions of music. These banners could be painted at at Fun Valley when marshalls gather the day before.

### REFERENDUM

The decision of the NEC on the referandum is as follows :

(a) That the UDF calls for a non - racial referendum.

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- (b) That each affiliate of the UDF mobilize and organise the people to oppose the constitution on the basis determined by local conditions and in accordance with the aims, objects and principles of the UDF.

All Transvaal affiliates have accepted the demand for a non-racial referendum, and none have made a demand for an additional referendum.

SAEC - TV

The N.E.C. decided that no UDF official/spokesperson shall give interviews to SATV. Furthermore SATV would not be invited to UDF functions.

INKATHA

On the question of a meeting between the UDF and Inkatha as proposed by GABSHA BUTHELEZI, the N.E.C. took the following decisions :

- (a) That there must be no meeting with Inkatha as no basis exist for such a meeting.
- (b) That an open letter be written to Inkatha stating the reasons why UDF will not meet Inkatha.

REPORT FROM AFFILIATES

Reports have been received from AYCO, the VCA. and the T.I.C. AYCO has not been able to meet to discuss the M.S.C. due to the recent detentions and harassment of most of their members.

The T.I.C. has launched its campaign for the boycott of the forthcoming elections for the Coloured and Indian parliaments. A successful mass-meeting of over 3000 people held on 8 - 2 - 84 and two plays on the constitution have been staged in Azaadville, Lenasia, Laudium and Nelspruit.

The V.C.A. (Vaal Civic Association) has launched a branch in zone 7 Sebokeng at a mass-meeting held on 19 - 2 - 84. They are planning to oppose the introduction of mini-busses. Another problem is that the Orange Vaal Administration Board has threatened to withdraw the deed of lease of any church that allows its premises to be used by the V.C.A, UDF or TRADE UNIONS. Seven members of the Bophelong Youth Congress have been detained in the last week of which four have been released on a bail of R150.00 each. The chairperson of the V.C.A. Lord er MacCamel has been dismissed from his teaching post in Bophelong.

The V.C.A. also complains that no UDF speaker arrived at its meeting on 19 02 84.

# YARL CIVIC ASSOCIATION (Y.C.A.)

REPORT TO THE U.D.F. GENERAL COUNCIL

1984-02-20.

1. The Action Committee in Zone 7, Sefton organised a mass meeting on Sunday 19th February 1984 at the Roman Catholic Church, Small Farms, Sefton. This meeting was well attended and there was participation in discussing local problems. One of the burning issues was the introduction of mini-buses which have to start on the 4th March. A committee of 15 members was elected, thus launching an area branch of the Y.C.A.
2. There has been a spate of detentions and incarceration of members of the Y.C.A. and the Sefton Park Association. Seven members were detained last week - four are out on \$5000 bail each. U.D.F. calendars were removed from their homes.
3. The Exchange-Yard Administration Board has announced that all churches under its jurisdiction run the risk of having their Seed of Lease withdrawn if they allow non-church activity meetings on their premises. Quoted as not to be allowed meetings were e.g. Y.C.A., U.D.F. and Trade Unions. This prompted us to call a meeting of all affected bodies but due to the short notice, attendance was poor and those present asked to discuss first with their organisations so as to be fully representative. Such a meeting will be held very soon.

4. The V.C.A. invited the Eastern Religious Association to a meeting as an affiliate of U.S.F. to discuss our local demand for the million signature campaign. These people have not responded, to our request even after we went to see the chairperson on two occasions. He has not been clear in his explanation.
5. The V.C.A.'s demand is: No to the town em meetings held in churches.
6. There is a complaint about the U.S.F. not responding properly to invitations. We, for example, expected speakers on Sunday the 19th February. Please notify us in good time if you can't be represented.
7. The chairperson of the V.C.A., Lord ER MA-CAMEE, has been dismissed from the teaching post he held at Sophology, Vanda Park - on Monday 20th February 1984. The reason was determined by the circuit inspector for his action. This was immediate dismissal.

We finally wish for the best of support for the Peoples Festival.

J.M. Allen

Secretary

Lord ER Ma-Camee

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