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Dear Members,

The H.U.C. met late in December, 1966 and reviewed our organizational position. It was felt by all that 1967 was to be a critical year; a turning point and that our forces scattered as they are, especially those outside the boundaries of South Africa should, work in a concerted and coordinated manner.

1. We noted Mqetsi and his motley crowd had undermined the Headquarters; had tried to break down lines of communication between Headquarters and the rest of our centre by failing to pass on proper reports and neglecting to send reports from the Headquarters. Meanwhile they were active in sending reports privately to selected members of the Executive and the others whom they believed would join them in slandering the HUC members..

2. With the expulsion of the two renegades and the casting off of the motley crowd we were left in Lusaka with a few members numerically. But working as a team, not only did we bring out APDUSA regularly, did we send out the AAPSO document, or print copies of the federal structure, but also write to numerous heads of states in Africa to APPSO officials and still send our President to Addis Ababa Conference of the OAU to boot.

3. This year we have a number of plans. Not only will APDUSA be brought out as usual; trips are planned for the Committee of Nine; Council of Ministers at Addis and visits to Tanzania and Uganda to follow up our good work. We also intend to publish old minutes of the movement, as well as other movement literature. We are contacting various embassies to popularise the movement to drive out the poseurs who are falling into disfavour.

4. On reviewing the position outside Lusaka, we noted that we have forces in Lesotho, Botswana, U.S.A., Germany, Algeria, Tanzania, England, Nigeria, Germany and India.

5. In India we have an enthusiastic band of students who are not only in touch with us regularly but have also brought out a publication popularising the movement to the South African students who are there.

6. It is vital that there be coordination between various centres and headquarters and therefore we suggest:

- (a) That they constitute themselves into units;
- (b) that they meet regularly;
- (c) that they elect one who is to correspond with us and at the same time receive our correspondence.

7. Life outside South Africa has its problems. It is vital that we discipline our lives and one way to maintain that is the knowledge that each unit is answerable to others and to headquarters.

8. In order to prevent ourselves from merely drifting along, it is imperative for us to know that each centre has its plan for its activities for the coming period. Some for obvious reasons need not detail concrete plans, but plans there must be.

9. For instance:

(a) Centres can ...../

- (a) Centres can decide to publish previous publications of the U.M. and A.A.C. If each unit can bring out just three such for a whole year, you can appreciate what can be achieved in politicising the vast continent here as well as those at home.
- (b) Writing articles for APDUSA:
- (c) Sending cuttings to the centre which could be useful for our files or for publication in APDUSA
- (d) Publicising the various left wing groups, intellectuals, writers, We wish to commend how the issue of Hugh Blanco, the peasant leader has been used to contact various layers who have come to his defence. The imprisonment of Lee, Gcabashe, Dazana, Nelville Elexander, Majola, Mtshizana can be used to publicise the movement and win sympathy from these elements.
- (e) We are building a library. If you cannot buy books for headquarters at least buy them for us and we shall remit the necessary cash. We do need books on Africa and on the Negro movement in America.
- (f) Our APDUSA also needs suggestions and constructive criticisms.

10. Report about financial contributions. It is imperative that if headquarters is to function properly we have to streamline our finances. Our full timers are growing and this is not only making it possible to push out work but also improve our quality. Inside too our bands of workers are doing a magnificent job. Here our criticism that PAC and ANC have lost contact with home, as seen in the absence of any information of what is taking place at home, is making itself felt. Only we and we alone are telling the world about the home front.

11. We have to insist that as a matter of policy that those who earn must make a monthly contribution besides being called upon to help for specific projects. And from now on we would like regular reports from each centre the extent of each individual's difficulties.

12. But if our work is to continue and our courageous band be given the opportunity to carry on, then it is imperative that those of us who are earning must contribute. It is not correct that the movement must be carried financially by only a few.

13. In this way each centre and headquarters will know how much is being contributed or which centre and which individual in the centre is or is not pulling his or her weight. At the same time we will know the difficulties of each centre and also individual difficulties.

14. It is appreciated that individuals on their own have sent money to headquarters. However what is required is contribution from the centre as a whole instead of a few individuals. Headquarters does not insist that all the moneys be sent to it but if money is being spent then this must be accounted for.

15. There is criticism from those inside as well as sympathisers outside that freedom fighters once outside the borders of their countries degenerate, that they are corrupted by an easy and loose living and instead of doing more for the movement dissipate their energies in socialising, staggering from one party to another.

16. It is imperative that we conduct ourselves with restraint and dignity, for the eyes of the population are on us. They judge our politics by our behaviour on little things.

17. If we are...../

17. If we are able to maintain discipline, knit ourselves into a unit, work as a team then not only will it be a source of inspiration to those working inside but it will hearten our growing band of full timers. The lesson of Mqotsi of petty bourgeois thought and action can be traced to living beyond his means, competing with others in giving bigger and better parties, of ambition and of improving in the bourgeois world.

If 1967 is to be the turning point then let us move forward as a dedicated and disciplined band.

Yours in the struggle.



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