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MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS HELD IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, FROM 26-28 JULY, 1975

1. PRESENT: Comrades MMM, Vice-President, in the Chair. JTG, General Secretary.

> Comrades Ray, John P., James S., Kay, David M., Aaron P., Paul H. and Eric M. (who arrived late).

2. OPENING REMARKS

After cordially welcoming all participants to the Meeting of the Management Committee of the South African Congress of Trade Unions, Comrade MMM, who chaired all sittings of the Meeting, urged that all matters be discussed with the seriousness they deserve. It was felt, he said, that there was a need to discuss details of all questions arising out of the Special Extended Meeting held in Lusaka from the 7-10th February, 1975.

Cde IIIM then informed the meeting that due to flight schedules Cde Eric M. would be arriving later from East Africa.

3. REPORT ON SCHEDULE

On behalf of the Provisional Secretariat, Cde Kay then informed the meeting about arrangements for the sittings, meals, transport, etc. He apologised for the fact that the Main Documents of the Documents of the Meeting had not been typed owing to the fact that SACTU does not have its own regular typist and the Secretariat could not find someone to do the typing. Accepted.

Cde Kay then informed the meeting that the Secretariat had informed Mark Williams Shope that he would be invited to address the Management Committee as per his request.

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5. Complaint Cde Ray drew the attention to the Management Committee about the activities of Mark Shope to particularly of his slandering her in letters to WFTU and others. These letters should be examined and he should be replied. After a short discussion on the activities of Mark Shope, it was felt that we are exposed to his slanderous activities because SACTU has as yet not informed the general membership of the decision to remove Mark Shope from the M.C. and of the reasons leading to this decision. Agreed that this be done as soon as possible. Further agreed that SACTU inform the ANC about the activities of Mark Shope. particularly in so far as these affect the security and safety of SACTU leaders and cadres at home.

> Agreed that the M.C.C. meet Mark W. Shope at 17.00 hours as per his request and to inform him accordingly.

After a short discussion, the ff Agenda was 7. Agenda: adopted. (See Appendix 1).

8. MINUTES of last Meeting

After the circulation of available copies of the Minutes, the Meeting adjourned for five minutes to allow participants to read the Minutes. When the Meeting resumed after fifteen minutes, the Minutes were taken as read. It was then moved by Paul H. and seconded Aaron P. that the corrected Minutes be adopted and signed by the Secretary General and Vice-President of SACTU as a true recom of the deliberations of the Meeting of the 7-10th February, 1975.

9. RESOLU-

The Special Extended Meeting of the 7th-10th February had accepted the draft resolutions presented by the Resolutions Committee and had authorised Cmdes James and John P. to finalise and circulate these in collaboration with other comrades. It was then reported that the Resolutions had been finalised and circulated to the International Trade Union Movement and other friendly organisations; and, that the resolutions had had also been circulated inside the Country. Accepted.

10. ARISING out of

a) The motion that "we (must) proceed as presently constituted and the M.C. (shall) work out means and methods of informing the general membership on the deliberations of this meeting "which was adopted at the Meeting of 7-10th February, 1975, must be implimented.

Cde John P.

proposed that M.C. Members in London, East Africa and Zambia should convene a meeting of SACTU members and inform them of the deliberations of our meetings.

The Secr-Gen. warned that when doing so we must take into account that there are enemies of the movement anxious to listen to such exposes. For example, he said, a journalist from the Johannesburg Rand Daily Mail wanted to know from him why Mark Shope was removed from the position of Secretary General of SACTU. "Was it because of his (Mark's) drinking habits or on ideological grounds?" he wanted to find out. However, the Secretary General pointed out, there was an urgent need to inform every member of SACTU about decisions adopted.

After some further discussions on the matter in which it was pointed out that SACTU can only be protected by an informed membership and that the workers at home had already been informed by, i.e., the report in the Rand Daily Mail referred to above, IT WAS AGREED that all members of SACTU be informed

about decisions taken as soon as this was possible that the Vice-President, General Secretary and Executive members when they visit Tanzania shall meet SACTU members. The G.S. shall do the same for London and we here in Lusaka.

It was FURTHER AGREED to inform the African National Congress (SA) of SACTU's decisions and to apologise for the delay in doing so.

It was reported by the Provisional Secretariat that the International Trade Union Movement and fraternal organisations such as the WFTU, ICFTU, WCL, ILO, ZCTU, and OATUU have already been informed about the removal of Mark Shope from the position of S.G. and his replacement by Comrade John Gaetsewe as Secretary General.

- b) It was agreed that comrades Ray and James attend to the Report submitted to the Management Committee, that is, to bring the report up to date for discussion and circulation and to incorporate changes and additions suggested in the February meeting.
  - c) Re: Radio Freedom: After a short discussion on reports that SACTU does not use Radio Freedom for its organisational and propaganda work, the Secretary General formally proposed that Comrade James S. and Aaron P. work permanently in collaboration with other members of the M.C. on SACTU programmes over Radio Freedom. Agreed.

It was further agreed that arrangements be made for Cde John Gaetsewe, Secretary General, to be interviewed over Radio Freedom and the Vice-President make use of the Radio Freedom to broadcast to the workers at home. It was further agreed that SACTU scripts should also be sent to Tanzania for relay over Radio Tanzania.

- a) It was reported that SACTU has made an appeal to African trade unions not to affiliate to TUCSA which cannot serve the interests of Black workers,
- e) SACTU Office at Liberation Centre; it was agreed that in view of the fact that the office which was used by SACTU in the Liberation Centre is now vacant and that no member of the M.C. is at

resent registered to enter the Liberation Centre, one member of the M.C. should be registered as an ANC Representative in ZAMBIA to enable such a person to utilise the SACTU office.

BREAK

Agreed that the Sitting adjourns at 12-45 for lunch.

SITTING

Second sitting began at 15.00 hours. The Chairman welcomes Comrade Eric M. who had arrived to attend the meeting.

Before the meeting continued its discussion, Comrade Stuart reported on a conversation he had had with a member of the Zimbabwe African Congress of Unions and the National Union of Namibia Workers. It was then agreed that a meeting with these two fraternal trade union organisations be arranged for after the conclusion of the work of the Meeting.

## ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: (continued)

f) Comrade Ray then reported that 4 leaflets had been prepared in terms of the decisions of the Special Extended Meeting of the M.C. for circulation inside the country. Our drafts are in our files - we have not received copies of the finished article as requested by us.

PROPOSED:

After discussion it was proposed that the personnel of the Internal Committee be increased. Proposal noted for the consideration and recommendation of the Internal Committee.

#### SACTU PROPERTY WITH MARK SHOPE:

Comrade John P. reported that the delegation which had gone to see Mark Shope had informed him of the decision that he Mark should hand over all SACTU documents, minutes, and property to the Management Committee. This he (Mark Shope) had as yet not done. Agreed that in view of the fact that Comrade Shope will be coming to address the M.C. as per his request at 5 p.m. he should again be told to hand all SACTU property over.

#### STATEMENT FROM COMRADE STUART:

The Chairman expressed disappointment at the fact that Cde Stuart had as yet not handed in the written Statement he had made to the February meeting verbally and undertook to submit before the end of the meeting.

#### CLARIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Comrade Kay, Acting Treasurer, then gave the meeting clarification on the Financial Statement in so far as it concerned Mark Shope.

### SACTU CANDIDATE FOR THE TRADE UNION COURSE:

Agreed that the name of Paulus H. be submitted as SACTU's candidate for the trade union scholarship offered for the year 1975/76. His name to be submitted by Monday 28/7/75.

Comrade Eric M. raised the name of Peter B. as the second candidate to accompany Paul., but Comrade David informed the meeting that Peter B. had informed him that he is not interested in leaving Africa for a long period of time.

Agreed that the question of the second candidate be further discussed at later date.

END OF DISCUSSION ON ITEM: ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

#### SECOND SITTING: 5 p.m.

The Vice President welcomed Comrade Shope to the meeting of the M.C. and informed him (Shope) that as a result of his request it was agreed that he be allowed to address the first full Management Committee meeting.

Mark Shope: Mark Shope then said that the Chairman will recall that in the document he had handed to the Chairman he had emphasised that he would like some questions clarified. These were based on the "Addendum". He hoped that the M.C. would allow him to ask some questions.

Chairman: The Chairman then pointed out to Mark Shope that he had requested to make a statement to the meeting of the M.C. and not to ask questions.

This was then also confirmed by John P.

Mark Shope: Can I proceed with the question?

Chairman: I am guided by the decisions of the Management Committee.

BB : Comrade Mark, you have not questioned the decisions of the meeting of 28th September 1974, you have accepted those decisions.

John P: It would be necessary to understand whether Mark Shope wants to question the Statement.

John G: In my opinion, Mark wants to review his case.

He should have said this when he made a request to make a statement to the M.C. This is unfortunate.

: The decision of the February meeting of the M.C. was based on the decision of the M.C. Meeting of 28th September 1974. The additional information - the addendum - did not form a basis for this decision. The addendum was later referred to the auditors and did not form part of the basis for our decision of 28th September 1974, which was endorsed in our February 1975 meeting.

Mark Shope: Kay's explanation is purely legalistic. If that is the case what was the intention of distributing the addendum at the February meeting?

John P: The decision was based on the records of the meeting of 28th September 1974 and not on the addendum which had not even been submitted there.

Mark Shope: Comrade Chair, the decision was taken during my absence. Legally and organisationally what was the purpose of circulating the addendum?

After some more discussion along these lines in which comrades pointed out to Mark that he had accepted the decisions of the September and February Meetings and, as comrade John G. pointed out, if Mark had wanted his case reviewed he should have said so from the beginning - not to bring this in when had in fact requested to make a statement to the M.C. Comrade Paul H then appeared to Mark to make his statement as he had requested.

Eric M: Then asked the chairman to bring the meeting to order and ask Mark to make the statement he had asked to come and make.

Mark : There is a tendency for comrades to expect others to "cooperate" whilst they "operate".

Chairman : Comrade Mark, the concesus is that you have made a request to make a statement to the M.C. Please do so now.

I would like to make a statement on the 1973/74 Financial Statement which is also covered by the addendum. I said then that since the books were handled by some peop e other than the Treasurer-General - he then used other books....

Chairman: Then again emphasized that the decision of February 1975 was not based on the addendum...

Hark : How do you convince me that the addendum did not form part of the basis for your decision?

: Then read the relevant Section from the Minutes of 7-10 February 1975 (see page 11).

: The minutes could have been "edited" or "doctored"...

Chairman: If you say the Minutes could have been "edited" or "doctored", I think you owe the M.C. an apology, otherwise there would even be no point in your making a statement to the M.C.

Eric : Since it does appear that Mark wants to review his case, he should make a proper application to this effect for the consideration and decision of the M.C.

: I woul like to put some questions about the addendum before I make my statement.

Chairman : Asks Mark to make his statement.

Hark : Firstly, I am convinced that the decision or the case against me which led to the decision has never been a genuine case, has been a

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political plot which is proved not only in the discrepencies in the handling of the case itself. I was outside for 5 hours in Makeni whilst my case was being discussed. Anybody who had something to say against me could (have) done so without my ability to question them.

After the decision I could not as a responsible person deny certain things.

I say without any apology that this is a political plot against me. Some underground letters have been sent to the Organisation where I was working (WFTU) without my knowledge - I I am not surprised. If you say that only \$3,000 was brought in between 1972/74, were we not running a car, paying salaries, etc?

A deliberate plot has been made against me. This plot has been going on since 1969. I've been subjected to all kinds of humiliations. I've confronted you, Comrade Vice-President. I am not surprised - or afraid. The people are behind me. You take a decision, e.g. my removal as Secretary General, and don't inform me or your own men here, and you inform the WFTU. Has that meeting (of February 1975) got the political authority to remove me? I think that one day your decision will hit back on you. Thank you Comrade Chairman. I have appealed to the NEC of the ANC (SA) to look into the matter. Thank you.

Chairman

: The delegation that met you asked you and I am requested to ask you here again that you return all the documents, minutes, letters, etc. of SACTU.

Mark

: Constitutionally your decision was wrong. A Secretary-General or President is elected in public. The documents, minutes, etc. of SACTU are in the office in the Liberation Centre. I handed the key over. The records are still there. Some of my own things are still in the office in the Liberation Centre. Which documents do you miss?

B. B.

: Some of the minutes we could not find in the Liberation Centre.

Mark

: Other than the minutes, what else is missing?

Chairman

: Mark Shope was the General Secretary of SACTU and normally when a Secretary General leaves his post, he returns all the property of the organisation.

Mark

: As a SACTU person and a South African I feel very disturbed. It is the question of the pamphlet dealing with the unveiling of Robert Resha's memorial. Comrade John G's name appears with others.

The pamphlet is anti-communist and anti- the Morogoro Conference of 1969.

The question of the Affilliation of SACTU to the WFTU.

The question of the distribution of the SACTU appeal on February 7th - International Day of Solidarity with the Workers and People of South Africa.

It was the question of Greetings to the Communist Party of South Africa on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of its founding.

SACTU has to take a stand politically on these questions. Thank you.

SHORT BREAK from 6 - 6-30 p.m.

Sitting resumes at 6-40 p.m.

## Item 2(a) on Agenda

This item was placed on the Agenda to allow any comrade to ask questions should he wish to. Copies of our Resolutions had been distributed to the International Trade Union Movement and on the home-front.

Two copies of the Resolution were handed over to John P at the meeting.

Item 2(b) re: Uriah: Comrade B.B. tabled a written report which was accepted.

Moved Ray that we make a copy of the Report available to Comrade Uriah and take a decision on his case.

John G: It is sad that we have to discuss these questions now and then but these (questions) are also a reflection of the state of our organisation. After a conversation with Jane, we felt that we should ask the M.C. to consider his case sympathetically. Uriah has been suspended since November. I would plead with you to lift his suspension to enable him to participate in the work of the M.C. We could subject the suspension to certain conditions. I feel that Jane would have expressed the same views.

Paul H: In all fairness, one would consider the experiences of Uriah under detention, his forgetfulness, etc. I would consider that proposal of Comrade John G but I am in difficulties.

I do not know how we can sympathize with him and not with Mark, for instance.

B. B.

: As the General Secretary of SACTU, I think that Comrade John G should not have said what he did say. I think we should look at this question from another point of view. I think disciplinary action must be taken against Uriah with the proviso that his case be reviewed.

John P

: I think that we should not distinguish between the guilt of the two comrades. If we do, we would open our M.C. to very destructive criticisms. I want to agree with Comrades BB and John G re their plea for Uriah. On what moral/political grounds could we take a decision which is different from the one we took in the case of Comrade Mark Shope.

Stuart

: Comrades BB and John P made a very strong case for disciplinary action, but I know what happened in the office. Whatever Mark Shope said in the office was law and that is why I add my voice for sympathy to his case.

Ray

: We cannot condone the irresponsible way he behaved about money, we cannot condone what is wrong. If he handed over money to Mark Shope without first getting a receipt, then he is not fit to be a Treasurer. How is it that there are unions that present proper audited reports - because they have learnt the correct way. We must make an example that we shall not tolerate any such behaviour. I propose that we take the same disciplinary action.

David M

: I associate myself with those who say that disciplinary action be taken against Comrade Uriah but I feel that we must get Comrade Uriah to admit his wrong.

John G

: On the question of re-payment of monies used, how is this to be affected? Secondly, do we set a time-table for the review of his case?

Kay

: Comrade Kay then gave a brief review of the case of Comrade Uriah. In some cases, despite the difficulties under which he was working, some monies were only receipted some time later.

Chairman

: After you have all aired your views we shall call Comrade Uriah to listen to his explanations. As an organisation representing the aspirations of the workers of South Africa, we cannot be a semi-welfare organisation which gives monies to people to be improperly used.

Yet I find no way of pleading for Comrade Uriah. I know of deserters in the army who are later given another chance. Same with Comrade Uriah. I suppose the next meeting of the M.C. will call Comrade Uriah. We give him a chance to defend himself before we decide on his case.

John G: When we call him (Uriah) is it to defend himself or what?

: He is called to give his views on the report before a decision is taken in his case. (Then moved that Cde Uriah be called to the next Management Committee meeting where the report of the commission (BB's Report) will be presented to him and disciplinary action taken against him).

John G: Why should we wait for the next meeting of the M.C. before we decide on his case?

John P: The Special Extended M.C. meeting was told by Uriah that he (Uriah) had fresh evidence. Ours is to take a decision and inform him about it.

John G: I think we should mandate the next M.C. meeting in Lusaka to take a decision after asking him (Uriah) to express his views.

(For the Record, it was agreed to note, The M.C. Meeting of 26-28th July 1975.)

received the Report of the Co mission (BB's Report);
The Report was exaustively discussed,

This meeting asks the next M.C. meeting in Lusaka to ask Comrade Uriah to express his views and to arrive at a decision based on the views expressed at this meeting).

## Item 2(c) SACTU Structure

Draft Structure tabled by Kay.

John G: The draft tabled is very good. Only one thing - can the comrades explain why the Internal Committee is required to report only to a Special M.C. Meeting?

: The sensitivity and importance of the work carried out by this Committee.

Eric Propose that in the Preamble of the Draft Structure we substitute "oppressed and exploited South African working class" for the words "for the emancipation of the Africans and other minority Groups". Agreed.

I also want to raise the question of SACTU personnel. SACTU has only one functionary. We are all under the ANC of South Africa. I feel that we should approach the ANC (SA) for a certain number of people to work as full-time SACTU functionaries.

inst, and then we will have to decide on the persons to fill the Structure. On motion by Cde Kay, the Structure was adopted unanimously. Agreed on motion by Kay, seconded by BB that all participants be given K2-00 per meal.

At 23.00 hours the Chairman closed the meeting and reminded the comrades that the meeting resumed the next morning at 9.00 hrs.

Third Sitting - 9.25 a.m.

27th July, 1975

(delay owing to transport)

Chairman welcomed all participants and declares the meeting open.

The item on the Agenda: Financial Report by Comrade Kay.

: Proposed that the Secretariat should meet to reorganise the Agenda in order to expedite the work of the meeting. Agreed.

The Secretariat then adjourned to re-adjust the Agenda. After 15 minutes the Secretariat returned to the meeting and tabled the following re-adjusted Agenda which was adopted.

#### Agenda:

- 1. Financial Report by Cde Kay,
- 2. Report on Situation at home by Cde Ray
- 3. (a) State of organisation at home Report by Cde Ray,
  - (b) External Organisation and Relations with Fraternal organisations.
  - (c) London Report by Secretary General.
- 4. Appointment of Committees and Election of officers.
- 5. International Reports
  - (a) Report on Secretary General's visit to Canada,
  - (b) Report on Kay and James' visit to Canada.

- Where are the reports of general Berlin (c) Report on SACTU's delegation to 60th Session of the ILO.
- (d) OATUU.
- e) General.

Item 3. Financial Report by Cde Kay.

Comrade Kay then tabled the Financial Report.

Ray: Comrade Ray then explained how money was spent at the 1974 Conference for SACTU. Memorandum.

Kay: Then pointed out that there was no dispute with regard to the money spent at the ILO which had been accepted and adopted at a previous M.C. meeting.

Ray: Comrade "ay then pointed out that she felt strongly about the allegation made in a letter from Mark Shope to the Vice-President concerning the expenditures referred to. Mark had made a very serious allegation against her, in fact she has not even used her whole allowance of K10-00 per day and has refunded to the treasurer K43.

The Chairman pointed out that all the financial statements were approved at the September 1974 M.C. Meeting.

S/G: After some further discussions and clarifications the S.G. moved the adoption of the Financial Report for the period ending December 31st. 1974. Second BB. Adopted.

: When Cde Uriah was removed as Treasurer-General of SACTU our decision was that he should refund monies not accounted for. We agreed that any person is expected to refund unaccounted monies. This is a principle and not a condition for lifting the decision to suspend such a person/offier. Having then finally concluded that Mark Shope has so much money on hand, what do we do about it?

John G The question of what are we to do should the the comrade at a later date find it possible to refund the money has already been raised at a previous meeting. We must on principle demand a refund of these monies. The Comrade will have to pay, if the question of "writing off" is unacceptable on a principle of accountancy.

: We must learn from the experiences of other Ray revolutionaries and inform the workers at home.

: For the purposes of the record we must demand Chairman the refund of these monies.

John P agrees with the chairman and John G withdraws his earlier suggestion of "writing it off". .../13

Paul H : It must also be explained that Cde John G, our newly elected S/G has in fact been elected by the workers at a Conference. Thus he has taken his rightful position in SACTU.

#### RESOLUTION

Resolves to take steps to recover all monies not accounted for from Mark Shope.

- Copies to ANC,
- Letter to ANC explaining the position re Mark.

Financial Statement for period 1st January 1975 to 30th June 1975 tabled.

- Comrade Kay then tabled the Financial Statement for the 6-months period ending 30th June 1975. ADOPTED
- Kay then pointed out that an amount of Kl,941-74 of the ANC (SA) had inadvertantly been banked into the account of SACTU.

Agreed that Kay effect the transfer of said amount to the ANC (SA) account.

- Kay then reported an emergency loan made to the ANC(SA) (K).
- Reports that SACTU had incurred a debt with the ANC(SA) Office in Dar-es-Salaam.

Chairman reported that apart from the regular WFTU donation to SACTU, the question of the airticket has now been cleared and this money has now been donated to SACTU.

Kay: Kay to make out a receipt for the said amount.

Comrade Kay then asked for guidance as to how the "Rands" are to be kept.

Ray proposed that the "Rands" be kept in a safe in the bank.

Agreed that the question of safe-keeping of the money be examined and a proper decision be taken to keep monies safely. This matter to rest with Kay as Treasurer of SACTU.

TEA BREAK : 11.25

RESUMES: 11.45.

Item 4: Report on the Internal Situation submitted by Ray. (see Appendix 11)

Agreed that the Secretariat examine the report for the tasks arising therefrom.

LUNCH BREAK at 1-00 p.m.

RESUMPTION of Meeting at 2-00 p.m.

Item 4(a) Report on State of Organisation at Home by Ray

After a lengthy discussion of the Report on the State of Organisation of Trade Unions at home, it was agreed that the Secretariat/Internal Committee should formulate "our main tasks, immediate and long term", as the organisation leading the progressive Trade Union movement in South Africa.

This discussion closed at 5.15 p.m.

Meeting in DAR The Management Committee then authorised Comrades Secretary General and Vice President to attend a meeting with a friend in Dar es Salaam.

# Item 4(b) London Report

- S/G then gave a report on the London SACTU Committee and
  - Tables (i) SACTU Memorandum to the 60th Session of ILO,
    - (ii) Press Cutting from London Times,
    - (iii) London Minutes,
      - (iv) Letter from H. Wilson,
        - (v) Letter of Application from Ramsdale.

### On Institute of Industrial Education.

The Ruskin Students Association together with T.U.C. (Britain) are working hard to strengthen the I.I.E. The Anti-Apartheid Movement and others would like to know SACTU's position vis-a-vis the I.I.E. whose activities appear to be counter to the letter and spirit of the 1973 Geneva Conference Resolutions. S/G further reported that the Anglo-American Corporation would like to use the I.I.E. as a centre for Personel Management Training.

Agreed to discuss the question of SACTU's attitude to the I.I.E. after the return of the S/G and V.P. from Dar. Agreed that SACTU subscribes to the S.A.L.B. published by the I.I.E.

Italy The Secretary General then reported on the project he had submitted to the CGIL, CISL and UIL in Italy.

Agreed that the same project is to be submitted to Holland and possibly to other Trade Union centres.

Item : Relations with Fraternal Organisations

It was reported that

The question of SACTU's relations with the ANC (SA) had come up very sharply in meetings of both the N.E.C. and the R.C. of the ANC (SA) and the R.C. of the ANC (SA). It was vitally important that SACTU establishes its independence firmly and its specific role in the revolution. In the past SACTU and ANC (SA) had presented joint documents e.g. in 1973.

- SACTU have received part of a donation given to the ANC (SA) as a result of a joint ANC/SACTU approach.
- Some questions have to be clarified in our relationship with ANC.
- SACTU will have to impress on the ANC that some comrades will have to operate as full-time functionaries.
- The question of the place and role of the working class Trade Union movement in the national liberation struggle will have to be clarified.

Comrade B.B. wanted to know what SACTU's relations with the SACP were.

Agreed that the SACTU delegation to meet the ANC are to raise inter alia.

- The question of SACTU personnel.
- The decisions taken at the 60th Session of the ILO and arising therefrom,
- SACTU should function independently inside the country,
- Establishment of joint machinery for consultation and common action. Agreed.

Ramsdale: Concerning the application from Comrade Ramsdale to join SACTU London Committee it was agreed to refer the matter back to the London Committee for their consideration and recommendation to Headquarters.

Item: Election of Committees and appointment of Officers.

### The Management Committee

Vice-President: M.M.M.

Secretary General: John G.

: Kay Treasurer

Sec. for Admin. : Eric M.

: B.B. Chairman

Stuart, Paul H, David M, John P, Members of Committee

Ray.

#### Secretariat

(a) Secretary for Administration - Eric M.
(b) Member of Internal Committee - John P.
(c) Members - Stuart and B.B.

### Finance Committee

The question of the Finance Committee stands deferred till a later Management Committee meeting.

# Secretary for Administration:

Agreed that Comrade Stuart act as Secretary for Administration till Eric M assumes his post.

# Information and Publicity:

James S and B.B. with powers to co-op.

Afreed that SACTU requests the ANC to release Cdes Stuart, Eric M and B.B. to assume their duties as full-time functionaries in their new posts.

It was further agreed that Comrades S/G and V/P have a private discussion with Ralph Motsumi.

Meeting then adjourned till 7.30 p.m. on Adjournment: Monday 28/7/75.

7.25 p.m. 28/7/75

Item: Report on visit of S/G to Canada.

- The S/G tabled a written report on his visit to Canada.

## Discussion on Report

- (a) Re: \$5,000 in possession of Ben T. Agreed that comrades John G and Yusuf D approach Ben T to retrieve this donation from Ben T since he is under the direction of the liberation movement.
- (b) In regard to the \$22,000 donation from Oxfam, SACTU has already received and banked \$11,000. It was generally agreed that the Secretary General inform Comrade T.T. that we are informed by the donors that the amount actually donated to SACTU was \$20,000 and not half of the total donation of \$22,000.

Oxfam is entitled to an official receipt from SACTU to the amount of \$20,000. Agreed that Secretary General raise this question with Comrade T.T. and report to the Management Committee.

Item: on Agenda: K.J's Report on Visit to Canada

- Tabled a written report (see Appendix).
- Residence cum Office Project. K.J. reported the Residence cum Office. Project they raised in Canada. Agreed to concretize this and submit it to parties.
- SACTU Day project: Agreed that this be concretized and presented to the I.T.U.

# Item: Report on SACTU at the ILO

- Secretary General than tabled a written report on SACTU's presence at the ILO.
- Agreed that speeches of Vice-president and Secretary General be reproduced and circulated at home.

Ray: Reported that she had used and has accounted to the K250. She received from Kay for the 60th Session of the She did not receive or used any of the 400 pounds from the London Committee. The S/G's report should be amended accordingly. Agreed

S/G: Reported that he had already asked the Director-General of the ILO for 70 copies of 11th Special Report and 40 copies of the Provisional Records of 60th Session of ..../18

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ILO Conferences

He urged that SACTU prepares itself properly to attend the Regional Conferences of the ILO to participate in all commissions etc.

John P: Raised the question of SACTU's relations with regard to the OATUU.

Chairman: Pointed out that this matter would be dealt with under the special item.of the Agenda. The report presented by the S/G is very exhaustive and I would like to thank him for its preparation. The face of the ILO is becoming darker every Session, the African States are becoming more vocal in support of SACTU, especially the Comrades from the Democratic Republic of Somali.

Agreed that SACTU wrote letters of thanks to OATUU, Somali, ZCTU etc. for their assistance to SACTU at the 60th Session of the I.L. Conference.

## Item: OATUU

- (a) Kay reported that though we were invited to the Second General Council meeting of the OATUU we received no airtickets and thus could not attend.
- (b) Kay gave verbal report on his attendance at the OATUU/OAU Symposium against Apartheid and Colonialism in Dar and tabled documents of the Seminar.

After exhaustive discussion on the OATUU and our relations with this organisation it was agreed

- (a) SACTU applies for Affiliation to the OATUU,
- (b) SACTU gives OATUU our Banking A/c No. Comrade Eric M expressed his strong reservations about giving OATUU our Banking A/c No.

#### Agreed

- (a) that Cde Ray proceed to Botswana Meeting and that SACTU pays for her air ticket.
- (b) that the Internal Committee meet to discuss the request of Cde John P for money to be used in Botswana.
- (c) that the meeting adjourns till final Sitting after return of Comrades S/G and V/P from Dar.

ADJOURNS at 10.10 p.m.

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