

REPORT OF MEETING OF CHIEF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EUROPE, CANADA
ICSA, WPC, AND PATEL

held from March 29th to 31st in Reggio Emilia, Italy.

Headquarters represented by Comrade Alfred Nzo, Secretary General, Comrade Thomas Nkobi, Treasurer General, and Comrade Joe Jele, Director of International Department.

Present: Ruth Mompoti (U.K.), Neo Mnumzana (France), Godfrey Motsepe (Benelux), Tony Seedat (FRG), Anthony Mongalo (GDR), Yusuf Saloojee (Canada), Max Moabi (WPC), M.D. Naidoo (ICSA), Thami Sindelo (Italy), F. Ginwala (Patel).

1. Opening Session

- A) Political Report by Secretary General (attached)
- B) Reports on Projects by Treasurer General (attached)
- C) Report on Imperialist Strategy in Southern Africa by Director of International Department (attached).

2. Reports by Representatives on their work and on the situation in their respective areas

A. WPC - Comrade Max Moabi

- 1. WPC should be more extensively utilised for furthering the work of our movement.
- 2. WPC as part of 70th anniversary activities plan a proposed tour by ANC delegation headed by S.G. to tour Western European and Socialist Countries. To be financed by the WPC.
- 3. Brief report on activities in Finland.
- 4. WPC proposes international conference in Southern Africa in Zambia sometimes in 1982.

5. Proposal by WPC of joint ANC-PLO manifestation to examine relations between South African regime and Israel.

Recommend President O.R. Tambo approach Y. Arafat on this matter.

B) Report by F. Ginwala (Patel)

- 1. All problems relating to the question of petroleum research were examined.
- 2. Reported complications arising from the second Shirebu report by the UN Centre against apartheid to affected governments.

3. Highlighted use of uranium and coal as bargaining factors by S.A.
4. Necessary to monitor S.A. purchasing of shares onto oil resources outside of S.A. (see section guidelines on oil).

C) ICOSA - M.D. Naidoo

1. Highlighted importance of ICOSA's role in international mobilisation of support for the struggle led by ANC and SWAPO.
2. Raised necessity to clarify and define relationship between activities of ICOSA and UN Centre against apartheid, and necessity for reciprocal support between ICOSA on the one hand and ANC/SWAPO on the other hand, as well as anti-apartheid support organisations.
3. Stressed the need for co-ordination and illustrated by reference to WPC, AAPSO, and other international organisations.
4. Pointed out the need to strengthen support organisations in those countries where they do not exist.
5. Future programme as per information provided to HQ.

4. Area Reports (attached)

1. Canada
2. G.D.R.
3. F.R.G.
4. Benelux countries
5. United Kingdom
6. France
7. Italy

Summary of major issues

- a) Problems of finance re. maintenance of offices
- b) Question of improvement in communications from H.Q.
- c) General request for regularisation for ANC publications and ANC statements.
- d) All areas reported on possible funding of projects but made serious request for prompt action on information needed from TG.
- e) Programmes re 70th anniversary presented by each area as reflected in reports submitted.
- f) Political situation in each country, contacts with governments, political parties, anti-apartheid groups, churches, and other mass organisations. Discussed in detail.

- g) Representatives recommended that H.Q. and ANC offices in front-line areas exercise extreme caution in relations with visitors from Western countries (field officers, press, etc.). Must demand letter of introduction from ANC representative from the region they come from.
5. Clarification by members of the NEC of some of the specific problems
such as: procedures for membership applications, local finances, appointment of representatives, relations with SACTU, role of PAC and local problems.

Recommendations

1. That such meetings of representatives be on regular basis.
2. Chief Reps. required to visit HQ at own expenses.
3. Chief Reps. should apply to H.Q. for holidays and medical check up each year.
4. Security and vigilance to be increased in all offices.
5. Next meeting of reps. November, 1982, involving Women, Youth, Publicity and Information, and SACTU.
6. Guidelines for additional actions adopted attached.

Conclusion

Remarks by S.G. expressed confidence in ability of reps. and extremely heartened by their work in their areas and by seriousness of discussions as reflected in the results of the meeting. Meeting closed with singing of National Anthem.

Reception and Hospitality by Hosts

- a) Hosts were the National Committee for Solidarity with the peoples of Southern Africa.
- b) All materials for work, accommodation, etc. provided by above.
- c) Arranged press conference as well as meeting to highlight 70th anniversary of ANC and 5th anniversary of signing of agreement between Reggio Emilia and ANC
- d) Reception given by all parties represented in Reggio Emilia after closure of meeting.