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# Transvaal Council of Non-European Trade Unions

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*Labour - Trade Unions*

1st August, 1945.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
104 End Street,  
Dooornfontein,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

## ALL-IN-CONFERENCE OF NON-WHITE TRADE UNIONS

My Executive Committee notes with pleasure for you in accepting our invitation to open a momentous, and epoch making Conference of all Non-European Trade Unions operating in this Sub-Continent of Africa, on the 4th August, 1945. The official opening will take place at 2 p.m.

May I add that at this hour a period of crisis is existing in the life of the Non-European labour force, and a situation has been created by what I consider the European elements who are interfering in our affairs.

I hope therefore that conference will look to your inspiring address with confidence.

Yours Faithfully,

  
SECRETARY.  
D. GOSANI.



## STATEMENT:

The Transvaal Council of Non-European Trade Unions at its last conference adopted a resolution calling for an All-in-Conference of Non-white trade unions which was going to formulate a programme on (a) the recognition of African Trade Unions (b) policy on minimum wage legislation and (c) the setting up of a National Council of Non-European Trade Unions to give effect to the decision of conference on these demands, and all Non-white trade unions have been invited to come and make their contributions.

Since their inception, African Trade Unions have been developing separately and employing differing means of struggle for the betterment of the conditions of the workers as if the end was also different. This has been caused by the geographical and not economical demarcation of the country fostered by our Industrial legislation and the lack of the feeling towards one another of the objective which is common to all. The movement has suffered as a result of this method of struggle which has only resulted in the weakening of its forces. A stage has now been reached when the important problems confronting the movement must be seen jointly and the approach towards the objective to be made jointly and on a National scale.

Recognition of African trade unions is one of the main planks of the African trade union movement. For without the recognition of the right of an African worker to sell his labour at the best market, the recognition of the right of African workers to the full use of collective bargaining through their trade unions and the right right of African workers to withdraw their labour in furtherance of their demands, twentieth century democracy and in particular democracy as meted out to the common working Non-European man becomes a misnomer and is misleading.

The economic position of the Non-European workers is so bad that it is not necessary to repeat this subject. What is important however, is to relate this position to the economic background of South Africa as a whole and then to proceed to prescribe the correct remedy for our ills. Fortunately we all know that it is through the cheap labour of the Non-European workers that a South African economy has been built, that this economy keeps the Non-European workers in suppression for its continued existence and that the low wages earned by the majority of Non-European workers is no accident but a necessary corollary for the suppression of the Non-whites. The task of the conference therefore will be to lay down the minimum basis from which will commence the struggle for a change of this economy for a one that will enable all men regardless of their colour to benefit equally from the equal contributions which they make to the country. To accomplish this task our approach towards our goal must now cease to be separate. Together we must demand bread for all according to our contribution in the production of bread.

The conference no doubt will decide on the machinery that will carry out its decisions on the above matters. It is however, not pre-supposing the decision of the conference to state that this machinery will have as its main job the preparation of the Non-European workers for the bitter struggle that lies ahead. That first and foremost the Non-European workers will have to rely on their own forces and on their ability as a class to carry out the fight for the removal of the iniquities imposed upon them by the employing and ruling classes. But let it be clear that this does not mean the isolation of the Non-European workers, and of other elements capable of supporting us in our struggle: What it does mean however, is that those who are with us must come over to us and lend their support on a programme which we have drafted.

The conference is an All-in-gathering of Non-European Trade Unions, and, jurisdictional questions have been set aside for this conference at any rate as it is hoped that through its decisions the conference will iron our small differences and set the stage for the great tasks that lie ahead.



ALL-IN-CONFERENCE OF NON-WHITE TRADE UNIONS.

4TH. 5TH. 6TH  
AUGUST, 1945.

BLOEMFONTEIN. O.F.S.

- I. OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE BY  
DR. A.B. XUMA (PRESIDENT-GENERAL) AFRICAN NATIONAL  
CONGRESS. AT 2 P.M.
2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN ( PRESIDUM ).
3. CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
4. ADDRESS BY MR J.B. MARKS (PRESIDENT TRANSVAAL COUNCIL  
OF NON-EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS).
5. AGENDA COMMITTEE REPORT.
6. DISCUSSION ON " RECOGNITION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS"  
LEAD BY MR GARNER MAKABENI JOHANNESBURG.
7. DISCUSSION ON " MINIMUM WAGE LEGISLATION"  
LEAD BY MR D. KOZA JOHANNESBURG.
8. DISCUSSION ON " ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF NON-EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS" LEAD BY MR J. PHILLIP<sup>PS</sup>
9. ELECTION OF CONTINUATION COMMITTEE.
10. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.
- II. GENERAL BUSINESS.



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2038 Gabashane Street,  
BLOEMFONTEIN.  
1st, August, 1945.

Dr. A. B. Xuma, M. D., D. F. H.,  
(President-General)  
104 Lind Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

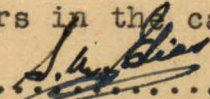
Dear President,

Your desire to meet the Executive is in the affirmative, though, some will not be in a position to attend on account of previous arrangements.

I am instructed to advise you of a meeting arranged for you to address, on Sunday afternoon. There's every likelihood to get good attendance, and as such you will be duty bound to prepare your speech.

The Executive have requested me to apply for more tickets, at least 5,00 and that you come along with.

Yours in the cause of Africa,

  
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Provincial Secretary,



Dr. A. B. Xuma, M. D., D. P. H.,  
President-General  
104 End Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.



A. N. C. ABSX 450801c  
(Natal)

Robinson Deep Ltd.,  
P. O. Box 1392,  
Johannesburg.  
1<sup>st</sup> August, 1945.

Mr A. B. Jemima,  
President - General A.A.C.,  
104, End Street,  
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

It is, indeed, a thousand  
pities that we disagree on  
the matter arising from the  
Natal election and, of course, it  
is quite natural that people have  
different opinions on one subject.  
Some have gone to extent  
that I do not like Mr Champion  
which is quite unfounded. Personally  
<sup>I say</sup> he is one of the hard-working  
politicians of our time; but the  
contravention of the constitution  
creates a wrong precedent which  
is very likely to be followed  
in future. I know very well that  
you have given your ruling on  
the matter but I some thing else



I know very well that you have given your opinion on the matter but I think some thing else has to be done to ~~put~~ unite Congress in detail. A solution has to be found, things must not be forced down people's throat. Why was the election of the secretary left over to be done by the President? is that the provision of the constitution.

Chief W. S. Kinnala has informed that he will be here some time next week and I must change his present opinion on this matter.

Dear Sir,

yours very sincerely,  
Percy Kinnala



OPENING ADDRESS OF THE ALL-IN-CONFERENCE OF THE  
 NON-WHITE TRADE UNIONS  
 AT BLOEMFONTEIN - 4TH AUGUST, 1945.

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By Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
 President-General,  
African National Congress.

Mr. Chairman and other Fellow-Countrymen,

I must repeat here what I said in reply to the request of of your Transvaal Council, namely, "That I do not only consider your kind invitation as a privilege and an honour but also as a duty to serve your Council and the Trade Union Movement in any way that is deemed fit in the interest of the Council and our people." I say 'in the interest of the Council and our people' advisedly, because I place the interest of the people and their cause above any claims that leaders might have in self-interest. The leaders are mere instruments, mere agents in the struggle, but the "people" - "the masses" - are the force and the real thing that matters.

SIGNIFICANCE OF INVITATION.

By your kind invitation to open this Conference, a Non-European - not the present speaker necessarily, the Non-Europeans have done themselves an honour. They have shown self-respect. They have shown race-pride. They have recognised their own worth as a people. These are qualities that are milestones which are essential and fundamental in the progress of any race in the march toward freedom.

No race that believes that salvation will come from outside its ranks or through outside leadership is worth of man's estate. No race that expects others to think and act for it, that expects spoon-feeding by others - can deserve freedom or liberation. As a people



to be free indeed we must be architects and participants for achieving our own freedom.

OBJECTS OF REMARKS.

In my remarks in opening this Conference, I shall take certain liberties, I shall make certain observations and suggestions. If they meet with your approval, I shall be pleased. If they do not, I shall assume the full responsibility and accept the consequences.

SCOPE OF FUNCTIONS OF NON-EUROPEAN NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS/

As a national leader among the Non-Europeans I have to study all the phases and the aspects of our struggle as part of our mass liberation movement which the basis of the aims and objects of the Indian National Congress, the African Peoples Organisation and the African National Congress. The workers struggle for recognition and registration, the teachers fight for better salaries and working conditions, the business men fight for opportunity - are all parts of one struggle which the organisations I have just mentioned recognise to be their responsibility and the cause of their existence. There should be no competition and antagonism between the Trade Unions and these organisations for sphere of action. The struggle is one and the same. There should be a relation as between the British Trade Union Congress and the British Labour Party so far as our National Non-Europeans are concerned.

The position of the Non-European worker, his wages and conditions of work are problems of his status in the economic structure of the country and the raising of that status calls for the taking up



of the struggle by your National Organisation.

SCOPE OF TRADE UNIONS & OBJECT OF CONFERENCE.

I must make it definite and clear here and now that Trade Unions are not political organisations and to act as such is to prejudice their own functions as instruments for collective bargaining of their members. However, their members can carry the fight for the status of citizenship as members of the National Organisations I have just mentioned. I must also emphasise that in a Conference like this, in a workers' struggle, if we are honest and sincere, if we know what we are after - namely, bread and butter for our families and full recognition and registration of our Trade Unions - there is no room for politics or political parties. This is a workers' mass liberation movement. You are here, if you are the serious men I take you to be, recognising your responsibilities to your respective constituencies and your Trade Unions, you are here not as political parties, not as contestants for leadership as representatives or members of parties or competing organisations, but as honest, sincere and determined representatives of your people - single eye to find a formulae and reach an agreement whereby you resolve to stand together to strive and struggle for a minimum living wage of all workers and the recognition and registration of African Trade Unions under the Industrial Conciliation Act as well as the sharing fully of Non-Europeans in benefits from any Industrial legislation now and in the future.

NEED FOR UNITED ACTION.

In saying this, I mean to advise you against dividing your-



selves into political ideologies. Those things weaken your strength, dissipate your energy, muddle your thinking, help you miss your goal and deliver you on the lap of your oppressors without any effort on their part.

There is no room, there is no place for parties in this struggle. Their emergence is a betrayal of the trust bestowed upon you by your people. It is selling your birthright. It is accepting dictation and domination by brains outside instead of being leaders of your people. It is playing into the hands of the enemy and he laughs.

Think of yourselves as Non-European Trade Unions and act as such. You are Non-White Trade Unions as you meet here. That's all.

#### EXISTENCE OF DANGEROUS ELEMENTS.

In some of our organisations we usually have among us mental weaklings, men who do not believe in themselves, men who cannot think for themselves and know that they cannot think - thinking is a very hard process I know. Men who want to have bosses from outside even in leadership. These people attend meetings without open minds. They are drilled in thought and plan by minds outside this Conference so that they act automatically at the meeting as radio controlled robots repeating their masters' thoughts and voices. They are mere agents doing their masters' works and showing themselves worthy of their hire. Such are traitors to their race and the cause of their people. They are usually self-seekers who will join any organisation and do anything for a consideration and furthering of their ego.

I hope and believe that there are no such in this Conference.



You all appear as honest, sincere and devoted leaders of your people who are bent on submerging 'selves' for cause and attainment of the aspiration of our people. If there were they would despise themselves as being less than mean and would deserve the contempt of this meeting.

PROBLEM FACING YOU.

You are faced with a tremendous problem - a question which requires tact, insight and circumspection. It calls for sober analytic minds and vision as well as courage and resolution.

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER.

The first question you must answer here is - "What important decision must you take here?" The answer is given by resolution of the Transvaal Council of Non-European Trade Unions to "formulate a programme of action on :-

- (a) The recognition of African Trade Unions.
- (b). Policy on Minimum Wage Legislation.

SETTING UP NATIONAL COUNCIL

The second question is: Should you set up a National Council of Non-European Trade Unions here at the present Conference ?

My reply to this question would be that you must be cautious in the action you take in this regard. You should plan and organise towards the setting up of such a Council. However, to set up such a Council at this Conference would be a premature step if you want to maintain the spirit of unity among the delegates here and of the organisations they represent at home. If you decide and act here and now your Council so formed will neither be permanent nor representative. It will have no firm foundation which to stand. It will be like a



structure built on sand to be lifted and split asunder by the first storm that beats against it. To build solidly and permanently there must be thought, there must be a plan. It is imperative and essential that Provincial and Local Organisations are set and educated on the point and are given full and unfettered opportunity thereafter to study and digest the proposal and form mature and considered conclusion for a subsequent conference on the subject. In fact, it will be essential as a preliminary step towards the formation of such a National Council. It will be essential and logical to form National Unions of the individual Trade Unions in various trades and industries throughout the Country in order to discipline them and coordinate their activities nationally.

For example and to illustrate, the Distributive Trade, the Dairy Workers, the Bakers and so forth could be so organised. These National Unions would then be the natural and logical bodies to send representatives to a Conference for the formation of such a National Council of Non-European Trade Unions. The National Unions from various industries and trades would control, discipline their local branches and bring to the National Council well considered, deliberated and representative decisions from responsible and representative bodies.

You must follow the principle of the "Big Three" and other nations' representation through majority of national leaders without leaders of opposition.

#### UNDESIRABLE MEMBERSHIP.

As it is to-day, you may have among you mushroom like non-descript tin-pot bodies of little or no local importance. Some of them may be hardly known to and may not be even eligible for recognition by your local Council. Some of them may have been recruited for and organised 'ad loc' for voting purposes in this Conference. This is our experience elsewhere and we pass it on to you for all it is worth.

To recognise such non-descript bodies as members of a National Council is to invite failure, to bring chaos and perpetuate



irresponsibility in place of discipline and mature judgment which are essential to the dignity, strength and continuity of your National Council.

If you challenge and ignore this suggestion you will be courting disaster sooner than later. You will be trifling with the future and fortunes of our people and their cause.

Above all, in approaching so important a question there must be no mere display of eloquence or winning of debating points. There must be solid, serious thinking with responsibility.

RELATIONS OF COUNCIL WITH TRADES & LABOUR COUNCIL  
AND ARGUMENT

Having decided the principle of forming a National Council of Non-European Trade Unions, you will now be faced with the question of the relations of that Council to the Trades and Labour Council of South Africa.

This our third and crucial question is debatable and calls for a careful analysis and insight into the implication of the decision that you propose to take.

Some will say to embark upon a Non-European National Council is to encourage or to embark on segregation. An undesirable step.

None of us desire segregation because it is euphemism for exploitation. The segregation of Non-European is intended to exploit them.

Now let us throw aside all sentiment and examine the facts to establish whether we are in fact embarking upon segregation.

FACTS OF THE CASE.

Is it not a fact that most Africans here are members of purely African Trade Unions? Why? Is it not true that the Trades and Labour Council is composed of Europeans only? Why? Is it not a fact that most European Trade Unions are not in favour of Africans being trained as skilled workers? Why? Is it a fact that the Labour Party stands for a policy of separation (a sweetened expression for segregation)? Who are the members of the Labour Party? What has the Trades and Labour Council done not piously



but actively for the recognition and registration of African Trade Unions under the enabling legislation ?

If an answer to these questions the Trades and Labour Council and their constituencies have not exerted themselves to assist you in your struggle for recognition and registration and for your use of the strike weapon and collective bargaining freely without criminal sanctions, must you force yourselves to the Trade and Labour Council ? With what hope ?

DIFFICULT POSITION OF COLOURED AND INDIANS.

I know that some of our Coloured and Indian friends will find their position and attitude compromised at this stage because many of them are members of Trade Unions in common with Europeans. We must sympathise with them and not be harsh with whatever attitude they take. This was one of my reasons for suggesting a suspension of immediate action on the formation of the National Council of Non-European Trade Unions. I wanted time for clear thinking and reflection on this point as well because we do not want withdrawal of groups after starting the organisation. We want all to go into the organisation with clear understanding and their eyes opened.

RELATIONS WITH TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL --(Contd)

Now coming back to the relation of the proposed National Council with the Trades and Labour Council, I say self respect and prevailing conditions as indicated by the questions we asked and their answers leave you no option but to strike out on your own. The Trades and Labour Council has not shown itself prepared to struggle for equality of opportunity with you under the Industrial Legislation for apprenticeship and employment. In recognition of an existing state of affairs and not starting anything yourselves you must strike out for a parallelism to equality in Trade Unionism. In other words, you must, after the preliminary steps I have suggested earlier, set up a National Council of Non-European Trade Unions to plan out and negotiate for you through your own efforts to get full legal status for your Trade Union



Some of you may say I am advocating segregation. I am doing nothing of the sort. I am only urging to recognise an accomplished fact and make use of it.

TRADE AND LABOUR COUNCIL AGAINST EQUAL STATUS.

It is no use trying to close your eyes to the fact that the Trades and Labour Council as a whole do not envisage an equal status with African Trade Unions. Some members of the Trades and Labour Council have suggested taking in African Trade Unions in the Trade or Industry as sub-unions to be represented by European members in negotiations and bargaining in the same manner as parliamentary representatives for Africans under the Representation of Natives Act. Under the conditions the African Trade Unions, their leaders and officials will be out of the picture. Father Trades and Labour Council will speak for them.

NO FAITH IN INDIRECT REPRESENTATION.

I have never believed in the usefulness and success of indirect representation of Non-Europeans, by Europeans. However, in recent years I have been convinced of failure and possible abuses.

MORE THAN ONE WAY TO ACHIEVE OBJECT.

You know there is a common expression, that "there is more than one way of killing a cat?" That is true in this case. We all stand for co-operation and equality of opportunity of all workers. We hope for the development of some Unions for workers of an industry or a trade. But finding that the organisation that enjoys full privileges and status under the Industrial Legislation is reluctant in admitting as full members in their trade unions and seems inclined to make them be relegated to unskilled levels you must organise your forces, build your strength outside and claim your full right yourselves directly. Naturally as you are not opposed to the Trades and Labour Council they must be invited to assist on the basis of Trade Union principles.



ESSENTIAL QUALITIES TO ACHIEVEMENT.

If you believe in yourselves, as I know you do, <sup>and</sup> stand together as faithful comrades I have no doubt that you will win. Power is in your hands if you acted as a united force. It requires loyalty to the cause, faith in your own worth and ability, honesty and sincerity of purpose in all your endeavours. This must be backed by a strong disciplined organisation of determined and united men, determined to face consequences, determined to stay on the job until the struggle is won.

FINANCIAL TEMPTATION AHEAD AND GROOMED LEADERSHIP.

In your struggle you will have financial problems to face. There will be temptation for you and the weak-minded and weak of character will succumb. You must realise that unity among any section of the Non-European is not desired in many quarters and the independent able leaders who are nationalistically inclined with minds of their own are not wanted. Many ways are used to get rid of such men. Some have their efforts thwarted officially. Others are given fat jobs. Others are isolated through financiers grooming up unknown quantities and making them leaders under their influence and guidance. These newly created leaders must oppose, condemn and vilify the efforts of those able leaders in their own right. They generally have funds at their disposal to travel and organise divisionist sections of Non-Europeans so that in some areas political, professional and Trade Unions are divided according to the emergence of these men with big bags of money and big ideas to help the Non-European.

OPPRESSIVE CAPITALISTS.

A Capitalist or a rich man who spends <sup>his</sup> money for only a section or party in your organisation - to upset the leadership of that organisation and divide its membership is the greatest enemy of your progress and of your people. He knows that if you are divided he can continue to make profits at your expense as workers because as long as you are divided, no matter for ~~what~~ whatever reasons, your enemies, your oppressors have a holiday. Any one of us, therefore, who permits money



influence or power to divide our strength are traitors to our cause and joint oppressors of our suffering people with those who do not want us to rise.

THINGS THAT MATTER FOR US.

It is of little importance to us what form of government we believe. It is of less importance to us whether capitalism is smashed or not. It <sup>is</sup> of greater importance to us that while capitalism exists we must fight and struggle to get our full share and benefits from the system. In other words, we must fight for these things first. Others will keep us chasing ideological theoretical party rainbow while they fatten in our ignorance and gullibility.

THE GREAT AIM.

Fellow-country men, I have said these things sincerely and honestly to you, not in malice but as a warning as to the pitfalls in the way of our struggle. In spite of any possibility of disappointments here and there, I have faith in your high purpose and determination as well as great hopes for your success.

You have already made a success of your struggle so far considering the obstacles in your way. I have said nothing about the Government because the greatest enemy of the Non-European is himself - his tendency and inclination for disunity and creation of unnecessary conflict. We must put our house in order before trying to lead an attack on our oppressors.

I challenge you and charge you to go on undaunted to declare a struggle for recognition and registration of African Trade Unions, the establishment of minimum wages as well as take steps towards the formation of your own National Council of Trade Unions until through this parallelism to equality you may force the establishment of the principle of one Nation one National Council of Trade Unions.

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My friends this must be the end. It must be the beginning of progress towards unity and full industrial freedom.

LONG LIVE AFRICAN AND NON-EUROPEAN WORKERS AND THEIR TRADE UNIONS.



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or

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JOHANNESBURG:

7th August 1945.

A.N.C.  
Dr. A.B.Xuma,  
President General,  
African National Congress,  
85, Toby Street,  
SOPHIATOWN:  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

RE: ORLANDO BRANCH - APPEAL AGAINST ELECTION.

We are much surprised that you have as yet not responded to our letter in connection with the above matter which causes some people who are members of the African National Congress great anxiety.

As you may be aware that the fate of Congress may depend on this issue, we shall be pleased if you will kindly give us a date when the same shall be discussed or argued before the National Council.

Should we not hear from you within a few days, we shall take it for granted that you do not wish the matter to be pursued any further, for which reason we shall be compelled to form another branch which may work in opposition with the present one.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Provincial President.

Yours faithfully,

L.J.NKOSI



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# ORANGE FREE STATE AFRICAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Bloemfontein.  
8/9/45

Mr S. Elias,  
Provincial Secretary and Organiser,  
African National Congress, Of.S.  
Bloemfontein.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter applying for the use of the Recreation Grounds on the 30 th October, I have been instructed by the Board of Management of the Recreation Grounds to inform you that your application has been granted under the following conditions:-

1. The board will take 33 1/3 % of all the takings at the gate
2. Officials of the Board of Management will be in attendance at the Grounds to supervise the collection of the cash together with the representatives of your organisation.
3. The rolls of tickets to be used at the grounds will be issued by the Board of Management for the Recreation Grounds.

I wish to inform you that the above are the conditions applicable to bodies that are not affiliated to the Board of Management for the Recreation Grounds.

Hoping this will meet the needs of your Organisation,

I am, Sir

Yours faithfully,

*L. K. Ntlabati*

Secretary Board of Management for  
The Recreation Grounds.

*Congress should affiliate if affiliation will benefit organisation*



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P. O. BOX ~~203~~ 203  
PIETERSBURG  
8TH AUGUST 1945

DR A. B. XUMA M. D. D. P. H.  
104 END STREET  
JOHANNESBURG

DEAR DR ,

My Attention has been directed to an article which appeared in Dutch on Die Vaderland of the 14 th July of a speech by Senator Esaner at Kronstad which speaks for itself .

I have also sent the copy and the translation to the Editor of the Bantu Woelrd from whom you will get all particulars . We are of the opinion here that the bitter attack against our leaders should not be left unanswered by a Senator whose election policy was so clear that he undertook to organise Congress and form unities of Chiefs . This man has been hiding in the bush Now that he has come out of the bush he should be attacked from all sides .

Hopping that you will leave no stone unturned to hit back .

I remain ,  
Yours faithfully ,

Samuel M. M. M. M.



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8th August, 45

The Treasurer-General,  
African National Congress,  
P. O. Box 30,  
BERGVLEI, Tvl.

Dear Treasurer-General,

Re: Appointment of Secretary-Bookkeeper,  
National Office, Etc.

I have been instructed by the President-General to communicate to you the following resolutions adopted by the African National Congress Working Committee at its meeting held on Monday, 23rd July, 1945, at Rosenberg Arcade, 5c, Market Street, Johannesburg :-

- (a) "That Mr. D. Tloome's appointment be confirmed at a salary of £18 per month including cost of living allowance."
- (b) "That the Banking account of the African National Congress be transferred from Barclay's Bank, Orange Grove, to a more convenient bank in the centre of the City."
- (c) "That the National Treasurer-General hands all books of the National Office to the Secretary-Bookkeeper."
- (d) "That the African National Congress refund the amount advanced by Dr. A.B. Xuma towards the salary of the Secretary-Bookkeeper for the month of June, 1945 and any other amounts paid on behalf of the African National Congress."

Further, I am instructed to request you to bring to the President-General a certified balance sheet as promised by you. The Balance Sheet is required for presentation at the African National Congress National Executive Meeting which takes place on Sunday the 12th instant. Please submit the balance sheet before the 12th August, 1945.

Yours for the Cause,

SECRETARY-BOOKKEEPER.



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8th August, 1945.

Mr. L. J. Nkosi,  
104, Chancellor House,  
25, Fox Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Re: ORLANDO BRANCH - ELECTIONS.

I am surprised at your letter because a letter, copy of which I enclose, was written to Mr. Kumalo inviting you, through him, to meet on the following Sunday - 29th July, 1945 --. Mr. Kumalo was also seen by Mr. Tloome on Friday the 27th July, 1945, and later on Monday the 30th July. On Monday he stated that he had to attend a funeral on the Sunday but he never sent me any apology although I had seen to it that he was seen personally before the date of the meeting. I now receive a letter from and I wonder what is up.

On the Sunday in question I had both Mr. Ramohane and Mr. Tloome and all of us are anxious to see that the misunderstanding is settled as soon as possible.

Yours for Africans' Progress,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.



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9th August, 5.

Mr. R. G. Baloyi,  
Treasurer-General,  
African National Congress,  
P. O. Box 30,  
BERGVLEI, Transvaal.

Dear Mr. Baloyi,

I have been repeatedly asking you to arrange to meet once a week to discuss and plan Congress affairs. You have agreed that the suggestion is a good one and you would act upon it. However, you seem to forget your promises as soon as you have made them because even after you have promised on the telephone that you are coming right away it is sometimes weeks before I chance to see you and yet you are in town almost daily.

I saw you on the 23rd June, 1945 in front of your office in Town although Mr. Peters had tried to tell me you were out at Dr. Molema's office. That Saturday you told me not to circularise the Executive with the balance sheet Mr. Sikakane had prepared as you already had a copy of the same with your accountant who had agreed to audit the books. You further promised that as soon as the books were returned you would then hand them over to Mr. Tloome who would keep the books as it was agreed.

On Monday the 26th June, 1945, you telephoned me that you would attend the Penal Reform Conference on the 26th June, 1945 and see me soon after. You further promised to go to Heidelberg with Mr. Tloome and the Treasurer of the Transvaal Province to explain to the women the part Congress played in their case, namely to pay defence fees.

Since then I have not seen you. I have sent Mr. Moatshe to urge you to come and see me. I have written you letters and have asked you to draw cheques for payment of Mr. Tloome's salary and you refused after sanctioning his appointment on the 30th April, 1945 at my office.

You refused to draw a cheque for the rent on the 5th July, 1945 and on the 31st July, 1945, Messrs M.I.Patel threatened to eject us as the rent is due on the 15th of every month.

I refused to sign the cheque you sent with Peters yesterday because I had to pay the cheque out of my own funds to avoid ejection and disgrace to the Congress.

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