

TRANSVAAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

Phone: 33-9193,
P.O.Box 11045,

37 West Street,
Johannesburg.

26th September, 1955.

To all Secretaries of
All Congress Branches.

Bewysstuk No.....
Gekry by *Leslie Masima & Leon Levy*
Dear *M. J. de Winter*
Te. *63 Progress Bldg. of Tafel vaak*
Datum *27/9/55*
Verwysings No.....

Dear Friend,

The campaign for the Charter has been launched. The Congresses must be built up around the Charter and it is up to us to make the Charter known to everyone and to show the people how it is related to Congress and to our everyday struggles.

BANTU EDUCATION: see the Section on "THE DOORS OF LEARNING CULTURE SHALL BE OPEN TO ALL."

ETHNIC GROUPING: "All National groups shall have equal rights"

GOVERNMENT: "The people shall Govern"

MONEY: "The people shall share in the country's wealth"

THE SQUATTERS AND PEASANTS: The land shall be shared among those who work it"

THE POLICE & THE COURTS: All shall be equal before the Law.

POLICE RAIDS & PASSES: All shall enjoy equal human rights.

NO JOBS & POOR WAGES: There shall be work and security.

LOCATIONS & SHACKS: There shall be houses, security and Comfort.

WE DON'T WANT IMPERIALISTS & WAR: There shall be peace and security.

GET THOSE SIGNATURES.
GET THE CHARTER TO THE PEOPLE.

Enclosed can be found a specimen of the Freedom Charter in the languages of the people and a signature form.

THESE ARE AVAILABLE FROM 37 WEST STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

AT £1 - 0 - 0 per 1,000.

Signature forms are available free. The Charter should be sold at a penny per copy. You can thus make some money for your Branch and get the Charter to the people. Get those signatures and send the forms to the above address.

For Charters fill in this form and post to 37 West Street, Jo'burg. with the money.

Name of Branch:

Your name:

Address of Branch.....

PLEASE SEND OUR BRANCH

Number..... Zulu. No..... Suthu. No..... English.

Please find enclosed TOTAL.

£1 for 1,000 10/- for 500 etc.

Yours for Freedom,

B. Moolla

ONE MILLION SIGNATURES FOR FREEDOM CHARTER DHO

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FREEDOM CHARTER DAY,

COME TO KLIPTOWN

SUNDAY, 24th JUNE, 1956

9.30 a.m.

Since 1950, June 26th has been observed as a National Day by the Liberatory and Democratic Movement.

On this day in 1950, the People of South Africa celebrated June 26 by a national stoppage of work; closing the factories, businesses and schools for one day.

This action was a protest against the Suppression of Communism Act, Group Areas Act, Pass Laws and all other discriminatory laws. And it was also a day to mourn the death of many sons and daughters of Africa who laid down their lives in the fight for Freedom, and, in particular, the victims of police terror on May Day, 1950.

Since then, June 26th has become a day of rededication to the struggle for our liberation. Events of great importance in our country have taken place on this day. The historic Defiance Campaign, which changed the history of our people, was launched on June 26, 1952.

The greatest South African Assembly - the Congress of the People - met at Kliptown on June 26, 1955 and adopted the famous

FREEDOM CHARTER

"We, the people of South Africa, declare . . . that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black and white . . . that our People have been robbed And therefore we, the People of South Africa, Black and White together EQUALS, COUNTRYMEN, BROTHERS - Adopt this FREEDOM CHARTER."

"THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN"

Let all who love their people and their country assemble at

KLIPTOWN

ON JUNE 24th, 1956

and say,

"THE FREEDOMS IN THE FREEDOM CHARTER, we will fight for, side by side, black and white, throughout our lives, until we have won our liberty."

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ILANGA LOMQULU WENKULULEKO

YIZANI E KLIPTOWN

NGESONTO
JUNE 24th, 1956

9.30 ekuseni

Kusukela ngo 1950, uJune 26th sihlonipa lezilanga njenge-Langa leSizwe lombutho wenkululeko.

Ngalezilanga ngo 1950 bonke abantu base South Africa bahlonipha lezilanga ngokuyeka imisebenzi, kwavalwa amafemu kanye nezikolo okwelanga elilodwa.

Lesisenzo kwakunge sokulwisa iSuppression of Communism Act, Group Areas Act, Pass Laws, neminye imithetho yencindezelo nobandlululo. Futhi kwakuyilanga lokukhalela amadodana namadodakazi ase Africa abafela emzabalazweni wenkululeko, futhi kanye nababulawa ngamapoyisa nge May Day, 1950.

Ukusukela ngaloko, uJune 26th sekwaba yilanga lokuzinikela kabusha emzabalazweni wenkululeko. Izigigaba ezikhulu ze nzeka kulelizwe ngalezilanga. Umzabalazo we Defiance Campaign eyajikisa ukuma kwezinto kuleli, yaqala ngalezilanga.

Ingqayizivele yomhlangano yadibana ngalezilanga -- iCongress of the People e Kliptown mhlaka June 26th, 1955 yemukela

UMQULU WE NKULULEKO

esathi :

"Thina bantu base South Africa sithi . . . iSouth Africa ngeyabo bonke abantu abamhlophe nabaNtsundu abahlala khona . . . nabantu bethu baphucwa kungemthetho . . . Ngakoke thina base South Africa, kanye nabamhlophe nabamnyama - ngokulingana, Bantu bakithi, Bafowethu - yemukela UMQULU WENKULULEKO."

"ABANTU BAYOBUSA"

Makuthi bonke abathanda lelizwe kanye nabantu balo bahlangane e

KLIPTOWN
NGO JUNE 24, 1956

bathi:

"Izithembiso eziku MQULU WENKULULEKO, siya kuzilwela, kanye kanye nabamhlophe nabansundu, ngezempilo yethu sonke, size sithole inkululeko."

TRANSVAAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
SUPPLEMENT
BULLETIN OF THE TVI CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE IS NOW
INCORPORATED IN SECHABA



WHAT THEY SAID AT KLIPTOWN!

Extracts from Speeches made at the FREEDOM RALLY - JUNE 24th

MR. LESLIE MASSINA, CHAIRMAN AT THE FREEDOM RALLY: - "HISTORICAL BACKGROUND"
History will record that on June the 26th, 1950, Freedom Fighters gave their blood when the nation stopped work as a protest against the Suppression of Communism Bill.

That day we have honoured with greatness and devotion. The people of South Africa will always remember how the ruling class became terrified when in 1952 the people filled the jails in defiance of unjust laws.

The children of South Africa born in bondage will recall June the 26th, 1954, when fires were lighted in their homes and they were told of the people's courage during the defiance campaign.

Greatest of all achievements of the Freedom Movement is the Congress of the People held on this site last year, on June the 25th and 26th 1955. The people came representing their brothers and sisters from all parts of the land, to put forward their demands for Freedom.

The delegates at the Congress of the People gave birth to the Freedom Charter and they ruled first and foremost that "The People Shall Govern". As the unforgotten weeks of the Congress of the People rolled on the laws of suppression and victimisation were tightened up. And the Freedom Charter shone as the only alternative to slavery. Out of the Freedom Charter grew the harmony and joint co-operation of all the liberatory organisations into what the country has called the great Congress Alliance of Whites and Non-Whites.

With these words I have pleasure in welcoming you here today to rededicate your lives to the finest cause in the world - the emancipation of the oppressed from slavery.

Chief LUTHULI'S MESSAGE: "The Significance of June 26th"

In the history of any people some dates assume national importance because of some significant national event associated with them and so it is with "June 26th" in the history of our Liberatory Movement; a movement whose beginnings date from the first time the White man came into contact with the Black man, ostensibly to civilise him, but in reality to rob him of all his possessions, including his land, his freedom and his manhood.

To their everlasting glory and honour our forebears who, by and large, had shown goodwill towards the white foreigners, defended heroically in some way or another, their lands and their freedom.

Let us here in all humility remember that we, of this age and hour, are not the first and only ones who have struggled for the liberation of the people of our land and so it behoves us to gratefully recall men and women of all ages to our day who, in defence of freedom, in an exalted or humble way, voluntarily sacrificed most devotedly and dearly for it, to the extent that some of them made the supreme sacrifice.

We should recognise June 26th for what it truly is: a symbol of something real and continuous; a spirit which, having its roots in the past, is sustained in the present by an undying common hope of a glorious future.

Mr. Leon Levy, President of the S.A.C.T.U. "Workers & the Congress Alliance"

We of the South African Congress of Trade Unions are proud to announce that we equally stand side by side with our brother Congresses in the struggle for liberation and emancipation. We are now one of the Congresses - the Trade Union Congress.

It is important to record here on this historic day that never before in the history of South Africa did a multi-racial Trade Union Co-ordinating body such as S.A.C.T.U. ally itself with the struggle for National Liberation.

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Never before has a multi-racial Trade Union Co-ordinating body abolished the theory of "no politics" in Trade Unions. The task of really representing the working people fell to S.A.C.T.U. which boldly constitutes itself as one of the Congresses, or part of the Congress Alliance.

It was the Congress movement which helped S.A.C.T.U. to be born. It was the Freedom Charter which enriched its scope.

THE FIGHT AGAINST THE I.C.A.C.T.

Inspired by the adoption of the Freedom Charter, the working class renewed their vigour in the fight against one of the measures directed against the working people of all races. This measure was the Industrial Conciliation Bill of 1956. This Act threatens all workers; it demands that no more Trade Unions shall be mixed to include Coloured, Indian and white workers. It demands that separate branches be formed for separate races. It demands that whites shall hold all executive positions. Most serious of all is the provision to reserve jobs for different races. The Nationalists have said that no European shall walk the streets while Non-Europeans are employed. The Government therefore has promised more racial hatred, racial fear, distrust and poverty.

The answer lies in the unity of all races, white and non-white. Therefore S.A.C.T.U. representing both white and non-white workers takes its place beside all Freedom Fighters.

Mrs LILIAN NGOYI - President of the Tvl. Women's League: "ON PASSES"

A pass is an assegai of slavery. It is intended to prove to the bearer that he has been vanquished and thus degrade him. For instance you may be walking with your child and when the pass is demanded, how does your wife or your son feel. "I thought my daddy was a man, but since the manner in which he shivers at the approach of a Dutch boy...." If you carry a pass you are like the dog on a chain which, whilst still running, brings you back from where you started.

In 1913 the women in Wintburg took a vow that not unless the passes for women were abolished, were they prepared to leave jail.

Dr. MOOSA - Joint Secretary, Tvl. Indian Congress: "THE EVILS OF RACIALISM"

Our Freedom Charter is going to lead us to our cherished goal, a truly free South Africa where every single person, black and white, can live like decent human beings, where everyone black and white, can hold his head high and know that this is his country, where everyone is treated fairly and justly and where the evil of racialism is past, where everyone can move in the country of his birth without fear of being molested, "Hey Kaffir, waars jou pass. Hey Coolie waars jou permit."

The Group Areas Act is the kernel of Apartheid. With this act the Government wants to create Ghettoes where all the people will be placed and be ruled by the whip. Who is Dr. Donges to tell us where to live?

We demand they build decent homes for the people, all the people, where they can be happy and content.....

Finally friends, I still say we will have Freedom in our lifetime.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT FREEDOM RALLY

We the people of the Transvaal gathered together on this, the first anniversary of the forging of our Freedom Charter, pledge ourselves to strive together sparing neither strength or courage, until the democratic changes set out in the Freedom Charter have been won.

We pledge to oppose at every stage the inroads made by the Nationalist Government on our already limited rights and liberties. We oppose resolutely, the Group Areas Act, the Senate Act, Bantu Education and the extension of the pass system to African women, and all the other new and old restrictive legislation.

In opposition to apartheid, oppression and reaction we choose the freedoms of the Freedom Charter.

"These freedoms we will fight for, side by side, throughout our lives, until we have won our liberty."

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TRANSVAAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

37 West Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

TO ALL ORGANISATIONS.

The Secretary,

Dear Friend,

We have pleasure in viting your organisation and any member of your organisation to come to our conference which will discuss the FREEDOM CHARTER and the signature campaign which intends to gain support for it.

YOUR SIGNATURE FOR THE FREEDOM CHARTER.

"We pledge that when we return from here to our homes, we will at once make known to all our neighbours and workmates what we have done here, and we will win support for the Freedom Charter".

Extract from resolution at the Congress of the People at Kliptown.

The Transvaal Consultative Committee of the African National Congress, Transvaal Indian Congress, S.A.Coloured Peoples Organisation and the Congress of Democrats calls your organisation to a

M A S S C O N F E R E N C E .

at No. 3 TRADES HALL - Kerk Street, Johannesburg.

at 10 a.m. on SUNDAY 18th September, 1956.

to launch the signature campaign for the Freedom Charter.

THE TRANSVAAL MUST COLLECT SIGNATURES OF 450,000 PEOPLE. PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL.

WE ASK YOU TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

- 1) Popularise the Freedom Charter.
- 2) Get signatures of the people pledging themselves for the Freedom Charter.
- 3) Send your completed forms to your local Congress branch or Local Consultative Committee or to 37 West Street, Johannesburg.
- 4) Distribute the Charter as widely as possible and obtain more copies from your local Congress Branch or 37 West Street.
- 5) Organise the people behind the Freedom Charter.

Every endeavour should be made by secretaries and executive members to ensure that as many people as possible, from their areas and organisation attend this most important conference.

COME TO THE TRADES HALL ON THE 18TH SEPTEMBER.

A PLEDGE FOR THE CHARTER IS A PLEDGE FOR FREEDOM.

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for TRANSVAAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

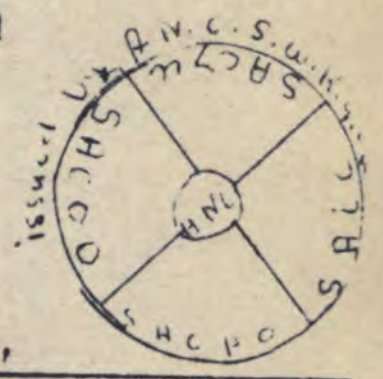
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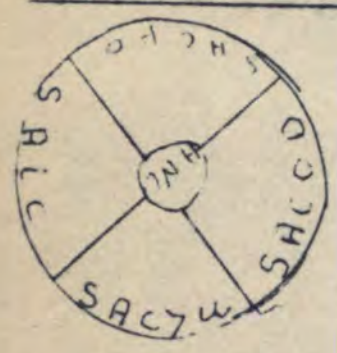
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CONSULTIVE COMMITTEE

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Verwysings No.....

1. Mr Joshua Plakere
2. Mr B Ploleta
3. Mr K. Ploeketsi
4. Mr S. Gumieere
5. Mr P. labona
6. Mr D. P. Hiedua
7. Mr Mtoi
8. Mrs E. Plakade
9. Mrs J. Nelenigwanane
10. Mrs L. Merbona
11. Mr ketsatsi
12. Mr J. Kumalo

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Extract from resolution at Congress of the People at Klipfontein

The Transvaal Consultative Committee of the A.N.C., T.L.C., S.W.A.P.O. and C.O.D. calls you to a mass conference.

Mass Conference,
No. 3 Trades Hall,
West Street,
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at 10 a.m.

16th September, 1955

to launch the signature campaign for the Freedom Charter.

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COME TO THE TRADES HALL ON THE 16th SEPTEMBER

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MAYIBUYE AFRIKA!

LONG LIVE THE CONGRESS!

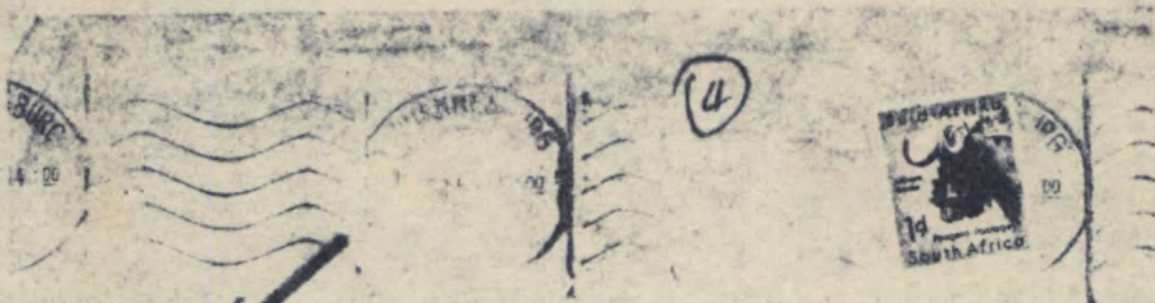
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Moses Mohamed Madala
Flat 5 Kholwad House
27 Market Street
Johannesburg

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ONE MILLION SIGNATURES FOR FREEDOM CHAPTER 1

We, the people of South Africa - Black and White, declare for all our country and the world to know that we pledge ourselves to strive together until the democratic changes set out in the FREEDOM CHAPTER have been won.

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NO.	NAME	ADDRESS.
1.	Donald Matthews	} 68 6th Avenue Alexandria Township 23, 2 nd AVENUE.
2.	Willie Matthews	
3.	Cecilia Matthews	
4.	Lettie Matthews	68 6th Avenue
5.	Kather Matthews	40 3 rd AVENUE.
6.	Theresa Matthews	23, 2 nd AVENUE.
7.	Elizabeth	23 2 nd
8.	Aven Smith	35, 2 nd Avenue Alexandria
9.	David Marara	35, 2 nd Avenue "
10.	Matthews Marabe	146 16th Ave.
11.	Shenifa Mohamed.	105, 2nd Avenue Alex. Township
12.	L. Parker.	23 - 1 st ave. Alex Township
13.	Mathew Meyers	23 - 1 st ave Alex Township.
14.	William Maye	35 2 nd - ave, Alex Township
15.	Patrick Mayoe	

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6. ALL SHALL ENJOY SOCIAL SECURITY!
7. THERE SHALL BE NO APOCALYPTIC DISASTERS!
8. THE DOORS OF KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE SHALL BE OPENED!
9. THERE SHALL BE NO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND CO-FORT!
10. THERE SHALL BE NO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION!

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3	W Paulson	23 1st Avenue Alexandra Township.
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6	Ann David	" " " "
7	John Alberts	" " " "
8	David Moloi	24 1st Avenue Alex
9	Johanna Moloi	24 " " "
10	Mire Johansen	2 2nd Avenue
11	Thomas Stehle	19 8th Avenue Alex
12	John Anderson	" " " "
13	Andrew Homan	13 8th Avenue Alex.
14	Werner Schwaiger	20 1st Avenue
16	Josias Motshagoe	" " " "
16	Jacobus Hanks	20 1st Avenue
17	Zachariah Moloi	" " " "
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19	Loris Londo	1st Avenue No 13 Alex.
20	Beatrice Skubeka	1st Avenue No 13 Alex.
21	Hasting Mnyani	10 13 1st Avenue
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23	P. Petersen	13 1st Avenue Alex
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3	Mrs. A. :	
4	W. :	
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7	Miss Charles	25 1 st Ave Alex Township
8	Joyce Charles	25 1 st Ave Alex Township
9	Ray Bantam	26 1 st Ave Alex Township
10	G. Crawford	25 1 st Ave Alex Township
11	W. Crawford	25 1 st Ave Alex Township
12	H. Edwards.	25 1 st Ave Alex Township
13	J. Chetty	25 1 st Ave Alex and Township
14	R. Chetty	25 1 st Ave. Alexandria Township
15	W. Barnett	9 3 rd Ave Alexandria.
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17	W. Adams	50 Rorich St.
18	Klaas	31 1 st Ave. Alex Township
19	J. Molefe	31 1 st Ave Alex Township
20	J. Molefe	
21	Johi Motomela	62 3 rd Ave Alex. T. Ship
22	Sybilus Tau	32 ave town ship
23	Michael N. Nkosi	32 1 st ave. Alexandria + Ship
24	Enoch Nkosi	32 1 st ave Alexandria Township

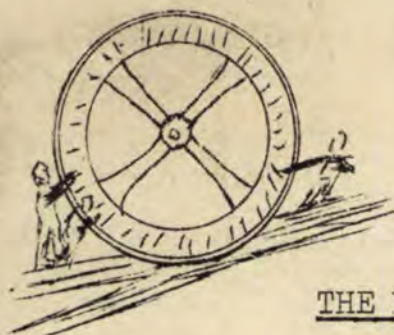
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	Jofanes Vilakazi	14 th Street Melkrose Township
	Hencei Nomu	10-5 Ave Alexandra Township
	William Kwantu	31-1st Avenue Alexandra Township
	Joseph Kwantu	22, 1 st Ave Alex.
	Benjamin Suddo	31 - 1 st Avenue Alex.
	Andrew Lebong	110-40 1 st Ave Alex
	Samuel Lebong	40 1 st Ave Alex.
	Samuel Leupe	44 1 st Ave Alex
	Frank Galhas	23 Second Ave. Alex. T. Ship.
	Francis Williams	" " " Alex T. Ship.
	Stella Agulhas	22. Second Ave. Alex T. Ship.
	Lizzy Ludich	13-5 Avenue Alex Township
	Susan Hosman	13 5 Ave. Alex. Township.
	Whisky Phashe	13 5 Ave Alex township
	Henry Vanicker	13. 5 AVENUE Alex T. Ship
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	Albert Louw	22 1 st Avenue Alex. T. ship
	James Goodson	13 5 Avenue Alex. T. ship
	BEN EELW	13. 5 th AVENUE ALEX
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CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Supplement

THE ROLE OF THE TRANSVAAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

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The T.C.C. consists of two representatives from each of the following organisations, all of whom subscribe to the Freedom Charter :-

African National Congress, Transvaal Indian Congress, S.A. Coloured People's Organisation (Transvaal) S.A. Congress of Trade Unions, the Federation of S.A. Women (Tvl. Region) and the S.A. Congress of Democrats (Johannesburg Region)

Each of these organisations has its own role to play in mobilising different sections of the people; each section with different problems and different immediate aims but all with the Freedom Charter as their goal. The role of the T.C.C. is to co-ordinate and consolidate the broad front of our forces for liberation.

How is it to achieve this and what are its limitations and failings ?

Let us first review our work of the past year or so. We are the only province that has collected signatures for the charter in any number at all. Although we have fallen short of our target of 450,000, 50,000 signatures were collected in the Transvaal. We brought out our bulletin in a fairly regular fashion, and this bulletin is now incorporated with Sechaba. We organised co-operation between C.O.D. and the A.N.C. in connection with transport and speakers for outlying areas, similarly with Women's Protest to Pretoria. Our meeting at Kliptown to celebrate Freedom Day was a great success. We have helped S.A.C.P.O. and S.A.C.T.U. with a few meetings and the T.I.C. to a lesser extent.

There is thus some good work to look back on, but not enough has been done. Where have we been lax ?

Firstly we have not been entirely successful in bringing the various organisations into closer contact and co-ordination. For example, it is only now that we have been entirely successful in bringing the various organisations into closer contact and co-ordination. For example, it is only now that we have made a serious attempt to bring the Federation of S.A. Women (Tvl) into closer co-ordination and contact with us. The Protest to Pretoria, a great success, happened without the full co-operation of some member organisations due to this lack of contact. The T.I.C. organised the mighty Anti-racial Areas Conference without sufficient aid from other organisations, due again to lack of contact. S.A.C.P.O. perhaps our weakest organisation has not received sufficient help and encouragement because their representatives have not been vocal enough and we have been preoccupied with other matters.

We must correct this and so must the organisation referred to. The Federation of S.A. Women, T.I.C. and S.A.C.P.O. must participate more fully in the T.C.C. and their representatives must be more vocal. S.A.C.T.U. periodically asks us for help and then fails to proceed with details of what is required.

Secondly we have not issued enough propaganda. There have been no lecture notes, no analysis on the Freedom Charter and very few statements to the press or leaflets etc. Why has this happened. The preparation of lecture notes and the analysis of the sections of the Charter was undertaken by the N.C.C. This work has been somewhat delayed. However the T.C.C. has now undertaken to prepare

such notes and lectures as soon as possible. Statements to the Press are handled by the N.C.C. but perhaps we should issue those which affect Transvaal primarily. Of leaflets there have been a few but not enough.

Thirdly we have been slow and seem to lack initiative. This is a complaint which is unfortunately almost general in congress. We take up issues late and sometimes get bogged down with talking. But is this entirely the fault of the members of the T.C.C. or is it the fault of the constituent organisations who do not use the T.C.C. sufficiently. It is up to the organisations to prod us.

Fourthly we must take up the cry of organise, organise. Spectacular Transvaal or National campaigns are an inspiration but the foundation of freedom lies in the people organised into congress branches. All congress branches in all the organisations must develop leadership, initiative, activity and organisation. Freedom comes not from above but from below. The T.C.C. has too often spoken from above; our contact with the masses must be made more efficient; we must know what the people think and how to lead them. This contact comes only from sound organisation.

ORGANISATION MEANS MORE MEMBERS AND MORE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

The main difficulty underlying all our work is due to a failure to see our struggles a broad united whole. There is a tendency for people and organisations to see their struggles, their campaign as the centre of the fight. There is a tendency to throw all our active workers into each issue as it arises and to forget the other fronts on which we are fighting.

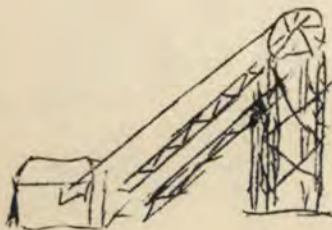
This leads to the following errors :-

- (i) the particular organisation expects everyone to throw in their weight behind their campaign.
- (ii) We neglect and leave open our other fronts.
- (iii) Some individuals neglect the work they are doing for the more exciting "central" campaign.
- (iv) We lose our perspective.
- (v) We rush from front to front and dissipate our energies.

We must in future regard each campaign as but one front upon which this or that organisation is best suited to work. Others should help but this help must be assessed in relation to our total fight. We must have a perspective.

The T.C.C. can supply this perspective if we use it actively and seriously.

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