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ABOUT THE JOINT EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE CAPE SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE HELD AT GEORGE 16TH - 18TH OCTOBER, 1952

1. The meeting was attended by Representatives from the following Regions:-

- (a) Six from the Western Cape - two from each Sponsoring Organisation.
- (b) Two Representatives from the Eastern Cape Region, representing the A.N.C.
- (c) One Representative from the Eastern Cape Region, representing S.A.C.P.O.
- (d) Two officials of the Cape Provincial Executive A.N.C.
- (e) Two Representatives from the Border Region (East London, etc) A.N.C.
- (f) Two Representatives from the North Eastern Region A.N.C.
- (g) The National Organiser - Convener.

On the whole, considering the vastness of the Province and financial difficulties the response to this meeting was a very good one.

2. Misfortune: It was unfortunate to be overtaken by the Police - C.I.D. Special Branch - who drove all the way from Cape Town to George. Just when we were getting ready to commence our meeting, about 10 p.m. of Saturday the 16th, arrangements being to hold the meeting at a very private place, our car, with some of the delegates, was overtaken on the main road (Cape Town/Port Elizabeth) by the C.I.D.'s car. There was nearly a collision. They held us up and searched us. We were ordered to drive back to the Charge Office where all our documents, etc., were confiscated. A brief case belonging to the National Organiser, with important letters and documents inside, was confiscated. At the Charge Office some of us were charged for failing to produce Tax Receipts on demand and the car drivers charged for conveying passengers without permits. We were locked up in the cells awaiting trial on Monday the 18th.

Those of us who were in the first load to the private place for the meeting, escaped arrest.

Mr. B. Turck was very helpful to all of us as he instructed his attorney in Cape Town by 'phone to defend us. His attorney in turn briefed a local attorney in George to appear for our defence.

The cases were disposed of on Monday and we all were fined for both failing to produce Tax Receipts and the drivers for conveying passengers. At this stage I may point out that the evidence on our defence re transporting passengers to George was a very sound one. The prosecutor closed the crown case quite convinced but the Magistrate, on no grounds, found our car drivers guilty.

3. Meeting: During the lunch hour on Monday whilst the cases were still on, we were all, very fortunately, locked into one cell in jail. Was it not a golden opportunity for us to get down to business!!! Most of all the delegates were in that cell saving Mr. Turok and three others. So all our deliberations in the cell were to be submitted to them for approval.

Points for the Meeting:

- (a) Provincial Action Council: The meeting decided to establish a Provincial Machinery to conduct the Campaign. All the Regions of the Cape will report both to the N.A.C. and P.A.C. as recommended at our earlier meeting held at Cradock.
- (b) Working Committee: The following were elected:-
 - (i) Mr. G. Komani of East London - Chairman.
 - (ii) Mr. Turok of Cape Town - Vice Chairman.
 - (iii) Mr. T.E. Tshunungwa (National Organiser) - Administrative Secretary.
 - (iv) Mr. E. Mfaxe of Stutterheim - Provincial Organiser.
 - (v) Mr. G. Ngotvana of Cape Town - Regional Organiser.
 - (vi) Mr. P. Mashihini of Queenstown - Treasurer, and
 - (vii) Mr. C. Mayekiso of Port Elizabeth.

It must be noted here that the Working Committee is predominantly composed of the fact that the Indian Assembly was not represented and that the Coloureds and Indian other parts of the Cape are still scared.

(c) Finance:

- (i) It was decided that each of the Sponsoring Organisations contributes an initial amount of £20 to start a banking account for the C.O.P.
- (ii) C.O.P. Collection Cards: That as many Collection Cards as possible be distributed to all our Branches and Regions. Please note that the Cape A.N.C. has a very big membership from over 100 Branches. Volunteers and members will go round collecting funds with these official cards. Whatever is realised in each Branch, 50% to be sent with the corresponding cards to the P.A.C. Re share to the N.A.C., this will be arranged by the two Councils.

(iii) Organisers: The Cape needs a number of full-time Organisers. At present we have appointed two, namely Messrs. Mfana and Ngotyana. These will be paid from the P.A.C. Treasury. So, it is emphatically advised that in order to make this tremendous campaign a success, we should collect as much money as possible for our Organisers, etc.

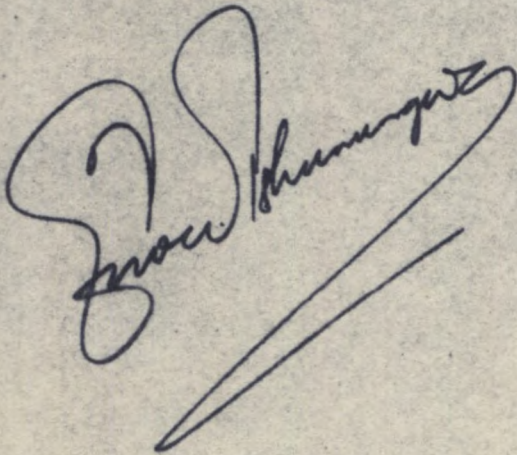
(d) Provincial Head Office of C.O.P. The office of the National Organiser - Queenstown shall be the Head Office of P.A.C.

After the cases were over on Monday after 5 p.m. the prisoners were then out and we formally reported to those who were out what our decisions in the cell were. Mr. Turok and all were pleased with our recommendations and we then decided to work - get on with the C.O.P.

The final part of our meeting ended about a few yards in front of the S.A.P. Charge Office. Whilst they thought we were discussing about our cases, we were deep in our schemes about the Struggle.

MAYIBUYE !!!

By T.E. Tshunungwa
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY : P.A.C.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.E. Tshunungwa', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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