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re: ANC Rural Conference to be held 7 and 8 December 1991

The ANC will hold a rural conference on Sat 7 and Sun 8 December 1991, at Sohng College in Worcester. Registration for delegates will take place on Friday 6 December, and accreditation for the press will take place on Saturday morning from 8 am. The conference will begin at 9 am and will be open to the public until 11 am. The two key note addresses will be given by Dr. Pallo Jordan and Dr. Alan Boesak.

The rural conference is an initiative from the rural areas which resulted in resolutions taken at the National Conference and the Regional Conference. The rural areas have always suffered from concentration of resources in the urban areas. The rural conference will look at ways to address these imbalances.

The conference will deal with two areas; organisational issues and development issues. Papers will be presented on various themes, including education, energy and rural development, and needs of the rural people. The papers will be available at the press desk at the conference.

Each launched branch will send two delegates, plus two delegates from the Youth League and three delegates from the Womens League. Development organisations, service organisations and the ANC's Alliance partners have been invited. Indications are that there will be more than 300 people at the conference.

The conference will create an opportunity for people to consider their options for a future South Africa in a rural context. It also provides an opportunity for collective discussion of the prevailing conditions, and to look critically at ways of changing the situation.

The conference will ensure the participation of all branches and will help to service the branches by giving them first hand information of current issues.

The conference will close with a rally on Sunday 8, at 2 pm, at Zwelethemba Stadium. The rally will also welcome home returning exiles, especially MK cadres. The resolutions of the conference will be made public at the rally. The rally will be addresses by Pallo Jordan and Alan Boesak.

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RURAL CONFERENCE 6-8 DECEMBER 1991 AT WORCESTER

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY

Registration

SATURDAY

7h30 Breakfast

9h00 Keynote addresses by

Dr Pallo Jordan

Dr Allan Boesak

Messages of support

11h00 Tea

11h30 Presentation of papers on:

1. Development in the rural areas

2. Building of the ANC in the rural areas.

13h00 Lunch

14h00 Commissions on various aspects flowing from inputs.

16h00 Tea

16h15 Commissions continue

18h00 Supper

19h00 Input on campaigns in the rural areas

20h00 Reportback from commissions

23h00 Videos

SUNDAY

7h30 Breakfast

9h00 Reportback from commissions continue

11h00 Programme of Action

12h00 Resolutions and Closure

13h00 Lunch

14h00 Rally