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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE YOUTH ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE WITH THE DIRECTOR, THE SOMAFECO PRINCIPAL AND THE ADULT EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR, MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 1982.

PRESENT: Cdes Mohamed Tikly (in the chair), Tim Maseko, Tunga, Mosa, Sipho, Garth, Jackie, Arthur, Lynn

Cde Tikly opened the meeting at 4.35. He pointed out that pressure was being exerted from various directions, including Headquarters, to see the Adult Education programme starting at Mazimbu; hence the importance of this meeting.

Cde Tim Maseko explained that an Adult Education Programme (AEP) was part of the overall plan for SOMAFECO and after attempts to start it had failed, outside help was solicited. So Cde Tunga came here from the Ministry of Education to set up the AEP here. An AE committee was set up and was due to meet this Thursday. Cde Tunga would report on the work he has done at that meeting. The Youth had asked the Principal what their role is w.r.t. Cde Tunga's work. Cde Tunga has surveyed the situation and will report to the AE committee which includes a Youth rep. Last term a high school programme was undertaken by the Youth in their AEP. Questions had arisen as to how students in this AEP should be assessed.

Cde Tunga said he has completed his survey report and has worked out broad programmes at 3 levels: literacy, intermediate and secondary. He wasn't prepared for discussing this today. He did not have the material with him. He suggested that the AE committee due to meet shortly should deal with these matters.

The composition of the AE committee is as follows: The Principal, the Director, the Political Commissar, a Community Representative, a Representative from the Health Team, a Youth Rep. and the Adult Education Co-Ordinator.

Cde Mosa explained that the Youth were to continue with the programme they had started. However it was necessary to first clarify certain issues, such as the aims of the students and the question of promotions, and to inform the students as to how things would develop.

Cde Sipho said that since 1978 there have been attempts to get an AEP going. The Youth AEP started in a hurry. Students indicated their choice of subjects and the level. Assessment tests were done and the students were grouped in forms 1, 2, 3, and 4. SOMAFECO syllabi were followed. The Youth desired co-ordination with Cde Tunga, but had so far heard nothing. Hence the Director was approached for this meeting. Although the Youth had been ready to start, it was felt that everything should be properly clarified first so that confusion from changing mid-stream could be avoided. The Youth want to take part as teachers. The question of promotions is important. SOMAFECO students are placed by assessment in English and Maths and possibly Science. Our students should do the same. We could certificate them for subjects they pass.

Cde Lynn pointed out that although doing four subjects in the AEP was not the same as doing eight subjects full time at Somafco, the students in the AEP had to be able to know that they are progressing academically and some form of promotion was essential. Since there have been many beginnings in AE, it would not be good if the Youth programme were to stop and a completely new programme start as people have become very skeptical about participating.



Cde Tim Maseko said that the AEP had collapsed and was revived by the Youth. The Secondary level will still be handled by the staff. Co-ordination is necessary - this has resulted in a delay. Given the present conditions it won't be possible for students to do more than four subjects and so the issue of promotions must be worked out. Do all who attend the classes want to come to school? The AEP should start properly. The scheduled meeting will include a Youth rep.

Cde Tunga said it takes 6 - 18 months to prepare scientifically an AEP. He arrived in July and has started research. To define education as regards SA and the ANC, it is necessary to have very clear goals. If we are to start scientifically, we must go step by step. We should understand clearly what AE is.

Cde Tikly thanked Cde Tunga for his hard work.

Cde Tunga said the AEP will start on 4 October. The reports he has prepared outline everything in detail: curricula/staffing/venue.

Cde Tunga's documents are to be duplicated and distributed to everyone present by lunch time on ~~MM~~ Tuesday 28.

The AE committee will meet on Thursday. The present Youth AE committee will attend and it will then be decided what Youth reps there should be on the AE committee. The meeting will be held at 5p.m. in the staff room.