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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (SOUTH AFRICA)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be held on Friday 2nd June at 6 p.m.

at the Office: 28 Penton Street, N1

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AGENDA

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. Programme for London children.
5. Report on History project: Harold.
6. Report on Literacy project: Gairu.
7. Report on Maths project: Joshua/Alf.
8. AOB

----- URGENT NOTICE -----

If you have not heard already, Comrade Moses Kotane died last Saturday. A Memorial Meeting to honour him will be held on Saturday 27 May at 2pm at Caxton Hall, SW1.

Our scheduled work-session on 27 May is therefore cancelled. Another date will be arranged on June 2nd.

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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (S.A.)
LONDON

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 5th May 1978

PRESENT: Alf Bransky, Dasoo Joseph, Joshua Mqadi, Hilary Mutch, Jai Singh, Mohamed Tikly, Bobby Vassen, Tommy Vassen, Harold Wolpe, Freda Katz, Gairu Hussey.

APOLOGIES: Edith Yengwa, Laura Miller, Vic & Liz Finkelstein.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES accepted.
2. MATTERS ARISING & CORRESPONDENCE:
 - (a) Ronnie unable to come to this meeting.
 - (b) A Letter was sent to Dar Committee on 8/4/78, requesting a response to our letters.
 - (c) Pallo was contacted about the history project.
 - (d) Maths books were sent to Luanda following a special request.
 - (e) BOOKS: next work-session set for 27 May at 2pm at 2 Grand Avenue. Important that all comrades attend so that the next batch of books can be sent in June.
 - (f) Maths books/courses: the meeting decided to set up a sub-committee to consider maths books and courses. Joshua and Alf will report briefly at the next meeting. Hilary, Freda, Dassoo and Tommy volunteered to join Joshua and Alf on the Maths sub-committee. Dar, Lusaka & Luanda will be informed about the setting up of our Maths sub-committee.
 - (g) Mswai sent a request for novels and university-level books for Luanda. Vic will be contacted about Open Univ books on law, political science and sociology. Harold will contact R & K-Paul about remaindered books.
 - (h) Mohamed & Jai will draft a leaflet on the Morogoro school for use by us and the A-A Movement. Freda offered to help translate the German leaflet about the school.
 - (i) The Education Committee report to the General Members meeting on April 29 will be sent to Units.
 - (j) Letter received saying that the ~~seminar~~ on textbook-writing will be held in Dar during May-June and will be restricted to personnel in Africa.
 - (k) Special request received for books on evolution. Mohamed and Alf will select and dispatch material. Hilary's book index will be examined.
 - (l) Laura's list of 'specialists': members will be asked to complete forms, giving information about themselves.
 - (m) Letter from Dar: received 21/4/78. It commends our comprehensive response to the PROPOSALS & STRATEGY documents. It regrets the poor communication between the Dar/Lusaka/London Committees and says this is partly due to postal problems. The Dar Committee suggested to the NEC that the ANC adopt a comprehensive and revolutionary education policy. In response the NEC asked that the Dar Committee submit a draft document to form the basis for discussion. The Dar Committee's submission entitled "THE BURNING ISSUE OF EDUCATION IN OUR STRUGGLE" was sent to the NEC on March 11th 1978. The meeting expressed disappointment that a copy of this BURNING ISSUES document has not been sent to London. Mohamed to complain about this and request a copy by telex.
 - (n) PROPOSALS & STRATEGY documents to be sent to Bobby, Jai, Dassoo, Joshua, Bobby.

3. LITERACY PROJECT: Gairu gave a brief report. Regarding a literacy programme for Luanda, the meeting decided that the sub-committee should submit at an early date a programme and material and await a response as to its suitability.
4. HISTORY PROJECT: Harold's report is attached.
5. CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME: The programme formulated by Gairu will be discussed at the next meeting. Copies will be sent to 'new' members. Alf will inquire about the Carnesson kit.
6. A.O.B.
 - i. Anyone with information about traditional South African folk stories - especially in the oral tradition - to convey same to Mohamed.
 - ii. Letter will be sent to Princess May School, Hackney, for their generous donation of books.
 - iii. A proposal about correspondence courses will be circulated before the next meeting.
7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 2nd June, 6pm, at the Office.

HISTORY SYLLABUS SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES: 17/4/78

Present: Liz, Hilary, Jai, Harold.

1. A discussion took place on the educational structure of the school as contained in the PROPOSALS. As a result of the discussion the sub-committee's task was defined as:-
 - (a) preparation of history syllabi for basic, programmatic and political education.
 - (b) preparation of teaching materials for different syllabi and levels.
 - (c) preparation of proposals on teaching methods.
2. Discussion of Teaching Methods:
 - (a) Liz & Hilary to prepare discussion document on teaching methods for primary school teaching of history.
 - (b) Jai likewise for the programmatic and secondary school teaching.
3. History Syllabus:

Harold to draft for discussion a skeleton structure for the history syllabus.
4. Next meeting: 2pm on 6/5/78 at Liz's house subsequently altered to 8pm on 8th May at the Office.