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Coming soon!

- NWC Provincial visits - Northern Cape 25/01 - 28/01 2001, Northern Province 31/01- 04/02 2001, Eastern Cape 04/02 - 10/02 2001.
- National Congress - 5th - 8th April 2001.

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National Executive Committee Annual Report

ANCYL NEC 4th meeting took place on the 19th to 21st January 2001 in Johannesburg's Protea Berea Hotel.

Political Overview

The main purpose of the meeting was to present the year 2000 Annual Report.

The New Year, 2001, is upon us. Accordingly, as we gather like this, we are already embarked upon our tasks of and journey into the New Year.

When we ended the previous year, we had pledged as a people to, in the coming new century, end the *problem of the colour line* and make this an African Century for peace, democracy and a better life for all!

In pursuit of all these objectives, we worked hard as a country to advance the cause for making ours a non-racial society.

However, the political representatives of the white section of our people fought relentlessly to oppose this perspective and frustrate this course.

Even as their people, less sophisticated than their leaders, continued to demonstrate racial bigotry and engaging in deplorable racial practices, their parties denied that this was racism.

Such was also a year during which we intensified our struggle for the renaissance of our continent. This remained a specific, urgent and critical challenge throughout the year.

During the year, our principal foes intensified their offensive to roll back the gains we have made to defeat colonialism. Among others, as happened in Zimbabwe,

they sought to coerce us to agree with them that human rights and fundamental social change are mutually exclusive; that African governments had to defend private property at all costs and any attempt to change property ownership patterns is an affront to human rights as they define them. Accordingly, they still continued with their plans to create and support client States and puppet organisations and leaders in efforts to ensure that their agenda succeeds.

Clearly, we can only conclude that their actions were borne of the fact that they can already foretell the ultimate success of our revolution!

As we ended the previous year, the age-old challenges we had inherited from feudalism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and apartheid remained intact. We had to strive to banish poverty, disease, illiteracy and ignorance and develop our economies in order to create a better life for all African people!

With regard to Africa's development strategy, we engaged the rest of the world and received unanimous support. The challenge is to draft this strategy and marshal all our forces in Africa to ensure its success. A further challenge is to mobilise resources that will ensure that we can drive it. An even greater challenge is to strengthen the progressive movement in the continent, ensure that it keeps dynamic contact with the masses of African people and intervenes progressively in matters that affect their lives.

One of the most critical challenges we faced during the year was that of HIV/AIDS. Our people continue to die of many illnesses that constitute a syndrome called AIDS. Poverty and a low quality of life have aggravated the situation. But, while our people are generally aware of this pandemic, many among them, espe-

cially the youth, continue to get infected through irresponsible and unprotected sexual activity.

As we embarked upon our innovative national campaign, we continued to urge youth to practice the ABC! We sought to foster an attitude of mind that suggests that AIDS is preventable, "I have a responsibility to stop it" and this is a disease the youth must defeat!

The pharmaceutical industry engaged with us in a hostile and destructive manner. We all know that in terms of the ethics of the capitalist system, profit comes before people. Accordingly, sick people are objects of profit!

Everything was done by this industry seeking to coerce us to agree with their perspective with regard to this disease. On this question, we confronted certainly the most organised foe of developing nations.

For challenging the orthodoxy, the President was singularly targeted and attacked to a point where he was described as deranged. So, because this third world leader was challenging the logic of the North, and this caused them discomfort!

During 2001, we forged ahead with the transformation of our country at all levels. When it began, we had identified local elections as the single most important and strategic

challenge for the movement and all our people. We sought to democratise the rest of the country and create non-racial municipalities.

Once more, our people delivered their unequivocal support to the ANC. We have a challenge to develop the clearest understanding of the meaning of this mandate of the people.

We treated the Year 2000 as the year for youth mobilisation. As it began, we resolved to return to the basics of organisation building, among others, through re-establishing dynamic contact with the masses of youth and strengthening our organisational structures to equip them for this challenge. In this regard the NEC took the decision to implement "Operation Back to Basics" and further disbanded two provinces as a way of intervening in a situation that was on the verge of collapse.

Particular challenges have emerged with regard to youth mobilisation and conscientization to which we must respond. As the leading component of youth, we must provide leadership on the question.

Much happened during the course of the year, but we can conclude that as a movement we handled ourselves and our tasks quite well. The NGC of the ANC was a festive occasion for us as the movement. Particular challenges still remained at the level of the Alliance to which we must still respond.

NEC Resolutions

The NEC has been affected by resignations and sab-baticals of other members. Also lack of financial resources led to setbacks and members were advised not to convene sub-committee meetings until financial situation has stabilized. This has led to slow progress on organizational work. It was then recommended that vacant position left by comrades in the NEC should not be filled until congress.

On HQ operations and administration, the only problem encountered was relocation to new offices. That has an adverse effect on operations but things are slowly going back to normal.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary General presented the Annual report to the NEC.

On the NEC

The meeting noted the recommendation of the NWC and resolved that no comrades should be co-opted to replace the vacant position in the NEC until congress.

On the NWC

The meeting noted that one of the weaknesses of the NWC was its inability to communicate with NEC members on the work done in between NEC meetings. The meeting resolved that there is a need for a bulletin to all NEC members to update NEC members on work done.

On Provinces

The meeting noted that there was a need to regularly audit the performance of provinces. The meeting resolved that the NWC should continue with its visits to provinces. That the NWC must assess the state of provinces before the Provincial Congresses.

On Regions

The meeting noted that most regions are active but however the main weakness has been their inability to reach out to young people due to financial constraints. The meeting resolved that regions should be assisted with some form of allocation for purposes of transport. The NEC further resolved that regions should demarcate themselves in line with the District Councils.

On Branches

The meeting noted the successes and spin-offs of "Operation back to basics" and resolved to further strengthen this tier of the organisation. The NEC resolved that the POA need to be simplified by means of a branch manual. The manual should contain guidance on how to implement the Youth League campaigns. The NEC resolved further that branches should demarcate themselves in line with the ANC Lekgotla's ruling of one branch one ward. Branches should continue the debate on the implications of this decision. The demarcation will be effected post the National Congress.

On Local Government Elections

The meeting noted the report on Local Government Elections and the participation of youth in the elections. The NEC resolved that the debate on youth participation is a continuing one and would be finalised by congress.

On National Membership System

The meeting noted that membership system computers in provinces are old and ineffective. The NEC resolved to acquire new computers with sufficient memory and faster processors to handle the system.



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Treasurer General's Report

The year 2000 has been positive and we have managed to collect some money from membership fees. This was difficult in previous years but due to tight fiscal policy that was applied regarding new membership system we managed to collect some money.

*As it had been done before,
HQ will continue to fund all
the outstanding Provincial
Congresses.*

Regarding membership fees, at present there is a full-time membership officer who will capture data well so

that branches and regions receive their share of membership fees. It must also be noted that membership fees cannot sustain the buying and printing of membership cards.

It must further be noted that most provincial books were audited except a few. Lack of capacity on the part of provincial administrators was noted and the TGO conducted visits to provinces to capacitate them on how to deal with provincial books.

POA - Jan. April 2001 (From now until National Congress)

Organizational Development - Strengthening Branches, Cadre Development Programme, Campaigns, Convening Gender Workshop.

Youth Development - Popularize institutions of Youth Development, HIV/AIDS campaign, National Workshop on Substance Abuse.

Political Programmes - Campaigns on combating racism, revival of PYA structures, engagement with Afrikaner Youth Organizations.

Education & HR - Random school visits, education transformation.

International Affairs - International affairs matters debated at provincial level, Our participation in SAYF Congress, consideration in hosting IUSY World Congress.

Finance & Fundraising - Assist provinces with settlement of their debts, replace some cars on our fleet, assist provinces in funding their congresses, continue fundraising.

Preparations for National Congress

Preparations for the National Congress are at an advanced stage. The congress is going to be held on 5th - 8th April 2001 at the University of Free State.

The theme of this National Congress is “**Youth Development for the African Century**”. This theme highlights this century as the one for youth development and empowerment.

Credentials for Representation to Congress

1. Branches in goodstanding are allocated 2 delegates and for every 500 members additional 1 delegate.
2. Delegation from branches to congress must be gender balanced.
3. Regional NWC will formalize this and make further recommendations.

Registration Fees for Congress

R30 BEC

R30 REC

R100 PEC

R200 NEC

Branches 1 500, Provinces 13 PEC X 9, Regions - 4 per Region, ANCYL NEC - 48 (All Officials), ANCWL NEC 10, YL Veterans 10, Dignitaries 10, International Guests ±20

Fraternal Invited Guests : COSAS 5, SASCO 5, YCS 5, SUCA 5, SASPU 5, COSATU 5, SACP 5

Logistical Arrangements

A National Congress Preparatory Committee was formed to oversee congress preparations and various Sub-Committees were setup. The venue to be used has a capacity to sit the projected 2000 delegates from home and abroad. There will be a separate venue for

registration and a registration system need to be put in place to ease the flow of delegates as this has proven to be a difficult task.

Delegates to the congress will be accommodated at the University residence which is capable of handling 1 800 people. Provinces will assist in housing of delegates as accommodation will be allocated per province.

Buses have been hired to transport delegates from provinces to the congress. Provinces will need to coordinate these buses in order to be effective. Provincial administrators need to liaise with the National administrator on how they will manage this task.

National Congress Discussion Papers

Papers for discussion at the congress have been drafted and would be taken to provinces for perusal.

The papers will take shape in the following scope: -

1. **Social Transformation**
Youth Development
Human Resource Development
2. **Economic Transformation**
Economic Participation + Integrated Rural Youth Development (IRYD) Strategy
3. **International Perspective**
African Renaissance
4. **Organizational Development and Relationship with the ANC**
5. **Gender Perspective**
6. **Constitutional Development**
7. **Legislature and Governance**

International Front

Our organization has continued to attend many international fora with the aim of focusing on solidarity campaigns and on international bodies to which we are affiliated.

On the 11th Feb. 2000, the ANCYL assisted the Swaziland Youth Congress to hold its 5th General Congress in Mpumalanga as this would not have been possible in Swaziland because of disruptions and beatings by the police.



At the **IUSY Africa Committee** meeting held in Botswana, bi-lateral talks between the YL and IUSY SG, a request was made for YL to host the World Congress in South Africa.

The YL also participated in **Africa-Europe Civil Society Forum** held in Portugal and the **International Consultation on HIV/AIDS and Youth: Human Rights for Social Development** organized by UNESCO in Paris.

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