

PAC Solidarity Meeting. 22.3.88.

Present: Gora E, PAC (2), BCM (2), Azania Namibia Forum (2), Norma K, City AA (Anil, Charine, James), RCB (Ronnie and Andy H), BALSA (2).

Gora's introduction.

Last night's rally was a practical demonstration of the unity required, it was not solemn but an action oriented meeting.

The struggle is on many fronts - the principle enemy is Mrs. Thatcher, but you also need to fight sectarianism. The CPGB is her majesty's loyal opposition. The AAM practice a form of neo-colonialism until they accept the principle that all trends who do not practice ethnicity or racism should be allowed to put forward their views. The concepts of 'authentic' and 'non-authentic' organisations, of 'official' and 'unofficial' movements, shows the neo-colonial mentality becoming more and more undemocratic.

How best to deal with the situation?

There is the strictest press censorship, the press have effectively become the mouthpiece of the regime. The ability of the regime to suppress the news in the first place is being combatted, but we intend to establish a publication on what is taking place, we must have our own propaganda organ.

The internal factor will be finally decisive. We ask your assistance and we believe that through your contacts you can tap latent support. Can we put up structures to tap that support, we need people willing to work. There will be an intensification of the struggle inside, their will need to be here more emphasis on the legitimacy of the armed struggle. Just look at Ireland to see how the media distorts things. In the case I attended today (Adam, Irene, Liz) you saw how they separate the act itself from the political reasons for that act.

You can look at the banning of the 17 organisations as an undemocratic act, or, you can say that this proves that the armed struggle is the only way out. The AAM are going to face a problem unless they support the legitimacy of the armed struggle.

● the AAM were there last night they would have been frightened. We should be going out of London to speak in other areas. British investment is the biggest, British exploitation the highest. Barclays didn't withdraw as a principle position. Their profits come not from profits but from the injection of foreign capital loans and 'aid'. They sold their shares to Anglo-American so that they can all the better move into the frontline states. The PAC is setting out its conditions for the pull out of companies from SA.

At the Lusaka meeting in January of the Commonwealth marked the end of the Eminent Persons Group mandate to create a conducive climate. They told the PAC that we had to make a public statement renouncing or suspending violence and then in two weeks they would have the whole thing wrapped up. We told them - 'You don't know the Boers!'. We gave

them a written statement, they never took a line from it.

There are three main areas that we want support for effective sanctions, gold, oil and finance (banks). The Commonwealth secretariat is conducting research in this area and if you know any researchers who are not just academics then please put them in contact with this group.

Norma motivated the PAC petition for Zeph Mothopeng asking organisations to take copies for fundraising.

The ANF asked for clarification on the publication Gora spoke of. Gora replied it would be a PAC publication, and they also would like support to set up a telex machine at their office.

BALSA said they needed non-sectarian educational materials for schools.

The BCM said they were a liberation movement in their own right and not a support group. That unity of support groups would be enhanced by unity of the liberation movement.

It was agreed to meet again on 31 March to have materials from PAC to plan the launch of the Zeph Mothopeng campaign in time for 6 April, 29th anniversary of their foundation.

ANF and BALSA didn't want to meet at Norma's, but didn't think that they would be able to make it on that date anyway, but wanted to be kept informed.

Andy H. 20.4.88. (retyped).

PAC Solidarity Meeting 31.3.88.

Present: Gora, Rodwell, WRP (Wayne), AAPRP (2), SWANU (2), Norma K (Chair), Dave K, City AA (Anil, Charine, James), RCG (Andy and Ronnie).

1. Gora gave summary of life of Zeph Mothopeng, also Masemola longest serving lifer. Ask for distribution of petition and also subscriptions to quarterly PAC publication Azania News.

Norma dealt with organisation, 10 per organisation, return by 31 May, and then spread to other sponsors.

2. White Lies. Andy: (AAM and media unions conference). Joe from MWASA attending, could be fight for right of support to NACTU wing. People urged to attend.

3. Benefit social.

Norma: propose joint effort for fundraising for PAC and joint work. Opportunity for different groups to meet each other. Proposed for 18 June. Discussion on title - proposal is Free Azania! Viva PAC! with sponsoring groups listed. General approval but different organisations need to report back to their executives. PAC will investigate a venue.

Andy H. 20.4.88. (rewritten).

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Discussions with Gora Ebrahim

1. 19.3.88. City AA committee members including Carol, Andy, Norma.

G: The PAC has been able to rebuild its structures inside the country. Its next priority was the frontline support which has now achieved and it is now looking to its representation outside Africa, particularly in western Europe.

The London office needs strengthening and this will be given attention, there may be a shift in personnel.

The PAC wants support to get its news out. Gora is also acting Publicity Officer and is giving high priority to setting up a news service, and for Azania News to be a regular publication.

The PAC has enunciated 5 principles for unity in action in the struggle.

2. Discussion Andy H and GE 31.3.88.

The PAC will lobby for City AA to be a recognised Non Government Organisation by the Special Committee. The Azania Committee in Holland has this status. Gora can probably get UN sponsorship and finance for City AA projects so long as proposals are well documented, include quite clearly invitations to ANC and PAC, and come 3 months in advance. Andy asked would a City AA international weekend school be likely to be supported, Gora said he would lobby with probable success. Now could not be done before September.

3. Discussion with Joe T.

Joe T and Thami M will be taking up a year's sabbatical at a US college later this year. Joe interested in Terry Bell and his role. Took an FRFI and lots of press cuttings on City AA, including Zola Budd and Adam.

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SCHEMA TO A FREE AZANIA.

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PRESS RELEASE

FREE ZEPHANIA MOTHOPENG CAMPAIGN

On the occasion of the 29th Anniversary of the founding of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania, the PAC is launching the "Free Zephania Mothopeng Campaign" on April 6, 1988.

Comrade Zephania Mothopeng, President and founder-member of the PAC, was accused number one in the only political trial held in total secrecy in Apartheid South Africa -- the Bethal 18 Secret Trial. Comrade Mothopeng was sentenced to 30 years for "organising and predicting" the June 16, 1976 Soweto Uprising. This was his third term of imprisonment since March 21, 1960.

Recently President Mothopeng underwent a serious operation. He has rejected P.W. Botha's so-called amnesty provided he renounced the use of force. In September 1988 he will be 75 years old.

The PAC, whilst launching this campaign, demands the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners and detainees.

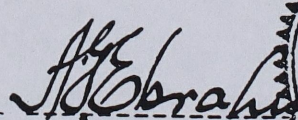
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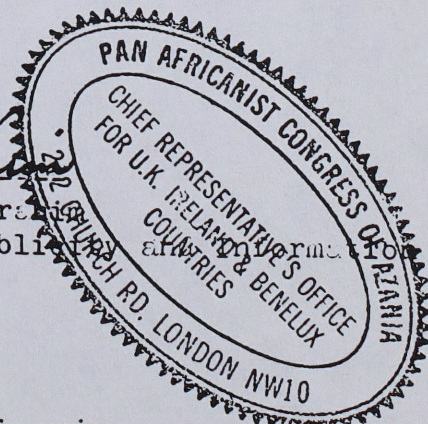
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FORWARD TO A FREE AZANIA.


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