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SOUTH AFRICAN PEACE COUNCIL



P.O. BOX 10528

JOHANNESBURG

T.I.Y.C.

19th February 1956.

TO THE CONGRESSES.

Dear Friend,

We are endeavouring to raise funds for the PEACE MOVEMENT --hence this show which we are putting up at the Kings Theatre, at Alexandra Township. We therefore kindly request you to assist us in disposing of the tickets and in publicising the show. Find enclosed 300 tickets which we hope you will be able to sell and report to us by Wednesday 14th March 1956.

Anticipating your kind co-operation,

With Peace Greetings,

Yours Fraternally,

Leon Levy,

L. M. ...

Secretary South African Peace Council.

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SOUTH AFRICAN PEACE COUNCIL



P.O. BOX 10328

JOHANNESBURG

13th June 1956.

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To achieve this purpose, a preparatory committee is to be established which will steer the arrangements of the convention and be responsible for its successful outcome.

The participants in the preparatory committee need not necessarily agree with the views of the South African Peace Council nor will they be committed to its policies.

The first meeting of the preparatory committee will be held on Friday 22nd June at 8p.m. at the Shakespeare House Board Room (124 Commissioner Street, 10th Floor.).

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Discussion on the Convention by Rev. D.C. Thompson.
2. Election of the steering committee, chairman and secretary.
3. Further tasks.
4. General.

We are confident that your organisation will be most interested in the above project and will accept our invitation to attend this meeting of the preparatory committee.

With Peace Greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Rev D.C. Thompson
Chairman South African Peace Council.

Established in 1952 to bring together individuals and organisations responsible for its successful outcome.



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DCT. 203

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DCT 205
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9/8/56

4, Robinson Avenue,
Dunfermline.
6th. August, 1956.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

As you know, the Minister of Labour has decided to tighten up regulations regarding work on Sundays, an attempt to enforce a stricter observance of the Sabbath, anyhow.

It seems to me that we should take advantage of this move to ask in the press why the Third Commandment should be considered so much more important than the Sixth, when it comes to mass-murder. *There is still the rope, ~~connection~~, provided,*

The Star printed a letter of mine last week, but cut out what I thought the most important part. It was as follows;

"It is strange that our strictest Sabbatarians - the Puritans, the Scots and the Afrikaners - are also our bonniest fighters. Christ left not one word of creed or doctrine, only one Commandment 'Love one another'. And He was not a strict Sabbatarian

I rang up the Bishop's secretary to-day, to ask if there were any chance that he would let me see him. She told me he is very busy and suggested that I should ring later.

Mr. Roux and Mrs. Scarnell Lean, two others whom I had to approach with a view to getting their support for the coming Peace Convention, flatly refused to have anything to do with the likes of us.

I wonder if you have had any success with in the matter of securing a hall.

All good wishes,

Yours for Peace,

Suzanne Stephen.

P. S.

Perhaps I should apologise for the typed letter, but it is so much easier to read than by hand-writing.

S. A. L. is blank, for the individual who takes a line.

SOUTH AFRICAN/TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL

3b Somerset House,
110 Fox Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

7/9/56.

A. P. DCT 200
5/10/56

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

Dear Friend,

This is to advise you that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of our Council will be held on the ... 13th Sept. ... 1952 ... at the above address at ... 8 p.m. ... sharp.

As work of verry great importance will be discussed please make every effort to attend.

With Peace Greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Leon Levy
LEON LEVY,

SECRETARY.

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LEON LEVY,

SECRETARY.

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C/O 102 Hill Street,
Overport,
Durban.

18th August, 1953.

The Secretary,
Transvaal Peace Council,
Transvaal,
South Africa.

Dear Sir,

We wish to extend our warmest greetings to the First Peace Congress to be held on the 21-22-23 of August, 1953, in Johannesburg.

We as an oppressed National minority fully support the Peace Congress and the Peace movements of this country and the world over.

We also warmly welcome the formation of a South African Peace Council, which will be a tangible form to strengthen the world Peace Movement.

Wishing the Peace Congress every success,

LONG LIVE PEACE,

K. Moonsamy,
Branch Secretary.

28/8/53.

mv. [signature]

PROPOSED DRAFT LETTER.

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Jan P. DCT 206
5/12/56

Address and Date. ?

Methodist Manse,
36, Fifth Street,
New Township,
SPRINGS, Transvaal.

22nd of August, 1956.

To, All Ministers and Pastors of Religion,
Churches and Peace Groups,

Dear Friend and Brother,

CALLING A SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PEACE CONVENTION.
IN THE TRADES HALL, 27th and 28th of OCTOBER, 1956.

" I solemnly say to the Churches of mankind, to the leaders of religion here and in the United States, that they are guilty of blasphemy", said Mr Aneurin Bevin, the British Labour Leader last week, in an angry denunciation of Church support for the Hydrogen Bomb. He added, "They describe the Russians as a nation of God-haters, as a nation of atheists. Well, comrade, strip from your minds all the delusions you are fond of harbouring ----- It is from the God-haters that the proposal to ban H-Bombs has come, and it is by the God-lovers that the proposal has been rejected! Is there any Christian ~~swearing~~ minister who has a reply ?".

What is your reaction and reply to this outburst ?
Whatever your diagnosis of contemporary events, we believe that you and most people desire peaceful and/or competitive co-existence, and the peaceful settlement by negotiation of all outstanding problems.

The Preparatory committee arranging the above Convention, has been at work for some time, and is honestly desirous of enlisting the co-operation of all peace-lovers, whether of individuals or societies, and of all shades of religious and political attitude, to assure the Convention and its cause the success it deserves.

No individual differences should exclude you from this Convention. We need your support in prayer and corresponding action to aid us in these critical times, so that the pregnant possibilities may be brought to full birth. Both in South Africa and the continent of Africa the cause of peaceful change is a priority.
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It is my firm conviction that attitudes of benevolent neutrality are wrong, and that we require individual decision and collective representation in the cause of peace.

If you cannot be present personally, will you please send a representative or an observer to the Convention.

If you are unable to do either, kindly send us a message or a greeting.

Yours on behalf of the Preparatory Committee,
Calling a South African National Peace Convention,

D. C. Thompson

(Rev) D. C. Thompson.

Member of the World Peace Council.
President of the S.A. Peace Council.

DCT. 174 ①

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR A NATIONAL
PEACE CONVENTION

5/10/56

PHONE 22-9026

COPY AS REQUESTED:

30 PROGRESS BUILDINGS,

156 COMMISSIONER ST.,

JOHANNESBURG

27th August, 1956.

TO ALL MINISTERS AND PASTORS OF RELIGION,
CHURCHES AND PEACE GROUPS.

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Will you help us now by agreeing to become a SPONSOR of the Convention? Further, if you cannot be present personally, will you please send a representative or an observer to the Convention? If you are unable to be present or send a representative to the Convention, kindly send us a message or a greeting.

Yours on behalf of the Preparatory Committee,

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3b Somerset House,
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JOHANNESBURG.

16/8/1956.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS .

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23rd August 1956 sharp. **8p.m.**

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With Peace Greetings,

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LEON LEVY,

SECRETARY.

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NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS .

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This is to advise you that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of our Council will be held on the 30th Aug...1956.. at the above address at...8.p.m. sharp.

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With Peace Greetings,

Yours fraternally,
for *Jaco*
LEON LEVY,

SECRETARY.

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