

Natal Action Committee

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CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE

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P.O. BOX 2299,
DURBAN.

24th April, 1955.

The Secretariat,
National Action Council,
Congress of the People,
P.O. Box 2948,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Friend,

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We have only received one lecture entitled "The country we live in". Please send us the copy of the 1st set of lectures.

A fuller report is being sent under separate cover. Please treat our request as urgent.

Yours maternally,

[Signature]
for SECRETARIAT.

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37 West Street,
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
JOHANNESBURG,
South Africa.

21st April, 1955.

TO ALL NATIONAL SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS.

Dear friend,

You are hereby advised that a full meeting of the National Council of the Congress of the People will be held on the 23rd and 24th June, 1955, in Johannesburg, commencing at 10 A.M. on Thursday and be adjourned to Friday.

AGENDA.

- I). Minutes.
- II). Draft of Freedom Charter.
- III). Agenda for Conference.
- IV). General.

This meeting will be of great importance as the great assembly will take place on the 25th and 26th June, 1955, and the Council will have to review the whole Campaign.

With greetings of Peace and Freedom,

Yours fraternally,

for: SECRETARIAT.

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37-West Street,
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

20th April, 1955.

Mr. T.E. Tshunungwa,
P.O.Box 352,
QUEENSTOWN.
C.P.

Dear Mr. Tshunungwa,

As the convocation of the Congress of the People will take place within two months time it is imperative that detailed reports from all the regional committees are submitted from time to time. We have had no report from the Cape Provincial Action Council as to the progress of the work in your region, therefore, please send a report to us as soon as possible.

We also ~~also~~ wish to clarify certain matters regarding the final stage of the campaign and would appreciate if you could come down to Johannesburg within the shortest possible time at your disposal. Please make every possible arrangements to make your visit to Johannesburg take place within two week/s time.

We trust that the work for the Congress of the People is in full swing in the Cape and that a large delegation will attend the Assembly.

With greetings of Peace and Freedom,

Yours fraternally,

for: NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL.

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37 West Street,
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21st April, 1955.

The Secretary,
Madrassa Anjuman Islamia
of Kholwad,
27 Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

We ~~huxy~~ hereby apply for the use of your Board Room
on the 23rd and 24th June, 1955, commencing

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Street,
Cape Town

The Secretary,
Cape Provincial Action Council,
P.O. Box 4552,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear friend,

We received your letter dated the 5th March, 1955,
the contents of which have been carefully noted.

The report on the tour of the National Organiser
to your region was discussed fully by the Secretariat.
We wish to state however that your past experiences should
not in any way hamper your work to make the Congress of the
People a great success.

We trust that the Electoral Campaign in the Western
Cape is in full swing and that a large delegation to the
Assembly will be sent.

"A DELEGATE FROM EVERY VILLAGE, TOWN AND SUBURB".

With greetings of Peace and Freedom,

Yours fraternally,



for: SECRETARIAT.

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Federation of South African Women,
c/o 33 Dunbarton Court,
Hadfield Road,
Berea,
Johannesburg.

18th April, 1955.

The Secretariat,
National Action Council,
Congress of the People,
P.O. Box 2948,
JOHANNESBURG

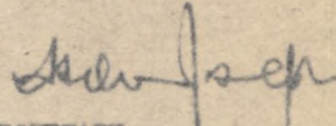
Dear Friend,

Your letter of 23rd March has been considered by the Regional Executive Committee of this organisation and I wish to inform you that the Transvaal Region of the Federation will undertake the preparation of accommodation for the delegates from other parts of South Africa.

We should welcome the earliest possible opportunity of discussing this matter further with the Secretariat of the Congress of the People.

The Federation wishes to arrange meetings of women for the Congress of the People in Johannesburg and on the Reef and would be glad of the assistance of the Local C.O.P. Committees in this matter.

Yours fraternally,



SECRETARY.

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27 West Street,
JOHANNESBURG,

South Africa.

15th April, 1955.

TO ALL REGIONAL COMMITTEES.

Dear friend,

As the first two lectures have already been distributed to you for the purpose of studying and leading discussion circles among active congress members and volunteers, we will be very pleased if you submit a report on the following:-

- i). How were lectures received by volunteers?
- ii). How were these conducted?
- iii) Were more discussions planned?
- iv). Are volunteers able to lead discussion circles?

The above information is of the utmost importance for the preparing of study notes, therefore the reports must be submitted within the shortest possible time.

With greetings of Peace and Freedom,

Yours fraternally,

A. J. J. Jacobs
For: NATIONAL ACTION
COUNCIL.

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 STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL:

DIRECTIVE No. 1:

Week-ending 16/4/55.

- 1) The Congress of the People will be held on June 25th and 26th in Johannesburg. Everything possible must be done by area Committees to spread the idea of the Congress of the People among the people and win over their active participation in submitting their demands and electing delegates.
 - i) Therefore Area Action Committees must meet weekly.
 - ii) Decisions taken must be faithfully and effectively carried out.
 - iii) Volunteers must be enrolled continually while doing area work.
 - iv) Each area must plan its own campaign *area campaign*.
 - v) Political discussions must be held at all area Action Committee meetings.
 - vi) All volunteers must have their membership cards.
 - vii) All volunteers must pay their monthly subscriptions regularly. Minimum 1/- per month.
 - viii) Proper records must be kept of all area Action Committee meetings.
 - ix) Proper receipts must be issued for all money received.
 - x) All Area Action Committees must have a Chairman Secretary Treasurer Volunteer organiser and if necessary a Literature Secretary.
- 2) All Committees must paste posters and stickers within the next 7 days in all important places in their area. These posters are obtainable at the Congress office.
- 3) Area Committees that are doing advanced work of collecting demands from the people must collect the new questionnaire forms from Congress office from 12 noon Wednesday 20/4/55.
- 4) The New Age must be sold by every area Action Committee. Send your orders to the Congress office or make direct arrangements with the New Age office.

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- 5) The new lecture entitled "The country we live in" is enclosed herewith for all Area Action Committees. Organise discussion as soon as possible.
- 6) Area Committees must organise at least one mass meeting within the next 3 weeks.
- 7) Any volunteer who receives an Assignment from the Natal Action Committee must fulfil it without fail. An Assignment is a very important part of our COP work and if any volunteer fails to effect the assignment which he undertakes to fulfil the NAC will have no alternative but to take a very serious view of such a failure. This must be explained clearly to all volunteers. A specimen Assignment Form is enclosed herewith.
- 8) All Area Committees must send brief reports of their decisions to the Congress office within 3 days after the meeting.
- 9) All old membership cards are to be returned immediately as new ones are now being issued.
- 10) A special political class for volunteers will be held on Thursday the 28th of April at 5.30.p.m. Topic "The International situation with special reference to China and the UNO and Afro-Asian Conference. Place: Surat Hindu Hall - 127 Victoria Street, Durban.
- 11) The new issue of the Call will be ready within a week. Send your orders immediately. 6d per copy.
- 12) Volunteers must read the latest issue of the Fighting Talk. Some very important articles are worth reading.
- 13) All volunteers must carry a donation card and collect money from sympathisers and supporters. All cards to be returned to the Congress office by the 28th of each month by the Area Committees.
- 14) Area Action Committees must think of ways and means of raising money for the COP. This is very important.
- 15) Call for your Directives every Tuesday after 12 noon.

Let us all together march forward to the great Congress of the People and fulfil our tasks as faithful volunteers in the fight for Freedom for the oppressed millions in South Africa.

Long live the gallant volunteer
The noble standard bearer of Freedom
in our lifetime.

Forward to the Congress of
the People,
Africa!

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4a, KORT STREET,
JOHANNESBURG,
South Africa.

7th April, 1958.

TO ALL SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS.

Dear friend,

Below is a copy of a letter sent to the Transvaal Provincial Action Council, with the view of impressing on the committee the desperate need of money required by the National Action Council in the present stage of the campaign.

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The Secretary,
Transvaal Provincial Action Council,
P.O. Box 2948,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear friend,

In view of the fact that we have now fixed the date for the holding the Congress of the People, the Transvaal as the most advanced region should take its proper place in the preparations for this great assembly of the people of South Africa.

Firstly, making sure that people from all walks of life in all parts of the Transvaal attend in thousands the great assembly which is to be held in their own region.

Secondly, the National Action Council requires an amount of £1,000 to meet the requirements for the extensive preparations. If the assembly was to meet in any of the remaining provinces, the Transvaal would have been obliged to send a large delegation which no doubt would cost more than £2000 in travelling expenses only. This demand of £1000 is not out of proportion with your task.

We require immediately out of this amount £200 and will be very glad if you would make necessary arrangements for this amount.

With fraternal greetings,

Yours for freedom,

[Signature]
for: NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL.

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37 West Street,
~~XXXXXX STREET.~~
JOHANNESBURG,
South Africa.

23rd March, 1955.

TO ALL SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS.

The Secretary,
African National Congress,
P.O. Box 9207,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear friend,

In view of the fact that we have now decided on the date (25th and 26th June, 1955) for the holding of the Congress of the People, we request that the Transvaal Executives of the sponsoring organisations should constitute themselves into the Transvaal Committee of the Congress of the People, instead of the plans of special representatives on the COP. Committee.

The reason for ^{the} above decision is the fact that progress of the Campaign in the Transvaal is not very encouraging and that the Congress of the People shall be held in the Transvaal. We believe that if the work is undertaken by the full executives the position will be considerably improved and the great task of having a successful assembly made easier.

We trust that such a meeting will take place within the shortest possible time.

FORWARD TO THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE.

With greetings of Peace and Freedom,

Yours fraternally,

for: NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL.

THE NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL
IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AND THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY
AND THE TRAFFIC IN SLAVES
AND SERFS

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BULLETIN

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29th March, 1955.

The Joint-Secretaries,
Natal Midlands Regional Committee,
433 Beem Street,
PIETERMARITZBURG.

Dear friends,

It came to our knowledge that you received no
acknowledgement for the demands you sent with Mr. Reddy a
few weeks ago.

A letter of acknowledgement was sent when the
demands reached us, and we have not the slightest idea why
the letter was not received by the Committee.

We have sent copies of the second lecture under
a separate cover and trust that you have received them by now.
A report on the first lecture will be appreciated.

FORWARD TO THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE.

With greetings of Peace and Freedom,

Yours fraternally,

for: NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL

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37 West Street,

21st March, 1955.

The Treasurer,
African National Congress,
923 Gonyane Street,
Batho Location,
BLOEMFONTEIN.

Dear friend,

Please find enclosed a receipt for the money
(£2.2.0) you sent us some time ago, for which we thank you
a great deal.

Please accept our apology for the late
acknowledgement of the money. The reason being that due
to pressure of work the letter was misplaced, and was only
found a few days ago.

We thank you once again for the generous
donation, and trust that you will help us financially
from time to time as our resources have been drained
completely.

Further we trust that the campaign of the
Congress of the People is gaining momentum in your
province.

With greetings of Peace and Freedom,

Yours fraternally,

for: NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL

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37 West Street,
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23rd March, 1955.

The Secretary,
Federation of South African
Women,
c/o P.O. Box 9207,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear friend,

We wish to inform you that the National Action Council of the Congress of the People has decided to hold the great assembly of the people on the 25th and 26th June, 1955.

We have been asked by this Council to communicate with your organisation for the purpose of asking you to undertake the responsibility of preparing accommodation for the delegates who will come from all parts of South Africa and from all racial groups in the country.

It is estimated that approximately 2,000 delegates will require accommodation, but you shall be informed from time to time as the campaign develops, since we cannot account accurately at the present moment the number of delegates. You will naturally work with the committee of the Congress of the People in the Transvaal whose Secretariat will gladly discuss the matter further with you.

We trust that our request will be considered favourably.

With greetings of Peace and Freedom,

Yours fraternally,

for the SECRETARIAT.

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29th March, 1955.

Dr. A. H. Sader,
204 Murchisson Street,
LADYSMITH.
Natal.

Dear Dr. Sader,

We have had no reports from the Northern Natal Action Council as to the progress of the Campaign for the Congress of the People in the Region.

As the date for the holding of the great assembly have been fixed (25th and 26th June, 1955) it is of the utmost importance that reports are sent to the Secretariat of the National Action Council from time to time. Unless the Secretariat receives reports from the different regions, it is very difficult for plans to be drafted in order to speed up the Campaign.

Please raise the urgency of the situation on the COP. Action Committee and impress upon them the importance of regular contact with Headquarters.

We have sent copies of lectures to the committee under a separate cover which are meant to be studied by volunteers, Trade Unionists, and active congressmen. A report on the first lecture will be appreciated.

With greetings of Peace and Freedom,

Yours fraternally,

for: NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL

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40, KORT STREET,
JOHANNESBURG,
South Africa.

16th February, 1955.

TO ALL REGIONS AND PROVINCES.

Dear Friend,

RE: NATIONAL DAY OF DEMANDS AND COLLECTION
OF MONEY.

The date has now definitely been fixed for the above Day as our last letter stated.

We are now asking you to make every effort to gather in the Demands for the Charter as very little time is left for these to be classified. Also that from the 15th of March all efforts will be concentrated on to elect the elected representatives of the people to come to the Congress.

We appeal to you once again that as our financial resources have been drained completely, all monies collected on the 29th February, 1955, must be sent direct to the National Action Council at P.O. Box: 11045, Johannesburg. Please inform accordingly to all your branches.

You must now work hard to speak to all the committees and branches in your area to send in their demands before the end of the month.

THIS IS IMPERATIVE!!!

With Fraternal Greetings,

Yours in the struggle,

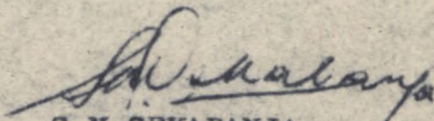
FOR: NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL.

M E S S A G E.

On behalf of the Uganda National Congress I am taking this opportunity to address a short message to the representative assembly of the Congress of the People who have undertaken to draw a "Freedom Charter", that, I hope, will, in the future, serve as a guiding light to the people of South Africa.

We in Uganda are conscious of the important duty that lies before the subject people and we take a very keen interest in movements dedicated to the liberation of mankind. It is the duty of every citizen of Africa to do one's best to stamp out imperialism and racial discrimination which two factors greatly hinder the growth of good human relationship between races and nations.

To this end we wholeheartedly support you in this noble cause and I send you our best wishes for successful deliberations. I should also like to assure you of our unfailing co-operation in the future.



S. M. SEKABANJA.
CHAIRMAN
UGANDA NATIONAL CONGRESS.

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1st June, 1955.

The Secretary,
Cape Western Action Council,
P. O. Box 4552,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear friend,

"e received your very encouraging letter and are pleased to note that the Western Cape are making wonderful progress in the Campaign for the Congress of the People.

We wish to stress however that at your mass conference on the 12th June, 1955, the Freedom Charter should only be adopted in its draft form. This is imperative in order to avoid confusion and difficulties at a ~~like~~ later stage.

We have sent under separate covers 5,000 copies of "LET US SPEAK OF FREEDOM", and 200 credential cards. The leaflet ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ were mailed a week ago and we trust that you have received the parcel by now.

With fraternal greetings,

Yours for freedom,

for: SECRETARIAT.
CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE

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NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE.

57 West Street,
Johannesburg.

TO ALL NATIONAL SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS.

The Secretary,
South African Indian Congress,
P.O. Box 2948,
JOHANNESBURG.

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- AGENDA:
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 2. Report of the National Action Council
 3. Draft of Freedom Charter.
 4. Draft resolution.
 5. Draft Agenda for conference.
 6. General.

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for SECRETARIAT.

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