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REPORT OF THE TRANSVAAL INTERIM COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED AT THE 1ST LAUNCHING CONFERENCE
7 - 9th, DECEMBER, 1984

The Tvl. Interim Committee was formed at a conference in March this year. Close to 150 women attended this conference.

The conference felt that we needed to bring women together to work towards a Transvaal conference later this year. The aim of this conference was to launch a Transvaal organisation of women. An interim committee was set up with each women's group represented.

The committee saw its task as preparing for the conference; starting women's groups where these did not exist and strengthening existing women's groups. We felt that this was important so that we could go to conference and launch a strong organisation.

Activities and Programs of the Interim Committee

1. This year the Federation of South African Women is 30 years old. We felt that we needed to pay tribute to the strength and sacrifice of our women. A successful rally was organised by the Interim Committee and hosted by the Zakeni Women's Group. About 800 people attended the meeting.

This was our first successful activity and it gave us a lot of confidence. Women came from the Vaal, Alexandra, Soweto, Pietersburg, and many other areas.

2. Workshop

In June we organised a two-day workshop which was attended by 60 women from all our women's groups.

Every women's group gave a report on how they are organising and what their problems are. We also learnt about why we organise women and our proud history.

We also discussed our program for August 9, which is National Women's Day.

3. Aug. 9 is National Women's Day

Our Aug. 9 program was a great success. It was the first time in almost 20 yrs. that women in the Tvl. organised on this scale. The 4 - day program was attended by close to 3 000 women.

On Aug 9 women organised programs in their local areas. Close to 100 women picketed on the streets of Jo'burg against "Botha's New Deal". And, the 11th, 1 200 people attended our rally. We women made our voices heard. We protested against Botha's new constitution and Koornhof Bills. We joined hands with many organisations under the banner of the UDF to say no to apartheid.

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