

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE  
HEAD OFFICE ON SUNDAY  
12TH MAY 1968 AT 10.30  
A.M.

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Present: J.B. (On the Chair), M.K., M.P., M.M., A.K., D.N. and J.D.

Opening: Having declared the meeting opened, the Chair placed the following agenda before the members:

- (a) matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.
- (b) June 26.
- (c) Students matters.
- (d) Propaganda.
- (e) Collective leadership.
- (f) General.

Upon the agenda having been approved the Chair called on the S.G. to read these minutes <sup>of the last meeting</sup> so as to deal with the first item on the agenda

The S.G. moved that the meeting should approve the system of taking down minutes by simply recording the facts and the decisions of the proceedings and not the details of what members had said in the discussions. The meeting approved this procedure.

Arising from the minutes the S.G. reported that attention had been paid to requirements in connection with J.D.'s application. J.D. also informed the meeting that he has been to Muhimbili Hospital for eye tests. A further appointment to see an Eye Specialist on the 13/6/68 has been fixed.

Also arising out of the minutes, it was noted that no publication of Comrade J. Hadebe's expulsion had been effected in our journals. Thus our members and the public are still in the dark about the true position in this matter. The S.G. informed the meeting that the Resolution Subcommittee consisting of J.B. and himself had drawn up the necessary Resolution. The A.P. had suggested certain amendments which came in the form of a second draft. Both resolutions were passed on to A.K. A.K. explained that the A.P. subsequently asked him to hold back publication. The meeting then discussed the difficulties which attend the delay in publicising the expulsion. After many members had opined in favour of publicising the resolution, with A.K. holding a contrary view, the S.G. formally moved that a copy of the Resolution sent to J.J.H. should be published and the office in Lusaka informed of the action. The motion was seconded. A.K. opposed the motion. He had no seconder. Thus the decision to publish the Resolution was taken.

June 26: The S.G. led the meeting on this year's commemoration of June 26. He advocated for preparation on a very high scale, it being the first June 26 under war conditions. He proposed that we should have a week of solidarity instead of one day commemoration. Subsequent speakers agreed with the S.G. It was also suggested that such arrangements as would accommodate fund-raising purposes for our struggle *be made.* It was afterwards agreed that a June 26 Subcommittee consisting of A.K., M.P. and J.D. be set up to attend to all matters relating to the campaign.

The meeting also required the HQ. to advise all offices not to issue any public statements on June 26 until they shall have heard from the Publicity and Information Department.

Students Matters: The usual general problem which attend students matters was raised. The Secretary General indicated that a general reorganisation in Students' structure and affairs had become necessary and was being considered. He suggested that all students' committees including the A.N. Congress Committee of the GDR should be suspended from carrying out any official functions pending the reorganisation. The meeting agreed. Automatically the proposed conference of students coming on in Moscow stands suspended.

Expulsion: (a) The matter of Comrade Moses Matemoja was discussed. The meeting was informed that this comrade has been expelled by the USSR. It was resolved, in terms of the existing Executive Committee's decision, supported by mentioned precedents, to expel this comrade, <sup>from the office</sup> as from date of this meeting.

(b) The position of comrades Obed Motshabi and Zenzo Nkobi was reviewed. It was decided that these comrades must be instructed to accept the proposals which the German Education Authorities are placing before them.

Propaganda: The Director of Publicity reported that there was a prepared report on his Department. He was going to circulate it. At present he had picked out certain urgent matters which he wanted the Committee to dispose of.

- (a) Imprint: The London Office had recommended this for Sechaba. He outlined the advantages. The meeting approved of it.
- (b) Telex: London and Lusaka had recommended. The meeting entered a long discussion. The general trend was opposed to installation because (i) we had no money for such an undertaking (ii) the present volume of work does not justify it.
- (c) The Editorial Board of Sechaba had been increased by the addition of three members. A suggestion from R.R. that A.K. should be the Editor-in-Chief of Sechaba, J.M. Managing Editor and M.P. Assistant Editor was adopted.
- (d) Mayibuye: A.K. reported that the author of the notorious article "Sharpeville, A Tragedy" was in fact the Editor of the publication, Dr. S.A. Randerie. A correction has not yet appeared in Mayibuye. The meeting considered a dismissal of the Editor. A.K. asked for a bit of time before the decision was taken. This was granted. The S. G. wondered if <sup>the</sup> Pub. Dept. was coping with Mayibuye on weekly issue basis. The Director of Publicity asked that this question should be postponed to another meeting.
- (e) Coordination: The Director of Publicity complained that there was insufficient coordination between his office ~~in the South~~ and the other Congress offices abroad. Hence some publications did not reflect Congress policy properly. e.g. Mayibuye just proceeded to produce a leaflet circulated at home without reference to him, India office has resurrected "South African Freedom News". After discussion, the meeting set up a sub-Committee consisting of A.K. and M.P. to prepare positive suggestions for action by the Executive Committee on this matter.

Festival Committee: At this stage before the meeting proceeded to the item "Collective Leadership", the Secretary General asked to be allowed to present a letter from the A.P. It suggested, inter alia, the "establishment of a Southern Africa Youth Festival Committee based in Dar with a Sub-Committee in Lusaka....". After discussing the proposals the meeting found that it was not practicable to set up such a committee here, in TANZANIA.

Collective Leadership: It was agreed to postpone this item to the next meeting. The HQ. was requested to prepare a lead on this subject.

General: Comrade J.P. complained that documents relating to the meeting were not made available to members beforehand. The S.G. explained that there were only two letters referred to, and these had reached him too late for circulation among members.

Upon the proposal of J.D., the meeting considered the appointment of Mrs. Magdelene Resha to the staff of the Algerian Office. The matter was afterwards left to the S.G. to investigate the position during his overseas journey and report back.

Comrade A.K. reported correspondence from Mrs. L. Hooper. After discussion, it was agreed that, exercising a good deal of vigilance, we may allow her to proceed with the printing and publishing of certain material in the name of the Organisation.

13/May/1968.

DUMA NOKWE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL.