

# AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

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## The Annual Report

of the

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

to the

42nd Annual Conference

of the

African National Congress

held at the

Bantu Social Centre, Durban

on the 16th to 19th December, 1954

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This 42nd. session of the African National Congress takes place at a time when some of your highly placed leaders have been detached from you and thrown into the wilderness by a Government of men who cannot conceal their fear of the rising tide of the political consciousness of the African people and the knowledge of their ultimate disappearance into political oblivion.

In the light of these circumstances, I regret that due to political persecution and restrictions placed upon me and others by the Nationalist Government, it will not be possible for me to personally present the report to the Conference as is the case by custom. Nevertheless, the report is being placed before you for your consideration and discussion, and I have every confidence that your decisions arising from this report will be worthy of a people who have been deprived of everything they ever possessed in this country, but who are resolved, as never before, to regain all that is due to them as free people in a free world.

I am confident that no amount of bans, exiles or political persecutions will deter the progressive forces in this country from the path which they have chosen, namely, a perpetual and consistent fight until victory is won.

The Executive report placed before you includes the following documents:-

- (a) Presidential Address by the President-General, Chief ...J. Luthuli,
- (b) Opening Address by Dr. M.G. Naicker, President, Natal Indian Congress,
- (c) Fraternal messages from South Africa and abroad,
- (d) List of banned and banished leaders,
- (e) Nationalist Laws.

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*O. R. Tambo*  
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Acting Secretary-General.

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ADDRESS DELIVERED BY DR.G.M. NAICKER, PRESIDENT  
OF THE NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS AT THE OPENING  
OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE A.N.C IN  
DURBAN ON THURSDAY, THE 16TH DECEMBER, 1954.

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Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The National Executive Committee of your Congress has done me a great honour by inviting me to declare open your Annual Conference this year. I was very pleased to accept your invitation and wish to take this opportunity, at the outset, of thanking you for the great honour you have done me, particularly at a time when the ban imposed on me by the Minister of Justice under the Suppression of Communism is in force.

The invitation you have extended to me symbolises the great unbreakable links which have been forged between our Congresses and between the African and the Indian people we represent. Today we find a great bond of friendship and understanding that has grown between our peoples through the joint heroic struggle for freedom launched under the banners of our Congresses and it is my fervent hope and prayer that jointly we shall advance together with all true Democrats in South Africa to the goal which we have set to achieve - freedom in our lifetime.

Your Conference meets at a time when grave issues face not only people of our country but the peoples of the world. Today in every country in all the Continents of the world the forces of peace and freedom are making great headway. The days of imperialism and colonialism are rapidly coming to an end and we see the emergence of free and independent nations on the Continent of Asia, a Continent which had been subjected to centuries of colonial exploitation.

Because the forces of imperialism have received a shattering blow in Asia it is only natural that Africa should assume a place of tremendous importance to those who had exploited Asia hitherto. But Africa, long described as the "Dark Continent" is today astir. From the shores of the Mediterranean to the Cape Point powerful forces for liberation are making themselves felt to enable 150 million people of this Continent take their rightful place within the family of nations through their own democratic governments.

We in South Africa have no hesitation in making our stand clear on the international question. As oppressed people believing firmly in the ideals of democracy we totally reject all forms of imperialism and colonialism. We reject exploitation of man by man. We make common cause with the world-wide movement for peace and are pledged to make positive contribution towards this peace for which mankind yearns. We make this contribution in particular by opposing all forms of racial discrimination. In our hearts we are convinced that in racial discrimination lies the seed of a massive global conflict and this conflict we are pledged to avert. As protagonists of peace we are the enemies of war and are opposed to the armament race which is now in progress. We stand for the total banning of the atom and the hydrogen bombs.

Because we stand for world peace and against exploitation of man by man we must find ourselves in strong opposition to the policies which have been consistently pursued by the white ruling classes in South Africa before and after the coming into existence of the Union.

The policy of segregation and apartheid based on the maintenance of white domination has today brought our country to the brink of disaster. More and more people in the country are beginning to realise that like peace, freedom is indivisible. Laws which in the past affected only one section of the people - invariably the African people - are today being extended to the rest of the people of the land. Freedom and Liberty of the people, Black and White, are in danger.

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ADDRESS DELIVERED BY DR. G.M. NICKER,  
PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS  
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It is only a matter of weeks since Dr. Malan resigned and today, more strongly than ever before, the country finds itself under the rule of a group firmly pledged to the policy of apartheid and all that apartheid stands for. The Strijdom-Verwoerd era has commenced and the anti-nationalist forces in the country realise that even greater attacks on democracy and freedom are on the way.

Our beloved country is heading towards chaos and disaster under a policy which has resulted in increasing racial tension, in a climate in which there is little respect for human dignity. -- small minority group is seeking to impose on the majority an Afrikaner tribal rule - a rule which seeks to perpetuate a caste structure in South Africa under which the non-white people are to remain in perpetual subjection.

South Africa has reached the parting of the ways - Those who rule us have chosen the narrow and bigoted path of Afrikaner tribalism embodied in the theory of apartheid. With deep regret we are forced to admit that the vast numbers of the white electorate of the country have given their support to this basic policy of apartheid.

It is in such an atmosphere that African nationalism is asserting itself in the Union. Let us remember that never in world history has any single movement for national liberation failed in achieving its object and I am confident that in South Africa, too, the movement for national liberation is destined to triumph notwithstanding all the obstacles which exist today.

A movement for national liberation can become reactionary in character. Nationalism under anti-democratic leadership can become a great threat to the basic values for which we stand. Afrikaner nationalism is an example of how a movement essentially progressive in its initial stages has today become a great threat to democracy and has become the spear-head of fascism in South Africa. African nationalism, too, under wrong leadership can become an anti-democratic force giving rise to the emergence of black fascism in the Union.

It is to the credit of the leadership of the African National Congress that African nationalism has chosen the path of democracy notwithstanding the environment in which it has emerged. The slogan of the African National Congress is not South Africa for the Africans, but South Africa for all her peoples of all creeds and nationalities.

Today the African National Congress is the most potent factor for democracy in the country for the A.N.C. enshrines the hopes and aspirations of the 9 million oppressed Africans to be free in the land of their birth. The A.N.C. seeks to achieve its freedom, not at the expense of any other group, it seeks to exercise the freedom for its people among the rest of free South Africans.

The political maturity and the ideals of the African National Congress is clearly demonstrated in its call for the convening of the Congress of the People for the formulation of the Freedom Charter. The call which your Conference made last year in Queenstown has resulted in the launching of a movement of Freedom, for the first time jointly sponsored by the African, European, Coloured and the Indian peoples.

The convening of the Congress of the People is the most important task which faces all true democrats of all colours in the country today. Let me express the earnest desire that before you meet in your Annual Conference next year this mighty assembly of the South African people will have taken place and that the Charter for Freedom will have been drafted enshrining the hopes of the millions of our land, particularly those who are voiceless today.

Let me assure you, on behalf of the Indian people, that the Indian Congress will do everything in its power to make the Congress of the People a success and that we shall answer unflinchingly to the call of your President-General to enrol within the ranks of the fifty thousand volunteers for Freedom.

I visualise the Freedom Charter as one of the most historic documents to emerge from South Africa. It will not only in clearest possible terms state what Freedom is, but will be a document by which all South Africans will be judged, whether they stand for freedom and democracy or for oppression and segregation.

While we are engaged in this great organisational task of convening the Congress of the People the Government of the day is not hesitating in its attempts to stifle the true voice of democracy in the country. I am, however, convinced that banning orders and deportations will not halt our onward march to freedom and democracy. Action on the part of the government against our leaders will only make our people even more determined to resist injustice and oppression.

While we talk of freedom and organise our people to make all South Africans truly free the rulers of South Africa are continuing to bring measure after measure for the perpetual subjugation of the non-European people. The most naked apartheid measure of the Nationalists is undoubtedly the Bantu Education Act, a law which seeks to make the African people a subject people for all times. There can be no compromise with the principles which seek to enslave a people and therefore this Act has to be fought with all the resources available to the democratic forces in South Africa.

All South Africans should realise that the people of the Western Areas in the Transvaal are at present engaged in a bitter struggle in defence of their homes. What is happening in the Western Areas is a national concern, for a great deal depends on the outcome of their struggle. What is happening in Western Areas today will happen in many parts of South Africa tomorrow if the Group Areas Act is allowed to be implemented. The race zoning plans submitted by local authorities under the Areas Act demonstrates how tens of thousands of people are to be removed from their homes to satisfy the ideology of apartheid. We will have to unitedly oppose this obnoxious law with all our might.

The African National Congress has come of age and with its present leadership no Democrat in South Africa should have any hesitation in making common cause with the African National Congress for the achievement of democracy. The Indian people have already made their decision. Not only have we been equal parties in the great Defiance Campaign, a campaign which will fill a glorious chapter in the liberatory struggle of our country, but we are at present working as great allies together with European and Coloured Democrats. It is our task to strengthen that alliance so that it becomes unbreakable.

I would like to have been present at this Assembly. I would have liked to have heard Chief Lutuli deliver his presidential address and inspire us to make even greater contributions to the cause of liberation. I would have liked to have sung with you the songs of freedom led by Chief Lutuli and to hear his voice which has moved so many in so short a time, but Chief Lutuli and I cannot be with you today because of the ban imposed on us. But a day will dawn when Swart and his Cabinet will be forgotten and when South Africa will be free - when men and women will meet to talk of freedom and to build a free society without fear and hatred.

I urge you in the name of South Africa to work unceasingly towards that great freedom we all desire and we assure you that we will work unceasingly for our common objective.

In the name of Freedom, I have now the pleasure in declaring open your Annual Conference. History has placed the torch of freedom in your hands. May you hold high its flames.

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MESSAGERS TO THE 42ND  
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THE AFRICAN NATIONAL  
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ALISASTROAMIDJOJO - PRIME MINISTER,  
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

"I hereby wish you and the African National Congress every success in your struggle in defence of fundamental human rights and against oppression and racial discrimination.

"The sympathy and goodwill of the Indonesian people are with you".

ANGIOLA MINELLI - GENERAL SECRETARY,  
WOMENS INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION.

"The Womens International Democratic Federation warmly greets the 42nd Annual Conference of the African National Congress.

"We wish you further successes in your valiant struggle for fundamental human rights, democratic liberties and freedom from racial oppression".

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC  
YOUTH.

"Warm fraternal greetings to you 42nd Annual Conference.

"The world will always fully support your fight against oppression, discrimination, for human rights, peace and independence.

"Victory will be yours".

BALWANTRAY MEHTA - GENERAL SECRETARY,  
INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

"On behalf of the Indian National Congress, I send you our greetings and good wishes on the occasion of the Annual Conference of the African National Congress.

"You are aware that the Government and people of India are firmly opposed to racial discrimination as well as colonial domination. They stand for multi-racial societies where every group has full freedom. We have been deeply distressed by developments in South Africa which have resulted in the loss of even the existing very limited rights of large numbers of people and where fundamental human rights have been suppressed.

"We wish you all success in your endeavour to protect these basic human rights and secure the freedom of the African people."

C.V.M. FORDE - GENERAL SECRETARY,  
CONVENTION PEOPLE'S PARTY (C.P.P.)

"On the occasion of your 42nd Conference I, on behalf of my Party, send you fraternal greetings.

"The heroic struggle of the African National Congress in the South of our great continent against the violence of apartheid and many other forms of injustice perpetrated against the African and the coloured in your country has won the deep sympathy and admiration of the people here in West Africa.

"No sacrifice is too great for protecting the basic human rights and freedom for which you so bravely fight, and since right is on your

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side, time is also surely on your side, and, like ourselves, there is bound to be victory for you.

"Carry on, brave brothers and sisters and remember always, that you are not alone in this titanic struggle, for not only Africans and people of African descent stand by you, but also millions of people of all races who value human dignity and abhor the atrocity of inhumanity and injustice and who believe in the brotherhood of man.

"Be sure, and have implicit faith that no matter what happens, the forces of fascism will in the end be overpowered by the invincible forces of right.

"I wish you very successful deliberations."

GEORGE A. HOUSER - AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION AND THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY.

"I send greetings on behalf of myself, the American Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the Congress of Racial Equality on the occasion of your 42nd Annual Conference. Since I returned a few weeks ago from my visit to South Africa I have discovered anew how concerned many American people are about your struggle. There are literally millions of Americans who feel that it not just your struggle, but theirs as well. Many of these people would wish that they were not so far removed from South Africa so that they could participate actively. On their behalf I should like to say that we stand ready to help in whatever ways we can from this distance.

"With the retrogressive trend that is obvious in South Africa there will be many provocations which may tempt the non-white people to methods of violence. Such schemes as the Western Areas Removal Project in Johannesburg, the Bantu Education Act, the Criminal Laws Amendment Act, etc., are measures which tempt men to devise any method which would appear to offer some chance of effective resistance.

"-gain speaking on behalf of many others with whom I have conferred here, we hope that nothing will deter you from the course of non-violence upon which you so successfully embarked during the Defiance Campaign of 1952. It will along these lines that hope for the future lies for a democratic South Africa free of a colour bar.

"Please let us know of suggestions you have and how we can be of assistance."

W.A. HUNTON - COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

"The Council on African Affairs sends warmest greetings to the African National Congress on the occasion of its 42nd Annual Conference.

"The strength of your movement is attested not only by the attacks upon its leaders in South Africa, but also by the insidious campaign of propagandists in the press and magazines in this country attempting to discredit your organization and its activities, and, in fact, the entire liberation struggle of Africans throughout the continent. But we believe that Americans, and particularly Negro Americans, who have themselves a tradition of struggle against political tyranny and slavery, will not be easily misled by such pro-imperialist propaganda. If you can learn the true facts about South Africa and about your fight for freedom and justice, they will remain your steadfast allies and supporters.

"It has been the purpose of our Council down through the years as well as today to provide the American public with such truthful information. As a consequence, the South African Government has banned our publications in your country, and the United States Government has branded our



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organization "subversive", harrassing and threatening it, and had deprived the leaders of the Council, Paul Robeson and Dr W.E.B. DuBois of their freedom to travel abroad. But our work is going on, and it will go on.

"We salute the African National Congress and congratulate it for continuing to lead the way forward to a democratic South Africa. We pledge to continue and increase our efforts to bring the people of this country to the full realisation that they give to the democratic forces in South Africa at the same time adds the advancement of democracy in their own land and the cause of peace and freedom throughout the world.

"With all best wishes for the success of your Conference and the achievement of your objectives."

R. PALME DUTT - BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY.

"Warmest greetings for the 42nd Annual Conference of the African National Congress. The noble and courageous struggle which you are conducting for elementary human and democratic liberties against the offensive of reaction and racial discrimination is being followed with the closest attention, support and administration by all democratic and progressive opinion in every country in the world.

"You may be sure that we shall make every effort to mobilise and strengthen support for you in your just cause."

FETTER BROCKWAY M.P. - CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLES AGAINST IMPERIALISM, MOVEMENT FOR COLONIAL FREEDOM.

"I am very glad to send a message of goodwill and solidarity to your 42nd Annual Conference. South Africa is in the front line of the world-wide struggle for racial equality and human liberty. You have the most difficult task in the whole continent of Africa. You are fighting not only your own cause, but for the freedom of African people in every territory, and I know that millions of men and women are joined with you in sympathy and want to help you in your heroic campaign. We have heard with great interest of the preparations for the assembly of the Congress of the People which is to draw up a Freedom Charter for the people of South Africa. You can count upon the Movement for Colonial Freedom in Britain, which has made extraordinary progress during the six months since it was established, and now has an affiliated membership of two and one-half million, to give you all possible support. The same is true of course, of the Congress of Peoples Against Imperialism, which represents the national movements of ten African countries as well as movements in Asia. We shall be looking eagerly for reports of your Congress and hope it will be a great success."

PAUL ROBESON, - GREAT AFRICAN SINGER

"It is a great privilege for me to send you greetings on the occasion of your 42nd Annual Conference. I send also warmest greetings to your President-General, Secretary-General and your other leaders who have been barred from taking part in this Conference and in the work of the Congress.

"I note especially this period of your struggle, note the most violent fascist-like attacks upon your basic freedoms, upon your profound hopes for a different South Africa.

"In America, the position of the Government has been subjected to the sharpest criticism in the general press and especially among the American of African descent. We shall do all we can immediately to move great masses into the struggle behind you. This can be done.

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"Americans of one kind see Africa, and particularly South Africa, as the continent of today and the future. This America of Industry and Finance seeks in subtle ways to deprive African workers and the African people of the fruit of their land.

"But there is another America - and in relation to events in South Africa, the overwhelming majority of the American people of all groups recognize and will more deeply understand the demands of your Congress.

"Americans are being forced to see a new world coming on, a new world getting stronger and stronger. They see hundreds of millions in India pressing on. They have seen 600 million of the Chinese people become a major power. They see new People's Democracies leaping into struggles for their freedom. So they understand your aspirations, and great sections of opinion here can and must be moved into action - in the United Nations, through our Council, and in many parallel ways.

"There should be and must be much closer and stronger bonds between us because of the very nature of our common struggle for human decency and dignity, for the welfare of all men, and for an enduring peace based upon democratic cooperation among all peoples. I shall continue to do all that I can toward the strengthening of these bonds and towards the final achievement of these goals.

"I have been very happy to learn that my recorded voice is heard among you, and has perhaps contributed in some small way to your great courage and strength in carrying forward your banner in the face of the most cruel persecution and oppression. But I wish that my contribution, that the contribution of all of us here in the United States who support your just cause, could be much greater.

"I know that I am ever by your side, that I am deeply proud that you are my brothers and sisters and nephews and nieces - that I sprang from your forbears. We come from a mighty, courageous people, creators of great civilizations in the past, creators of new ways of life in our own time and in the future. We shall win our freedoms together. Our folk will have their place in the ranks of those shaping human destiny.

"With my most sincerest hope for the success of all your undertakings."

DR. W. E. B. DU BOIS.

"I am afraid that this letter may not reach you in time to be read to the Congress, but I would like to have you know how deeply interested I am in your movement and hopeful for its success.

"You perhaps know that the various African National Congresses that have been held in the last few years all began and were incited by the Pan-African Congress which I called in Paris in 1919 during the Versailles Peace Congress.

"Another Congress was held in London, Paris and Brussels in 1921, and a third in Lisbon in 1923, at which time I made my first trip to Africa.

"I am greatly encouraged to see how the congressional movement and the subsequent efforts for African freedom are spreading.

"I wish you every success.

REV. MICHAEL SCOTT

"I should be glad if you would convey my good wishes to the Conference for its success in the great work of leading your people in their struggle for freedom. I wish I could convey this in person, but

although I am not allowed by the Government at present to return to South Africa the injustices suffered by your people and their great task of liberating South Africa so that all races may be free there are constantly in my thoughts! I do hope it will be possible for your Conference to give some consideration to the suggestions contained in the enclosed report of the United Nations Commission and accompanying papers.

"I feel it is so important to emphasize that freedom for one part of South Africa cannot be bought at the price of depriving the others and that the struggle for freedom is one in which people of all races must play their full part.

"With all good wishes."

YUSUF CACHALIA & D.U. MISTRY - SECRETARIES  
SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONGRESS.

"On behalf of the South African Indian Congress we take this opportunity of sending a message of support and solidarity to the delegates assembled from all corners of the country at the 42nd Annual Conference of the African National Congress to steer the ship of freedom in the troubled waters of South Africa. You are meeting at a time when the government of the country has passed into the hands of the fire-eating extremists of the Nationalist Party which is determined to degrade, humiliate, impoverish and enslave the non-European people of our land in the interests of "white basskap".

"We know that you will take bold decisions to meet the fascist onslaught of the race-mad Herrenvolk; in such decisions we shall stand firmly by your side. In the recent past we have been able to forge a strong bond of brotherhood between our peoples by embarking upon joint struggles in defence of right and justice. Today the front has broadened to include all the sections of the South African population into the fold of the liberation movement which constitutes the only effective opposition to the reckless policies of the Government.

"May your deliberations be guided by the best interests of the people of our country and may they inspire the masses to strive with all their might to achieve the freedom of this unhappy land in our life-time."

"Mayibuye Afrika!"

TAIEB SLEM - NEO-DESTOUR PARTY  
TUNISIA.

"On the occasion of the Annual Conference of the African National Congress I bring to you the greetings of the Neo-Destour Party and of all Tunisian people. We in Tunisia express to you our whole-hearted solidarity in your struggle for the achievement of these fundamental rights without which political independence is a mockery.

"In the midst of our struggle for the liberation of North Africa we salute you in South Africa and express to you our unshaken determination to unite with you and with all forces striving today for the liberation from colonial domination of this great continent.

"The people of Tunisia join with you in proclaiming our absolute opposition to all forms of racialism and racial domination & that scourge from which we in Africa have so long suffered at the hands of colonialists and foreign settlers. We pledge ourselves to unite with you in creating in Africa a common movement whose aim shall be the establishment of national independence and social freedom and equality for every African born and living on this continent.

"We wish you on the occasion of your Annual Conference the very best success in your own struggle within South Africa and urge you to organize and strengthen by all means your contacts with all national organizations in Africa pledged to this common aim - the freedom of Africa.

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CANON L. JOHN COLLINS.

- " Greetings to the African National Congress on the occasion of its 42nd Annual Conference; this message brings you the assurance of my continuing support and goodwill.
- " I believe the words and actions of the African and the Indian Congresses are the authentic words and actions of the non-enfranchised majority of the people of South Africa: it is for this reason that I look for the ultimate victory in your campaign for freedom from oppression and tyranny. Police intimidation, mounting injustice, all oppression, all discrimination, all apathy these and other evils will not, I am convinced, cause you to flinch in your purpose, or break your discipline: your policy of effective non-violent resistance to injustice must succeed.
- " May all who share a determination to free the non-Europeans in South Africa from oppression and to give them their proper rights and responsibilities in a free South African society, both black and white, find in Congress the power the inspiration, the discipline and the efficiency of organisation to enable them, together, to build a new multi-racial society in South Africa, whose political, economic and social policies are based upon a sincere and realistic acceptance of the highest possible moral and spiritual insights".

HOWARD FAST - GREAT AMERICAN WRITER.

- " To the African National Congress:
- " Even here, so far away, we know your name, your courage, and your brave and fine roll in the cause of human dignity and freedom.
- " We live in a land where, unfortunately, the horror of race discrimination exists on every hand. How well do we know the misery and suffering that the Negro people in our land and in yours endure.
- " But the time of that endurance is short, and the age of villainess and shamefulness is coming to an end. Already, colonialism crumbles on every side, and in those places of the earth where evil and greedy men strive to perpetuate feudalism, a mighty wind of anger is beginning to blow. Then let it blow harshly and strongly. The end of the bondage of mankind is at hand.
- " I greet you, brothers, in the name of the future, a future wherein the whole brotherhood of mankind, in all his beautiful and wonderful diversity, shall stand up free and proud. For peace, equality, freedom and democracy"

F. PHILIP EASTMAN - JOINT SECRETARY -  
THE BRITISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

- " For obvious reasons it is not the policy of this Council to associate itself with organisations having a political programme in other countries. But I am enclosing with this letter of acknowledgement a copy of a recent press release

reporting a resolution adopted by this Council on the 27th October. This resolution clearly shows the concern of Christian opinion in this country with regard to the education of the Bantu and the freedom of the Church. You may be assured also of the prayers of many Christian people in this country for the future of the Union of South Africa."

RESOLUTION.

Racial policy in South Africa.

The following resolution was adopted today by the British Council of Churches as its half-yearly meeting in London:-

The British Council of Churches believing

- 1) That the just relationship of persons of different races is of vital interest to the whole Christian Church;
2. That the policy of the South African Government as expressed in the Native Resettlement Act and the Bantu Education Act whereby it is proposed to ensure the mental as well as the physical segregation of the Bantu "in his own community", and to deny him any place "in the European community above the level of certain forms of labour", is not only an offence against human rights, but also against the Divine Law set forth in the Bible;

and noting the contents of the recent Circular threatening the cancellation of leases to missions in African locations if representatives of these Churches to which leases have been given take part in activities which the government regards as of a "subversive nature" or tending to "encourage deterioration in the relationship between the Natives and Governmental persons or bodies";

hereby affirms its whole-hearted support of the Declaration made by the World Council of Churches at Evanston on inter-group relations, including the following words:-

"It is the duty of the Church to protest against any law or arrangement that is unjust to any human being, or which would make Christian fellowship impossible, or which would prevent the Christian from practising his vocation... The Church of Christ cannot approve of any law which discriminates on grounds of race, which restricts the opportunity of any man to acquire education to prepare himself for his vocation, to procure or to practise employment in his vocation, or in any other way curtails his exercise of the full rights and responsibilities of citizenship for sharing in the responsibilities and duties of government"

Accordingly, the British Council of Churches asks the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, in consultation with responsible leaders of other churches, and with the chairman of the International Department, to appoint a special group to advise the churches at an early date concerning opportunities for action which would strengthen the churches in South Africa."

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H. F. YOUNG - CHAIRMAN - SHEFFIELD BRANCH OF THE  
FIRST BRIGADES UNION.

- " The members of the Sheffield Branch of the Fire  
Brigades Union, wholeheartedly support you in your  
campaign against segregation, and wish your Congress  
all success.
- " Best wishes."

THE HONOURABLE REGINALD SORENSON M.P.  
HOUSE OF COMMONS - LONDON.

- " Most people in Britain receive with dismay and indignation  
news of the ever-increasing indignities being imposed  
on non-Europeans in South Africa.
- " To me, the policy still being pursued is a shameful one,  
utterly inconsistent with the Christian faith nominally  
professed by those who have initiated it.
- " I trust your Congress will not only have appreciation of  
wide-spread criticism and condemnation in this country,  
but also that in its deliberations it will be fortified  
by that appreciation. It is a betrayal of our common  
humanity to attempt to treat any part of it as essential  
inferiors, and I pray that all South African human beings  
will yet come to accept such attempts as flagrantly evil.
- " May your Conference be both resolute and wise in its  
decisions and on behalf of all mankind never cease to  
struggle for human dignity and true freedom and main-  
tain its faith in ultimate success."

THE HONOURABLE ARTHUR BLENKINCO M. P.  
HOUSE OF COMMONS - LONDON.

- " I hear that you are holding your Annual Conference next  
month and I should like to add my name to the many others  
who will be writing to you to assure you of our sympathy  
and support.
- " Very many of us feel that the action of the South African  
government is bringing discredit on the whole common-  
wealth."

THE HONOURABLE JOHN BARKIN M.P.  
HOUSE OF COMMONS - ENGLAND.

- " I hope your Conference on 19th December will be a great  
success and I trust that your Freedom Charter will command  
unanimous support at your Congress.
- " I can assure you that your struggle for fundamental human  
rights and in opposition to the increasing oppression and  
racial discrimination of your Nationalist rulers is  
watched with great sympathy in this country.
- " You have my warmest support in your struggle."

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FATHER TREVOR HUDDLESTON C.R.  
COMMUNITY OF THE RESURRECTION.

" I have great pleasure in wishing your Conference every blessing. The struggle of the African people has entered upon a new phase - particularly with the passing of the Bantu Education Act, and its immensely serious consequences for the people. Again, the Western Areas Removal Scheme and all that goes with it, is a matter of grave urgency. I am convinced that in these dark and very difficult days the African National Congress has a vital part to play in leading the African people, and I have every confidence that its leadership will, in the end, prove victorious.

" I would like, once more, publicly to identify myself with Congress in this struggle, and to assure them that I will do my utmost in its support."

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RTV. JOHN HENRY OWENS M.A. (LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE)

" I felt highly honoured, privileged and humbled at being asked through your communication of 25th November to address a word or two to the forthcoming 42nd Annual Conference which will convene at the Bantu Social Centre, from the 15th to the 19th of December.

" To have a part - even a small part - in so momentous and epoch shaking event, is a privilege which any lover of liberty and equality should envy.

" The policy of "Apartheid" is an unnatural and heinous political and social philosophy, maintained for the premacy, which is only a tool to help in the further exploitation and enslavement of people who happen to be at that particular historical moment, less strong and less able to resist the purpose of the overlords in their policy of brigandage and racial degradation.

" Certainly, you are to be most highly commended in possessing a will to resist the nefarious policies of the intruders into your hereditary patrimony and fatherland, who would degrade and abuse you upon your own indigenous territory. To such gallant and determined people, who are resisting at great odds and heroic sacrifices, I salute you. I salute you again and again. Be of stout heart. The forces of God and History are on your side."

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RTV. A. F. BLAXALL

" Your invitation to send a message of goodwill on the occasion of the 42nd Annual Conference of your Congress is much appreciated.

" In my personal capacity I have much pleasure in assuring you that I shall follow the proceedings with the utmost interest, and with my prayers. I regret that I cannot write in the name of any organisation to which I belong, but you will understand that organisations of a national character mean that such a message would have to be submitted first to a responsible committee for approval, a procedure for which there is no time.

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- " I am personally convinced that the project your Conference proposes to embark upon, to gather with certain other bodies, is of the utmost importance and significance at this critical time in the contemporary history of our country. While there is still room for differences of opinion concerning the details of organisation, in general principle I am sure all who believe in the right of all men to progress to the utmost of the powers with which God has endowed them sorely needs to be formulated in a which will be unequivocal in its wording.
- " Will any of the sessions of your conference be open to interested friends? If so, I would make a special effort to go to Durban in order to have the privilege of listening to your discussions."

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T.S. SACHS.

"From distant Manchester I send my warmest greetings to the 42nd Annual Conference of the African National Congress."

"I know the many difficulties facing the African people in their great struggle for human rights. I know that South Africa has been swept by successive waves of repression.

"Convinced of the justness of their cause and that the future belongs to the people not to their oppressors, I feel confident that the African people supported by all who want to see South Africa a great democratic nation, and not a fascist police state, will carry on the fight for freedom, with ever increasing energy and determination.

"The overwhelming majority of the people of Britain, and all freedom loving people throughout the world wholeheartedly sympathise with you and I express the hope that this sincere sympathy will in the not distant future be converted into positive support.

"May South Africa soon be free from racial discrimination poverty and backwardness and may the whole of the African continent cease to be a Continent of oppression and misery and become an area of peace, cooperation and prosperity.

"The fight for liberty call for sacrifice, unity and courage.

"May your conference inspire these qualities among all who desire freedom."

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THE HONOURABLE A. CRETECH JONES M.P.  
HOUSE OF COMMONS - LONDON.

"I send the African National Congress my very best wishes for its meeting at Durban in December.

"We are immensely troubled by the drift of events in South Africa and particularly the racial policies which are being pursued. It all seems so short-sighted that racial antagonisms should be encouraged when the only hope of mankind is in racial co-operation. The deprivation of basic political rights may be possible as a policy for a time but it is unlikely that people will tolerate for long the repressions and hardships associated with such a policy. A change will come and it will be an unhappy experience for those who have dominated the political and social life of the country.

"I hope the struggle of your Congress will go on until a greater sanity finds expression in the life of the Union and the discriminations on grounds of race and colour are eliminated altogether.

"My very best wishes for the success of your conference and the educational work which the National Congress engages in.

"With all good wishes."

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ALISASTROAMIDJOJO - PRIME MINISTER,  
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

"I hereby wish you and the African National Congress every success in your struggle in defence of fundamental human rights and against oppression and racial discrimination.

"The sympathy and goodwill of the Indonesian people are with you".

ANGIOLA MINELLA - GENERAL SECRETARY,  
WOMENS INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION.

"The Womens International Democratic Federation warmly greets the 42nd Annual Conference of the African National Congress.

"We wish you further successes in your valiant struggle for fundamental human rights, democratic liberties and freedom from racial oppression".

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC  
YOUTH.

"Warm fraternal greetings to you 42nd Annual Conference.

"The world will always fully support your fight against oppression, discrimination, for human rights, peace and independence.

"Victory will be yours".

BALVANTRAY MEHTA - GENERAL SECRETARY,  
INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

"On behalf of the Indian National Congress, I send you our greetings and good wishes on the occasion of the Annual Conference of the African National Congress.

"You are aware that the Government and people of India are firmly opposed to racial discrimination as well as colonial domination. They stand for multi-racial societies where every group has full freedom. We have been deeply distressed by developments in South Africa which have resulted in the loss of even the existing very limited rights of large numbers of people and where fundamental human rights have been suppressed.

"We wish you all success in your endeavour to protect these basic human rights and secure the freedom of the African people."

C.V.M. FORDE - GENERAL SECRETARY,  
CONVENTION PEOPLE'S PARTY (C.P.P.)

"On the occasion of your 42nd Conference I, on behalf of my Party, send you fraternal greetings.

"The heroic struggle of the African National Congress in the South of our great continent against the violence of apartheid and many other forms of injustice perpetrated against the African and the coloured in your country has won the deep sympathy and admiration of the people here in West Africa.

"No sacrifice is too great for protecting the basic human rights and freedom for which you so bravely fight, and since right is on your

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side, time is also surely on your side, and, like ourselves, there is bound to be victory for you.

"Carry on, brave brothers and sisters and remember always, that you are not alone in this titanic struggle, for not only Africans and people of African descent stand by you, but also millions of people of all races who value human dignity and abhor the atrocity of inhumanity and injustice and who believe in the brotherhood of man.

"Be sure, and have implicit faith that no matter what happens, the forces of fascism will in the end be overpowered by the invincible forces of right.

"I wish you very successful deliberations."

GEORGE M. HOUSER - AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION AND THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY.

"I send greetings on behalf of myself, the American Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the Congress of Racial Equality on the occasion of your 42nd Annual Conference. Since I returned a few weeks ago from my visit to South Africa I have discovered anew how concerned many American people are about your struggle. There are literally millions of Americans who feel that it not just your struggle, but theirs as well. Many of these people would wish that they were not so far removed from South Africa so that they could participate actively. On their behalf I should like to say that we stand ready to help in whatever ways we can from this distance.

"With the retrogressive trend that is obvious in South Africa there will be many provocations which may tempt the non-white people to methods of violence. Such schemes as the Western Areas Removal Project in Johannesburg, the Bantu Education Act, the Criminal Laws Amendment Act, etc., are measures which tempt men to devise any method which would appear to offer some chance of effective resistance.

"Again speaking on behalf of many others with whom I have conferred here, we hope that nothing will deter you from the course of non-violence upon which you so successfully embarked during the Defiance Campaign of 1952. It will along these lines that hope for the future lies for a democratic South Africa free of a colour bar.

"Please let us know of suggestions you have and how we can be of assistance."

W.A. HUNTON - COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

"The Council on African Affairs sends warmest greetings to the African National Congress on the occasion of its 42nd Annual Conference.

"The strength of your movement is attested not only by the attacks upon its leaders in South Africa, but also by the insidious campaign of propagandists in the press and magazines in this country attempting to discredit your organization and its activities, and, in fact, the entire liberation struggle of Africans throughout the continent. But we believe that Americans, and particularly Negro Americans, who have themselves a tradition of struggle against political tyranny and slavery, will not be easily misled by such pro-imperialist propaganda. If you can learn the true facts about South Africa and about your fight for freedom and justice, they will remain your steadfast allies and supporters.

"It has been the purpose of our Council down through the years as well as today to provide the American public with such truthful information. As a consequence, the South African Government has banned our publications in your country, and the United States Government has branded our

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organization "subversive", harrasing and threatening it, and had deprived the leaders of the Council, Paul Robeson and Dr W.E.B. DuBois of their freedom to travel abroad. But our work is going on, and it will go on.

"We salute the African National Congress and congratulate it for continuing to lead the way forward to a democratic South Africa. We pledge to continue and increase our efforts to bring the people of this country to the full realisation that they give to the democratic forces in South Africa at the same time aids the advancement of democracy in their own land and the cause of peace and freedom throughout the world.

"With all best wishes for the success of your Conference and the achievement of your objectives."

R. PALME DUTT - BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY.

"Warmest greetings for the 42nd Annual Conference of the African National Congress. The noble and courageous struggle which you are conducting for elementary human and democratic liberties against the offensive of reaction and racial discrimination is being followed with the closest attention, support and administration by all democratic and progressive opinion in every country in the world.

"You may be sure that we shall make every effort to mobilise and strengthen support for you in your just cause."

FENNER BROCKWAY M.P. - CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLES AGAINST IMPERIALISM, MOVEMENT FOR COLONIAL FREEDOM.

"I am very glad to send a message of goodwill and solidarity to your 42nd annual Conference. South Africa is in the front line of the world-wide struggle for racial equality and human liberty. You have the most difficult task in the whole continent of Africa. You are fighting not only your own cause, but for the freedom of African people in every territory, and I know that millions of men and women are joined with you in sympathy and want to help you in your heroic campaign. We have heard with great interest of the preparations for the assembly of the Congress of the People which is to draw up a Freedom Charter for the people of South Africa. You can count upon the Movement for Colonial Freedom in Britain, which has made extraordinary progress during the six months since it was established, and now has an affiliated membership of two and one-half million, to give you all possible support. The same is true of course, of the Congress of Peoples Against Imperialism, which represents the national movements of ten African countries as well as movements in Asia. We shall be looking eagerly for reports of your Congress and hope it will be a great success."

PAUL ROBESON.- GREAT AMERICAN SINGER

"It is a great privilege for me to send you greetings on the occasion of your 42nd Annual Conference. I send also warmest greetings to your President-General, Secretary-General and your other leaders who have been barred from taking part in this Conference and in the work of the Congress,

"I note especially this period of your struggle, note the most violent fascist-like attacks upon your basic freedoms, upon your profound hopes for a different South Africa.

"In America, the position of the Government has been subjected to the sharpest criticism in the general press and especially among the American of African descent. We shall do all we can immediately to move great masses into the struggle behind you. This can be done.

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"Americans of one kind see Africa, and particularly South Africa, as the continent of today and the future. This America of Industry and Finance seeks in subtle ways to deprive African workers and the African people of the fruit of their land.

"But there is another America - and in relation to events in South Africa, the overwhelming majority of the American people of all groups recognize and will more deeply understand the demands of your Congress.

"Americans are being forced to see a new world coming on, a new world getting stronger and stronger. They see hundreds of millions in India pressing on. They have seen 600 million of the Chinese people become a major power. They see new People's Democracies leaping into struggles for their freedom. So they understand your aspirations, and great sections of opinion here can and must be moved into action - in the United Nations, through our Council, and in many parallel ways.

"There should be and must be much closer and stronger bonds between us because of the very nature of our common struggle for human decency and dignity, for the welfare of all men, and for an enduring peace based upon democratic cooperation among all peoples. I shall continue to do all that I can toward the strengthening of these bonds and towards the final achievement of these goals.

"I have been very happy to learn that my recorded voice is heard among you, and has perhaps contributed in some small way to your great courage and strength in carrying forward your banner in the face of the most cruel persecution and oppression. But I wish that my contribution, that the contribution of all of us here in the United States who support your just cause, could be much greater.

"I know that I am ever by your side, that I am deeply proud that you are my brothers and sisters and nephews and nieces - that I sprang from your forbears. We come from a mighty, courageous people, creators of great civilizations in the past, creators of new ways of life in our own time and in the future. We shall win our freedoms together. Our folk will have their place in the ranks of those shaping human destiny.

"With my most sincerest hope for the success of all your undertakings."

DR. W.E.B. DU BOIS.

"I am afraid that this letter may not reach you in time to be read to the Congress, but I would like to have you know how deeply interested I am in your movement and hopeful for its success.

"You perhaps know that the various African National Congresses that have been held in the last few years all began and were incited by the Pan-African Congress which I called in Paris in 1919 during the Versailles Peace Congress.

"Another Congress was held in London, Paris and Brussels in 1921, and a third in Lisbon in 1923, at which time I made my first trip to Africa.

"I am greatly encouraged to see how the congressional movement and the subsequent efforts for African freedom are spreading.

"I wish you every success.

REV. MICHAEL SCOTT

"I should be glad if you would convey my good wishes to the Conference for its success in the great work of leading your people in their struggle for freedom. I wish I could convey this in person, but

although I am not allowed by the Government at present to return to South Africa the injustices suffered by your people and their great task of liberating South Africa so that all races may be free there are constantly in my thoughts. I do hope it will be possible for your Conference to give some consideration to the suggestions contained in the enclosed report of the United Nations Commission and accompanying papers.

"I feel it is so important to emphasis that freedom for one part of South Africa cannot be bought at the price of depriving the others and that the struggle for freedom is one in which people of all races must play their full part.

"With all good wishes."

YUSUF CACHALIA & D.U. MISTRY - SECRETARIES  
SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONGRESS.

"On behalf of the South African Indian Congress we take this opportunity of sending a message of support and solidarity to the delegates assembled from all corners of the country at the 42nd Annual Conference of the African National Congress to steer the ship of freedom in the troubled waters of South Africa. You are meeting at a time when the government of the country has passed into the hands of the fire-eating extremists of the Nationalist Party which is determined to degrade, humiliate, impoverish and enslave the non-European people of our land in the interests of "white basskap".

"We know that you will take bold decisions to meet the fascist onslaught of the race-mad herrenvolk; in such decisions we shall stand firmly by your side. In the recent past we have been able to forge a strong bond of brotherhood between our peoples by embarking upon joint struggles in defence of right and justice. Today the front has broadened to include all the sections of the South African population into the fold of the liberation movement which constitutes the only effective opposition to the reckless policies of the Government.

"May your deliberations be guided by the best interests of the people of our country and may they inspire the masses to strive with all their might to achieve the freedom of this unhappy land in our life-time."

"Mayibuye Afrika!"

TAIEB SLIM - NEO-DESTOUR PARTY  
TUNISIA.

"On the occasion of the Annual Conference of the African National Congress I bring to you the greetings of the Neo-Destour Party and of all Tunisian people. We in Tunisia express to you our whole-hearted solidarity in your struggle for the achievement of these fundamental rights without which political independence is a mockery.

"In the midst of our struggle for the liberation of North Africa we salute you in South Africa and express to you our unshaken determination to unite with you and with all forces striving today for the liberation from colonial domination of this great continent.

"The people of Tunisia join with you in proclaiming our absolute opposition to all forms of racialism and racial domination & that scourge from which we in Africa have so long suffered at the hands of colonialists and foreign settlers. We pledge ourselves to unite with you in creating in Africa a common movement whose aim shall be the establishment of national independence and social freedom and equality for every African born and living on this continent.

"We wish you on the occasion of your Annual Conference the very best success in your own struggle within South Africa and urge you to organise and strengthen by all means your contacts with all national organisations in Africa pledged to this common aim - the freedom of Africa.

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CANON L. JOHN COLLINS.

" Greetings to the African National Congress on the occasion of its 42nd Annual Conference; this message brings you the assurance of my continuing support and goodwill.

" I believe the words and actions of the African and the Indian Congresses are the authentic words and actions of the non-enfranchised majority of the people of South Africa: it is for this reason that I look for the ultimate victory in your campaign for freedom from oppression and tyranny. Police intimidation, mounting injustice, all oppression, all discrimination, all apathy these and other evils will not, I am convinced, cause you to flinch in your purpose, or break your discipline: your policy of active non-violent resistance to injustice must succeed.

" May all who share a determination to free the non-Europeans in South Africa from oppression and to give them their proper rights and responsibilities in a free South African society, both black and white, find in Congress the power the inspiration, the discipline and the efficiency of organisation to enable them, together, to build a new multi-racial society in South Africa, whose political, economic and social policies are based upon a sincere and realistic acceptance of the highest possible moral and spiritual insights".

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HOWARD FAST - GREAT AMERICAN WRITER.

" To the African National Congress:

" Even here, so far away, we know your name, your courage, and your brave and fine roll in the cause of human dignity and freedom.

" We live in a land where, unfortunately, the horror of race discrimination exists on every hand. How well do we know the misery and suffering that the Negro people in our land and in yours endure.

" But the time of that endurance is short, and the age of vileness and shamefulness is coming to an end. Already, colonialism crumbles on every side, and in those places of the earth where evil and greedy men strive to perpetuate feudalism, a mighty wind of anger is beginning to blow. Then let it blow harshly and strongly. The end of the bondage of mankind is at hand.

" I greet you, brothers, in the name of the future, a future wherein the whole brotherhood of mankind, in all his beautiful and wonderful diversity, shall stand up free and proud. For peace, equality, freedom and democracy"

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F. PHILIP EASTMAN - JOINT SECRETARY - THE BRITISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

" For obvious reasons it is not the policy of this Council to associate itself with organisations having a political programme in other countries. But I am enclosing with this letter of acknowledgement a copy of a recent press release

reporting a resolution adopted by this Council on the 27th October. This resolution clearly shows the concern of Christian opinion in this country with regard to the education of the Bantu and the freedom of the Church. You may be assured also of the prayers of many Christian people in this country for the future of the Union of South Africa."

RESOLUTION.

Racial policy in South Africa.

The following resolution was adopted today by the British Council of Churches as its half-yearly meeting in London:-

The British Council of Churches believing

- 1) That the just relationship of persons of different races is of vital interest to the whole Christian Church;
2. That the policy of the South African Government as expressed in the Native Bessettlement Act and the Bantu Education Act whereby it is proposed to ensure the mental as well as the physical segregation of the Bantu "in his own community", and to deny him any place "in the European community above the level of certain forms of labour", is not only an offence against human rights, but also against the Divine Law set forth in the Bible:

and noting the contents of the recent Circular threatening the cancellation of leases to missions in African locations if representatives of those Churches to which leases have been given take part in activities which the government regards as of a "subversive nature" or tending to "encourage deterioration in the relationship between the Natives and Governmental persons or bodies";

hereby affirms its whole-hearted support of the Declaration made by the World Council of Churches at Evanston on inter-group relations, including the following words:-

"It is the duty of the Church to protest against any law or arrangement that is unjust to any human being, or which would make Christian fellowship impossible, or would prevent the Christian from practising his vocation... The Church of Christ cannot approve of any law which discriminates on grounds of race, which restricts the opportunity of any man to acquire education to prepare himself for his vocation, to procure or to practise employment in his vocation, or in any other way curtails his exercise of the full rights and responsibilities of citizenship for sharing in the responsibilities and duties of government"

Accordingly, the British Council of Churches asks the Archbishop of Canterbury, in consultation with responsible leaders of other churches, and with the chairman of the International Department, to appoint a special group to advise the churches at an early date concerning opportunities for action which would strengthen the churches in South Africa."



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H. T. YOUNG - CHAIRMAN - SHEFFIELD BRANCH OF THE  
FIRE BRIGADES UNION.

- " The members of the Sheffield Branch of the Fire brigades Union, wholeheartedly support you in your campaign against segregation, and wish your Congress all success.
- " Best wishes."

THE HONOURABLE REGINALD SORTONSON M.P.  
HOUSE OF COMMONS - LONDON.

- " Most people in Britain receive with dismay and indignation news of the ever-increasing indignities being imposed on non-Turopeans in South Africa.
- " To me, the policy still being pursued is a shameful one, utterly inconsistent with the Christian faith nominally professed by those who have initiated it.
- " I trust your Congress will not only have appreciation of wide-spread criticism and condemnation in this country, but also that in its deliberations it will be fortified by that appreciation. It is a betrayal of our common humanity to attempt to treat any part of it as essential inferiors, and I pray that all South African human beings will yet come to accept such attempts as flagrantly evil.
- " May your Conference be both resolute and wise in its decisions and on behalf of all mankind never cease to struggle for human dignity and true freedom and maintain its faith in ultimate success."

THE HONOURABLE ARTHUR BLENKINSON M. P.  
HOUSE OF COMMONS - LONDON.

- " I hear that you are holding your Annual Conference next month and I should like to add my name to the many others who will be writing to you to assure you of our sympathy and support.
- " Very many of us feel that the action of the South African government is bringing discredit on the whole commonwealth."

THE HONOURABLE JOHN RANKIN M.P.  
HOUSE OF COMMONS - ENGLAND.

- " I hope your Conference on 19th December will be a great success and I trust that your Freedom Charter will command unanimous support at your Congress.
- " I can assure you that your struggle for fundamental human rights and in opposition to the increasing oppression and racial discrimination of your Nationalist rulers is watched with great sympathy in this country.
- " You have my warmest support in your struggle."

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