



57th NUSAS CONGRESS
Durban November 1979

CONGRESS
MINUTES

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED

COSAS	Congress of South African Students
SABC	South African Broadcasting Corporation
MILCOMM	Military Committee
SAWCAD	An Anti-Alcoholism Organization
ICB	Inter Continental Breweries
SAB	South African Breweries
KWV	Co-operative Wine Growers Association
ZADP	Conscientious Objectors Organization in Holland
AZAPU	Azanian Peoples Union
NAFCOC	A Traders Organization which joined the Fattis and Monis boycott
H.O.	NUSAS Head Office
ISTC	International Student Travel Congress
AE	Alternative Employment
BUWA	Black University Workers Association - at Wits
DOME	SRC Newspaper at UND
NUX	SRC Newspaper at PMB
VARSITY	Banned SRC Newspaper at UCT
RHODES	SRC Newspaper at Rhodes
WITS STUDENT	SRC Newspaper at Wits
PFP	Progressive Federal Party
PLOT	Planning Organization and Strategy
SADF	South African Defence Force
SPASEC	Organization at PMB similar to Wits STS
SAIRR	South African Institute for Race Relations
VC	Vice Chancellor
STS	Students Tuition Secretary
NSA	National Student Assembly
NUSAS	National Union of South African Students
SRC	Students Representative Council
SC	Student Council
WITS	University of the Witwatersrand
UND -	University of Natal Durban
UNP/PMB	University of Natal Pietermaritzburg
UCT	University of Cape Town

RHODES	Rhodes University
ASB	Afrikaanse Studente Bond
STELLEN- BOSCH	University of Stellenbosch
USFEW	Right Wing Organisation at Rhodes
UPE	University of Port Elizabeth
UOFS	University of the Orange Free State
SASPU	South African Students Press Union
PCB	Publications Control Board
TRANSKEI	University of the Transkei
ENVIRAC	NUSAS Environmental Action Wing
SVLO	Student Visiting Lecturers Organization
SVLTF	Student Visiting Lecturers Trust Fund
SASTS	South African Students Travel Service
ETHOS	Another Student Travel Service
SACOS	South African Council of Sport
CO	Conscientious Objectors
MP	Member of Parliament

DELEGATES AND STUDENT OBSERVERS TO THE 57TH NUSAS CONGRESS.

HEAD OFFICE

* Auret van Heerden	NUSAS President
Jane Barrett	General Secretary
Bill Gardiner	Media Officer
Mog Davids	NUSAS Clerk and SASTS
	Sales Officer
* Alan Velcich	NUSAS Vice-President
	(1979/80 PMB SRC President)
	(Leader of PMB Delegation)
Dave Hill	NUSAS Executive
	(1978/79 UCT SRC President)

Absent

Stu Davis	NUSAS Executive
	(1978/79 UND SRC President)
Clifford Goldsmith	NUSAS Executive
	(1978/79 WITS SRC President)

National Co-Ordinator Present

Andrew Smail	Milcom
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National Co-Ordinators Absent

Patrick Flynn	Law
Donald Rallis	National Schemes Co-Ordinator
	(resigned during 1979)
Chris Russel	National Student Editor

Congress Secretaries

Nic Wellington	Seconded from PMB
Pete Brits	Seconded from Wits
Debbi van Gass	

UCT DELEGATION

* Tony Weaver	SRC President and Delegation Leader
* Andy Borraine	SRC
* Sarah Cullinan	SRC
* Jeremy Dyszell	SRC
* Jonathan Fine	SRC
* Derrick Fine	SRC

* Jeremy Goldberg	SRC
* Annette Griesel	SRC
* Franz Kruger	SRC
Andrew Bannister	SRC
Sandy Elsworth	SRC
John Kirkpatrick	SRC
Kathy Ackerman	Vernon Matzopolas
Juliet Addison	Brett Myrdal
Anthea Barrett	Sue Myrdal
Andrea Blan	Julian Nicol
Sally Caro	Richard Nathan
Peter Coxon	Toby Orford
Andrew Duncan	Kate Phillip
Ester Ellero	Allison Rawlings
Gavin Evans	Dan Rizzan
Cathy Everett	Pippa Rogers
Guilietta Farfork	Michelle Solomons
Liz Fish	Hela Strez
Robyn Friedberg	Barbara Sudano
Catherine Garson	Dianne Sandler
Richard Goode	David Schmidt
Kate Green	Richard Steele
Pauline Jewell	Tom Tweedy
Tessa Katz	Robin Tyson
David Köhl	Wayne Veitch
Tennyson Lee	Allison Wilkes
Nassos Martalos	
Ian Macun	
Jerome Marshall	

WITS DELEGATION

* Norman Manoim	SRC President and Delegation Leader
* Mike Collins	SRC
* Jonty Joffe	SRC
* Jenny Lunz	SRC
* Howard Radford	SRC
* Lisa Seftel	SRC
* George Stacey	SRC
Anne Barrett	Ingrid Obery
Kim Berman	Max Price
Sheldon Cohen	Graham Radford
Wendy-Lynne Cooke	Joanne Schmucren
Donald Crowther	Lesley Spiro
Carol Borghart	Anli Serfontein
Jeremy Clark	Patricia Sandler
Raymond de Swart	Steve Tollman
Gideon Fraume	Peter Williamson
Graheme Fraser	Helen Wishart
Evi Georziolas	Clive van Heerden
Daryl Glaser	Anthony Zwi
Greg Holt	Keith Coleman
Raymond Incl	Arthur Roberts
Avril Joffe	Steve Kahnowitz
Lez Lax	
Steve Mosenthal	

DURBAN DELEGATION

* Chris Swart	SRC President and Delegation Leader
* Julian Baskin	SRC
* Des Biggs	SRC
* Michelle Caplan	SRC
* John Clarke	SRC
* Sheila Clow	SRC
* Niki Marks	SRC
* Janice Noon	SRC
* Sheldon Ramkin	SRC
Jon de Wet	SRC
Lizanne Killerby	SRC
Glen Conrad-Cjaza	SRC
B Alexander	J Morrison
H Arrand	M Pace
T Bailey	A Peters
M Caminsky	S Ricker
P Chappel	S Russell
A Collingwood	G Swanepoel
P Denneky	C Tunner
A Dibb	I Szuc
J Dixon	M Tomson
S Dyer	K Usdin
G Frank	L van der Poel
A Hill	B Vermaak
P Le Hausse	N Waymon
S Keane	J Wishart
R Machanik	
E Meyer	

PMD DELEGATION

* Derrek Alberts	SRC
* Andre Bredekamp	SRC
* Rose Doyle	SRC
* Peter Gossayn	SRC
* Uwe Hummel	SRC
* Jané Kennedy	SRC
* William Morrow	SRC
* Dave Scrooby	SRC
John Passmore	SRC
Raftery	SRC
Ratray	SRC
Govender	SRC
Clarke	Irvine
Collingwood	Kemp
Donald	Lello
Eden	Macleod
Ferguson	McGibbon
Gorman	Unwin
Grenfell	Veysse
John Gultig	Walsh
Hobbs	Wildsmith
Sue Impey	

Chris Butler
John Young
Michael Bagrain
Guy Berger
Lisa Blakeway
Andy Booyesen
Carol Cragg
Melani Cullum
Pete Harris
Alison Hill
Jeremy Ive
Shaun Johnson
Mike Kenyon
Vijay Makanjee

SRC President
SRC
Ian Phillips
Devan Pillay
Jannie Roux
Chuck Scott
Janet Shapiro
Isak Smuts
Janet Thorpe
Craig Tyson
Pat Urry
Chris Walters

UPE

Ester Waugh

STELLENBOSCH DELEGATION

Bertha Alheit
Etienne Botha
Neil Muller
Nicola Jean Natrass
Andre D van Niekerk

TRANSKEI DELEGATION

Ezra Mtshontshi
Alex Madikizela
Pamela Madabane
Abbey Mankungu
Jackie

Delegation Leader

ASB

Abrie de Swardt
Hennie Lambrecht

ASB President
ASB Executive and UCOfS

NOTES

1. * Indicates a voting delegate. Each affiliated campus has nine votes and the President has one.
Only an SRC member may be a voting delegate.
On occasion when certain SRC members were absent others who are not listed as voting delegates took their place.
2. The above is a list of registered delegates and observers. Other students attended at various times.

11H00 to 15H00	SASPU Congress.
14H00 to 15H25	Further meeting for outstanding Group D Committees.
15H30 to 17H05	NSA
17H20 to 18H05	NSA
19H30 to 20H00	NSA
20H00 to 22H10	Address by Fink Haysom on Planning and Strategy.

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

08H00 to 08H55	Delegation Meetings.
09H00 to 11H30	Second Session: Group C Committees. Third Session: Group A Committees.
11H40 to 13H50	NSA
14H50 to 15H20	NSA
15H25 to 16H15	NSA
16H20 to 18H10	Final Session Group A Committees. Final Session Group C Committees.
19H00 to 20H35	NSA
20H40 to 23H05	NSA

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

11H30 to 12H30	NSA
13H40 to 16H20	NSA
16H35 to 18H30	NSA
19H20 to 20H55	NSA
21H00 to 22H30	Slide tape show on militarization.

MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER

10H20 to 11H10	NSA
15H40 to 18H15	NSA
19H45 to 20H40	NSA
20H45 to 22H30	NSA
22H40 to 24H00	NSA

TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

00H00 to 00L40	NSA
00H40	Jorl to Sunrise.

MINUTES OF THE 57TH NUSAS CONGRESS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF NATAL DURBAN - 27TH NOVEMBER - 4TH DECEMBER 1978

Tuesday 27th November - A van Heerden in the Chair.
NSA convened 19H00. The President declared the 57th NUSAS
Congress open and called upon Mr George Sewpersahd of the Indian
Congress to deliver the opening address.

Mr Sewpersahd gave his address - applause.

Mr A van Heerden thanked Mr Sewpers for his address - applause.

The President then delivered his opening address - applause.

NSA adjourned 21H00.

Delegates then proceeded to a cocktail party which was hosted by
Prof Booyesen of the University of Natal Durban.

Prof Booyesen welcomed the delegates to the 57th NUSAS Congress
and delivered an address - applause.

Mr A van Heerden thanked Prof Booyesen for his speech - applause.

Wednesday 28th November. Congress convened 09H10 - Van Heerden in
the chair. The President made various procedural announcements and
explained the Congress structure briefly. Thereafter Mr van Heerden
welcomed those delegates who had arrived during the night.

CLAIMING OF VOTES

Wits	9
UCT	9
PMB	9
UND	9

Although Wits claimed 9 votes no more than 7 were ever utilized
as two delegates failed to arrive and Wits was not able to muster
any surplus SRC members.

RESOLUTION 1/80

That this NSA ratify the voting strengths as claimed by each centre.

PROPOSED : Scrooby
SECONDED : Kruger

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 2/80

That this NSA ratify the minutes of the 56th NUSAS Congress subject to the forced exclusion of the report of the Media Committee (Appendix H pages H10 to H15) which formed part of a Banned Document.

PROPOSED : Kennedy
SECONDED : Killerby

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 3/80

That this NSA ratify the following agenda for the 57th NUSAS Congress subject to the reorganization of the Steering Committee.

TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER

19H00 Opening of Congress, opening addresses.

21H00 Introductory jorl.

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

08H30 N.S.A. Procedural motions, tabling and adoption of Head Office reports, Co-ordinators' reports. Centre Reports.

11H30 Talk on Total Strategy (Glen Moss)

12H30 Break for LUNCH

15H00 Delegation meetings (finalise committee allocations)

15H30 Talk on Alternative Press (speaker not finalised)

16H40 N.S.A. Completion of reports, allocations to committees. (Saspu might break to open their congress.)

17H45 Break for SUPPER

19H00 N.S.A.

19H05 FIRST SESSION . : GROUP B COMMITTEES

21H05 Break for JORL

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER

08H30 Delegation meetings

08H45 N.S.A. Matters arising, motions, etc.

09H30 Talk on Women (Speaker not finalised)
10H30 SECOND SESSION : GROUP B COMMITTEES
12H30 Break for LUNCH
15H00 N.S.A. Matters arising
16H00 Talk on Sport (speaker not finalised)
17H00 Delegation Meetings
17H30 Break for SUPPER
19H00 N.S.A.
19H05 ONLY SESSION : GROUP D COMMITTEES
FIRST SESSION : GROUP A COMMITTEES
21H05 Break for JORL

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

08H30 Delegation meetings
08H45 N.S.A. Matters arising
10H30 FIRST SESSION : GROUP C COMMITTEES
SECOND SESSION : GROUP A COMMITTEES
12H30 Break for LUNCH
15H00 N.S.A. Tabling and adoption of group B reports
17H30 Break for SUPPER and evening JORL
20H00 Talk on Planning and Strategy (Fink Haysom)

SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER

08H30 Delegation meetings
09H00 N.S.A. Matters arising. Tabling and adoption of remaining group B reports.
10H30 SECOND SESSION : GROUP C COMMITTEES
THIRD SESSION : GROUP A COMMITTEES
12H30 Break for LUNCH
15H00 N.S.A. Tabling and adoption of group D reports

- 17H30 Break for SUPPER
19H00 N.S.A. Tabling and adoption of group D reports
19H30 ONLY SESSION : THEMECOMM

SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER

- 08H30) This session will comprise a 30-min delegation
to) meeting, 2-hour NSA for matters arising and tabling
12H30) and adoption of remaining group D reports, and time
for those who wish to, to attend church services.
15H00 N.S.A. Tabling and adoption of group C reports
17H30 Break for SUPPER
19H00 N S.A. Tabling and adoption of remaining group C reports
20H30 N.S.A. Tabling and adoption of group A reports
21H30 Break for BED

MONDAY 3 DECEMBER

- 08H30 Delegation meetings
09H00 N.S.A. Matters arising, delayed items, motions arising
11H00 N.S.A. Tabling and adoption of Themecomm report
12H30 Break for LUNCH
15H00 N.S.A. Matters arising, final motions arising.
Election of office bearers for 1980

CLOSURE

PROPOSED : KENNEDY
SECONDED : KILLERBY

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 4/80

That this NSA rescind policy on those aspects of policy to be covered by committees to be established by this NSA and that policy taken at the last Congress on those aspects of policy which will not be covered by committees to be appointed by this Congress be allowed to stand.

PROPOSED : RANKIN
SECONDED : SWART

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 5/80

That this NSA establish the following committees in the following groups:

GROUP A (Three Sessions)

Projects/Political Action

GROUP B (Two Sessions)

Social Action/Development
Education
Planning, organization and strategy
SASPU Congress
Women

GROUP C (Two Sessions)

Student Services and Benefits
Cultural Action
Labour
Media
Milcon

GROUP D (One Session)

Alternative Employment
Contact
Environmental Action
Faculty Councils
Orientation Weeks
Residence Reform and Residence Contact
Resource Centres
SVLO/SVLTF
Sport

GROUP E (To meet on an ad hoc basis)

Finance and Structures
Fund Raising
Steering
Congress organisation
Themecomm

PROPOSED : BASKIN
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Carried Unanimously

Chair to Mr Hill

RESOLUTION 6/80

That this NSA table the report of the NUSAS President.

PROPOSED : SEFTEL
SECONDED : J GOLDBERG

Carried unanimously

Mr van Heerden stated that although the matter had not been reported on in his report he had visited Europe for five weeks during October and November 1979.

RESOLUTION 7/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the NUSAS President

PROPOSED : J JOFFE
SECONDED : CLOW

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Chair to Mr van Heerden

RESOLUTION 8/80

That this NSA table the report of the General Secretary

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : J FINE

Carried Unanimously

Boraine asked those present to take seriously the points on "theoreticism" and "recommendations for practice".

Swart asked for an explanation on their context of words collectivism and elitism.

J Barrett explained that with regard to "collectivism" the roles allocated to people need not necessarily be hierarchical while "elitism" referred in context to the alienation by some student leaders of newcomers.

Van Heerden - Congratulated Ms Barrett on an excellent report - applause.

RESOLUTION 9/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the General Secretary.

PROPOSED : LUNZ
SECONDED : CLOW

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION 10/80

That this NSA table the report of the Media/Publications officer.

PROPOSED : ALBERTS
SECONDED : S CULLINAN

Carried Unanimously

Swart corrected any impression the report might give of the Dome staff being discussed by the SRC since it was Baskin suggested that the analysis which the report presented of Durban campus was incorrect.

RESOLUTION 11/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Media/Publications Officer.

Carried Nem Con (1 abstention)

RESOLUTION 12/80

That this NSA table the report of the Pietermaritzburg SRC President.

PROPOSED : RATRAY
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

Carried Unanimously

Kruger - asked what SPASEC was?

Velcìch - SPASEC similar to the Wits STS grew rapidly in 1978/79 as the schools refused to register certain pupils.

Manoim - asked what the objection of the Vice-Chancellor was to the Black Students Society.

Velcìch - he saw it as segregationary.

RESOLUTION 13/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Pietermaritzburg SRC President.

PROPOSED : D FINE
SECONDED : J JOFFE

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 14/80

That this NSA table the report of the Pietermaritzburg Projects Committee Chairperson.

PROPOSED : KENNEDY
SECONDED : J GOLDBERG

Carried Unanimously

It transpired that this report was not yet ready for presentation.

RESOLUTION 15/80

That this NSA hold over the report of the Pietermaritzburg Projects Committee Chairperson until a later session.

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : VELCICH

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION 16/80

That this NSA table the report of the Cape Town SRC President.

PROPOSED : D FINE
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION 17/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Cape Town SRC President.

PROPOSED : H RADFORD
SECONDED : LUNZ

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 18/80

That this NSA table the report of the Cape Town Projects Committees chairpersons.

PROPOSED : S CULLINAN
SECONDED : J GOLDBERG

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 19/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Cape Town Projects Committees chairpersons.

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : JOHN CLARK

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 20/80

That this NSA table the reports of the Wits SRC Presidents.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : J FINE

Carried unanimously

Boraine asked Manoim to expand on paragraph 16.1 of Clifford Goldsmith's report. Manoim considered Mr Goldsmith had possibly been over idealistic in this paragraph. Manoim also brought it to the attention of the Congress that certain members of his SRC objected to portions of his report and had circulated a document to this effect. Although this document claimed to have ten signatories it had been ascertained that at maximum eight

of these people were aware of and agreed with the contents of the document headed "amended Centre Report of New Wits SRC 79/80 to 57th NUSAS Congress".

Nevertheless Mr Manoim made certain amendments to his report while declining to make others.

J Joffe pointed out that the real instructors of this other document were not even present at Congress and that this indicated their true level of commitment to what they believed in.

A van Heerden from the Chair clarified that it was not this document which had been tabled but that of the SRC Presidents and as such debate must refer to matters in hand. If at the adoption stage someone wished to move an amendment to the reports or if at a later stage someone wished to table a report of their own they were at liberty to try and persuade Congress of this other point of view.

Note: This was never done; the only person present out of the ten signatories appearing to have withdrawn her support.

J Goldberg noted that the situation at Wits appeared to be fairly "war torn". He also suggested that excessive media usage in SRC elections had developed into group battles.

Manoim agreed that the situation was fairly tense at Wits and suggested that possible limitations on expensive group campaigns be looked into.

RESOLUTION 21/80

That this NSA adopt the reports of the Wits SRC Presidents.

PROPOSED : MORROW
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION 22/80

That this NSA table the report of the Wits Projects Committee Chairperson.

PROPOSED : JOHN CLARK
SECONDED : CLOW

Carried unanimously

J Joffe clarified that this report was for the previous year until September 1979. The report of the new Projects Chairperson, namely Liza Seftel, had been incorporated in the report of the new SRC President.

Boraine - What movies were shown?

J Joffe - Movies such as "Z" and "The Passenger".

RESOLUTION 23/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Wits Projects Committee Chairperson.

PROPOSED : SCROOBY
SECONDED : H RADFORD

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 24/80

That this NSA table the reports of the Durban SRC President.

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : D ALBERTS

Carried unanimously

Swart in presenting the report clarified certain amendments.

RESOLUTION 25/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Durban SRC President.

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : J JOFFE

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 26/80

That this NSA table the report of the Durban Projects Committee Chairperson.

PROPOSED : BASKIN
SECONDED : CLOW

Carried unanimously

Clow clarified various aspects of her report.

RESOLUTION 27/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Durban Projects Committee chairperson.

PROPOSED : RATTRAY
SECONDED : GRIESSEL

Carried unanimously

At this point the report of the Rhodes NUSAS Local Committee chairperson was about to be tabled.

Butler objected to this as he claimed that the Rhodes SRC (by which presumably he meant himself) had not as yet had an opportunity to see the report.

A van Heerden replied that copies of centre reports had been posted to all centres and that furthermore copies of reports had been available at registration. Nevertheless he suggested that Congress adjourn briefly to enable those present who had not already done so to study the report.

Congress adjourned 10H20.

Congress reconvened 10H40

Mr van Heerden in the Chair.

RESOLUTION 28/80

That this NSA table the report of the Rhodes NUSAS Local Committee chairpersons.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG
SECONDED : J FINE

Carried unanimously

In presenting the report A Hill corrected certain mistakes. Butler put forward certain objections to the report and asked why if the Congress required a report on the Rhodes SRC he was not asked to deliver this report? Some of Butler's objections were to

- a) Paragraph 8 on finance and particularly the reference to official suspension which he regarded as inaccurate (A Hill agreed to change this to read "Suspension " (because of debt))
- b) He wished it stressed that the contact with the SAIRR was undertaken only on an informal, individual basis.
- c) Paragraph 12 gave certain opinions on the SRC which Butler felt were invalid. (A Hill clarified that these were personal opinions).

J Goldberg pointed out that if the Rhodes SRC was not affiliated to NUSAS it could not be asked to report to NSA.

Hummel asked what NUSAS could do by way of financial support for the Rhodes Local Committee. He also asked what was happening with regard to the distribution of NUSAS publications on UPE Campus.

A Hill replied that donations of money were probably illegal and that NUSAS publications were prohibited on UPE Campus. She noted however that the same principles did not seem to apply to USFEW.

Harris stated that the impression that there is unfair allocation of funds by the SRC is unjust.

Weaver asked what social or political action the SRC had undertaken.

Walters asked Butler what he had done while he was a member of the SRC projects committee.

Butler claimed that he was not a member of the SRC Projects Committee at the time but rather an SRC Vice-President.

Heated dispute arose in the Rhodes delegation as to the truth of this statement.

D Alberts asked what had been done concerning the lies contained in certain USFEW publications which were harmful to NUSAS.

Butler replied that the Rhodes SRC had under its jurisdiction a press board of reference as well as itself to whom NUSAS could have objected.

Heated dispute arose in the Rhodes delegation as to the competence and objectivity of these bodies.

A van Heerden indicated from the Chair that questions should be directed through the Chair to the talk of the report and that the occasion was not suitable for an inter delegation dispute.

Closure proposed Dysell, seconded J Goldberg and accepted by the Chair.

Velcich and Weaver paid tribute to the efficient organization and dedicated spirit of the Rhodes Local Committee - applause.

RESOLUTION 29/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Rhodes NUSAS Local Committee chairpersons.

PROPOSED : S CULLINAN
SECONDED : D ALBERTS

Carried unanimously

Chair to Mr Hill

RESOLUTION 30/80

That this NSA resolve to review Resolution 2/80.

PROPOSED : D FINE
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 31/80

That this NSA ratify the minutes of the 56th NUSAS Congress subject to:-

- (a) The forced exclusion of the report of the Media Committee (Appendix H pages H10 to H15) which formed part of a Banned document.
- (b) The following corrections to Resolution 119/79 (p73, 74 of these minutes)
 - i) "...excaltong..." in the "Noting" paragraph Sect C) to read "...escalating..."
 - ii) The words "... in the field of education, medical and community services ..." in "Resolves" paragraph Sect 1 a) to be deleted.
 - iii) The words "... in the fields of education, medical and community services ..." to be inserted between the words "... in the SADF ..." and "... and to press ..." in "Resolves" paragraph section 1 c).

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : WEAVER

Carried unanimously

Hereafter the report of the National Student Editor was circulated. This report was neither tabled nor adopted as the matter was to be dealt with by SASPU Congress. Certain procedural announcements were made by Mr Gardiner concerning the collection of reports.
Congress adjourned 11H20

Congress reconvened 11H40.

Mr van Heerden in the Chair.

Mr van Heerden introduced Glen Moss as an ex office bearer of the National Union and a Wits SRC President. Mr van Heerden also mentioned that Mr Moss had spent 1976 on trial for playing an important part in the "Free Political Prisoners" campaign but had along with the other three accused been acquitted.

Mr van Heerden ended by mentioning that Mr Moss was presently engaged in completing his M.A. thesis - applause.

Mr Moss mentioned that he had last been at a NUSAS Congress 4½ years previously - a Congress which had also taken place at Durban. Mr Moss then gave a speech on "Total Strategy" - applause.

Questions were then asked from the floor by Kruger, Boraine, Weaver, Burger, Glaser, a UCT delegate, J Goldberg, Evans, Swart, Dysell and Glaser.

Mr van Heerden then thanked Mr Moss for his interesting and stimulating address - applause.

Mr Gardiner then announced that NSA would not convene immediately after lunch but that delegations would meet in separate venues at 14H30.

NSA adjourned 12H50.

NSA reconvened at 15H45.

Mr van Heerden in the Chair.

Mr van Heerden introduced Graham Watts an ex editor of Rhodeo and an ex chairperson of the Rhodes NUSAS Local Committee - applause.

Mr Watts addressed the Congress on the topic of the Alternative Press - applause.

Mr Watts answered questions from Maniom, Weaver, Kruger, J Fine, Orford, Evans and a delegate from UND.

Mr van Heerden thanked Mr Watts for his address - applause.

Delegates to the SASPU Congress then left with Mr Watts before the ordinary business of NSA continued at 16H40.

RESOLUTION 32/80

That this NSA table the report of the Milcon chairperson.

PROPOSED : KENNEDY

SECONDED : D FINE

Carried unanimously

Andrew Smail presented the report.

J Goldberg asked if the call up's of members of the committee mentioned in paragraph 3 were accidental or deliberate victimization.

Smail was of the opinion that these were incidental.

Seftel pointed out that the handling of the petition asking for the introduction of alternative service was poor on Wits Campus.

Hill asked with reference to Par L of the report what advice had been given to potential conscientious objectors.

Smail said this advice was of a legal nature.

Swart said that he had three questions concerning the report

- (a) Did recommendation 1(g) mean that the power to make NUSAS policy would be taken away from NSA?
- (b) Why was the report only now available and not for some time prior to Congress as with other reports?
- (c) How long did the chairperson envisage the committee having to continue before its work was completed?

Smail replied as follows.

- (a) NSA would not be deprived of its policy making function
- (b) The report had been typed late as the committee had originally intended to meet prior to Congress but had not been able to do so. The chairperson had thus drawn up the report on his own.
- (c) The work of the committee would probably continue indefinitely.

At this stage the general consensus of the delegates appeared to be that the report required further consideration.

RESOLUTION 33/80

That this NSA hold over the tabling of the Milcon report to a later session to be determined by the Steering committee.

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously

Hereafter Niel Muller presented the report of the Stellenbosch delegation. This report was never however formally tabled or adopted as the University of Stellenbosch did not have an official NUSAS branch. Brits asked whether any sense could be made of the political situation at Stellenbosch as on one hand the campus refused to affiliate to the ASB while on the other hand it requested the PCB to ban Wits Student and Varsity.

Muller replied that the situation at Stellenbosch was extremely confused for both the ASB and NUSAS were rejected thereby jealously guarding the independence of Stellenbosch. However, the Stellenbosch SRC was not averse to occasional interference in the business of other Congresses. D Fine asked if anything had come of the idea of a Rhodes, Stellenbosch UPE federation.

Muller replied that this idea appeared to have died.

Weaver wanted to know whether NUSAS posters were actually prohibited at Stellenbosch.

A van Niekerk said this was not legally the case but that defacto the Administration used all manner of ruses to prevent NUSAS posters actually being stuck up.

Dysell asked if it was not possible for a NUSAS Local Committee to be registered at Stellenbosch as a Society.

Muller stated that this was theoretically possible but that thus far it had not been possible to get the Society's Sub-committee of the SC to make a recommendation that there was a need for such a group.

J Fine suggested that a petition could be taken to the SC. Muller said that NUSAS lacked the kind of support at Stellenbosch to make this a viable proposition and that a Political Economy Society had been formed instead. Hummel suggested that prominent business men outside the University could be approached to support a society not under SC jurisdiction. Muller replied that this kind of finance was not available in Stellenbosch. J Goldberg suggested that since the Stellenbosch SC treasured verligte image it might be feasible to place pressure on that body by threatening to expose this facade for what it actually was. Muller said that his group would explore this suggestion. Swart asked whether pressure at an inter SRC level might help recognition. Muller replied that he thought this would be useful.

Chair to Hill.

RESOLUTION 34/80

That this NSA elect the following persons to the following committees.

GROUP A

Projects/Political Action

WITS: Max Price, Daryl Glaser, Kim Berman, Jonty Joffe, Joanne Smutran, Lisa Seftel, Donald Crowther, Gideon Frame.

UCT: Anthea Barrett, Sue Myrdal, Diane Sandler, Jeremy Goldberg, Andrew Duncan, Richard Nathan, Tennyson Lee, Jeremy Dysell, Darrol Schmidt, Juliet Addison, Andrew Boraine, Tony Weaver, Brett Myrdal.

DURBAN: Lizanne Killerby, Sheila Clow, S Russell, A Dibb, N Wyman, C Swart, J Morrison, E Meyer, A Peters, J Wishart, B Alexander, K Usdin, C Swanepoel, J de Wet.

PMB: Lello, John Gultig Eden Walsh, Hobbs, Irvine, Clarke, Gossayn.

RHODES: Pete Harris, Jeremy Ive, Lisa Blakeway, Alison Hill, Mike Kenyon, Chris Watters.

STELLENBOSCH : Bertha Alheit.

TRANSKEI: Ezra Mtshotshi

CHAIRPERSON : John Gultig

GROUP B

Social Action/Development

WITS: Keith Coleman, Pete Brits, George Stacey, Lez Lax, Anthony Zwi.

UCT: Sue Myrdal, Sandy Elsworth, Kate Phillip, Nassos Martalas, Brett Myrdal, Peter Coxon, Kathy Ackerman, Allison Rawlings, Jeremy Goldberg, Andrew Bannister, Tennyson Lee, Juliet Addison, Toby Orford, Andrew Duncan, Kate Green, Ester Ellero, Jeremy Dysell.

UND: J Baskin, S Clow, L van der Poel, J Clarke, S Dyer, S Rankin, D Biggs, A Peters, G Swanepoel, N Marks, H Arrand, B Vermaak

PMB: Collingwood, Walsh, Impey, Velchich, Bredenkamp, Veysse.

RHODES: Janet Thorpe, Carol Cragg, Devan Pillay.

UPE: Ester Waugh

STELLENBOSCH: Etienne Botha, Andre van Niekerk

TRANSKEI: Jackie

CHAIRPERSON: Alan Velchich

Education

WITS: Arthur Roberts, Max Price, Lesley Spiro, Howard Radford, Gideon Frame, Graham Radford.

UCT: Jonathan Fine, Jerome Marshall, Wayne Veitch, Pauline Jewell, Robin Tyson, Tony Weaver.

UND: Lizanne Killerby, P Denneky, M Caminsky, R Machanitz, J Morrison, J Wishert, K Usdin, A Hill.

PMB: Hummel, Kennedy, Wellington, Clarke, Gorman.

RHODES: Chris Walters, Ian Phillips

STELLENBOSCH: Neil Muller

TRANSKEI: Alex Madikizela.

CHAIRPERSON: Tony Weaver

Planning, Organization and Strategy

WITS: Jonty Joffe, Jenny Lunz, Norman Manoim.

UCT: Julian Nicol, Robyn Friedberg, Richard Goode, Ian Macun, Derrick Fine, Dave Hill.

UND: Michelle Capland, Chris Swart, Jon de Wet.

PMB: Raftery, Morrow, Ratray, Gossayn.

RHODES: Pete Morris, Andy Booyesen, Jeremy Ive, Alison Hill, Lisa Blakeway, Mike Kenyon.

STELLENBOSCH: Betha Alheit.

TRANSKEI: Abbey Mankungu.

CHAIRPERSON: Norman Manoim and Chris Swart.

SASPU

WITS: Sheldon Cohen, Ingrid Obery, Daryl Glaser, Kim Berman, Joanne Schmutran, Graham Radford, Evi Georgiades, Clive van Heerden, Steve Mosenthal, Jeremy Clark, Greg Holt, Anli Serfontein

UCT: Michelle Solomons, Gavin Evans, Vernon Matzopolous, Tom Tweedy, Guilietta Farfak, Richard Nathan, Dan Rissin, David Kohl, David Schmidt, Barbara Sudan, Kathy Everett, Pippa Rogers, Katherine Garson.

UND: Janice Noon, Pila Hausse, J Dixon, Mike Pace, C Tanner, A Dibb, N Waymon, T Bailey, A Collingwood, E Meyer, M Tomson, B Alexander P Chappel, G Frank, I Szuc.

PMB: Passmore, Ferguson, Gultig, Hobbs, Irvine, Govender, McGibbon, Grenfell, Wildsmith, Doyle, Eden.

STELLENBOSCH: Andre van Niekerk

CHAIRPERSON: Sheldon Cohen.

Women

WITS: Helen Wishart, Lisa Seftel, Anne Barrett, Carol Borghart, Raymond Ind.

UCT: Anthea Barrett, Allison Wilkes, Sally Caro, Tessa Katz, Dianne Sandler, Hela Strez, Andrea Blan, Annette Griessel, Sarah Cullinan, Andrew Boraine, Liz Fish, John Kirkpatrick.

UND: Andy Smail, S Russell, B Rucker, S Keane.

PMB: D Alberts, Lello, Macleod, Kemp, Unwin.

STELLENBOSCH: Nicoli Jean Nattrass.

TRANSKEI: Pumla Madabane.

CHAIRPERSON: F Macleod.

GROUP C

Student Services and Benefits

WITS: Jenny Lunz, Helen Wishart

UCT: Nassos Marbalas, Kate Phillip

PMB: Velchich, Scrooby.

RHODES: Andy Booyesen, Chuck Scott.

CHAIRPERSON: Andy Booyesen.

Cultural Action

WITS: Howard Radford, Wendy Cooke, Norman Manoim, Carol Borghart, Raymond Ind.

UCT: Kathy Ackerman

UND: M Caplan, P La Hausse, J Dixon, M Pace, S Dyer, N Marks
M Caminsky, H Arrand.

PMB: Collingwood, Kennedy, Wellington, Kemp, Gorman, Impey.

RHODES: Carol Cragg, Chris Butler, Melanie Cullum.

STELLENBOSCH: Nicoli Jean Natrass.

TRANSKEI: Jackie.

CHAIRPERSON: Norman Manoim.

Labour

WITS: Evi Georgiades, Pete Brits, Grahaeme Fraser, Steve Mosenthal, Avril Joffe, Keith Coleman.

UCT: Vernon Matzopolous, Richard Goode, Barbara Sodano, Annette Griessel, Allison Wilkes, Sarah Cullinan, Kate Green, Gavin Evans.

UND: S Keane, R Machanik, P Chappel, J Noon, I Szuc, C Frank, B Ricker, B Vermaak.

PMB: Alberts, Macleod, Unwin, Doyle, Wildworth.

RHODES: Janet Shapiro, Jannie Roux, John Young, Janet Thorpe, Michael Bagrain.

STELLENBOSCH: Andre van Niekerk.

TRANSKEI: Abbey Mankungu.

CHAIRPERSON: Richard Goode.

Media

WITS: Sheldon Cohen, Greg Holt, Clive van Heerden, Ingrid Obery.

UCT: Dan Rissin, David Kohl, Guilletta Farfak, Franz Kruger, Tessa Katz, Jerome Marshall, Pauline Jewell, Ian Macun, Sally Caro, Kathy Everett, Michelle Solomons, Jonathan Fine, Tom Tweedy, Hela Surez, Andrea Blan, Robin Tyson, Toby Orford, Ester Ellero, Allison Rawlings.

UND: C Tanner, J Baskin, D Biggs, A Collingwood, M Tomson.

PMB: Ferguson, Passmore, Raftery, Govender, Bredenkamp.

RHODES: Guy Berger, Devan Pillay, Vijay Mankanjee, Pat Urry, Craig Tyson.

STELLENBOSCH: Andre van Niekerk.

TRANSKEI: Pumla Madabane.

CHAIRPERSON: Franz Kruger.

Milcon

WITS: Arthur Roberts, Les Lax, Jeremy Clark, Anne Barrett.

UCT: Derrick Fine, Vayne Veitch, Robyn Friedberg, Julian Nicol, Peter Coxon, Liz Fish, John Kirkpatrick, Sandy Elsworth.

UND: Andy Smail, L van der Poel, P Dennehy.

PMB: Ratray, Morrow, Donald.

RHODES: Mike Kenyon, Ian Phillips.

STELLENBOSCH: Etienne Botha.

CHAIRPERSON: Andy Smail.

GROUP D

Alternative Employment

WITS: Pete Brits, Lesley Spiro.

UCT: Liz Fish, Allison Wilkes, Julian Nicol, Allison Rawlings, Ester Ellero, Andrew Bannister.

UND: John Clarke, S Dyer, S. Ramkin, P Chappel.

PMB: McGivon Unwin.

RHODES: Pat Urry, Devan Pillay.

STELLENBOSCH: Etienne Botha, Neil Muller.

CHAIRPERSON: Pete Brits.

Contact.

WITS: Wendy Cooke, Jeremy Clarke.

UCT: Derrick Fine, Kathy Ackerman, Kate Phillip, Michelle Solomons, Dave Hill.

UND: Michelle Caplan, M Pace.

PMB: Alberts, Hummel Macleod, Velchich.

RHODES: Chuck Scott, Shan Johnson.

STELLENBOSCH: Neil Muller.

CHAIRPERSON: Alberts.

Environmental Action

WITS: Les Lax, Greg Holt, Anne Barrett.

UCT: Toby Orford, Vernon Matzopolous, Jerome Marshall,
Pauline Jewell.

UND: Janice Noon, S Keane, Des Biggs, B Vermaak.

PMB: McGibbon.

STELLENBOSCH: Nicol. Jean Nattrass.

CHAIRPERSON: Vernon Matzopolous.

Faculty Councils

WITS: Grahame Fraser, Arthur Roberts.

UCT: Ian Macun, Gavin Evans, Nassos Martallas, Robin Tyson,
Andrew Bannister.

UND: C Tanner, R Machanik, M Tomson, G Frank.

PMB: Wellington, Gorman, Wildsmith.

RHODES: Andy Booyesen, Ian Phillips, Jannie Roux.

TRANSKEI: Abbey Munkungu.

CHAIRPERSON: Macun.

Reordence Reform and Reordence Contact

WITS: Helen Wishart, Jenny Lunz, Carol Borghart.

UCT: John Kirkpatrick

UND: B Ricker.

PMB: Ratray, Kemp, Donald.

RHODES: Carol Cragg, Chris Butler, Melanie Cullum.

CHAIRPERSON: John Kirkpatrick.

Orientation Weeks

WITS: Raymond Ind, Ingrid Obery.

UCT: Guilletta Farfork, Tessa Katz, Sally Caro, Robyn Friedberg,
Wayne Veitch, Sandy Elsworth, Richard Goode, Annette Griessel,
Kathy Everett, Tom Tweedy, Peter Coxon.

UND: P Denneky, John Clarke, N Marks, A Collingwood, H Arrand.

PMB: Ferguson, Collingwood, Raftery, Impey.

RHODES: John Young, Mike Kenyon, Janet Thorpe.

UPE: Esther Waugh.

TRANSKEI: Jackie.

CHAIRPERSON: John Clarke.

Resource Centres

WITS: Keith Coleman , Evi Gregoriades.

UCT: Dan Rissin, David Kohl, Sarah Cullinan.

UND: Andy Smail, L van der Poel, P La Hausse, M Caminsky,
I Szuc.

PMB: Doyle.

RHODES: Janet Shapiro, Craig Tyson.

STELLENBOSCH: Andre van Niekerk.

CHAIRPERSON: Sarah Cullinan

SVLTO/SVLTF

UCT: Kate Green.

UND: J Baskin.

PMB: Bredenkamp.

RHODES: Guy Berger.

CHAIRPERSON: J Baskin

Sport

WITS: Howard Radford, Sheldon Cohen, Norman Manoim.

UCT: Jonathan Fine, Hela Surez, Andrea Blan, Barbara Sudano.

UND: J Dixon, T Bailey.

PMB: Passmore, Scrooby, Morrow.

RHODES: Michael Bagram, Vijay Makanjee.

TRANSKEI: Alex Madikizela.

CHAIRPERSON: Howard Radford.

GROUP E

Finance and Structures

HEAD OFFICE: A van Heerden, J Barrett, Bill Gardiner.

WITS: Norman Manoim, Mike Collins.

UCT: Tony Weaver, Dave Hill.

PMB: Alan Velcich, Dave Scrooby.

UND: Chris Swart, John Clarke.

CHAIRPERSON: Alan Velcich.

Fundraising

HEAD OFFICE: A van Heerden, Jane Barrett, Bill Gardiner.

WITS: Norman Manoim, Mike Collins.

UCT: Tony Weaver, Dave Hill.

PMB: Alan Velcich, Dave Scrooby.

UND: Chris Swart, John Clarke.

CHAIRPERSON: Alan Velcich.

Steering

HEAD OFFICE: Bill Gardiner.

WITS: Lisa Seftel.

UCT: Franz Kruger, Dave Hill.

UND: Sheila Clow.

PMB: Rose Doyle.

CHAIRPERSON: Bill Gardiner.

Congress Organization

UND: Jon de Wet, Michel Caplan, Zane Morrison, Lizanne Killerby, Trevor Bailey.

CHAIRPERSON: Jon de Wet.

Theme Comm

HEAD OFFICE: Auret van Heerden, Jane Barrett, Bill Gardiner.

WITS: Norman Manoim, Howard Radford, Pete Brits.

UCT: Richard Goode, Ian Macun, Sarah Cullinan, Vernon Matzopolous, Tony Weaver, Franz Kruger, John Kirkpatrick.

UND: Chris Swart, Jeremy Baskin, John Clarke, Andy Smail.

PMB: Derrick Alberts, Alan Velcich, F McCleod, John Gultry.

RHODES: Andy Booyesen.

CHAIRPERSON: Auret van Heerden.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : H RADFORD

Carried Unanimously

Chair to Mr van Heerden who explained that although the executive had chosen chairpersons for the various committees, these committees were free to alter the decision of the executive.

Congress adjourned 18H30

Congress reconvened 19H20.

Mr van Heerden in the Chair.

Bill Gardiner outlined the printing and distribution procedure for committee reports.

Dave Hill outlined the role and nature of Themecomm.

Congress adjourned for the first session of B Group committees 19H30.

THURSDAY 29/11/79

Congress convened 09H15

Mr van Heerden in the Chair.

RESOLUTION 35/80

That this NSA table the Financial Statements for the National Union as at 30th April 1979 together with the account of NUSAS Income and Expenditure for the period 1st November 1978 to 31st October 1979.

PROPOSED : SCROOBY
SECONDED : LUNZ

Carried unanimously

Swart asked how much income was still to come in for the present financial year and also why NUSAS did not invest its income at a reasonable interest rate.

J Barrett said that about R3000 was still to come in.

A van Heerden from the Chair explained that NUSAS seldom had sufficient cash on hand to make it worthwhile to investigate investment at a substantial interest rate.

Brits asked what the amount of R672.50 was doing in the Income and Expenditure account against the name "SASTS Loan Account".

J Barrett advised that this naturally referred to NUSED debts.

Manoim asked if money was taking a long time to come in.

J Barrett replied in the affirmative.

J Barrett warned that about R6000 to R7000 fundraising would be necessary in 1980.

RESOLUTION 36/80

That this NSA adopt the Financial Statements of the National Union as at 30th April 1979 together with the account of NUSAS Income and Expenditure for the period 1st November 1978 to 31st October 1979.

PROPOSED : SCROOBY
SECONDED : JOHN CLARKE

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 37/80

That this NSA table the report of the SASTS Managing Director.

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN
SECONDED : D ALBERTS

Carried unanimously

Erasmus asked what happened at the SASTS ETHOS Meeting.
Laurine Platzky reported that as yet no report was forthcoming.
D Fine asked what was done with SASTS surplus income.
Platzky replied that salaries, rents and the annual seminar usually consumed all profit.
Price asked for further information on International Student Organizations.
A van Heerden said he would report on this matter at the meeting of the Contact Committee.
Platzky asked the UCT delegates to take SASTS more seriously in the new year.

RESOLUTION 38/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the SASTS Managing Director.

PROPOSED : KILLERBY
SECONDED : CLOW

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 39/80

That this NUSAS

- Noting i) That it is charged with formulating policy which will guide the actions of the National Union in the forthcoming year.
- ii) That central to formulating such policy is the adoption of an annual theme.

Believing that in formulating such a theme, the view of all NUSAS policy committees should be represented.

Therefore Resolves to establish a committee to be known as the Theme Committee with membership and terms of reference as follows:

Membership

The Committee shall be composed of

- i) The NUSAS President, ex officio
- ii) The SRC President of each affiliated centre, ex officio
- iii) The Projects Officer of each affiliated centre, ex officio
- iv) The Chairperson of the NUSAS Local Committee of each unaffiliated centre, where such committees exist, ex officio
- v) One representative from each of the NUSAS Congress committees, to be appointed by each committee

- vi) Two further members of the Congress Projects Committee to be appointed by the Projects Committee.

Terms of Reference

- i) To consider and make recommendations on the formulation of a theme which will guide the activities of National Union in the forthcoming year.
- ii) In formulating the theme decisions of all Congress committees shall be considered and incorporated wherever possible.
- iii) In formulating the theme cognisance shall be taken of the current views within the National Union.
- iv) In formulating the theme cognisance shall be taken of past and current activities of the National Union.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : VELCICH

Carried unanimously (Res 39/80 thus amended Res 34/80)

The President then handed over to Ms Jane Barrett who delivered a paper on Women - applause.
After this Mr van Heerden thanked Ms Barrett for her paper and opened the session up to questions from the floor.

Booyesen: asked whether people should not be allowed freedom of choice as to whether or not to participate in organizations such as Drummies, Royalty of Debs - hisses from certain members of UCT delegation.

J Barrett felt that that choice did not really exist as people were socialized and presurized into these activities.

Ive asked whether Ms Barrett was against the institution of the family.

J Barrett said she was against privatised, individualised nuclear families. She denied its validity as a distinct economic and social unit but felt that one man one woman relationships could be effective.

Hummel asked what alternative there was to the individual nuclear family.

J Barrett said that it was difficult to prescribe solutions but thought that collective living offered certain advantages.

John Clarke thought that delegates should be careful not to throw the family baby out with the capitalist bathwater.

Pillay raised the fact that some black consciousness supporters saw womens oppression as a secondary issue.

J Barrett responded that it was not possible to separate various types of oppression and that true liberation would be impossible if only half of society was to be liberated.

Young asked what the potential of men's groups was.

J Barrett said their potential was limited but that such groups could have a useful personal effect.

Lunz asked what non alienating ways existed of dealing with womens oppression on campus.

J Barrett said such avenues are difficult to discern as womens groups tend to be categorized. Aggressiveness was not always productive.

Weaver commented that on UCT militancy had actually played a conscientising role and had not always been alienating.

Griessel asked for comment on the autonomy of womens movements and their exclusion of men.

J Barrett felt that it was important that women carry on their own organizing but that it was important also for them not to develop complete polirical autonomy as this gives them a misdirected political diversion. She was also of the opinion that as a principle the exclusion of men is not useful but that it might be necessary on certain specific issues.

Price said that there were good reasons for excluding men in certain areas but that in general this alienated men.

After various procedural announcements Congress adjourned at 11H10 for the second session of Group B Committees.

15H20 NSA reconvened..

Mr van Heerden in the Chair.

The President announced that the Steering Committee had changed the Agenda to allow the talk on Sport to take place immediately.

Mr van Heerden then introduced Mr Paul Davids- applause.

Mr Davidsthen delivered an address on the role and development of SACOS (South African Council of Sport) - applause.

Mr Davidsthen offered to answer questions from the floor.

Boraine noted that little effort had been made to stop the Barbarian tour of the U.K. He asked whether people were confused between multi-racial and non-racial sport or whether lack of effort was involved.

Davidsfelt that lack of effort was the real cause of failure.

H Radford asked what the strength of SACOS support in South Africa was.

Davids said that SACOS had strong support except in the Orange Free State. 9 Sports Councils existed and most sports were represented.

D Fine requested elaboration on the attitude of SACOS towards the NPSL (National Professional Soccer League)

Davids replied that SACOS would not tolerate multi-national sport and acceptance of the permit system.

Gossayn asked if SACOS had made any attempt to organize boxing.

Davids stated that boxing, being governed by statutory bodies, was problematic but that here as in other sports SACOS supporters apply the moratorium on boxing for S.A.

Gultig asked whether the sporting facilities of SACOS were inferior.

Davids regretted that sometimes this was the case.

Berger asked what was a normal society and normal sport.

Davids in the course of answering this question made it clear that SACOS might have eventually to take a stance on the need for a re-distribution of wealth.

Morrow wanted to know if total integration of sport would fulfill SACOS' demands.

Dauids explained that SACOS had two objectives, the first of which was the unity of sportsmen and the second a free society.

Dave Hill asked why SACOS had associated itself with the Fattis and Monis boycott.

Dauids replied that SACOS saw sport as a part of life in general.

After the President had again thanked Mr Dauids for his address he announced that C Committees and A Committees would meet at 19H00.

Thereafter NSA broke for delegation meetings.

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.

NSA convened at 09H30.

Mr van Heerden in the Chair.

Thereafter various procedural announcements followed concerning the revised agenda and proposed soccer match at 17H00.

Thereafter a statement was read out by a UCT delegate.

STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE U.C.T. DELEGATION (3 abstentions)

In reference to the reaction of members of the UCT delegation to the question concerning the relationship between drummies, rag queens and sexism made during discussion of Jane Barrett's paper, we note that this reaction was negative, alienating and also counter-productive in raising awareness of feminist issues. This was also a manifestation of an intolerant attitude that we condemn because it is in contradiction with a progressive ideology. However, it must be stressed that this reaction is a function of frustration of feminists within NUSAS faced with the low level of awareness of feminist issues, especially disconcerting at a leadership level and in the NUSAS context. It was also a reaction of dismay at the fact that the issue raised displayed a complete lack of exposure to fundamental feminist concepts. The low level of awareness of delegates generally must be partly attributed to the fact that feminism is not sufficiently incorporated in overall NUSAS policy.

We therefore suggest that a self-critical attitude to such manifestations of intolerance be taken by opposition movements generally and the left in particular, nevertheless recognising that the frustrations originates in the limitations placed on us.

This was followed immediately by the following statement read out by Guy Berger and signed by himself, Alison Hill, Chris Watters and Pete Harris.

"A number of Rhodes delegates feel that the issue of UCT's "alienating" behaviour extends beyond the drummies incident where UCT members scorned a question by the Rhodes delegation.

We feel that UCT's behaviour extends into the B committees where, especially in Social Action and SYLTF - UCT 'heavies' dominated, interrupted, dismissed and ignored less sophisticated delegates and ended up writing a pre conceived report. This arrogant behaviour serves to reproduce the relations of dominance in society within Congress itself and as such is counter productive.

It represents ultimately an ignorance of basic principles of education and conscientisation. It reveals the belief in knowledge as banking, a belief where knowledge is lent out to passive pupils with little mutual discussion or discovery on behalf of the UCT. Weaver said the point was well taken.

Thereafter Congress adjourned at 10H00 for the first session of Group C Committees and the second session of Group A Committees.

NSA reconvened 11H30.

Mr van Heerden in the Chair.

RESOLUTION 40/80

That this NSA table the report of the Milcom National Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED : JOHN CLARKE
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously

Mr van Heerden clarified procedure at this stage explaining that criticism of and amendments to the report would now be discussed.

In presenting the report Mr Smail made certain corrections and drew attention to the following points:

- 1) Paragraph 5 under "Preliminary Remarks" should be noted
- 2) Paragraph 1(a) "Operations" referred only to lawful organizations
- 3) Paragraph 1(b) "Operations" referred only to lawful organizations
- 4) Paragraph 1(h) "Operations" refers to sympathetic legal church organizations.
- 5) Paragraph 1(h) "Operations" refers to contract with off-campus groups.
- 6) Paragraph 1(j)(iii) "Operations" Information on those who have fled is obtained only from the press while the detailed research on those who haven't fled was done by Milcom itself.
- 7) Paragraph 1(j)(vii) People were being protected not for legal but ethical reasons as they were professional people.

- 8) The sources referred to in paragraph 1(k) included churches and conscientious objectors organizations in other nations.
- 9) Paragraph 4 under "Method and Direction of Operation" - more CO's than before were fleeing the country - several hundred. The number of those who stayed in the country was also increasing - including the number of Jehovahs Witnesses.
- 10) The last sentence of paragraph 5 under "Method and Direction of Operation" was excluded as this was merely a personal opinion.

Mr Smail assured NSA he would resign before he indulged in any illegal activity.

- 11) The organisation referred to under paragraph 1 of "Contact" included MP's, Churchmen, embassies, overseas organization etc.
- 12) Paragraph 2 under "Contact". Mail is received from outside organizations but is destroyed immediately, such organizations included the S.A. Refugee Fund in the USA and ZADP in Holland.
- 13) Paragraph 2 under "Contact" - the organizations the committee received assistance from were only legal sources within the committees terms of reference.
- 14) Paragraph 3 under "Contact" - "others" meant CO's.
- 15) Mr Smail agreed to delete the section on "Security Police Harassment". He felt people were now informed of the situation and that the section had erroneously been included in a moment of anger at the manner in which the committee had been harassed despite its scrupulous attempts to maintain legality in all its dealings.
- 16) All words after "...activities at UNP" in "Problem Areas" 1 to be deleted.
- 17) "Problem Areas" 3 - the second sentence to be changed to read, "Some sub-committees have operated through Projects Committee Budgets".
- 18) "Problem Areas" 5 - the first sentence of the 4th paragraph to read, "Finally, because of the sensitive nature of its subject matter, the Committee attracts unwarranted attention from the SP and thus a certain amount of risk; although it operated within the law".
- 19) "Problem Areas" 7 - the words "firstly" and "...and secondly, for fear that one of these students might be an SP plant" to be deleted as it is an offence to encourage anyone to be a CO.
- 20) "Recommendations" 3 to be deleted - new elections will be held for Milcom.
- 21) The "Recommendations" section to be deleted from the report and to become the position paper for Milcom.

John Clarke asked when the report on the questionnaire would be available.

Smail - within a month.

Seftel asked why the Survey of mission hospitals in Kw-Zulu was undertaken.

Smail - for the committees use, not necessarily for publication. Swart mentioned that there had been a problem with committee members elected by the previous congress who had failed to carry out their functions. He advised Congress to be cautious in who they elected and suggested that National Council could review the situation periodically during the year.

Weaver supported what Swart had said and stated that people should realize that hard work was involved in being a member of a standing committee.

Berger asked if he could not be subpoenaed to give evidence.

Smail replied that this was so but that the file contained nothing illegal - namely press cuttings etc.

Smail stressed that delegates pay attention to the paragraph on "self-limitation"

J Joffe moved closure 12H10 - Accepted by Chair.

RESOLUTION 41/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Milcom National Co-ordinator

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : SCROOBY

Carried Nem Con (2 abstentions)

J Joffe asked those who had abstained to minute their objections.

J Clarke - reason for abstaining - I have not been able to study the report with sufficient depth.

W Morrow - reasons for abstaining - Adopting this report obviously means accepting all the recommendation and I do not accept entirely the recommendation to support and assist CO's. While supporting conscientious objectors on religious grounds, I reject it on political grounds unless objectors are only seeking alternative national service and not refusing altogether to do it.

Congress then turned to consideration of an article which had been published by the newspaper the Natal Mercury. The article was read out by Sarah Cullinan and thereafter passed around. The article in question purported to be a report on the address delivered by Jane Barrett on 29/11/79. The article was cursory and inaccurate and was headed by the words "Jane plainly stumped". Next to the article and enclosed with it by a thick black borderline was a picture of a bikini clad model. The general opinion of Congress was that the article with heading and picture was inappropriately frivolous and misleading. Ms Sarah Cullinan explained to NSA that the fault lay with the sub-editor and not with the reporter. The Natal Mercury management had over a period of time exhibited a desire to ridicule the Natal Womens Movement.

Manoim suggested that the matter be taken up with the Press Council. NSA took a straw vote on the suggestion to approach the sub-editor who laid out the article to address NSA on his reasons for doing so.

Against : 2
Abstaining : 1
For : The rest.

Van Heerden suggested that if the sub-editor refused to come and explain his attitude then delegates should go to the offices of the Natal Mercury and demand an explanation.
Rankin abstained on the straw vote because he did not wish to see the freedom of the press restricted.
Sarah Cullinan said it was not a question of the freedom of the press but of the freedom of women.
Brits said the freedom of the press was not being restricted, what was taking place was that a certain individual was being asked to explain his exercise of that freedom.

RESOLUTION 42/80

That this NSA

Noting the Natal Mercury article on Jane Barrett's paper to Congress on the Oppression of Women.

- And Believing (1) presentation of the article to be highly subjective and sexist
(2) that this has the effect of ridiculing the ideas put forward by Jane Barrett.

Therefore Resolves to request the editor and/or the person responsible for laying out the article to explain their actions to Congress before any further action is taken by NSA.

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Carried Nem Con (3 abstentions)

During the course of debate an analysis of the article in question was circulated by certain members of the Rhodes delegation.

RESOLUTION 43/80

That this NSA table the report of the PMB Projects committee chairperson.

PROPOSED : SEFTEL
SECONDED : LUNZ

Carried Unanimously

Doyle presented the report.

MOTION A/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the PMB Projects committee chairperson.

PROPOSED : J JOFFE
SECONDED : MANOIM

AMENDMENT A1

That after the word "...chairperson" the words striking out the reference to "Group of 10-1" and replacing them by 'Group of 10' in the body of the report be added.

PROPOSED : HUMMEL
SECONDED : MORROW

Voting on the amendment Against 18
 Abstentions 7 (including A van Heerden)
 For 8
 Amendment lost.

RESOLUTION 44/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the PMB Projects Committee chairperson.

PROPOSED : J JOFFE
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously

Hummel proposed the amendment because he felt the reference to a "Group of 10-1" was unfair.

Doyle defended the phrase as a justified and generally accepted piece of terminology.

Swart asked if Morrow felt offended by the phrase.

Morrow replied in the affirmative.

Hummel proposed that the phrase "Group of 10" would be more widely acceptable.

Weaver asked that the point of the debate be explained to non PMB students.

Scrooby explained that during the SRC elections a group of 10 right wing students had stood for election. One of these candidates had become disenchanted with the rest of the group and had withdrawn from the election.

Brits said he found the debate petty and asked a voting delegate to propose closure.

H Radford proposed closure - accepted by Chair.

Bredenkamp explained to NSA why one member of the electoral group had withdrawn.

Swart asked that the amendment be accepted for philanthropic reasons.

Hummel asked delegates to vote for the amendment so as not to hurt certain feeling.

NSA adjourned 12H50.

NSA re-convened 15H30. A van Heerden in the Chair.

Procedural announcements.

RESOLUTION 45/80

That this NSA table the report of the Social Action/Development Committee.

PROPOSED : J FINE
SECONDED : RATRAY

Carried unanimously.

MOTION B/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Social Action/Development Committee.

PROPOSED : IMPEY
SECONDED : KILLERBY

AMENDMENT B1

That the words "It is proposed that a social action committee be established on each campus" be added immediately after the heading of Section 3 of the report.

PROPOSED : DYSELL
ACCEPTED by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and is incorporated in the original motion.

AMENDMENT B2

That the words "Such information should be filed in Resource Centres on campuses where these exist. It is imperative that this information is available to the various development agencies. Where resource centres do not exist, these should be set up with the prime aim of collecting the information outlined above, possibly expanding later" be inserted in part 3 of the report after the words "All relevant research done into community projects and social problems."

PROPOSED : DYSELL
SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

Accepted by the proposer and seconder and incorporated in the original motion.

RESOLUTION 46/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Social Action Committee subject to amendments B1 and B2.

PROPOSED : IMPEY
SECONDED : KILLERBY

Carried unanimously.

During debate the following issues were raised:

Marks (who tabled the report) explained that each campus had a social action committee.

Green exhorted SRCs to establish campus resource centres.

J Barrett suggested that a critique of social work courses should be undertaken.

Goldberg suggested that Social Action committees should investigate RAG charities.

Dysell suggested that Social Action committees should collect information for Resource Centres.

Weaver urged the exercise of caution in dealing with RAG. It was contradictory to criticize RAG and work with the organisation. Such a contradiction was potentially dangerous.

RESOLUTION 47/80

That this NSA table the report of the Education Committee.

PROPOSED : IMPEY
SECONDED : D FINE

Carried Unanimously.

MOTION C/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Education Committee.

PROPOSED : LUNZ
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

AMENDMENT C1

That a Sect. III(g) be added to the report to read "Course reform tends to become an end in itself and not a means towards the end of structural change within the society as a whole. Thus demands for course reform can be early co-opted by reactionary elements within faculties and the university as a whole.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : J GOLDBERG

Accepted by proposer and seconder and becomes part of the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT C2

That point I(f) be deleted and a point 4(15) be added to read "Methods of selection, admission, affirmative action and its related problems and intermediary courses for people with different school education should be monitored and researched in the light of their potential for co-option and tendency to become a retrogressive rather than a progressive process within society."

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Accepted by proposer and seconder and becomes part of the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT C3

To add a clause III(L) to the report reading. "Continuity in both recruitment and in the ongoing application of the theme. This tended to result in campaigns being "once off" events with little or no follow-up."

PROPOSED : LUNZ
SECONDED : WEAVER

Accepted by proposer and seconder and becomes part of the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT C4

That Part II Sect (2) be continued with the words "By this we mean a study of the theory of learning (as opposed to theoretical analysis of education). In our counter courses, seminars and conferences, we should try and internalise the criticisms we have of present undemocratic and hierarchical education structures, so that we do not reproduce the relations of dominance that exist at the moment. The ^{move} should be away from formal lectures towards small discussion groups, workshops and simulation exercises that ensure greater participation of all in the education process."

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : WEAVER

Accepted by proposer and seconder and becomes part of the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT C5

To add a second paragraph to Part V of the report reading "The analysis of the role that the University plays in society which we have been developing of late leads us to conclude that change in the university and in society are inextricably linked and are in fact necessary conditions for one another. To speak of change in education is meaningless unless accompanied by a commitment to change in society and restructuring of that society. NUSAS should accept that a university which serves the interests of all the people in S.A. will only be able to exist in a society which represents these same interests. Thus our activities in the field of education should be regarded as short-term strategies designed to hasten change in society rather than ends in themselves."

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : DYSELL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 48/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Education Committee subject to amendments C1, C2, C3, C4 and C5.

PROPOSED : IMPEY
SECONDED : D FINE

Carried Nem Con (1 abstention)

During discussion the following points emerged in debate.

Manoim explained what was meant by Affirmative Action.

Basken asked whether the committee had considered how the academic boycott of S.A. Universities affected SVLTF.

Kennedy replied in the negative.

Kennedy pointed out that part III(d) is true only of some courses.

Butler asked who decides what the committees needs are and what the ideal society looked like.

Weaver said that he was unable to answer these questions as some of the possible answers would be illegal.

Butler thanked Weaver for admitting that NUSAS' real objectives were illegal.

Hill stated that, "I believe that Mr Butler has deliberately misconstrued Mr Weaver's reply to his question. As I understand it Mr Weaver's refusal to reply was based on his rejection of a web of legislation existing in this country to suppress opposing viewpoints and ensure the maintenance of the status quo. Mr Weaver did not, as Mr Butler implies, decline to answer because of any illegality in his response. Quite simply, when the possible range of answers to any question, particularly a political one, is severely restricted by a repressive regime, then the question itself becomes invalid amongst all those who genuinely oppose that regime."

Hummel asked why there was no mention of class reps in the report, stressed that 1st years must be encouraged to get involved in seeking educational change and noticed with regret that the extent of Africanization was undefined in the report.

H Radford referred to the Education Report of the previous Congress.

Velcich said Africanization aimed to make education relevant to a third world context and not to exclude international studies.

Hill said a democratic university could only come about when society had become democratic and that delegates should adopt a broad commitment and abandon ivory tower attitudes.

The President then introduced Abrie de Swart and Hennie Lampbrecht of the ASB who had just arrived.

NSA adjourned 17H05 so that these persons might meet some of the delegates.

NSA re-convened 17H20. A van Heerden in the Chair.

RESOLUTION 49/80

That this NSA

Noting

- (1) The occasion of Sheldon Cohen's 20th birthday and the historical inevitability of his election to the SASPU Presidency.
- (2) That this sibling heavy is a mere 20 years old.

Believing

- (1) That the occasion of his birthday will undoubtedly come to assume the historical and talismanic significance associated with the birthdays of such luminaries as Karl Marx, Joe Bloggs, Gerrie de Jong and John Maynard Keynes.
- (2) That he fulfills the qualities outline by the Turkish proverb - "across the river is a boy with a bottom like a peach - alas, I cannot swim.

Resolves to congratulate him (a true son of Africa) on his descent to the presidency and the occasion of his birthday.

PROPOSED : VELCICH
SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 50/80

That this NSA table the report of the Womens Committee.

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : VELCICH

Carried unanimously.

During the course of the tabling of the report H Radford's chair colapsed. This occasioned much mirth on the part of all except H Radford. Shortly afterwards the chair was handed to D Hill - that is the chairpersonship of NSA not the broken chair.

MOTION D/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Womens Committee.

PROPOSED : GRIESSEL
SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

AMENDMENT D1

The sentence "The necessity for co-ordination between campus women's groups was emphasised in relation to the continued distribution of:-" in Section (2) "Research and publications" to be deleted and replaced by the words "The necessity for co-ordination between campus women's groups and between different groups on campus concerned with researching women's issues; e.g. African Studies Institutes, Sociology Departments should be emphasised in relation to the continued distribution of:-"

PROPOSED : LUNZ
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT D2

That the words "... explore the viability of clause 5 of "Recommendations to Women's Movements and other Feminists on Campus" be deleted and be replaced by "... deal ..."

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and becomes part of the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 51/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Womens Committee subject to amendments D1 and D2.

PROPOSED : GRIESSEL
SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

Carried unanimously

Coxon asked whether the committee had considered the matter of male liberation.

Griessel said the committee had been largely concerned with womens liberation but nevertheless recognised the need for mens liberation. Hummel questioned the exclusion of men from womens groups and wondered if this was a possible sign of weakness by womens groups. Griessel said the reason for exclusion was to prevent male domination.

Green said a womens group should contain only women so that women do not have to compete with men who are experienced in leadership roles. Boraine said this procedure had parallels with the breakaway of the black consciousness movement from NUSAS.

Sarah Cullinan reported that efforts to contact the sub-editor of the Natal Mercury (See Resolution 42/80) had failed. Further phone calls would be made and if these proved unsuccessful a visit would be made to the offices of the Natal Mercury by one individual.

NSA adjourned 18H15.

NSA re-convened 19H30. A van Heerden in the Chair.

MOTION E/80

That this NSA

Noting

- (1) the detention of Dr Renfrew Christie on 23 October 1979 under section 22 of Act No 62 of 1966 (General Law Amendment Act)
- (2) that his detention was, after the maximum period of two weeks had elapsed, changed to one under the Terrorism Act

- (3) that Dr Christie was Deputy President of NUSAS and is at present, as an employee in SALDRU, a member of UCT.

Further Noting

- (1) that during the last period for which figures are available, 1st January to 30 November 1978, 360 people were detained under various security laws
- (2) that Gideon Cohen, Alan Aderem, Eric Abraham, Mary Simons, Tanya Simons, Willie Hofmeyer, Debbie Budlender, Graheme Bloch, Judy Favish, Laura Levetan, Jeremy Baskin, Fatima Meer, Jenny Curtis, David Adler, Chris Albertyn, Jack Lewis, Clive Nettleton, all students or staff at affiliated campuses, remain banned at this present moment
- (3) that these are but a few of the huge numbers of people similarly banned, detained or persecuted for their opposition to the South African system
- (4) the amount of evidence indicating that detainees have in the past been severely mistreated while in detention, in some cases leading to their death

Believing

- (1) the detention of Dr Christie therefore to be cause for serious concern for his personal safety
- (2) that these security laws provide for the protection of the injustices and exploitation on which the apartheid state is based and prevents the investigation and propagation of real alternatives
- (3) that these laws serve to suppress the search for real alternatives to the status quo
- (4) that their continued existence and application expose the current verligte moves amongst the ruling group as an attempt to advance false alternatives in order to obscure real ones, and thereby to obstruct progressive thought in South Africa.
- (5) That the traditional call of charge and release is based on an incorrect view of the laws as being neutral and that to make such a call would imply support for these very laws which bolster and protect the existing order.

Therefore Resolves

- (1) To call for his immediate and unconditional release.
- (2) Failing that to call for access to Dr Christie to be granted to his Doctor so that his state of well being can be investigated, and
- (3) To call for Dr Christie to be given access to his lawyer.

And Further Resolves

- (1) To express our solidarity with the victims of security legislation.
- (2) To express our continued opposition to a state that needs measures such as these to remain in existence.
- (3) To re-confirm our intention to continue investigating and propagating real alternatives to the status quo.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : WEAVER

AMENDMENT E1

That the word state in "further resolves" clause (2) be deleted and be replaced by the word "system".

PROPOSED : J JOFFE

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT E2

That "Resolves" clauses (2) and (3) be deleted and that clause (2) be replaced by "(2) To call for the immediate and unconditioned release of all political prisoners."

PROPOSED : SWART

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 52/80

That this NSA

Noting

- (1) the detention of Dr Renfrew Christie on 23 October 1979 under section 22 of Act No 62 of 1966 (General Law Amendment Act)
- (2) that his detention was, after the maximum period of two weeks had elapsed, changed to one under the Terrorism Act
- (3) that Dr Christie was Deputy President of NUSAS and is at present, as an employee in SALDRU, a member of UCT.

Further Noting

- (1) that during the last period for which figures are available, 1st January to 30th November 1978, 360 people were detained under various security laws

- (2) that Gideon Cohen, Alan Aderem, Eric Abraham, Mary Simons, Tanya Simons, Willie Hofmeyer, Debbie Budlender, Graheme Bloch, Judy Favish, Laura Levetan, Jeremy Baskin, Fatima Meer, Jenny Curtis, David Adler, Chris Albertyn, Jack Lewis, Clive Nettleton, all students or staff at affiliated campuses, remain banned at this present moment
- (3) that these are but a few of the huge numbers of people similarly banned, detained or persecuted for their opposition to the South African system
- (4) the amount of evidence indicating that detainees have in the past been severely mistreated while in detention, in some cases leading to their death

Believing

- (1) the detention of Dr Christie therefore to be cause for serious concern for his personal safety
- (2) that these security laws provide for the protection of the injustices and exploitation on which the apartheid state is based and prevents the investigation and propagation of real alternatives
- (3) that these laws serve to suppress the search for real alternatives to the status quo
- (4) that their continued existence and application expose the current verligte moves amongst the ruling group as an attempt to advance false alternatives in order to obscure real ones, and thereby to obstruct progressive thought in South Africa.
- (5) That the traditional call of charge or release is based on an incorrect view of the laws as being neutral and that to make such a call would imply support for those very laws which bolster and protect the existing order.

Therefore Resolves

- (1) To call for his immediate and unconditional release.
- (2) To call for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners.

And Further Resolved

- (1) To express our solidarity with the victims of security legislation.
- (2) To express our continued opposition to a system that needs measures such as these to remain in existence.
- (3) To re-confirm our intention to continue investigating and propagating real alternatives to the status quo.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : WEAVER

Carried Nem Con (5 abstentions)

Kruger - "In proposing this motion, I would like to place the detention of Dr Christie in context. There is no point in opposing it simply because he is 'a good guy', we need to work out exactly why we are voicing our opposition to it, and to do that I believe it is necessary to look at the precise role that detentions such as this play in present day S.A. The emphasis of the motion, then, is on these aspects, which are embodied in "Believing clauses 3, 4 and 5."

"What we are witnessing at the moment is what appears to be a general liberalization of the S.A. system. We see P W Botha talking to people his predecessors would not have talked to, we see the setting up of community councils, the Wiehahn and Riekert Commissions, there is a possibility that the 1936 Land Act will be repealed. A thorough analysis of these developments as was presented by Glen Moss, shows that these are mostly attempts to curtail conflict, and not to solve it, as is claimed. They represent highly sophisticated and cynical attempts to preserve the existing power relations in S.A. But it is detentions such as that of Dr Christie which provide an added perspective on total strategy. Almost invariably the people who are banned or detained are people involved in the investigation and propagation of real alternatives. These bannings and detentions show quite clearly that the search for alternatives is a dishonest one, that false situations are being put forward to hide real ones, and to entrench the very system of exploitation and injustice that is at the root of the problem."

"Secondly, the detention throws an interesting light on a number of liberal assumptions, and shows up the paucity of liberal thought. The traditional call of liberals when faced by a detention such as this, is one of 'charge and release'. This call necessarily implies that one would be satisfied were the individual to be charged. This, in turn, implies a belief in the practice of these laws, and support for them. However, this does not stand up under examination. We live in a society composed of two major groupings with directly antagonistic interests. The minority group wields economic and political power. It thus has the power to make the laws, and it does so in its own interest. The laws are not neutral, they are disguised superficially to protect the privilege of a minority".

"Our opposition, then, should not centre merely on the fact of Dr Christie's detention without trial, but on the very laws which make such a detention possible, and on the system which makes such a system necessary. Thus the only possible demand must be for unconditional release" - applause.

Weaver said delegates should not forget the many detainees whose condition did not receive the same publicity but who for many were unknown.

Orford agreed with the general tenor of the motion but disapproved of the apparent motive of using it as an excuse to attack the PFP. He also questioned how relevant it was.

Kruger replied that there would probably be no change if this motion was passed but said delegates should concentrate not on the individual but on the system.

Weaver acknowledged that the Press and PFP etc had replied promptly to Dr Christie's detention but these people had only offered the traditional "charge and release" call.

Swart asked what "laws" were being referred to in "Believing" clause 5. John Clarke agreed that the laws, the system and Dr. Christie's detention were interrelated but felt the motion as it stood was too broad and suggested that it be broken up into three parts.

Kruger said he was reluctant to adopt Mr Clarke's proposal as what he wished to stress was the interrelationship.

John Clarke claimed NUSAS was once again practicing a strategy of co-option. People were being forced to vote for the whole motion as they didn't wish to oppose the section dealing with bannings and detentions.

Brits suggested that the movers of the motion put Mr Swart's mind at ease by inserting the word "unjust" before the word laws in "Believing" clause 5.

Weaver declined to accept the suggestion as he believed the matter was already made clear by the qualificationary phrase "... bolster and protect the existing order."

Hill stated that the system and not the laws was the issue.

Muller sought clarity on the meaning of "victim of security legislation". He wished to know whether this included a perpetration of rightwing violence.

Hummel (who had to leave shortly) expressed solidarity on behalf of the Christian liberals - "I want to express on behalf of the majority of liberal Christians on affiliated campuses, full solidarity with this motion. Justice for a Christian means love distributed equally to all people. That entails equal rights and freedom to all people and thus also fair and just trials. Any liberal Christian will admit that the unjust racist structure of this country must indeed be passively resisted". - applause.

Weaver said laws must be situated within the context of the country.

Closure was moved by Alan Velcich and accepted by the Chair.

Swart said he was able to support the motion but had reservations about "Believing" clause 5 and considered "Believing" clause 4 too cynical.

Fraser asked whether detention without trial should be completely opposed or whether it should be opposed merely when used by the present government.

John Clarke posed the question of how we could know that Dr. Christie was completely innocent.

Smail stated that he supported the motion with reservations as it could be seen as supporting right-wing political prisoners.

Orford expressed reservations concerning believing clauses 3 and 4.

Kruger again stressed the interconnection of the laws and the system.

Muller minuted the support of the Stellenbosch delegation - applause.

A Hill minuted the support of Rhodes Local Committee delegation - applause.

John Clarke minuted his reasons for abstaining "while I can support the general thrust of the motion I cannot support the Resolves Clause in the sense that it does not call for charge and release. The possibility exists that some political prisoners may be held because of violent attempts to change the fundamentally unjust system, and I cannot support violence, and secondly because I cannot declare my solidarity with such people, either, which I am called upon to do."

Bredenkamp, Gossayn, Rattray and Morrow minuted their reasons for abstaining.

"While expressing our sympathy particularly to Julian Baskin here tonight, for not being able to support the motion in its entirety as we must express our support for the S.A. Law system, even if being developed by a minority government. This system being based on the adaptable principles of Roman Law, which at one time ruled the world, we believe is basically just, as well as constantly being under judicial review. We would support a call for charge and release, the just mechanism provided in most offences. We also believe the motion would be more forceful in attempting to obtain all detainees release if it omitted clause 5.

A straw vote was taken amongst those present.

Against : 0
Abstentions : 12
For : The Rest.

The President then introduced Fink Haysom who is presently in the legal profession. Prior to this Mr Haysom spent a long and distinguished career in student politics, during which he was in 1977 simultaneously NUSAS President and UCT SRC President - applause.

Mr Haysom presented a paper on "Tactics and Planning - Responding to Political Reality". - applause.

Mr van Heerden thanked Mr Haysom for his address - applause - and opened the session to the floor for discussion.

Boraine asked for Mr Haysom's opinion on recent attempts to incorporate students within the university structure.

Haysom replied that unless these incorporations led to change in the role of the university they could not be seen as progressive.

Pillay asked whether Mr Haysom saw AZAPO and AZASO

Haysom said that AZAPO had adopted the line that it was a black organisation and all workers were black, hence it was a workers organisation. This line showed an as yet underdeveloped analysis. Baskin mentioned that intellectuals were easily co-opted and asked how Mr Haysom saw his role as an attorney.

Haysom admitted that he was in a compromising position but that as an attorney he would consciously attempt to involve himself in progressive activities. He thought that it might be necessary to go through a compromising situation in order to be able to play a progressive role.

D Fine asked about the situation in which ones lifestyle contradicts what one believes.

Haysom replied that ones lifestyle was a personal question which challenged ones integrity and had to be resolved but to have a consistent lifestyle was not a substitute for progressive political involvement.

Weaver asked whether in a matter of strategy the means could ever justify the ends. Was it for instance, justifiable in order to achieve victory in the Fattis and Monis strike to allow NAFCOC to join the boycott.

Haysom said that the crucial question was on whose terms the alliance was formed and for whose benefit.

J Joffe referred Haysom back to his thoughts on the co-option of popular symbols. He asked for comment on Inkatha and Buthelezi's contact with the ANC.

Haysom replied that Inkatha obviously had popular support and an organisational base but that one must ask the question whether it stimulated internal critical debate. This did not appear to be the case and while one had to take note of Inkatha if one were adopting a critical attitude one had to assess the relationship between its rhetorical aims and its real potential.

A UCT delegate described how principles could be used as co-opted symbols.

Haysom said symbols were elements of popular culture that became co-opted and manipulated. It was the duty of NUSAS to challenge this co-option and manipulation.

Hummel asked Mr Haysom how he saw the S.A. Council of Churches within his analysis.

Haysom said this organisation tended to lack an organisational base and yet made elitist demands on behalf of others. Nevertheless it might be a useful organisation to work with in certain specific instances.

Swart asked whether as a matter of strategy lawyers ought to get together and defend only pass cases as it had been estimated that if about 5 legal practitioners spent all their time defending pass offences the system would probably collapse.

Haysom said he doubted this idea would ultimately change much and might even be a retrogressive step.

NSA adjourned 22H10

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

NSA convened 11H40.

A van Heerden in the Chair.

RESOLUTION 53/80

That this NSA table the report of the Contact Committee.

PROPOSED : GOSSAYN
SECONDED : WEAVER

Carried unanimously

MOTION F/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Contact Committee.

PROPOSED : GOSSAYN
SECONDED : WEAVER

AMENDMENT F1

That a point d) be inserted under the heading "Contact between Affiliated Campuses" to read "d) That each SRC becomes mobile installing organisations in each SRC vehicle and in each office" The idea behind this is to bring the ideology to the people.
Suggested handles:

NUSAS President : Moscow Bandit
Durban : Pope
Wits : Noddy
Cape Town : Le Wolf
PMB : Chicken Man

PROPOSED : ALBERTS

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT F2

That under the heading "Black Campuses" and after the words "... on most of these campuses." the words "where SRC's are in existence a clear distinction must be drawn between those appointed, and those elected. Contact should only be maintained with those which are elected by the student body."

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : WEAVER

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT F3

That the words "elected by" in Amendment F2 be deleted and be replaced by "representative of".

PROPOSED : MANOIM

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT F4

That the word "as possible" be deleted from clause (b) of the "Recommendations" under Rhodes.

PROPOSED : J FINE

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT F5

That a point c) be added to the section of "Contact Between Head Office and Affiliated Campuses" to read "c) Head Office should continually gauge leadership and where it is lacking on any affiliated campus attempt to rectify the situation by having more student leaders from other campuses visit that campus."

PROPOSED : BASKIN
SECONDED : WEAVER

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT F6

That after point c) under "Contact between Head Office and affiliated campuses" a point d) be added to read "d) Affiliated campuses should constantly monitor Head Office leadership, and if they (H.O.) don't toe the line, step in and act swiftly to remove the dissident."

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : DYSELL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT F7

That a Section headed "UPE" should be inserted after the section on "Rhodes" and before the section on "Black Campuses". Such as section to read:

"UPE

Attempts should be made to sound out the possibility of a NUSAS Local Committee being established at UPE"

PROPOSED : JOHN CLARKE

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 54/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Contact Committee subject to admendments F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6 and F7.

PROPOSED : GOSSAYN
SECONDED : WEAVER

Carried unanimously

In presenting the report Alberts replied to a question from the Chair that it was not envisaged at this stage that the International Vice-President should be a full-time paid position.

Recorded comment by N Manoim.

"There is a tendance on black campuses for SRC's to be shunned as "toothless" or reactionary because of the limited powers delegated to them. Hence it is necessary for us to be aware of the difference between an SRC per se and a representative."

Brits mentioned to delegates that in their passion either for verbal exactitude or for getting their names into the minutes they had managed to propose 7 amendments to a single procedural motion. In so doing they had exceeded the record of 6 amendments that a famous right wing obstructionist had managed to set up at the 54th NUSAS Congress. This was a disgraceful state of affairs that was likely to make the minutes extremely lengthy and costly to print. He exhorted "ego-trippers" to go and spend the day at the beach - applause.

The President welcomed Ms D van Guss, last years minutes secretary and Mr M Collins, the Wits SRC treasurer, both of whom had just arrived.

RESOLUTION 55/80

That this NSA table the report of the Environmental Action Committee.

PROPOSED : BIGGS
SECONDED : H RADFORD

Carried Unanimously

MOTION G/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Environmental Action Committee.

PROPOSED : BIGGS
SECONDED : RADFORD

AMENDMENT G1

That a point (7) be added to the report to read "7. The harmful effects of smoking on our health, on the environment and on society should be considered and campaigns should be launched to promote non-smoking and to promote the protection of rights for non-smokers.

PROPOSED : SEFTEL
SECONDED : H RADFORD

Closure and equalization were moved on the debate on the amendment -

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : MANOIM

The chair accepted closure and put equalization to the vote.

Equalization succeeded.

Voting on Amendment G1	- Against	1
	Abstentions	1
	For	33

The amendment was thus passed and became part of the substantive motion. The proposer and seconder of the amendment had not opposed the amendment and thus continued to propose and second the original motion. The Chair ruled that since no amendment was before the floor closure and equalization had lapsed and further amendments could be moved.

A straw vote was requested on the amendment	Against	6
	Abstentions	9
	For	The Rest

AMENDMENT G2

That an additional paragraph be added to point 3. The present point 3 becoming the second paragraph of point 3 and the new paragraph to read as follows: "An Envirac National Co-ordinator should be elected to encourage the initiation of Envirac sub-committees on campuses and co-ordinate projects on a national level, to facilitate the circulation of much needed information."

PROPOSED : NOON
SECONDED : JOHN CLARKE

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT G3

That after the end of the second introductory paragraph the following words be added: "For instance putting the environmental decay of the rural areas into a historical/political/economic perspective e.g. 1973 Land Act."

PROPOSED : BASKIN
SECONDED : RANKIN

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT G4

That a point (8) be added to the report to read "Engineering and Science Faculty councils must be urged to co-operate with each other in participating in the debate on ecological issues. They should both be encouraged to investigate the running of formal or informal courses on energy utilization and other relevant environmental issues."

PROPOSED : J FINE
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

NSA adjourned 13H50.

NSA re-convened 14H50. A van Heerden in the Chair.

Debate continued on the adoption of the Environmental Action Committee Report.

Gossayn replaced Biggs as proposer of the substantive motion and Weaver replaced Radford as the seconder.

RESOLUTION 56/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Environmental Action Committee subject to amendments G1, G2, G3 and G4.

PROPOSED : GOSSAYN
SECONDED : WEAVER

Carried unanimously

Matzopolous in tabling the report explained that "militant" in point 3 meant aggressive, high-profile activity. He also clarified that with regard to point 4 UCT was not really building an SABC radio station. Martalas suggested that the staff shall be asked not to clean the Student Union until the end of Congress.

Matzopoloussaid that on environmental issues greater mobilisation and awareness was necessary .

J Barrett suggested the appointment of a national co-ordinator.

Matzopolous referring to point 6 said that he was not very sure of his ground because no committee members were on Campus Envirac.

Clow suggested delegates should investigate their own lifestyles.

Seftel stressed the effect of smoking on society and claimed that in the 1960's very few blacks were smokers, unlike today when smoking was 'a major killer'. She also drew attention to the exploitation by tobacco companies and the fact that taxes collected from the sale of tobacco were considerable.

Rattray defended his right to smoke.

Pillay urged support for Amendment G1.

Kruger supported Seftel and thought it inconsiderate to smoke in certain circumstances.

Zwi asked for support for Amendment G1 saying that the inhalation of sidestream smoke by those surrounding a smoker was actually more harmful to them than smoking was to the smoker - applause.

J Fine was against Amendment G1 since he felt it was an infringement of his rights.

Marks felt the debate was irrelevant but supported Seftel.

H Radford said Amendment G1 only asked people to examine smoking and did not threaten anyones rights.

J Goldberg said he found Amendment G1 mystifying because NSA should be concerned with society and its inequalities and not so much with individual smokers.

Weaver was in favour of the Amendment (G1) as it didn't threaten the right of anyone to smoke.

Irvine said he had several cartons of cigarettes for sale as the refectory was closed.

J Goldberg handed in the following statement :

"I support amendment G1 to the Environmental Action report. However I would like to point out the following reservations which I have:

- 1) Medicine and more specifically health does not merely imply the alleviation of symptoms and the eradication of disease i.e. preventative, curative and community medicine should not be seen in isolation. To do so would, I feel, be extremely negative and counter productive.
- 2) Rather, medicine and health should be seen in totality i.e. medicine, sociology and the structure of society are inextricably intertwined. While the doctor will always apply his/her skills for the purpose of curing, the doctor should take an increasing role where living and improving the standard and quality of life is also a priority.
- 3) Isolating smoking and the rights of smokers and non-smokers I feel obscures and mystifies this role.
- 4) Further anti-smoking campaigns taking place in isolation, serve to compromise what I would envisage as the role of a doctor.

I feel that it is important that all of us, especially those working in the fields of health continually bear this in mind"

RESOLUTION 57/80

That this NSA table the report of the Faculty Councils Committee.

PROPOSED : SEFTEL

SECONDED : LUNZ

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 58/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Faculty Councils Committee.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : J FINE

Carried unanimously. Macun presented the report.

RESOLUTION 59/80

That this NSA table the Minority report of the Faculty Councils Committee.

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : WEAVER

Carried unanimously

MOTION H/80

That this NSA adopt the Minority Report of the Faculty Councils Committee.

PROPOSED : COLLINS
SECONDED : KENNEDY

AMENDMENT H1

That the word "adopt" be deleted from the substantive motion and be replaced by the word "note".

PROPOSED : J FINE
SECONDED : BREDEKAMP

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 60/80

That this NSA note the Minority Report of the Faculty Councils Committee.

PROPOSED : COLLINS
SECONDED : KENNEDY

Carried unanimously

Philips who presented the minority report feared that the 'NUSAS line' could cause alienation and asked whether committee reports were aimed at affiliated campuses or non-affiliated campuses. He also wondered if the majority report was not perhaps aimed only at selected faculty councils on affiliated campuses. He objected to paragraph vii of the majority report and stressed the last paragraph of the minority report. Finally he offered a general critique of the underlying assumptions of NUSAS on economic issues and collectivism.

Weaver asked what Philips meant by "the NUSAS line".

Philips said the question was difficult to answer as the "NUSAS line" was based on the personal opinion of various delegates and not on any specific "party policy".

Macleod said it was presumptuous to say that faculty councils do not allow controversy.

Weaver said that faculty councils were under SRCs which were affiliated to NUSAS and thus themselves under NUSAS. Hence it was likely that NUSAS policies would be prevalent on faculty councils.

Fraser state that Faculty councils should operate within the NUSAS structure.

D Hill clarified that Faculty Councils could adopt their own criteria and policy options. While NUSAS encouraged them to adopt NUSAS policy as expressed in the majority report Faculty Councils were not bound by NUSAS policy.

Philips said the "should" in the first line of the majority report displeased him.

Berger said the function of the report was to lay down guidelines not definite policy and for non-affiliated campuses the majority report could only be seen as a guideline.

Brits suggested that NSA "note" rather than "adopt" the minority report. He explained that this would mean that the minority report would not be NUSAS policy but neither would it be rejected. He asked a voting delegate to formally propose this amendment.

RESOLUTION 61/80

That this NSA table the report of the Orientation Committee.

PROPOSED : BIGGS
SECONDED : CAPLAN

Carried unanimously

MOTION I/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Orientation Committee.

PROPOSED : BIGGS
SECONDED : CAPLAN

AMENDMENT I1

That all words after "...NSA..." be deleted and that the words "defer the debate on the adoption of the report of the Orientation Committee."

The proposer and seconder of the original motion accepted the amendment which replaced the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 62/80

That this NSA defer the debate on the adoption of the report of the Orientation Committee to a later session of NSA.

PROPOSED : BIGGS
SECONDED : CAPLAN

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 63/80

That this NSA table the Report of the Residence Reform Committee.

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : RADFORD

Carried unanimously

MOTION J/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Residence Reform Committee.

PROPOSED : D FINE
SECONDED : H RADFORD

AMENDMENT J1

That all words after "Black Student Accommodation" in Sect d of Part A of the report be deleted and be replaced by "Black Students cannot be accommodated in residences in white areas. Accommodation for Black students at a reasonable cost is largely lacking at some campuses and totally absent at others".

PROPOSED : MANOIM

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT J2

That Recommendation 3 in Part A of the report be deleted and Recommendation 4 in Part of the report becomes Recommendation 3.

PROPOSED : SEFTEL
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT J3

That after the words "...largely ineffective" in Sect b of Part A of the report the words "..., as the university authorities and the resident constitution place all power in the hands of the warden" be added.

PROPOSED : SCROOBY
SECONDED : VELCICH

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT J4

That a Section 4 be added to the Recommendations under Part A of the report to read "4. That House Committees be encouraged to amend their constitutions in order to ensure full participation in Residence administration by students".

PROPOSED : SCROOBY
SECONDED : VELCICH

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT J5

That a part E be added to the report to read
"E. SRC - CAMPUS WORKER GROUPS.

Contact between SRC's and campus worker groups (e.g. BUWA at Wits) has been a neglected field."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Following the example of the action that the UCT SRC took concerning UCT black workers, contact with campus workers organizations should receive the attention of SRC's and that the Introductory Section of the report be ammended accordingly.

PROPOSED : SEFTEL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT J6

That all words after "... restrictions of residence life; ..." and before "The main problem ..." in the first paragraph of part A of the report be deleted and be replaced by "... with the ultimate objective of achieving less restrictive and equal regulations in both mens and womens residences".

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and becomes part of the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 64/80

That this NSA accept the report of the Residence Reform and Contact Committee subject to amendments J1, J2, J3, J4, J5 and J6.

PROPOSED : D FINE
SECONDED : H RADFORD

Carried unanimously

Pillay requested clarification on the words "suitable" and "reasonable" in Section d of Part A of the report.

Kirkpatrick who tabled the report explained that certain conditions were not "suitable" and hence this qualification was included.

Pillay claimed that Section d smacked of paternalism and asked that a voting delegate move an amendment on his behalf.

T Goldberg said that at UCT people had fairly successfully visited residences at mealtimes to talk politics. During exam periods contact was difficult and hence pamphlets were used extensively. During 1980 it was intended that after dinner "rap groups" would be formed - sometimes to talk politics.

Sarah Cullinan said sexism was apparent in residences and that there was no need for different residences for men and women.

Kirkpatrick said co-ordinators would exchange reports from different campuses.

Kahanowitz asked that on his behalf a voting delegate should move an amendment to delete the third recommendation under Part A of the report as the reference to the University of the Transkei implied recognition of the Transkei.

Thereafter NSA turned to consideration of the motion on Elijah Dladla but it was decided to delay the talking of this motion pending legal advice.

It was pointed out to delegates that when the minutes came to be printed their incessant amendments would cost NUSAS about R3.00 per line.

NSA adjourned 16H15.

NSA convened 19H00

A van Heerden in the chair.

RESOLUTION 65/80

That this NSA table the Report of the Orientation Committee.

PROPOSED : D FINE
SECONDED : GOSSAYN

Carried unanimously

MOTION K/80

That this NSA adopt the Report of the Orientation Committee.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG
SECONDED : SEFTEL

AMENDMENT K1

That the sentence reading "Therefore we reject the anti-social nature of disco-form entertainment programmes" be deleted and the words "Therefore we reject the anti-social nature that disco-form entertainment programmes could degenerate into."

PROPOSED : LUNZ
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Amendment withdrawn during debate.

RESOLUTION 66/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Orientation Committee.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Carried unanimously

John Clarke asked what was meant by "social functions". Caro who presented the report interpreted this phrase as meaning functions at which contact took place on a one to one basis. Manoim asked what campuses, other than Wits, did to publish NUSAS during Orientation week.

John Clarke said UND SRC published a special edition of Dome which included material from NUSAS head office.

Scrooby replied that PMB SRC published a 60 page orientation booklet which included 20 pages on the SRC and NUSAS.

Weaver replied that UCT SRC sent out information to each prospective student and that included in this envelope was information on NUSAS.

Young said that at Rhodes NUSAS was responsible for its own orientation Programme.

Young rejected K1 amendment as it was likely to bring about a futile debate on the merits of discos.

RESOLUTION 67/80

That this NSA table the report of the SVLTF/SVLO Committee.

PROPOSED : KENNEDY
SECONDED : DOYLE

Carried unanimously

MOTION L/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the SVLTF/SVLO Committee.

PROPOSED : BASKIN
SECONDED : CLOW

AMENDMENT L1

That a Point 9 be added to the report to read "9. That generally speaking, and particularly where there is a student majority on a SVLTF/SVLO Committee the importance of student attendance at committee meetings must be stressed, and student members should be made aware of their responsibilities."

PROPOSED : WEAVER

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 68/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the SVLTF/SVLO Committee subject to amendment L1.

PROPOSED : BASKIN
SECONDED : CLOW

Carried unanimously

Kahanowitz suggested that after NSA had adjourned representations from the various SVLTFs should gather to discuss national co-ordination.

Weaver - SVLTF is one of the administrative committees where students are in the majority. He urged student representatives to use this majority.

Kahanowitz pointed out that SVLTF funds were fairly tightly controlled and that it was not as easy to shift funds around as the report suggested.

Brits replied that to some extent the flexibility needed could be catered for by Recommendation 8.

Zwi asked that SVLTF's should keep faculty councils informed of their activities.

RESOLUTION 69/80

That this NSA table the report of the Sports Committee.

PROPOSED : SCROOBY
SECONDED : RATTRAY

Carried unanimously

MOTION M/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Sports Committee.

PROPOSED : RADFORD
SECONDED : SCROOBY

AMENDMENT M1

The in the following points the following words be deleted:

- (b) "Or SACOS"
- (c) The entire point - with necessary re-numbering
- (d) "SACOS and other"
- (f) "SACOS" and insert in its place "non-racial"
- (g) "SACOS and other"

PROPOSED : BAILEY
SECONDED : SWART

Voting on the amendment Against 24
 Abstentions 3
 For 4

A van Heerden abstained.

Bredenkamp moved closure - accepted by the chair.

RESOLUTION 70/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Sports Committee.

PROPOSED : RADFORD
SECONDED : SCROOBY

Carried Nem Con (2 abstentions)

John Clarke asked what Maritzburg Azanian Brothers was. Nupen replied that this was a non-racial Soccer club in Pietermaritzburgs soccer league. Scrooby said that normal sport was not only non-racial sport but also sport in which the following elements were not dominant.

- (a) Spectator sport
- (b) Violence in sport
- (c) Commercial backing
- (d) Sport for the benefit of a state
- (e) Chauvinism
- (f) Sexism

Bailey spoke for the amendment which he said left out SACOS to some extent and gave more opportunity of the report being implemented at UND where sports bodies had a negative attitude towards SACOS.

Kahanowitz said this might be true but that as a progressive organisation NUSAS should face this challenge rather than remove it - applause. Swart said he supported non-racial sport but felt that the situation at Durban deserved special attention and that the amendment involved not a change of policy but one of strategy.

J Joffe said that NUSAS would have to start identifying itself with non-racial sporting bodies - applause.

Statements:

Scrooby: "I would like to express my support for the publication of a dossier on sport mentioned in (h), for compared to any other major institution in society, sport finds itself in a unique situation. Although acres of commentary on sport are devoted to the formalistic arts of prediction, rumour and gossip as well as straight descriptive reporting, there is no discussion on the intitution of sport itself except to perhaps call for more money and better results. Even further some student publications have written in support of the Tripple 8 Barbarian Tour and have called for greater financial sponsorship. The Breweries and other organisations have channelled large amounts of money into University sport, in return for advertising and publicity. Therefore it is essential that sport be examined and not merely to call for a Lions team but to examine non-racial sport, competitive sport, violence in sport, the financial backing from large companies, international sport and human robots fighting for the glory of the state, the role of the media - the radio, TV and the press in sport, regimentation of youth and factors such as chauvinism and sexism and the emergence of a super star cult in sport."

J Joffe: "Various talks at Congress over the past few days have illustrated quite clearly how, with present government strategies, the lines are being very clearly drawn between those organisations which continue to present a progressive approach towards the attainment

of a true democracy in South Africa, and those organisations which have been co-opted into the existing structures of political and economic power. The time has therefore come for NUSAS to identify itself with organisations that it considers to be progressive - SACOS in the case of this debate. I recognize fully the problems this could cause at Wits and on other campuses, but it is in these problems that the challenge to student leadership lies. Student leadership does not imply some kind of acceptance of the way things are - it implies leading. We must define our goals and accept facing up to the challenge of meeting these goals - accepting all the problems and trappings that might present themselves along the way."

John Clarke: "What is at stake is strategy not principle. Just as I am sure other campuses do not wish to alienate DURBAN SRC, neither does Durban SRC wish to alienate its sports union. For these reasons I support the amendment as stated and appeal to other campuses to show sensitivity to what is at stake on Durban campus in achieving the long term aims of non-racial sport on the campus."

At this stage Mr Butler presented a statement on questions arising out of the report of the Education committee.

"Obviously a National Union will never be homogeneous in ideology. It must always consist of people who share certain goals in common, but not others. All of these people, however, agree to work towards the goals which they all accept. However, at some point in the future, their ways must part if they still differ in ideas about what constitutes a free and just society."

"Thus I request that the questions I raised yesterday be seen in this context. I differ with NUSAS in four fundamental ways:-

- 1) The critique which is currently dominant in NUSAS
- 2) I have doubts re the morality of centre affiliation
- 3) The dominant attitude to contact and participation in discussion with Afrikaans Universities
- 4) The prevailing attitude at this and previous congresses towards white opposition party politics in general and the PFP in particular."

"The latter two points are largely our differing interpretation of strategy towards social change. I believe that it is better to have people thinking PFP than Nationalist, and the PFP attempts to present some kind of alternative to people whom this union can never hope to get to. I believe that the more one disagrees with another group the more one must try and convince them of ones own viewpoint. How can one attempt to win people over if one does not wish to engage and participate in discussion and debate with them?"

"The questions that I raised yesterday were aimed at determining how far the National Union and myself and my campus could progress down the road towards social change together; furthermore to determine whether our strategies and short term goals are contradictory or not."

"If I am ever asked to attempt to convince my campus to affiliate to this organisation, I have to evaluate these problems, and I have to know what the organisations ultimate objectives are, even if these questions are largely academic at this stage, and even if NUSAS claims that it is

merely crystal ball gazing to state what one's longterm objectives are."

"I remember this or a closely related question being asked at the 56th NUSAS Congress. "What are the longterm goals of this organisation and what is the dominant conception of what constitutes a free and just society? It was not greeted by an uproar. I asked the same question at a debate between A van Heerden and I Smuts at Rhodes earlier this year. Again no uproar. Again at National Council I asked this question at great length and in great detail. At National Council my question was treated as constructive debate. Tony Weaver participated in the reply then. Afterwards I asked Auret in private if this line of question was offside for legal reasons. I was assured that this was not the case. May it be said that I had never received a satisfactory answer.

"Yesterday I asked the same question to the Congress floor, since points 1a and 113 of the Education Committee report raised the issue. I had no idea who might reply and Tony chose to answer. He stated that he could not speak for the national union and volunteered the information that he could not comment personally on the desirability of a classless society because of the prevailing legal structure."

"I believe that this is the first time I have received a straightforward answer and instead of side-stepping the issue, Tony laid his cards on the table and I must thank him for his courage."

"At this stage, I considered my question to be now rhetorical, not requiring an answer to the congress floor. I asked Tony's response to be recorded, having pursued the matter as far as I wanted to. I must, however, state that I take exception to suggestions that with malicious forethought I deliberately attempted to trap Tony or to 'misconstrue' the situation, or that I am involved in undercover activities. Accusations that I am grossly irresponsible to raise these issues are also unfair."

"I also believe that a certain degree of interference was shown when congress members applauded to a suggestion the questions like mine, which I consider to be fundamental to the liberal radical debate, be ruled out of order by the Chairman. I remind Congress that the union claims to be a forum for open debate which is tolerant of hearing all views."

"Mr Chairman I find myself in a position where I can only ask questions. I do not claim to have the answer."

"I ask that this Congress sees my actions in nothing more than the light in which they were meant, which is an attempt to resolve a sincerely felt dilemma regarding the national union and the whole Southern African situation, in which we all find ourselves."

MOTION N

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) the state policies of underdeveloping the rural areas, and thus creating a situation of extreme poverty, whereby in many rural

areas one in four children die before the age of five from malnutrition and other related diseases

- 2) NUSAS' commitment to a just society to, to an identification with the poor and oppressed and to a process of redistribution of resources

And Further Noting

- 1) that this structure of poverty and oppression can be alleviated by a redistribution of wealth
- 2) the contradiction between the lifestyle of many NUSAS supporters and these policies which we advocate

And Believing That it is our duty to set an example by actively engaging in the redistribution process and to further show our commitment to these beliefs

Therefore Resolves

- 1) to call on every student to sincerely attempt to lead a simple lifestyle
- 2) and to redistribute the wealth thus saved to the many self help programmes around us.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : BASKIN

AMENDMENT N1

That all words after "NSA" be deleted and be replaced by "Resolves to adopt as correlated policy Resolution 92/79 with the addition to the Resolves clauses of points

5. To redistribute to the many self help programmes around us.
6. And to review this policy at all future congresses."

While Brits who suggested this amendment was still appealing for a formal proposer of the amendment it was accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and became the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT N2

That all words after "NSA" be deleted and be replaced by "Noting NUSAS' commitment to a just society.

Believing that striving for simpler lifestyles only achieves relevance when placed in the context of the broader political struggle and should not be an end in itself.

Therefore Resolves to call on every student to sincerely attempt to lead a simple lifestyle.

PROPOSED : DOYLE
SECONDED : DYSELL

Closure moved by John Clarke and accepted by the Chair.

Voting on Amendment N2	Against	11	
	Abstentions	3	
	For	19	<u>Amendment N2 Carried</u>

A straw vote was taken on Amendment N2

	Against	22
	Abstentions	16
	For	80

RESOLUTION 71/80

That this NSA

Noting

NUSAS' commitment to a just society

Believing

That striving for simpler lifestyles only achieves relevance when placed in the context of the broader political struggle and should not be an end in itself

Therefore Resolves

To call on every student to sincerely attempt to lead a simple lifestyle.

PROPOSED : DOYLE
SECONDED _ DYSELL

Carried Nem Con (9 Abstentions)

In proposing the original motion Swart said that "simple lifestyles" is an issue which is brought up annually at NUSAS Congresses, yet resolutions are rarely followed in practice. All of us are guilty of this, which is in many ways the Achilles heel of NUSAS and makes our calls for a new society look a bit weak. I have made this motion deliberately vague in certain areas to avoid the clash as to what delegates see as the root of the problem. Ultimately lifestyles are an individual thing we cannot legislate about. I suggest the statement provides a helpful guideline. If people feel threatened they should abstain rather than try and justify their objections."

The following statement was distributed

The Life Style Commitment

1. I recognise that the peaceful development and perhaps the survival of the Family of Man are threatened by:-

The injustice of extremes of poverty and wealth. The excessive growth of population. The widespread pollution of natural resources. The profligate consumption of these resources by a substantial minority.

2. I therefore propose to:-

Live more simply that all of us may simply live, understanding that my greed may already be denying another's need.

Change my own lifestyle as may be necessary, before demanding that others change theirs. Give more freely that all of us may be free to give.

Accept that those who are poorer than I can teach me a style of life which offers a practical alternative to the values and assumptions of a competitive, alienated and narrowly materialistic society.

3. I pledge my active support to such political and social action and to such economic policies as tend to conserve, develop and redistribute the Earth's resources for the benefit of the whole Family of Man.

4. I intend to:

Make my decision on what to buy, how much to spend and what to do without as one who wants fair shares for all.

Resist the pressures of advertising to buy what in fact I do not need or want.

Where possible challenge wasteful packaging, built in obsolescence and bad workmanship.

Encourage the repair, renovation, re-use or recycling of materials and products as may be appropriate.

5. I shall decide (or have decided) what percentage of my net disposable income to give away for the benefit of those in need, especially in the developing continents. I shall review this decision regularly and intend to make this amount a first charge on the way I spend the money at my disposal.

As an effective sign of this intention I shall decide (or have decided) whether regularly to do without a meal and gladly to give to the hungry the money so saved.

6. I intend:-

To be generous without ostentation and hospitable without extravagance. Neither to eat nor to drink to excess, nor to consume what in my judgement depends for its production on the deprivation or the exploitation of the poor.

To make time in my life for reflection; for the deepening of my understanding of the world in which I live and of the people in it; for recreation and for the sharing of simple pleasures with others; and for sufficient sleep for good health and good temper.

In my proper concern for the whole Family of Man, not to neglect those near and dear to me or any others towards whom I have particular obligations.

7. As opportunity arises, I undertake to:-

Commend this Commitment to others and invite them to sign it. Join a 'Life Style Cell' or with others form a new one, to meet regularly for mutual support, study and action.

Alternatively invite a friend to support and advise me from time to time in the working out of this Commitment.

After the proposal speech the next speaker was Passmore who indulged in a dramatic performance of kinds. He called in sarcastic tones for the support of the original motion and called for each delegate to donate at least one item of clothing to a self-help scheme. Congress erupted into disorder as clothes and boots flew into the centre of the debating floor.

After the adoption of Resolution 71/80 John Passmore, Jane Kennedy and Sue Impey who had organised the guerilla theatre released the following statement:

"The purpose of the guerilla theatre piece was not to stress any opposition to the motion but rather the contrary. We found the motion in its original form to be a rather vague Utopian affair which lacked genuinely concrete proposals and seemed to be vague in the extreme and lacking in definition. Congress is to our knowledge dedicated to the removal of inequalities in our society. It is in this light that the guerilla piece should be viewed."

Chris Swart minuted the following statement for voting against amendment N2.

"The events of the last hour have left me surprised and somewhat shocked. Previously I had believed that my fellow student leaders were sincerely committed to worthwhile aims, and that I could therefore work with them as a co-belligerent. It seems that I was wrong and I must now re-evaluate my position."

"I think this is a sad day for NUSAS, it has underlined the common criticism that NUSAS is all talk and no action. We have heard hours of eloquent rationalizations but what it all boils down to is that this Congress is not prepared to put its money where its mouth is. I can assure my fellow delegates that it is no good pretending to lead a simple lifestyle if you are too scared to redistribute your wealth. It seems clear that further hidden motivations behind the amended motion were a combination of:

- 1) The hardline Marxist view that it is preferable to intensify suffering of the masses, raise their level of frustration and precipitate the (violent) revolution. As a Christian I believe this total disregard for the sanctity of life is totally evil.
- 2) The generalization that the "Louder people protest the more they have (to lose)."
- 3) Sheep-like voting tendencies.
- 4) Personal antagonism.

It is for these reasons that I cannot support the motion nor associate myself with its perpetrators.

Chair to D Hill.

MOTION 0/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The Natal Mercury's report on 30/11/79 on Jane Barrett's paper on women to National Congress and its juxtapositioning with a blatantly sexist photograph and caption.
- 2) The request made by the Congress to the Mercury that they send a representative to address the National Student Assembly on this matter.
- 3) The extremely unco-operative attitude of the Mercury regarding this request.
- 4) That a subsequent report in the Natal Mercury on 1/12/79 made no attempt to rectify the situation.

And Believing

- 1) That this trivial rendering of feminist principles attempts to ridicule such principles.
- 2) That since the press plays an important role in forming the opinions of its readership the continued misrepresentation of issues of feminism and sexism in this manner serves to reinforce one aspect of the oppression in our society i.e. the oppression of women.
- 3) That the way the press plays this role is irresponsible and counter-productive.

Therefore Resolves

To demand a retraction and apology in the same place and prominence for the juxtaposition of the report with a blatantly sexist photograph.

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN
SECONDED : GRIESSEL

AMENDMENT 01

That all words after "Therefore Resolves" be deleted and be replaced by:-

- "1) To exclude all reporters of the Natal Mercury from these proceedings until such time as an explanation or an apology for the abovementioned articles has been given by the newspaper, and given equal prominence to the original articles.
- 2) To ratify the attached statement to the Press.

PRESS STATEMENT

On the 1st December 1979, the 57th National Congress of NUSAS, resolved to exclude reporters of the Natal Mercury from its proceedings until an apology for, or an explanation of articles which appeared in that paper on the 30th November and 1st December 1979 was given. The first article contained a report on a paper delivered by Ms Jane Barrett to the Congress. The newspaper cynically subverted and ridiculed the serious feminist principles outlined, by, the juxtaposition of a blatantly sexist photograph with the article and the use of a sarcastic headline. The second article reported on a resolution passed by SASPU criticising the first article. It in no way rectified the position even though the paper had been called upon by NUSAS to offer either an apology or an explanation. It contained inaccurate reporting and highly subjective headlines again, and generally trivialised the issue. The Congress feels that as the press has the obligation to inform its readership accurately, this type of inaccurate and irresponsible reporting cannot be tolerated. The Congress also feels that it cannot afford to lay itself open to further misrepresentation and has thus decided not to admit reporters of the Natal Mercury until our demand for either an apology or an explanation is met."

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : DYSELL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 72/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The Natal Mercury's report on 30/11/79 on Jane Barrett's paper one women to National Congress and its juxtapositioning with a blatantly sexist photograph and caption.
- 2) The request made by the Congress to the Mercury that they send a representative to address the National Student Assembly on this matter.
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PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN
SECONDED : GRIESSEL

Carried Nem Con (3 abstentions) - with applause

A straw vote was taken on Resolution 72/80

Against	5
Abstentions	3
For	The rest

Kruger said Congress could not be accused of limiting the freedom of the press as it had been blatantly abused in this case - applause. John Clarke asked that speaking rights be given to the reporter of the Natal Mercury who was present.

Kruger opposed this suggestion as firstly the motion was not aimed at an individual reporter and secondly the reporter present had already explained that he was not entitled to speak for the Natal Mercury.

Orford dissociated himself from the resolution, as a member of the PFP, which he felt was childish and restricted freedom of the press - some applause and some disapproving hisses.

Grissel objected to the motion being called childish.
Butler said he objected to the censorship the motion proposed.
Fraser supported the motion as he felt this was the only course of action left open to NSA - applause.
Van Gass replied to Mr Butler saying the reports had contained factual errors.
Butler said that tactically this motion would do more harm than good for NUSAS.
Botha pointed out that the Natal Mercury was not being excluded unconditionally.
Griessel said that if the article had been racist there would have been an uproar, but since it was sexist, accusations of censorship were being made.
Weaver distinguished between opinion on the facts and misrepresentation of the facts - applause.
Cullinan urged support of the motion as it was important that NUSAS should show support of feminist issues.

RESOLUTION 73/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) Guilietta Farfak's efficient running of the Congress bookshop
- 2) That she is due to depart from Durban this evening

Resolves

To thank her for her enormous contribution to the success of the 57th NUSAS Congress.

PROPOSED : A VAN HEERDEN
SECONDED : WEAVER

Carried unanimously with acclaim

NSA adjourned 23H00 after procedural announcements.

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 1979.

NSA convened 11H30.

A van Heerden in the Chair.

RESOLUTION 74/80

That this NSA table the report of the Resource Centre Committee.

PROPOSED : IMPEY
SECONDED : GRIESSEL

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 75/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Resource Centre Committee.

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN
SECONDED : J GOLDBERG

Carried Unanimously

Keith Coleman presented the report.
J Barrett suggested that people should give information to the Resource Centres as was done at UCT.

RESOLUTION 76/80

That this NSA table the report of the Alternative Employment Committee.

PROPOSED : KENNEDY
SECONDED : BREDEKAMP

Carried unanimously

MOTION P1

That this NSA adopt the report of the Alternative Employment Committee.

PROPOSED : D FINE
SECONDED : DOYLE

AMENDMENT P1

That all words after "NSA" be deleted and replaced by "Note the report of the Alternative Employment committee and

- 1) Accept that 'Alternative Employment' is a flawed concept as it is based on the concern of making employment congruent with our beliefs.
- 2) Accept that all graduates should be concerned to make their employment as effective as possible, with regards to the Primary concern of promoting social change
- 3) Accept that far more discussion should revolve around
 - a) the extremely limited nature of 'AE'
 - b) the danger of calling for graduates to find 'AE' in squatter areas and committees without adequate training and discipline
 - c) the impossibility of forming isolated areas of 'AE' in a flawed society
 - d) the fact that 'AE' does not always mean progressive employment.

- 4) Accept that the above does not represent official NUSAS policy but should be used as a basis for further debate.
- 5) Mandate Head Office to reconvene this committee at the Katberg April Seminar.

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : DYSELL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and substitutes the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 77/80

That this NSA

Note the report of the Alternative Employment Committee and

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PROPOSED : D FINE
SECONDED : DOYLE

Carried unanimously

Brits in introducing the report made various minor corrections. Boraine asked for an explanation of paragraph 4(c). Brits replied that much of the education in English South African Universities was European based. John Clarke asked what was meant by 'angst'. Brits defined 'angst' as meaning an acute state of anxiety about the cause and nature of ones existence. Boraine asked NSA not to adopt the report and suggested that NSA draw up some guidelines for debate and reconvene the committee at

Katberg. He suggested a change of nomenclature from Alternative Employment to Effective Employment. He said that it was impossible to define small areas of society for AE and emphasised the linked nature of AE and the fact that not all people involved in AE. Finally he stated that we must concentrate on social change and not on compromise in ones personal life.

Pillay said the report had included all that Mr Borraine had said and urged its adoption.

Seftel supported Borraine and liked the term 'effective employment' as it was more progressive. She said NUSAS shouldn't cause 'angst' but look for effective policies and progressive ideas. She felt that AE was too co-optable and can be used by others e.g. SADF.

Weaver supported Borraine and said that it was not enough to have AE as it is not analytical enough.

Manoim said that we faced the danger of being co-opted into an established unjust system and supported Borraine's effective employment. Borraine introduced an amendment, the final form of which was reached after some negotiation.

Brits asked Mr Rankin not to read comics on the Congress floor.

He said that he agreed with many of Mr Borraine's suggestions but drew attention to the final sentence of the report. However, he said that since it was obvious that the majority of delegates disagreed with his report he saw little point in defending it, but accepted that with the end of Africanization NUSAS had reached the end of an era and that perhaps the time had come for him and that organization to part company.

John Clarke minuted the following statement:

"My support for the motion is subject to one important qualification. That when one looks behind 'effective employment' one does not lightly dismiss as 'reformist' those areas of employment which although conceivably open to be construed as buttressing the system, actually help the poor and oppressed in making their life more endurable. For example a doctor working on malnutrition and disease in a rural area may be saving lives although by doing so he may also be protracting the struggle. My position is that the suffering and oppressed must be assisted immediately in their predicament and not denied such help that it is reformist and protracts the struggle.

Manoim said that the report of the committee would have been a useful dupe some years previously but was by now out of date.

A van Heerden from the chair said NSA should, despite its amendment, thank Pete Brits and his committee for the work that had gone into the report - applause.

Brits minuted the following statement:

"While for the sake of avoiding division on the congress floor, preserving consensus and saving the valuable time of NSA, I avoided confrontation on the issue of the AE report I note with concern the abandonment by NUSAS of its philosophy of Africanization. I agree with virtually all that Mr Borraine has said and can find no fault in the amended resolution as such, I am disturbed by trends revealed in this debate."

"Africanization was developed as a philosophy in the time of the 1976/77 rebellion as a much needed response to Black consciousness philosophy and as a relocation of the white English student movement in the struggle for change."

"In 1980 NUSAS seems destined to concentrate its efforts on combatting Total Strategy. I hope that in this focus the National Union will not fall back into the trap of the late 60's and early 70's that of being a reactionary organisation which defined itself in terms of white politics. Now that vocal Black opposition has been suppressed this trap is extremely tempting but should be avoided at all costs."

"While the report of the Alternative Employment committee constitutes little more than a re-statement of previous policy I believe that this is the basis upon which we should work."

NSA adjourned 12H30.

NSA reconvened 13H40.

D Hill in the Chair.

RESOLUTION 78/80

That this NSA table the report of the Planning, Organisation and Strategy Committee.

PROPOSED : LUNZ
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Carried unanimously

MOTION Q/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Planning, Organisation and Strategy Committee.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : MANOIM

AMENDMENT Q1

That in the section under "Communications" point 1 the words "in an attempt" be deleted and be replaced by the words "if one has decided."

PROPOSED : MANOIM

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and included in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 79/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Planning, Organisation and Strategy Committee subject to Amendment Q1.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously . Swart tabled the report and made various corrections.

RESOLUTION 80/80

That this NSA table the report of the Students Benefits/Services Committee.

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN
SECONDED : H RADFORD

Carried unanimously

MOTION R/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Students Benefits/Services Committee.

PROPOSED : D FINE
SECONDED : SEFTEL

AMENDMENT R1

That in the first paragraph of the report the words " which could introduce students to the motion of alternative lifestyles, and facilitate such lifestyles be deleted" be deleted and be replaced by, "could on the one hand reunite people's lifestyles with their political beliefs and on the other hand could help bring about an awareness of our society."

PROPOSED : SEFTEL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 81/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Students Services/Benefits Committee.

PROPOSED : D FINE
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Carried unanimously

Martalos presented the reports and made various corrections.
Boraine asked what the conditions on the campuses were as regards creches.
Velcich said PMB had no creche facilities.
Sarah Cullinan said UCT had a small creche catering for ± 20 children but that finance was lacking.
Seftel said Wits SRC was trying to get a creche going but faced opposition from the Vice-Chancellor and the Administration.
John Clarke said the UND womens movement was negotiating with the Administration for the establishment of a creche.
Butler said that Rhodes faced the obstacle of the legal registration of creches.
Martalos suggested a national handbook of student benefits.
Weaver said that the trade union rights of students with should be investigated.

Mr Weaver was interrupted by a number of delegates, on a pre-arranged signal, leaving their seats and tearing up the name cards of a number of voting delegates.

After this guerilla theatre the following statement was read out:

"We feel that ostentatious name cards are indicative of the bureaucratic nature of the Congress and manifest elitism in student leaders. They serve to alienate the non-voting delegates by creating a rift between the named and the nameless faces. Furthermore they epitomise and enhance the egocentricity and dominant characteristics of certain delegates who have a false sense of their importance. Emphasis has been shifted from what people are doing to who they are. We propose that namecards be abolished and speakers introduce themselves where necessary." (Kennedy and Brits)

RESOLUTION 82/80

That this NSA table the report of the Cultural Action Committee.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG
SECONDED : GRIESSEL

Carried unanimously

MOTION S/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Cultural Action Committee.

PROPOSED : KENNEDY
SECONDED : GOSSAYN

AMENDMENT S1

That after the words "...socio-political context" in the first paragraph the following words be added, "Furthermore the actual concept of 'culture' must be examined and defined and care must be taken not to reinforce the perception of 'culture' as an external force, but rather as a manifestation of one's social environment" and that point (c) be deleted and points (d) and (e) become (c) and (d).

PROPOSED : SEFTEL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and became part of the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 83/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Cultural Action Committee subject to Amendment S1.

PROPOSED : KENNEDY
SECONDED : GOSSAYN

Carried unanimously

Kennedy presented the report and made some corrections.
H Radford explained that the function of the Wits SRC Cultural Co-ordinator as being to eliminate duplication, co-ordinate activities, involve off-campus groups and politicise.
Sarah Cullinan asked what culture was.
H Radford said the meaning of culture was hard to define.
Kennedy defined culture as art that develops one's character.

RESOLUTION 84/80

That this NSA table the report of the Labour Committee.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG
SECONDED : H RADFORD

Carried unanimously

MOTION T/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Labour Committee.

PROPOSED : J JOFFE
SECONDED : GRIESSEL

AMENDMENT T1

That in Section "(A) Orientation Weeks" the words "... creating interest in students and ..." be inserted between "...with a view to" and "channelling interests students..."

PROPOSED : H RADFORD
SECONDED : J JOFFE

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT T2

That the following be added to the report.

"Addendum to the Labour Committee Report

After due consideration the committee felt that important issues contained in the report were not sufficiently highlighted. This specifically refers to the issues raised in Section B. In view of the changing conditions in which we find ourselves, that is the development of what has become known as Total Strategy, it is essential that our programmes be a response to this specifically in the labour field. This implies a response to such developments as Wiehahn and Riekert as well as a response to developments that may not be clearly identifiable, eg. the undercutting of white workers and the promotion of a black labour aristocracy, and the implications thereof for attempts to create a free and democratic society. This would not only involve exposing of the fraudulent presentation of moves such as Wiehahn and Riekert but also contributing to the evolution of strategy by progressive groups working for change in South Africa. It is this perspective that we feel should permeate all facets of the presentation of labour issues."

PROPOSED : J JOFFE
SECONDED : DYSSELL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 85/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Labour Committee subject to amendments T1 and T2.

PROPOSED : J JOFFE
SECONDED : GRIESSEL

Carried unanimously

Richard Goode presented the report.

MOTION U/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) the formation of the Congress of South African Students earlier this year;
- 2) the detention without trial of the first President of COSAS, Ephraim Mogale, in Pietersburg three weeks ago;
- 3) the more recent detention of the Soweto Local Executive in Johannesburg on Friday 23rd November, and members of the National Executive of the organisation.

Believing

- 1) that the black students who formed COSAS as a non-racial organisation have a legitimate right to organise students and voice their opposition to structures of exploitation and oppression without harrassment;
- 2) that COSAS is a representative and progressive organisation whose principles and objectives coincide with many of those upheld by NUSAS;

Further Believing

- 1) that the South African state in its attempts to maintain a system based on inequality, exploitation and oppression has repeatedly acted against any form of organised activity which fundamentally challenges the status quo;
- 2) that "Detention without trial" is a highly repressive mechanism to ensure the continued existence of an exploitative system.

Therefore Resolves

- 1) to support and express solidarity with COSAS and the struggle of black students for independant and progressive organisation
- 2) to call for the immediate and unconditional releases of the above-mention detainees.

PROPOSED : J JOFFE
SECONDED : DYSSELL

AMENDMENT U1

That Further Believing Clause 2 be deleted.

This amendment was suggested by Nic Wellington but no formal proposer could be found and this amendment U1 lapsed.

AMENDMENT U2

That in the first Therefore resolves clause the words "...with COSAS and..." be deleted.

PROPOSED : J FINE
SECONDED : SCROOBY

AMENDMENT U3

That the word "black" in the first Therefore Resolves clause be deleted and be replaced by the word "all".

PROPOSED : ALBERTS

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

Amendment U2 was then withdrawn.

RESOLUTION 86/80

That this NSA

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PROPOSED : J JOFFE
SECONDED : DYSSELL

Carried unanimously with Acclaim

J Joffe said that in proposing the motion he wished to reiterate what he had said with regard to the 'SACOS motion' that it was time that NUSAS began to identify with groups that it considered to be progressive in the struggle for liberation in S.A. With the emergence of Total Strategy it was necessary to clearly differentiate between those organisations which have merely been co-opted into the existing relationships of political and economic power and those of whom this was not true. It was therefore necessary for us to identify ourselves with organisations like COSAS which strive for more than mere cosmetic change in S.A.

Dyssell believed that there were basic differences between black and white student organisations in that they did not share a common history. Nevertheless NUSAS and COSAS did share common ideals and principles as was illustrated by the type of issue taken up - eg. the Fattis and Monis boycott.

Schumloan said she found difficulty in supporting a motion about an organisation that she did not know much about.

J Joffe said that it was the fault of many persons present that they did not adequately monitor the black press and were therefore largely unaware of development within the broad political context in S.A.

John Clarke said he did not have enough information to support the motion - eg. a COSAS constitution.

J Joffe said people should realize that if we insisted on knowing all about organisations in S.A. before identifying with them we would define ourselves completely out of the process of change. We had to monitor the reaction and assess information before taking a decision on that basis.

Wellington said that the authorities had a right to detain people without trial provided those authorities were democratically elected.

Sarah Cullinan said the motion was pointless if COSAS was deleted.

Kruger said the motion had to be specific and therefore opposed amendment U2.

The Stellenbosch delegation minuted the following statement:

"As students we deplore the detention and harassment of our fellows committed to the struggle for a democratic and just South Africa. Accordingly we identify ourselves closely with the sentiments expressed in this motion and express our resolve to bring it to the attention of our SRC."

RESOLUTION 87/80

That this NSA table the report of the Media Committee.

PROPOSED : J FINE
SECONDED : KRUGER

Carried unanimously

MOTION V/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Media Committee.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : J FINE

AMENDMENT V1

That under point C.(a)(v) a point (vi) be included to read "(vi) An introduction to feminism." and that the first sentence of point C.(e) be deleted and replaced by "It is recommended that when compiling NUSAS publications care should be taken not to use language which is too inaccessible and 'jargonized'."

PROPOSED : SEFTEL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT V2

That in point C.(a) the word "mother" be deleted and be replaced by "parents".

PROPOSED : Sandler

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT V3

That the second sentence under point C(a) be deleted and be replaced by "One of two proposals should be considered by the NUSAS Media Officer; either the inclusion of information detailed below in SRC media, or the publication of a separate AS booklet."

Amendment suggested by J Barrett and accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion - thus incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT V4

That in the final sentence of the report the words "8 millimetre film" be deleted and be replaced by the word "video".

Amendment suggested by J Barrett and accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion - incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT V5

That the following sentence be added to point C(d) "An additional poster, advertising student services, as proposed by the student services report, be considered by the respective SRC's"

PROPOSED : LUNZ

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

Brits suggested closure to the chair as the debate was somewhat nebulous.

The Chair accepted closure.

RESOLUTION 88/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Media Committee subject to amendments V1, V2, V3, V4 and V5.

PROPOSED : KRUGER

SECONDED : J FINE

Carried unanimously

Kruger and J Fine presented the report with corrections.

J Barrett pointed out that the cost of media on the NUSAS budget was tight.

J Fine asked that Passmore sing the NUSAS song - applause.

Passmore obliged but asked that his singing not be included in the minutes.

At this stage it was announced that the ASB delegates were about to leave.

Abrie de Swart read out the following statement:

"1) On behalf of the ASB executive I want to thank the NUSAS executive (especially Jane) for the invitation (in Afrikaans) to the 57th NUSAS Congress and also Chris Swart and Jon de Wet for the reception we were given.

2) It was interesting to follow the discussions at the NSA and also to take part in the group sessions.

3) I think that this way of internal contact between NUSAS and ASB must be continued.

Once again on behalf of Hennie Lamprecht and myself I thank you for your friendliness and success with the further discussions." - applause
D Hill thanked the ASB delegates for their attendance - applause.

RESOLUTION 89/80

That this NSA air/table the minority report of the Media Committee

PROPOSED : BREDEKAMP

SECONDED : D FINE

Carried unanimously

Congress then heard a satirical possible NUSAS radio programme broadcast - applause.

D Hill thanked NUSAS radio, as well as SABC and Monty Python.

RESOLUTION 90/80

That this NSA adopt the minority report of the Media Committee.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONCED : H RADFORD

Carried unanimously with acclaim

NSA adjourned 16H20

NSA re-convened 16H35. D Hill in the Chair.

MOTION W/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) the shooting of Elijah Dladla in Durban last month for trying to escape after alledgedly stealing R1.90 worth of goods.
- 2) the frequency of incidents of police brutality of this nature in general in the everyday life of South Africans.

Believing

- 1) that it is the present South African system which denies a huge proportion of the population access to adequate wealth and thus encourages crime
- 2) that this system is propped up by rigid and ruthless state controls

Therefore Resolves

- 1) to condemn a system which encourages such brutal actions
- 2) to condemn those actions by police men and women which appear to show such scant regard for the sanctity of human life
- 3) to call for greater self control to be shown by police men and women in such circumstances.

PROPOSED : JOHN CLARKE
SECONDED : NOON

AMENDMENT W1

That the words "... R1.90 worth of..." be deleted.

PROPOSED : BREDENKAMP

No voting delegate could be found to second this amendment and hence amendment W1 lapsed.

AMENDMENT W2

That

- 1) "Of this nature" be added after "actions" in Therefore Resolves clause 1
- 2) To delete Therefore Resolves clause (3) and to replace it with "(3) To call for the abolition of all laws which empower the police to shoot people whom they suspect are, have, or are intending to commit a crime."

PROPOSED : JOHN CLARKE

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion

AMENDMENT W4

That Therefore Resolves Clause (3) be deleted.

PROPOSED : MANOIM

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion.

At this stage the Chair imposed closure and this ruling was accepted by the floor.

RESOLUTION 91/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) the shooting of Elijah Dladla in Durban last month for trying to escape after allegedly stealing R1.90 worth of goods.
- 2) the frequency of incidents of police brutality of this nature in general in the everyday life of South Africans.

Believing

- 1) that it is the present South African system which denies a huge proportion of the population access to adequate wealth and thus encourages crime.
- 2) that this system is propped up by rigid and ruthless state controls.

Therefore Resolves

- 1) to condemn a system which encourages such brutal actions
- 2) to condemn those actions by police men and women which appear to show such scant regard for the sanctity of human life.

PROPOSED : JOHN CLARKE

SECONDED : NOON

Carried Nem Con (9 abstentions) with acclaim

John Clarke warned of the legal restrictions in debating the motion and explained the circumstances which left 7 children orphans - despite this Checkers had refused to help out. He drew attention to the frequency of police brutality and said the whole S.A. system was at fault and that it used police to further its aims.

Fraser said he agreed on the need for awareness of the content of the motion but since for legal reasons the motion had been watered down people should vote against it as it could not deal with the situation adequately. He suggested that the motion be withdrawn and replaced by another on the violence of the entire system and the trigger-happy nature of our society.

Passmore said the police were a case in point and that the motion should be deleted as it brought out the issue of the violence in society.

Bredenkamp suggested that the reference to R1.90 be deleted as it was in poor taste to suggest this was the value of a life. Killing for any reason was deplorable.

Fraser said the police had the power to shoot those escaping arrest without warning.

Caro suggested noting clause 1 should be deleted as people were not sure of the facts.

Clarke proposed amendment W2.

Kahanowitz suggested the repeal of W2 as John Clarke would want to protect private property.

Boraine urged support for the motion.

J Joffe read out a statement signed by Doyle, H Radford, Seftel, Lunz and Collins.

"Statement on motion on Elijah Dladla

We would like to minute our reasons for abstaining on the abovementioned motion. Although agreeing with the sentiments of this motion we feel that we cannot actually support the motion for two reasons. Firstly, we feel that the resolutions expressed in this motion are not consistent with previous motions adopted at this Congress. Secondly we feel that the general thrust of this motion has not been broadened to adequately situate it within violence in an increasingly repressive society. We feel that the educative value of this issue has therefore not been fully realised and, although sympathizing fully with those involved, feel that NUSAS should raise issues so that they more adequately challenge the fundamental inequalities in S.A. society.

NSA adjourned 18H30.

NSA re-convened 19H20. A van Heerden in the Chair.

MOTION X/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) the awareness amongst "enlightened" white students of their emergence from a comparatively luxurious and privileged home environment within which they have, wittingly or unwittingly, exploited cheap black labour, especially domestic labour in a direct or indirect manner
- 2) that this socialization process has, in varying degrees led to

a dependency attitude being nurtured and enforced amongst the majority of white students to a very far-reaching and fundamental extent.

- 3) the acceptance by the majority of delegates at this NUSAS Congress of the needs for a complete re-evaluation of our society and the pursuit of a more democratic and equalitarian social system free from all forms of domination and exploitation of Man by Man
- 4) that the issue raised hereunder does not detract from these broader areas

And Further Noting

- 1) the deplorable behaviour of most of these "enlightened" students during this 57th Congress as regards their consideration and respect for the needs of others, notably the exploited black workers on this Natal University campus
- 2) that this behaviour took the form of the students:
 - (i) leaving the student pub in a filthy state every evening
 - (ii) expecting the black workers in the canteen and dining hall to "pick up" after them by leaving their trays on their table and failing to clean any accidental mess they made
 - (iii) getting rid of waste products such as empty cigarette packets etcetera by unconsciously dropping them wherever the student happened to be at that particular time.

And Believing

- 1) that this type of anarchistic and socially irresponsible behaviour casts a serious shadow over the depth of sincerity these theoretically enlightened students have as regards their identification with the black worker's struggle to rise from their exploited position in South African society, particularly the campus worker's immediate struggle against exploitative working conditions on the various South African campuses.
- 2) that these petty manifestations of student inconsideration and lack of self-discipline are unnecessary and relatively easy to eradicate.

And Further Believing

that the apparent belief amongst "enlightened" students that they should become socially responsible only once a new social system has been introduced is dangerous, short-sighted and hypocritical

Therefore Resolves

to call upon all those students guilty of this type of behaviour to seriously question themselves as far as this shortcoming is concerned, and to try and inject greater self-discipline into their lifestyles if they want to sincerely identify with progressive thought and play a constructive role in the drive towards freedom and equality in this country.

And Further Resolves

to request that a Cleaning Committee be set up to organize students for the purpose of cleaning up our own mess and not leaving it to others.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : GOSSAYN

AMENDMENT X1

That the words "white" and "black" in the first "Noting" clause and the word "black" in the first "And Believing" clause be deleted.

PROPOSED : WEAVER

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion.

AMENDMENT X2

That the word "anarchistic" be deleted in the first "And Believing" clause and the word "nihilistic" replace it.

Amendment suggested by Brits and Van Gass and accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT X3

That the words "those" and "guilty of this type of behaviour" be deleted in the "Therefore Resolves" clause.

PROPOSED : DYSSELL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion.

AMENDMENT X4

That all words after "And Further Resolves" be deleted and replaced by "to call upon every student to take personal responsibility for his/her mess."

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

The Chair imposed closure at this point.

RESOLUTION 92/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) the awareness amongst "enlightened" students of their emergence from a comparatively luxurious and privileged home environment within which they have, wittingly or unwittingly, exploited cheap labour, especially domestic labour, in a direct or indirect manner

- 2) that this socialization process has, in varying degrees led to a dependency attitude being nurtured and enforced amongst the majority of white students to a very far-reaching and fundamental extent.
- 3) the acceptance by the majority of delegates at this NUSAS Congress of the need for a complete re-evaluation of our society and the pursuit of a more democratic and equalitarian social system free from all forms of domination and exploitation of Man by Man
- 4) that the issue raised hereunder does not detract from these broader areas

And Further Noting

- 1) the deplorable behaviour of most of these "enlightened" students during this 57th Congress as regards their consideration and respect for the needs of others, notably the exploited black workers on this Natal University campus
- 2) that this behaviour took the form of the students:
 - i) leaving the student pub in a filthy state every evening
 - ii) expecting the black workers in the canteen and dining hall to "pick up" after them by leaving their trays on their table and failing to clean any accidental mess they made
 - iii) getting rid of waste products such as empty cigarette packets etcetera by unconsciously dropping them wherever the student happened to be at that particular time.

And Believing

- 1) that this type of nihilistic and socially irresponsible behaviour casts a serious shadow over the depth of sincerity these theoretically enlightened students have as regards their identification with the worker's struggle to rise from their exploited position in South African society, particularly the campus worker's immediate struggle against exploitative working conditions on the various South African campuses.
- 2) that these petty manifestations of student inconsideration and lack of self-discipline are unnecessary and relatively easy to eradicate.

And Further Believing

that the apparent belief amongst "enlightened" students that they should become socially responsible only once a new social system has been introduced is dangerous, short-sighted and hypocritical

Therefore Resolves

to call upon all students to seriously question themselves as far as this shortcoming is concerned, and to try and inject greater self-discipline into their life-styles if they want to sincerely identify with progressive thought and play a constructive role in the drive towards freedom and equality in this country.

And Further Resolves

to call upon every student to take personal responsibility for his/her mess.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : GOSSAYN

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Pillay expressed opposition to the "dope culture" that seemed to be going round the leftist.
Weaver suggested that "white" and "black" be dropped as someones skin colour didn't absolve him from littering.
Pillay suggested that the use of the words in the motion was valid as NUSAS was predominantly white.
Brits suggested that the word "anarchistic" had been wrongly used.
A UCT delegate said the motion appealed to personal activity and that a cleaning committee would not work - applause.
Sarah Cullinan suggested that Amendment X4 would cater for personal responsibility.
John Clarke said that some workers were upset about the behaviour in residences.
Swart supported the motion and noted that UND students had done most of the cleaning.
Gossayn supported the motion saying we must practice what we preach.

RESOLUTION 93/80

That this NSA table the report of the Military Service Committee.

PROPOSED : CLOW
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously

MOTION Y/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Military Service Committee.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : GOSSAYN

AMENDMENT Y1

That everything after and including the heading "Alternative Recommendations" be deleted.

PROPOSED : J JOFFE

Amendment accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion.

Chair to D Hill.

AMENDMENT Y2

That a recommendation D be added to the report to read

"D. That Milcom report and be responsible to National Council and where this is not convenient to the executives."

PROPOSED : A VAN HEERDEN

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT Y3

That Recommendation A3 be deleted and that the following recommendations be renumbered accordingly.

PROPOSED : A VAN HEERDEN

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion.

AMENDMENT Y4

That the word "essential" in the final paragraph under "Direction and Strategy" be deleted and be replaced by "of course a sine qua non."

PROPOSED : WEAVER

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

Kahanowitz suggested closure which was imposed by the Chair.

RESOLUTION 94/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Military Services Committee subject to amendments Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : GOSSAYN

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Smail presented the report and said that the purpose of Milcom was that of general education and not only dealing with CO's. J Joffe said a split was present on the committee between those who favoured an educative role combatting youth preparedness and those who wished to explore the issue of alternative national service. Hence the proposed dropping the alternative report. A van Heerden said alternative forms of military service were also co-optable and could be seen as supporting the system. Thus we had to develop a more sophisticated attitude and see military service as a political act rather than a personal one. In the light of this he proposed two amendments. Smail said that the UCT group had failed to do the research allotted to it at the 1978 Congress. Gossayn urged support for the motion and quoted some of the writings of Alan Paton (isolated hisses) to the effect that we should do national

services to liberate ourselves and to avoid being liberated by Russians or Cubans. He said the SADF was looking for advice on the matter of alternative national service.

J Joffe said that most COs undertook their course of action on political rather than moral or religious ground. (most = 57%)

MOTION Z/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) the arrest and detention of Christian Selective Conscientious Objector, Peter Moll;
- 2) that Peter has been charged with failing to report for military Service under section 126A(2)(b) in terms of which he may be sentenced to two years imprisonment or to a fine of R2000 or to both such fine and imprisonment;
- 3) that conscientious objectors charged under this section may be convicted repeatedly as long as they maintain their objections or until they are 65 years old; and
- 4) that Peter has consistently indicated his willingness to perform alternative forms of national service.

Further noting

- 1) that no relief is provided for conscientious objectors who refuse to serve in the SADF;
- 2) that, instead, severe penalties are imposed on these objectors;
- 3) that the only 'crime' of these conscientious objectors is a sincere and genuine belief, which demands that they refuse to serve in the military;
- 4) that the number of conscientious objectors has increased steadily over the past few years; and

Believing

that by failing to provide for conscientious objectors the Nationalist Government is responsible for nothing less than the persecution of young men for their beliefs

Therefore Resolves

- 1) to condemn the government's continued persecution of conscientious objectors;
- 2) to demand the immediate and unconditional release of Peter Moll and all other conscientious objectors;
- 3) to call on the government to introduce alternative forms of national service of equal severity to military service whereby conscientious objectors can render service to the poor and oppressed people of South Africa in such a way as to promote the struggle for freedom and justice.

PROPOSED : SWART

SECONDED : D FINE

The Chairman put it to a snap vote that an open letter from Peter Moll should be allowed to be distributed and that Richard Steele should be allowed to address the Congress on the background to the motion - vote carried.

Prior to debate Andy Smail read out Sect. 121 c of the Defence Act of 1957.

AMENDMENT Z1

That the words "Nationalist Government" in the "Believing" clause be deleted and be replaced by "the powers that be".

Devan Pillay suggested the amendment but no formal proposer could be found and the amendment thus lapsed.

AMENDMENT Z2

That all words after "... equal severity to military service..." in the third "Therefore Resolves" clause be deleted.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

The proposer did not accept the amendment. Thereupon the seconder withdrew and was replaced by John Clarke.

Voting on the amendment (Z2)	Against	3	
	Abstention	2	
	For	25	<u>Amendment Z2 carried</u>

Amendment Z2 thus became the substantive motion, but the proposer and seconder of the original motion indicated their willingness to continue in that role.

RESOLUTION 95/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) the arrest and detention of Christian Selective Conscientious Objector, Peter Moll;
- 2) that Peter has been charged with failing to report for military service under section 126A(2)(b) in terms of which he may be sentenced to two years imprisonment or to a fine of R2 000 or to both such fine and imprisonment;
- 3) that conscientious objectors charged under this section may be convicted repeatedly as long as they maintain their objections or until they are 65 years old; and
- 4) that Peter has consistently indicated his willingness to perform alternative forms of national service.

Further Noting

- 1) that no relief is provided for conscientious objectors who refuse to serve in the SADF;

- 2) that, instead, severe penalties are imposed on these objectors;
- 3) that the only 'crime' of these conscientious objectors is a sincere and genuine belief, which demands that they refuse to serve in the military;
- 4) that the number of conscientious objectors has increased steadily over the past few years; and

Believing

that by failing to provide for conscientious objectors the Nationalist Government is responsible for nothing less than the persecution of young men for their beliefs.

Therefore Resolves

- 1) to condemn the government's continued persecution of conscientious objectors;
- 2) to demand the immediate and unconditional release of Peter Moll and all other conscientious objectors;
- 3) to call on the government to introduce alternative forms of national service of equal severity to military service.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : JOHN CLARKE

Carried unanimously with acclaim

A straw vote was called for on Resolution 95/80.

Against	1
Abstentions	1
For	The rest.

Swart urged support for the motion and solidarity with Moll and noted Moll's courage.

Kruger and Boraine proposed an amendment.

Swart said that he sympathised with this amendment to a certain extent but considered that it emasculated the motion, nevertheless he would continue to propose the motion.

Kruger said that it was unlikely and even contradictory to suggest that the government would suggest alternative forms of service which would aid freedom and justice.

J Goldberg made valiant and heroic but unsuccessful attempts to reconcile the two points of view.

The following statement was read out by Boraine and supported by Kruger, Sarah Cullinan, J Goldberg, Weaver, Manoim, J Joffe, Seftel, Kennedy, Dyspell, Scrooby, Alberts, Impey, Doyle, Philips, Baskin, Biggs, A van Heerden, D Hill, Velcich, H Radford and later also Griessel who was not present during the debate.

"Conscientious objectors should be seen in political terms rather than as a question of moral choice. I personally have severe doubts that any form of alternative national service provided by the ruling class can ever hope to promote the struggle for freedom and justice. In this country all those calling for alternative national service should thus be critically aware of the dangers involved in this type of call.

MOTION AA/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The amalgamation of SAB and ICB, and the formation of a new company to take over the wine interests of K.W.V.
- 2) The fact that despite assurances to the contrary, the price of beer has already started rising.

And Believing

That with the rising prices of beer many beer drinkers will turn to more harmful spiritous liquor products, which will increase the propensity towards alcoholism in our society, already running at incredible proportions compared to other countries.

And Further Believing That

- 1) In line with our opposition to rampant capitalism, we should oppose such monopolistic practices
- 2) Such opposition would show our true worth in our stated desire to rid South Africa of oppression, exploitation and suffering.

Therefore Resolves

- 1) To boycott all SAB and KWV products
- 2) To contribute the money we would have paid on such products at this congress towards Fighting Alcoholism via SAWCAD.

PROPOSED : JOHN CLARKE

SECONDED : SWART

John Clarke asked that the motion be held over to a later session as he wished to redraft it but on a snap vote this suggestion was rejected by NSA.

Against	22
Abstentions	4
For	4

Swart then withdrew his seconding of the motion in order that John Clarke could have more time to prepare the motion.

He asked why people were against this idea.

Weaver said people wished to get the motion out of the way.

Amidst some mirth J Goldberg offered to replace Swart as seconder of the motion.

John Clarke then withdrew as proposer of the motion.

Scrooby however offered to replace John Clarke as proposer of the motion.

Kahanowitz then urged NSA to review its decision to debate the matter now.

In order to avoid the moving of a motion of review on the decision to table the motion now J goldberg withdrew his seconding of the motion. As now new seconder could be found the motion lapsed but the Chair ruled that since the merits of the motion had not been debated it would be possible to re-introduce this or a similar motion at a later date.

NSA adjourned 20H55

MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER 1979

NSA convened 10H20.

Alan Velcich in the Chair.

RESOLUTION 96/80

That this NSA table the report of the Projects Committee and the addendum to the report.

PROPOSED : KENNEDY
SECONDED ; MANOIM

Carried unanimously

MOTION AB/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Projects Committee and adopt also Addendum 1 and note Addendum 2.

PROPOSED : DYSSELL
SECONDED : J GOLDBERG

AMENDMENT AB1

That the following words be added to the report under

- "I. Planned Programme for 1980"
- (i) After "a. Opposition Groups" add (Opposition/Co-option)"
 - (ii) After "- civic action programmes" under "c. Military" add "- militarization on the march"
 - (iii) After "- the Urban Foundation" under "d. Private Sector" add "- the penny drops smooth side up"
 - (iv) After "- civil defence" under "e. Women" add "- resettling the contradictions"
 - (v) After "- registration of scientists" under "f. Education" add "- put some left right left into your degree."
 - (vi) After "- charity" under "g. Community" add "- total strategy for total control."
 - (vii) After "- response of the Afrikaans press" under "h. Media" add "- the thinker of history pages too quickly, the Liberal press is left behind."
 - (viii) After "- sporting groups" under "i. International Dimension" add "- oppression/gift-wrapped."

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

Kahanovitz advised Congress on the inadvisability of slogans.

AMENDMENT AB2

That all words added in the report by amendment AB1 be deleted.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion.

AMENDMENT AB3

That under "I Planned Programme for 1980" under "e. Women" after "civil defence" the following words be added "- women as a reserve army of labour, their changing role in times of male mobilization."

PROPOSED : WEAVER

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT AB4

That under "II Mobilization" under "2. Media and Advertising" the words "and emotional" in point "i)" be deleted.

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion. The amendment was suggested by Kate Philips and adopted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion.

AMENDMENT AB5

That under "II Mobilization" under "1. Mass Meetings" the words "emotional awareness" be deleted and be replaced by the word "emotionalism".

PROPOSED : WEAVER

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

Boraine moved closure - this was accepted by the Chair.

RESOLUTION 97/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Projects Committee subject to Amendments AB3, AB4 and AB5.

PROPOSED : DYSSELL
SECONDED : J GOLDBERG

Carried unanimously

The Group of Five, Irvine, Doyle, J Goldberg, Seftel and Dyssell presented the report and made some corrections. Irvine said gimmicks should not be used for their own sake but to make people think. Seftel pointed out that the report was a set of guidelines and suggestions. Zwi presented the second addendum and explained its contents. He urged awareness of and a critical examination of the issues so as to avoid joining the total strategy of the system.

Dysell emphasised the conclusion to the main section of the report and urged support for the idea of a full-time National Projects Officer.

NSA adjourned 11H10.

NSA re-convened 15H40.

A van Heerden in the Chair.

However, NSA could not proceed until a quorum had gathered at 15H50.

RESOLUTION 98/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) that the oppression of women extends into the realms of culture, economics and politics.
- 2) that this oppression affects women differentially - with working class women experiencing the greatest degree of oppression.
- 3) NUSAS's commitment to eradicating all forms of oppression to achieve a free and just society.

Believing

- 1) the liberation of women to be intrinsic to a free and just society.
- 2) that such liberation needs to proceed as part and parcel of an overall liberation strategy.
- 3) that despite their privileged position in society students have a crucial role to play in affording women's liberation prominence.
- 4) that students within NUSAS should take cognizance of women's oppression at the economic and political levels.
- 5) that students within NUSAS are in a position to deal with the immediate cultural manifestations of women's oppression - particularly as they manifest themselves within our universities.
- 6) the most obvious examples of these cultural manifestations in our universities to be:
 - a) beauty competitions in the form of Rag queens, Champagne queens, "Miss Freshette" etc.
 - b) a variety of first year sexist initiation practices.
 - c) differential residence rules for men and women.

- d) the use of women as sex objects in practices such as drum majorettes and debutants.
 - e) the competitive and male dominated nature of student government, which has a negative overall effect on the student movement and the womens movement in particular.
- 7) Points 6 a) to e) above to be characteristic of relationships between men and women where women subjugate their needs, interests and sexuality to those of men who take on a socially dominant role.

Therefore Resolves

- 1) To call upon NUSAS to promote awareness of the danger of sex roles being perpetuated - interpersonal relationships.
- 2) To entirely incorporate womens issues and feminist principles in all its activities and to ensure that this is done in a concrete and uncompromising manner, and furthermore to ensure that the recommendations put forward by the Women's Committee be carried out.
- 3) to recommend that SRC's take policy on institutionalised forms of sexism on NUSAS campuses - pledging their support of the ultimate eradication of these practices through effective educative campaigns.
- 4) together with womens movements to level the social and political development of women within student government with the view to eradicating the traditional allocation of leadership positions into typically male and typically female roles.

PROPOSED : GRESSEL
SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

Carried Nem Con (5 abstentions)

Weaver suggested that the motion become correlated policy but this suggestion was not taken up.

Greene said that the competitive nature of student politics is caused by our social environment which has a negative effect.

Sarah Cullinan said female "debs" were used in a sexist manner on all campuses.

Dennehy said male "debs" were also chosen on looks.

Weaver said that Rag and debs particularly were full of sexist ramifications but that other feminist issues were of equal importance.

Sarah Cullinan stressed that although we mustn't only be concerned with campus issues this motion called on people in NUSAS to change their actions.

Griessel said that many at the Congress opposed feminism and that these people should vote as they actually believed.

Weaver called for a straw vote and asked that voting delegates who abstained on the motion should explain their reasons to Congress.

Swart and John Clarke said they did not have time to read the motion adequately.

Clow gave no reason.

Noon - "I agree with the spirit of the motion but am not happy with 'despite their priveleged position' in Believing Clause 3) which seems to imply that students make a special effort to take action on other's behalf although they are not in a similarly oppressed position. It seems

to rest on the assumption that people are basically selfish contrary to my ideology. I do not hold with extreme radical feminist principles although I am deeply concerned with women's issues." Lunz said she was not constitutionally bound to give reasons. Griessel expressed disappointment that people who abstained didn't raise their arguments in debate.

RESOLUTION 99/80

That this NSA mandate NUSAS womens co-ordinators to work on a comprehensive statement which may be incorporated into NUSAS correlated policy at the next congress or by NSA in council.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

Carried unanimously with acclaim

MOTION AC/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The previous motion on simple lifestyles
- 2) the necessity for personal integrity in this regard
- 3) the amalgamation of ICB & SAB and the formation of the Cape Distillers Corporation to monopolize the wine industry
- 4) The National Union's implicit opposition to monopolies.

Further Noting That

- 1) Alcohol consumption and smoking are luxuries which are closely connected to sexist practices and manipulative advertising
- 2) That excessive alcohol consumption is involved in well over 50% of S.A. road accidents and in crime
- 3) That excessive alcohol consumption and smoking are harmful both to individuals and society.
- 4) that the sale of liquor products create false values and temporary escapism
- 5) the 1,200 employees jobs to be affected due to the amalgamation.

And Believing That

- 1) In the light of the above, alcohol consumption and smoking become totally contradictory to the stated aims of the National Union within the context of Noting Clause 1)

- 2) that in line with our opposition to rampant capitalism, we should oppose such monopolistic enterprises
- 3) that such opposition would show our true worth in our stated desire to rid South Africa of oppression, exploitation and affluence.

Therefore Resolves

- 1) To boycott all SAB and Cape Distillers liquor products and to call upon students to moderate their drinking habits
- 2) To refrain from the self indulgent and destructive practice of smoking and drinking
- 3) to contribute the money thus saved to such progressive organisations as we see fit.

PROPOSED : JOHN CLARKE
SECONDED : SWART

Closure proposed Kruger and accepted by the Chair.

MOTION AD/80

That the question be not now put.

PROPOSED : KENNEDY
SECONDED : DOYLE

Closure and equalization on the previous question Proposed Borraine and accepted by the Chair.

Kennedy withdrew her proposing of Motion AD/80 and the Congress thus returned to the business of Motion AC/80 as no further proposer could be found and motion AD/80 lapsed.

AMENDMENT AC1

That all words after NSA be deleted except "Noting" clause 1), "Further Noting That" Clauses 1) and 3) and "Therefore Resolves" Clause 3).

And that a new "Therefore Resolves" clause 1) be substituted to read "1) To urge NUSAS supporters to moderate or refrain from the self indulgent and destructive practices of smoking and drinking."

And that clauses be renumbered where necessary.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

During the debate the 30 minute guillotine in debates was waived by the Chair but a suggestion for a two minute guillotine was accepted.

By general consensus closure was withdrawn by Kruger to allow Amendment AC1 to be moved.

Voting on Amendment ACl	Against	8	
	Abstentions	7	
	For	13	<u>Amendment Carried</u>

Amendment becomes the substantive motion.

MOTION AE/80

That the question be not now put.

PROPOSED : KRUGER

Before a seconder could be found Kruger withdrew the motion.

Motion AE/80 thus lapsed.

Closure and equalization moved by Boraine and accepted by the Chair. Weaver tried to propose an amendment but was ruled out of order by the Chair as closure had already been accepted.

RESOLUTION 100/80

That this NSA

Noting

1) The previous motion on simple lifestyles

Further Noting That

- 1) Alcohol consumption and smoking are luxuries which are closely connected to sexist practices and manipulative advertising
- 2) That excessive alcohol consumption and smoking are harmful to both individuals and society

Therefore Resolves

- 1) To urge NUSAS supporters to moderate or refrain from the self-indulgent and destructive practices of smoking and drinking
- 2) To contribute the money thus saved to such progressive institutions as we see fit.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

Carried Nem Con (2 abstentions)

The Chair then took a snap indication of whether the floor wanted a motion of review so that Mr Weavers previously out of order amendment could be incorporated in a new resolution. The floor was in favour of a motion of review. It was pointed out that a motion of review needed a 2/3rds majority.

RESOLUTION 101/80

That this NSA review Resolution 100/80.

PROPOSED : DYSELL
SECONDED : J FINE

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 102/80

That the NSA amend Resolution 100/80 to read as follows:

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The previous motion on simple lifestyles
- 2) The necessity for personal integrity in this regard

Further Noting That

- 1) Alcohol consumption and smoking are luxuries which are closely connected to sexist practices and manipulative advertising
- 2) That excessive alcohol consumption and smoking are harmful both to individuals and society

And Believing That

- 1) In the light of the above alcohol consumption and smoking become contradictory to the stated aims of the National Union within the context of Noting Clause 1)

Therefore Resolves

- 1) To urge NUSAS supporters to moderate or refrain from the self-indulgent and destructive practices of smoking and drinking
- 2) To contribute the money thus saved to such progressive organisations as we see fit.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

Carried Nem Con (1 abstention) with acclaim

John Clarke stressed in proposing this motion that he did so sincerely and not merely to disrupt congress. He stressed his conviction that personal sacrifice and not merely theoreticism was necessary and outlined the ill effects of alcohol on road safety, health and sexist practices and pointed to the dangers of alcoholism. He agreed that the boycott would have little practical effect but would show that NUSAS acts on its principles. An alcohol boycott was being asked for because it did not necessitate complete social withdrawal. He hoped that NUSAS would build its home, not on sand but on rock, and expressed the opinion that not to boycott alcohol would be to be drawn toward co-option. He illustrated his point with the example of the American student movement which had been militant and radical in the 60's but

today was totally co-opted because it had failed to eliminate personal contributions. He believed that the boycott would enhance NUSAS' credibility - especially in residences where it would be shown that we put our money where our mouth was.

Dennehy suggested that the motion should be rejected as it didn't reject affluence except where this was based on exploitation. He suggested all capitalist things should be boycotted not merely monopoly capitalism.

Gossayn said the motion was not representative of student opinion. If the boycott was effective then more jobs would be threatened whereas if it failed it would be pointless. The motion could encourage the drinking of spirits and he asked John Clarke to withdraw the motion.

John Clarke refused.
Kruger moved closure

Brits asked that a voting delegate should move the previous question in terms of Section 15 of the Standing Rules - "I believe the motion flows out of a failure to understand the dynamics of capitalism and the fundamentals of political economy. The 'And Believing That' clause draws attention to "rampant capitalism" and to 'monopolistic practices'. The idea seems to be that capitalism is here showing an unacceptable face. What this idea lacks is an understanding of the historical development of capitalism in South Africa. In the instance of the liquor trade, here under consideration, a situation of competition has been replaced by a monopolistic structure precisely by the very forces of capitalism itself. Competition forced ICB and SAB both to try and reduce variable labour costs and to increase constant capital costs. This required mechanised mass production and computerised administration. This conversion process in turn required ever larger infusion of capital, causing a situation in which the creation of a monopoly was the most reasonable form of organisation available to the liquor industry. The resulting creation of a monopoly was thus the logical effect of the natural trends of developing capitalism. To now rile against the manifestations of this result, calling them 'rampant capitalism' and demanding the boycott mentioned, is to portray a radical misunderstanding of the basic economic forces of our society. One either believes that capitalism is unacceptable in SA as a form of social organisation for the 80's or one accepts capitalism with its resultant monopolies. The motion if adopted would render NUSAS subject to ridicule by those who attempt seriously to understand the society in which we live. Furthermore the remedies proposed in this motion for dealing with the effects of monopoly capitalism are, I believe, a totally inappropriate strategy to adopt in relation to the basic problem. Believing that this motion is confused and that attempts to amend it will cause even more confused debate I suggest that the question be not now put. Meanwhile it is important that the so called 'capitalism - socialism' debate should be continued on our campuses. However, I do not believe that the outcome of such a debate should be legislated by Congress." - applause.

Kruger said the motion raised issues which should be discussed.
Borraine agreed with Kruger although he opposed the motion. Closure and equalization moved on the previous question.
Kennedy withdrew proposal of previous question.
Weaver proposed Amendment AC1 saying that it was ridiculous to identify with every progressive and relevant organisation and that of course our principles must be integrated into our lifestyles - applause.

Boraine seconded the amendment which he said was put sincerely and tried to cut down the normalistic tone of the original motion. The boycott would also be normalistic and not for practical reasons as it should be. - applause

Green suggested a two minute guillotine.

Kahanowitz suggested the 2 minute limit should not apply to him.

The floor disagreed.

Kahanowitz said the motion confused moral and political issues. He told the story of two gentlemen called Laissez-Faire and Anti-Monopolies. Both of these gentlemen found great difficulty in living because they wished to boycott all monopolies - much applause. Greatly to the disappointment of the floor Mr Kahanowitz was cut short by the Chair.

Alberts said there was a contradiction in 'Resolves' Clause 1.

Marks, warning that she was going to personal, said that John Clarke had smoked and consumed liquor at this congress - scattered applause.

Smail said he opposed both the original and the amendment because of the rift between theory and practice.

J Joffe said he preferred the amendment as the original motion proposed an unworkable boycott merely for the sake of conscience salving.

Kruger said John Clarke had confused the individual person and society. He agreed that the motion would enhance NUSAS credibility, but only for moral reasons. He disagreed with John Clarke's analysis of American radicals of the 60's, saying that they had been co-opted because they had merely formed a counter-culture and had not been explicitly political - applause.

Seftel supported the amendment.

Swart said there was great inconsistency in the left smoking and drinking and that the intention of the motion was to show the sincerity of NUSAS.

To support this argument he sighted the report of the PLOT Committee. He pointed out that the motion did not call for a total boycott of monopolies and noted that alcohol and smoking were tools of the system to be opposed. He suggested that 'Noting' clause 2 and 'And Believing That' clause 1 should be included in the motion. He contrasted NUSAS with sincere students at the black medical school in Durban who didn't drink.

Weaver assured Swart that he would like to include these clauses in his amendment and had in fact only failed to do so because of an oversight. This was not, however, possible as amendment could not be moved by closure which had long ago been accepted by the chair.

Kennedy said blacks in Soweto in 1976 had attacked beer halls because they were state owned and not for moralistic reasons. She said Swart misinterpreted black attitudes.

John Clarke said that the real purpose of the motion had been to find out how some 'heavies' thought. He accepted that there were inconsistencies in his own lifestyle and asked people not to be inconsistent like this because it destroyed credibility - "If we are to bear fruit then our roots must be sound."

Seftel asked why John Clarke wanted to find out how people thought and who he was finding this out for.

John Clarke said he was trying to find this out for himself as there had been obscurity and uncertainty during Congress.

Weaver asked John Clarke whether he would continue to boycott himself if the motion were lost.

John Clarke said he would still try to carry out the boycott - applause.

Kahanowitz said "boycott" was a purely political term.

The amendment AC 1 became the substantive motion.

Kruger moved the previous question and then withdrew.

The substantive motion became Resolution 100/80.

Swart asked if there was no way in which 'Noting' Clause 2 and 'And Believing That' clause 1 could be included in the Resolution from the original motion John Clarke had proposed.

A van Heerden asked Brits to sort out the procedural mess Congress had got itself into.

Brits after some constitutional explanation - much to the amusement of some delegates suggested a course of action involving review of Resolution 100/80.

A motion of review was passed with the necessary ²/3rds majority.

Weaver drafted a new motion.

Swart asked why "partially" had replaced "totally" in "And Believing That" clause 1.

Weaver said he thought this was more accurate.

Kruger suggested that "partially" be deleted.

Weaver agreed and produced a new motion which was in the form of what later became Resolution 102/80.

NSA adjourned 18H15.

NSA reconvened 19H45.

A van Heerden in the Chair.

RESOLUTION 103/80

That this NSA table the report of the Theme Committee.

PROPOSED : KENNEDY
SECONDED : J GOLDBERG

Carried unanimously.

J Goldberg then presented the following report verbally.

"Taking into account the recent developments in Nationalist policy, a well co-ordinated attempt is being made to co-opt various sections of the black and white community. This is in line with the states role in ensuring the reproduction of the relations of exploitation in South Africa."

"Whereas in the past this role has been propogated via unsophisticated repression it has now been realized by the powers that be that more subtle tactics and approaches have become necessary to maintain the status quo."

"Themecomm noted

- 1) The introduction by the nationalist party of a strategy which is attempting to work with other groups to consolidate its own power.
- 2) The intensification of the selfish consolidation of power is such that certain groups find themselves in a position where they are able to be co-opted.

For example we must see the Viljoen Commission as being an attempt to establish a group of skilled functionaries who will aid in the production process. In reacting to the setting up of black urban universities and technikons we must realise that the national party wishes only to give these people a certain amount of skill and it is up to us, a sister university to develop on these skills and attempt to provide some direction. By developing our own counter courses a reservoir of knowledge which could be of benefit to others will be provided. We must analyse the situation and then develop alternative skills to counteract total strategy."

"As concerned South African students we realize the importance of striving for a free, just and unselfish society. Our programmes must be determined in this light and our strategies must be a response to the developing government initiatives."

"Taking this into account we recommend that 'Action against Total Strategy' be adopted as a theme for 1980."

MOTION AF/80

That this NSA adopt the report of Theme Comm.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG
 SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

AMENDMENT AF1

That the words "Action against Total Strategy" be deleted and that the words "Action on Total Strategy" be substituted in the final paragraph of the report.

PROPOSED : J FINE

Kahanowitz said that the government had not only been using oppressive measures up to the present. He pointed out that whites had also been co-opted and that we should not pre-empt the findings of the Viljoen Commission. He suggested that the report be suitably amended. J Fine suggested "Action on Total Strategy" was a more suitable theme. Swart asked why the report was given verbally and not printed. Coleman pointed out at this stage that the report was actually a piece of guerilla theatre. The report contained mystifying jargon and suggested erroneously that Total Strategy was a conspiracy. The purpose of the guerilla theatre was to emphasize the need for careful analysis to make sure that we were not co-opted. Irvine pointed out the dangers of co-option and then handed out copies of the proper Themecomm Report.

RESOLUTION 104/80

That this NSA table the real Theme Comm Report.

PROPOSED : SEFTEL
 SECONDED : J GOLDBERG

Carried unanimously.

MOTION AG/80

That this NSA adopt the Theme Comm Report.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG
SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

AMENDMENT AG1

That the words "Action against Total Strategy" in the final paragraph of the report be deleted and the words "Action on Total Strategy" be substituted.

PROPOSED : J FINE
SECONDED : BREDEKAMP

Not acceptable to the proposer and seconder of the original motion.

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CHAIR to A van Heerden.

AMENDMENT AG2

That the words "Action against Total Strategy" in the final paragraph of the report be deleted and replaced by the words "Exposing Total Strategy".

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : NOON

Not acceptable to the proposer and seconder of the original motion.

AMENDMENT AG3

That the words "Action against Total Strategy" in the final paragraph of the report be deleted and replaced by "Alternative Critique of Total Strategy."

Suggested by Young but no formal proposer or seconder could be found and hence Amendment AG3 lapsed.

NSA adjourned 20H40.

NSA reconvened 20H45.

A van Heerden in the Chair.

Debate continued on the adoption of the Theme Comm Report.

Amendment AG1 was withdrawn.
Kruger moved closure but this was not accepted by the Chair.

AMENDMENT AG4

That this NSA adopt all but the final paragraph of the Theme Comm Report and that the name of the NUSAS theme for 1980 be deferred to student assembly in council.

PROPOSED : KRUGER This amendment was then withdrawn.

AMENDMENT AG5

That the theme for 1980 be called "Action against Education" combining the best of the last two years.

Suggested by Nic Wellington but ruled out of order by the Chair. Amendment AG2 was then accepted by the proposer of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion. Swart replaced Sarah Cullinan as seconder.

Amendment AG3 was withdrawn.

AMENDMENT AG6

That a second paragraph be added to the Recommendations section of the report to read

"b) That the themes of the past few years should not be discarded but must be seen in the light of Total Strategy.

PROPOSED : SWART

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 105/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Theme Comm subject to Amendments AG2 and AG6.

PROPOSED : SEFTEL
SECONDED : SWART

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

Seftel presented the report.

J Fine recommended "Action on Total Strategy".

Seftel said although this would reduce the possibility of alienating students it was less forceful and too similar to the theme of the previous year.

Sarah Cullinan said NUSAS must take a strong line - applause from Dysell to the amusement of delegates.

Bredenkamp said NUSAS should create awareness rather than pre-judge issues, hence he preferred "Action on Total Strategy".

Irvine pointed out that NUSAS was opposing Total Strategy.

John Clarke said NUSAS was substituting one form of indoctrination for another.

Irvine did not agree.

Marks felt the theme was too negative.

Swart asked what the criteria of falsifiability were of NUSAS' certainty that Total Strategy was wrong.

Brits said Swart was off the point but nevertheless got involved in a private philosophical debate with him.

J Joffe asked why peoples opposition to the theme had not been voiced before and suggested "Exposing Total Trategy".

Muller said NUSAS had sufficient evidence that total strategy was wrong and that the philosophical implications could be worked out later.

J Fine again urged support for "Action on Total Strategy".

Swart proposed "Exposing Total Strategy".

J Goldberg found this amendment unacceptable.
Kruger got involved in the philosophical question of falsifiability.
Seftel defended "Action against Total Strategy" on the grounds that it sounded positive.

J Fine withdraw amendment AG1.

J Goldberg asks for a five minute adjournment.

Kruger asked that the decision be deferred as none of the possibilities are ideal - later withdrew this amendment.

Amendment AG2 accepted - applause.

Wellington suggests "Action against Education" as the best combination of the themes for 1979 and 1980 - some applause and some indications of disapproval.

J Goldberg - started to speak, became confused, offered a number of non-sequiturs from jumbled notes and then switched off the microphone - much to the amusement of delegates.

Swart suggested amendment AG6 - applause.

Brits stressed the importance of AG6 as creating continuity with the past and situating the present theme in perspective.

RESOLUTION 106/80

That this NSA adopt the theme "Exposing Total Strategy" for 1980.

PROPOSED : SEFTEL

SECONDED : SWART

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

A straw vote was taken which proved to be unanimously in favour of the theme for 1980.

Chris Swart minuted the following statement in favour of the theme "Exposing Total Strategy".

"Though the interpretation of Total Strategy presented in the report is probably correct it provides no criteria for falsification and I think it would be wrong for the National Union to adopt the dogmatically cynical appraisal that all the perpetrators of Total Strategy are deliberately intensifying control and suffering under the guise of alleviation. 'Exposing' does not categorically pre-judge the issue and implies analysis. I think the issue is well worth taking up."

MOTION AH/80

That this NSA

Noting

- (1) the NSA's recent condemnation of the Natal Mercury's sexist journalism

Further Noting

- (1) that our society as presently constituted fosters and encourages a performance ethos which permeates the sexual life of its members
- (2) that this performance ethos is associated with cults of masculinity and femininity which are integrally part of the maintenance of the division of labour in society

- (3) that the performance ethos and the above cults, in addition to perpetuating intolerable sexism, also results in other forms of oppression which the NSA has not yet confronted.
- (4) that (as one example) our society commits its members to a search for individualistic achievement, and that this has the dual effect of maintaining the division of labour and condemning those who fail to achieve to crises of low self-worth.
- (5) that (as a second example) our society prescribes codes of sexual norms of which sexism is partially a product; and that men and women are alike oppressed by these codes.
- (6) that these codes deny sexual fulfilment in the true sense to the majority of the members of society by demanding standards of virility and/or femininity; that these standards are maintained by the mass media and by other means; that this results in the oppression and sexual frustration of women and men who fail to attain these standards; and that in addition it results in the oppression of homosexuality.

And Believing

- (1) that sexual codes on the one hand, and sexual behaviour on the other, are determined largely by social conditions rather than genetic factors.
- (2) that to argue on the basis of genetic determinism is both illogical and dangerous.
- (3) that because sexual codes and behaviour are mainly products of socialization, no sexual "deviant" (i.e. a man or women, heterosexual or homosexual, who fails to attain society's sexual standards) can justifiably be denied full sexual fulfillment.
- (4) that the oppression of "deviants" serves the interests of those who benefit from the individualistic performance ethos and the division of labour in society.

Therefore Resolve

- (1) to condemn not only racism and sexism, but also the other forms of oppression outlined above
- (2) to expose the interests served by these types of oppression
- (3) to work towards the creation of a society where these and other forms of oppression have no place.
- (4) to commit NUSAS to further research in this area.

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN
SECONDED : GRIESSEL

AMENDMENT AH1

That all words after NSA be deleted and substituted by the following

"Noting

- 1) In order to reproduce itself a society needs to develop particular sexual norms.
- 2) In societies where the dominant ideology propogates competitiveness, a performance ethos is part and parcel of that.
- 3) These two factors are oppressive to homosexual and hetrosexual relationships.

Believing

- 1) That the relationship between socialized sexuality a society is extremely complicated and much research is needed to develop an adequate analysis of this relationship.
- 2) That it is important that NUSAS investigate this previously neglected field.

Resolves

- 1) To call on the organisers of Katberg National Seminar to ensure that a paper is presented dealing with these issues. The suggested area to be covered is the role of the media in re-inforcing particular forms of sexuality and the performance ethos.

PROPOSED : H RADFORD
SECONDED : JOHN CLARKE

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and replaces the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT AH2

That a second resolves clause be added to the new motion to read "2) To officially recognize and support gay liberation, and to strive for full legal recognition of the rights of gays."

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 107/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) In order to reproduce itself a society needs to develop particular sexual norms.
- 2) In societies where the dominant ideology propogates competitiveness a performance ethos is part and parcel of that.
- 3) These two factors are oppressive to homosexual and hetrosexual relationships.

Believing

- 1) That the relationship between socialized sexuality and society is extremely complicated and much research is needed to develop an adequate analysis of this relationship.
- 2) That it is important that NUSAS investigate this previously neglected field.

Resolves

- 1) To call on the organisers of Katberg National seminar to ensure that a paper is presented dealing with these issues. The suggested area to be covered is the role of the media in reinforcing particular norms of sexuality and the performance ethos.
- 2) To officially recognize and support gay liberation and to strive for full legal recognition of the rights of gays.

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN

SECONDED : GRIESSEL

Voting	Against	1
	Abstentions	2
	For	25

Motion Carried with Acclaim.

Glaser and Caro in introducing the motion made various corrections and pointed out that the motion dealt with an area previously neglected by NUSAS and encouraged NUSAS to research and debate in this area. They said the motion focussed on the achievement obsession, the oppression of homosexual and heterosexual relationships and the cults of masculinity and femininity.

Green in suggesting amendment AH1 said the motion as it stood was too complex and without detailed analysis.

Basken rejected the amendment as it watered down the motion.

Boraine said the amendment as it stood was unacceptable.

Kahanowitz said that not many people were clear on the issues and suggested that research should be undertaken before we were ready for the rest of the motion - applause.

Noon asked whether the dangers referred to in 'Believing' clause 2 were intellectual, physical or emotional.

Glaser said the motion referred to sexual behaviour.

Noon said this answer didn't make anything clearer.

Glaser tried to explain that the motion did include reference to the emotional and intellectual nature of people (this exchange seems to have been at cross purposes).

Cohen said the motion went too far at present although raised important issues - applause.

Amendment AH1 accepted.

Boraine suggested that while the amendment was accepted the motion should be noted.

Weaver introduced a further amendment.

Martoulos said he supported the motion which was long overdue for progressive people.

Myrdal supported the motion and urged research.

A straw vote was taken after the passing of Resolution 107/80.

Against	1
Abstentions	5
For	The Rest - applause

The following statements were minuted

Sheila Clow (and John Clarke) - "While I can support the spirit of this motion I cannot give it my unconditional support. This arises from a clash of the premises in this motion with my Christian principles. By saying this I do not advocate the oppression of women, rather I see men and women as equal ('One in Christ Jesus' as 3:28) and have equal but different complementary and supportitive roles rather than one of domination and subordination. I support the motion as it stands, apart from the last Resolves clause. I believe it is necessary to research and debate this subject, but while I am sympathetic to the position of 'gays' I cannot agree to condone the 'gay' movement or push for its legalization."

A certain delegate handed in the following statement. The minutes secretary can unfortunately not remember his name which he did not append to the statement, "Concerning Resolves Clause 1, I feel that the womens movement of NUSAS and of individual campuses should be investigating the effect of media as regards the propogation of sexism, and that no additional body is necessary to fulfill this function. As regards the effect of media on the perception of homosexuality, and also concerning Clause 2, I cannot accept homosexual relations as being normal. I see no logical physical link between members of the same sex. While the possession of homosexual tendencies by an individual does not lead me to disrespect him/her, I judge the homosexual thoughts/actions to be wrong. Clause 2 appears to condone homosexuality - an attitude I can't accept."

Chris Swart - reasons for abstention

- "(a) I was unable to find the time to reason the motion
- (b) As a Christian I normally find anti-sexist/feminist arguments to be based on unsound principles (though I often agree with some of their conclusions)."

Chris Swart - Comment on Gay Liberation - "I was not present during the debate but I was shocked that the motion was passed. Its base principles are secular and it implies the defication of the role of sex. One should have sympathy and understanding for homosexuals, but their 'behaviour' is unjustifiable and unnatural."

Bredenkamp said that being bi-sexual doubled one chances of a Saturday night date - much amusement.

Weaver stated "I would like to express my disappointment at Andre Bredenkamp's frivolous and sexist treatment of the motion. I do however appreciate his voting in favour of the motion. At the same time I realise that his comment arises out of a position of non-understanding of the issues involved, and therefore it is imperative that research in this area, and dissemination of that research, be implemented as rapidly as possible."

Bredenkamp replied that Tony Weaver took him too seriously, he had merely intended to introduce humour into the debate.

MOTION AI/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) that the National Union has taken policy advocating simplification of lifestyles as a necessary consequence of social and political commitment to the eradication of injustices in our society
- 2) that organisations exist in this country which are committed to fundamental change

Believing that a sincere commitment to fundamental change necessarily involves material contribution to such organisations, arising from simple lifestyles integrated with progressive ideologies

Resolves

- 1) to urge all members and supporters of the Nation Union to make material contributions to such organisations according to their means
- 2) to incorporate this resolution in correlated policy.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : WEAVER

AMENDMENT AI1

That in "Resolves" clause (1) the words "and personal" be added after "material" and before "contributions"

Suggested by Eden and accepted by the proposer and seconder of the Original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.
Closure moved by Dysell and accepted.

RESOLUTION 108/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) that the National Union has taken policy advocating simplification of lifestyles as a necessary consequence of social and political commitment to the eradication of injustices in our society
- 2) that organisations exist in this country whcih are committed to fundamental change

Believing that a sincere commitment to fundamental change necessarily involves material contribution to such organisations, arising from simple lifestyles integrated with progressive ideologies

Resolves

- 1) to urge all members and supporters of the National Union to make material and personal contributions to such organisations according to their means

2) to incorporate this resolution in correlated policy.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : WEAVER

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

RESOLUTION 109/80

NUSAS Correlated Resolution No 1

That this NSA adopt RESOLUTION 108/80 as NUSAS correlated policy.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : WEAVER

Carried unanimously with Acclaim. (With the necessary procedural formalities)

Martalos asked on a point of order that the motion be ruled out of order as NSA had already debated the issue of single lifestyles. The Chair ruled Mr Martalos out of order as NSA had not heard a motion on self-tax.

Swart said the motion would give more weight to earlier motions on lifestyles.

Weaver said the issues had already been heard and required little debate.

Eden said our contributions must be not only material but also of time and effort - suggests amendment.

Swart accepts amendment.

Caro agreed with the motion but said that delegates should not be hypercritical and vote for the motion if they had no intention of carrying it out.

Swart minuted the following statement:

"This motion arises out of the ill feeling and confusion from the previous lifestyles motion. A number of people suggested that it could be clarified in this way. The main thrust is that this call for self-tax. The motion leaves it open to the individual to decide what organizations are progressive and dedicated to fundamental change. It is the sincerity that counts."

MOTION AJ/80

Noting

- 1) the large number of Afrikaans-speaking students on South African campuses
- 2) the apparent antagonism of many of them towards the ideas and policies of the National Union
- 3) the National Union's expressed commitment to progressive change

And Believing That

- 1) antagonism is frequently the result of ignorance and skewed socialisation

- 2) this situation is exacerbated by the practical non-availability of pro-NUSAS comment on so-called "Afrikaans Campuses"

Resolves

- 1) to mandate the Media Officer to investigate the possibility and viability of a cheap booklet in Afrikaans, introducing NUSAS and the issues for which it stands
- 2) that if this investigation proves positive to bring out and distribute such booklet at the earliest opportunity.

PROPOSED : J FINE
SECONDED : SWART

AMENDMENT AJ1

That the word 'cheap' in "Resolves" clause 1) be deleted and be replaced by 'inexpensive'.

PROPOSED : DYSELL

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 110/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) the large number of Afrikaans-speaking students on South African campuses
- 2) the apparent antagonism towards the ideas and policies of the National Union
- 3) the National Union's expressed commitment to progressive change

And Believing That

- 1) antagonism is frequently the result of ignorance and skewed socialisation
- 2) this situation is exacerbated by the practical non-availability of pro-NUSAS comment on so-called "Afrikaans Campuses"

Resolves

- 1) to mandate the Media Officer to investigate the possibility and viability of an inexpensive booklet in Afrikaans, introducing NUSAS and the issues for which it stands
- 2) that if this investigation proves positive to bring out and distribute such booklet at the earliest opportunity.

PROPOSED : J FINE
SECONDED : SWART

Carried unanimously.

Albert said that NUSAS policy was difficult enough to comprehend without the difficulty of not reading it in ones home language.

MOTION AK/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) the charge of high treason laid against Chief Sabata Dalinyebo, paramount chief of the Tembu's and leader of the Progressive Democratic Party, by the Transkei government
- 2) that, prior to this, he was stripped of his chieftancy by that government
- 3) Chief Sabata's long standing history of opposition to the homeland policy

Believing

- 1) that Chief Sabata enjoys a large amount of support both inside and outside the Transkei
- 2) that the charge against him is merely a political tactic employed by the Matanzima brothers to neutralise him
- 3) the Matanzima brothers to be active supporters of the homeland system, apartheid, and therefore the system of exploitation of which homelands form a central part

Resolves

- 1) to express our solidarity with Chief Sabata and
- 2) to reaffirm our opposition to the homeland system.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : BASKIN

AMENDMENT AK1

That the words "leader of the Progressive Democratic Party" in Noting Clause 1 be deleted.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion.

RESOLUTION 111/80

That this NSA

Noting

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- 2) that, prior to this, he was stripped of his chieftancy by that government
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Resolves

- 1) to express our solidarity with Chief Sabata and
- 2) to reaffirm our opposition to the homeland system.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : BASKIN

Carried unanimously.

Kruger offered to withdraw the motion because of lack of time. A van Heerden read out the motion and the indication of speakers suggested the motion would not be particularly contentious. Kruger said we should support Chief Dalinyebo not because he was a hereditary chief but because of his popular support. This did not imply support for the homelands which were in many ways just as oppressive as S.A.

Baskin believed the homelands were the backbone of the apartheid system.

J Goldberg said he did not wish to debate the merits of the motion but suggested an amendment as NUSAS should not support any political party.

Orford supported the motion and said that NUSAS should not worry about trivial issues - scattered applause.

J Goldberg - "While supporting the main thrust of the proposed motivation for this motion I would like to express my reservation in that this motion could be misconstrued as implying an acceptance of the apartheid system and more specifically the homelands. The Progressive Democratic Party has participated in the Transkei legislature and by this have lent credibility to the structure of an undemocratic and unjust system."

MOTION AL/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The strike which began on 25 April 1979 in the milling section of the Fattis and Monis Bellville factory, involving 88 workers

- 2) The boycott which followed the strike, involving a significant number of organisations and individuals throughout South Africa, including the S.R.C.'s and various student organisations of the NUSAS and non-NUSAS campuses.
- 3) The settlement reached on 8 November 1979 between Fattis and Monis, the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the African Food and Canning Workers' Union formally ending the strike.
- 4) That the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the African Food and Canning Workers' Union are forced by law to function as two separate Unions for 'coloured' and African workers, and do not do so willingly, and are hereafter referred to as the "Food and Canning Workers Union."

And Further Noting

- 1) The historical significance of this strike and the ensuing boycott, as evidenced by:
 - a) the unity and discipline of the striking workers in that African and 'coloured' workers stood firmly together, and did so for a period of six and a half months, in the face of considerable hardship and state harassment, and despite state and management attempts to divide them along racial and ethnic lines
 - b) the broader implications of this unity and discipline for workers throughout South Africa, given the abovementioned state and management attempts to diffuse worker solidarity e.g. labour preference areas; the Wiehahn and Riekert Commissions and their implications for trade unions; the creation of works committees and the pressure by management on workers to join the works committees not to join trade unions; etc.
 - c) the way in which a wide variety of essentially non-worker organisations mobilized around the strike in non-racial boycott action, creating an important precedent for future strategy.
- 2) The historic terms of the actual settlement, representing an almost total capitulation by the Fattis and Monis management (see addendum)

And Believing

- 1) That although students and workers do not share a common history and experience, it is vital, in the context of the rapidly emerging pattern of co-option of potentially progressive movements in South Africa, that we isolate genuinely progressive off-campus movements, and identify ourselves with them in their struggle
- 2) That the strike, boycott and settlement represent some of the most significant developments in South African labour history

Therefore Resolves

- 1) To maintain its support of the boycott until such time as ALL of the settlement terms have been implemented to the satisfaction of the workers and the Food and Canning Workers Union.

- 2) That following on Resolves Clause 1 above, at any such time as Fattis and Monis renege on ANY of the terms of the agreement, to call for the boycott to be resumed and intensified.
- 3) To express solidarity with and extend our congratulations to the workers involved, and to the Food and Canning Workers Union on their historic victory.
- 4) To express solidarity and identify ourselves with those trade union and worker movements who reject compulsory registration as separate racial worker bodies.

Proposed : Weaver
Seconded : Borraine

AMENDMENT AL1

That the words "To maintain its support" in "Therefore Resolves Clause 1 be deleted and be replaced by "Not to call for the ending"

PROPOSED : MANOIM

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

AMENDMENT AL2

That all words after "repeat" in "Therefore Resolves" clause 4 be deleted and be replaced by the following "... forced registration as separate racial worker bodies, recognising however that it may not be strategically necessary to register in future."

PROPOSED : MANOIM

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 112/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The strike which began on 25 April 1979 in the milling section of the Fattis and Monis Bellville factory, involving 88 workers.
- 2) The boycott which followed the strike, involving a significant number of organisations and individuals throughout South Africa, including the SRC's and various student organisations of the NUSAS and non-NUSAS campuses.
- 3) The settlement reached on 8 November 1979 between Fattis and Monis, the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the African Food and Canning Workers' Union formally ending the strike.

- 4) That the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the African Food and Canning Workers' Union are forced by law to function as two separate Unions for 'coloured' and African workers, and do not do so willingly and are hereafter referred to as the "Food and Canning Workers Union."

And Further Noting

- 1) The historical significance of this strike and the ensuing boycott, as evidenced by:
 - a) the unity and discipline of the striking workers in that African and 'coloured' workers stood firmly together, and did so for a period of six and a half months, in the face of considerable hardship and state harassment, and despite state and management attempts to divide them along racial and ethnic lines
 - b) the broader implications of this unity and discipline for workers throughout South Africa, given the abovementioned state and management attempts to diffuse worker solidarity e.g. labour preference areas; the Wiehahn and Riekert Commissions and their implications for trade unions; the creation of works committees and the pressure by management on workers to join the works committees not to join trade unions; etc.
 - c) the way in which a wide variety of essentially non-worker organisation mobilized around the strike in non-racial boycott action, creating an important precedent for future strategy.
- 2) The historic terms of the actual settlement, representing an almost total capitulation by the Fattis and Monis management (see addendum)

And Believing

- 1) That although students and workers do not share a common history and experience, it is vital, in the context of the rapidly emerging pattern of co-optation of potentially progressive movements in South Africa, that we isolate genuinely progressive off-campus movements, and identify ourselves with them in their struggle.
- 2) That the strike, boycott and settlement represent some of the most significant developments in South African labour history.

Therefore Resolves

- 1) Not to call for the ending of the boycott until such time as ALL of settlement terms have been implemented to the satisfaction of the workers and the Food and Canning Workers Union.
- 2) That following on Resolves Clause 1 above, at any such time as Fattis and Monis renege on ANY of the terms of the agreement, to call for the boycott to be resumed and intensified.
- 3) To express solidarity with and extend our congratulations to the workers involved, and to the Food and Canning Workers Union on their historic victory.
- 4) To express solidarity and identify ourselves with those trade unions and worker movements who reject forced registration as separate racial worker bodies, recognising however that it may be strategically necessary to register in future.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : BORAINÉ

Carried Nem Con (1 Abstention)

Weaver drew attention to the historic significance of the strike and explained various methods that had been unsuccessfully used to attempt to destroy worker solidarity. Consumers had also banded together to advance this victory although not all the consumer groups involved could be described as progressive. The settlement terms (as noted in the addendum which was not part of the motion) were also of historic significance. He reminded delegates that no Fattis and Monis black labour contracts had been renewed to date and that if these were not renewed Fattis and Monis would be sidestepping the issue and the boycotts must continue - applause.

Borainé distinguished between reactionary trade unions which called for strikes on economic grounds and political trade unions such as the Food and Canning Workers Union which had struggled for effective and progressive change.

Manoim proposed amendment A11 to clarify the position.

Brits asked for "Resolves" Clause 4) to be amended as some unions might have to register for tactical reasons and because to talk of "compulsory registration" was inaccurate and misleading.

Kahanowitz pointed out the word "separate" in "Resolves" Clause 4.

A van Heerden congratulated the proposer and seconder on an excellently drawn up motion - applause.

RESOLUTION 113/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) Jeremy Goldberg
- 2) That he has been driven to the use of what appears to be a bunnana for purposes of writing

Believing

- 1) Him therefore to look particularly idiotic
- 2) This to impair the serious image of the National Union

Resolves to mandate the executive to investigate the possibility of purchasing a Bic pen for him and to submit such findings to NSA in Council.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously with tumultuous acclaim - offer having been ruled out of order.

MOTION AM/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The banning of National Student and Varsity for all future editions.
- 2) That this is the first time that the state has silenced an SRC newspaper.
- 3) the subpoena of the Nusas secretary-general and the Nusas Media Officer earlier this year under section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act to answer questions relating to the production of student publications.
- 4) the conviction of former Nusas Vice President Steve Kahanovitz for the possession of banned material and the forthcoming prosecution of Bill Gardiner for the same.

Believing

- 1) that this crackdown on the student press and those involved therein is a manifestation of the state's suppression of ideas that fundamentally challenge the status quo.
- 2) that this is an attempt to intimidate those involved in the student press from disseminating alternative information to what the commercial press offers.
- 3) that the student press has a crucial role to play in a society where a vast information gap prevails.

Resolves

- 1) to call upon progressive student journalists to continue playing their facilitating role as always.
- 2) to call upon SRC's to support their campus publications in the face of the state's continued onslaught.
- 3) to express our solidarity with the student press, and to call on all students to support the student press.

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : KRUGER

AMENDMENT AM1

That a Resolves Clause 4) be inserted to read "4) That we express our solidarity with Bill Gardiner in his forthcoming trial.

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and incorporated in the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 114/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The banning of National Student and Varsity for all future editions.
- 2) That this is the first time that the state has silenced an SRC newspaper.
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- 4) That we express our solidarity with Bill Gardiner in his forthcoming trial.

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : KRUGER

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Manoim in proposing the motion pointed out that for the first time an SRC newspaper had been banned for all further editions, also for the first time someone in student journalism had been subpoenaed to give evidence. He predicted that in future more people would be prosecuted for the possession of banned literature. The student press was gaining a new role as a radical alternative media giving coverage of controversial

issues ignored by the student press. He said that the student press was attacked not only by the government but also by the university administrations and the commercial press. However the student press was like a rubber ball, it could be squashed but would come back bouncing - applause.

Sarah Cullinan proposed that solidarity be expressed with Bill Gardiner in his forthcoming trial - applause.

"SASPU would like to express appreciation of the student press motion passed unanimously by Congress tonight and to associate itself with the expression of solidarity with Bill Gardiner in his forthcoming trial."

NSA adjourned 22H30

NSA reconvened 22H40.

A van Heerden in the Chair.

The Chair then allowed the following statement to be read out:

"Statement by an ad hoc body of Christians at the Congress

While we agree with the sentiments of Congress that fundamental change is vital in this country and our ends may be similar, our views do not necessarily coincide with that of NUSAS. Thus we believe that structural change is not meaningful without change of individuals who exist within the structure, because structural change is empty without a change of heart and thus of attitude and lifestyle.

Signed Sheila Clow, Sandy Ellsworth, Chris Swart, John Clarke, Peter Coxon, Janice Noon, Sheldon Rankin, Toby Orford and in his absence Uwe Hummel."

RESOLUTION 115/80

That this NSA table the report of the Finance and Structures and Fundraising Committees.

PROPOSED : VELCICH
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION 116/80

That this NSA adopt the report of the Finance and Structures and Fundraising Committees.

PROPOSED : VELCICH
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION 117/80

That this NSA amend the NUSAS constitution as follows

- 1) Add after Clause 9 b iii) a clause 9 b iv) to read as follows:
"There shall also be an International Vice-President.
- 2) Delete the figures "R3200", "R4000", "R6000" and "R6800" in clause 14 a) i) of the constitution and substitute the figures "R3500", "R4500", "R7000" and "R7000" respectively
- 3) Where the figure "10 000" appears in clause 14 a) i) delete this and replace by the figure "9000"

and further Resolves that the executive shall be mandated to work out the job definition of the International Vice-President.

PROPOSED : VELCICH
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 118/80

That this NSA table the proposed NUSAS budget for 1980.

PROPOSED : VELCICH
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 119/80

That this NSA adopt the proposed NUSAS budget for 1980.

PROPOSED : VELCICH
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 120/80

That this NSA elect the following to the Milcom Committee.

Louise van der Poel (UND), Lene Templehof (UND), Richard Dunne (UNP)
Les Lax (Wits), Jeremy Thomas (Rhodes), Chris Watters (Rhodes), Peter
Dennehy (UCT) (from 1980), Robin Friedberg (UCT), Wayne Veitch (UCT)
Andy Smail (UND) and Peter Coxan (UCT)

PROPOSED : SCROOBY
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 121/80

That this NSA elect the following as Milcomm Local Co-ordinators

Robin Friedberg (UCT), Les Lax (Wits), Bruce Irvine (UWP), Jeremy Thomas(Rhodes) and Lene Templehof (UND)

PROPOSED : SCROOBY
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 122/80

That this NSA elect Andy Smail Milcomm National Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : JOHN CLARKE

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 123/80

That the NSA elect Sarah Cullinan Womens National Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED : J FINE
SECONDED : DYSELL

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 124/80

That this NSA elect Alan Pelkowitz National Student Welfare Director.

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : LUNZ

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 125/80

That this NSA elect Anthony Zwi and Steve Tollman Community Health National Co-ordinators.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG
SECONDED : DYSELL

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 126/80

That this NSA elect Peter Williamson Envirac National Co-ordinator.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : SCROOBY

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 127/80

That this NSA elect Keith Coleman (Wits), Louise van der Poel (UND), Sarah Cullinan (UCT) and Rose Doyle (UND) as Resource Centre Local Co-ordinators.

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : CLOW

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 128/80

That this NSA elect Sarah Cullinan (UCT), Beatie Richer (UND), Mandy Hobbs (UND), Ingrid Obery (Wits), Melanie Cullum (Rhodes and Nicki Nattrass (Stellenbosch) as Womens Local Co-ordinators.

PROPOSED : DOYLE
SECONDED : GRIESSEL

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 129/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) Bill Gardiner's never-ending dedication and unfailing commitment to his position as Media Officer over the last year.
- 2) His continued dissemination of high quality information and literature from Head Office.
- 3) His infallible organising ability with special reference to the organisation of this Congress.
- 4) His lovely leather coat.
- 5) His undaunting valour in the face of the blackest forces of darkness.

And Believing

- 1) That Bill is indeed a true and worthy child of Africa.
- 2) That his contribution to the functioning of Head Office and to the National Union in general was a vital and crucial one.

Therefore Resolves

- 1) To congratulate him with acclaim on his performance and achievement.
- 2) To appoint him an honorary life member of the National Union.

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN
SECONDED : DYSELL

Chair to A Velcich. Carried unanimously with acclaim.

Delegates gave Bill Gardiner a standing ovation.
Dysell said that anyone who had seen Bill pushing his motorbike up the hill to UCT on a daily basis could not possibly vote against the motion.

RESOLUTION 130/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) Jane Barrett's selfless dedication and untiring service to NUSAS over the past two years.
- 2) That as General Secretary Jane has not only kept head office running smoothly but has extended her activities well beyond the confines of her duties.

Believing

- 1) That Jane has been particularly important in the development of NUSAS during this period.
- 2) That Jane has been a particular source of encouragement and inspiration to all.
- 3) That she is a true child of Africa.

Therefore Resolves To express our deepest gratitude to Jane for her contributions to NUSAS and to elect her an Honorary Life Member.

PROPOSED : KRUGER
SECONDED : A VAN HEERDEN

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Congress gave Jane Barrett a standing ovation.
Chair to A van Heerden.

RESOLUTION 131/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) 18 years of continued service by Mog Davids to the National Union.
- 2) Mog's patience and dedication to the National Union in the face of
 - a) Demanding student travellers
 - b) A continual thoroughfare of aspiring and seasoned student politicians spouting incomprehensible jargon.
- 3) His ability to lend a smile to the Head Office atmosphere in spite of the occasional rock flying through the window and such adversaries as conspiratorial rightwing arsonists seeking to set fire to the building in which NUSAS has its head office.

Resolves To

- 1) Have a plaster cast made of Mog and that this be used to produce a SASTS trinket which would be given together with a smurf for every flight purchased through SASTS.
- 2) To thank Mog for his dedicated service.

PROPOSED : J GOLDBERG
SECONDED : KIRKPATRICK

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Delegates gave Mog Davids a standing ovation.

RESOLUTION 132/80

That this NSA

Noting Laurine Platsky's dedication to and work for SASTS.

Believing that the rapid growth of SASTS is largely due to her efforts.

Therefore Resolves to express its gratitude to Laurine for her valuable contribution to both SASTS and the National Union.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 133/80

That this NSA

Noting That many delegates here present have either forgotten or are unaware of the historical significance of the 55th NUSAS Congress held at Pietermaritzburg.

And Further Noting That the first of January 1980 will have an even greater significance in view of the above.

Believing That we should not to the marriage of true minds admit impediments.

Resolves To congratulate Pete Brits and Debbi van Gass on their impending marriage and express our solidarity for their joint venture.

PROPOSED : VELCICH
SECONDED : H RADFORD

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 134/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The dedication of members of the outgoing NUSAS Executive, Clifford Goldsmith, Dave Hill, Chris Swart and Alan Velcich
- 2) Their service to the National Union despite their pressing campus duties
- 3) Their ability to stay away and to endure the exhausting pace set by their president Auret van Heerden

Believing

- 1) That these four people have provided valuable educational leadership for students on the affiliated campuses.
- 2) That the said leaders are true sons of Africa

Resolves to elect Dave Hill and Clifford Goldsmith Honorary Life members of NUSAS.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : MANOIM

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 135/80

That this NSA

- 1) Thanks the SRC of the University of Natal Durban for hosting the 57th Congress.
- 2) Thanks the Administration of the University of Natal Durban for making the facilities of various residences available to delegates.
- 3) Expresses its gratitude to members of Durban University who worked behind the scenes in organising and keeping Congress right where it is at, and in particular the photographer Roland Ricker, the printers Des Biggs and Desmond Ncobo and the organising committee Jon de Wet, Lizanne Killerby, Nicki Marks, Glen Conrad-Czaja and Michelle Caplan.
- 4) Thanks Mrs Buchanan (otherwise know as Mrs B), Liz Drake, Lydia Levin and Penny Samuels for their typing servies.
- 5) Thanks Mr Southwood, warden of the residences.
- 6) Expresses its gratitude to Trevor Bailey and Chester for their services in the Pub.
- 7) Thanks Prof Booysen for giving the opening cocktail party.

PROPOSED : BORAINÉ
SECONDED : BREDENKAMP

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Butler thanked the Pub workers in particular - applause.

RESOLUTION 136/80

That this NSA

Thank George Sewpersahd, Paul Davids, Glen Moss and Graham Watts for having addressed this Congress.

PROPOSED : GOSSAYN
SECONDED : CLOW

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 137/80

That this NSA

Noting

- 1) The often thankless task of the minute secretaries.
- 2) The hard work put in by the above secretaries.

Believing That the minute secretaries do this work out of a genuine love and concern for the affairs of the National Union.

Resolves To thank Pete Brits, Debbi van Gass and Nic Wellington for the invaluable contribution they have made to the smooth running of this Congress.

PROPOSED : JOHN CLARKE
SECONDED : SEFTEL

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Chair to Velcich

RESOLUTION 138/80

That this NSA

Noting That, despite his ulcerated state, Auret has demonstrated an untiring selfless dedication and service to the National Union.

Believing

- 1) The leadership qualities he has consistently displayed in his ever hastening circles around the country to have been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to all
- 2) His efforts in office to have been beyond the call of duty
- 3) Auret to be a true son of Africa.

Therefore Resolves to express its deepest gratitude to Auret van Heerden and to elect him an Honorary Life member of NUSAS.

PROPOSED : PASSMORE
SECONDED : WEAVER

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Passmore "On behalf of this Congress I would like to propose a motion of thanks to Auret van Heerden. In proposing this motion I think it is necessary to have a brief look at what Auret has done for the National Union of South African Students. If anybody has injected life into the cliché "selfless and untiring devotion to the cause of freedom, justice and humanity" that person is Auret. His commitment and dedication to justice in the full and true sense of the word has been the single greatest feature of his tenure as President."

"Auret took over the presidency in 1977. The National Union was still recovering from the battering it had received at the hands of the state. Fink Haysom had begun with the process of reviving NUSAS after the disasters of 1976. Auret consolidated this process and whatever NUSAS has achieved up until this point is largely the result of his enormous contribution to the National Union. When briefly sketching the nature of his contribution it is hard to avoid using terms of a laudatory and melodramatic nature, but I don't think anyone can disagree with me when I say that Auret's achievements are monumental."

"Auret has thought long and hard about South Africa, about NUSAS and about NUSAS' role within South African society. Without his analytical contribution to the National Union it would lack much of the credibility and relevance it has today."

"Auret travelled around the country, moving from campus to campus, helping to jack up student societies and SRC's, servicing flagging spirits, outlining strategies and discussing programmes and projects. He pushed himself mercilessly in carrying out his duties as President. Auret's work-rate is frightening. His work-rate reflected his commitment even if it didn't do wonderful things for his health. Auret was always approachable, always prepared to listen to a person and consider what they had to say."

"I could go on much longer, but that would be pointless. To detail for all of you the exact nature of Auret's particular achievements is something that should be done by someone else. Auret thank you for everything." - Applause.

The sentiments of the motion were associated with by the Rhodes, Stellenbosch, UCT, Wits, UND and UNP delegations - applause.

Congress gave Auret van Heerden repeated standing ovations.

RESOLUTION 139/80

That this NSA resolve itself into committee of the whole.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : D FINE

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 140/80

That this NSA resolve itself out of committee of the whole.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : D FINE

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 141/80

That this NSA invite Beyers Naude to serve as NUSAS Honorary President for 1980.

PROPOSED : SARAH CULLINAN
SECONDED : SCROOBY

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Velcich pointed out that being banned Byers Naude could not accept this invitation but that it should continue to be extended.

RESOLUTION 142/80

That this NSA resolve itself into committee of the whole.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : JOHN CLARKE

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 143/80

That this NSA resolve itself out of committee of the whole.

PROPOSED : SWART
SECONDED : JOHN CLARKE

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 144/80

That this NSA invite the following people to serve as Honorary Vice-Presidents of NUSAS for 1980.

Prof Clarence	Dr E G Malherbe
George Sewpersahd	Jean Sinclair
Prof Bozzoli	Prof Tobias
Paul Davids	Prof Peter Horn
P de V	Advocate George Bizos
Prof Booyesen	Lady Eleanor Birley
Fink Haysom	Sir Robert Birley
Jacki Cock	Sir Richard Luyt
Colin Gardiner	Helen Suzman
Tim Dunne	Prof Schreiner
Tony Moryhet	Sheena Duncan
Prof K Tober	Eddie Webster

executive to draw up a formal job definition for the Projects Officer, in line with the recommendations of the Projects Committee at its first meeting.

PROPOSED : IMPEY
SECONDED : GOSSAYN

Carried unanimously

Velcich called for nominations for the position of Projects Officer.

Nominated

GULTIG PROPOSED : DYSELL
 SECONDED : SCROOBY

Gultry asked to leave the chamber

Gultry elected by secret ballot - applause.

RESOLUTION 148/80

That this NSA elect John Gultig NUSAS Projects Officer for 1980.

PROPOSED : DYSELL
SECONDED : SCROOBY

Carried unanimously with acclaim

Velcich outlined the valuable contribution John Gultig had made to student governments at PMB.
Velcich called for nominations for the position of Secretary General.

Nominated

MYRDAL PROPOSED : WEAVER
 SECONDED : DOYLE

Myrdal asked to leave the chamber.

Myrdal elected by secret ballot - applause.

RESOLUTION 149/80

That this NSA elect Sue Myrdal NUSAS Secretary General for 1980.

PROPOSED : WEAVER
SECONDED : DOYLE

Carried unanimously with acclaim

RESOLUTION 150/80

That this NSA defer the elections for the Post of Research Officer to Student Assembly in Council and mandate the executive prior to these elections to work out a job definition for this post.

PROPOSED : LUNZ
SECONDED : H RADFORD

Carried unanimously

Velcich called for nominations for the position of NUSAS President.

Nominated

BORAINE PROPOSED : MANOIM
 SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

Boraine asked to leave the chamber.

RESOLUTION 151/80

That this NSA resolve itself into committee of the whole.

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 152/80

That this NSA resolve itself out of committee of the whole.

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

Carried unanimously

Boraine elected on a secret ballot - applause.

RESOLUTION 153/80

That this NSA elect Andy Boraine NUSAS President for 1980.

PROPOSED : MANOIM
SECONDED : SARAH CULLINAN

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

Weaver expressed the view that Boraine was one of the most useful people on the UCT SRC and that he could recommend him as a President to NSA - applause.

Manoim traced Boraine's early history including his private school education and PFP youth membership - lighthearted disapproval from Congress.

Congress gave Andy Boraine a standing ovation on the occasion of his election and a large number of people congratulated him.

Boraine promised to consult with his campuses and serve NUSAS as well as possible. He promised to have his hair cut before coming to speak in PMB residences. Finally he paid tribute to Fink Haysom, Jane Barrett, Bill Gardiner and Auret van Heerden and said that if others the dedication of these people NUSAS could only go from strength to strength - applause.

Chair to Boraine.

RESOLUTION 154/80

That this NSA elect Norman Manoim, Tony Weaver, Alan Velcich, Chris Swart and Andy Borraine to the 1980 NUSAS Executive.

PROPOSED : JOHN CLARKE

SECONDED : J JOFFE

Carried unanimously

Harris on behalf of the Rhodes delegation thanked UND SRC and NUSAS for the Congress and said that he hoped Rhodes would attend the 58th Congress with a voting delegation - applause.

Stellenbosch thanked Durban SRC and NUSAS and offered their best wishes to the outgoing executive and head office - applause.

Butler thanked NUSAS for the Congress on behalf of Rhodes SRC and offered his best wishes to the new executive - applause.

A van Heerden said that he appreciated the personal contact, confidence and support the NUSAS Presidency had given him. He thanked Bill Gardiner and Jane Barrett, among others, for their help. Finally he expressed the opinion that the struggle wasn't finished and that we must continue to fight - applause.

Borraine thanked all delegates for their attendance and asked them to clean up their mess before leaving.

At 00H40 he declared the 57th NUSAS Congress closed.
