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MANITOBA ANC UNIT MEETING - MINUTES FEBRUARY 23/86.

PRESENT: S. REDDY, A. RANDEREE, I. MITCHELL, Z. RANDEREE, V. MPUMLWANA,  
S. SEPTEMBER, L. GUMA, D. SEPTEMBER. MOHMOOD RANDEREE (visiting member).  
Notice sent to M. du Plessis.

ABSENT: T. CHAKELA, E. REDDY, T. MPUMLWANA.

AGENDA: Minutes, Matters Arising, Correspondence, Report from S. Reddy,  
Other Reports, Future Work, Other Business, Finances.

Previous Minutes: Jan. 12/86 meeting - minutes read and adopted.

AGM minutes Jan/26/86 read, some points corrected & adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dee to apply for Postal Box at Main Post Office.

Letter from RPC (P. Bunting) re: visits to S. A.

Letter from Chief Rep. re: visits to S.A. - stating ANC policy.

RPC minutes from Dec/17/85, Jan/13/86, Feb/3/86 received.

Letter from SOMAFCO Dept. Information & Publicity stating publicity  
items available through regional ANC missions. Dee to contact  
Tor. office for costs/availability of publicity items.

Strini states the slide show will be most valuable for our work.

A. Randeree recommends notifying IDEA Centre & other organizations  
of publicity items for wider use in this area.

Letter from the CR to A. Randeree re: funds raised for assisting with  
the maintenance of Tor. office.

Re: meeting of the liberation support group.

Re: our role at the conference.

Re: present policy re: LSG.

REPORTS: S. Reddy attended the Extended RPC Meeting Feb. 15-16/86 - Tor.

Strini briefed the meeting on: the Chief Rep's Update on S.A.,

Report on work in Canada; Report of RPC & their work;

Report by the Political Commissar and Discussions from all  
the Units.

RE: Labour - CLC has no problem with AAM & SACTU, however, a  
problem exists with SACTU Solidarity Cmte, in future  
negotiations from Solidarity Cmte will be channeled via the  
SACTU rep. Re: Our working with Unions - need for much

greater thrust with Labour-contact with umbrella groups.

ANC should be involved with all union organizations.

Strini spoke with the Labour Council (General Meeting) &  
they will discuss application to the MCOAA (Manitoba Coalition  
of Organizations Against Apartheid) at their executive meeting  
and report back to Strini.

Steve states we have had good contacts with Labour people  
and we need to develop further contacts with individuals as  
well as unions.

## REPORTS Con't.

RE: Major Issues - direction should come from ANC re: positions we are required to take. Manitoba Unit's general complaint was that response doesn't come quick enough for us to deal with matters effectively. Suggested that CR should respond directly to Units on how to deal effectively re: important issues. RPC gave outline of their role. Suggested that we as well contact CR and/or RPC with regard to major issues.

Chief Rep's report re: NGO's -- how should be dealt with....We should be endorsing through AAM & ANC; level of consultation should come via ANC. Suggested that we use all services they can provide us with.

We should also be approaching non-Christian Churches for support. A letter to United Church (Tor) with c.c.: to Chief Rep. should be sent requesting circulation of newsletters & resource list, subscription would then be free.

RE: AAM work. Specific ways to help and work with ANC, ANC to give clear directives -- guidelines, we must follow-up on projects and maintain momentum, keep high profile on issues in S.A.

AAM/Students/Women - not enough work being done in these areas, we have to involve more active participation with groups and individuals.

PEACE Movements: We need to work more closely with Peace organizations and keep ANC in a high profile status.

COMMUNITY organizations: - these groups should be more actively involved.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

For more efficient/rapid communication with Toronto office suggestions from Manitoba Unit - a. Via Post office telex (a fee must be paid),  
b. Telepost can be used (mailed direct to our address) through Telephone Co.  
c. Electronic mail (via computer) through Telephone Co.  
Letter be sent to Tor. office re: above mentioned communication systems.

Mailing Sechabas, NewsBriefs etc., request from London office re: more info.

## FUNDING/FUND RAISING:

Internal Political Fund - a major thrust. NEC requested we intensify work, therefore, more and regular contributions from all members.

March 14 - 20/86 Fund Raising meeting in Tanzania, recommend Dr. A. Randeree attend as our rep.

## TORONTO OFFICE OPERATIONS:

Re: additional staff and/or office equipment--upgrading responsibility of Toronto office, Manitoba Unit to discuss ways and means of providing some assistance.

## FUND RAISING PROJECTS:

All new projects to be relayed to units from Toronto office.

**NEW MATERIALS:**

Publicity information (e.g.: books, posters, etc) are now arriving in Toronto office and are available for purchase.

**MATERIAL AID:**

There is still a great need for material aid, particularly, dehydrated food for the camps, as well, medical supplies, books, clothing....we are to inform Cmde. Moola ahead of time when shipping. Manitoba Unit to further discuss practicalities re: material aid (bulk shipments) and costs.

**DAKAWA APPLICANT:**

Cmde. M. du Plessis via telephone conversation stated he sent a letter to HQ, CR and Man. Unit, we are awaiting letter and have tabled discussion until next meeting pending further information. CR stated HQ needs firm commitment from Cmde. du Plessis before can proceed re: time available.

**EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENT:**

Community Resource and Information Centre document re: Inkatha: Black Liberation or National Reaction? (Purchase price \$1.50). Propose presentation & discussion for next meeting.

Informational documents - SACTU, Press Releases, Notes from RPC, S.A. Update for further discussion in upcoming meetings.

A. Randeree suggests we co-ordinate with various groups, meet with them & inform re: S.A. situation, get their support, we initiate discussion, who to contact.

S. September suggests we identify our role as a unit-- our guidance of AAM and MCOAA, we establish calendar of events. There should be a concerted effort from Man. unit. Establish our priorities re: constituencies and areas of work. RE: Fund Raising - breakdown/set up guidelines of our finances along per centage basis- be more specific. Step up on communications with Tor. (Chief Rep. & RPC) as well with each other in Manitoba Unit for more effective work.

**FOLK FESTIVAL:**

Steve states Mike Podolack to meet the Chief Rep. We want Amandla Singers in Canada - Winnipeg. Financial support coming from Government of Manitoba, and Folk Festival Cmte. Steve to report back next meeting.

**PUBLICITY REPORT:**

Thandie was interviewed in the Winnipeg Sun and Red River Community College newspapers re: S.A. situation, personal experience, Bantustans, Black Leaders.

Internal Propaganda: S.A. newspaper, the Star published a full page interview with the regime's president, this is being circulated to members to be aware of what the enemy is doing inside the country.

IWD : (INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY)

Dee reported that S.A. is one of the main themes of our IWD cmte. this year. IWD comte. requested an ANC woman speaker at the rally at noon March 8/86, Lindy Guma to represent our women/our unit, Dee to give further information to Lindy as program unfolds. ANC banner to be used in the march and rally, comrades are asked to please participate.

AUUC & CCW women will sponsor an IWD concert - Thandie & Mimi to do traditional dancing - & someone to bring greetings from ANC - March 2/86. Cost \$2.00

Vuyo to speak March 22/86 at Crossroads Conference, Vuyo will inform unit members re: further developments & call upon members for support.

NEW APPLICANTS:

Two S. Africans from Brandon, Manitoba wish to apply for membership in ANC. Resumes and profiles received from Minnie Mitchell and Ivy Appolis, and read at unit meeting Feb. 23/86. Covering letter to be sent to CR. & HQ for approval. Manitoba unit members present stated they had no objections to these applicants. (Secretary's note: Telephoned Brandon to ask applicants when last they were in S.A. and reasons for visit.....I. Appolis -- last time in S.Africa, 1964, death in the family. M. Mitchell -- last time in S.Africa, 1980, serious illness in family).

SCHOOL CONFERENCE:

Strini states that Chief Rep. may not be able to attend conference March 15/86 for the debate & will inform Strini if he'll be available. S.A. Embassy rep. will not be coming, doesn't want to appear on same platform as ANC rep. Strini stated: we push for total isolation of regime.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS COMMITTEE:

Strini working on a meeting that has been set up - will inform unit further.

KATAMAVIK GROUP:

February 28/86. Strini speaking 7:30 p.m. - St. Boniface - members asked to attend if possible.

FINANCES:

Books handed over to new treasurer (Lindy Guma).  
Present balance: \$905.63.  
A cheque of \$850.00 deposited into new account.  
Chairperson requests \$55.00 for petty cash. (Ahmod Randeree).  
Petty cash book handed over to secretary - amount: \$34.68  
Secretary requests \$30.00 for office supplies. (Dee September)  
Dues still outstanding from some members.

Upcoming:

Steve to present brief paper for next meeting re: AAM & MCOAA work.  
Rock Against Racism program to be discussed.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 23/86 1 p.m.