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MINUTES OF THE RPC MEETING HELD ON APRIL 6th, 1987.

PRESENT: S. Daniels, E. Domingo, J. Dube, A. Jeeva, S. Kotane and Y. Saloojee.

APOLOGIES: P. MAHLANGU

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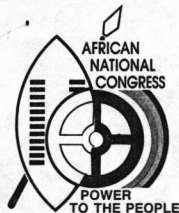
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REGIONAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

January 12 1987

Minutes of RPC meeting held January 12 1987

Present: Peter B, Enver D, Jabu D.

Apologies: Peter M, Lindsay M, Neo R, Yusuf S (last minute)

Minutes of December 15 meeting were adopted.

Matters Arising: The Manitoba Unit expressed concern that we had not requested a report from Comde September on the matter of his interview with the RCMP. The RPC wishes to point out that its response last time was to clarify procedures for all Units in the future. We are awaiting the report which your minutes suggest is being drawn up by the Comrade. Naturally such a report is necessary.

Brief History of ANC Enclosed is a version (draft 2) of a brief history of the ANC. It is intended to fit on to two sides of a single sheet, for distribution to anyone with general enquiries about our organization. We are sending it to the Units for their input. Please respond within one month, as we would like to produce it in printed form soon.

Manitoba Minutes Thanks again, Comrades, for your minutes revealing a lot of activity in the solidarity area, and around the 75th Anniversary. We trust it was a success, as was the Toronto celebration (which consisted of a dinner attended by over 200 people including members of the diplomatic corps) followed by speeches by SACTU and ANC, reading of greetings, a cultural presentation, and a dance and ceremonial cake). We were under the impression that the Chief Rep had already clarified the role of Units in dealing with local organizations such as Oxfam. However, perhaps further discussion could take place at the extended RPC meeting.



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Manitoba (contd):

The RPC would like to request clarification on two items of the minutes: (1) in view of the apparent success of MCOAA, is it still necessary to revive the AAM? (2) in view of our policy to minimise ANC personnel involvement in solidarity organizations, is it necessary to have two ANC people on the MCOAA Board?

Letter from Cecil Abrahams:

Cecil wrote indicating that he probably would not be able to meet ANC applicants in Montreal very often. This may present a problem for the formation of a Unit in the future.

Board of Education Conference

There was an update on the role of Black Consciousness elements in the planning committee. They are attempting to upgrade the BCM profile and downgrade the ANC profile.

Educationals

The RPC will try to obtain, and analyze, OR's January 8 speech. It should also discuss recent developments of the Emergency. Some members wondered why we hadn't received more news through our own channels of what happened Dec 16 to Dec 26.



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S. Daniels, K. Molefe and A. Jeeva, S. Kotane.

Apologies: P. Mahlangu

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of February 2, 1987 and February 17th.
2. Matter arising from the minutes
3. SOMAFCO application
4. Membership application
5. Tasks of the RPC
6. International report
7. Youth report
8. Extended RPC meeting
9. Under General a) Child care
b) Toronto office

1. Minutes of the 2nd February were read and adopted.

2. Matters arising: Official response from the RPC to Cde. Randeree's speech (75th Anniversary address to the Manitoba Legislature) still outstanding.

1(b) Minutes of the 17th February meeting were also read and adopted.

2(b) Matters arising: The ANC has withdrawn from the upcoming (March 27, 1987) Toronto Board of Education conference on Apartheid because of PAC/BCM participation. This is in line with our stated policy of not sharing a platform with these groups. All units are advised to observe this position.

In the light of the above, it was suggested that the Chief Rep. and Pol. Commissar draw up a draft document on Discipline (to be sent to H.Q. for approval) regarding:

- a) individual members' links with BCM/PAC elements;

b) recruitment of students who are Black Consciousness inclined but amenable to the Freedom Charter.

3. SOMAFCO application: In the past, the Chief Rep. and Education Committee have processed applications for SOMAFCO. but in the absence of an Education Committee, the Chief Rep. has had to perform this task alone. It is suggested that the RPC attend to such applications and make the necessary recommendations to the Education Secretary in H.Q.

Cde. Raymond Leitch's application kit came before the RPC, but was not fully dealt with as he has not furnished a political report. Once such a document is made available, the Chief Rep. and Pol. Commissar will meet with the applicant, after which the matter will be referred to the RPC.

4. Membership application: One has been received from Michael Herman. The Pol. Commissar will be sending him literature and arranging a meeting between the RPC and the applicant.

Since membership forms lack a section on "Political Background" a questionnaire will be drawn up to augment the forms.

5. Tasks of the RPC: The item has been deferred to the next RPC meeting.

6. International Report: This is to be made available to all units. The report is strictly an internal document, and is in no way to be made public.

7. Youth: Moves are underway to revitalize the Youth section. Already one meeting attended by 8 members has been held. It is intended to have the Chief Rep. and Pol. Commissar at the next Youth meeting to advise on strategy and guidelines.

Parents (i.e. those who are ANC members) are encouraged to get their children involved in our structures e.g. Youth Section, Māšupatsela. The issue will be brought up at the next unit meeting.

8. Extended RPC meeting: The weekend of May 30 and 31st, 1987 has been suggested with delegates arriving on May 29 or earlier.

Units are requested to submit items for the agenda. There will be no limit to the number of delegates that can attend. As such units are urged to include members of Youth and Women's sections in their delegations so as to make conference broadly representative of our structures.

9. General:

- Toronto office:
- a) installation of a security system close circuit TV
 - b) new measures for the office have been adopted:-
 - members and visitors are now to be restricted to the conference room.
 - prior approval required for use of telephone.



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Agenda: 1. Minutes of May 11, 1987

2. Matters Arising from the minutes
3. Correspondence
4. Parallel Conference
5. Francophone Conference
6. Visit by President O.R. Tambo
7. Black Education Trust Fund
8. General

1. Minutes of May 11 were read and adopted.
2. Matters arising: Neo: The political commissar had arranged a meeting with Neo, but the latter in line with previous actions, failed to attend. Letter to be written to Neo one more time inviting him to meet with the RPC. Response expected in 30 days, otherwise action will be taken against him.
3. Correspondence: Comrade Dan O' Meara's letter was formally discussed by the RPC. It was decided to send for Comrade Dan's paper and taped speech to clarify the matter re: position on sanctions issue.
A copy of the above-mentioned letter will be forwarded to Cde. Randeree with a follow-up on the issue.
Minutes (May 12/87) of the Vancouver unit were acknowledged. A question raised in the minutes was Cde. Kitty's participation in the upcoming 2nd ANC Women's Conference.
Response: as an elected member of the National Women's Secretariat, Cde. Kitty has been nominated to attend the Conference.
4. Parallel Conference: Chief Rep. has received a copy of a letter from Cde. Karenza addressed to the International Department re: Parallel Conference

and ANC participation. It was resolved to: -write to the International Dept. giving background information on the conference organization and the terms under which ANC is prepared to participate. Task to be undertaken by CR.

- write to units to reinforce ANC position (See extended RPC Minutes and covering letter to units)

- seek further clarification from conference organisers other than Karenza.

5. Francophone Conference: To be held in Quebec City on Sept. 2-4, 1987.

NGO's are organising a seminar on Southern Africa.

ANC invited to an event entitled Mandela '87 to be held in Montreal on 10th October. Event co-organised by the City of Montreal and NGO's at which time a street will be named after Cmdes. Nelson and Winnie Mandela.

An evening of culture will follow. "Leading figures" of the ANC on their way to the Commonwealth Conference in Vancouver are invited to attend the Montreal ceremonies as honorary guests of the City.

6. Visit of the President: The Prime Minister's Office has indicated that the Prime Minister will be available for a meeting on 16th or 17th September, 1987. Not clear whether the President will be here for 2 or 5 working days. We are proposing the latter.

7. Black Education Trust Fund: Canadian Government has allocated funds for black education - \$2 million seed money. Originally the ANC had been invited to attend the conference, but the invitation was withdrawn for political reasons.

- Trust Fund is to be established in September, 1987
- there will be consultation with the NECC
- scholarship will be available to South Africans in Neighbouring countries.

8. General: Cde. Randeree's telephone conversation with Sam (complained about late delivery of ANC material) brought before RPC. Conversation ruled unprocedural. Cde. Randeree should have talked with DIP. However, the latter will pursue the matter with Randeree.

Membership: new format will be brought before the next RPC meeting.

- applications lying in the office and not sent to HQ on time. We owe the individuals concerned an apology.

- get HQ to expedite applications of Cdes. Alim and Gabier.

Office Committee: Duties and areas of responsibility delineated.

Mail Collection: contention about who collects mail. Originally agreed that Cde. Simon will collect mail. But CR later recanted arguing for his continued collection of mail as he has done for the past 15 years.

Office Staff's argument: CR has more pressing matters to attend to. Therefore mail collection should not be his responsibility. As senior functionary in the region his security is paramount.

Matter to be resolved on July 14, 1987. Meeting adjourned.