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POLITICAL PROGRAMME FOR UNITS BY THE REGIONAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

FOREWORD: The Regional Political Committee has drawn up this programme to supplement the initiative of unit members where it exists or to serve as a basis for such in the case of its absence. That is how it should be understood and applied by units, it is not to be all and end all, where there is fire it is fuel, where there is no fire it is a spark. It is not a curriculum to be followed according to study terms, flexibility should be applied freely by units without fearing that it is a factor that may lead to their lagging behind, there is no race and as such no lagging behind, the emphasis is on complete understanding of its contents by all in the unit including the slow.

1. WHAT IS THE A.N.C.?

- (i) The implications of belonging to this movement.
- (ii) Our obligations towards the movement.
- (iii) The practical significance of comradeship-inter-membership relations
- iv) The present structure of accountability and responsibility in the A.N.C.
- (v) Past and present leadership personalities-studies.

2. BACKGROUND TO THE FORMATION OF THE MOVEMENT .

- (i) 1652-The colonisation of our country
- (ii) The 1779-1879 wars of resistance-(OXFORD HISTORY OF SOUTH AFRICA)

3. THE TURN TO POLITICAL RESISTENCE.

- (i) First organisations formed by the oppressed for resistance, imbumba etc-From Protest to Challenge Vol.1.
- (ii) The role of the Church in this period especially the Ethiopian Movement.
- (iii) The Political significance of the Bhambatha Rebellion

4. BACKGROUND TO UNIFICATION.

- (i) The Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902.
- (ii) The struggles of Africans against unification prior to 1912.

5. THE EMERGENCE OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

- (i) The significance of the formation of the A.N.C.
- (ii) a. Study of A.N.C. tactics up to 1949
- b. study of A.N.C. tactics, 1949-1960.
- c. The M.K. era-from sabotage to Wankie to the present.
- (iii) SPECIFIC SUBJECTS FROM SECTION(ii) ABOVE:
 - a. The significance of the emergence of the Youth League.
 - b. The birth and political significance of the Congress Alliance.
 - c. The 'forties as a period of heightened working class struggle and radicalisation of the A.N.C. The 1943 programme. The impact of the 1946 Miner's Strike.
 - d. Study of the Programme of Action.
 - e. The Defiance Campaign-study and analysis.
 - f. The place of the Congress of the People in History.
 - g. The Freedom Charter-study and analysis.

6. THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE WORKING CLASS IN THE PRE- WORLD WAR TWO PERIOD .

- (i) Formation of C.P. and early programmes-SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNISTS SPEAK.
- (ii) The party's 1928 Native Republic programme-significance. "No Middle Road, fifty fighting years, Class and colour in South Africa.

7. THE ROLE OF TRADE UNIONISM IN THE PEOPLES' RESISTENCE.

- (i) The rise and decline of the I.C.U., its significance in history.
- (ii) Trade Union activity in the '30's and '40's.
- (iii) The rise of SACTU, how did compare with its predecessors, its political import.
- (iv) The struggles of Trade Unions today and their contributions to the peoples' struggles.

8. SPOT-LIGHT ON CAMPAIGNS OF THE '50'S.

- (i) The ANTI-Bantu Education Campaign.
- (ii) The Stay-At-Homes.
- (iii) Women's anti-pass campaigns, and anti-pass campaigns generally.
- (iv) The potato boycott.
- (v) The peasant struggles, Pondo Revolt, Zeerust peasants uprising etc.

9. THE P.A.C. SPLIT OFF AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

10. WOMEN'S STRUGGLES.

- (i) FSAW history and current perspectives-(viewing of film, "You Have Struck A Rock" to be organised)
- (ii) Women's Section, perspectives for the future.
- (iii) Women and the liberation army.

11. MILESTONES OF OUR REVOLUTION.

- (i) The history and importance of specific commemorative dates-as they come.
- (ii) The Morogoro Conference
- (iii) The Angola Women's Conference.

12. STUDY DOCUMENTS.

- (i) The last A.N.C. Constitution
- (ii) Two Mandela Court Statements.
- (iii) Analysis of the Freedom Charter from the Morogoro Conference.
- (iv) The Strategy and Tactics of the ANC.
- (v) The Way Forward From Soweto-Communist Party Statement, see S.A. Communists Speak.

13. THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

- (i) Countries of the two world systems and their positions towards the A.N.C.
- (ii) Actual discussion of leading members of the two opposing systems.
- (iii) South Africa's role and place in the world imperialist alliance.
- (iv) Practical significance of embargoes against South Africa, Oil, Economic, Arms, and their effect on our struggle and people.
- (v) International Organisations-their names, histories, roles, their positions towards the A.N.C. and the regime-U.N., O.A.U., Non Aligned Movement, WCC, I.M.F. etc.

14. The present role of the Church and Churchmen.

15. Education in the Movement and in the struggle-SOMAFCO etc.

16. Welfare in the Organisation.

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