

TUESDAY 28th April, 5.15 p.m. <sup>①</sup>  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS.

Meeting  
First meeting  
was held  
21st April

PRESENT: Messrs: Cachalia and Kathrada (TIC) Jasset (TICYL) Mrs. Ngoi,  
Mr. Seperepere (ANC, Tvl) Messrs. Cousins & Heyman (S.L.)  
Mrs. Bernstein (PC)

APOLOGIES: Messrs Holt, Lipman, Chamberlain, Schlachter. Miss First.

1) DELEGATES FROM AFRICAN TERRITORIES.

It was agreed to invite fraternal delegates from organisations in neighbouring territories, and also from North Africa and Egypt. Mr. Cachalia undertook to obtain names and addresses of organisations.

2) PEACE CALL

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Revised Peace Call was agreed on. This will be issued without names of organisations on the Committee. Call to be for a Congress for a South African Peace Movement. Members of the Committee undertook to try and obtain 12 signatories to Call on behalf of their organisations by next meeting.

3) ORGANISING OF NEW GROUPS.

Establishment of new Peace Groups before Congress was discussed and the following names suggested as people to be contacted:  
CAPE TOWN: W. Kodesh, 42 Ludlow Rd, Vredehoek, Cape Town  
Jack Tarshish, c/o Kodesh. A Thorne  
FORT ELIZABETH: Dr. Moodley. Miss A.M. Coe, Food & Canning Wkrs Union,  
1 Palm Chambers, Palm St. P.E.  
Gladstone Tshume (see Advance for Address)  
EAST LONDON: Dr. Appoo. Dr. Mahlangeli.  
W.A. Stevens, Selborne Boys School, Oxford St, E.L.  
Dr. Ngongwe.  
Mr. J. Matthews, Fort Hare.  
BENONI: Dr. Moosi. Mr. L. Baker.  
Bloom re Alex.

4) PEACE CALL TRANSLATIONS

Afrikaans - Roy  
Sotho - Dan  
Zulu - Mac

5) OFFICIALS

Chairman: Mr. M. Cachalia  
Joint Secretaries: Miss Watts and Mr. Kathrada.  
Treasurer: Was not yet appointed.

6) NEXT MEETING:

To be held at Peace Council offices, Wed. 6th May, at 5.30 p.m.

READ & ACCEPTED.

*M. Cachalia*

CHAIRMAN.

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MINUTES OF ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR A NATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS  
held Wed. 6th May, 5.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Messrs. Cousins, Holt, Kathrada, Cachalia, Maseko, O'Dowd (Congress of Democrats). Mrs. Ngoi. Miss Watts.  
**APOLOGIES:** Miss First, Mr. Seperepere. Representatives of the TIYL unable to attend.

**MINUTES?** of previous meeting read and accepted.

**ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:**

- 1) Names and addresses of organisations in neighbouring territories: A.B.C. is compiling a list of these.
- 2) Names for endorsing Peace Call. These were discussed again. Mr. Cousins will endeavour to obtain signatures of Miss Scheepers and Mr. Venter. Mr. Cousins also undertook to try and see some University and other individuals. Mr. Cachalia will see the Bishop of Jhbg. Mr. Holt will try to obtain signatures of Churchmen after discussing the matter with the Rev. Holt.
- 3) Establishment of new groups. Mr. Maseko will get together people to organise meeting in Alexandra. Mr. Thorne of Cape Town to be written to.
- 4) Trade Unionists to be invited to join Committee: Letters to go to Selby, Mrs. Wolfson, Gordon, le Roux, Weinberg.

**PRINTING OF PEACE CALL.** To be printed in two editions, approximately 5,000 each, with delegates' form.  
Pamphlet will also be prepared.

**TREASURER:** It was suggested that the Committee invite Mr. T.M. Naidoo and one of the Legion representatives to be joint treasurers.  
Collection lists to be prepared.  
Organisations represented on the Committee should give financial support.  
The manufacture of peace badges for sale was discussed.  
It was suggested that a Concert should be organised, and staged at UNO, Gandhi Hall, or Darragh Hall and other places. &

**PLACE OF CONGRESS & DATE.**  
The date of the Congress was fixed for the 24, 25 and 26 of July. Enquiries should be made about the possible use of the University.

**EMPLOYMENT OF ORGANISER**  
This will be discussed next week.

~~NEEDING~~ **CONSTITUTION:** Mr. O'Dowd will draft.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wed. 13th May at 5.30.

READ AND CONFIRMED.

..... *J.A. [Signature]* / 13/5/53 ...CHAIRMAN.



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MINUTES OF CONGRESS ORGANISING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WED. 13th May 1953

Present: Messrs Cachalia, Kathrada, Seperepere. Mrs Ngoi, Miss Kartus, Miss Watts.  
Apologies: Mr. Cousins.

MINUTES of previous meeting read & accepted

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ARISING: Addresses of African organisations outside the Union. List will be ready Saturday; Some names and addresses supplied by Mr. Gwirwa

SIGNATORIES: Suggested Rev. Holt and/or Huddleston should be asked to assist Mr. Cachalia in obtaining Bishop's signature.

Reported Venter and Scheepers did not sign.

Mrs. Rachman to be asked to approach Huyser & Hartwell

Mr. Lipman to be asked to see some of the people.

✓ Secretary to approach Mrs. Kalk to assist in getting signatures

NEW GROUPS. Alexandra: Meeting has been arranged for 28th. Suggested Sunday or Coronation day would be a better time. Secretary to contact Matsabe about this meeting. Kathrada to speak.

BENONI: Dr. Moosa had been approached to arrange meeting.

TRADE UNIONS to be asked to invite peace speaker, with object of establishing Peace groups in the Unions and in big firms.

TREASURER: Mr. Naidoo has agreed to act as joint treasurer. Second nominee not yet decided.

FINANCE: ✓ Organisations supporting Congress to be written to for financial support.

✓ Collection lists to be prepared.

Badges - Mr. Cachalia will investigate this.

Concert - is being arranged. Cachalia will see if Kings can be used. Sunday night in Alex Cinema. 28th June in Selborne Hall, or Lyric.

Also Bantu Men's Social Centre.

ORGANISER: Suggested Mrs. Holt may be approached.

CONSTITUTION: Carried forward.

PEACE CALL: Agreed 5,000 of each to be printed on Sappi, at £15 for 5,000

COLLECTIONS: Secretary to contact Mr. Cachalia.

NEXT MEETING: Wed 20th at 5.30

Signatories so far obtained:

Dr. J. Gillman

Rev. Tantsi (Vice-president of Inter Denominational Churches)

Dr. W. NKomo (recently delegate to Moral Re-orientation Conf, Lusaka)

Dr. Chetty

Dr. Nhlapo (Editor of Bantu World)

J.B. Marks. Y.M. Dadoo.

W. Sisulu (Sec of ANC) Mr. Y. Cachalia (Sec of SAIC)

Dan Twala (Sec of S.A. African Football Assoc)

Leon Gluckman

Rev. Holt

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MINUTES OF ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS  
10th June 1955.

PRESENT: Messrs. Kathrada, Lipman, Mapeke, Misses Watts, Ngoi, Kartus.

APOLOGISED Messrs. Chamberlain & Cousins.

MINUTES of previous meeting read and accepted.

BRISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Signatories: Full list to date was read out.

ALEXANDRA MEETING. Secretary to Phono Matsaba

BENONI: Kathrada will speak to Mosea,

TREASURER: Treasurer of Peace Committee to act with Mr. Naidoo.  
Miss Kartus volunteered to assist with financial work.

CONCERN Mr. Kathrada to find out position of halls.

ORGANISER: The position remains unchanged.

PEACE CALL: A covering letter of explanation was read and endorsed.  
Arrangements for despatch of peace letter were discussed.

AGENDA FOR CONGRESS: Suggested agenda was discussed, as follows:

- 1) Evening before ~~meeting~~ Congress starts: Mr. Fischer to speak at public meeting on what Vienna achieved, how we can follow same methods.
- 2) Saturday morning and afternoon, division into commissions:
  - a) The World Today - Wars in Progress - Korea, Germ Warfare, the 5 Power Pact
  - b) Colonialism, Africa and Peace. Kenya, Federation, Racialism.
  - c) The People & Peace - Cost of Living, Armaments race, the politics of war, Uranium production.
  - d) The peace movement - what it is, what it should be, how it works.

Suggested people to approach to read papers on these subjects are:

- 1) Weiler, Berrange, Williams
- 2) Nokwe, Feinstein, J.N. Singh, Prof. Matthews, Molema.
- 3) Ray Alexander, Wright, Tloome, Wanless, Altman, Muller.
- 4) Watts.

CHAIRMAN FOR CONGRESS: Thomson. Nan/Sita. Dr. Molema. Dr. Nhlapo. Mr. Fischer.

METHOD OF CONDUCTING CONGRESS:

Organising Ctee should form Procedure committee to discuss these details.

CONSTITUTION. DRAFT was discussed, with alterations (ii) & cooperate with Constitution to be added to to cover Provincial bodies & local committees in Provinces.

Also to make provision for individual membership.

Time of next meeting 5.30 Wed 17th June.

Chairman.....



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A CALL TO PEACE.

The whole world lives in the shadow of the threat of war.

Armaments are being stockpiled, new and more frightful weapons perfected. Science, which should work to make life easier and happier for all mankind, is being harnessed to devise new means of mass slaughter and destruction. National economies are being crippled by the armaments burden, and living costs soar. Racial discrimination becomes a source of national bitterness and conflict, threatening armed clashes.

But this is only the 'cold' war.

In Korea, Malaya and Indo-China the war is hot. The last two years of war have killed millions of men, women and children injured millions more, ravaged countries and destroyed what man has built in those lands since the dawn of history.

For the whole world, the hates and tensions of the cold war threaten to boil over into the slaughter and destruction that has laid Korea waste. A way must be found to prevent that disaster, to enable conflicts to be resolved without recourse to war, to find a way for differing social systems to exist peacefully side by side.

Thus far governments have failed to find a way.

We believe that the peoples' wish for peace, if powerfully expressed in every land, can succeed where governments may fail. There is an urgent need for people of every social outlook, every religious faith, every political credo, every racial group, to discuss and find the policies which will unite all in their unshakeable will for peace.

We believe the people of South Africa must find their own way to defend humanity and preserve world peace. All about us military bases are being prepared for war. Neighbouring territories are becoming vital strategic sources of war materials and manpower. Our own country is already paying heavily for the Korean war, is committed to military pacts in the Middle East, and is becoming one of the prime producers of uranium for atomic weapons. Our racial policies are the cause of international tension, diplomatic breaches and UNO debates on the threat to world peace. We are moving into the front line of a future war.

We make an earnest call to the people of our country to meet and discuss the sources of world conflict, and find a way forward to the achievement of world peace. We believe that in a Peoples' Congress for Peace we can draw from our different ideas and ideals that which we have in common, so we can act to preserve peace. We call on South Africans of every racial group, every walk of life, to grasp with both hands the opportunity offered by this Congress to make their voice heard in the noble cause of peace.

We appeal to you, fellow South Africans, to attend the Congress and by free discussion to seek agreement of all citizens on ways to end wars now in progress, to prevent new armed clashes, and to reach inter-nation agreement to safeguard peace now and in the future.

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