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Politico - General - N. R. C.

12th November, 1942.

Councillor R.H. Godlo, M.R.C.,  
68, St. Paul's Road,  
EAST LONDON.

Dear Councillor Godlo,

Accept my congratulations for your election to be a member of the Native Representative Council for your area.

A great responsibility has been placed upon you and you are expected to help solve our many native problems - so-called.

The African National Congress welcomes you in your sphere of activity and asks you to participate in its task of organising and uniting our people under its banner in order to speak with one voice in national affairs.

I hope you will use your influences directly and through your friends to have established immediately branches and sub-branches of the Congress in every magisterial district.

The African National Congress needs you and calls on all other men, with similar talents to yours, to come into its ranks to work together for that day which must come sooner or later when peace shall be restored and readjustments made in racial, national and international relations. When that time comes, we hope, with your help, that the African National Congress will be ready with the case of the African, prepared by Africans themselves and presented to the United Nations or those who must shape the destiny of our world.

The African must have a voice to plead his case before that International Court of human justice. That cannot be done unless our rallying point is the African National Congress.

Our present circumstances demand that everyman do his full share in the liberation of our people.

I invite you and other Councillors to attend the Annual Conference of the African National Congress from December 20th to December 22nd., where we shall begin preparing our case for African freedom during and after the war.

Wishing you every success and offering you any assistance you may need in your difficult task,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

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13th November, 2.

Councillor Paul R. Mosaka B.A., M.R.C.,  
Stand 1515,  
Orlando,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 11th instant received with  
thanks.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

Cadock will be alright for  
a one day's conference  
I presume the 16<sup>th</sup> December  
might be suitable.

A good many people would  
prefer a centre in the  
Cape. Therefore I agree

to Cadock ~~but~~ being a  
centre though I still have  
to hear the local Branch.

I will write again next Thursday  
w Frdg.

J. Absalom

14.11.42

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RACE RELATIONS

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METHODIST MEN'S LEAGUE.

( J E P P E   C I R C U I T )

44, Doris Street,  
Kensington,  
Johannesburg.  
14th November, 1942.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
104, End Street,  
Doornfontein,  
Johannesburg.

~~Dear~~ Dr. Xuma,

Herewith please find a list of questions that have been drafted for discussion and consideration at the next monthly meeting of men.

May we ask you to be good enough to glance through them and to let us have the benefit of any opinion or advice you would like to express for our guidance.

We fully appreciate the demands made on your time, but we should welcome any suggestions from you whereby our discussions may proceed along right lines.

Yours faithfully,

Ralph Bollen

Hon. Secretary.

M E T H O D I S T      M E N ' S      L E A G U E .

( J E P P E      C I R C U I T . )

Tuesday Evening, 24th November 1942.

Suggested lines of thought for Group Discussion.

1. HOW BEST CAN CONDITIONS IN THE RESERVES BE IMPROVED ?

- (a) Were the Native Land Act of 1913 repealed, would this offer a solution to the overcrowding of natives in Urban Areas ?
- (b) How best can the Native be adapted to the peculiar agricultural needs of this country ?
- (c) In what ways could the Government help in the settling of Natives in such areas as could provide for them a reasonable livelihood ? (Explore the following avenues:- Irrigation, fertilisers, fencing, farming implements, and the free services of Government experts.)
- (d) What provision can be made for the inevitable expansion of settled family life ?
- (e) What other steps would you consider necessary to arrest the townward march ?
- (f) What repercussions on our economic life can we expect from the settling of Natives in rural areas ?

2. WHAT PRACTICAL STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO HELP THE NATIVE ?

- (a) How can Public Opinion be educated whereby the Native will be guaranteed a square deal ?
- (b) Can the legal standing of the Native as regards statutory offences be improved, - e.g. Elimination of Poll Tax for Natives earning less than a prescribed minimum wage; Provision of free unbiased legal defence ?
- (c) How best can pressure be brought to bear on Municipalities for
  - (i) The improvement of housing schemes,
  - (ii) Expansion of health clinics,
  - (iii) Free social services ?
- (d) In what ways can the producing communities and the consuming communities be made mutually helpful ?
- (e) How can suitable provision be made for compulsory free education of the Native and how far should this education be of a vocational character ?
- (f) How can we best provide for the leisure time of natives and how can they be educated in the profitable use of that leisure time ?

3. CAN THE WAGES OF THE NON-EUROPEAN BE RAISED ?

- (a) What repercussions would increased wages have on the economic life of the country, - e.g. Domestic Service, farm labour, unemployment ?
- (b) How far would Government organised distribution of labour together with specified rates of pay solve an inevitable economic deadlock ?
- (c) Should the field of skilled labour be open to the non - Europeans ?
- (d) What measures can be taken to inculcate habits of providence and the wise use of money ?
- (e) Would increased wages remove such evils as
  - (i) Skokiaan-brewing,
  - (ii) Lack of Parental Control ?
- (f) In how far are we prepared to meet the increased taxation necessary for the welfare of those less fortunate than ourselves ?

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Will you be good enough to think over these questions and discuss them with others who may be interested, and may we ask you to make this meeting as widely known as possible.

Kindly bring this list of questions with you to the meeting.

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St. Peter's Secondary School.

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Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
85, Toby Street,  
Sophiatown, JHB.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

The Executive Committee of the Advisory Council of this School has instructed me to ask whether you would be kind enough to give an address and present the prizes at the annual Speech Day. The function this year will be held on Wednesday 9th December at 3 p.m. The Committee would be grateful if you could find the time to do this.

Yours sincerely,

*D. H. Darling*

SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL.

The Priory,  
Rosettenville,  
Johannesburg.

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