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MEMORANDUM TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

FROM SECRETARIAT

04 AUGUST 1983

SUBJECT :- CO-ORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO PREPARE FOR NATIONAL LAUNCHING.

1. The secretariat, as mandated by the Exec on Tuesday 02 August, arranged for a meeting of the Organising Committee Task force. This meeting was held on Wednesday 3rd and attended by \pm 60 people from different areas. The following exec members also attended JM; JdV; ER; BN; AB; CC & TM.
2. The agenda was as follows:- 1. The tasks to be performed before the launching 2. Regional Co-ordination 3. Distribution of the publications 4. The organising committee.
3. The response was very enthusiastic. The most important ideas which arose were 1. Setting up regional meetings and 2. The organising committee.
4. In this regard, there is work for the Executive Committee. It is expected that Exec members would address the various regional meetings. The following meetings are being organised :- RITHLONE - Friday 5th 7.30pm St. Georges WELLSWATER MALL, 17th AVE, ELSIES.
C.T - Friday 5th 7.30pm - Kenomifon ; NORTHERN SUBURBS -
Friday 5th 7.30pm ; MITCHELLS PLAIN - Friday 5th 8pm;
SOUTHERN SUBURBS - Friday 5th 7.30pm.; PAARL - Friday 5th;
TOWNSHIPS - Saturday 6th 8.00pm.

It is hoped to attract all people who would work within the campaign and to use this opportunity to explain the work to be done up until the conference, and to inject enthusiasm.

to ensure that people want to work and understand what the tasks that they're performing. The suggested agenda is :-

1. The character of the launching conference.
2. The tasks and how it will be achieved.
3. The Organising Committee.
4. General.

Since there are 6 meetings organised for Friday 5th, we would appreciate the participation of all executive members. (This explains the purpose of this memo)

To assist exec members, we outline the points which should be discussed under each item.

1. The Character of the Launching Conference.

The conference starts at 9am on Saturday 20 August at Rocklands Civic Centre. This will be for delegates from each region i.e. representatives of all the organisations affiliated. The conference will discuss 1. Constitution 2. Declaration 3. Elections. 4. Policy 5. Regional Reports.

At ± 5.00 pm the rally starts. Here, we hope to attract ± 5000 people. It is an important historical event. The people's directions will be decided upon. We must leave no stone unturned to attract everybody to the rally. The speakers include Boesak, Oscar Mpetha, Helen Joseph, Thozamile Gqwethu.

and, Albertina Sisulu & Sheikh Nazam Mohammed
This is going to be the highlight of the campaign.
However, before that → there is work to be
done.

2. The tasks between now & the 20th August:

1. Publications

1.1 A national newsletter should be available this weekend. It looks like W. Cape will print 80 000 copies. This will be evenly distributed through all areas with the exception of Mitchell's Plain (20 000 copies). We must try & distribute this by lon Sunday. Mitchell's Plain therefore needs a workforce of + 300 people. (Please call for volunteers. All areas are asked to stand down a few people — volunteers are asked to meet at the Santegoor Civic Centre at 9am & to bring their own sandwiches). Are there volunteers? Is transport necessary?

Where should newsletters for the region be dropped? Can people work out a systematic means of distribution? How will people be approached? Are there people who can co-ordinate within the region?

1.2 A regional newsletter & at least one pamphlet will be ready before the launching. This will also need to be distributed.

2. Sweaters

The first batch of 50 will arrive on Wednesday 10th

How will these be sold? How will the money be
rel collected?

3. Posters.

These are ready and will have to be placed at
carefully selected places. Who will take responsibility
for this task in the region?

4. Accommodation.

We need to find homes for \pm 250 people from
other centres. The younger people can be accommodated
in a church hall, we must try to accommodate the
older people. Where? Any offers?

5. The Important Task - ORGANISATION!!!!

We have the big job of getting people to the hall.
We will obviously have to arrange buses (5 per area).
We must motivate people to attend the rally.
How? What will we tell people? Can the
churches & mosques assist?

Buses need to be booked well in advance, and
FUNDS need to be raised. The UDF can try to get
special discounts BUT, we will need an estimate
well in advance. It might be an idea to
get a commitment from people in advance - collect
names (useful later) & possibly a donation.
Point out to people the organisations which are involved
in the UDF \rightarrow there is a place for everyone

3. THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

There is a suggestion that we set up a co-ordinated team of 4 to 6 people per region. They will meet after work i.e. 10.30pm say every 2nd day. At these meetings co-ordinators will from the different regions will meet together with representatives of the sub-committees. They will report on progress, discuss problems and look at the tasks that lay ahead. It is expected that they will consult regularly /daily with people working in the areas. This is a very important task. It is the only way that we can ensure that all areas are working properly and that all problems are being sorted out.

Are there nominations for people who can fulfil this job for the region?

The meetings should be rounded off with a big THANK YOU to people who attended especially at an odd time & at short notice. And a word of inspiration of course.

DISTRIBUTION OF EXEC MEMBERS.

1. NORTHERN SUBURBS.
2. CAPE TOWN
3. DAARL
4. ATHLONE
5. SOUTHERN SUBURBS.
6. TOWNSHIPS
7. MITCHELLS PLAN.

UDF POLICY.

The Inter-regional Executive meeting held in Johannesburg on 30 & 31 July 1983 discussed the policy of the UDF. It was broadly agreed that the Declaration would be the guideline. However, it has become necessary to interpret some aspects of the Declaration to ensure that the UDF has a consistent approach nationally.

1. INCLUSION OF ORGANISATIONS.

The most important principle is an unqualified acceptance of the whole Declaration.

1.1. With specific reference to organisations which attended the National Forum [held at Hammanskraal on 11/12 June] the following points were agreed.

a) The NF is not an alternative to the UDF. It was not constituted as a front, and will not meet until Easter 1984. The UDF should therefore not be caught up in bickering with proponents of the National Forum.

b) Organisations which attended the NF, should be allowed into the UDF if they accept the Declaration and are prepared to subject themselves to the overall UDF discipline.

1.2. With reference to big organisations which are not part of the UDF as yet, eg. the trade unions. The UDF should attempt to ensure that there is a full understanding of its workings within these organisations. A ^{national} delegation should arrange to meet with the unions before the launching.

2. EXCLUSION OF ORGANISATIONS.

2.1. The UDF believes in a unitary South Africa.

This is contrary to an acceptance of the homelands as 'independent states'. Clearly therefore, the UDF cannot accept into its ranks organisations which operate within the framework of the homelands either as functionaries of these so-called governments or those who profiteer from this vicious system.

2.2. The UDF believes that the government must be based on the will of the people.

As a starting point therefore, we assert that the present state in South Africa, at all levels from central to local government, is undemocratic.

Organisations which operate within or work the state machinery i.e. within parliament, provincial councils, management committees or community councils are therefore unacceptable.

2.3. The UDF believes in a non-racial South Africa.

With this principle, goes support for organisations fighting for the cultural and sport isolation of the apartheid South Africa. Organisations which wilfully break this boycott cannot therefore be seen to be working towards the same goals.

Whilst it would be necessary to exclude some organisations as per the above, exclusion should not become a fetish. The inter-regional executive meeting was unanimous in the approach to win over people and organisations. This would make gains for the struggle as a whole. Every case, or approach to the UDF for inclusion should therefore be based on individual merit.

3. RELATIONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

The UDF unequivocally rejects the intervention by imperialist countries in our struggle. Ideas like the 'constructive engagement' of the Reagan & Thatcher admiral governments should be rejected with the contempt it deserves.

* The unions had expressed that, in most cases, they exist nationally and would therefore have problems in relating to regional structures. To facilitate the linking up

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