

THE MEETING 01: THE PORT

OMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY

GXILISHE , MANGCOTYWA , MSUTHU , LINDA , BEJA

LAMANI , DOKASI , TSOTSOBE , KONDILE , VIKI

MTOBA , RUNELI , ADAMS , DUIKER , PRINSLOO

APOLOGIES : No apologies except from Mr BAMBENI who  
delegated Cde Beja to represent him

Before the meeting could proceed the status and the  
constitution of the committee was clarified . It was further  
agreed that AZAPO would also be welcomed to be part of the  
committee when it has finally decided to , as it was agreed  
upon by the BROAD FORUM

The agenda of the meeting was formulated by clearly outlining  
the objectives of the meeting and in the process identifying  
the crucial elements of the boycott which needed the  
immediate attention of the committee . It was agreed that the  
purpose of the meeting should be to develop and concretise  
the recommendations which were made to the committee by the  
broad forum of the ( 04-09-1991 ) . Consequently the agenda  
which was agreed upon was as follows

Concretisation of the proposed demands for the Consumer  
Boycott

Co - ordination of the Boycott

Time - frame (duration ) and the timing of the Boycott

Communication system

GENERAL

REPORT

The view was expressed to the fact that the proposed demands  
should be reformulated and to be structured for purposes of  
clarity and comprehensibility . Central to this exercise  
was an attempt to address the following areas

- to redefine the objectives of the boycott

. - \_ 7 lg). :9 '--- ?? QWu 3'9! .Iaga'ykx- I: "I '9' TJ-

- to establish a common understanding of the demands

w . M! w

" \_e - eitaeeuaw:. il'Tisiu

- to categorise the demands in 'OTders9;E\$?\$&g%g\$I:ifi

- to establish a common understanding of who should be the target

There was a general agreement that the central objective of the boycott is to put on record our unqualified condemnation and rejection of VAT as an expression of taxation without representation and also to highlight other local and political demands. Flowing from this, was an agreement that the white businessmen both because of their political and economical position could be in a position to exert pressure on the apartheid regime to rescind this act. However, it was noted that it would be illusionary to expect the white businessmen as traditional supporters of the apartheid rule to realise this obligation without any form of pressure on them to act likewise. Through this form of action the objective would be to draw the attention of the business community to the miseries and hardships which VAT would definitely cause to the disadvantaged communities

In the same context, a debate ensued on whether the same attitude should be adopted towards the Northern Areas businesses in keeping with the decision of the BROAD FORUM MEETING. After a lengthy debate a principle was established to the fact that it would not be politically justifiable to direct the same action against these communities but rather we should opt for a selective approach which will be directed towards those who are part of the Tricameral Parliament. The same view was also expressed and endorsed with regard to businesses of the Black Local Authority personnel in line with our demand for the resignation of the dummy bodies. There was a general feeling that the structures in the Northern Areas should be able to guide us on the form which the boycott should assume in that Area.

A question of concern was also raised with respect to our Cde's in the white community, as to how will they survive under the Consumer Boycott. The general feeling was that this concern should be raised with them.

On the question of the time-frame of the boycott, there were basically two well motivated views which were put forward, a week-long boycott and a monthly reviewal boycott. After a debate the latter (monthly reviewal boycott) emerged as a popular position. On the timing of the boycott, there was a general consensus that the boycott should be effected after the pensioners have also had the opportunity to prepare themselves for the boycott. The suggested date is the 14th of OCTOBER to the 14th NOVEMBER;

On the question of Co-ordination and monitoring there was a general agreement that the structures of the ANC and other organisations should assume the responsibility of monitoring the boycott with the following as a central role in terms of co-ordination outside the discipline of the

..At  
hazestruclures .

allowed to play a role in this regard.

It was also agreed that we should develop a code of monitoring which will emphasize the need for persuasion and education and discourage intimidation and violence on those -who will be breaking the boycott. It was further suggested that we should also appoint two people who will play a \_ central role in terms of co-ordination and convening of committee meetings.

Mzimasi Mangcotywa was suggested as the spokesperson of the Committee and Bongani Gxilishe as the Secretary. These people were also assigned with the task of identifying a central venue for day to day workings of the committee. For the purposes of communication and dissemination of information, the following suggestions were made:

- Maximum utilisation of our structures
- Media
- Rallies
- Leaflets.

It was agreed to convene a BROAD FORUM MEETING on Monday the 18 SEPTEMBER to discuss amongst other things the mechanisms to ensure control of prices in the townships as a form of protecting consumers against exploitation by black businessmen .

The-question of punctuality was emphasised for all the meetings of the committee