



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

Kantoor van die Minister van Naturesake.

Office of the Minister of Native Affairs.

Union Buildings,

PRETORIA.

21st November, 1945.

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

Sir,

By direction of the Honourable the Minister of Native Affairs, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, in which you invite him to your 33rd Annual Conference in Bloemfontein on the 15th December next.

The Honourable the Minister desires me to inform you that although he would have liked to accede to your request, his existing appointments do not allow him to accept your invitation.

He is leaving for Cape Town on the 25th November; returning on the 3rd December, and will be leaving for Durban on the 10th, and will probably not be back in Pretoria by the 15th December. Immediately on his return from Durban he has to leave for Cape Town again.

In the circumstances it is regretted therefore that he will not be able to address your Conference.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. J. J.
PRIVATE SECRETARY.

ABX 4511219i

Bantu High School,
Bloemfontein.

21/11/45

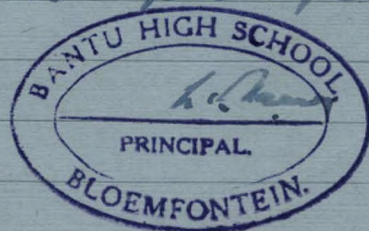
The President - General,
African National Congress,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your very
welcome letter of 13/11/45 re
the distribution of the books of
the Native Military Corps we hereby
wish to inform you that we
appreciate this kind gesture very
much and shall be very, very
pleased to accept a donation
of some of the books.

Wishing you every success,

Yours faithfully,



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Bafokeng Secondary School,
P.O. PHOKENG,
Rustenburg.
21st. November, 1945.

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

Dear Sir,

Re- Book Donation.

I wish to express on behalf of the Bafokeng Secondary School, our gratitude for the donation of Library Books you wish to benefit us with.

We accept the Donation with OPEN HANDS AND HEARTS. They will be a blessing to our poor Library. We shall remember to call the Library wing made up of these books "Native Military Corps-- Congress Library."

The box of books could be send to RUSTENBURG STATION.

Once more we thank you heartily.

I am, Sir, -

Yours sincerely,

D.P. Meloto.

Principal.

Race Relations

21/11/1945

RR. 207/45.
ES. 21/11/45.

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SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS .

AFRICAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING SERVICES.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD AT 10 A.M. ON THE 6TH NOVEMBER IN THE NEW STANDARD BANK BUILDINGS, PRETORIA .

PRESENT: Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones (Chairman),
Dr. G. Eybers, Dr. E. Hellmann,
Capt. S. Horwitz, Dr. N. Macvicar,
Mr. J.R. Altman in attendance.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Capt. Horwitz for his memorandum outlining an alternative non-profit company. The Chairman explained briefly the differences between the proposals drawn up by Capt. Horwitz and that drawn up Dr. Macvicar.

1. HISTORY OF THE SCHEME:

Capt. Horwitz gave a brief history of the scheme which had originally been worked out by Col. Stubbs and Col. Mockford about 8 years ago. The scheme had then been submitted to various commercial and industrial organisations for their consideration, but had been shelved at the outbreak of war. Many of the training aspects of the scheme had been put into practice by Col. Stubbs and Col. Mockford in the Native Military Corps during the war. Now that the war was over, they hoped to find a sponsor for the scheme and were anxious that the Institute should sponsor it.

2. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SCHEMES:

The Chairman pointed out that there was now apparently a cleavage of ideas. The Institute's representatives on the committee approached the scheme from an entirely different angle to the one outlined in Col. Mockford's original memorandum. The Institute felt that any such scheme should be approached purely from the educational angle and on a non-profit basis. Col. Mockford's original plan had been for the recruitment and training of labour for other than mining employers. It was not then a non-profit corporation. It had since been converted into a non-profit scheme, but the essentials of the scheme remained. The committee's proposals were based upon the educational and employment needs of African youth.

Capt. Horwitz pointed out that his new memorandum outlined a non-profit company registered under Section 21 of the Companies Act in exactly the same way as Dr. MacVicar's memorandum did. The only difference was that in this case the company would have a registered share capital.

The Chairman and Dr. Hellmann could not see what incentive there would be for the public to buy non-profit shares rather than to give subscriptions or donations.

Capt. Horwitz stated that the easiest way of raising capital would be to offer shares for sale to interested individuals. The Company would have to start off with working capital and it would not get sufficient working capital from donations. Donations in any case, might fall away at any time, whereas once

/people.....

people had bought shares in the company, they could not very well withdraw their support.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that although such a company was nominally a non-profit concern, at bottom it would really still be a business concern - the profit being in the form of a steady supply of labour which such a scheme could provide if the controlling shares were held by persons interested in achieving this object.

3. FINANCE AND CONTROL:

Dr. Eybers expressed doubt as to the financial stability of an organisation which made no provision for a regular supply of money coming in every year. Once the share capital had been subscribed, no further income would accrue.

Capt. Horwitz explained that there would be a substantial annual income accruing from the hiring out of the students for various types of work while they were under-going training. This income would then revert to the company for the further development of its training schemes.

To circumvent the danger of the policy being controlled by influential shareholders, Capt. Horwitz proposed that the Board of Directors be limited to 5, two to be appointed by the Government, one by the Natives Representative Council, and two by the shareholders. Then there would be no danger of the shareholders obtaining a controlling interest.

Capt. Horwitz also suggested that shares should be offered to Africans, who would be only too willing to subscribe towards a scheme which would benefit African youth.

The Chairman felt there was a danger of misleading the African. In such a non-profit organisation the shareholder would not be able to realise his assets, and care would have to be taken that Africans did not subscribe under a false impression.

Dr. Macvicar expressed great concern over the proposal to sell shares to Africans. He pointed out that if it was the intention to raise money for the scheme from Africans, it could be done through the local or district Councils which had rating powers and a fixed income. If a training centre could convince the Councils that it was doing practical and useful work for the African people, they would not hesitate to give annual donations.

Dr. Hellmann felt that there was no justification for expecting the poorest section of the population to contribute to a service which should have been provided by the Government. Dr. Hellmann enquired whether there were any other organisations based on non-dividend paying shares and with a registered share capital.

Capt. Horwitz mentioned the Witwatersrand Native Labour Association. He thought also that the South African Broadcasting Corporation was run on these lines.

Dr. Hellmann was most anxious that the proposed organisation should not remotely resemble the Witwatersrand Native Labour Association.

Capt. Horwitz then proposed that his memorandum be accepted with one amendment: that Section 14 be altered to limit the number of Directors to 5 - 2 to be nominated by the Government, 2 to be elected by the shareholders and 1 to be nominated by the Natives Representative Council.

Dr. Macvicar felt that a small board of Directors could not

be as effective as a more widely representative Governing Council. It would be necessary to have Trade Unions represented on the Governing Council, otherwise the organisation would be restricted in many ways by opposition from Trade Unions.

Dr. Hellmann pointed out that the Governing Council as outlined in Dr. Macvicar's memorandum provided for direct participation by the bodies represented, who would then give financial support as well.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM OTHER BODIES:

The Chairman read to the Committee a communication received by him from the Young Communist League sending on resolutions adopted at a meeting held by this body on 6th October to discuss vocational training for Africans.

5. ALTERNATIVES BEFORE THE COMMITTEES:

The Chairman felt that as the meeting of the Committee was not fully representative, no decision should be taken at this stage, and suggested 3 alternative courses:

- (a) To adjourn the meeting and hope for a fuller discussion at the next meeting.
- (b) To place the memoranda before the General Purposes Committee of the Institute.
- (c) To place the memoranda before the Social and Economic Planning Council for their considered opinion before calling another meeting of the Committee.

IT WAS AGREED to adopt the third course.

Dr. Eybers proposed that the Chairman should seek an opportunity to ascertain from the De Villiers Commission on Technical and Vocational Training the lines which that body is following in its investigations. Dr. Eybers also suggested that the Institute should bring before the Commission the views of this Committee.

IT WAS AGREED that this be done.

This concluded the business.

Confirmed

Chairman.

Duplicated by:-
The South African Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

ABX. 751122a

ABX/AFM.

22nd November, 45.

Captain S. Horwitz,
Non-European Army Services,
Artillery Row,
General Headquarters,
PRETORIA.

Dear Captain Horwitz,

Enclosed herewith, please, find partial list of the schools that have been offered the donation of the N.M.C. Library books.

I shall be sending others later.

You will note that the list covers the Union with a view of making the N.M.C. long remembered throughout South Africa.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

BANTU HIGH SCHOOLS.

TRANSVAAL.

Wilberforce Institute, P. O. Wilberforce, Evaton.
Bantu High School, Western Native Township, Johannesburg.
Bantu High School, Orlando Township, Johannesburg.
Bantu High School, Brakpan Location, Brakpan.
Bantu High School, Alexandra Township, P.O. Bergvlei,
Bantu High School, Payneville Township, Springs.
Bantu High School, Location, Potgietersrust, Transvaal.
Bantu High School, Location, Middelburg, Transvaal.
St. Peter's Secondary School, The Priory, Rosettenville.
Bantu High School, Location, Potchefstroom, Transvaal.
Khaiso High School, Location, Pietersburg.
Diocesan Training College, Grace Dieu, Pietersburg.
Lemana Training Institution, Lemana, Via Louis Trichardt.
Kilnerton Training Institute, Private Bag, Pretoria.
Bochabelo Training Institution, Via Middelburg, Transvaal.
Bantu High School, Phokeng, Via Rustenburg.
Bantu High School, Location, Vereeniging.
Bantu High School, Atteridgeville, Pretoria.
Bantu High School, Ermelo, Location, Ermelo.
Pax Training Institution, Pietersburg.
St. Thomas Training College, 26, Heidelberg Road, Johannesburg
Hofmeyr High School, Atteridgeville, Pretoria.
Bantu High School, Location, Nigel.
Bantu High School, Location, Witbank.

ORANGE FREE STATE.

Moroka Institution, Thaba Nchu, Orange Free State.
Bantu High School, Batho Location, Bloemfontein.
~~Bantu High School,~~ Location, Kroonstad.
Bantu High School, Location, Heilbron,
Bantu High School, Location, Harri Smith.
Stoffberg Gedank Skool, P. O. Viljoensdrift.
Modderpoort High School, Modderpoort, Ladybrand.

NATAL.

Ohlange High School, P. O. Phoenix, Natal.
Taylor Street School, Taylor Street, Durban.
Bantu High School, Location, Newcastle.
Adams College, P.O. Amanzimtoti, Natal.
St. Hilda's High School, Enhlonhloni, Ladysmith.
St. Chad's Training Institution, P.O. Roosboom, Ladysmith, Natal.
The High School, Mamai Mei, Natal.
The Bantu High School, Location, Dundee.
Mapumlo Institution, P.O. Mapumlo, Natal.
Indaleni High School, P. O. Indaleni, Richmond.
Inanda High School, P. O. Inanda.

NATIVE MILITARY CORPS - AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
LIBRARY.

CAPE PROVINCE.

Bantu High School,	Location, Queenstown.
Gore-Brown Training Institution,	Barkly Road, Kimberley.
Bantu High School,	Barkly Road, Kimberley.
Bantu High School,	Green Point Location, Beaconsfield.
Zonnebloem Training Institution,	Hanover Street, Cape Town.
Bantu High School,	Langa, Cape Town.
Bantu High School,	Location, Grahamstown.
Welsh High School,	Location, East London.
Bantu High School,	Location Port Elizabeth
St. John's Training Institution,	P. O. Umtata.
Lovedale Training Institution,	P.O. Lovedale, Fort
Healdtown Training Institution,	P.O. Healdtown, Via Beaufort
Bensonvale Training Institution,	P. O. Bensonvale.
St. Matthews High School,	P.O. St. Matthews, Via Keiskama Hoek
Emgwali High School,	P. O. Emgwali.
Bantu High School,	P. O. Clarkbury,
Bantu High School,	Butterworth.
Bethal Training Institution,	P. O. Butterworth.

ABX. 4511226

Social Welfare Drought Relief Fund.

ARM.

22nd November, 1945.

Fr. L. Muller,
St. Blaize Mission,
Mossel Bay, C.P.

Dear Sir,

Re: DROUGHT RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 20th instant enclosing Money Order for £2.0.0. (Two Pounds) to the abovementioned fund.

Your Congregation's 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,

fr. DR. A. B. XUMA.
DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.

ABX. 451123a

Health - General

ABX/ARM.

23rd November, 1945.

Dr. G. W. Gale,
1048, Pretorius Street,
PRETORIA.

My dear Gale,


I wish to congratulate you for your appointment as Chairman of the National Health Services Advisory Committee.

Your distinguished service and broad outlook in public Health Services are being given an opportunity for exercise.

With best regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Telegraphic Address:
Telegrafiese Adres:
"NATIVES."

ABX. 4511236

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.
UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

N.A. 283

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS,
DEPARTEMENT VAN NATURELLESAKE,

P.O. BOX } 384
POSBUS }
PRETORIA.

No. 7/326

Anti-pass campaign

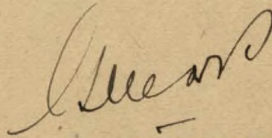
23 NOV 1945

Dear Sir,

Abolition of Pass Laws.

I am directed by the Honourable the Minister of Native Affairs to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th November 1945, and to inform you that the resolution passed by your Congress has been noted.

Yours faithfully,



SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS.

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

Loram Secondary Education,
P.O. Soutsen Road,
Durban.

24 November, 1945

Dr. A. B. Xuma,

President General,

African National Congress.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

Native military Corps - Congress Library

My apparent delay in replying to your letter of the 13th instant has been caused by the fact that I had to refer the matter to the Education Department. On behalf of the Staff and the Scholars we most heartily accept the offer of these books for our school library. The wing of our library in these books shall, as you suggested, be called the Native military Corps - Congress Library.

The Natal Education Department has asked me to convey to you its great gratitude.

This will be a real help to us here in Durban. We shall close on the 14th December and shall be glad to receive the books as per above address.

Yours faithfully,
A. B. Ngcobo,
Head Master.

ABX. 4511246

The Moroka Missionary Institution

(Methodist Church of South Africa)

Principal: Rev. W. ILLSLEY, Principal Teacher: Mr. J. T. HEYNS, B.A., B. Educ.

Phone 1, Thaba 'Nchu.
P.O. Box 15.

Thaba 'Nchu,

ORANGE FREE STATE.

DEPARTMENTS:

1. Practising School.
2. High School.
3. Normal Teacher Training.
4. Carpentry and Building.

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24th November, 1945

The President General,
The African National Congress,
104 End St,
JOHANNESBURG.

RE: YOUR LETTER 22/11/'45.
DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS.

Dear Sir,

We thank you very much for your kind offer of books for our school Library. We can assure you that such a gift would be very welcome and would be much appreciated by the Institution.

Yours Sincerely,

W. ILLSLEY.
PRINCIPAL.

W. ILLSLEY

ABX. 451124c
Politics - General

THE NON-EUROPEAN UNITY MOVEMENT.

P.O.Box 3475,

CAPE TOWN

24th November, '45

To Secretaries of all Non-European Organisations
Trade Unions, Religious
Bodies and all other Progressive
Organisations.

2nd All-In Unity Conference, City Hall
Kimberley, 19th & 20th December, 1945.

Dear Sir (or Madam),

Further to our circular letter of the 17th October, 1945, we now have pleasure in sending you herewith the Agenda for the above Conference and your organisation is invited to submit resolutions bearing on the subjects to be discussed. It is important that resolutions should reach us without delay so that they could be placed on the motion paper which will be issued to delegates at the Conference.

Registration of delegates will commence at 9.am on the opening date and it would be appreciated if delegates would report as early as possible so as to avoid last-minute congestion. Delegates are requested to ensure that they have representation forms (if these have not been previously sent to us) and letters of credentials with them when presenting themselves for registration to the Credentials Committee at the Conference.

In the case of those delegates who desire accommodation arrangements to be made for them, we wish to emphasise that accommodation cannot be guaranteed unless we are advised immediately to the effect that accommodation is required. Where we have been requested to make accommodation arrangements, delegates are asked to advise us of the date and time of their expected arrival so that arrangements can be made for them to be met at Kimberley station by the Reception Committee. Boarding fees must be paid by the delegates themselves or by the organisations they represent.

It is important to note that all communications in connection with the Conference must reach Cape Town not later than the 9th December, 1945. After that date all correspondence must be addressed to the

JOINT-SECRETARIES,
NON-EUROPEAN UNITY MOVEMENT,
C/O, P.O. BOX 271, KIMBERLEY.

This will be our address for the period 10th December to the 21st December, 1945, both dates inclusive.

A Conference Fee of 10/6 will be payable in respect of each organisation represented at the Conference. This fee should be paid when delegates present themselves for registration.

We are,
Yours fraternally,

S.A. Jayiya
E. Ramsdale

JOINT SECRETARIES.

African National Congress
(Natal Province)

P.O. Box 416

Durban

24th Nov. 1945

Secretary-Bookkeeper,
ANC

Durban

Dear Sir,

re Membership Cards

The first supply of 500 cards issued last May has been accounted for as evidenced in your account.

In my telegraph I advised that account will be given at Bloemfontein - that meant the 500 supplied in August.

The sale of the "African Claims" is in the hands of our President who will account for same.

I can assure you that Natal intends to treat the matter of membership cards strictly on orthodox business lines and the issue of same is centralised.

I suggest that at Bloemfontein a meeting of Provincial Secretaries and Treasurers with the Treasurer General should be arranged to place the question of the issue ^{and control} of cards on proper and business-like lines now that the National Office has a Secretary-Bookkeeper.

Yours faithfully

H. S. M. M. M.

Provincial Secretary

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ABX/ARM.

24th November, 5.

The Provincial Secretary,
African National Congress,
(Orange Free State),
2038, Gabashane Street,
Batho Location,
BLOEMFONTEIN.

My dear Provincial Secretary,

I must confess that I get no meaning or understanding from your telegram at all. Please write what you mean.

I regret that you have changed your desire to come up and discuss plans with me. I was very happy about the project as I felt that I could help you with a heart to heart talk.

You have great abilities and plans which could push you up in Congress but you require assistance and sympathetic help to manage your activities so that you may not be misunderstood.

It is well to make a success in small stages than to attempt one big thing whose end causes confusion and no clear result

I would like to clear your mind on :-

- (1) that you are not supposed to pay for any Africans' Claims that are not sold. The last lot of claims left with you, you will sell at 1/- each with 20% Commission on the books, that is 1.0.0. on every 100 pamphlets or 25.0.0. on 500 books.
- (2) You do not have to pay for the receipt books but when each book is used up you return same with the share of the National on the membership paid and the National will send you as many tickets as the number of receipts returned as paid for without any extra payment for tickets.

The receipt books are useful to give you a chance to enrol the people and give them some recognizable document until they get their tickets with cash.

Stand by us and abide by instructions.
Show us what you can do, and we shall see that you get

an opportunity of your life in the organisation..

You are a better organiser, a better salesman than I am, but I am a better businessman and manager than you are. Like all salesmen, they must be managed and report to the salesmanager who issues and disposes of the firm's assets according to business principle.

For instance, Masenke was a brilliant idea of organisation but a poor business outlook in the number of tickets printed and their distribution so that the affair could not be wound up within 24 hours and amount realised to be known by all concerned. In other words the organisational plan was good but the business administration and organisation was bad.

As soon as you are prepared to work on these principles, Congress will have a big place for you in the Organisation.

Yours for the advancement
of the Africans,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

P.S. Can you tell me which will be the best day
for the reception of the Congress ?

ABX. 451124f

ABX/ARM.

24th November, 5.

The Right Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, Esq.,
Minister of Finance and Education,
Union Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Right Honourable Sir,

My Executive Committee of the African National Congress would feel highly honoured if the Right Honourable the Minister of Finance and Education would address their 33rd Annual Conference at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday the 15th December, 1945 at the Communal Hall Bloemfontein Location, Bloemfontein.

The subject will be one of the Right Honourable Minister's own choosing.

Yours respectfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

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THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

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Motto : Right not Might.

A N. SEFOTLHELO, Esq.,
Prov. Treasurer, A.N.C.,
Bantu Social Institute,
Batho Location,
Bloemfontein.

S. M. ELIAS, Esq.,
Prov. Secretary & Organiser,
2038 Gabashane Street,
Batho Location,
Bloemfontein.

J. N. JACOBS, Esq.,
Prov. President, A.N.C.,
Phone 0062,
Union Cafe, Bochabela Loc.,
Bloemfontein.

26th November, 1945.

Dr. A. B. Xuma, M. D., D. P. H.,
President-General,
African National Congress,
104, End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

My dear President,

Thanks for yours of the 24th inst, contents noted carefully.

I regret to state, when we received your account of last week, we interpreted it the wrong way. We thought that you want us to pay for it before the forth-coming conference meets.

However, now that your letter has cleared our minds I don't see the reason to waste time on this matter. I can only thank you very much in the explanation sent us.

With regard reception, I have written to the local authorities for the use of Friday or Saturday evening for the reception which they will agree to, since these days pay them so well. However, rest assured you will know very soon.

Yours for the African cause.

L. M. R. Jacobs
Provincial Secretary

N/B.

Will post you Provincial report Tuesday afternoon.

MSX. 4511266



The President-General,
Dr. A. B. Xuma M.D., D.P.H.
104 End St.,
Johannesburg.

Sir,

With the greatest pleasure, I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Library books safely delivered on the 23rd Inst.

Sir, on behalf of the staff and students of the above-mentioned school, I, herewith, thank you most heartily for this valuable donation of books from the African National Congress.

We are, according to your proposal, giving the wing of our Library occupied by these books the name you gave us (i.e. Native Military Corps - Congress Library.)

With hearty thanks,
Yours most sincerely,



|| BANTU WELFARE TRUST ||

The next meeting of the Bantu Welfare Trust will be held at 9-30 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th, December, in the offices of Lt. Colonel James Donaldson, D.S.O., Simmonds Street.

J.R. ALTMAN.

A G E N D A

- 1). Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting on 9th October, 1945 and Minutes of Meeting on 19th October, 1945.
- 2). Matters arising from Previous Minutes :
 - (a) New Deed of Donation - Grants to Regiments.
 - (b) African Welfare Needs.
 - (c) Donaldson Orlando Community Centre.
 - (d) Bulenkama Hospital.
 - (e) Proposed war Memorial.
 - (f) Welfare of African Soldiers.
 - (g) Grant to S.A. Native College.
 - (h) Time of Trust Meetings.
- 3). Transfer of Investments to Trust and signing arrangements.
- 4). Transvaal Carnegie Non-European Library.
- 5). New Applications :-

(a) V.A. Kubheka.	(b). Salvation Army Hostel.
(c) Mda Mda.	(d). National Council of African Women.
(e) V.V.T. Mboho.	(f). Transvaal African Teachers' Assoc.
(g) S.J. Ramutloa.	(h). Elliot Manual Training School.
(i). Orlando West School	(j). Francistown Non-European Welfare Society.
(k). Margaret Ballinger Home.	
(l) New Brighton Bantu Benevolent Society.	
(m) African Ministers Association.	
(n) Pathfinder Scouts.	
(o) Tvl. Non-European Boys' Clubs.	

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Extension: 32
Telegrams: "Dirneas".

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No. NAS 3/42/1.

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

OFFICE OF THE—KANTOOR VAN DIE Director Non-Eur. Army Services,
3 Artillery Row,
General Headquarters,
PRETORIA.

27th November 1945.

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

27-11-1945

Dear Dr. Xuma,

re: N.M.C. MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. and wish to advise that steps are now being taken to distribute books to all the schools mentioned in the attached schedule.

S. Stewart, Col.
DIRECTOR NON-EUROPEAN ARMY SERVICES. COLONEL.

A. N. C.
(Natal)

ABX/AFM.

27th November, 1945.

Mr. H. Selby Msimang,
Provincial Secretary,
African National Congress (Natal),
P. O. Box 416,
PIETERMARITZBURG.

My dear Provincial Secretary,

Re: 500 MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO BE REPORTED
AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

I must thank you for all your communications of recent date which have been replied to by my Secretary-Bookkeeper.

I wish, however, to refer to your recent letters and telegraph concerning the membership cards. Your telegraph stated :-

"PLEASE SEND 500 CARDS REPORT AT BLOEMFONTEIN"

We wondered at the time of its receipt whether you were aware that your Provincial President had received another 500 membership cards in August. In your letter No. 58 of the 24th instant you state that these were the cards you referred to be reported at Bloemfontein.

I may say that there is no difficulty about the issuing of cards to Provinces. Receipt books are to be issued to members and cards are ordered for memberships enrolled cash in advance.

However, realising the financial position of the Provinces this year, I have taken the risk on my own and delivered the membership cards through the senior Provincial Officials to be paid for later.

If you have any problems or questions about the matter ask us or put in a suggestion or recommendation either through your President or direct to us for consideration by the National Executive.

Your suggestion of a meeting of Provincial Treasurers and Secretaries with the Treasurer-General cannot serve any useful purpose on the point.

I must congratulate Natal for the progress being made. I am sending you, through the Secretary-Bookkeeper, another 500 cards which can be used if they are needed before conference or returned at Conference if no use is made of them before.

I urged you to get a big delegation from your Branches, one delegate for every 20 members, so that the people may be in touch with the National Movement and must also get inspiration. Above all we must have a large delegation as a sign of progress.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
104. Ind St,

ABX 451127d
A.H.C.

Johannesburg.

Montagu. CP.

Dear Doctor,

27. XI. 45

yours of the 21st Nov came
to hand, read and understood.

I am sorry to say it came
just when on my way to the above
for my Annual Conference.

I sincerely let me say
before Doctor goes to Bloemfontein
for the year's Meeting of the Congress
Doctor shall have the card as
per yours. A.B.X./A.R.M.

Wishing this to meet your
approval

I am Doctor,
yours fraternally,

Jerome. R. R. Fiume,

address:-

A. M. S. Church
Kippelaar. CP.

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JOHANNESBURG.

27th November 1945.

Mr. C.S. Ramohanoë,
 President, A.N.C.
 Transvaal Province
 Rosenberg Arcade
 58 Market Street
 JOHANNESBURG.

A.N.C. - Tol

Dear President,

I would like you to put this on record, that on the 31st October 1945 you came to my office, and we discussed the possibility of having a Meeting on Sunday the 4th November 1945, of which you promised faithfully to see the then Chairman of the Alexandra Branch of Congress, Mr. J.P. Mogoai, and assured me that everything would be O.K. and that the President-General DR. A.B. Xuma could address a meeting later in the day at No. 2 SQUARE.

And when I rang up Dr. A.B. Xuma and spoke to him you were present.

"These were my words to the President-General that the Branch has already called a Meeting for the 4th November, so we do not want another meeting to divide the people and your suggestions were these:- that we could hold the Meeting of our Branch and then march to No. 2 SQUARE and have a Meeting there."

Further in course of my telephonic conversation with the President-General I intimated that I would prefer Mr. C.S. Ramohanoë (Transvaal President) to finalise the arrangements for the Joint Meeting with the Branch Chairman. To this suggestion you (Mr. Ramohanoë) agreed.

But to my surprise when I met you on Sunday morning the 4th inst, you had actually changed your attitude to me.

When I showed you the Circular you said there is nobody to discuss the BUS QUESTION and I called you outside privately and showed you a cutting of Saturday the 3rd inst as appeared in the Rand Daily Mail "where people have walked from town to Alexandra, - you said you have nothing to do with it!"

With that attitude you sabotaged the meeting that had to be held at No. 2 Square, you were even afraid to meet your HEAD the PRESIDENT-GENERAL you went through the back door instead of the front door like each and every member of that meeting, from which you knew a procession had to take place.

Now President we call upon you to make a PUBLIC STATEMENT in regard to the SUFFERING OF OUR PEOPLE, and your STATUS as an employee of the Public Utility Transport Corporation and as PRESIDENT OF THE TRANSVAAL PROVINCE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS as you are the chief dispatcher of the said Public Utility Transport Corporation.

1. Do you remember that you made a PUBLIC STATEMENT at No. 2. SQUARE to the effect that you had resigned from the Bus-Owners?
2. We want you as PRESIDENT to tell the Public when and where did you take over the job again or withdrew your resignation.

...2../..Did you decline....

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