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NATIONAL SECRETARIAT HELD ON 13&14 OCTOBER
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

1. Follow up to NEC Discussions

- * Murphy's position - clarify TV1 and GAWU. Check alternatives.
- * Leader Page articles - local initiative required.
- * Unions - Regions to receive copies of Coetzee statement. Head Office will send letters to all unions. Regional Secretaries to follow-up and convene meetings with locally-based trade unions. This to be completed by date of NEC.
- * Document signed Internationally. Natal would submit draft to H/O by Tuesday 16 October.
- * Visits to Embassies. Initiative at local and national level required.
- * Document to be signed by academics would be drafted in W Cape and circulated. Transvaal would prepare draft to be circulated amongst prominent persons (not academics).
- * National Weekend. 27/28 October agreed. Slogan - 'THE PEOPLE'S WEEKEND LONG LIVE UDF' It emerged out of discussion that we need to be fairly creative in our approach to the weekend. Activities should ideally include rallies but should extend beyond. Importance of participatory activities. The flame as symbol would be fairly useful.
- * Sticker- cost to be borne regionally. W Cape can print cheapest. Monies outstanding to W.Cape for anti-election stickers to be paid.
- * UDF NEWS (National). Indication from all regions that costs prohibitive. Alternatives must be found.
- * Finances. Future grants from National to be for properly motivated projects only. All regions to furnish H/O with audited statements by Friday 19/10/84.
- * Poster- draft to be circulated.

2. REGIONAL REPORTS

- * Full regional reports were not discussed. These would be submitted to H/O by Monday 22/10/84 for UDF Update.
- * Some criteria need to be developed for incorporation of new regions eg South Cape, OFS and N Tv1.

3. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR

- * Clear indications that UDF had not taken initiatives required.
- * Circular had been sent ex H/O requesting regional secretaries to convene meetings with all youth & student affiliates. This issue has become urgent.
- * Agreed that national consultative meeting of youth affiliates be organised simultaneously with NEC in Kimberley to cut costs.

4. BY- ELECTIONS

- * In Bosmont, Beaufort West and Steinkopf possibly on 22 November. Basis must be laid for solid campaigns.

5. MEETING WITH SACOS

- * The secretariat met with SACOS Executive on their invitation.

- * SACOS had been instructed by their general body to meet with all progressive organisations to define a working relationship.
- * There was acceptance in principle of the need for a closer working relationship. Ideally this should take place at a national level. All regional activities would be communicated to the SACOS Secretary for internal affairs and communicated downwards.
- * All UDF regions were asked to discuss this working relationship and to initiate meetings with SACOS units.
- * Copies of the SACOS CHARTER and UDF DECLARATION and resolutions would be exchanged for information.
- * A joint press statement was issued .

6. NEC WORKSHOP

- * The workshop should include both a national assessment of the activities of the UDF and lay a basis for setting new objectives regionally which could be decided on at the NGC.
- * In both the assessment and definition of goals, the organisational, administrative and political functioning of the UDF would be looked at.
- * Inputs from regions for the national assessment, and their regional assessment should be sent to head office by Tuesday 23rd.
- * The workshop will be held in Kimberley on 10/11 November and delegations were asked to arrive in Kimberley on the Friday evening to ensure starting early.

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