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UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT - TRANSVAAL

PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 1983

A INTRODUCTORY NOTE

In implimenting the Programme of Action (P.O.A.) the following aims must be taken into account:

AIMS

1. To defeat the government's attempts to impose the Koornhof and Constitutional Proposals.
2. To strive for the maximum possible unity of Worker, Community, Student, Womens, Youth and Religious organisations for this purpose.
3. To unite our people in action.
4. To counter the government's propaganda onslaught.
5. To consolidate and strengthen the existing grassroots and other organisations of the people.
6. To link the Koornhof and Constitutional proposals to the day-to-day struggles of our people.
7. To popularise the UDF DECLARATION.

B PROGRAMME OF ACTION

1. Workshops for volunteers in all areas.
2. Area committees to be established in all areas.
3. Door-to-door campaigns in all areas.
4. Local mass-meetings in all areas.
5. Provincial Rally for the people of the Transvaal.
(The Rally would take place at the end of October)

Note : Local mass-meetings should be completed by mid-October wherever possible.

C AREA COMMITTEES

An area committee will be set up in each area. In small townships one area committee will suffice. In bigger townships (like Soweto) a number of area committees need to be set up.

COMPOSITION OF AREA COMMITTEES:

The composition of area committees would differ from area to area as conditions differ. The following are some suggestions for the composition of area committees:

- (i) a civic or youth organisation plays the role of an area committee
- (ii) a number of organisations forming a joint committee
- (iii) a committee comprising of a group of volunteers.

FUNCTIONS OF THE AREA COMMITTEE:

1. To organise a workshop for volunteers in the area. The workshop should amongst others focus on:
 - (i) The history and nature of the UDF
 - (ii) The Koornhof Bills
 - (iii) The Constitutional proposals
 - (iv) A Programme of Action for the area
2. To educate the people in the area through house visits, house meetings, etc.
3. To organise a mass meeting in the area. The mass meeting should have an appropriate focus depending on the conditions and issues in the area.
4. To speak to other local organisations about the UDF. These would include churches, welfare organisations etc. Where possible these organisations should be drawn into the activities of the UDF.
5. To link the current issues and problems in the community to the Black Local Authorities and the Constitutional proposals.
6. To publicise the Transvaal Rally in the area and also to arrange for people to attend the Rally.
7. To distribute "UDF News" and all other publications of the UDF.

D OTHER ISSUES TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION

1. Removals and Resettlement
2. Housing (housing shortage, sale of houses etc)
3. Education
4. Bantustans
5. Military Conscription

NOTE : This document merely suggests guidelines. The specific needs of particular organisations and communities would require both flexibility and creativity as the campaign unfolds.

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