

Members meeting 21/11/70.

Since the functioning of the Secretariat in the middle of August 1970.

Among the 5 members of the Secretariat, 4 have officially accepted the position.

Edna Mgabaze who was charged with Central Africa in her absence from her base whilst on a 3 months holiday, has not responded so far, the official verbal report is that she found her self confronted with personal problems, connected with her job, we hope to hear from <sup>her</sup> soon.

Reports received on commemorating August 9th 1970.

Lusaka.... Ruth Mompoti sent it to the S.G. and referred to the right channel.

A successful meeting was held in the liberation Centre, majority of participants were local people. Enclosed was two press cuttings one by Ruth announcing meeting, other a long, very good article with a flash back photo of our mammoth August 9th 1956 demonstration. Jaqualine Molefe was the main speaker, Ruth chairman.

Soviet Union. Nomava Shangase reported a big meeting with women representatives of different parts of the world, wives of Ambassadors Zambia and Uganda. Soviet womens Committee also sent report with lovely colourful photos.

Nomava has now been officially appointed responsible for the Soviet Union, to work through Kate responsible for Socialists countries.

G.D.R. As a tradition since 1966, this day was reported successful, with more than 200 women participating, money was raised by the sale of garments made by the Trade Union women section, this goes to the G.D.R. M.K. Fund.

#### Czechoslovakia.

Gertrude Shope sent a report on the initiative she took in getting us in contact with the Hungarian Womens Committee by requesting for a meeting with them, where she told them of the plight of the oppressed women in our country, and requested us to keep contact with them.  
which we are doing.

London. Theresa sent us a report of the defunct womens committee which was submitted to the A.N.C. members meeting. and informed us on their preparation for a meeting scheduled for the 30th October.

India. Received a personal invitation to attend the 5th Congress of the Federation of Indian Women, on behalf of my organisation, from the 27th to 30th December 1970.

Both signatories to the invitation happen to be personal friends of mine, President and National Secretary.

I had to decline the invitation for financial reasons, but suggested to them, they allow Edna Miyah who is studying there, and Agnes Msimang wife of our A.N.C. office there, to represent us also informed him about this and requested him to convey to the two ladies and give them the necessary assistance, if no ticket is made available for me.

Cairo. Mary Ngalo is our representative in the Afro Asian People's Solidarity Womens Section. She has since the formation of the Secretariat requested us to send her material on the Women at home.



Vera Gule- Reported in Press as mysterious, We sent a telegram to Mshumpela to attend to her , and send urgent information on her condition. She telephoned Thursday 6.30 AM. she has tried to help her , but refusing help from any where, wants to go home, After a long persuassion a South African School mate of hers, managed to take her to her home.

Through Edna Mgabaze we managed to get contact with three South African Nurses. Mshumpela and Magodla in Nairobi, Lupuwane in Uganda.

All Africa Women's Conference has offered us one Scholarship ~~for~~ at University level, for the next academical year, their normal procedure they require School Certificates. We have accepted it, and explained our position of not possessing any, but can vouch for our cadres. No reply yet.

1971 has been designated by U.N. as a year against racism and racial discrimination in Southern Africa. We have suggested to the W.I.D.F. that they convene a Seminar for the Portuguese Colonies and Southern Africa, also to include Lesotho, Malawi, Botswana, Swaziland, Tanzania and Zambia as a possible venue. If this is accepted we will all be committed to its success one way or the other.

Believe it or not, just on finishing this report, I received a letter from Magdelene Resha, telling me that the candidate for the Yugoslavia scholar ship is Mary Mzamo in Zambia, this name was sent by T.X. Thats that.