

HISTORY IN THE MAKING.

Seventeen years ago Albert Lutuli a school teacher and ardent christian gentleman was persuaded to replace Chief Josiah Mqwebu of Groutville Amakolwa Tribe. The work was a combination of the American Board Mission and the Department of Native Affairs.

Mr A.J.Lutuli assumed the affairs of the Tribe under great jubilation by a section of the tribe and the whole hearted support of both the Mission and the Government.

Chief Lutuli was well received and was consulted on many occasions. At one time he led a deputation of Chiefs to the Transkei to study the operation of the rehabilitation of the native Areas and the system of the culling of cattle.

One of the Chiefs of the Nqutu district who was acting on behalf of Chief Isaac Molefe who had accompanied Chief Lutuli, when he came back, he actually recommended the system at Nqutu, which was adopted by the Department, against the opposition of the tribe.

For the last seventeen years EX-Chief Josiah Mqwebu was trying to get back to his position but in vain, because Chief Lutuli was very popular with the Government.

Chief Lutuli joined the Congress under the leadership of Mr. A.W.G.Champion and was elected to the Executive of the Congress. Chief Lutuli was elected to the membership of the Native Representative Council after the death of the late Dr.J.L.Dube. It was during this period that Chief Lutuli began to manifest a changed outlook. In the Native Representative Council he support an adjournment motion which drew remarks from the Chairman Major F. Rodseth, expressing the Government's disappointment because he was a trusted Chief who had always been helped by the Department.

Soon after this his Church sent him to America to report on the work of the Mission in South Africa.

Chief Lutuli was in America for nine months. When he came back he had definitely changed his tone to those who knew him closely. He had seen the operation of the laws governing black and white in America. He had seen the limitless opportunities granted to Negroes in the United States.

The Congress in 1949 had passed a strong resolution of defying the Unjust laws of the Union. The President for Natal Mr A.W.G.Champion was not clear about the campaign. He had his own strategy which did not work smoothly with other leaders. Mr. Champion claimed that he was a Senior member of the Congress and wanted to have his own strategy followed, but the younger blood in the Congress succeeded to replace Dr.A.B.Xuma by DR.J.S.Moroka and Mr A.W.G.Champion was only the Vice-President by virtue of being the President for Natal.

The Youth Leaguers in Natal succeeded to win the support of Chief Lutuli. It was here that Mr Champion for reasons better known to himself showed neglect. In a Conference of delegates he gave up the operation of the constitution and allowed the members of the Youth League to vote, and all other people who attended the Conference, non-members of the Congress included, to vote. Chief Lutuli was elected President of the Natal Province. The election was unconstitutional. Mr Champion against his supporters' advices handed over to Chief Lutuli the office. I know what I am doing gentlemen, I am no more the President. This is the only way to avoid misunderstanding in the Congress. We are a Branch of the National Congress. If I cannot subscribe to the policy of the National Congress, it is better to resign or be defeated in a vote. In the constitutional election I could not have been defeated but how I could continue? My advice is that all who agree with me should remain quiet.
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Take no part in the Congress because the days of the Congress are truly numbered. The control of the Congress is in the hands of the people who will stop at nothing. Let them satisfy their wishes lest they will always complain that it is men like me who are retarding the Progress of the African people.

The biggest question is what achievement will they attain before the Congress is placed in the coffin by this ruthless Group of rulers. If it comes to rioting as rioting is bound to come, will they stand by it or they will make excuses and run away without a cat using its paws.

I favour rioting which will claim a certain number of the white killed before it has been overpowered, and that its leaders to come out and justify the rioting before the eyes of the world and tribunals. So far we have had it in Kimberley, Port Elizabeth and East London. To my own mind the East London one has been the most important one because according to the reports the meeting refused to disperse, they defied the Police Order! I have advisedly not mentioned the one of Denver, Johannesburg, which also came nearer my heart, because the question of the increase of rentals will come and come again and should be resisted by all means. If the Superintendent was killed the organisers would have done a noble job of protest.

Here now I must state that because I was not satisfied by the nature of our strategy in organising for this Campaign I decided to withdraw methodically. It is a non-violent defiance Campaign. We must go to goal or if not ourselves as leaders get our followers to do so. By our suffering we appeal to Almighty God to soften the hearts of our oppressors. We invite suffering not only to our selves but to our families. BUT the only protest that soon appeal to the oppressor is Rioting!

The only big Voice that reaches the whole world is the Blood and Tears of the oppressed, and the crying gnashing of teeth of the families. We cannot successfully achieve this not until we have good preparations. Good preparations and sound propaganda. To my own mind such a propaganda was missing because the reins were in the hands of the other fellow. We became gun and ammunition in the hands of the other folk. As an old leader who has passed through many struggles this did not meet with my taste.

Chief Lutuli succeeded me. At the time of writing, Natal is conducting this non-violent campaign. It has been reported that fifteen resisters led by Mr Ismail Meer were prevented by the Police from entering Berea Road Railway Station when they tried to defy railway apartheid. The Police were fully armed with rifles and told them to clear away or they shoot. They returned to their offices! Why did the resisters not force their way to the railway Station? Yes! because they knew that they were now called to offer the biggest sacrifice - the laying down of their lives for their country's freedom.

All this comes because Presidents of the African National Congress are stooges to their executives and therefore victims to the cliques and pressure Groups of the Youth League. All this was caused by Dr. Xuma, who, because of his meekness amended the constitution of the Congress which gave powers to the President to pick and choose members of his cabinet. Dr. J.S. Moroka and Chief A.J. Lutuli were lured by the members of the Youth League to fill these positions, replacing experienced men like Dr. A.B. Xuma and A.W.G. Champion. Because Dr. Moroka lived far away from the masses of people he led, his Working Committee wrote letters to the four corners of the world using his name without his knowledge. Some of the correspondence he saw it for the first time ^{when} he was charged before the Courts for encouraging communistic propaganda. Chief Lutuli who lives 40 miles from the masses of the people he leads, also soon found himself entangled with programmes not of his making. A good christian man quite used to rigid discipline was bound to fall into line once more. He never wanted to be the Chief of Amakolwa Tribe. It was the Mission and the Government people who wanted him to do so. He never wanted to go to India nor America. His pressure Groups wanted him to do so.

Chief Josiah Mqwebuczi ~~is~~ ~~because~~ because he had committed no crime.

It was Rev. Cele who was to go to America but the pressure & Group prevailed of Chief Lutuli to go because Rev. Cele was being expensive.

One can learn much out of this history of a man who is always prepared to be used by the Governments, Groups and Committees, men not of his nomination.

I, I, I. These three I's, emphasize that I cannot allow myself to be used by people in that way.

Chief A. F. Tutuli As a moderate no one ever took ^{any} notice ^{of him}, but the young extremists saw him and approached him. He accepted and the Government like a rejected lover got angry and claimed back the gifts they had always given him. Give back our chieftains' ip, we also take away your children's bursaries and all other fees! At the time of writing these notes Dr. Moroka will be before the Supreme Court in a few days time. His three years period has expired. His re-election will depend on what transpires in Court. **EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER ! 23. 11. 1952**

When Dr Moroka - President General of the A.N.C. appeared before the Court - he made statements that somewhat betrayed his Committee. In the next elections the Committee of the A.N.C. rejected Dr Moroka and elected Chief A. F. Tutuli who up to now is the President General (23. 1. 55) Mr Tutuli who lost his chieftainship has become a flying President. He has all the monies to visit his Provinces. When he returned from Port Elizabeth in 1953 he paid me money he had owed me in ten pounds notes up to £40 and soon after that opened a shop in Stanger. The Government have now banned him to remain in Stanger Area. He received this notice while he was landing from an airplane in Zululand to address public meetings at Sophiatown protesting against the removal of Western Areas. It seems to me that Mr Tutuli is gambling with the Zululand Nation. In the recent election he supported Mr S. J. Smith against Seneke E. Cowley. In the circular letter he admits that he does not know Smith for a long time but because Mr Smith is a member of the Labour Party he wants him. Mr Tutuli is a man of all stations from a teacher he grasped Chieftainship, during this time grasped many positions making no success to either and today he is a politician in the Indian Pocket -

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