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MINUTES OF THE CEO MEETING.

21/06/89.

PRESENT:

Comrades John Nkadimeng (Chairperson), Reg September, Makha Njobe and Tim Williams (on behalf of comrade Zuma who is out of the country).

AGENDA:

1. Situation in U.S.A. region.
2. Report back on meeting with Zambia R.P.C.
3. A.O.B.

1. Comrade Makha Njobe summarised issues raised in correspondence by our movement structures in the USA to both the CEO and the SGO in Lusaka. She indicated that the issues were also raised with the Women's Section in Lusaka. The letters were from:

- The RPC (2 letters)
- Women's Section.
- The New York unit of the RPC
- Youth Section
- Education Committee in New York.
- Sechaba — cultural Section in U.S.A.

The main issue raised by all the structures involves disagreement between the Chief Representative and the RPC regarding the procedure followed in applying for ANC membership and the role of both the Chief Rep. and the RPC in the process. The problem became very sharp with the arrival of comrade Neo Mnomzane in the U.S.A. Neo as Chief Rep., ruled that membership has to be applied for formally by filling application forms at the Chief Rep's office. The RPC on the other hand felt that they were better placed through their units to monitor and recommend those applying for membership. Contradictions became so sharp that comrade Neo suspended the RPC and appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to carry out the function of the RPC.



Complaints also developed around the functioning of the Regional Treasury. These complaints were however not clearly stated. As a result of these both the Women's Section and Sechaba in the U.S.A. stopped accounting to the Regional Treasury. The Women's Section raised funds and purchased items needed at HQ. themselves and Sechaba decided to submit funds that they raise with the Free South Africa Fund.

Differences also developed between comrade Suzan Mnumzane and the Women's Section. Comrade Suzan had been sent by HQ to be the co-ordinator of Women's Section there. The Chief Rep. closed the offices to meetings of the structures which he had affectively suspended. Our general visible presence and participation in political activities locally, dwindled.

The meeting observed that the problems raised had not been responded to in time by the CEO. Comrade Henry Makgothi had in the <sup>meantime</sup> ~~meeting~~ responded to some of the issues raised. The question of the duties and relationship between the Chief Rep. and the RPC had also been clarified by the Consultative Conference in 1985. The meeting therefore decided the following:

- To write to the Chief Rep in the U.S.A. and ask for a report on the present state of organisation of the office, an updated report report on what membership we have. To be done

- To send the new application form to be filled by those applying for membership. Those who have already been accepted as members need not fill the new forms.

- The new forms <sup>have</sup> ~~had~~ to be completed in triplicate. One copy to be kept by the RPC there, and two to be sent to Lusaka for the CEO and NAT.

- The letter should enclose the new application forms.

- To write to comrades Dan Cindi and Lindiwe Mabuza to find out how they relate with the RPC. Our wish is for the Chief Rep. to attend RPC meetings.

- The U.S.A. RPC should be instructed to regularly send reports to the CEO.

- A copy of the letter to the USA should be sent to comrade Makgothi together with a letter of apology for the delay in responding. This letter to be written by comrade Makho.



2. Comrade Reg and Makho reported on their meeting with the Zambia RPC. The Rpc has promised to decide on a date for a Regional Conference where elections for the RPC Committee would be conducted. ?

The meeting noted that the regional Conference and elections was long overdue. The meeting also noted the concern of the membership that the Zambian RPC has become even more important in the light of the deteriorating political and security situation. Membership is recommending that the NEC should release comrades from National duties if they are lected for RPC positions.

The meeting felt that the CEO should sometimes assist in nominating a convenor and a secretary, who will be full time, for the RPC.

### 3. A.O.B.

a). Comrade Makho reported to the meeting that the membership of comrade Bunie Sexwale, based in the Netherlands, is questioned by some members of <sup>Region</sup> the Women's Section. This tends to create conflicts that effect the work of the Women's Section. Comrade Makho feels that her membership should be attended to regularised as soon as possible.

The meeting asked comrade Makho to bring the relevant correspondence to the next meeting. The CEO would then act.

b). The meeting noted with concern that the CEO has also not established a regular communication with all RPC's

The meeting resolved to write a letter to each RPC to establish communication and to be informed of RPC structures and officials. This letter is to ensure that the RPC submit regular reports to the CEO. The meeting also decided that in order to save the movement funds, visits to the RPC's should be <sup>combined</sup> ~~combined~~ with business visits to these areas by members of the CEO. *and other members of The Movement.*

Letters to be written by comrade Reg.

The areas that have established RPC's are:

1 ANGOLA

2 AUSTRALIA

3 CANADA

4 NETHERLANDS

5 SWEDEN

6 TANZANIA

8 U.S.A.

9 ZAMBIA

10 ZIMBABWE

7 UK



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c). The CEO is concerned by the fact that the DIP and MHQ are still not represented in the meetings. Comrade Reg will attend to this issue.

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