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Membership Meeting NOVEMBER 1977

Date..... Nov. 15/77 8:15 pm

Venue..... 14A Garry Mansion, Pembina Hwy, Wpg.

Present
Neville R, Ray, S, Karin P, Hazel S, Dennis S, John P.

Absent.... Adela M, Len G, Mike S, Mary S, Steve S, Dee S.

MINUTES

Minutes of membership meeting of Oct. 13 accepted as read
on motion by Karin/Ray.....Carried

ARISING FROM

Sect. read a letter sent to new members, Len G, M & M September
No reply had been obtained regarding the information that was
required from new members.

Sect. reported that absence of Len G. could be because of the
change of the date of the meeting and that Len had not been
informed.

It was confirmed that the day of ANC meetings would stand as the
second Thursday of each month.

Sect. was requested to contact ANC Toronto re the following:

1. Confirmation of date of ANC (Canada) meeting
2. If the cancelled SWAPO Tour would take place in Jan.'77
3. Request to be confirmed re INFOSA information required in
previous letter

John informed the meeting that the article on the Political
Prisoners appeared in the Manitoban. Copy was produced for files.

Sect. reported that it was his understanding that collection of
all forms of material aid should continue and be shipped to
Toronto. No reply had been received from CCSA re two shipments
of goods sent in October.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of thanks sent to:

Kildonan United Church
St Gerrard Parish
United Steel Workers (Area Council)

Sect informed meeting that contact via letter had been made
with Moses duPlessis and information sent re the existence and
activities of ANC (Wpg)

Letter to CLC (local) re possibility of Joshua Nkomo visiting
Wpg. No reply

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Letter read re CUSO School project. No reply to date.

Letter read to ANC Toronto. No reply.

Letter read re new members and their responsibilities to ANC as a Liberation Movement.

Sect. read a letter received from Cecil Abrahams, Montreal and a reply sent to Abrahams.

ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE ::

Sect. instructed to contact ANC Toronto once again and raise same points as in previous letter. A reply was essential because of the time for the ANC National Meeting.

Sect. to inform ANC Toronto of the contents of Cecil Abrahams' letter

Members were generally concerned at the lack of response from ANC Tor. Views were expressed that this was a long-standing grievance on the part of members in Winnipeg.

Delegates to ANC Conference in Toronto.

Because of the fact that the date of the meeting had not as yet been established members had difficulty in deciding whether they would be able to attend the meeting.

Agreed that Neville/Dennis should be reps. from Wpg. John as alternate.

REPORT OF ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE Nov. 12/13/77

Neville reported that from his point of view the conference was highly successful and that Winnipeg had exceeded themselves in the physical arrangements. He expressed the opinion that Toronto seemed to have been remiss in their handling of the reps. from abroad. This should have been arranged way in advance and that visa trouble should not have prevented the reps from abroad from not being able to enter Canada.

Good contacts had been established especially with delegates from the west. These should be maintained.

Was felt that ANC Wpg. should be fully informed about the happenings in Toronto which prevented the Canada rep. from being present at the conference.

Ray felt that security was not as tight as it should have been. How was it possible for Fatima to be approached by an outsider and questioned. How was it possible for Susan White to contact and lure away delegates from Edmonton.

Was generally agreed that in future security should be the sole responsibility of the ANC local when guests are from the liberation movements.

It was agreed that ANC Wpg Contact ANC Tor. because of concern about the outcome of the conference. Specific points raised by Dennis at the end of the conference should not be allowed to come to nought. It was also agreed that ANC contact CCSA in Wpg. to contact CCSA Tor. on the above issues

John suggested that CCSA Wpg send letters of thanks to certain people not attached to any organization, but who worked hard behind the scenes to make the conference the success that it was.

AMALGAMATION AAM / CCSA

Was agreed that the proposal drawn up by Dennis & John should be made known to AAM members at the AAM AGM. Once accepted by AAM it should be sent to all affiliates of C CSA .

TOUR OF PATRIOTIC FRONT Rep.

Information was given by Neville about the meeting to arrange the Wpg. leg of the tour of Canada by Joseph Dube.

Details included

Time of arrival/ picked up by ANC (Dennis/Ray)
 Billeting by Dennis/Hazel
 Visit with AAM at AGM on Sunday Nov. 20
 Informal meeting with activists of ANC/AAM/CCSA
 at 177 Oak at 8 pm
 Hazel to arrange 'Talk Shows' for Monday Nov. 21
 Dennis to issue 'News Release'
 Jill to arrange for coverage with Public Service
 Announcements
 Dennis to arrange Press Conference at Union Centre
 Dennis to arrange for Dube to have lunch with MFL
 Public Meeting on Monday at 8 pm at Planetarium
 500 leaflets printed by Jill for advertising the Public
 meeting.
 Dennis/Hazel/Ray to be in charge of security.

POLITICAL PRISONERS

Agreed on an all-out effort to obtain signatures rapidly for forwarding to Toronto by Dec. 1 ready for Human Rights Day (Dec. 10)

VISIT of Celeste Santos

Dennis informed meeting of the arrival of the above person of CAFDA in Wpg, under the auspices of the United Church.
 Members to be informed by phone as to arrangements to meet for discussion.
 Was agreed that each individual should be treated on merits and that ANC would meet when requested to do so
 Suggested by Ray that ANC should have a position on organizations within South Africa.

Adjourned at 10:35 pm.