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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

Telephone: 2-1031.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.
DEPARTEMENT VAN VERDEDIGING.

PRETORIA.

*Military
Matters*

Office of the:
Director Non-European Army Services,
3 Artillery Row,
General Headquarters,
PRETORIA.

1st November 1945.

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Dr. A. B. Xuma,
85 Toby Street,
Sophiatown,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

re: ACCOMMODATION OF GUESTS OF
N.M.C. RECIPIENTS OF AWARDS.

You will recollect that arrangements were made for the accommodation of certain guests of N.M.C. recipients in the Native Western Township at 10/- p.d., and I shall appreciate it if you will let me have the necessary account to enable me to effect payment.

DIRECTOR NON-EUROPEAN ARMY SERVICES.
COLONEL.

Dear Col. Shubbs,

The a/c for guests accommodated at the Western N. Township was sent to your office through Capt Kernick of the Native Pass Office. I have advised the B.M.S.C. Shannys to send you the a/c for the lot accommodated there.

ABX 4511016

ABX/ARM.

1st November, 1945.

The Editor,
The Star,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

In response to the appeal for funds for the Drought Relief in the drought stricken areas, we wish to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the following donations :-

Mrs Thea R. Fleiser	£7. 7. 0.
Mr. H. A. Sacks	3. 0. 0.
Mr. H. H. Paine	5. 0. 0.
Dr. & Mrs A. B. Xuma	10.10. 0.
Mr. Thos. Matthews	1. 0. 0.
Mrs C. E. Moore	1. 0. 0.
Dr. & Mrs C. V. Anderson	2. 2. 0.
Miss L. E. Troughton	5. 0. 0.
Miss F. E. Holden	2.10. 0.
The Staff, High School for Girls, Potchefstroom per Miss Troughton	2.15. 0.
Mrs I. E. Gregory	2. 2. 0.
Mr. & Mrs M. Traub for Harry & Sandra	2. 2. 0.
Miss Lillian E. Harding	<u>5. 5. 0.</u>
	<u>£49.13. 0.</u>

Yours faithfully,

for A B XUMA,
fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.

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BULLETIN

CO-ORDINATION OF CONGRESS ACTIVITIES.

Co-ordination of the activities of both Provincial and Local Branches of Congress is a long felt desire among the African people. The penetration of Congress message into unorganised areas; the day-to-day issues of the people; the proper control and administration of Branches of Congress; accompanied by complete loyalty to the Organisation, all constitute an important task which must be performed by officials of Congress. No organisation can be on a proper organisational footing unless National Headquarters are well informed of the problems, activities, and difficulties of Provincial and Local Branches, and to achieve such an object it is essential that detailed information on the activities of Branches of Congress should be sent to the National Headquarters monthly with a view to weighing the influence and organisational strength of Congress throughout the country.

The National Office has, therefore, a desire to obtain detailed statistics on Congress membership, information on financial standing and activities of Provinces and Branches.

As early as July this year a circular letter was dispatched to the various Provincial Secretaries, setting out the nature of information required for the purpose abovementioned. Unfortunately some Provinces have not as yet sent us that information which is so urgently needed in order to co-ordinate our work so as to facilitate smooth running of the Organisation as well as give guidance to all concerned.

For the good of the Organisation, the people and their cause, an appeal is made to all officials of Branches of Congress to co-operate as closely as possible with their respective Provincial Offices and supply them with the statistics required by the National Headquarters.

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS AND THE AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS.

The African National Congress is looked upon and regarded by the broad masses of the African people as a National Liberation Movement for Africans in South Africa. Its existence is inevitable as long as the policy and the structure of the laws of our country are based on oppression of a national group by those who regard themselves as a dominant race. Here a special stress has to be made in recognition of the fact that it has seemingly become of necessity and ostensibly inevitable - in any country where national oppression is the order of the day - that those who writhe under the heel of national suppression find themselves naturally coerced into the position of forming a National Liberation Movement.

The above goes to indicate that it is not accidental that we have in this country a National Liberation Movement for the AFRICANS, but on the contrary it is an obvious need in the political life of our people, a need which has to be pursued with the utmost courage and determination.

It is high time it is realised that our struggle in this country is two fold, not only are we nationally oppressed but we are also economically oppressed, In the circumstances it has to be recognised that in its fight for National Liberation the African National Congress is consistently confronted with national as well as economic factors, particularly the latter, which makes it easier for the Africans

to be exploited as a national group and thereby economically depressed and suppressed in any manner possibly.

It is, therefore, of prime importance that the African National Congress should take up the dual oppression as a whole, marching side by side with the African Trade Unions in order to be able to present a real united front in the struggle. The Africans and their Trade Unions have no semblance of democratic rights - such as, the vote, free movement and the provision of a flexible machinery whereby they can bargain collectively for their labour as is enjoyed by the other sections of the community. That being the case we are inclined to think that the most important field is the "INDUSTRIAL ARENA" wherein African Trade Unions have been, and are waging a fairly promising fight.

The only draw back in that phase of the struggle is that African workers in a particular industry fight as an isolated group. It is, therefore, incumbent upon the African National Congress to co-operate with the Trade Unions and fight the issue as a whole, that is if one industry is affected, others should express and register their sympathies concretely, and never to forget that such fights are only part of the main struggle for national emancipation which is, or should be, the objective of all national conscious Africans.

The task of the African National Congress therefore, is to foster a spirit of national consciousness; and to propagate the necessity of all Africans in industry to join Trade Unions and the National movement. Congress and the Trade Unions must march together. They are merely different aspects of one and the same movement and objective. All Trade Unionists must become members of Congress so that we can have a Labour Government in the African National Congress. This would give the Trade Unionist a dual advantage of meeting his struggle.

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 DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS CISKEI

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the African National Congress held recently at the Congress Head Quarters Johannesburg, The following resolution was adopted.

" This Executive of the African National Congress while appreciating the efforts of the Minister of Native Affairs in bringing some relief to the starving people in the drought stricken areas of the Ciskei, nevertheless, wishes to draw the Government to the following factors:

- A. The Government land policy is responsible for the difficulties through which Africans in the reserves are passing--- Landlessness and overcrowding contribute the major share of the cause of the suffering.
- B. The land bought by the Trust Farms for the Africans has not all been used for relieving the congestion, in some cases, it is being used for hiring out as grazing ground for those able to pay.
- C. This Executive, therefore, resolves that as a remedy against future distress like the present, the Government must now immediately open land for occupation by Africans under all forms of tenure, and that with the release of more land the people should be given a training in the proper use of land, further no meals should be wasted by making beer which is a luxury for a limited few.

In giving expression to its views on the Government land policy, Congress points out the share contributed by the Government in the cause of the suffering which is attributed to landlessness and overcrowding. This is well evidenced by a statement by Advocate Donald Molteno (Native

(Native representative for the Cape western Area) which appeared in the recent issue of the Guardian. The statement gives interesting figures on " Land Tenure in the Native Areas", it emphasises -inter alia- the already heavily populated land set apart for addition to the Native Areas under the 1936 Act.

The most important feature of the Government's land policy is the fact that out of 10 million people constituting the population of South Africa, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ million morgens are allocated to 8 million Africans and the rest to the 2 million Europeans.

Our people in rural areas are urged to give the Congress Head Quarters information about their difficulties so that a Congress official may be sent to assist them in making representations to the proper quarters.

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"ANNUAL CONFERENCE"
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (TRANSVAAL PROVINCE)

The annual conference of the Transvaal Province of the African National Congress was held at Germiston on the 29th 30th Sept., & 1st Oct., 1945. The big attendance of delegates at the conference, no doubt, marked the growing enthusiasm and consciousness among the African people to build up their National movement. The conference was full of thrills from beginning to end. No election took place, but conference decided unanimously that the retiring officers and Executive members should be returned -en bloc- pending the outcome of the deliberations of the forth-coming Annual Conference of the African National Congress at Bloemfontein this year in December.

The dates and venue of the annual conference of the African National Congress are 14th - 17th December 1945, at the Community Hall Bloemfontein

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O. F. S. AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE MOVE.

Bloemfontein leads all the towns in South Africa in membership. We wonder if there is any place big enough to challenge this. Of the coming events, the greatest perhaps in the history of Congress is political football to be staged by the resourceful Secretary organiser of O. F. S. African National Congress Mr. S. M. Elias, at which the President General and other Congress stalwarts will participate. This event will be preceded by a Bazaar and Dinner on 21st Oct., 1945. The President General's wife will attend the latter.

AFRICAN CLAIMS.

Several copies of the African Claims are available at the National Office of the African National Congress, Rosenberg Arcade, 58 Market street, Johannesburg. Place your order now copies. They will be posted to you immediately.

ABX. 4511026

Ref. 2/2.
ABX/AFM.

2nd November, 5.

The Provincial Secretary,
African National Congress (O.F.S.),
2038, Gabashane Street,
Batho Location,
BLOEMFONTEIN.

My Dear Provincial Secretary,

I wish to congratulate you for the excellent idea and originality in your political football scheme. Although the details of control of the affair could be improved upon, all must acknowledge that you have indicated outstanding organising ability which I intend to use to the fullest as time goes on.

J. Jacobs

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C. S. Ramohane

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You must tell your Provincial President and your Provincial Executive that I am proud of the splendid effort and co-operation that the FreeState has made.

Do not forget to tell Mr. Seeku, the local Branch Chairman and Mr. Sefothelo your Treasurer that I noted with pleasure and satisfaction the splendid and loyal co-operation they gave the enterprise.

I also wish you to convey my thanks to the Board of Management of the Sports and Recreation ground for all the facilities offered and the co-operation given.

Do not forget to thank, on my behalf, our loyal mothers and sisters at Bloemfontein and many others I cannot mention by name.

The affair has created a splendid hope and Bloemfontein is leading so far.

I am anxious that you and the Provincial President visit me on Sunday for a discussion of the subject I postponed at Bloemfontein Station on the 6th August, 1945

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX. 45-1102c

ABX/ARM.

2nd November, 1945.

Mr. Johannes Mahlo,
33, Knox Street,
Waverley, Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your donation of Two shillings & sixpence towards the abovementioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Yours faithfully,


fr. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.

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UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.—UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Telephone: 2-1031.
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HOOFKWARTIER,
UNIE-VERDEDIGINGSMAG,
HEADQUARTERS,
UNION DEFENCE FORCES,

PRETORIA.

Office of the:

Director Non European Army Services,
3 Artillery Row,
General Headquarters,
PRETORIA.

4th November 1945.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
President African National Congress,
104 End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

7-11-1945

Dear Dr. Xuma,

re: DISTRIBUTION OF TEXT BOOKS.

1. I have to acknowledge receipt of your minute 4/2 dated 31st ult., and wish to thank you for arranging for the various schools who will be receiving books and general reading matter donated by this office, to name their libraries "The Native Military Corps Memorial Library".
2. I have arranged to have these books packed in packing cases and they will shortly be ready for distribution to such schools as you will name. Kindly let me have a schedule in due course, when the books will be distributed to them.

Yours sincerely,

COLONEL.
DIRECTOR NON-EUROPEAN ARMY SERVICES.

ATBX. 451105a

154, Prince's Avenue,
Benoni.

5th November.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
104, End Street,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing £1
(one pound) for the relief of
distress in native ~~areas~~
areas. I would send more
except that a month or so
ago, acting on the advice
of the S.A. Institute of Race
Relations, I sent a cheque
for £5 to the Secretary for
Native Affairs for the same
purpose.

In the event of any lists being published, I wish to appear as "grateful" as I am averse to having my name appear with any donations I make.

I sincerely hope you may be enabled to help your people greatly in their need.

Yours faithfully
(Miss) M. P. Wadell.

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ABX. 4511056

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No. 2/10/2/1.

UNION OF
SOUTH AFRICA.



UNIE VAN
SUID-AFRIKA.

Office of the
Kantoor van die

NATIVE COMMISSIONER.
(District Letaba) DUIVELSKLOOF.
November 5th, 1945.

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

Sir,

With reference to my minute of the 8th June last, I shall be pleased to be informed whether Mr. Thomas Masethe still acts as your local representative, and if you are satisfied with the manner in which he carries on his work.

Yours faithfully,


NATIVE COMMISSIONER.

ABX. 451106

Politics - General

ABX/ARM.

6th November, 1945.

The President,
African Voters League,
P. O. Box 619,
Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your kind letter of the 16th September, 1945. I am sorry that on account of pressure of many things, I was not able to reply to you.

As you, by now, may know it was impossible for us to make arrangements in the short time at our disposal. We, however, did communicate our views to the Pan-African Congress and hope to be able to attend the next one.

I shall always keep the needs of the Rhodesias and Southern Africa in mind whenever I have opportunity to make representations. I hope you people will organise a strong branch of Southern Rhodesia African National Congress. Any that has to be affiliated to the African National Congress. Anyway, there should be a working understanding. That is the position with the Nyasaland African National Congress. I have the honour of taking a hand in its establishment.

I am happy to be a servant of my people and their cause. May they realise that only in unity lies their hope.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

MsX. 951107a
Dr. A. B. Luma
104, End Street
Zoorufentini

Mount Nebo Temple No. 11,
Bantu Methodist Church
Orlando
7/11/45

P. O. S. S. Social Gathering.

Dear Sir,

The above Temple on 1st Dec. 1945 is holding a Social Gathering as from 8 P.M. to 4 A.M. in aid of its Fund. In the above address.

At the Committee Meeting, it was unanimously decided to request you ^{to be} as one of the speakers of that wonderful night.

You are therefore earnestly requested to be present.

Your choir, including Secondary School Choir will entertain our visitors. I trust this will meet your kind approval.

Thanking you anticipation,
yours faithfully,

Under our Banner "No Crown, No Crown"

Spec. Com. Sec.

W. M. G. G. G. G.
for J. M. Achaka - Chairman

ABX. 4511076

7th November, 1945.

Miss M. P. Waddell,
164, Prince's Avenue,
BENDONI.

Dear Madam,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 5th instant enclosing a bank note for One Pound to the abovementioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find our official receipt.

Yours faithfully,

for DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.

ABX-451107c

A.N.C.
(Natal)

ABX/ARM.

7th November, 1945.

The Provincial President,
African National Congress (Natal),
c/o The Native Affairs Department,
Z.A.S.M. House,
PRETORIA.

My dear Provincial President,

Enclosed please find letter from
Mr. J. Msenti which speaks for itself. I shall be
grateful if you will take the necessary action since
I am not well informed of the position. We may be
able to discuss the matter when we meet.

I am writing Mr. Msenti informing him
that the matter has been referred to you as Provincial
President of Congress in Natal.

Yours sincerely,

for DR. A. B. XUMA.
PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX. 451107d

ABX/ARM.

7th November 5.

The Provincial Secretary,
African National Congress (Transvaal),
Rosenberg Arcade,
58, Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Provincial Secretary,

I wish to congratulate you for inviting the Provincial President of the Natal African National Congress to address your Provincial Congress on Sunday the 11th instant. I am very anxious for these friendly exchanges of workers in the various Provinces. That was why I invited my Transvaal African National Congress's Provincial President to accompany me to the Free State on the 28th ultimo. It was to have him introduced officially to the Free State.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX. 451107e

A.N.C.

ABX/ARM.

7th November, 1945.

The Controller of Paper,
Government Printing Works,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

PROPOSED NEWSPAPER.

Your letter No. 27/2974/15 dd. 2th July, 1945.

In your reply to my letter of the 2nd July, 1945 on the 4th July, 1945, you were good enough to suggest that "In any event you might care to re-submit the application in three months." I, therefore, beg to re-submit my application accordingly.

Hoping my application will receive the favourable consideration of your Committee.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX. 4511076

ABX/ARM.

7th November, 5.

The Provincial Secretary,
African National Congress, (Transvaal),
P. O. Box 9270,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Provincial Secretary,

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter and would suggest that I shall meet your Executive at my home "Empilweni", 85 Toby Street, Sophiatown at 3 p.m. on Sunday the 16th instant for purposes of proposed discussion.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX 451108a

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (TVAAL)

P.O. Box 9207,
Johannesburg.
8th November, 1945.

TO ALL BRANCHES:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Conference of the African National Congress will be held at Bloemfontein on the 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th December, 1945. The Conference will commence at 10.A.M. On Friday 14th December, 1945.

Every Branch must send delegates to this National Conference in accordance with Clause 7, (c) of the Constitution i.e. one delegate for every twenty members and a part thereof, and further that credentials of such delegates must be sent to this office signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Branch not later than the 6th December, 1945.

All branches must meet immediately after receiving this circular for the purpose of electing delegates to this important Conference.

For Boarding and Lodging delegates must communicate with the Provincial Secretary, Mr. S.M. Elias, 2038, Batho Location, Bloemfontein as early as possible.

NOTE: Board and lodging will be 7/6 per diem. All fees are payable in advance.

It is very very important that you send delegates to this Conference as some of the most important decisions will take place. I have no doubt that the Transvaal will be well represented in order to see that all our resolutions passed at Germiston are carried through.

It has come to our notice that some branches do not care for their work, remember, if you let down the people, the people will let you down and that will be the end of Congress.

At the present time grave problems are being faced by the Africans - Viz: Housing, Pass-Laws etc. The people are expecting you to give them a lead and please do so. Prepare your fight for next year now. In other words go to Bloemfontein and come back equipped with our National plan for next year.

Let us all go forward to build a better South Africa for the Africans.

Yours in Service,

D.W. BOPAPE,
PROVINCIAL - SECRETARY.

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

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UNION OF
SOUTH AFRICA.



UNIE VAN
SUID-AFRIKA.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS,
DEPARTEMENT VAN NATURELLESAKE,

P.O. Box } 284,
Postbus }

PRETORIA.

No. 383/400.

8 NOV 1945

Sir,

Operation of Rents Act No.33 of 1942 at Martindale,
Sophiatown and Newclare.


In reply to your letter dated the 22nd ultimo, the present legal position is that in terms of sub-section (1) of section twenty of Act No.25 of 1945, as amended, the Minister of Native Affairs, acting in collaboration with the Administrator, can control only those rentals imposed by local authorities in respect of the occupation of any lot, house, hut or building let for residential purposes in a location or Native village or accommodation in a Native Hostel.

The position in regard to rentals charged by standholders to their tenants in the abovementioned townships is on an entirely different footing. Control of such rentals is the function of the Rent Board constituted for that area.

This Department realises that the application of the Rents Act may impose hardship on property owners who have assumed heavy commitments, but on the other hand, the Department is also aware that many landlords are taking deliberate advantage of the acute shortage of housing at present and that they are reaping a golden harvest by rack-renting.

I may add that this Department has already been approached in regard to the amendment suggested, but it is unable to do anything until the next amendments to the Natives (Urban Areas) Act are considered.

Yours faithfully,


SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The President-General of
The African National Congress,
104 End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

8th Nov., 1945.

The National Treasurer,
P. O. Box 30,
Bergvlei,
Johannesburg.

My Dear National Treasurer,

Attached hereto is a copy of a statement and particulars extracted from the receipt book used for payment of rent made by Trade Unions housed in Congress premises.

Under item 2 of the statement you will note that receipt No. 9 issued on the 10th May, 1944, was issued for May 1944. The subsequent receipt No. 23 which was issued on the 28th July, 1944 was to be issued for June, 1944 but it was issued for July and thereafter conflict followed until the last receipt No. 60 for £5 issued on the 28th July, 1945 which ought to have been for January and February, 1945 and yet was issued for June and July, 1945.

Under Item 3 - The African Office Workers' Union's rent due for May, 1944 to June, 1945 at £2.10.0 per month was £35 and payment of £35 was made and yet it would appear according to the books that at the end of June, 1945 they owed the sum of £15.

Under Item 4 receipt No. 44 made out for £7.10.0 on the 17th April, 1945, should have been issued for January, February and March, 1945 yet it was issued for February, March and April, 1945. The last receipt made out on the 18th of June, 1945 should have been for May, 1945 yet it was issued for June, 1945.

Under Item 6 receipt No. 32 of the 25th October, 1944 was issued for August and September, 1944 instead of June and July, 1944, which means the African Mine Workers' Union have paid up to April, 1945.

Under Item 7 You will note that Mr. H. H. H. Mberere ~~who~~ subsequently occupied two offices which are indicated in the statement under A/C No. 1 and A/C No. 2. Receipt No. 29 made out on 22nd December 1944, should have been for November 1944, instead of Dec. 1944. Also note receipt Nos. 37. 45. 48. 55. and 58 in respect of accounts Nos. 1 and 2.

To sum up I should say in accordance with the statement as drawn up it would appear that a considerable sum of money in arrears is involved.

In the circumstances, it would be helpful that we make arrangements to meet immediately in order to get you to explain some of these discrepancies and if possible straighten them out before it is too late.

Yours faithfully,

ABX. 451108d

8th November, 1945.

M r. Chalmers,
City Deep Mines Ltd.
P. O. Box 1026, 1411
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your donation of £1.1.0 (One Guinea) to the abovementioned fund.

Your kind act will bring cheer to some unknown beneficiary among the destitute families in the drought stricken areas.

Enclosed please find our official receipt.

Yours faithfully,

for DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.

Transvaal Interdenominational African Ministers' Association.

President:

REV. E. E. MAHABNE,
Box 182, Randfontein,
Transvaal.

Vice-President:

REV. S. S. TEMA,
3812/3 Orlando,
Johannesburg.

Hon. General Secretary:

REV. H. G. MPITSO,
2211 Kaiyana Street,
P.O. Pimville,
Johannesburg.

General Treasurer:

REV. H. M. NAWA,
23 Buxton Street,
Doornfontein,
Johannesburg.

Asst. Hon. Gen. Secretary:

REV. H. M. MAIMANE,
St. Peter's Mission,
176 Carroll Street,
Lady Selborne,
Dist. Pretoria.

All communications to be addressed
to the Hon. General Secretary,

2211, KAIYANA STREET,

P.O. PIMVILLE,

JOHANNESBURG.

8th, November 1945.

Received	13 NOV 1945
For Attention
Recorded
Acknowledged
Answered

Messrs. The Bantu Welfare Trust,
P.O. Box 97,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sirs,

APPEAL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Those who have the welfare of the African people at heart and those who believe in Christian religion are alarmed at the multiplicity of African religious sects (about 800) now. The results of such divisions can be nothing but confusion in the minds of the African and in the frustration of the efforts of those who are out to uplift the African spiritually morally and socially.

In an effort to seek for solution of this problem, the African ministers of all denominations have formed Interdenominational African Ministers organisations in the various districts and in the four Provinces of the Union. But it is felt that efforts of individual district or Provincial organisations cannot go far because the separatist movement is universal throughout the Union. Consequently an Inter-Provincial organisation is being sponsored.

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Five years ago I launched an appeal among all the African ministers for the formation of this Inter-Provincial Organisation but I found myself hampered at every turn by lack of funds.

Two conferences have been convened. One in April 1942 and the other in December 1943. The third is being convened to take place at Bloemfontein in December this year (the 12th-13th).

From the records enclosed herewith you will discover that these conferences have been run almost at my entire expense. I am not sorry to have done so because I am convinced of the justness of my call to give a lead in a thing which may spell national disaster to my people but the burden is pretty heavy.

Hiring conference halls, printing of bills and advertising, stationery and postages, cyclostyling of proceedings and records all form heavy items for a unionwide organisation.

The Bantu Welfare Trust has done a lot to assist deserving African causes and I feel that the CAUSE for which I am pleading is one of those that will help to solve African problems.

As Organiser Convener I must be at Bloemfontein but I do not even know how I shall get there for lack of funds.

In both the records you will note that the appeal is receiving a wide response from all the Provinces by very responsible leaders.

Having written at this length I now repose myself in the goodwill of the Bantu Welfare Trust.

Yours faithfully

H G Mphahlele

Hon. General Secretary, Transvaal Interdenominational African Ministers Association

AND

ORGANISER-CONVENER, INTERDENOMINATIONAL AFRICAN MINISTERS
FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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BAKWENA TRIBAL

ADMINISTRATION

P.O. MOLEPOLOLE.

via GABERONES STN.

B.P.

(9th November 1945

Dr A. B. Xuma
104 End Street
Johanneburg.

My friend,

I am sure you must now be quite surprised and perhaps becoming disappointed as a result of being so quiet for a pretty long time since I returned from you in April last.

I am pleased to let you know that I have been very much better this year your medicines had helped me a great deal I have never coughed the whole of the winter as I usual do and have been much better although I am not altogether well .

The pain on my left hand side has been much better I have taken seven months without feeling it it is only this month on account of the terrible heat I begin to feel same again it has been very very hot in October and November as we never had a drop of rain since from April the heat has been too much.

My hand is sometimes trembling when I am writing I dont know why and dont know the course of that . I will be coming to see you again next year about February and I should like to hear your advice about my complaints.

I have been weighing 184 lbs this year before I went to see you I was weighing about 145 lbs one doctor advised me to take my leave to the coast to East London or Cape Town I could not do that before I come and see you.

The Paramount Chief Regimental Sergeant Major Kgari Sechele ll will be arriving to morrow morning on the 10th with his Company from the Middle East after he has been absent from the tribe for five years we are busy making preparations to welcome him

With greetings,

I am, your friend,


Bakwena Regent.

A.N.C.

Forestry

P.O. Box 127 Park,
Forestry Iscor.
Vereniging
9-11-45

Dr. J. B. Xuma.

President National Congress.

104 End Street

St James Burg.

Dear Sir.

I beg to drop you these few lines in connection with the Congress.

I want to become a member of the Congress and therefore I do not know the right ~~fac~~ facilities concerning the Congress.

I therefore beg you to give me fully all "rights" and explain to me the Fees etc pertaining Congress. plus the Price cost of pamphlet book called "African Claims" and where obtainable

Yrs. Steven Molefe.

ABX. 451109c

ABX/ARM.

9th November, 5.

The Provincial Secretary,
African National Congress (Transvaal),
P. O. Box 9207,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Re: Mr. Thomas Masethe - Letaba Branch.

I shall be glad to receive information
as to what the Provincial Congress has done in the
above after same was referred to you for action.

The matter is urgent.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

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