

NEG CALL FOR CONFERENCE

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The National Executive Committee has reaffirmed its earlier decisions that a National Consultative Congerenge of our Movement, to which our revolutionary allies in struggle have been invited, be held in the near future.

Accordingly, the NEC has appointed a Conference Preparatory Committee (CPC) to prepare for this conference. The CPC will be headed by our Seoretary-General, ode Alfred Nzo, whose deputy is ode Dan Tloome. The CPC will account to the NEC through the - 1' normal channels of the NEC; the time and venue will be announced at a later stage.

The NEC came to this decision on the basis of the conviction that the time had come for the widest possible consultations to take place within our movement, around three principal issues, these being:

- the assessment of the situation within our country and internationally;
- consideration of measures designed to strengthen our movement and consolidate our gains; and, '
- the defeat of enemy manoeuvres and charting the way forward.

Over the last 15 years, our movement has held a number of important general conferences and Extended NEG Meetings. These took placi in Morogoro in 1969, Lusaka in 1971, Morogoro in 1975 and uanda in 1979.

The current situation, at home and abroad, requires that once more our movement, in all its sections, should gather for the principal purpose of answering the question - how do we together, view the task of intensifying the strdggle for the liberation of our country and our people. 1

The period since thp lmenda Extended NEG Meeting Of 1979 has seen an extraordinary change in the balance of forces both within'ourl country and internationally. This change has favoured the forces of the progressive transformation of human society and spelt the doom of the forces of reaction.

Within our country, we have during this period, contributed to the re-emergence of a powerful democratic movement which has, both politically and organisationally, laid the basis for our movement for national liberation to move closer to victory.

Externally, the fact of the heroic struggles of our people" 354,. contributed enormously both to the isolation of the aparth d"; regime and to the continuation of the struggle to rid Africa and the rest of the world of the remnants of the system of white-minority colonial and racist domination.

Exactly because of our own advances and 'be victories of our comrades in arms, be they in Namibia, Zimbabwe and Seychelles, or in Kampuchea, East Timor and Western Sahara, the ANC and our struggle have become the object of intricate and continuous imperialist attention.

The imperialists are pursuing with the greatest determination, the sole objective of liquidating our movement and imposing on our country a pro-imperialist solution of the South African problem. Our task, both in the short and the long term, is to defeat this enemy scheme and to build up our forces on the ground, to enable us to escalate our offensive and to march to victory. i

All units of the AHC and Umhonto we Sizwe, branches of our movement and the women's and youth sections are accordingly required to begin discussions around the issues mentioned above, with the aim of submitting their views to the CPC, through the local and regional structures of the movement. During the course of its work, the CPC, under the direction of the NEC, and through the local and regional structures of the movement, will circulate various documents concerning the forthcoming conference. It will be expected that all political units of the movement will respond to these documents with the seriousness and speed which they demand.

The task facing our movement and all its members, both individually and collectively, is the transfer of power to the people in the shortest period possible. The principal objective of the forthcoming conference is to draw on the collective experience of all of us, whatever our rank in the movement, to determine the way forward that will bring us to that goal.

In the name of the National Executive Committee of the vanguard organisation of our movement for national liberation, the AHC, we call on all members to contribute to the accomplishment of this task honestly and selflessly and without regard to personal interests and factional concerns.

We have the possibility to win victory. Our historic Conference must contribute to the translation of that possibility into a ' reality. We in the ANC are called upon to play our vanguard role in this regard. ' - '

The struggle continues!

Victory is certain!

All power to the people!