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S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

JOHANNESBURG REGION.

P.O.Box 4088,

JOHANNESBURG.

25th Oct. 1954.

Dear Friend,

AN URGENT APPEAL.

I am sure that you reacted to the banning of Advance with a deep sense of dismay and loss, coupled with righteous indignation. Do not keep this to yourself. Voice your protest immediately by letters to your M.P. and to the daily press, and by messages of support to the editor of Advance.

It is obvious from the meagre publicity the Star and Rand Daily Mail have given to the banning that they are prepared to knuckle down, but public opinion can force them to take a stand on the principle of the freedom of the press. Write a letter now and get your friends to do likewise.

Take the matter up in your trade union and other organisations. Get them to pass resolutions to be sent to the Minister of Justice and M.P.'s.

Yours sincerely,

V. Weinberg - Hon. Secretary.

STOP PRESS!

A newspaper "NEW AGE" will be appearing. Send it off with a flying start with messages and, most important, financial support.

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Cztery By..... S.A.C.O.S.
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Verwysings No.

Spakenwo
Box 84. 110, Joz
27-9.55.

28th October, 1954.

The Acting Secretary,
S.A. Society for Peace and
Friendship with the Soviet Union,
P.O. Box 2920,
Johannesburg.

Dear Friend,

My National Executive Committee has asked me to convey to you on its behalf a message of fraternal greetings on the occasion of your public meeting to commemorate the 37th Anniversary of the foundation of the Soviet Union.

We share with you the desire for Peace and Friendship with the U.S.S.R. and believe in the historical necessity of such friendship if there is to be peace in the world.

We know that your society and its members are amongst the targets of police terrorism, and we are therefore glad of this opportunity of expressing our admiration and support for your courageous work.

Yours fraternally,

National Chairman.

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Deur..... *Baker*
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3rd. November, 1954.

Mr. A. Thorne,
P.O. Box 4347,
Cape Town.

Dear Athol,

Your banning was considered by the National Executive Committee, who have asked me to express their sincere regret and sense of loss.

Now that we are deprived of your services we appreciate more fully the value of your contribution in the past both nationally and in the Cape Western Region.

For those who remain in the organisation the example of the part played by you and other banned members strengthens their determination to carry on.

A press statement on Mr. Slovo's, Mr. Lewis Baker's and your banning was published in the Rand Daily Mail.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

for Secretary.

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SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

HEAD OFFICE.

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P.O. Box 4088,
Johannesburg.
PHONE : 33-0975/6.

5 Somerset House,
110 Fox Street,
Johannesburg.
10th November, 1954.

Dear Friend,

As you are aware Mr. Len-Lee-Warden is contesting the Cape Western District in the Native Representative Elections .

He is the candidate nominated to follow in the footsteps of Sam Kahn, Brian Bunting, and Ray Alexander. It is important that he should win the seat.

To assist him financially in his campaign a dinner is being arranged to take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levitan, "Ngenzeni", 62 Melrose Street, Melrose Estate, on Saturday 27th November, 1954, at 8.30.p.m. There will also be dancing.

The price of a double ticket is £1.1.0. We are enclosing one ticket which we ask you to purchase and which we sincerely hope you will use.

Please let us have your £1.1.0 as soon as possible since the Election Campaign is well under way and requires funds now.

Yours sincerely,

P. Beyleveld

National Chairman.

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SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

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HEAD OFFICE.

P.O. Box 4088,
Johannesburg.
Phone : 33-0975/6.

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5 Somerset House,
110 Fox Street,
Johannesburg.
11th November, 1954.

Brochure No
Copy by S.A.C.O.D.
Date 27-9-55
To Box 4. 110 Group
From
Verwysing No. 2.

Dear Friend,

It is felt that the Banning of Mr. Len Lee-Warden, the candidate for the Cape Western district in the Native Representative Election, by Mr. Swart in terms of the Suppression of Communism Act, should not be allowed to pass without protest from all sections of the community.

This action of the Minister emphasises the fact that the government is not concerned with the suppression of communism, but with the suppression of anti-nationalists. Mr. Lee-Warden was not a member of the Communist Party. His name was not on the list maintained by the Liquidator in terms of the Suppression of Communism Act.

The issue is not clouded and confused as a result.

It is a direct attack on the rights of the citizen and an arbitrary and hostile attack on the rights of the voters in the Cape Western District.

It is the opinion of the Executive Committee that it would be fatal to permit an incident of this nature to pass unchallenged and to permit ourselves to become apathetic because of a feeling of frustration, and of the futility of making protests we urge your organisation to add its protest to ours and that of others who are being invited to protest.

Yours sincerely,

P. Beyleveld.
National Chairman.

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FIGHTING TALK.

P.O. Box 4088,
Johannesburg.
3rd. December, 1954.

Mr. L Lee-Warden,
P.O. Box 4347,
Cape Town.

Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your informative letter of the 25th November which was passed on to us by the S.A. Congress of Democrats. It is encouraging to note that your campaign is in full swing, despite the interference of Swart and the special Branch of the C.I.D. We sincerely hope that Wednesday's verdict will furnish the Nationalists with the peoples' answer to the Government's undemocratic and interfering actions.

As it is unlikely that there will be a December issue of Fighting Talk, we would be pleased to publish a full report on the elections, complete with pictures of meetings, polling day etc., in the January issue. Perhaps Mary Butcher would undertake to compile such a report, if you cannot find the time to do so.

The 'dead line' for publication is the 18th of December so we would appreciate your sending the copy a few days before then.

Wishing you every success and hoping that you will deliver a crushing blow to Swart and his supporters on Wednesday's elections.

Yours very truly,

Fighting Talk Committee.

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S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

HEAD OFFICE.

P.O. Box 4088,
Johannesburg.
29th January, 1955.

Dear Friend,

We have pleasure in advising that in response to the demand for more and more of our pamphlet "Educating for Ignorance" we are publishing a new edition of the pamphlet with a revised introduction bringing the subject matter up to date.

The pamphlet will be available within the next few days and we would be glad to have your order for it as soon as possible. It is still being sold at 3d.

Yours fraternally,

P. Beyleveld
National Chairman.

S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

HEAD OFFICE.

P.O. Box 4088,
Johannesburg.
29th January, 1955.

Dear Friend,

We have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the latest edition of "Educating for Ignorance" which contains a new introduction bringing the subject matter up to date.

We are pleased to inform you that the response to the first edition was so good that we are completely sold out of it.

We shall be pleased to have your order for the pamphlet which is still being sold at 3d.

Yours fraternally,

P. Beyleveld
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN.

SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS

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HEAD OFFICE

Phone: 33-0975

5 Somerset House,
110 Fox Street,
P.O. Box 4088,
JOHANNESBURG.

9th February, 1955.

The Secretary,
Durban Region, S.A.C.O.D.,
P.O. Box 700,
Durban.

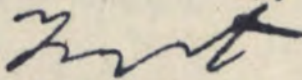
Dear Friend,

I would be pleased if you would let us have the following information as soon as possible as it is urgently required for the National Executive Committee :-

1. An account of the state of your organisation with reference to number of branches and number of members.
2. A statement of your financial position.
3. An account of your activities over the last six months.

Any other information concerning your branch will be appreciated.

Yours fraternally,



for Secretary.

P.S. With reference to our campaign on Population Registration we are pleased to report that we have had an excellent response ~~in~~ from the public at our tables. Many people are naturally opposed to this registration and are reading our pamphlets and signing the petition. Have you started a campaign on this issue?

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J. Ackerman
110 Fox St.
27-9-55
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b. 45-6.

22nd. February, 1955.

Mr. Bennie Turok,
P.O. Box 4347,
Cape Town.

Dear Friend,

I have been asked by the National Chairman to inform you that arrangements are being made to send you the pictorial exhibition on Western Areas, and they should be in Cape Town by the beginning of next week.

If you require Father Huddleston to open the exhibition, and if you can raise his air fare, please advise us immediately so that we can then approach him.

Immediately we received your telegram for leaflets we contacted the printers. As we were not satisfied with our last printing job (we felt the leaflet was too big and clumsy) we had this one done double-sided, with the same wording, except for one sentence, bringing it up to date which we have marked on the proof. The job will be ready on Friday, when we will send it to you. We managed to get a keen quote of £11.7.3. which is for Cash and we should be pleased to have your cheque immediately.

Yours fraternally,

for Secretary.

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22nd. February, 1955.

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Mr. Lee-Warden,
P.O. Box 4347,
Cape Town.

Dear Friend,

I am enclosing a copy of a telegram which
I sent to the Minister of Justice today.

I would be pleased if you would raise the
matter in Parliament, & reiterate my challenge to him.

Yours faithfully,

for P. Beyleveld.

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COPY OF A TELEGRAM.

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MINISTER OF JUSTICE ASSEMBLY CAPE TOWN

Your statement in House re Conference in Johannesburg from which Police were ordered to leave is false and defamatory and designed to mislead the Public in conferring arbitrary powers on Government Stop As one of the petitioners who asked the Court to order the police to leave and as Chairman of one of the organisations responsible for organising the Conference I challenge you to repeat outside Parliament the allegation that high treason was planned Stop Police were present at this Conference from Ten a.m. to Four p.m. That is shortly before Conference ended stop Moreover this was merely one of long series of proper and peaceful meetings which police had been attending and sometimes invading with powerful display of armed force on pretext of investigating charges of high treason stop Yet no person has ever been arrested or charged on any such allegation stop Since police have full details of what went on at these meetings it is astonishing if your statements are correct that no action of any description has been taken against persons responsible.

P. Beyleveld Chairman South African Congress of Democrats

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P. Beyleveld Chairman South African Congress of Democrats

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S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

HEAD OFFICE.

P.O. Box 4088,
Johannesburg.
South Africa.
17th March, 1955.

Dear

Under separate cover we have posted you 50 copies of our pamphlet "Educating for Ignorance" which expresses our view of Dr. Verwoerd's pernicious legislation, the Bantu Education Act, which aims at instilling our African children with a slave mentality.

We feel sure there are many of your friends overseas who would be interested in reading this pamphlet. It is sold at 3d. each. Should you manage to sell the pamphlets we shall be pleased to receive the money at at your convenience.

Here in South Africa we have had a most encouraging response to the pamphlet. Our first edition of 10,000 was sold out last year and our second edition of 10,000 is well on the way to being sold out. We have had warm, enthusiastic letters from all over this country, especially from the Non-European people.

We know that though you are far removed from the scene, this news will interest you.

Best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

Secretary.

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5018 KATLEHONG TOWNSHIP
P.O. NATALSPRUIT, TVL

23 rd March, 1955.

The S.A. Congress of Democrats,
P.O. Box 4088,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sirs,

I have read two of your pamphlets viz "The Threatened People" and "Educating for Ignorance" and I am very glad to tell you that I highly appreciated them.

It is through reading such literature that a true "democrat" and a peace-loving person will be able to know the evils of this Nationalist Government.

I am a member of the African National Congress youth League and a regular reader of "New Age". I want to be educated politically. Will you kindly send me a list of books, pamphlets or any other publications you have in stock. I am highly interested indeed. I want to place an order as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
Abraham Msholi.

CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.P.O. Box 4552,
CAPE TOWN.

13th May, 1955.

Dear Friend,

The Congress Democrats is an organisation consisting mainly of Europeans, but open to South Africans of all races, its chief aim being to work for a greater measure of democracy in South Africa. The organisation has a National Executive Committee, branches in most large towns in the Union, and its Chairman, Mr. L. Lee-Warden is a member of Parliament representing the Cape Western Division.

Though a young organisation it is drawing into its ranks many people who wish to preserve and extend the ideals of democracy in South Africa. We count among our members people of differing faiths, ideals and occupations. Any South African who believes in democratic ideals is free to come to our meetings and discussions evenings and put forward his or her views on the best way of attaining our aims.

Today our work is becoming more and more important. The efforts of the Government to deprive Non-Europeans of what few rights they possess has now been extended until all South Africans, whatever their colour, are finding their liberties endangered. Our right to a passport has been abolished. Any policeman, even the youngest constable, can enter our houses without a warrant if he feels that "subversion" is being plotted. Under the Population Registration Act we join the African peoples with their passes. This week the Government has quite crudely announced its plans to double its numbers in the Senate thereby achieving what it failed to do at the polling booths during the last election. Many who believed that the possession of a white skin was a guarantee of civil rights in our country find that this is no longer so. We in the Congress of Democrats oppose all these measures.

To give greater substance to our work we are supporting a campaign aimed at drawing up a Freedom Charter for South Africa. This campaign will culminate in a great convention in Johannesburg on June 25th and 26th, 1955. The "call" to this meeting is enclosed with this letter.

At the film evening (ticket also enclosed) it is proposed to elect two delegates to travel to Johannesburg to represent us at the meeting. People all over the country are now submitting their demands for inclusion in the Freedom Charter and we wish to make our voices heard too.

You are cordially invited to attend this film evening on Saturday, 21st May at 8.15p.m., at 2, Bellevue Terrace, off Mains Avenue, Kenilworth, and to join with us in our work.

Yours sincerely,

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S.A.C.O.D. Youth Branch,
5 Somerset House,
Fox Street.

1st November 1954.

Dear Robert,

As requested, I am sending you a report on the work for the Congress of the People which has to be done by the above branch.

The Youth Branch consists mainly of students who are, at present, inactive due to examinations. However, a small amount of work has been done. It was decided that the Youth Branch should work in its area which is Hillbrow and at the University. Little canvassing has been done in the area; student societies have been approached, however, either through individual members or through their committee and we feel that quite a lot of work will be accomplished when work reopens in 1955 at the end of February.

We hope to get our area work on a very sound basis when students are free again. They will then have every opportunity to work, and this will be organised after November.

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Joan Anderson
(Youth Branch Representative)

SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS

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Phone: 33-0975

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5. Somerset House,
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P.O. Box 4088,
JOHANNESBURG.

24th March, 1955.

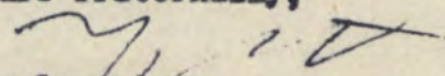
The Secretary,
Durban Region,
P.O. Box 700,
Durban.

Dear Friend,

Enclosed is a leaflet which we are distributing in Johannesburg on "The Locations in the Sky" Bill. We had some extra leaflets printed in case the other regions are desirous of distributing them. We can let you have them at the very ~~low~~ low costs of £1 per 1000. Please let us know what you think of the idea per return air mail. The leaflet are meant for European flat tenants.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,


for Secretary.

Replied

31/3/55.

S.A. Congress of Democrats

Cape Western Region

P.O. Box 4552,

Cape Town.

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The Editor,
FIGHTING TALK,
p.o.Box 1355,
Johannesburg.

Dear friend,

Enclosed please find a check for £3/14/0 for Fighting Talk. We hope that this will meet most of our debts to you.

We have had complaints by individual subscribers that although they have sent their money they have not received their copies.

Please see that this is looked into.

Yours fraternally,

[Handwritten signature]

Bewysstuk No.
 Gekry by *S.A.C.O.D.*
 Deur *vaalens*
 Te *Box No. 110, Jharf*
 Datum *27-7-55*
 Verwysings No. *41*

FIGHTING TALK.

P.O. Box 4089,
Johannesburg.
4th April, 1955.

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Dear Friend,

The April issue of Fighting Talk (which we have sent you under separate cover) is the 132nd. issue of Fighting Talk to appear. The magazine has been appreciated, thousands of copies have been sold and our readers look forward to receiving their copy of Fighting Talk each month.

Recently however, we have had to think very seriously about continuing publication. We simply have no money! Whilst we have increased our circulation, doubled the number of subscribers and left no stone unturned to place the magazine on a sound financial footing, we have met with innumerable financial difficulties. For one thing, Fighting Talk costs 9d. per copy to produce. As you know the magazine is sold at only 6d. a copy so we have always to make up that extra 3d. before going to press.

We are not appealing to you for an extra donation, although we would not refuse one. What we do want, however, is regular monthly payments for sales. Your account alone would not pay our month's printing bill, but if everyone paid we would be in a better position to meet our monthly commitments.

Please therefore settle your outstanding account and send in your sales money regularly. Many thanks.

Yours fraternally,

FIGHTING TALK COMMITTEE.

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SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS
HEAD OFFICE

Phone: 33-0975

5 Somerset House,
110 Fox Street,
P.O. Box 4088,
JOHANNESBURG.
13th April, 1955.

Dear Jacky,

1000 enclosed for de Tubulin

It was good to hear from you at last. I do hope you will now receive all mail posted to this address. A parcel of "Fighting Talk" ~~was~~ mailed to you as per enclosed rail note, and we posted today 1000 of the leaflet "Locations in the sky." Please let us know when and if you receive them.

"Counter Attack" appears fortnightly and you should have received them about two weeks ago. We also posted to you speakers notes on the Industrial Conciliation Amendment Bill. If you did not receive them I can send you another lot as these are very good notes and you should have them.

I am enclosing a copy of a leaflet which endeavours to bring home C.O.P. to the European people. It was initiated by our Bellevue Branch who intend to distribute it among certain blocks of buildings of flats just before a street meeting outside the particular building. The tenants will be invited to a meeting outside and if they do not come to the actual meeting, they will, we feel lean over their balconies and listen. If you are interested in this leaflet let us know and perhaps we can let you have some.

Do write again soon. When one does not get replies one is out of contact completely. Have you sold the pamphlet "Educating for Ignorance" and do you want any more. We sold out completely of the first 10,000 and had another 10,000 printed which are also going well. We find this pamphlet terrificly popular.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

Zetta

P.S. "Locations in the Sky" Leaflet should be folded as per enclosed one

HEAD OFFICE.

P.O. Box 4088,
Johannesburg.
10th May, 1955.

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The Secretary,
Durban ~~Branch~~ Region,
P.O. Box 700,
Durban.

Dear Friend,

We are enclosing a copy of the National Chairman's report to the annual Conference together with Political Notes for discussion at Conference, and we shall be pleased if your Region will discuss these reports at length as soon as possible and send in your resolutions for Conference not later than the 31st. May, 1955.

Under separate cover/ we are sending additional copies of the report for your membership.

CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE.

I have been asked to advise your Region that a full meeting of the National Council of the Congress of the People will be held on the 23rd. and 24th June, 1955, in Johannesburg. The Agenda will be as follows :-

1. Minutes
2. Draft of Freedom Charter
3. Agenda for Conference
4. General.

The meeting will be of great importance as the great assembly will take place on the 25th and 26th June, 1955, and the Council will have to review the whole campaign. We trust you will see that your representative is present in Johannesburg for this Council Meeting.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

National Secretary.

P.S. A report on Organisation will follow shortly.

We shall be pleased if you will convey this information re the National Council to Michael Hathorn, and ask him to make every effort to attend. If he comes he would be in addition to the Durban representative, who we trust will in any case come.

Ask that Socy to let us know

(1) what we can do for it alive - to give us details

(2) to continue T.T. for the time being + let us know details of what we did & how in the past when receiving all the ...

Please check to see if we have sent only 20 to members of Council attached

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18/5/55.

Dear Dorothy,

Attached are the minutes of last night's meeting - these were taken by Z and I have typed them. The ones of the last meeting were destroyed.

Regarding Minute 2(a) - could you let me know by Sunday (before we have our sub-committee meeting to discuss arrangements at 7.30 p.m) how many people you have been able to approach and how many will come. Will you get in touch with Vera.

Minute 5(a) Will you please write to Fighting Talk again. I might mention that they sent a bundle addressed to the Branch care of me - with both ends open!!

Minute 6(d) Margaret will get in touch with you and let you know what this is all about.

Sorry you have been feeling so ill and hope that you are getting better - Margaret said you looked quite terrible last night and she felt she really ought to stay and provide medical treatment.

Isn't not being able to 'phone a bugger?

Yours,

Jackie

*Ring me when you get this
8.11.56.*

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RECORDS RELATING TO THE 'TREASON TRIAL' (REGINA vs F. ADAMS AND OTHERS ON CHARGE OF HIGH TREASON, ETC.), 1956 1961

TREASON TRIAL, 1956 1961

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