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Merry Christmas To All Our Readers

FROM THE BANTU WORLD STAFF

Christmas

DR. W. F. NKOMO: Everywhere in the world there is rejoicing and a manifestation of the spirit of goodwill among men. In the midst of all our preparations let us remember the significance of Christmas; it is first and foremost a christian festival.

It may well be that it falls at a time when pagan society used to celebrate the close of the year, but the fact is that it represents a time when christians take stock of their achievements and shortcomings. I hope that during the coming Christmas, we shall all re-dedicate ourselves for greater usefulness to our fellowmen.

If that is the attitude we shall adopt at this Christmas the result will be that the festival will be happy and free of unpleasant incidents.

I wish all readers of The Bantu World a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. To those in hospitals or bed-ridden in their homes I express the wish that Christmas may bring them renewed vitality and recovery.

To the poor who will find Christmas a sad reminder of their poverty I would express the hope that goodly neighbours will extend Christmas cheers to them. May goodwill and peace reign in the hearts of men and nations.



Messages

MR. GANA MAKABENI, Secretary General of the South African Clothing Workers' Union, sends this message to members: Fellow workers, now that you have annual leave which includes three statutory holidays with full pay in case of those who have completed a year in employment, and pro rata pay to those who are less than a year in employment, I wish you on behalf of your executive a merry Christmas.

While you enjoy your holidays with your families and relatives, do not forget the bitter struggle for higher wages and a shorter working week in which we have been engaged with your employers in the clothing industry. The year 1951 has been a year of full activity for our Union which has battled for better wages and better working conditions for our members.

Through your united efforts you have seen what you can do. You have made your employers offer you increment in your wages though they are not yet operating. It is hoped that they will operate early next year.

Let us double our activities in 1952. Again, let me wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

MR. C. OLIPHANT, Honorary Secretary of the Transvaal Bantu Cricket Union says: "The Board of the Transvaal Bantu Cricket Union extend their warmest greetings to the cricketers of all affiliated clubs as well as to all cricketers in the other parts of the Union—wishing them all a Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year. The coming season has a lot in store for our cricket—about eight centres will be preparing for the biennial inter-provincial tournament to be staged at Durban and there will also be the national Non-European Inter-Race tournament coming on early in 1953. The T.B.C.U. is therefore most sympathetically disposed towards the weaker Griqualand West, O.F.S and Natal and wish them success in their efforts to raise representative sides to compete in these memorable games. We are not forgetting to say best wishes to our toughest customer the Western Province who almost proved invincible in the last tournament. May they have better luck in the ensuing season. In our home front our admiration and respect are commanded by the players of the White City C.C. which is up to now still putting up a gallant struggle to overcome the obstacles threatening to prevent them from taking part in the fixtures of the T.B.C.U. With perseverance in the coming season they are bound to reap good harvest."

MR. H. H. MAVI, Honorary Secretary of the Transvaal Bantu Lawn Tennis Union says: "A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all who enjoy wielding the willow racquet, sending each ball hurtling over the net and all the fans who yell encouragement lustily to our tennis players here in the Transvaal and in the whole of South Africa. We also wish to sing this song of good cheer not only to African tennis players but to all Non-European tennis players and fans. We are proud of the progress achieved. Make this Xmas dinner table conversation as some one serves you with turkey... continue in this way as you annihilate the plum pudding. May the New Year bring keener competition, good sportsmanship, new champions and new blood in the game."



AND OUR

CHILDREN

MR. Z. L. MOTHOPENG, president, Transvaal African Teachers' Association sends the following Christmas message: "The President and the Executive Committee of the T.A.T.A. feel that there is a no more fitting season than the present one for taking stock of our assets and liabilities, our gains and losses. Our liabilities and our losses are all a matter of common knowledge. There is however a silver lining in our cloud; a growing proportion of African leadership has clearly demonstrated that these liabilities and losses must be eliminated.

We are happy to state that our assets and gains show convincingly that we are on a verge of a new era and may the Christmas spirit give impetus to such a birth and the New Year help to usher in the new era. May this new era spell the birth of a new outlook in our country in particular and the world at large. To teachers, children and parents, we say a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

CHIEF ALBERT J. LUTHULI, president of the African National Congress (Natal Province) sends us the following message: "May I, through you Mr. Editor, in my personal capacity and president of the A.N.C. in Natal express my hearty Christmas and New Year greetings to your readers and the African people in general.

Things may not be too rosy for the African people in this land of ours. We as yet do not enjoy the freedom to which we are entitled. In our struggle for freedom let us take courage in the fact that God is with us in our struggle.

I wish you all the best."

MR. E. N. MANDELA, newly-elected president of the Youth League (A.N.C.) says: "The last annual conference of the Youth League was a unanimous one which will have a far-reaching effect on the whole field of youth activity. May I conclude my Christmas message to our readers a happy Christmas."

SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Godfred Shetty Mabaso, whose picture heads this column today, was Father Christmas at the Bantu World Xmas tree given at the Bantu World Buildings, Industria, Johannesburg recently.

With the help of Mrs. Emily Motsieloa, wife of late Mr. Motsieloa, Mr. Godfred Mabaso continues to manage De Pitch Black Follies now lead by Mrs. Snowy Mahlangu, soprano. First son of Mr. and Mrs. Mabaso of Sophiatown and at present in White City Jabavu, Mr. Mabaso holds a senior position on the operating staff of the Bantu World. A married man he has a family of two, Valere and Roland, both of whom were among the many children of the staff members of the Bantu World who attended the Christmas Party. Next year, Mr. Mabaso hopes to present his troupe to play for the staff members on this occasion.

CONGRESS PLANS ACTION FOR 1952

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS SURPASSED PREVIOUS MEETINGS IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. GREATER ENTHUSIASM WAS SHOWN BY ALL PROVINCES AND THE DELEGATION OF 108, AS WELL AS ABSENCE OF UNDUE ROWDINESS AND WRANGLING, RAISED PROCEEDINGS AT THIS NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO A HIGH PLANE. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, INTEREST IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE WAS SHOWN BY ORGANISATIONS OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF AFRICA, AND MESSAGES EXPRESSING GOOD WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING CAME FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD. CHIEF LUTHULI, PRESIDENT OF THE NATAL PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, PRESIDED.

The main business was the presidential address reported on page 3, the executive's annual report and a report on the joint-planning council's recommendation. This item led to a heated discussion which indicated disagreement between the Transvaal province who favoured a passive resistance campaign, and the other three provinces who opposed the campaign.

The campaign is to be carried out with the co-operation of Indian and Coloured national organisations. Natal province opposed this move on the ground that the set-up in that zone did not permit a campaign of this nature. The other provinces sought consultation with their people before giving assent to this step.

Mr. H. S. Msimang, expressing his personal view to The Bantu World, said that he was not satisfied with the present leadership because of its tendency to stampede matters and not allowing provincial leaders enough latitude for discussion. Asked what Natal would do if the vote at conference went in favour of the campaign, Mr. Msimang said the matter would be reviewed by the Natal provincial executive in consultation with the branches. Conference, however, in a resolution decided to instruct all branches to start preparing forthwith for a mass demonstration "to register the protest of the African people against 300 years of European oppression and exploitation" by way of mass meetings and demonstrations on April 6, 1951.

A number of resolutions were passed at the conference; among them being a call to the Government to repeal certain specified "unjust and racially discriminatory laws" before March next year, failing which mass action would be taken.

In the event of the Government failing to repeal these laws by March 1, then, in terms of the recommendations, preparation for mass action would be made on April 6, when the Van Riebeeck tercentenary celebrations begin.

Congress held that the day would be most appropriate for the commencement of the struggle which would take the form of committing breaches of selected laws and regulations.

The measures which the Government is called on to repeal are the Pass Laws The Group Areas Act, Separate Representation of Voters Act, Suppression of Communism Act and the Bantu Authorities Act.

Also demanded is the repeal of the policy of cattle-culling and the "so-called rehabilitation scheme."

Congress instructed its provincial branches to hold mass demonstrations on April 6, "as a prelude to the launching of the struggle." The branches were also instructed to hold special provincial conferences from April 11 to April 14 next year, to receive branch reports and to issue further instructions on the conduct of the campaign.

Throughout the open sessions of conference, the Magasa Hall in Bantu Location, Bloemfontein, was packed to overflowing, many visitors being present. Women, usually conspicuous by their absence at these meetings, came in fairly large numbers this year, either as delegates or spectators.

The conference was attended by Africans, Indians, Coloured and Europeans; the majority of delegates came from the Transvaal, and were conveyed in two buses and several cars.

(Fuller report next week)

Miss Mina Soga Addresses N. C. A. W.

The progress of a country is judged by the freedom of its people but no nation can be free if it is ignorant, poor and diseased. Therefore education, amenities and health are major factors in the making of a great nation, said Miss Mina Soga in her presidential address on Tuesday during the annual Conference of the National Council of African Women held at Lady Selborne, Pretoria. The Council wishes to be recognised and registered in South Africa and the world.

The Conference was opened by Dr. W. W. M. Eiselen, Secretary for Native Affairs, who expressed appreciation for the efforts taken by African women. He told the conference that the Government is always pleased to see Africans take the initiative in affairs concerning their welfare and is ready to give assistance where possible. Dr. Eiselen suggested to conference that a Shilling Drive should be made a local affair than a nation-wide affair so that people who contribute can see what is being done with their money. Answering a question why the Council was not free to collect money all over the country Dr. Eiselen said it must be registered so that it can be recognised by the Chamber of Commerce.

(Full report next week)

BRAKPAN NOW HAS WHAT JHB. NEEDS

A swimming bath was opened at Brakpan Location for Africans by the Mayor, Mr. S. B. Gerike on Saturday, December 15. It was built by the Town Council and is set in spacious grounds enclosed by a wall. The money spent was £13,000. This is the second swimming bath to be built for Africans, in the Union.

Rev. C. P. Molefe of the Anglican Church, passed a vote of thanks on behalf of the residents. "We are happy to be able to say that our Town Council does not believe in words, but in deeds, for fine schools and houses provided I take off my hat for what the Council of Brakpan is doing for the Africans," he said.

BOOK EXHIBITION

The Bantu World Book Exhibition organised in conjunction with the United Kingdom Information Office is now open. All our readers and their friends are welcome to see for themselves some of the finest books produced in England and South Africa. When visiting the Book Exhibition, make a point of seeing the Bantu World Works.

To get to Industria, take the Randfontein train from Park Station, The Bantu World Buildings are immediately opposite Industria Station.

Manila Gandhi Sees Non-Violence As Strongest Weapon

Speaking on his visit to Bloemfontein last week, Mr. Manil Gandhi told The Bantu World that since he was actively opposing the apartheid laws, he felt that to attend the annual meeting of the African National Congress in Batho Location, Bloemfontein was an opportune occasion for this purpose.

"To do so indirectly, I entered the Free State without a permit, something which my Indian is allowed to do. I felt that I could at the same time directly attack the Provincial barriers which deny movement, and also isolate a very large section of the Indian population in Natal."

While appreciating the generosity of the authorities in not taking action against him for a deliberate breach of the law, Mr. Gandhi said that the fact that he should have been treated differently from the other members of his community is of little consolation to himself.

Of his journey, Mr. Gandhi said that he was told at his Natal starting point that no accommodation was available in the second class coach of the train he intended to board to the Free State. To overcome this difficulty Mr. Gandhi procured a third class ticket instead.

When, however, he boarded the train, he discovered that there was ample room in the second class coach. He transferred to this coach and paid an excess fee. At Harrismith, he went on, he met a Sapa representative who informed Mr. Gandhi that instructions had been issued that he should not be interfered with.

At Bloemfontein Station he told the Press that he was going to the Congress meeting for the first time because he thought that the question today is very serious in so far as it affects non-Europeans. He said that it was his duty to see what happens at this conference.

Mr. Gandhi said he was emphatically opposed to Communism. In his opinion, the All-African Convention was on the wrong path. "The real salvation for the Africans is to follow the principle of non-violence; the only strongest weapon to fight the opponent lies in moral and spiritual strength which we have to cultivate," said Mr. Gandhi.

At the official opening of conference last Sunday, Mr. Gandhi expressed great horror at conditions prevailing in Bloemfontein Locations. He was the guest of a family in Batho Location.

Social Workers Receive Diplomas

The students of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work who received their diplomas from Mr. J. J. P. Op 't Hof, secretary of the Union Department of Education, Arts and Science at the Bantu Men's Social Centre hall, on Friday night, December 14 were given a big ovation by the big audience of Africans and Europeans.

The evening's programme included music provided by the students themselves under the leadership of Mr. B. K. Dlodla and a puppet show under the direction of Mrs. Helena Bubole. The puppet show was splendidly organised and was the highlight of the show.

The following students were presented with diplomas: Nathaniel Frank Kabosha, B. Mazibuko, Vivian Geo. Mefit, Adam C. K. Moeletsi, Muriel Matsola, S. M. N. Motsuanyane, J. Landella, S. Thomas, N. H. T. Male, W. T. Matlala, F. B. Chembe, A. K. Naidu, Miss R. L. Chetty, Mrs. L. G. Bopape, Miss L. Mseti, G. M. Nonyama Chimongo, A. M. Musa, S. C. Kati-lungu, R. V. Mokwape.

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Board Election Prospects

Butshingi, J. Mqobisa and K. Mosenyi.

Two teams and an independent will fight it out at Western Native Township. Teams are Vundia group composed of Messrs. P. Vundia, P. Mogoerane, L. Mfeka and T. Sono; th Skosana group: Skosana, Mtimkulu and B. Meko. Mr. L. Kumalo will stand as an independent candidate.

Three teams will contest White City, Jabavu. Here all three are confident. Masizakhe Party candidates, members of the retiring board, are Messrs. J. M. Mlangeni, M. Ramate, P. M. Lengene and Motlamme.

The Iliso Lomzi candidates are Messrs. M. Thoko, K. Zantsi, K. Malunga and J. Motshabi. The third group led by Mr. R. M. Nkopo is as follows: R. M. Nkopo, Makhema, Twala and Mbuyisa.

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