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THE ANC PWV REGION

NEGOTIATIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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DRAFT REPORT FOR DISCUSSION AT SECTORS MEETING ON

26 MAY 1993

1. INTRODUCTION

The REC appointed the following comrades to the Sectional Committee on Negotiations and Constitutional development:

1. Frene Ginwala
2. Amos Masondo
3. Janet Love
4. Ishmael Mohammed
5. Mathole Motshega (Head)

Since its establishment the committee has held two meetings and held two workshops.

2. PROBLEMS

Due to pressure of work, the committee has failed to take the Constitutional debates to the Sub-Regions and Branches. Our is attributable to our neglect to utilise an existing Negotiations Committee including Sub-Regional representatives. The work of the Committee has also been hampered by the unavailability of members of the National Negotiations for meetings and lack of information (except the bulletin) on AN C submissions to the multiparty negotiations process. As a result (a) it is not possible to involve branches in the evolution of the AN C positions at the multi-party talks (b) the debate around negotiations could not proactive, it is confined to reportbacks and

(c) the AN C members learn more about negotiations and the dynamics thereof from the process.

This situation is evidently eroding the confidence of our members and fraternal organisations on the negotiations process. the crisis of confidence in the process is increasingly in various MDM and even ANC forums. The situation is exacerbated by frequent press reports of ANC policy shifts. We believe that the Regional leadership has the responsibility to remedy by involving the branches and the MDM structures in the current constitutional debates and to improve the flow of information on negotiations.

3. PROPOSALS

It is quite evident that the Section on Negotiations and Constitutional development needs some restructuring. In our View it is not necessary to have a REC committee on negotiations and constitutional development.

It is proposed (a) that this become one of the sectors desk and that one REC person be appointed convenor of this sector (b) that a committee consisting of sub-regional representatives be appointed and that these representatives be responsible for facilitating Constitutional debates in their sub-regions and at branch levels that sectors department in conjunction with the convenere of negotiations and constitutional development organise a major constitutional conference which brings together AN C branches and MDM structures to consider and make recommendation regarding the multi-party constitutional proposals now under discussion. It is suggested that this conference be held at the end of June or first week of July.

ANC PWV REGION DRAFT SECTORS REPORT

BY: MATHOLE MOTSHEKGA

TO: THE SECRETARY GENERAL

DATE: 25 MAY 1993

1 INTRODUCTION

The sectors desk of the PWV region of the ANC consist of the following sectors. Education, Arts and culture; Sports and recreation, Local and regional goveiment, Welfare, Science and technology, Constotution, Economic land and housing and human resources. Project conveners have been allocated to each sector. In the majority of cases indicated below REC members have been allocated as conveners. This report will deal with problems experienced by the sectors desk and make some proposals will be tabled to the sectors meeting scheduled for 26 May 1993 at 17h30.

2 sectoral report

It is not proposed in this report to provide much detail on any of the sector. The purpose of the report is to give the REC a picture of what is happening or not in order to assist them to understand the difficulty faced by the desk and to consider the recommendation for restructuring presented below. The report was compiled in consultation with the conveners of each of the sector or with the secretary of the sectors desk unless otherwise.

Each of the reports deals with the structure of the sectoral committees past and present activities, relationship with MDM structures and engagement with state authorities and programme of action. To date about four desk meeting have been held. It is not intended to deal with issues raised at the desk meeting, but rather on the work of each of the sector.

2.1 A meeting with branches has been held and a committee appointed /elected.

The sectors has also held a successful workshop with MDM structures. The Workshop was very successful and also had a national character. This workshop was opened by the chairperson of the region. Out of this workshop

a grouping has emerged which is working on policy development. Presently Jeannette Smidt and C35 Soloojee are working on Welfare Summit to bring together all welfare bodies including government welfare bodies. The sector is also working towards setting up a national negotiating forum on welfare. The next meeting of the Welfare sector will take place on May 24, 1993.

2.2 Economics Ben Turok, Amos Masondo

The sector has not succeeded in holding a representative meeting of the branches. It has a committee consisting of 10 volunteers from 10 branches. The sector has held only two meetings which were poorly attended by branches. The activities of the sector includes projects, participation in the PWV Economic Development Forum. comrade Ben Turok produced a discussion paper on economic policy. He is presently working on a Code of Conduct and another paper on Community projects. The sector involves professional economists and seeks to use committee members as technical people. It relates to MDM structures through the PWV Economic Forum.

2.3 Sports and Recreation

Dikki Dewa, Enoch Hlongwane, Bill J ardine.

A meeting with branches has taken place. The sector was launched on March 23 1993 with 30 branches in attendance. The committee consisting of 3 comrades has been appointed/elected. On May 22 1993 the sector held a meeting to discuss their programme of action and set up sub-committees. It has been decided to set up 13 sub-committees, including inter alia

- Sports and leisure
- . Sports and work
- . Rural sports
- . Gender imbalances
- . Indigenous sports etc.

Branches are expected to come up with inputs. The sector is not involved in any negotiations/engagements with state institutions.

2.4 Arts and Culture

Jessie Duarte, Sipho Singiswa

Attached is the report. The secretary of the desk informed me that a committee has been elected. Comrade Jessie also participated in the desk and made valuable inputs. She has built the sector from nothing. We hope to get her report soon.

2.5 Education

Michael Seloane, Mary Metcalf

A committee has been elected. Since its inception the sector has been actively involved in monthly policy discussions, education forums, language policy development and the education crisis. The sector has health working relationship with the alliance.

2.6 Science and Technology

Ishmael Mohommed, Hazi and Alli (written report attached)

2.7 Health

Abbey Nkomo, Tim Wilson, Paul Sefularo, Lorraine Faku

This desk has been operating since 1990 and has 14 members who are annually elected from and by the branches. Meetings are held every second week. This year the Committee established two sub-committees: health policy run by Paul Sefularo dealing with Organisation and structure of health Services, Financing of Health Services, Mental Health Services, Drug and Pharmaceuticals Policy, Rural Health Care, AIDS and HIV Policy, Women's Health, Maternal and Child Health, Human Resource Development in Health and; Crisis issues run by Lorraine Faku which responds appropriately to the many crisis issues arising in health, close co-operation has been developed with comrades in the Tripartite Alliance and in other national organisations like SANCO, SAHSSO, NEHAWU and PPHCN.

2.8 Human Resources

The desk recommended comrade Barbara Hogan for this sector. Reports received through the secretary indicated that she was interested in economics rather than human resources. This matter has not been followed up. However, there is a great need for a human resources portfolio.

2.9 Projects

The REC has not appointed any person to the projects portfolio. However, projects meetings with the DB SA and the CBM forced the secretary general to appoint comrades Ben Turok, Joan Fubbs and Mathole Motshekga to deal with the matter. The committee has not had any formal meetings. It is suggested that this committee should be formalised and be given proper terms of reference. The committee could also take over the responsibility for human resources as the three comrades involved are concerned with training programmes and are attached to training institutions.

2.10 Local and Regional Government

Steward Ngwenya, Mathole Motshekga, Joan Fubbs, Muriel Nhlapo

The Local and Regional Government sector includes Land and Housing. The Land and Housing sub-sectors is the direct responsibility of Joan Fubbs. The Local Government sector has done a great deal of work.

2.10. 1 Negotiations/Engagement

The Local and Regional Government Commission has been involved in negotiations in various areas including Weilers Farm, Zevenfontein, Tamaho, Riverband, Adi/Moretele. The commission facilitated the formation of three rural negotiating forums: Moretele, KwaNdebele and the North West Rand Negotiating Forum. At present the forum is involved in the debates around the Central Witwatersrand metropolitan Chamber and the Pretoria Forum.

Relationship with some local civic structures in this regard have not always been good. But through dialogue and consultations our relationship with Civics, especially SANCO (PWV) region are the best. Thus we have managed to form an Alliance plus one (SANCO) local government committee and adopt a common programme of action.

The commission which has ten members played a major role in stopping unilateral land sales by the government and in stopping evictions and forced removals by land owners in the the North West as well as the Bop athorities in the Odi/Moretele areas. The commission played a leading role in the establishment of the National Local Government Negotiating F orum. Comrade Motshekga is a member of the Management Committee of the LGNF and co-chairperson of the legal and constitutional working group. Comrade Fubbs is a member of this working group while Comrade Steward is a member of the administration and finance working group.

2.10.2 Relationship with Local Authorities

The commissions has held meetings with representatives of different town councils and its advice has often been sought by individuals councillors wishing to join the ANC. The commission has extended its influence throughout the region and it is consulted by both local authorities, land owners associations and farm workers.

2.10.3 Relationship with Alliance Structures

Since its inception the commission had excellent relationship with its allies. It ensured that the allies are involved in all its workshops and developing positions.

2.10.4 Land and Housing

Joan F ubbs, Muriel Nhlapo, Sipho Mente and Bheki Mathabatha

This sub-sector deserves special mention and thanks to the outstanding contr'n'buton of comrade Joan Fubbs and her team. This sub-sector has elected two task teams for land and housing respectively. It been involved in training and empowerment workshops on housing and development policy; identifying problems in housing and land, examining mechanisms for the implementation of AN C policy; prevention of unilateral sales, rescheduling of loans and bonds; and applying for consent to rezoning. Comrades panicipated in the the Hostels initiative and the NHF where she took part in drafting the agreement relating to hostels. Comrade Stewalt Ngwenya and Fubbs, in particular have built excellent relationships between our commission and other organisations, especially OMHLE, civics and hostel associations.

2.10.5 Workshops

We have also addressed various ratepayers associations and workshops. The commission has held numerous workshops together with its allies and SANCO. A regular alliance plus one forum has been established and has adopted a programme of action which will culminate in a local government summit on June 11 - 13 1993.

3. Problems

The sectors desk is plagued by numerous problems. First, the head and secretary of the desk comrades Mathole and Mary have full time jobs and they have their own sectors and REC tasks to carry out.

Secondly, the convenors of the sectors work independently and report to irregular sectors meetings which they hardly attend.

Thirdly, the full agendas of the RWC and REC do not have room for sectoral reports.

Fourthly, sectors hardly brief the regional leadership of the activities.

Fifthly, REC sectoral Convenors are not participating in the policy debates and public education.

Sixthly, some sectoral committees are not rooted in the ANC branches and structures.

Seventhly, branch and REC attendance at Sectors meetings is very poor.

Eighthly, some sectors have not developed any working relationships with the alliance and MDM structures.

Ninthly, some sectors do not allow branches to participate in the elaboration of ANC policies and they tend to rely on the inputs of experts who are not rooted within our structures. Tenthly, our sectors have done very little if anything to popularise ANC policies.

4 WAY FORWARD

The sectors desk is the largest section of the regiona and it is the embryo of future govenment departments. But the amount of work done by th individual sectors does not show that comrades are preparing the AN C (PWV) for local and regional govenment. There is a real possibility that by June 1994 PWV will be having a regional government in which the AN C will have to play a leading role. OUr sectors desk must prepare for this enormous task urgently. To meet this challenge it is porposed:

1. That a fonnal sectors desk be established;
2. That a full time co-ordinator and administrative secretary be appointed
3. Tha a local and regional governance unit be established within the sectors department.
4. That a researcher and documents be established for the unit
5. That the sectors desk appoint a working committee under the chairpersonship of the political head of the desk
6. That the working committee meets weekly with the full time staff to deal with the business of the desk
7. That a projects and human resources portfolio be placed under the working committee or sub-committees of the sectors desk.
8. That all sectors be provided with guidelines for their work
9. That all sectors meet monthly and submit monthly reports
10. That oppurtunities be provided for sectors to address public meetings and popularize ANC policies
11. That each sector establishes formal relationships with our allies and MDM structures
12. That a regional policy conference involving our allies and MDM structures be held in July 1993