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MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

MEETING HELD ON 10 AND 11 MARCH 1984

AT JISWA CENTRE IN JOHANNESBURG

BW 75



1. PRESENT:

TRANSVAAL - Moss and Valli

NATAL - YUNUS.

EASTERN CAPE - Prince and Derrick

WESTERN CAPE - TREVOR AND CHERYL

NORTHERN CAPE - JOME

NATIONAL - POPO AND TERROR.

2. APOLOGIES

NATAL - JOE

BORDER - SABELO AND HINTSA.

3. CHAIRPERSON

Terror Lekota.

4. MEETING

The general secretary must produce a schedule for both the National Executive Committee and National Secretariat meetings and make them available to regions in ten (10) days.

5. EVALUATION

There exist a need to evaluate the structures to ensure that democracy is practical. There is a need for ideological work to be intensified.

We need to contain the contradictions within the Front.

6. UNIONS

We need to monitor union unity talks.

The general secretary was requested to set up meetings with unions as follow up to previous meetings.

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It was noted that there is a need for a labour secretariat.

7. BROADENING THE FRONT

Secretaries must go back and discuss methods and strategies broadening the Front.

8. COMMUNICATION AND ORGANISATION

It was noted that the National Office needs a telex machine.

The General Secretary to keep regular contact with regions at least once in a week.

9. PUBLICATIONS

UDF needed a news letter on a monthly basis (or information booklet for activists)

10. REVIEW OF UDF STAFF specially to thank the UDF.

The National Executive Committee must consider appointing a national organiser and regional organisers. The National Office must be requested to appoint and pay regional organisers.

11. STATE HOUSING POLICY

That civic bodies must take up the issue.

That the General Secretary must ensure that the conference takes place. national impact.

Date chosen for conference 31 to 3 June.

That regions must bring civics together to discuss conference.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. AAI - Can not accept invitation by AAI (cant travel on the ticket of the said organisation)

2. SWEDDISH INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CENTRE

Invitation be discussed with unions affiliated to the Front.

That the general secretary set up meeting with Unions. Before the next National Executive Committee.

Details of training programme.

Implications of receiving freedom prize - accepting prize - relative security.

ROCHEFFELER FOUNDATION

Which groups they are funding. *Gain intelligence from agency.*

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION

Council Union of South Africa complaints *about sources of funds.*

NAMIBIA - will be consultation on the national committee.

Commend the two secretaries for seizing the initiative of meeting Ja Toivo.

That a delegation should meet Toivo ask him to address a mass rally. *explain the UDF in simpler terms.*

That Ja Toivo phoned personally to thank the UDF.

That UDF sent flowers to thank JA TOIVO.

Meeting with Toivo, Nico Bassinger, Daniel Tjongarero, Peter Witbooi and another.

That the UDF will be informed about Toivos return to Namibia so that he could be welcomed by UDF supporters.

That invitation be done through the National ^{office} with the proviso that any such invitation makes national impact.

TALKS WITH NEIGHBOURING STATES BY SA.

That it be ensured that the document is acquired to equip the Front with the facts. A statement prepared by Terror and Yunus.

DENIGRATION OF UDF - Publicity secretary.

POTCHEFSTROOM UNIVERSITY The invitation from this university be rejected. *expressed strong feeling about the need to have*

INKATHA 1. That the letter to Inkatha be made available to the Western Cape.

2. That regions discuss the matter further.

AZAPO 1. Transvaal motivated against invitation.

2. Matter referred back to the regional executive committee.

PUBLICITY

Media workshop suggested that there be publication called udf update. Must come out once a month. Responsibility of National publicity secretary and National secretary. Work be sent to National secretary after editing.

There should be consultation on the national poster.

That Gilbert Marcus be approached by general secretary.

Consultation in be ensured in future.

The need to explain the UDF in simpler terms.

~~WIP~~

National publicity secretary appeal against bans of any UDF publications.

ALTERNATIVE MEDIA

Community Paper may employ people helpful to UDF.

Alternate media project UDF.

UDF need to feed alternate media on regular basis with news.

Need to respond to the David Lewis interview on the UDF with WIP (Generally affiliates and individuals who support UDF must write in response to news papers)

Regional secretaries help the Publicity secretary to monitor and respond to questions about the UDF. Need for workshop to prepare R300 for Khanya house.

UMTHONYANA

Eastern Cape expressed strong feeling about the need to democratise the project. Attempts were made by Phalo to build credibility of Umthonyana publication by using certain figures such as Popo, Terror and Prince that

that the general secretary write to Mr. Tshume in connection with usage of names of UDF officials as trustees of Umthonyana.

CONSCRIPTION

Intensify education programme for the youths on the role of SADF, anti conscription campaign, produce more information on conscription.

WESTERN CAPE

Western Cape region has already started taking up conscription. More publicity still needed.

NATAL

THE commission appointed by the region has not reported yet.

EASTERN CAPE

Very little has been done on conscription. A circular has sent to organisations.

PAPER ON CONSCRIPTION

An input paper on conscription must be presented at the next National Executive Committee. More resource information is needed on the subject. UDF must give it a correct perspective.

Western Cape must produce guidelines on conscription by March 1984.

WORKSHOP

The secretariat must investigate a possibility of a workshop by the next National Executive Committee.

REMOVALS

Transvaal is making attempts to effect greater co ordination between UDF, Black Sash and SACC. Political relationship was developing between the UDF and the Leandra people. Attempt is being made to co ordinate resistance parties in areas threatened with removals. A meeting held in Leandra in March was attended by 8 000 people who pledged support for UDF and rejected community councils. However, the UDF has not been able yet to attend to all affected spots.

NORTHERN CAPE

Valspan in Northern Cape is threatened with removals. The community Councils are encouraging removals.

WESTERN CAPE

There is serious threat of removal of people to Khayelitsha In ~~Concession~~ administration board controlled area, all unemployed people are moved.

EASTERN CAPE

In Mgwali Eastern Cape Boo people interviewed by city press indicate that they were not prepared to move from their area/land/homes.

NATIONAL FOCUS

There is a need for a national focus on removals. The UDF must also consider producing a calendar on removals.

LECTIONS

- The UDF needs to incorporate groupings that are not part of it in the Anti Elections campaign.
- MSC must be clearly linked up with the anti - election campaign.
- The UDF must create a build up for the anti election campaign.
- We need to identify areas and ways of involving the African communities and exactly what forums the campaign will take in these areas. (the campaign must show the link between the new constitution and the liberation of the Africans.

exerts were given on MSC by various regions followed by discussion on methods used in various regions.

FOUNDED AND BUDGET

Western Cape	12 500
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.....	12 500
.....	12 500
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It was agreed that the National Office be approached to give a grant of R9 000 to Western Cape.

Workers must be persuaded to take up the MSC. (students be requested to sign workers at factories)

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It was agreed that the UDF must take the initiative to organize law
by activities. The General Secretary must

The general secretary must approach unions on the matter. Trevor must make available the information on May Day.

NATIONAL CO ORDINATOR FOR MSC

UWO and Womens Front had agreed to work jointly on commemoration of womens Day (federation anniversary)

A committee comprising Trevor and three (3) members from each of the two organisations was formed to ensure process of unity.

SCHEDULE

The general secretary must draft schedule for all National Executive committee and National secretariat meetings. Schedule must made available in ten days.

COMMEMORATIONS SERVICES

RMC and other affiliates of the UDF be encouraged to organise services for June 16 and 26.

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