

The People Shall Govern ! i

MINUTES OF THE CUBAN SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN LAUNCH
MEETING CONVENED BY THE ANC HEALTH DESK AT SHELL
HOUSE ON THE 17th OF JUNE 1993 DURING LUNCHTIME

NO. NAME ORGANIZATION PHONE FACSIMILE

PRESENT

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06. Mpho Lekgoro ANCYL 333-6750
07. Moses Mayekiso SANCO
08. Raks Seakgwa COSAW 833-2530 833-2530
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13. Bada Pharasi WITS-CHP 647-2 ' 642-0733
14. George Peffer BM-Squibb 455-3271 455-3388

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Ralph (chairperson) welcomed the delegates and said the aim of the meeting was to explain the neurological epidemic experienced in Cuba and to obtain financial and material support in solidarity with Cuba.

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Makhaya (ANC Chief Representative in Cuba) gave a detailed account of the epidemic and how it affected people's lives in Cuba. He shared the joy felt in Cuba and the interest of the diplomatic core at the news of the formation FOCUS, a South African Cuban solidarity group based in Cape Town.

The meeting also heard that Vietnam donated rice to Cuba and India dispatched El whole shipment of supplies. Makhaya also reported on the PEACE CARAVAN and support from Allen Walker and Ramsey Clarke from the United States.

QAELQe

Carlos (a Cuban doctor on an ANC exchange programme) explained how Cuba is coping with the catastrophe in spite of the US blockade. He said Cubans will gladly accept any gifts from their friends in South Africa, especially medicines. The material needs are detailed in the document which accompanied the invitations.

JEREMY

Jeremy gave more light on the activities of FOCUS and reported on the Solidarity Flight to Cuba on July 20. He told the meeting that some unions (NUM and COSATU) had sponsored people on the flight and that a meeting on the trip was scheduled for 16h30 on 17/06/93. He also told the meeting that during the June 16 rallies in Uitenhage and Khutsong the masses had shown a willingness to make financial donations to Cuba but that this process needed to be coordinated properly.

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George reiterated the support of unions for Cuba and had already approached a few South African companies who indicated that they would like to make donations but that some did not wish to be known publicly.

TIM

Tim said we need to change the public perception of support for Cuba and make it much more "respectable". For example. we need to see it as good for business to be seen to be providing humanitarian aid to Cuba. A publicity campaign in the newspaper about the support given by COSATU, SACC, ANC. etc. and companies like Lennon to help the people in Cuba in this crisis. could be helpful in Changing public perceptions.

BEEle

Refik told the meeting the Cuban plight was discussed at SAHSSO and proposed; (a) a bank account be opened, (b) SAHSSO members deposit their contributions into this account. (c) drug companies. funders and foreign governments be approached make donations. (d) students be encouraged to take health care electives in Cuba.

MBULELO

Mbulelo pledged NPPHCN's support for this cause and promised to raise the issue within the NPPHCN. He inquired about FOCUS and how its activities can be synchronized with local Cuban solidarity initiatives.

CHARLES

Charles pledged the solidarity of the SACP for Cuba and said it is important for this solidarity to be translated into actual financial and material support programmes. He agreed with Jeremy that the money collection process should be well coordinated.

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Kefiloe expressed the concern of the church for the suffering and promised to raise this matter within the SACC with a view to elicit moral and material support for the people of Cuba. She responded positively to a call for a collection day for Cuba in the churches.

PULE

On behalf of Arts and Culture Pule pledged his support and promised to use the resources of this department and links with Sun International as required.

RAY

Ray informed the meeting that a meeting between the Department of Arts and Culture, Carlos and Director of Dockay House was on the cards to discuss a benefit concert for Cuba.

WAY FORWARD

Ralph focused the meeting towards the election (3f an ad hoc committee to carry out the plan of action. This committee will work hand in hand with FOCUS and the Solidarity Flight Committee. He encouraged a wide participation in the committee from all represented organizations and volunteered the ANC Department of Health to convene the committee and future meetings.

COMMITTEE

1. SACP 2. SACC
3. NPPHCN 4. SAHSSO
- 5 ANC-WL 6. COSATU
- 7 ANC HEALTH 8. ANC CAMPAIGNS
9. BADA 10. KAGISO TRUST

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for lunch-time on Wednesday the 23rd of June 1993 at Shell House.

CLOSURE

Charles thanked everybody for coming and encouraged everyone to do their utmost to show our support and solidarity for Cuba including a benefit concert.

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