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Cape

St. Agnes Mission
Nagawpoort
1st June 1943

The President General,
Dr. A. B. Xuma,
Johannesburg.

My dear Dr. Xuma:

Thank you very much for the ten copies of Kaffir Beer I so sorely needed. I will forward to you 5/- for same in a week's time.

Within two weeks, I will submit to you how many tickets got rid of as soon as I have been to all my different stations.

Rest assured dear President General, I will leave ^{no} stone unturned in my propaganda Campaign among the masses that they all be part and parcel of the African National Congress where their salvation as a nation lies.

I take upon myself as allowed by the minister of propaganda Mr. J. Nkomo in his last letter that I carry propaganda in the

best way possible. I intend printing pamphlets of the nature I enclosed in your letter. But these, several hundreds of which I have just printed, are an invitation to the next provincial Conference, and will have them sent to all towns and districts of the Cape, put up in public places for the masses to read.

I intend scattering them every two months all over the Cape, worded differently each time. It will be by keeping the National Congress ringing in our ~~pe~~ people's ears only, that we shall have all the nation united into one solid block, and have the National Congress as a supreme head of all our people's various organisations through which they can appeal.

I will draw the attention of our officers in the coming conference that propaganda missionaries be appointed in each district & town through ^{whom} I will preach

propaganda to the nation to join the African National Congress, as the propaganda minister General, who, I suppose will be awarded that title (Mr. Nkomo) as soon as things come to a ~~rep~~ ripening point, has allowed me.

It will be by a systematic institution of propaganda preachers in the whole country that we can achieve our purpose.

The masses must be begged and urged to join by ~~propaganda~~ propaganda pamphlets. For them, is to join and stand firm, and Dr. Xuma and the esteemed followers at his elbow will ~~do~~ do the rest before the governors of the country.

I do not mind very much how much this costs me a year. My personal interests are just as important as those of my nation, and seen more a hundredfold.

Your loyal servant
J. J. Skomolo

Transvaal African Congress

Dinville Branch

P.O. Box 1926

2nd June 1948

Johannesburg

A. H. C.
Tol.

President general
African National Congress
104 End Street
Johannesburg,

Scottie,

I wish to draw
your attention to the fact that
we branch secretaries are
being confused by the officials
of the Transvaal Provincial
Congress who tell us that
we have no business to
get membership cards from
you as we do presently,
instead of being supplied
by them with the provincial
cards. Therefore this we do
not know which and what

procedure to follow,
and for that reason I
on behalf of my Branch
respectfully ask ~~you~~
you to clarify the afore-
stated position by making
a public statement in the
press or by calling a
meeting for the purpose.
Kindly let me have an
early reply to this letter.

Thank you Sir,
faithfully yours,
Lawson Cardie
Secretary.

ABX-4306026

2nd June,

3.

The Secretary,
African Trade Unions,
P.O. Box 4549,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

For some time I had thought that I had sent your Council this outline requesting them to have a representative on the African "Atlantic Charter Committee"

His duties will be to sign the final document as a representative of your Council.

What we desire and request of you is that either your representative or your Council draws up a statement or Memorandum on the Economic and Industrial aspect of our people so that the ideas contained in that memorandum can be made use of by the co-ordinating Committee which will edit and unify the ideas of the various essays.

We would be pleased to receive the name of your delegate or your representative as soon as you have had chance to choose him and your memorandum on or about the 1st July, 1943, as the Editorial Committee will begin their work on July 15th.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

ABX-430602c

2nd June,

3.

Mr. Nkademeng,
41a West Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Nkademeng,

I beg to invite you as a member of our Committee on the Atlantic Charter and wish to request you to prepare a considered statement on the Economic and Industrial aspect of our people.

You can consult anyone you choose in doing this. Your statement could reach us about the 1st July, as the Co-ordinating and Editorial Committee will begin its work of assembling the ideas of various contributors.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

ABX. 930602d

2nd June, 1943

Mr. D. Koza,
9, Kerk Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

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Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

ABX. 430602e

2nd June,

3.

Mr. J. Nhlapo B.A.,
Wilberforce Institute,
P.O. WILBERFORCE, EVATON.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to inform you that, as a first step to fulfil her promise made at the Annual Conference, December 1942, at Bloemfontein, Mrs. Xuma has written, produced and is directing, a play at the Bantu Men's Social Centre for two nights, June 10th and 11th respectively.

She has trained a fine cast and we hope the show will be well attended for the two nights.

Although the show is not by Congress, only the National Congress will benefit. I hope you will be able to attend the show and bring your friends.

I shall call our local members of the Executive of the National Congress as soon as the report is made to me so that I can make the financial report.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

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2nd June,

3.

Mr. Edwin Mofutsanyana,
"Inkululeko",
74, Progress Buildings,
Commissioner Street,
JOHANNESBURG/

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ABX/pd.

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R. G. Baloyi Esq.,
P.O. Box 30,
BERGVLEI, near Johannesburg.

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Yours sincerely,

PETER DENN, GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

A.N.C.
Tel.

ABX-430604

The Transvaal African Congress
129-6th Avenue

Alex., Township
Benoni
4/6/43

A.N.C.

Dear A.B. Noma
Pres., Gen., A.N.C.
104 End Street
Johannesburg.

Re-membership Cards.

Dear Sir,

Recently we have been highly confused by events which have taken place in the T.A.C. and the confusion has been further intensified by membership cards.

My branch have for the last five years been using the membership cards of the A.N.C. distributed through the Provincial Office.

In March this year I applied for membership cards to the Provincial Office (T.A.C.) and the Treasurer forwarded me special printed membership

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Cards Marked Y.A.C. only.

I protested against this, but I was informed that things will be put in order, since then nothing has been done.

I am therefore, asking for your ruling in this matter and I am at the same time enclosing a copy of the said membership card for your information.

The Branch is under the circumstances not prepared to report to the Province until you have given your ruling.

Urgently awaiting your reply.

I am yours faithfully

D. M. W. G. G. G. G.
Local Secy (Y.A.C.)

ABX. 430605a

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Tol.

African National Congress.
Stand No 124,
Brakpan Location
3 June, 1943.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
No 85, Doby Street,
Sophia Town,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I am hereby instructed by the members of the above to write to ask you in your capacity as the President in General of the above to be humble, and investigate the cause of the recurring postponement of the President election of the President. The Select Committee of the Emergency Committee meeting held in Johannesburg recommended the 31st day of May last as the suitable day on which the election of President would take place, and that has also been postponed.

I am,

Yrs faithfully
K. Hanila
Secretary

From

ABX. 4306056

J. D. RHEINALLT JONES.

Telephone : 44-3326.

Near Dr. Xuma,

A.N.C.

5/6/43

P.O. Box 97,

JOHANNESBURG.

5. VI. 1943.

Friends

I am sorry that I have
left so late letting you know that my wife &
I will be very glad to have tickets for Mrs
Xuma Concert on Thursday, 10th June. I
hope it is not too late.

I enclose a cheque for
African National Congress. I am willing
to subscribe annually, if desired, because

I have always wished to see the Congress
an effective instrument to voice the
needs & aspirations of the African
people. I wish you success in your
efforts.

Yours sincerely
J. B. Heinsworth

ABX-430605c

30 Swan Street
Benoni

Dr. A. B. Nkomo
President A. N. C.

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Sir,

As the father of all the Black Races of South Africa, I am inviting you to come and address a General meeting of the Transvaal African Civil Servants Association; of which I am the Convenor. It will be held somewhere about the 27th June 1943 at 10 o'clock a.m. at the Bantu Man Social Centre Elloff Detention Johannesburg. I found it my bound duty ^{to} ignore you as the father of the nation, I will have done the Association injustice. Your presence before them, will give the association a great bright future ~~as~~ Expectation to hear a word from you. I would be pleased to get your earliest reply; if possible before Wednesday the 9th June 1943. For the purpose of Printing Circulars I beg to be Sir

Yours obediently
N. M. Makgatho Convenor

June 6/43

Roodepoort

Dear Dr Xama,

Alas, I am no diplomat or politician - if I were doubtless I would not at this moment be moving about freely! So if this is a most undiplomatic, & highly dangerous letter, please tear it up & forget it has been written.

As you are aware for a few years we have been pecking away at what we have presumed to call "prevention of blindness" work, in addition to the actual care of the blind. Latterly I have had the co-operation of an eye specialist collecting data. It culminated last week-end with a visit to the Gopani Reserve in the Marico area. We have some data ready which will now be knocked into shape for a memorandum to the National Health Commission.

If you are interested I will let you see a ~~copy~~ copy in due course, there is no escaping the conviction that eye work offers a big field among African people.

The thought occurs to me - Why does not one of our African doctors (or a student) at present overseas go to Monpelds Eye Hospital for a year to specialise. I know there are probably 1001 reasons why specialisation is difficult for an African under existing conditions, but if you think there is anything in the thought can you tell me who is still studying overseas.

Let me know your reaction when you have a few moments to spare, & in the meanwhile please do not discuss it with anyone.

Kind regards to M & Kuma,

Yours sincerely
Arthur W. Buxall

ABX. 430607a
Social Welfare - General

7/6/1943

JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE

A MEETING OF THE JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE MAYOR'S LUNCHEON ROOM, CITY HALL, ON TUESDAY, 15th JUNE 1943, AT 4 P.M.

D. N. MURRAY

Hon. Secretary

7th June 1943.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 5th April 1943.
 2. Matters arising from the minutes.
 3. Consideration of Administrative Report. (attached)
 4. Consideration of proposed agreement with Press Advertising Company. (Copies available at meeting).
 5. General.
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~~Administrative~~

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO

JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE

(MEETING: 15th JUNE 1943)

ITEM 1. RAISING OF FUNDS.

The following donations have been received:-

Chamber of Mines	1,000.	0.	0
Promised by Johannesburg City Council	2,000.	0.	0
Sir George Albu, Bt.	250.	0.	0
J. Hersov	250.	0.	0
C. Leon	250.	0.	0
B.R. Hunt	105.	0.	0
E. Hunt	105.	0.	0
P. Leon	105.	0.	0
S.A. Druggists	105.	0.	0
Stanley Motors	105.	0.	0
Unit Securities & Trust Co.	105.	0.	0
A.A. Emdon	100.	0.	0
Heyman, Gordon Pty Ltd.	50.	0.	0
Max Gonski & Sons	25.	0.	0
F.A. Unger	25.	0.	0
J. Fleming Orr	21.	0.	0
A.J. Walton	20.	0.	0
C.C. Cowan	10.	10.	0
O. Larsen	10.	10.	0
A.J. Tainton	10.	10.	0
H.J. van Eck	10.	10.	0
R. Craib	10.	1.	0
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Albert	10.	0.	0
Dr. J. Harvey Pirie	10.	0.	0
G. Ballenden	5.	5.	0
N.H. Clarke	5.	5.	0
D.N. Murray	5.	5.	0
R. Sonnenberg	5.	5.	0
J.W.M. Diepeveen	5.	0.	0
M.C.G. Meyer	5.	0.	0
Dr. Ray E. Phillips	5.	0.	0
L.F. Maingard	2.	2.	0

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The Finance Committee proposes to approach further firms and prominent citizens for donations.

FOR THE INFORMATION & FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

ITEM 2. BANKING OF MONEY.

An account has been opened at the Hollard Street Branch of Barclays Bank in the name of the Johannesburg Social Security Action Committee, and to date all donations and membership subscriptions to the Association have been paid into this account. In order to assist the National Executive, which is in need of funds, £2,000 has been forwarded to the National Executive from this account. No drawings for expenses or other purposes have been made from the account.

The following letter has now been received from the National Secretary:-

"I would / ...

"I would be pleased to hear from your Committee without delay regarding the amount required on Imprest account. The workings of the Banking accounts have been arranged as follows:-

"All Committees will operate two accounts. No.1 Account will be in the name of the S.A. Social Security Association, and all funds raised, such as donations, sale of books, membership fees, etc. must be deposited to this account. The Bank has already received instructions that all funds deposited to this account must be transferred immediately to the central fund in Durban. The Action Committee cannot draw against this account as same is for deposits only.

"No.2 Account (Imprest Account). An amount will be placed on imprest with the Committee and will be drawn upon by cheques signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Action Committee. At the end of each month statements, as attached, will be forwarded in duplicate to Head Office, together with relative vouchers and receipts; upon receipt of this the Action Committee will be reimbursed to the extent of their expenditure and so bring the amount back to the original imprest figure. Enclosed please find specimen of statement, cash vouchers etc. which will be used in operation of this control system.

"A proper system has been established and Hon. Auditors have been appointed. Mr. E. Green, the newly appointed City Treasurer, is the Hon. Treasurer for the Association and the funds of No.1 accounts are being controlled through the Durban Corporation Trust Account.

"All deposits paid into No.1 account must be made out in duplicate and forwarded to the Durban Office."

The Executive Committee, on the 28th November 1942, agreed to the principle of two separate banking accounts.

THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUIRED

ITEM 3. PETTY CASH.

In view of the fact that the Committee has now commenced raising funds, it is recommended that a Petty Cash Float of say £3 be authorised, on the imprest system, to meet disbursements such as postages, telegrams &c.

THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUIRED

ITEM 4. APPOINTMENT OF ORGANISER.

At the meeting of the Executive held on 27th April 1943, it was resolved that the National Executive be asked what its proposals were regarding the organisation of branches in the Transvaal, and advised that the Committee considered it necessary that an organiser should be appointed for Johannesburg. The National Executive has promised to submit its views on these matters at an early date.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

ITEM 5. FORMATION OF DISTRICT BRANCHES.

At the meeting of this Committee held on 5th April 1943, the view was expressed that the Committee should not organise Action Committees in each Parliamentary constituency as laid down in the draft constitution submitted by the National Executive, but that a smaller number of sub-committees should be formed, and the question of the formation of these sub-committees was referred to the Executive. The Executive at its meeting held on 10th May 1943 approved a suggestion that sub-committees of the Johannesburg Committee be established in each municipal ward, and resolved that it be recommended to this Committee that members be asked to volunteer to undertake the organisation of such sub-committees.

THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUIRED

ITEM 6. /

ITEM 6. PLEDGES OF SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FROM PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES.

In view of the shortness of time before the Parliamentary elections, it is felt that it might be necessary to arrange for candidates to be circularised with a view to ascertaining whether they are prepared to support the enactment of Social Security legislation.

THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUIRED

ITEM 7. ENROLMENT OF MEMBERS FOR S.A. SOCIAL SECURITY ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 10th May 1943, it was resolved that a minimum of ten enrolment cards be sent to each member of the full Committee. A number of members have had these cards completed and returned to this office together with subscriptions, and it would be appreciated if any members who have not yet returned the cards would do so as soon as possible.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

ITEM 8. EVIDENCE BEFORE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMISSION.

The National Executive of the S.A. Social Security Association wishes to give evidence shortly before the National Health Services Commission. A copy of the statement which has been prepared is attached, and the Johannesburg Committee is asked to put forward any suggestions or recommendations with regard to this.

THE VIEWS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUIRED

ITEM 9. EVIDENCE BEFORE GOVERNMENT SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE.

On 11th May 1943, at the request of the National Executive, Professor J.L. Gray, Mr. D.N. Murray, and the Chairman of the Pretoria Action Committee Mr. S.G. Waterston, gave evidence before the Government Social Security Committee regarding the memorandum submitted by the S.A. Social Security Association. Members of the Government Committee expressed great interest in the movement and wished it every success, stressing the importance of the work it could do in educating public opinion with regard to the aims and objects of, and the necessity for, Social Security legislation in this country.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

ITEM 10. SUB-COMMITTEE TO STUDY SOCIAL INSURANCE.

At the last meeting of this Committee, it was reported that the Committee had been asked by the National Council of the S.A. Social Security Association to set up a sub-committee to make a study of Social Insurance and to submit recommendations to the National Council. This Committee asked the Executive to appoint such a sub-committee, with power to co-opt. The Executive asked the following persons to serve on the sub-committee: Mr. C.W. Kops, Miss L.M. MacKenzie, Dr. J.R. Reedman, Mrs. J.K. Robertson, together with the Chairman and the Secretary. Mr. Kops was unfortunately unable to accept, and Mr. P.H. Guenault was co-opted. Several meetings of the sub-committee have already been held, and it is hoped that a report setting out its recommendations will shortly be completed.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

ITEM 11. OTHER SPECIALIST SUB-COMMITTEES.

At the last meeting of this Committee, it was resolved that the Executive Committee should be asked to appoint small sub-committees, with power to co-opt, to draw up suggestions on the following subjects for forwarding by the National Council to the specialist sub-committees concerned in other towns:- Health Services; Social Services & Family Allowances; Rural Areas; Industry; Agriculture; Production and Distribution relating to Industry and Agriculture.

At the /

At the following meeting of the Executive Committee, it was suggested that instead of forming separate sub-committees to consider these problems, various persons with special knowledge of the respective subjects should be asked to give short addresses at meetings of the Executive Committee, after which the Committee could discuss the matter and forward any information to the National Executive. In pursuance of this suggestion, Mr. S.G. Waterston, Chairman of the Pretoria Action Committee, was invited to address the meeting of the Executive Committee held on the 10th May 1943, his subject being "Industry in Relation to Social Security." Professor J. Phillips has very kindly agreed to address the next meeting of the Executive on "Agriculture in Relation to Social Security."

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

7th June 1943.

D. N. MURRAY
Hon. Secretary

A. N. C. - Atlantic Chart Co.

7/6/43

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In this period of swift and far-reaching changes in the history of the world, there are bound up in the momentous events which are now taking place, issues of vital consequence for the destiny of peoples and nations.

Foremost amongst the issues at present confronting the peoples of this land with grave danger, no less than with great possibilities, for their future happiness and well-being, are:—

1. The military destruction of the Axis Powers, both in the West and in the East, and the final defeat of all the political accessories of fascist dictatorship.

2. The Liberation of all Axis dominated territories and the establishment of Peace amongst all Nations through the application, both in the spirit and the letter of the principles of the Atlantic Charter, and in particular of Article III which upholds "the rights of all peoples to choose the form of Government under which they will live."

3. The establishment, on a just and durable basis, of the political and economic status of the African people within the Constitution.

In both the military and industrial fields the African people have achieved with courage and endurance, and will continue to achieve, all that they have been called upon to perform in the cause of human Right and Justice; and it is inevitable that their thoughts should now be turning towards their own future in the new world to which humanity is struggling to give birth.

On what basis are these aspirations founded? And what are the immediate steps towards their fulfillment.

The Chamber of Mines reporting on the position of the gold-mining industry to the Mine Wages Commission concluded that "About one half of Government's finances was, directly or indirectly, derived from it." In any given year the proportion of this wealth produced by the African miners, and workers in subsidiary industries would amount to a very considerable proportion of the National expen-

diture on social and administrative services. In fact it has recently been asserted by the Administrator of the Transvaal, General Pienaar:

"We cannot escape the knowledge that the African is indispensable to our economic system, that on his shoulders rests the burden of our social and economic well-being as a Nation. The Native is the foundation on which the country's whole economic structure is built."

The recognition of this undoubted fact carries with it both the moral and the logical obligation to recognise also, as belonging to the African, those fundamental human rights which are upheld by the Atlantic Charter.

Conversely it must inevitably discountenance the severe discrimination which is at present exercised against the Native people solely on the grounds that they are African. Human justice and Divine Law alike condemn the extensive disabilities imposed upon them both by legal enactment as well as by educational disadvantage.

In making this declaration therefore we are confident of the support of all freedom-loving people in this Land and throughout the world.

We declare it to be both a human right and a moral duty of all people of good will to demand:—

1. Primary education for all children native to this land or domiciled in it.

Secondary, technical, and university education on the basis of merit.

2. Proportional representation within the Legislatures of all tax-paying peoples and races; and provision within the Constitution for an eventual extension of the franchise to all adult persons.

3. The abolition of all racial discrimination in industrial legislation. Recognition of Non-European Trade Unions in terms of the Industrial Conciliation Act; and the amendment of the definition "employé" in the same Act to include all non-European employés in Trade, Industry, and Government-aided institutions.

4. The enactment of legislation providing for a minimum wage of 40s. per week for all unskilled work in trades and industries; and the equivalent of 40s. per week in cash and kind for all agricultural labourers and domestic servants.

5. The extension of the Unemployment Benefit Act to include all workers irrespective of race or colour.

6. The provision of adequate housing accommodation for all working people at rents proportionate to their wages, and of proper safeguards for all consumers against unjust prices for essential commodities.

7. The provision of adequate Medical Services, hospital accommodation, and clinical treatment for all men, women and children irrespective of race, colour, or class.

8. The increase of facilities for scientific research into the cause, prevention, and cure of diseases prevalent amongst all sections of the community.

This Manifesto invites all political and industrial organisations, all religious bodies, and all persons of good will, who value the principles of justice and freedom to support these demands. Local Committees will be formed to organise mass meetings in support of them and for the purpose of making such representations to Governmental bodies as will render them effective.

Our strength lies in our unity and in the justness of our struggle against poverty and ignorance, hunger and disease.

Our Motto dates back to the birth of human freedom in the struggle for Magna Charta.

"To none will we sell, to none will we refuse, to none will we delay Right and Justice."

A.N.C. - Atlantic Charter

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

'Phone: 22-5311
35-9128 (Residence)

104, End Street,
Doornfontein,
JOHANNESBURG.

7th June, 1943.

Dear Sir,

"ATLANTIC CHARTER" COMMITTEE.

Although many of the members of the Committee have sent in their essays, the final date for the submission of the essays has been extended to June 30th. It is to be hoped that you will also be able to hand in your essay on or before this date so that the Editorial Committee can begin their work on the 15th July, guided by your ideas among many, to co-ordinate the ideas expressed in these essays before the Committee as a whole is called together to consider the final document.

Yours for African freedom,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL, AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS and ORGANISER OF AFRICAN BILL OF RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

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'Phones: 22-5311,
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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

"ATLANTIC CHARTER" COMMITTEE.

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- (a) To examine and report various suggested schemes for post-war reconstruction in Africa with special reference to Southern Africa.
- (b) In the light of the foregoing to formulate a statement of principles and a programme of action with a view of ensuring that African needs and aspirations in regard to different aspects of African individual and community life as recognised citizens receive adequate attention in the post-war development of South Africa.

2. MEMBERSHIP:

In terms of the resolution passed at the annual Conference of the African National Congress, the President-General has invited the following to serve on the "Atlantic Charter" Committee:-

Cape Colony:

Prof. D.D.T. Jabavu.	Mr. R. Godlo.
Mr. Z. K. Matthews.	Dr. R. T. Bokwe.
Rev. George Molefe	Dr. S. M. Molema
Mr. S. P. Sesedi.	Mr. B. B. Xiniwe.
Mr. M. Kotane,	

Transkei:

Mr. Sakwe.	Mr. G. Mbeki.
Mr. H. Bikitsha	Mr. S. I. Mvambo.
Mr. S. P. Mabude.	

Transvaal:

Mr. Mvabaza.	Dr. P. ka I. Seme.
Mr. R. V. Selope-Thema.	Mr. Jacob Nhlapo.
Mr. E. Mofutsanyane.	Mr. Paul Mosaka.

Natal and Zululand.

Dr. J. L. Dube.	Mr. A. W. G. Champion.
Chief A. J. Lutuli.	Mr. Selby Ngcobo.
Mr. A. J. Sililo.	Mr. Don Mtinkulu
Mr. Msomi.	Dr. Innes Gumede.

Orange Free State:

Dr. J. S. Moroka.	Dr. R. Setlogelo.
Mr. T. M. Mapikela.	Mr. M. Lepolesa.
Rev. Z. Mahabane.	Mr. M. Kabane.

Chiefs' Representatives:

(1) Protectorates:-

p/Chief Tshekedi; p/Chief Bathoen; p/Chief Sobhuza 11.
p/Chief Seiso.

~~/~~ (3) Zululani and Natal:

~~/~~ (4) Transvaal:

~~/~~ (5) Bechuanaland:

~~/~~ (6) Ciskei:

~~/~~ (Special Representatives for Paramount Chiefs, Councils of chiefs and for Native Councils to follow:)

NOTE: The President-General, Secretary-General, Treasurer-General, Provincial Chairmen, Provincial Treasurers and Provincial Secretaries will be ex-officio members of the Committee.

3. PROCEDURE:

(a) In order to facilitate the work of the Committee the President-General has divided the General Committee into the following sub-Committees, each one of which will be entrusted with the task of preparing preliminary draft proposals in regard to the subject coming within their purview:-

- (i) Post-War Reconstruction Schemes.
- (ii) General Principles.
- (iii) Political Aspect -
 - (a) Representation
 - (b) Administration
 - (c) Legislation
- (iv) Economic Aspect -
 - (a) Land
 - (b) Industry
 - (c) Commerce
 - (d) Wages
- (v) Educational Aspect -
 - (a) Scholastic
 - (b) Technical
 - (c) Professional
- (vi) Health and Social Services.

Names of members of Sub-Committees appear below.

(b) The draft proposals of each Sub-Committee shall be submitted to the General Committee for consent and approval.

(c) Finally, a comprehensive statement will be drawn up by the Committee embodying the recommendations of the different Sub-Committees and the African's demands for full citizenship rights in the land of his forefathers.

(d)/.....

- (d) Calling of a Convention to ratify the statement of recommendations and demands as set out in the Committee's report, and, signing of the ratified report by members of the Committee.
- (e) Publication of the document and its presentation to the Union Government and the United Nations as the just, fair, and considered, claims of the African people.

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

AFRICAN BILL OF RIGHTS COMMITTEE UNDER THE ATLANTIC CHARTER.

Cape Colony:

Prof. D.D.T. Jabavu.
Mr. R. Modlo.
Mr. Z.K. Matthews.
Dr. R.T. Bokwe.
Rev. George Molefe of Port Elizabeth.
Dr. S.M. Molema.
Possibly someone from the Western Province.

Transkei:

Cr. Sakwe.
Mr. G. Mbeki.
Mr. Hubert Bikitsha.
Mr. S.P. Sesedi (Griqualand West)
Mr. S.I. Mvambo.
Mr. S.P. Mabude.

Transvaal:

Mr. Mvambaza.
Dr. P. ka I. Seme.
Mr. R.V. Selope-Thema.
Mr. Jacob Nhlapo.
Mr. Mofutsanyane.
Cr. Paul Mosaka.

Natal and Zululand:

Dr. J.L. Dube.
Mr. A.W.G. Champion.
Chief A.J. Lutuli.
Mr. Selby Ngcobo.
Mr. A.J. Sililo.
Mr. Don Mtinkulu.

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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

"ATLANTIC CHARTER" COMMITTEE.

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- (a) To examine and report various suggested schemes for post-war reconstruction in Africa with special reference to Southern Africa.
- (b) In the light of the foregoing to formulate a statement of principles and a programme of action with a view of ensuring that African needs and aspirations in regard to different aspects of African individual and social life receive adequate attention in the post-war development of South Africa.

2. MEMBERSHIP:

In terms of the resolution passed at the Annual Conference of the African National Congress, the President-General has invited the following Africans to serve on the "Atlantic Charter" Committee:-
(see attached list)

3. PROCEDURE:

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SUB-COMMITTEES.

1. POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION SCHEMES.

Messrs. Z.K. Matthews; G.A. Mbeki; Selby Ngcobo;
Hubert Bikitsha; R.V. Selope-Thema;
Dr. I.P. Seme; Dr. J.L. Dube; Prof. Jabavu;
Rev. Geo. Molefe.

2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

Chief A.J. Lutuli; Prof. Jabavu; Dr. J.L. Dube;
Dr. P. ka I. Seme; Messrs. Z.K. Matthews; Hubert
Bikitsha; R.V. Selope-Thema.

3. POLITICAL ASPECT.

Representation	}	Rev. Z. Mahabane; Rev. S.I. Mvambo; Dr. J.L. Dube;
Administration		Dr. P. ka I. Seme; Dr. S. Molema; Prof. Jabavu;
Legislation		Messrs. R.V. Selope-Thema; S. Mac Lepolesa; T.M. Mapikela; E. Mofutsanyane; R.H. Godlo; Z.K. Matthews; B.B. Xiniwe.

4. ECONOMIC ASPECT.

Land	}	Messrs. S.P. Mabude; M. Kotane; A.W.G. Champion;
Industry		P.R. Mosaka; Selby Ngcobo; G.A. Mbeki; P.L. Msomi;
Commerce		Dr. J.S. Moroka; Dr. J.L. Dube.
Labour		Trade Union Representatives.

5. EDUCATIONAL ASPECT.

Scholastic	}	Prof. Jabavu; Messrs. Z.K. Matthews; Don Mtinkulu;
Technical		Jacob Nhlapo; Mkize; S.P. Sesedi; M. Kabane.
Professional		

6. HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Dr. J.S. Moroka; Dr. R.T. Bokwe; Dr. S.M. Molema;
Dr. Innes Gumede; Dr. Setlogelo; Mr. A.J. Sililo.

The President-General of the African National Congress is an ex-officio member of all Sub-Committees.

Personal representatives of Paramount Chiefs, Chiefs' Councils and other Councils will be assigned to Sub-Committees as their names come in.

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P.O. Dunelaloot

7th June 1943

President General

104 End St

Johannesburg

Dear President,

I have been instructed by the Northern Transvaal Chiefs and Headmen I represent, that seeing they are unable to obtain tickets as members of the T.A.C. from the Provincial Secretary or Treasurer their intention is to have their own Congress styled African Northern Transvaal Congress, and also print their own tickets because they have been neglected by your department. I am sending you Balopi this day my report of the 25 tickets sent to me last time.

I shall await on your

reply.

Yrs in service

T.R. Maselle

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7th June, 1943.

Dear Sir,

"ATLANTIC CHARTER COMMITTEE".

Although many of the members of the Committee have sent in their essays, the final date for the submission of the essays has been extended to June 30th. It is to be hoped that you will also be able to hand in your essay on or before this date so that the Editorial Committee can begin their work on the 15th July, guided by your ideas among many, to co-ordinate the ideas expressed in these essays before the Committee as a whole is called together to consider the final document.

Yours for African Freedom,

A. B. Xuma

PRESIDENT-GENERAL, AFRICAN NATIONAL
CONGRESS and
ORGANISER OF AFRICAN BILL OF RIGHTS
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Labour matters - wages.

Robinson Deep Ltd.,
P.O. Box 1392,
Johannesburg.

8th June, 1943.

NATIVE MINE WAGE COMMISSION.

MEMORANDUM BY DANIEL MODENA DENALANE.

The Chairman,
Native Mine Wage Commission,
JOHANNESBURG.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have been Compound Induna at the abovementioned mine for a period of twenty-four years. Previous to this I was employed as an interpreter in the Native Affairs Department, Johannesburg, from August 1912 to September 1918; during the latter part of which I interpreted in the Moffat Commission. I joined the Robinson Deep Mine on the 1st October 1918 at a monthly salary of £4.10. 0. plus food and house. Two months after I was appointed assistant Induna, and on the death of the Induna in 1925 I was appointed Induna, my salary having increased to £7.10. 0. On my appointment to this position I was straight away increased to £10. and in 1937 I was increased to £14. at a jump.

I am a Sworn Translator of the Supreme Court of South Africa. I am Honorary President of the South Africa African Football Association, and I have been Honorary Secretary of the South African Bantu Cricket Board since the year 1933. I am a member of the Johannesburg Diocesan Finance Board and a Lay Representative to the Diocesan Synod of fifteen years standing.

I represented my Diocese at the Provincial Synod on three occasions, I have been Church Warden and Organist at St. Cyprian's Mission for nineteen years. I have never worked on any other mine.

COMPOUND HOUSING:

Much has been done to improve the housing conditions of the Native Worker during the last ten years. The wooden bunks against which much could have been said, have been replaced by concrete bunks with sides to allow of individual occupation. The portion on which the worker sleeps is covered with a certain substance meant to counteract coldness. I would urge on the Commission to consider the question of cocoanut matting as part of the bedding of the worker. While splendid efforts are made by the Company to keep the worker warm on his way to and from work by the free issue of anti-pneumonia coats, a little more might be done to help keep him warm while asleep, apart from stoves. Some of these Natives come with very few blankets to the mines, and they have to depend very largely on the help they can get from friends, and these have not very much to give away in the form of blankets or sacking. A piece of this matting cut to the length of the bunk will be extremely helpful in the long run. When the worker takes his discharge he could be made to produce this mat as he does his coat, to be disinfected and stored away for issue to the new-comer.

Living conditions are made as clean as possible, particularly where the co-operation of the inmates is sought. The workers are ever ready to help keep their rooms clean especially where they are given brooms and encouraged to make up their beds or roll their blankets up neatly before going to work. Stoves are installed in the rooms with a daily supply of coal for warmth and for cooking their own food. Bathrooms and wash-tubs for bathing and the washing of clothes are provided, and, where the tendency for washing clothes on the ground shows itself, concrete slabs are provided. Suggestions for improvements are always welcome, no matter from what source they come.

FEEDING:

The feeding of the workers is the constant care of the officials. No native can be employed in the kitchen unless he has had his blood tested by the Medical Officer first. His fate as a prospective cook is decided by this blood-test. The cooks have a room all to themselves and their apparel and general appearance must be clean. Mass cooking has its difficulties. Palates are different. What is enjoyed by one man need not necessarily be enjoyed by the other man. Yet in spite of this a great deal of contentment is achieved. Here also, suggestions are ever welcome, and the authorities leave no stone unturned to do the best they can for the workers. The general diet is far above that enjoyed by the workers at their homes. This they freely admit.

HOSPITALS:

The buildings, equipment and facilities offered in Mine Hospitals are good as any. Their popularity is increasing more and more, although isolated cases of a last minute visit to the hospital are still noticeable, the majority require no persuasion. This shows the growing confidence inspired by the management of these institutions. It is to be admitted that the witch doctor still exists, but his business is not as lucrative as it was years ago; numerically he is on the decrease. Herbs, however, appear to be holding their own. This is proved by the large number of natives visiting the Mai-Mai Bazaar where these are obtainable. Taking it all round, however, few mine workers visit this place when one considers that there are over 300,000 of them.

CONDITIONS UNDERGROUND:

Conditions underground appear fair. No doubt the work is hard and exhausting. Much depends on the miner and his boss boy. The Industry does not want labourers to be pushed, and the miners and their boss boys are constantly reminded against this practice. At times complaints are made by natives against miners and boss boys who are inclined to be over zealous and aggressive. More often than not such boss boys are demoted. Assaults are steadily becoming things of the past. The authorities are very strict against assaults by either Europeans or boss boys. Cases are always reported to the Police resulting in the conviction and quite often the dismissal of such aggressors. Assaults are not tolerated by the Industry.

WAGES:

The request for higher wages is as old as the hills. I am hoping that the Commission will take this matter into serious consideration. I am all for better wages all round if by paying them the chances of further employment are not jeopardised. If the latter is the case, then I would urge that some other scheme be evolved to meet this growing need. It goes without saying that the cry on the mines is for higher wages. No one would be so foolish not to hope that higher wages could be paid.

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