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MEETING HELD WITH FARM WORKERS

SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER 1982.

- PRESENT:
1. Treasurer-General
 2. Secretariat of the Office of the TG
 3. Secretariat of SOMAFCO
 4. Commissariat
 5. RPC
 6. Farm management and workers.

In his address to the meeting the Treasurer-General made the following points:-

1. It was the first time that he was addressing the farm workers.
2. He has had regular discussions with farm management.
3. Regular meetings should be held with the TG and his Secretariat and the farm workers as the farm itself was an important project of the movement.
4. It was crucial for the farm workers to understand why we have that project;
 - a) We could learn purposeful skills
 - b) We could generate funds for the movement .
 - c) We should not face the same problems that eg. Zapu faced when thousands upon thousands of their people were in neighbouring countries and could not be fed. Soon we shall be in the same situation where thousands more of our people are going to be leaving South Africa as the struggle escalates. We must be able to feed them.
5. Under no circumstances must we sit back and wait for other countries to feed us.

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6. We realise that there is something seriously wrong with the way things are going on the farm.
7. The questions that we should ask ourselves are:-
 - a) Are we contributing to the development of the farm?
 - b) Do we have the correct attitude?
 - c) Are we participating fully?
8. A glaring example of our lax attitude towards the farm is the activities that we become involved in eg. charcoal-making.
9. It was stressed very soundly that everything that grows and is on that farm belongs to the movement.
10. Therefore if we are making charcoal, we must do so on behalf of the movement.
11. This business of giving the movement a little bit and placing the rest in our pockets must stop.
12. On that farm we are exercising our right to work. This is crucial in the development of any nation.
13. At home we were grossly exploited. The result of this was starvation.
14. We also have a very negative attitude towards certain types of work eg. the cleaning of pig stys. This is left to the Zambians to do. This attitude must be eradicated from our minds.
15. Responsible persons on that farm leave it at weekends and do not return until the middle of the week.
16. Visits to town must stop.
17. Step must be taken regarding the lazy people.
18. Farm gave a gift of a pig to TG's daughter when she got married. Nobody has the right to give ANC property as gifts to others. Those who were involved in this must pay for that pig.
19. All this was being said in the presence of the Management, Commissariat and RPC. They must do something about the farm and regularly discuss political issues.

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20. This was the beginning of the onslaught on that farm. The aim being to improve it. If we are unable to do this, how are we going to be able to handle problems in South Africa.
21. Suitably qualified people shall be handling the books of the farm.
22. Regular meetings are going to be held regarding the farm so that we can work out ways of feeding our people now, and the thousands that we envisage would join us.
23. We are serious about liberating our country and taking power. We are not a terrorist organisation.
24. Our army also needs food. We should work hard towards supplying our army with fresh food.

Discussion

1. The issue of food that has to be stored for long periods before being sent to Angola, was explained.
2. Request for a progress report was made and also for one from the College Farm. This was promised to them as we envisaged a healthy spirit of competition being the result. Reports for different units of the farm were called for like those that we get from SOMAFCO. A prize for the best unit could be a cup.
3. The question of the rats in the store was also pointed out and a plea was made for the farm management and workers to get rid of the rats.
4. Need for a proper store was requested. Farm management to see to the making of bricks.
5. Charcoal - making had to stop. There would be no question of making money while they were being supplied with all their daily necessities. The property of the movement had to be protected at all costs.

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THEIR IS TO BE NO BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS BY ANC MEMBERS WITH ANC PROPERTY. THERE COULD BE NO DEBAT ON THIS MATTER.

6. Clearing of the forest to continue. If there is to be short coal-making it will be for the movement only. Those who want to make money should go and look for work. The ANC on the part will fight corruption. To be able to do this we must have policies as our defence.

The character-making of team animals-keepers and

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3. The question of the rate in the store was also pointed out and a piece was made for the management and workers to get rid of the rain.

4. Need for a proper store was requested. Farm management to see to the matter of prices.

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