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REGIONAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held 14 February 1983

Present: Cmdes P. Bunting, J. Dube, D. Mooljee, Y. Saloojee

1. Solidarity report from Chief Representative:

Jan 25: CR met with central committee of Communist Party of Canada

Jan 28: CR briefed solidarity groups on the current situation

In attendance were: Oxfam, CUSO, Student Christian Movement, Anglican United and Catholic (CCODP) Churches, TCSAC, CCSA.

Feb 8: a similar meeting was held in Ottawa, attended by NGOs, Churches and solidarity groups..

Feb 9: A similar briefing session was held in Montreal.

In Quebec, there was a meeting with the Ministry of Immigration; an overview of the current situation in SA was given.

Feb 12: There was a meeting of CANSAC, to encourage and promote the Lisbon Conference, and encourage attendance by Canadians. Also to develop a strategy for the political prisoners campaign, and to assist CCSA to organise the tour of SWAPO. A special committee was set up to maximise coverage of South African issues..

2. Meetings to come:

Feb 18: 30 representatives of labour movement meet with Chief Rep for an overview on labour and on-going action by labour.

Feb 22: A public meeting is to be held at Guelph University organised by the OPIRG.

March 2: Meetings are scheduled at Carlton and Trent Universities.

March 3: A symposium to be held at the Toronto French School/

3. ANC Meetings (Internal):

women's Section: The CR expressed serious concern at HQ during his visit, at the lack of activity amongst our women comrades. It was agreed to re-vitalise the Women's Section, with meetings once a month. Caroline Mogadime will represent us at the HQ meeting of Women's Secretariat. On her return, she would convene a meeting with Canadian Women's Groups to discuss future work.

4. Youth Section: A similar meeting with our youth took place during which there was discussion on organising a conference on Canadian Youth in solidarity with our liberation struggle..

5. Logistics: Our shippers have agreed to handle a shipment from Vancouver via Toronto. There will also be another shipment from Toronto in April to Somasco.. Future work should focus on the SAn community for food aid..

6. Annual General Meeting: There was considerable discussion on how the AGM should best be conducted (Toronto Unit). We would try to focus on plans in the year to come rather than dwell too much on past shortcomings..