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REPORT OF THE FIRST NEC MEETING

318T JANUARY - 1ST FEBRUARY 1992

The meeting started 45 minutes late. The agenda was amended and adopted. All Regions and NWC members were present. '

Apologies were received from the Secretary of N.Natal and ode Nash.

An observation was made that not all present are constitutionally members of the NBC and that this should not happen again.

Regions cannot delegate anybody to attend NBC meeting unless are invited to do so.

Next on the agenda was the presentation by the president. He read a paper on the political situation, Questions were raised and discussed. 'The most cotaingious issue being whether or not the Nats are right wing or not. This took time and was not resolved. Other questions were on the Patriotic Front, role of Indian Congresses and Homelands. Finally it was resolved that most of the questions should be referred to the DPE to workout discussions on in much simpler terms. The meeting complained that not enough time has been allocated to discussions and that this has been a practice and must be corrected. The next meeting should have adequate time to discuss politics.

Next was Codesa report. Documents were circulated and a report given by President. The major questions raised were around why Cosatu applied to Codesa, how would the various commissions and negotiations taking place now, fit into Codesa. The positions of the government on federalism and our position on unitarism can they be reconcilled, can the Trircameral parliament reverse the decisions taken at Codesa, will the Nats really carry this process through or can they be defeated by the CP, what does this De Klerk referenda mean, can we oppose a non racial referendum or not, the bantustan administrations support the constituent Assembly, how do you deal with them during elections, these were some of the many questions discussed and that the DPE should work out papers to discuss further.

Finally the meeting agreed that Cosatu should be given observer status in Codesa and other interest groups, however the tripartite alliance should be strengthened and made to work. The NWC should decide who attends the negotiations consultative forums.

Next was NPC report which was presented by Kgaogelo.

Observations was made that the document only point to one person for the short comings of the committee and that this should be corrected. It was also agreed that regions did not participate in the NPC and that very little guidance was given to regions towards their preparations to congress, this should be corrected in future. The next congress should be planned differently and in good time.

Congress assessment followed. There was no paper presented here instead the SG suggested the following topics to be looked at in making this assessment. Viz to look of the open session, the closed session, commissions and elections. The meeting was satisfied that the open session was a great success but noted that the political report was too long. Speeches by quests in

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particular our leaders cdes Walter Sisulu and O.R. Tambo were excellent. A complain was raised that we should have cut down on International quest speaking. The discussions in the closed session tended to be mainly on organisational report and very little (H1 the political report. The report (M1 organisation covered all aspects of the work of the organisation but was not adequately discussed. Most thing were referred to the commissions. The same could be said about the finance report which was properly prepared and audited. Commissions went well but did not have enough time. The problem was the report back. Some commissions did not prepare their reports and as a results messed up the time of congress. The chairperson also did not chair okay, as results discussion did not flow and decisions were reached hastily and sometimes the summary of the chair did not capture the popular feeling -in the house. Sometimes the intervention of cde Jackie was not timeous and therefore pre-empted further debate.

In the final analysis the closed session did achieve its objectives and was successful.

Elections time arrived and this is when congress was almost disrupted. After lengthy discussions the house recognised the fact that there has always been tensions and differences within the PNYS and these manifested themselves at congress. The tensions and problems were identified as follows:-

That there was a group that wanted to oust Peter from the leadership and another that wanted to retain him. The problem was said to be ifurther exacerbated by the weekly mail allegations. The other observation made was that the style of work of the PNYS did not allow for criticism and introspection, there were always suspicions. Some comrades traced the problem from the time the PNYS was set up others even further from the time of the UDF. Finally it was agreed that we now have to bury the past and start on a new slate. We have to work on a document that will guide our work and style some sort of rules and regulations for the NWC and NEC. It was also agreed that the meeting that cde Jackie is organising should be pursued and we also should organise our own to report to the ANC about congress and problems and how we solved them. Those that know or were told stories about the weekly mail allegation should report to the NAT of the ANC. Regions were then happy that this is resolved and that in future they also must be informed about such things so that they discuss as well and not just suspect.

#### FINANCE DOCUMENT

The document was presented by the treasurer and the structure was adopted with some amendments. It was felt that the document does not cover policy except that it elaborate only on the structures to control, administer and raise funds. The finance policy should be developed and discussed in the next NEC meeting.

#### DAY II

On the second day the meeting started 30 minutes late and we noted the absence of the secretary of the PWV' without any explanation. -

We dealt with the constitution, which was presented and discussed. It was later adopted with new inclusions and deletions. The meeting agreed that the document on discipline should be dealt with by the NWC and be discussed at the next NEC meeting. That the document should reach regions not later than mid February.

#### ON POLICY

It was decided that Policy Document will be dealt with in the next NEC meeting. The comrades who were in the commission should be consulted to finalise all amendments and additions. Comrade Febe should do this and if cde Vusi is still around he be requested to assist her.

Next was World Federation of Democratic Youth. It was reported that there are problems within WFDY and that presently their headquarters are threatened with removal. A court-case will start in February. The Youth League as President of WFDY is doing very little and now WFDY is asking us to request comrade Mandela to intervene. We have not as yet been able to see the President of the ANC. While all this is happening in WFDY the President is here in the country and will not leave until we have chosen a person who will replace him. He is ready to leave any time. Border reported that it has withdrawn its candidate because of personal reasons. We now have a new candidate from Eastern Cape by the name of Andile Yawa. He is presently in Zimbabwe and we must try and find him soon. The NEC endorsed his name. It also said that we must do more to support and influence developments in WFDY.

Employment in regions followed. A lengthy debate ensued on whether or not we should employ people and what sort of people and how many in regions. It was finally agreed that a minimum of six officials and three qualified staff should be employed. Regions may be flexible on who they employ but preferably the officials should be Secretary, Chairperson, Organiser DIP, DPE, Treasurer and qualified Typist, Administrator and receptionist. Next was restructuring and allocation of portfolios to the NWC members. The issue of the Youth Front was raised and it was clarified that the two comrades employed in it are there for a limited time. They should be working on the Youth Front conference to be in April and that is their understanding as well. It was noted that there is still no clarity on this matter and it should be debated and clarity made as soon as possible to enable regions and guide them to work properly. The structure of NWC was agreed upon and then the officials suggested names of people to fill various portfolios. It was noted that the officials blundered by not first consulting with individuals involved and that this process must be followed. After lengthy discussions with individuals involved we resumed and finalised the allocation as follows:

DPE - Febe

DEd - Thabo

Secretary for Organisation - Kgaogelo

Pioneers - Mzwandile

Campaigns Committee - Derek

Religion - Thabang  
Sport and Culture - Drucer  
International - Jerry  
Labour - Nyami  
DIP - Parks

There was a lot of debate on the DIP because there was a contest which was finally resolved by a vote. We also resolved that the women should be a commission and we must still discuss exactly what and how we constitute this commission. We must report to the next NEC meeting about it.

Next was the Congress resolutions and FDA. Cde Derek made an input on resolutions. These were discussed and necessary amendments and deletions made on almost all resolutions. Two resolutions were not found and it was agreed that they be drafted around themes the NEC suggested, these two were on MK and Political Prisoners and climate for free political activity. Also the resolution on International should be reworked to capture recent developments around sanctions and boycotts. Again cde Derek presented the programme of action. This was adopted after lengthy discussion. The cdes were requested to look at anniversaries and plan how we commemorate them. They should also infuse action into the programme. It was observed that we had to be much more imaginative in our plans and not just rely on demonstrations, marches pickets rallies but should think of actions that would paralyse the state. We could look at the political strike and see if it still fit within our overall strategic approach. Other forms of actions should be looked at. We still have to work out our million members by June campaign and see if it is feasible. Our involvement in the Cultural boycott particularly the Paul Simon saga showed that we do not fully know what the lifting of people to people sanction really entails. We need to educate ourselves and our membership on this.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9.30PM