

Present: approx 23, with representation same as previous week.

Agenda.

1. Minutes and introduction of basis of group for newcomers.
2. Discussion on what's been happening in SA since last meeting and an introduction by the RCG.
3. Report back from Sheffield AA group which met last Friday.
4. AA AGM.
5. Letter from City of London AA Group.
6. Organisation of Group.
7. AOB.

2. General discussion. Following points were made;

- a. Britain involved in sending sophisticated radar systems to SA.
- b. Southampton dockers refusing to handle SA goods.
- c. Leeds Trades Mission to SA going ahead; been justified on basis of 'well we go to Eastern Europe, so.....' Letter written to AAM which has been ignored.
- d. Threatened NUM strike in SA. Discussed enormous implications of this. Would cripple economy, deep state of crisis. Would have no strike funds.
- e. Has W Mandela been arrested today?
- f. Short discussion on conditions in prisons.
- g. City Group arrests, this weekend. 6 arrests, 2 charged, 1 badly beaten.
- h. Report from Sheffield Defence Campaign about Rose Alaso. Decided to ask them to keep us informed about what support we could give; could take petitions initially and write letter of support.
- i. Sheffield D.C. also reported on attacks on Asian Taxi drivers. In particular, M. Iqbal, who after being beaten about the head with a stick until he bled, defended himself in order to get away and is being charged as well as the bloke who beat him up. Demanding charges be dropped, picket of court?
- j. Anti Deportation demonstration in Birmingham. M. Idrish, B. Bakhtora, . Toufique.

. Introduction by RCG on British Collaboration with Apartheid. I will not type out this introduction for the minutes, but I am sure that it will be possible to get photocopies if the intro for anyone interested. It was decided that we would have a different introduction each meeting and that perhaps the person giving it could distribute an outline at the meeting. M.M. offered to do one for the next meeting on Education in SA.

3. Reportback from Sheffield AA group.

They decided at their meeting to have a vigil on the 10th August, which will be silent and to which they expect 4 people to be there at any one time; this item was found particularly amusing; they also decided to have a demonstration on the 21st September, with a short rally at the end with one speaker only. (From the ANC).

- b. It was obviously no coincidence that the date they chose was the same one that we had chosen for the rally which we were going to ask their support for. It was also mentioned that the fact they had decided to have a demonstration at all was no doubt due to the existence of our group.
- c. When the suggestion of an International Solidarity Rally was put to their meeting, it was completely ignored.
- d. Only the Executive Committee members were allowed to vote on the issue of the demo etc!
- e. Copies of an article in Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism! which exposes the AAM for being Anti-Action were distributed at the meeting and condemned!
- f. We decided that our attitude to the demonstration would be as follows; we would fully support and mobilise for this and build for big contingent behind the YCAAA banner.
- g. We decided to go ahead with the idea for our rally for the evening and the rest of the discussion under this item was devoted to that. Also decided

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to set up a 'rally group' which could meet alternate weeks and would consist of anyone wanting to do work for the rally. It was decided that unless we did this our meetings would be taken over with practical details about the rally. The following decisions re contacting speakers were made;

SWAPO---M will contact.

Dunns.----Mike.

ANC,PAC ----RCG

NUM----Jim

WAPC---Debbie

Chilean Group-----AYM

Newham 7, PWA, ---- Mushtaq

Gerry M. ----Mike.

PLF-----AYM

Aboriginal Land Rights ----FRFI

Rosa Campaign----FRFI

Decided we would ask Sheffield AA for support.

Discussion about who could speak at rally; decided that to be fully democratic, anyone could speak/give message of solidarity who supported the event; that the chair would be someone from this group and only he/she would be able to speak on behalf of it.

4. AA AGM. Discussion on this item was deferred to next meeting but it was emphasised that people should join AA as soon as possible if they wanted to attend the AGM. Also should register for meeting a.s.a.p. as the hall only holds 450.

5. Letter from City AA. Holding a delegates conference on 24th August and asked for our support. Also possible demonstration in the morning. More details from City Group office which is 01. 837.6050. Three people volunteered to go. I have found out since the meeting that they are definitely holding a demo starting, 11 am, Jubilee Gardens, York Road SE1; followed by a rally at the SA embassy at 2pm. They have asked us for support for these activities, so perhaps we could discuss this next time.

6. Put off until next meeting.

7. AOB.

There is an SWP meeting next Wednesday night which we agreed someone should attend to ask them for support for the Demo and the Rally on 21st September. W.P. agreed to go.

TUES 13th AUGUST
RALLY MEETING, FRIDAY, 16th AUGUST, 7PM AT MUSHTAQ'S.

NEXT FULL MEETING, TUESDAY, 20th AUGUST, LABOUR CLUB, VICARAGE ST, WAKEFIELD, 7:30 PM

APOLOGIES TO THE SHEFFIELD DEFENCE CAMPAIGN WHO HAD BOOKED THE ROOM WHICH WE WERE IN.

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