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NOTICE OF 4th TIC COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY 1 APRIL 1984.

VENUE: JISWA CENTRE, LENASIA

TIME: 2pm

The meeting will discuss the TIC's programme to oppose the August elections.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last two council meetings
2. President's report
3. Secretary's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Discussion on the above reports
6. The August elections and the TIC's response
7. Program of action
8. Fundraising
9. General

} will include a report
on the activities of
the Executive

Other items may still be added to this agenda.

If members feel any other items should be included, please phone Ismail
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PRESIDENT: Essop Jassal

EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON: Ramlal Bhootia

VICE PRESIDENTS: Rashid Saloojee, Razzik Parikh, Thama Govender, Sameon Ndoou, Mrs T.N. Naidoo, Narsai Parbhoo, Ismail Cachalia, Mal ek Rasool, Jaram Vallabh

SECRETARY: Ismail Memonat ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Fused Cassim PUBLICITY SECRETARY: Cassim Saloojee JOINT TREASURERS: Nassim Pahad, Kadir Saloojee

AGENDA FOR THE 4th TIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 1984 AT THE JISWA,
CENTRE, LENASIA

1. Minutes of the last two council meetings, and matters arising.
2. Reports : President
Secretary
Treasurers
3. Discussion of above reports
Appointment of auditor and resolution on banking account.
4. Co-option of additional council members and constitution of executive.
5. The August Elections:
Response of the TIC
Programme of Action
6. Fundraising
7. Rajbansi invited to Lenasia
8. General

1. Referendum

- a) The TIC Council meeting on the 11 December 1983 had adopted the following resolution:

" The TIC Council meeting resolves that:

- (i) the TIC will follow the decision arrived at the U.D.F. conference in Port Elizabeth,

But for the purpose of the conference

- (i) that we challenge the state to a referendum which is free and fair
(ii) in the event of a referendum being held, we will participate to reject the Constitution Act."

a) The P.E. Conference

The conference did not resolve the issue of participation in a referendum after a long and protracted debate. However, because of the differing views, the matter was referred back to the regional councils.

The conference resolved that:

- (i) The U.D.F. allow its affiliates flexibility of tactics to show the rejection of the Constitution.
(ii) That the regions discuss the recommendations and give feedback to the National Secretariat for consideration by the National Executive Committee.

b) U.D.F. Transvaal Regional Council Meeting

Mr N.G. Patel put forward the TIC viewpoint. On a vote, the Tvl U.D.F. voted 12-10 for a boycott of any referendum. The Tvl U.D.F. left the final decision to the National Executive Committee of the U.D.F.

The actual resolution adopted was:

"WE, THE TRANSVAAL GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT, NOTING

- i) THAT NO CONSENSUS HAS BEEN ARRIVED AT IN THE TRANSVAAL AFTER WEEKS OF DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATIONS.

ii) THAT THE DEBATES HAVE ALREADY TAKEN UP MUCH TIME AND ENERGY.

- (ii) THAT THE FRONT NEEDS TO DEMONSTRATE ITS ABILITY TO TAKE FIRM DECISIONS AND AVOID PARALYSIS.

THEREFORE RESOLVE:

- i) THAT THE VOTING STATISTICS AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS AND OPTIONS PRESENTED BE HANDED OVER TO THE N.E.C. FOR A DECISION, THIS DECISION BEING BINDING ON ALL AFFILIATES OF THE TRANSVAAL UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT.

- ii) THAT THE N.E.C. MAKES EVERY ATTEMPT TO SURGE FOR A SOLUTION THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL AFFILIATES."

c) UDF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE N.E.C. MET ON 21-22 January 1984 and resolve that:

- " 1. THAT THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT CALLS FOR A NON-RACIAL REFERENDUM
2. EACH AFFILIATE OF THE UDF MOBILISE AND ORGANISE THE PEOPLE TO OPPOSE THE CONSTITUTION ON THE BASIS DETERMINED BY LOCAL CONDITIONS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIMS, OBJECTS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UDF.
3. THAT THE NATAL REGION PREPARES A FACT SHEET EXPLAINING LOCAL CONDITIONS. "

- d) On the basis of the N.E.C. meeting, the TIC executive decided not to make the call for a referendum, although it would campaign for people to vote "NO" in the event of a referendum.

2) ELECTIONS AND THE CAMPAIGN TO REJECT CONSTITUTION

The government announced that there would be no referendum, and that it would have elections instead on 22 August. The TIC Executive has called on the people to boycott such an elections, and has prepared a programme of Action to ensure a low poll on August 22.

- a) Door to door leaflets distribution - and intensive door to door distribution was carried out in Lenasia and in some parts of central JHB, Actonville, Roshnee and Azadville. This proved to be a productive political exercise since it was spread over two weekends. It also provided an assessment of the different responses of our constituencies the level of awareness, and simultaneously provided a forum for discussing the organisational strategy of the TIC.
- a) Lenasia mass meeting - the door to door campaign led to the mass meeting at the Lenasia Civic Centre on Wednesday 8 Feb 1984. Guest speakers were: Mr. Mewa Ramgobin (NIC) and Mr. T. Lekhota (UDF). Over 2000 people attended.
- c) Laudium mass meeting - similarly, a door to door distribution was carried out in Laudium, prior to the mass meeting. The guest speakers was Dr. A. Boesak. The meeting was opened by the President, Dr. E. Jassat chaired by Mr. A. R. Dawood, and Mr. N. G. Patel and Dr. R. A. M. Salojee also addressed the meeting.

PUBLICATION

- leaflets were published to advertise the mass meetings in Lenasia and Laudium;
- Congress Resists (2) was also published - the focus was on the implications of the constitutional proposals;
- Freedom Charters were also printed by the TIC.

4. PLAYS

The TIC sponsored Muthal Naidoo's plays in the following areas to raise funds: Azaadville, Lenasia, Nigel, Nelspruit, Actonville, Laudium. Halls were refused at Brits and Roshnee.

5. PLANNING COUNCIL

To facilitate the functioning of the TIC executive in its work towards the campaign against the constitution, a Planning Council was formed.

The Planning Council would be composed of the following:

E. Jassat, R.A.M. Saloojee, C. Saloojee, A. Cachalia, R. Bhoolia, N.G. Patel, N. Pahad, A.R. Dawood. The Secretariat made up of I. Momoniat, F. Cassim and M. Bham would be ex-officio members.

Many of the structures within the TIC were hardly functioning, and the Planning Council was given the task of proposing some form of restructuring of the TIC.

The Planning Council would also draw up a programme of Action for the coming campaign, and would generally be in charge of planning the campaign.

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