

C.294, is this a Springbok Legion National Conference 1953 report resolutions, will you please read the three resolutions marked? -- (Witness reads) "(a) that the members of the Springbok Legion, while maintaining their Legion membership, be invited to become members of the S.A. Congress of Democrats, or the African National Congress, or the S.A. Indian Congress and that every effort be made to recruit them into whichever of these bodies is appropriate.

(c) that the liabilities of the Legion be liquidated as soon as possible and that thereafter the N. E.C. be empowered to dispose of any of its surplus assets in the interest of the Springbok Legion, or the S.A. Congress of Democrats, or for the benefit of the democratic cause as a whole.

(d) that the N.E.C. be requested to enter into discussion with the S.A. Congress of Democrats with a view to the more effective exploitation of "Fighting Talk" as a voice of the Democratic Movement."

You hand in that document? -- Yes.

C.295, Springbok Legion, Annual National Conference 1953, Proposed Amendment to the Constitution, do you hand in that document? -- Yes.

C.296, an Executive Committee Report to the Joint Congress and Legion Committee, 30th September, 1953, do you hand in that document? -- Yes.

C.297, Report of the S.A. Conference of Democrats Trades Hall, Kerk Street, Johannesburg, 10th and 11th October, 1953. On page 4, paragraph 8, will you read that please? -- "Election of President, Vice President and Secretary: The following were unanimously elected: Mr. P. Beyleveld - President. Mr. Lee Warden - Vice

President, Mr. P.J. Hodgson - Secretary.

Can you identify those people? -- Yes.

Mr. Beyleveld is not here today, Accused No. 6, Mr. Lee Warden is Accused No. 98 and Mr. P.J. Hodgson is Accused No. 12.

Now, paragraph 9, will you just read the top part of the paragraph and the names marked? -- "Election of Executive Committee. As a result of the Ballot the following were elected for the 12 seats on the National Executive Committee: Mr. A.L. Bernstein, Mr. J. Slovo, Miss R. First and Mrs. H. Joseph.

Mr. A.L. Bernstein has been written in and not typed in, is that correct? -- That is correct, in ink.

That was as you found it? -- Yes, as I found it.

Can you identify the persons? -- Yes. L. Bernstein is Accused No. 5, J. Slovo is Accused No. 72, Miss R. First is Accused No. 73 and H. Joseph is Accused No. 13.

You hand in that document? -- Yes.

The next is C.298, S.A. Congress of Democrats, Press Release, dated the 22nd October, 1953. It is a press release on the formation of the new organisation S.A. Congress of Democrats, you hand in that document? -- Yes.

C.299, National Council Meeting South African Congress of Democrats, held on 13th February, 1954, Johannesburg "Resolutions" already referred to, you hand in that document? -- Yes.

C.300 is the S.A. Coloured Peoples' Organisation, Transvaal, circular dated the 31st August, 1955 already referred to, you hand in that document? -- Yes.

C.301, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a small paragraph marked on page 1, will you please read it? -- "WHEREAS it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as the last resort, to rebel-

lion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law."

You hand in that document? -- Yes.

C.302 is a record cover entitled "Springbok Legion, Non-European Sub-Committee, Correspondence", inside is "Counter Attack", 28th August 1955, a number of copies, you hand in that file? -- Yes.

There are some blank forms at the back? -- Letter-head blank forms, with "Counter Attack" printed on it.

C.303, is that a number of 82 sets of lectures "The World we Live In", "The country we live in" and a "Change is needed"? -- Yes.

Already handed in as C.53 and C.54.? -- Yes.

C.304, is that a handbill issued by the S.A. Congress of Democrats on "The National Day of Protest" which you hand in? -- Yes. A whole parcel of these documents were found, it was addressed to the C.O.D., Cape Town, ready for despatch, in the despatch office.

C.305, what is that? -- It is a banner, National Day of Protest. "Day of Protest when Everyone Stays Home".

The next is C.306, what is that? -- A placard stating "Protesting against the barbrous methods of reclassification of Coloured People".

You hand that in? -- Yes.

C.307, is that a placard? -- Yes, "First Youth World Festival of Youth and Students - Warsaw", 31.7. to 14.8.1955". Another 22 of these placards were found but were not seized. I hand this in.

C.308 what is that? -- Another placard. "V. Swatowy Festiwal Mlodziezy I Studentow" 31.7. to 14.8.1955" another 11 of these placards were found but not seized.

C.309 is the same placard? -- C.309 is a large number of unopened bundles of these placards.

C.310, the African National Congress office rubber stamp, do you hand that in? -- Yes.

And C.311 is S.A. Congress of Democrats office stamp, P.O. Box 4088, Johannesburg, the box under which post for the Congress of Democrats are being received? -- Yes, I hand this in.

C. 312, is that wax-sheets of which you made some copies and attached them to the wax sheets, "Report of the National Action Council of the Congress of the People to the Joint Executives of the A.N.C., S.A.I.C., S.A.C.P.O. and the S.A.C.O.D. which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.313 is that a wax sheet and some copies produced by you on Bantu Education.... no, on Education? -- Yes. I hand this in.

C.314, is that a wax sheet "Attention Twins" and copies roneod by you? -- Yes, I hand this in.

C.315, is that a wax sheet, "Resolutions adopted at National Conference of S.A. Congress of Democrats Held 24th June, 1955" and copies thereof? -- Yes.

C.316, is that a wax sheet entitled "Fighting Talk" dated the 4th April, 1955, circular letter with copies thereof? -- Yes, I hand this in.

C.317, is that a wax sheet and copies entitled "Editorial" an issue on "The Real Issue in the Hillbrow Bye-Election", you hand this in? -- Yes.

C.318, S.A. Coloured Peoples' Organisation, circular dated the 31st August, 1955, wax sheet and copies roneod by you, you hand that in? -- Yes.

C.319 a waxh sheet entitled "Fighting Talk" and copies roneod by you, dated 26th July, 1955, from Fighting Talk Committee, circular letter, together with your copies, you hand that in? -- Yes.

C.320, a waxh sheet entitled "Gala Social", 20th August 1955 together with copies roneod by you, which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.321, a waxh sheet starting from page 3 of a document apparently on certain laws in the country together with your roneod copies? -- Yes, I hand this in.

C.322, is that a wax sheet entitled "Kensington Discussion Club" together with your roneod copies which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.323, is that a wax sheet entitled "The Women's Progressive Union", circular letter dated the 16th August 1955 which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.324, S.A. Coloured Peoples' Organisation, a wax sheet circular dated the 16th August 1955, typewritten at the bottom, S.B. Lollan, Honorary Secretary, is that correct? -- Yes.

C.325, a wax sheet entitled "Coming Events" Congress of Mothers, and Branch News, apparently a page from another document? -- Yes.

C.326, is that a wax sheet "Liberation", it appears to be a circular from Liberation? -- Correct.

C.327, is that a wax sheet, circular from "Fighting Talk" dated the 26th of June, 1955? -- Yes.

C.328, is that a wax sheet entitled "Local Committee of the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions Witwatersrand, held on Tuesday the 19th of July, 195..something? -- Yes.

C.329, is that a wax sheet "page 2, branch news", about Congress of Democrats? -- Yes.

C.330, is that a wax sheet entitled "Western Areas Campaign"? -- Correct.

C.331 , is that a wax sheet from Counter Attack, S.A. Congress of Trade Unions, together with copies reproduced by you? -- Correct.

C.332, is that a circular "The Nationalists can be stopped" leaflet issued by S.A. Congress of Democrats? -- Yes.

C.333, is that a wax sheet and copies reproduced by you "Inter C.O.C. Quiz" which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.334, is that a page 5 from a circular on the New Legislation, Criminal Law Amendment Bill and Industrial Conciliation Act which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.335, (a) to (k), 11 wax sheets containing names and addresses? -- Correct, I hand this in.

C.336 is that a wax sheet of "Counter Attack" on Bantu Education, C.O.D. Tasks in this Campaign? -- Correct, I hand this in.

C.337, is that a wax sheet entitled "Fighting Talk" dated the 25th August, 1955 addressed to .... I am skipping C.337 for a moment Your Worship.

C.338, is a wax sheet of "Kensington Discussion Club" with the name of Norman Levy typed in at the bottom as the Secretary? -- Correct. Norman Levy has already been identified as one of the Accused.

I skipped C.337 just now, is that a wax sheet entitled "Fighting Talk" dated the 25th August, 1955? -- Yes, I hand this in.

C.339, is that a wax sheet entitled "A Jumble Sale" which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.340, is that a wax sheet returning the "Revenue and Expenditure Account 7th June, 1955? -- Correct, I hand this in.

BY THE COURT: This witness will stand down.

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THE CROWN CALLS:

FRANCOIS PETRUS KOEKEMOER: s.s.

EXAMINED BY THE P.P.: You are a Detective Head Constable in the S.A.P. stationed at Hospital Hill? -- Yes.

On the 27th September, 1955, did you search the offices of the S.A. Congress of Democrats on the first floor of Somerset House, Fox Street, 110, Johannesburg together with inter alia Det. Sgt. van Papendorp? -- Yes. Det. Constable Potgieter and Det. Sgt. Thompson.

What happened when you arrived at the offices? -- There was nobody present in those offices but in the office adjoining there was somebody who sort of answered our call and he explained that the party we were concerned with was not there, he was just away for a while.

Did this person give a name? -- I do not think so.

Now, before you started to search, did anybody turn up at this office? -- Yes.

Who was this person? -- Mrs. Yetta Barenblatt.

Do you know her? -- I know her.

Can you identify her? -- Yes, Accused No. 3.

Now, did you then search the premises? -- Yes.

And did you take the following documents, C.341, Constitution of the S.A. Congress of Democrats? -- I did.

And you hand in that document? -- Hand it in.

C.342, is that a file containing "Report of South African Conference of Democrats, Trades Hall, Kerk Street, Johannesburg 10th and 11th, October 1953, with a number of copies in the file? -- Yes, I hand it in.

C.343, is that an Agenda of the S.A. C.O.D. National Executive Committee Meeting 18.1.1954, which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.344, is that a carbon copy of a letter to

"Dear Friend" Re: The National Council Meeting and attached thereto is the National Council Meeting of the S.A.C.O.D. held on the ~~13th~~ and 14th February, 1954 in Johannesburg which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.345, is that a roneod document, "Resolutions of the National Council Meeting of the 13th, 14th February 1954 which you hand in? -- Yes, I don't know if such a document was seized, this does not bear my original identification mark.

C.346 and C.347 - the same position applies as C.345, now C.348, is that a carbon copy of a letter dated the 22nd November, 1954 to "Dear Friend"? -- Yes, I hand it in.

C.349, is that the S.A. Congress of Democrats National Conference 1955, Organisational Report with "Speakers notes" and "Counter Attack" written on the top of the document which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.350, is that a portion of a document entitled S.A. Congress of Democrats, Notes on the Political Situation by the National Executive Committee for discussion at Conference which you hand in? -- Yes, I hand it in.

C.351, is that the minutes of the N.E.C. 10.1.55 which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.352, is that a carbon copy of a letter on the letterhead of the South African Congress of Democrats, dated the 6th June, 1955, re holding of National Conference? -- Yes, I hand it in.

C.353, Amendments to Resolutions adopted by the General Meeting of Johannesburg Region, 29.5.55, which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.354 carbon copy of a letter from the Secreatry dated the 2nd June 1955 to the Secretary African National Congress, Johannesburg inviting organisations to send a



fraternal delegate to conference? -- Yes, I hand it in.

C.355, is that a letter from Albert J. Luthuli dated the 20th June, 1955, to the S.A. Congress of Democrats, will you please read that letter? -- "P.O. Grantville Mission, Via Durban, 20.6.55. To S.A.C. of Democrats, Dear Friends, I posted my message on Saturday C/o Congress of People, 37, West Street, Johannesburg. I had misplaced your address. I do not know if by something time you receive this letter you will have typed my address. I made some corrections in a hurry. On page 1 the 10th line from the bottom on, I have after "and so" added "help her". Please omitt this "help her" as it does not agree or make sense with the rest of the sentence, or better stil, after the whole construction to read "and so help her, on the basis of Western Civilisation at its best to make a distinctive Civilisation Construction, etc."

I hope you will be able to make out my bad typing. Please send me a duplicate of your - the copy you will make, yours faithfully, signed Albert Luthuli". I hand in this document.

Now, C.356, is that a letter dated the 20th June, 1955, from the National Secretary, S.A. Congress of Democrats to the Secretary, A.N.C., Johannesburg and will you please read that letter? -- "Dear Friend, We would be very pleased if you would appoint a nominee to read out the enclosed message to our Conference on Friday 24th June at Kholvad House at 2 p.m. This message from Chief Luthuli was received in response to a request by us for a message with which we would open our conference and this message will be the first on our agenda, we shall be pleased if your nominee will be there at 2 p.m. We trust you will be able to send a nominee, thanking you,

yours faithfully, signed(?) National Secretary".

And attached to that letter, is there a typed message from A.J. Luthuli? -- Yes.

The last page, is that a duplicate of the letter which you have read? -- Yes, a carbon copy.

You hand in those documents? -- I hand it in.

C.357, is that a CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS TO BE HELD AT JOHANNESBURG ON THE 24TH JUNE, 1955, together with the Organisational Report and Notes on the Political Situation and Resolutions to be submitted to the Annual Conference and Resolutions from the Hillbrow Branch which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.358, is that a leaflet S.A. Congress of Democrats, National Conference, June 1955, Treasurer's Report - with the report in manuscript form which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.359 is being omitted at the moment. C.360, is that a copy - a carbon copy of a letter dated the 7th July, 1955 from the National Secretary to Chief A.J. Luthuli, P.O. Groutville Mission, Via Durban which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.361, is that the Minutes of a Meeting of the Regional Committee held 7th July, 1955 which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.362 is being omitted. C.363, is that Minutes, N.E.C. 25.7.55 typewritten which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.364 is being omitted for the moment. C.365 is that the Minutes N.E.C. Meeting 8.8.55 which you hand in? -- Yes.

The next is C.366, Minutes, Secretariat 15.8.55  
- will you read the portion marked in red? -- "Freedom  
Charter. It was agreed to inform the press of the N.E.C.  
endorsement of the Freedom Charter on behalf of C.O.D.  
E) The Secretary asked for clarification on resolutions  
to be sent to the press, and after discussion this was given".  
I hand it in.

I omit C.367. The next document is C.368, it is  
a document entitled "Credentials" with some names "Organi-  
sation and Branch". Will you please read the names  
marked in red? -- Yes, I read "Beyleveld, Ben Joseph,  
Ben Toruk, Syd Shill, N. Levy, the next one I can't desi-  
phre. I hand this document in.

The next is C.369, is that the S.A. Congress of  
Democrats, Annual National Conference Agenda which you  
hand in? -- Yes.

I omit C.370 to C.372. C.373 is the next number,  
is that a carbon copy of a letter dated the 14th August  
1954 to National Secretary to The Secretary, S.A. Congress  
of Democrats, Port Elizabeth, which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.374, National Action Council of the C.O.P. letter  
dated the 3rd February, 1955 to the Secretary, S.A.  
Congress of Democrats, Johannesburg which you hand in? --  
Yes.

C.375, is that a carbon copy of a letter from  
National secretary dated the 15th June, 1955 to the  
Secretary, Cape Western Region, P.O. Box 4552, Cape Town  
which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.376, is that a cheque, Congress of the People,  
dated the 24th June, 1955 which you hand in? -- Yes.

Can you make out the signatures on that cheque? --  
Yes, signed A.E. Patel and E.P. Moretsele, Congress of

the People which I hand in.

The next number is C.378, is that a carbon copy of a letter dated the 21st September to "Dear Bennie" which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.379, is that a carbon copy of a letter dated the 6th September, 1955 to Dr.M. Hathorn, Durban which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.380, is that a carbon copy of a letter dated 6.9.55 to Mr. B. Turok, P.O. Box 4552, Cape Town which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.381, is that a carbon copy of a letter dated 6.9.55 addressed to Mr. P. Vogel, Sandflats, C.P. which you hand in? -- Yes.

C.382, is that a copy of a letter from the South African Congress of Democrats to the South African Peace Council, dated 9th March, 1954, will you please read that document? -- I read" Dear Friend, For your information the following resolution has been sent to the World Peace Council for its forthcoming meeting from my National Executive Committee: "The South African Congress of Democrats pledges its support to your organisation in its work on behalf of peace. We wish your meeting all success and our confidence that your deliberations will be an additional step forward towards ensuring everlasting peace in the world". I would also like to inform you that at our National Council Meeting held last month, a resolution was passed instructing all our members to join their local Peace Committees. Yours sincerely for peace, National Secretary". I hand it in.

C.383, is that a carbon copy of a letter from the S.A.C.O.D. dated the 9th March, 1953 to the Secretariat, World Council of Peace, Prague, will you please read that

document? -- "Dear Friends, Further to my letter of the 3rd February, I am directed to inform you that at a National Council Meeting of my organisation held last month a resolution was passed instructing all our members to join their local peace committees. In addition my organisation is in close contact with and assists wherever possible the work of the South African Peace Council. /I am further directed to send you the following resolution from my National Executive Committee for your forthcoming World Peace Meeting: "The South African Congress of Democrats pledges its support to your organisation in its work on behalf of peace. We wish your meeting all success and are confident that your deliberations will be an additional step forward towards ensuring everlasting peace in the world". Yours sincerely for peace, National Secretary". I hand this document in.

C.384, that appears to be a letter from the World Council of Peace Secretariat to the National Organiser, S.A.C.O.D. will you please read that document? -- "Dear Friends, That you for your letter of February 3rd and the enclosed documents. /We are happy to know that you will co-operate in the struggle for world peace which is being carried on throughout the world by men and women of all walks of life and all political opinion. We shall be very happy to remain relations with you and shall not fail to send you ~~our~~ publications regularly. We hope to hear from you and remain yours sincerely, For the Secretariat of the World Council of Peace, Signed Jean Lffitte, General Secretary and Roy Gore as Secretary". I hand this document in.

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