AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (S.A.) SOLOMON MAHLANGU FREEDOM COLLEGE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE DATE: 8-3-1984.

PRESENT: THE PRINCIPAL (CHAIRMAN)

Cde DON NGAKANE (SCHOOL COMMISSAR)

- " HILDA NGALO (MATRON)
- " NTOMBIKAYISE LUKHELE (CATERING OFFICER)
- " ANDREW MABASO (BOARDING MASTER)
- " JIMMY PHAMBO (ACTING WARDEN)

AGENDA: JOB DESCRIPTION

CHAIRMAN: The chairman explained the catering committee structure to the meeting. He explained that the catering committee should include the boarding department. He continued to explain that the catering committee consists of:-

- 1. Comrade Ntombikayise Catering Officer (Convenor)
- 2. Comrade Don Ngakane School Commissar
- 3. Boarding Matron and the Boarding Master
- 4. Students: two (2) from the brigades
 one (1) Student Executive member
- 5. Comrade Elsie Health Department
- 6. One A.N.C. (S.A.) member working in the kitchen.

CATERING:

The chairman outlined the duties of the catering officers as mainly to draw the school menu and supervise the preparation of the meals. Comrade Ntombikayise explained to the meeting that a menu for the school has been prepared but the supplies of food is not according to the menu. She continued to explain that most of the time they are forced to improvise because of shortages. Because of criticisms from the students she was forced to let them cook the type of food they would like to have, e.g. the type of porridge - soft or hard. The workers were instructed on Saturdays and Sundays not to cook but just to help peel peeling so that the students could cook their own taste. Comrades complained bitterly about the food preparation in particular supper. It was cited that yesterday's supper was well prepared and that all the meals must

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In reply, comrade Ntombikayise said that she cannot cook good food for the students because "ndiya wanyanya ama-students." The chairman requested her to repeat the statement and she did. Comrades were not happy about this statement and she was asked to withdraw which she did.

Comrade Ntombikayise was urged by the meeting to report all problems to the school office. She was also asked to try and change her attitude towards the students. The chairman pointed out that no two streams must exist between Ntombi and the students, and that it is not correct to say that students must suffer because they are in the struggle.

Comrade matron and comrade Mabaso explained at length the responsibility of the commissar toward the students visa vis catering, visa vis boarding.

Comrade Don apologised to comrade Ntombi for all mistakes that he might have done against her. Comrade Don pointed out that because of his duties he cannot afford to be at locker head with Ntombi. The meeting was very happy about this move.

AGREED:

- 1. that Ntombikayise try to improve her relationship with the students.
- 2. that comrade Ntombikayise shall supervise the preparation of supper until the food situation improve.
- 3. that student complains to go through the student structures or committees. Comrade Balungile Shembe to report finally to comrade Ntombikayise.
- 4. that the catering committee initially meet once a week with comrade Ntombikayise, the convenor.
- 5. that an A.N.C. member to be included in all shifts at the kitchen.
- 6. that all departments school office, school commissar, catering and boarding must be free to correct one another and not to carry out meeting proceedings to outsiders.

CHAIRMAN: The chairman asked the meeting to think about the period after news.

The meeting ended. at 10.00am.