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27th October, 1948.

My dear brother,

Do not be surprised to get my letter so late. When your last letter arrived I was away on a political tour of the Free State and Natal, albeit a brief one. (In Natal they have established a strong Youth League and in the Free State (Bloemfontein) a League is embryo). As my wife was not quite well then (by the way I have now got a son: names Gatyeni Zanevula Mda) the children here placed your letter among my old letters, so that it was only recently that I came upon it.

Now concerning my coming there. I simply failed on account of the urgent call I had to make on Natal. At this late hour in the year, you will appreciate that it will prove difficult for me to come there, at least during the term. I am sorry, comrades, I had to fail so badly. I found myself hemmed in, and much as I wished to come down I simply failed.

At the present moment I am busy making arrangements for the Congress Youth Conference to be held at Bloemfontein from the 14th to the 15th December 1948. It will really start in the evening of 14th December, 1948 and end in the afternoon or evening of the following day. Further details will be sent in due course of time. Your branch may send any number up to ten delegates. However, those members who wish to attend will be free to do so - I mean in addition to the quota of delegates.

On the 16th December, I hope you are aware that an All-in Conference of leaders from the A.A.C. and the A.N.C., as well as the rank and file, has been summoned. The Youth League attitude will be formulated at our Youth Conference. Meanwhile I shall issue a political statement in the "Iskunda" concerning the Conference of African people on the 16th December.

Kindly do your best Comrade to send at least some delegates or delegate to the Youth Conference. The lodging and boarding fee is 7/6 per day. I should be glad to be given the approximate number of delegates beforehand. Further clearer details will follow.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A.P. MDA.

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