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CENTRAL BRANCH REPORT - OCTOBER 1988

OVERALL SITUATION:

Attendance and participation was fair.

UNIT SITUATION:

Unit Names:- G/House Side proposed Cassius MAAKE or Paul Dikeledi, whilst the Unit that includes Kongwa Res named theirs as Dulcie SEPTEMBER

Discussions:- All units enthusiastically discussed the Constitutional Guidelines. The notable obstacle for a full success in the discussion of this document was language. It is therefore recommended that translation of the whole document into one or two of the South African vernacular languages be considered.

Office Bearers:- Jabulile MAPHISA Branch Sec.

Dr. NXUMALO & Mme Lucy made Sec & Commissar respectively for the G/House side whilst the Opp. G/House has included Makhulu in their executive as a Commissar.

NEWS ANALYSIS:

To supplement for the unavailability of News Analysis from the ZPC, one Unit has been assigned the task collecting them for the next Branch Meeting.

CONCLUSION:

There is room for improvement in the all-round life of the Units and the Branch.

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RPC report to the ZPC

1) SOU

It was noted that the SOU had problems such as transport, not being informed of cases to be followed up and its head not working glove in hand with its members. The chief administrator to whom the SOU reports reports did not co-ordinate the activities of this structure and failed to call its meetings. The meeting resolved that all SOU comrades be included in the restructured SOU under a new head. Only those already redeployed will be excluded. The RPC executive will implement this decision. A female member is to be included.

It was further decided that the SOU should report to the ZPC while making it regional is being looked into.

2) The chief rep reported that RPC in Lusaka will come to East Africa to inspect Dakawa before sending people there. The meeting felt offended by this attitude and decided that the Lusaka RPC should be informed that its attitude is not appreciated. All ANC members should create the necessary living conditions for themselves and not expect these to be created for them.

3) The chief rep informed the meeting about circumstances surrounding the arrest of cde Mpho and Makhasana. The way they were assaulted and treated was by all reasonable standards very harsh. A pistol was found on one of them after the car they were travelling in got a break down. Even other comrades who had gone to their rescue after being informed of grimmer happenings than the mere breakdown were treated to the same inhospitality. Their case is still being dealt with.

4) It was reported that James King was expelled both from the school and the ANC. The chief rep admitted that correct channels were not followed. James King however refused the expulsion. He agreed to go to Dakawa. The meeting also expressed concern at the unfair practices of house distribution in Dakawa. It was also reported that cde Dudala involved in the theft of ANC property, had not left the country as it was alleged.

5) The meeting asked the ZPC of Mazimbu to speed up the integration of students into the ZPC so as to be ready for the Sunday youth elections.

6) On the question of clearances and people sleeping at the airport being a rife problem, the chief rep informed the meeting that on his arrival he had to get new staff completely ~~because~~ BECAUSE THE OLD STAFF SCATTERED 'SOME GOING TO SCHOOL AND OTHERS being deployed elsewhere. In addition not informing the office when they will arrive, people make it difficult for clearances to be obtained. With visas the necessary forms are filled and money paid. The next step is waiting. There is no way of speeding up the process.

7) The meeting decided that the cdes at 18 in Dakawa should be knit into a unit.

8) The meeting was informed that the Political education officer still had no office despite HQ being informed that he had allocated one. The RPC executive was assigned the duty of attending to this matter.

BRANCH REPORT ILALA-COPENHAGEN

Our report will cover the following aspects:

- 1) Attendance
- 2) Branch Executive
- 3) Elections
- 4) ZPC Report
- 5) News & Views
- 6) Non-Attendance of Meetings

1) ATTENDANCE

Our meeting was excellently attendend by almost all the comrades with the exception of comrades Babu and Tefo who have not yet attended any branch meeting without any apology.

2) BRANCH EXECUTIVE

Our Branch Executive meetings are still going on very well. We hold them a day before every branch or unit meeting.

3) ELECTIONS

At the elections held by Cdes Sonny and Maseko a new branch chairman was elected. He is Cde Whlanhla Masina and has been with the ecutive as an acting Branch Secretary. In Ilala, Ude Main O Schloolo was elected as an acting branch chairperson since Cde Thomas is always out of the zone for other tasks. In lower Copenhagen they could not elect a chairperson because of the low attendance of their unit meetings. A follow up is going to be made very soon.

4) ZPC REPORT

Only the question of bailing accused comrades from a Tanzanian court raised was discussed. The general feeling was that the ZPC should explain the term 'ANC Structures' which are responsible for bails. It was further emphasized that it should not be left to those who are charged to organize these bails. Furthermore it was generally felt/stated that a delegation should be sent to the government to find out whether it is possible to stop individuals doing it under Tanzanian law.

6) NON-ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS

A resolution was taken to the effect that 10% will be deducted from the incentives of anyone who fails to attend a meeting without a valid reason and 5% for late coming. This money will be used for pioneer graduations.

7) NEWS & VIEWS

Because of the deteriorating standard of our bulletin, an editorial board was suggested. Cleanliness of the paper should always be taken into consideration.

8) CONCLUSION

The question of Cde Lindi who has health problems shall be taken up by the branch with the Health Department. Problems like supply shortages should be reported to the community as it has ~~happened~~ happened this month.

SIZWE NDAHO

(BRANCH CHAIRPERSON)

Youth Centre and Kate Molale branch report 15/10/88

Ensuring the proper functioning of the branch

A. Restructuring: 1) At unit level. Because of disorganisation in the Basil February unit brought by the election of the unit chairman into the branch chairmanship, the much involvement of the secretary and commissar in culture, the unit elected Mojalefa Gwa ngwa, Andries Mkoka and Nosisi Tanda as chairman, secretary and commissar respectively.

ii) At branch level Kedi Mahloji replaced David Lengana as branch secretary. This change occurred as a result of Lengana's request for relief on account of his being overloaded with much other responsibilities.

iii) Change of unit Name

As Vuyisile Mini was a duplication of the carpentry workshop name, the unit renamed itself Bani Molokoane unit.

B) Deepening and strengthening organisation

1) Organisational operation

The Branch executive met twice since the last ZPC meeting. It resolved and has realised this, to meet when there are to be branch meetings for a day before, adopting points for the compilation of the report to the ZPC.

ii) The involvement of many

Through its sub-committees: Branch entertainment committee, Youth center committee and Kate Molale committee the branch committee intends and doing so, to improve the social and political life of its members through their active participation.

In line with this view, the branch entertainment committee called a branch meeting on Sunday the 2nd at 10.00am to discuss the technicalities of the once suggested branch "Get-Together". The branch resolved that the get together be on the 5th of November and that it be forerun by a trip to Rocky gardens at 2pm of the same day. Transport is already booked.

General

A. Endorsement

The branch second RPC report item on housing and calls for this items sanctioning.

B) Recommendation: Accepting the ZPC directive on the following guidelines on the non employment of domestic workers, the branch suggests that the long service domestic workers be employed by the ANCo on humanitarian grounds.

C) Outstanding problem

Seeing the deterioration of the state of affairs in the Youth Center kitchen because of the disadvantaged position of the present two female South African kitchen staff members—one is 7 months pregnant and the other has a sickly child, the branch suggests that the newly elected secretary -Kedi Mahlotsi, working at O1 kitchen be transferred to the Youth Centre kitchen, that the branch executive through its chairperson inspect developments in the kitchen so as to forestall complications and account to the branch membership.

Comments

Political and social consciousness are reawakening. The method of taking turns in leading political discussions arouse enthusiasm. There is gradual transcension of views from 'Amadoda Nabafazi' into neuter gendered, members attendance improves with no objection to registration. There is a call for obtaining news from SOMAFCO for daily reading during the 22.00hrs teatime.

SOMAFCO BRANCH MEETING 13th OCTOBER 1988

Apologies: 1 Tebogo, Thembi, Peggy, Monica, Aubrey, Jimmy, Eddie

Agenda: 1News
2Minutes of the last meeting
3Matters arising
4Unit Reports
5ZPC Reports
6Election
7General

The meeting started at 20.05. The minutes were read by the branch chairperson to the branch and they were adopted with some clarifications.

Matters arising:

A suggestion was made to the effect that mphando should be sold to generate funds that would help the students, the tuckshop and the community. In as far as giving to the Tanzanian workers, this was referred to the ZPC for discussion since it was felt that this discussion should be carefully considered so that we do not create problems for ourselves in the process of doing this. The ZPC has also to look into the legal aspect of selling these cloth clothes. A suggestion was made that the transport should pick up disabled cdes. in case of early departures or anytime eg. places like Dar etc. It was also confirmed that transport to Dar will leave at 6.00 in the morning. Every Saturday at 10.00 the bus will leave to town and come back at 13h and to take those who have been working and come back at 16.00.

UIT REPORTS

Unit 1&2: Attendance has improved in the unit and new members were introduced. Only 2 absent without apology. On domestic workers, the unit took a decision that this should not be allowed, any cde. who needs help from the locals in terms of labour he should approach the unit if it will take final decision. The unit felt that this practise must stop. Regarding constitutional guidelines, the unit assigned various cdes. task of preparing certain aspects of the guidelines to be presented in the next unit meeting.

Unit 3&4: The meeting was poorly attended and as a result the secretary and chairperson could not be elected as it was part of the agenda. The poor attendance was also discussed and it was felt that the cdes. should be spoken to before any drastic decision could be taken on them by the unit. The unit has also agreed that this practise has got to stop although there was a confusion regarding the deadline on which this practise should stop. They also discussed the question of how does the ZPC COME TO APPOINT people to the DC. Constitutional guidelines could not be discussed but cde. J. Phambo is to lead the discussion in the next meeting. There was also a complain of lockers that do not work very well in certain houses when actually there is the talk of school children who move around with a bunch of keys. The meeting also felt that the case of calculators was not properly handled and something must be done.

Unit 5&6: This unit could not submit the report.

CORRECTIONS: JP stated that the DC still exists although not yet approved by the general membership. Calculators case was reopened by the ANC in which Maurice given 6 months punishment.

Dudula and Pinkie are to serve 3 months and Minky the school girl would attend school and serve on weekends. One cde. suggested the cases should be conducted in public to avoid rumours in such cases it was further stated that people are kept in the dark about what is happening during the process of the case. It was also pointed out that the releasing of information to the public may sometimes jeopardise investigation. The question of volunteers having to continue using domestic workers while staying in the same house with ANC members must be looked at seriously. It was further suggested that ZPC must also ask for the letter given to the volunteers when they were signing contracts and they must especially look for the clause on the specific behaviour of ~~new~~ volunteers vis-vis the ANC code of conduct.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

NOMINIES:

- 1 Ndabezitha
- 2 Andrew Mabaso
- 3 Mzwandile

Cde. Mzwandile was elected the new branch secretary.

Zonal Works Committee
REPORT TO THE ZPC MEETING OF 18.10.88

Production Units

Of the twenty one production units in the Mazimbu complex only 17 are represented on the Works Committee. Two of them have been recently formed after a long period of inactivity. They are the Administration production unit and the treasury production unit. The production units not represented on the Works Committee are: Somafco, supplies and logistics, catering and the library. It is necessary to point out that some production units exist only in name and never convene P.U. meetings.

Works Committee Executive

At the Works committee meeting of 19.9.88 it was decided that the works committee should have an executive. An executive will be elected at the next Works Committee meeting (25.10.88).

Regional Works Committee

The chairperson of the Mazimbu Works Committee met the chairperson of the newly formed Dakawa Works Committee, where it was decided that the Mazimbu Works Committee would assist them with suggestions on how to improve their work. It was also decided that the formation of a regional Works Committee would be discussed.

Extended executive meeting of SACTU

The extended executive meeting of SACTU has been postponed to the first half of December. The SACTU chief representative for East Africa Cde. Monare has suggested that the workers of Mazimbu and Dakawa should be granted the opportunity to contribute to its proceedings. For this reason a meeting was called with the Mazimbu Works Committee to discuss the draft regional paper prepared by Cde. Monare. A further meeting was called with the Dakawa Works Committee. It was decided at these meetings that a joint extended meeting is to be called to discuss the paper. The meeting is to be convened by the Dakawa Works Committee.

Visit of COSATU Delegation

In spite of problems due to improper preparation the visit of the COSATU delegation, hosted by the Works Committee, was highly successful. Many fruitful meetings

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General

During the past month the Works Committee has encountered many problems, many of these could have been solved at production unit level if they had been functioning properly. It is hence one of the most urgent tasks of the works committee to make sure that these production units are functioning well.

There have been cases where the Works Committee has been asked to assist in problems that have existed for months, before the Works Committee is informed any problem that may need the attention of the Works Committee should be brought to its notice in time.