

MINUTES OF MEETING BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION, AD HOC COMMITTEE

Date: 28th May, 1972.

Venue: ALAN Taylor Residence, DURBAN.

Present: D. Koka, Rev. Mavutla, Mrs. Kware, M. N. A. Mokoape, Ben Khoapa, Steve Biko, S. Moodley, S. Cooper, V. Cooper, N. Ramphela, S. Vavilala, E. Ghety, Mr. Mr. Makatini, Mr. Mayimela.

Absent: B. Mafuna, H. Mngwenkulu, M. Masekela, F. Mazibuko, D. Modiba, C. Mokoditwa.

IN THE CHAIR: Drake Koka.

The meeting opened at 11.30 a.m.

Minutes of the last ad hoc Committee held on 13/2/72 at Lenasia, Jo'burg were read and adopted. Mover: S. Moodley

Seconded: M Mokoape.

Matters arising: 1. The Draft Constitution is ready but has as yet not been typed and reworded. The Chairman assured the meeting that it shall be available to members in a weeks time.
2. The mandate to call up a Convention within six months time will be expiring on the 19th ~~October~~ ^{JUNE}. It will not be possible to hold Convention before that time. Therefore the ad hoc Committee shall extend the time and hold Convention only when all necessary preparatio preparations have been completed.

The Chairman then outlined the present wave of student unrest in black campus. It was decided that the B.P.C. is not yet ready to make its contribution to the student struggle and shall therefore not issue any statements. However individual members may play their part. In Jo'burg and Durban individual members have already played an and are continuing to play commendable roles in organising student-parents meetings. The Chairman was severely criticised for letting the morale of the Comm'tee run low by not facilitating communication and by not injecting vim into his colleagues. He accepted all blame, but pointed out that individual members should be responsible enough to carry on organisational work without necessarily waiting for directives. The Committee has been on the whole very lax and they should pull up their strings and view their work more seriously.

DATE OF CONVENTION: Originally the 8-9-10th July weekend was suggested; but certain members felt not enough has been done at grass roots to warrant the convention at that time. Mr. B. Koapa intimated that it is absolutely necessary it^s h have national grass roots support before we can call up Convention; in order to obviate the movement becoming a limited, elitist and bureaucratic movement. He suggested that we call up an Extended Ad Hoc Committee meeting for 8-10th July at which representatives from all parts of the country and from different organisations shall be present and discuss strategy for organising in their Areas. He was supported by D. Koka, S. Moodley and S. Cooper.

Mrs. Kware, Rev. Mavutla, M.N.A. Mokoape and S. Biko argued for the immediate launching of the movement. They said organisational work shall be facilitated when an already structure exists. They hinted that it is difficult to organise people when there is no structure to present to them. Delay could only further dampen the ad hoc committee.

At 1pm. the meeting adjourned for lunch and for two other black meetings that were being held in Durban.