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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Sub-Committee Meeting  
held on 15 Sept 1978

PRESENT: Liz Finkelstein, Gairu Hussey, Mohammed Tikly, Tommy Vassen,  
Harold Wolpe.

(This Sub-Committee was set up at the Education Committee Meeting of 8th Sept 1978, in order to consider formulating general statement of principles for the proposed Tri-partite meeting in Morogoro.)

Harold produced a document as the basis of our discussion. He pointed out, firstly, that the tri-partite meeting should agree upon a succinct statement of principles drawn from the following documents: "The Burning Issue of Education in Our Struggle", "Education Policy of the ANC(SA)", and the Maputo Seminar Report.

Secondly, given that education is a site of struggle, it is necessary to make an analysis of the concrete situation in South Africa so that this can form the basis of political struggle. Moreover, as "The Burning Issue.." document states, there should be awareness of the political nature of educational activities. Education should meet the needs of the revolutionary struggle.

Thirdly, there is an urgent need to discuss and implement the "Immediate Tasks" listed on page 11 of "The Burning Issue.." document.

There followed a lengthy discussion. It was pointed out that "The Burning Issue.." document raises items of fundamental importance and has proved valuable as a basis for discussion. The role of ideology, democratisation of the educational process, and the priority to be given to attain sexual equality were considered, as well as the points raised at the Committee Meeting of 8th Sept (see Minutes).

The Sub-Committee felt that Harold's document - after some tightening up - should be submitted as our proposals for the agenda of the tri-partite meeting.

Copies of Harold's document ~~is~~ to be sent to members and to the Education Committees in Dar and Lusaka.