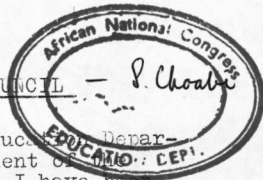


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MEMORANDUM

Re: A. N. C. NATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL



1. Since the establishment of the ANC Education Department, and, within it, the establishment of the National Education Council with which I have been associated, I have followed with keen interest the functioning of this important organ of our liberation movement.
2. After careful thought and consideration involving both the functioning and the composition of this body I have come to certain conclusions and observations, which, in my opinion, require urgent consideration by the ANC Leadership if the National Education Council is to be rendered effective in fulfilling the great responsibility of Educational Planning and Manpower Development.
3. One of the most important observations I have made is that it is completely unsatisfactory that the Education Department, and, consequently the ANC, has no control whatsoever on the actual personnel constituting the membership of the National Education Council. This is because participation in the meetings and deliberations of the National Education Council has been left to the discretion of the regional Education Committees. Each centre, by having a free hand in determining who should attend the meetings of the National Education Council, leaves the ANC NEC without control of the composition of the National Education Council. This state of affairs is clearly not satisfactory from both the security point of view and the revolutionary perspective of our movement.
4. The importance of security regarding the political clearance of the members of the National Education Council cannot be over-emphasised in the context of the growing interest of western intelligence in the Manpower development programme of the ANC.
5. Consistent with the revolutionary objectives of the ANC Education Department it is my considered view that the members of the National Education Council must be directly appointed by the ANC NEC. The persons appointed must be appointed after careful consideration regarding Security, knowledgeability on Education matters and full understanding of the ANC Policy with regard to the objectives of our liberation struggle.
6. The appointment of members of the National Education Council in accordance with the procedure recommended above will give this body a permanent membership based on the appointment of individuals in keeping with their personal record in our liberation struggle and their ability to contribute constructively to the ANC Education Programme. This permanent membership will also guarantee continuity in the work of the National Education Council.