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MINUTES OF THE A.N.C. ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS COMMISSION HELD IN 'DAR aS SALAAM - 11th OCT., 1971.

The first full meeting of the ANC Anniversary Commemorations Commission met in the Dar office on 11th October,

1971* Present were Comrades % Alf red Kgokong, Ambrose Maid.wane j Jonas D. Matlou, and Tom Sebina. Comrade Johnny Makatini was absent. He had returned to his bases Algeria.

The meeting discussed the followings

1. Comrade A. Kgokong outlined the tasks of the Commission of which he is Chairman with comrades A. Makiwane, Tom Sebina, Jonas D. Matlou, J. Makatini as members. Comrade Kgokong reported that the ANC Anniversary Commemorations Commission was decided upon at the enlarged NEC meeting held in Zambia, August 27-31> 1971* Its main task is to prepare for the 10th Mkhonto weSizwe and 60th ANC Anniversaries which fall on December 16, 1971 and 8th January, 1972 respectively.

2. Comrade Kgokong reported that he had had discussions with Comrade J. Makatini on 29th September, 1971 during the latter*s visit to Dar. Comrade Makatini agreed to do the following from Algers-

- a) Prepare an ANC and MK Calendar.
- b) ANC/IVJK label badges.
- c) Desk diaries
- d) Postcards, pennants
- c) Militant posters.

Comrade Makatini has to report back to the Commission during the first week of November 1971* An air-ticket must be sent to him to come.

3* A letter from Comrade P.V.T. Mbatha was read by Tom Sebina which gave an outline of suggestions as to what activities could be carried out during the commemoration anniversaries.

4. The Commission agreed to prepare a CALL for solidarity which will be presented to the Acting president Comrade OR Tambo or the Secretary-General, Comrade A. Nzo for approval. Comrade A. Makiwane was delegated the task of drafting such a CALL.

3. A ROLL OF HONOUR is to be compiled of all Comrades who

have fallen in battle or through natural causes. It will be read at solemn commemorative ceremonies to be held

at those places where Comrades may be buried. Comrades A. Makiwane and Matlou are to take charge of the compilation of the Roll of Honour. It was felt that the nature of the ceremonies on December 16 when Mkhonto Day will be remembered shall be more of a solemn commemoration and rededication service rather than carefree festive celebration. Comrades A. Makiwane to go to Lusaka and Tom Sebina to Kongwa to collect data for the Roll of Honour.

b. It was suggested that the following people be requested to prepare articles for publication under the headings as indicated hereunder. The articles could take the form of a whole pamphlet in order to cover in depth the subject allocated;

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a) "On the history and activities of uMkhonto \

weSizwes " Thabo More, Jack Silumko, and Chris Nkosana.. Comrades A. Makiwane and J. Matlou shall be ex officio members of this sub-committee. One of them will proceed to Lusaka to organise this and other MK preparatory work.

Thabo More is the Convenor.

b) "The history of the ANC Women's League and the

ixole of Women in our struggle." The sub-committee shall consist of Kuth Mompoti (convenor),

Norah Mosuhli, and Maggie Kesha.

c) "The history of the ANC Youth League and the

Hole of Youth and Students in our struggle*5.

The sub-committee shall consist of Walter Mavuso (convenor), Thabo Mbeki, Geoyge Mbele,

Hintsu Tshume, Duma Nokwe.

d) "The history of the ANC under some of the headings

given by Comrade P.V.T. Mbatha". Here different people will be requested to submit contributionss among them the following were mentioned for immediate contacts Ezekiel Mphahlele, P.V.T.

Mbatha, Dr. Pascal Ngakane.

7. Sechaba printers are to be contacted through a visit to London by Comrade Kgokong to discuss all printing arrangements. Special articles are suggested for the December 1971 issue of Sechaba.

8. T. Sebina was charged with investigating the possibilities of holding a rally in Dar es Salaam in conjunction with either TANU or TANU Youth League to mark both occasions on 8 January, 1972.

9. All Afro-Asian Solidarity Committees, the Tricontinental Organisation and all progressive and anti-imperialist bodies in Asia, Africa and Latin America and the USA, Europe, Canada, Australia and the Scandinavian countries be informed of

our Anniversaries and be asked to hold rallies, meetings, seminars etc. to mark these commemoration celebrations.

10. It was suggested that the MK activities be held in Kongwa and that wreaths be laid on all graves of Comrades buried in Tanzania (Dar, Mbeya (Steve Sithole) etc, Zambia and other places.

11. It was agreed that the Acting-President, Comrade O.K.

Tambo should be requested to set up a special Fund to cover the expenses of the Commission; .