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Comrades, aa a people in the war for national liberation, we ought to take a pause and make an incisive examination into ourselves. This necessity often stems from a variety of problems which emerge and tend to act as a hindrance to our day to day efforts to carry out our respective revolutionary tasks. The said problems fall within the context of problems consistent with development, most of which are objective and are indicative of the necessity of a concrete understanding of our concrete environment. This being our outlook, therefore, in our purposeful and conscious activity in sports, we have diagnosed not only a problem but a specific one which we are inclined to believe is concretely linked with the general problems of the national liberation struggle. Loosely speaking, the problem could be phrased, the appalling state of lethargy especially for a people at war. This is both un-South African and unrevolutionary. We hardly need to remind anyone about the sport tradition of South Africa and the heroic battles that have been won by our comrades against Apartheid sports around the globe.

While we do not condone this said state of affairs, we concede that the views which people hold, as regards sport, are a legacy of Apartheid miseducation both institutionally and socially. So, as a result, no serious revolutionary can be content with a mere 6h diagnosis of symptoms. We contend that, in this instance, the cause is rooted in the political understanding on of the community in this particular aspect of our broad national movement. What is more, a clear understanding of the cause of this anomaly is essential to an understanding of how to eradicate it. Hence the seminar.

Now, let me briefly outline our concept of sport. By sport, to relate basically mass culture; a culture wherein the role of an individual contribution is shared into a collective or team work to the benefit of the player and the community. The main criterion for selection of the level skills should not be the level of skill, but the level of skill should be harnessed in such a way that it results in the formation of a formidable team that consists in the combination of varying skills of individuals. Only out of this can an individual derive pleasure fully.

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cohesion and blend of varying skills of individuals. Only out of this set-up can an individual derive pleasure fully. A revolutionary ' individual, that is - We also envisage sport that embraces all age groups and both the able-bodied and disabled. This brings us to the recommendation which we are able to make in order to facilitate this vision, which we envisage.

1. We propose that the movement define a sport policy for this region for we envisage a SOMAFCO which should have sport as a compulsory subject.

2. We wish to see a fully-fledged gymnasium erected in order to be at the disposal of all physical fitness enthusiasts and where indoor games could be played.

3. It should also meet the needs of physiotherapy cases to a certain extent.

3. We propose that tennis courts be built for the community together with other facilities for similar games.

4. We should like to lay stress on the creation of facilities for games like bowls which are suitable for our elderly comrades who can no longer feature in robust games. We regard this issue in parts as our gesture of gratitude to the people who trod the path for us.

5. We move that a sporting structure for the complex as the main centre of concentration for A.N.C. cadres in East Africa, be drafted and adopted in this seminar, and that sports, because of its mass nature, be given a desk in the cultural office/department for administrative purposes.

Since we regard the seminar as an organ of putting sport in its proper perspective, we trust that the cross pollination of ideas which will take place while it lasts, will bring into fruition the ideas of an important document which will leave us with nothing else but enlightenment. We have a burning desire to embark on a united effort to create conditions conducive to washing away the insipid

mediocre quality of our present sport. We also envisage creating a political sport cadre who will be capable of placing his or her talents at the disposal of the movement and the people who are employed on this front. Lastly, comrades, but not the east. Organize the participants in this seminar together with the

movement with the task of giving a name to the virtuous side. We hardly need to mention that we place high value on the symbolic of the South African people's struggle against political oppression and economic