

MR. J. G. KWEBULANA'S FAREWELL FUNCTION. 16: JUNE 1956 3. p.m.

1. Hymn : 116
2. Short Prayer.
3. Introductory Remarks by Chairman.
4. Song : Langa Methodist Senior Choir.
5. Speech : Mr Mguqulwa.
6. Song : Miss Kwatsha's Company.
7. Speech : Mr Njokweni.
8. Song : Langa Methodist Senior Choir.
9. Speech : Mr Ngugunyeka.
10. Song : Miss Masimini's Company.
11. Speech : Miss Kwatsha (Methodist Staff Members)
12. Song : Miss Masimini's Company.
13. Speech : Mr Xakekile.
14. Song: Miss Kwatsha's Company.
15. Donations and Gifts.....Refreshments.....Refreshments....
16. Song : Langa Methodist Senior Choir.
17. Reply : Mr J. G. Kewbulana.
3. Hymn and Benediction.

"NKOSI SIKELELA IAFRIKA"

N187. ANC (Cape West)

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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

(WESTERN REGION)

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5 ALBERTUS STREET
CAPE TOWN

22nd Feb 1955.

THE SECRETARY, CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS,
P.O. Box 4088
JOHANNESBURG.
Dear Comrade,

Kindly send to this office ninety-eight dozen of the second edition of the Bantu Education Act pamphlets.


Yours fraternally,

J.S.P. Motloheloa

For: SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE.

P.S. I further acknowledge the receipt of your letter written to me at Elsie's sometime during this week about the said leaflets and would like, ^{to} make this point that the decision taken recently at the regional conference was that all literature of good interest to the A.N.C. be distributed to local branches through this region, so that means even my order will now have to be supplied by the said region.

Yours fraternally


J.S.P. Motloheloa
For: SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE:

Bewysstuk No.
Gekry by..... S.A.C.O.S.
Deur..... D. A. ...
Te..... 207 87. 110
Datum..... 27. 9. 55.
Verwysings No. 6

TO ALL BRANCHES OF THE WESTERN CAPE.
 Bewysstuk NO.....

Gekry by Nelson Mandela P.O. BOLDTWA,
 5/12/Korst. Rossouw Via Queenstown.

NRM 23 5/12/Korst. Rossouw
 5115 Orlando ~~25 Forst~~, J.H.B. 29th June, 1955.

Dear Sons and Daughters of Africa, 5/12/56

Verwysings No. It is with great pleasure that I have this opportunity of writing to you on matters that are of great importance in the interests of our Organisation, the African National Congress. I, in my capacity as your Provincial Secretary once more this year - 1955/56, and National Organiser of the A.N.C., wish to inform you as follows :-

(1) PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE : On the 18th - 19th June, as you know, we had our Provincial Conference at Korsten, Port Elizabeth. The Conference was attended by 115 delegates from various Branches in the Cape. In the Secretarial Report for the year, a full account showing the position in the Western Cape Region as seen by the National Organiser during his visit there in January this year, was given and discussed. The recommendation brought forward by him to dissolve this Region because of numerous irregularities therein as regards our Policy was unanimously accepted by the Conference. This Conference decision was a clear confirmation of the step taken by the National Organiser in January, that this Region be dissolved and that all Branches of A.N.C. in the Western Cape be directly responsible to the Provincial Head Office for administration. The position now is that NO BRANCH IN THE WESTERN CAPE MUST ATTEND TO ANY CIRCULAR GIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM ONE MR O.MPETHA WHO SIGNS CIRCULARS FOR THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE. Mr O.Mpetha will be officially notified by this Office that he should not at all communicate with our Branches there.

(2) MY NEXT VISIT : I have just returned from the National Head Office, Johannesburg, where we had also a meeting of the National Executive Committee. The Provincial Secretarial Report has been submitted before the National Executive Committee and the decision of the Cape Provincial Conference in connection with the Western Cape accepted. The National Executive Committee, however, has authorised me to come down to Cape Town and visit each Branch of Congress and put all the wrongs right. We need more education on the POLICY of Congress and what ANC stands for. It is on this very important point that the Branches of ANC in the Western Cape have been a victim of confusion which has further resulted in the misunderstanding between the Provincial Head Office and the Region. We, the National and Provincial Authorities feel that it is our duty to educate our Branches thoroughly on these vital points and once fully comprehended, there will be no more trouble.

In view of this tour round all the Branches of the Western Cape, which is my immediate engagement, each of the Branches in the Western Cape is hereby instructed to raise a sum of £4 (four pounds) to enable the National Organiser to visit the Western Cape in July. You will notice that the Provincial and National Authorities have made things very easy for each Branch as far as the travelling expenses are concerned. The usual way is that each Branch should pay the full train fare (return ticket) for the Official visiting it but, as Cape Town is so very far, and when an Official is already there, he must of necessity visit all the Branches. There is no other way then to have this tour successful other than by car. The National Organiser will have to hire the services of a car and spend about 3 WEEKS in the Western Province during which period no Branch will be left out.

It is a real shame to us as an Organisation of such repute and national importance to tell you that both the Provincial and National Treasurers have no funds due to the fact that our Branches are not properly organised. That is why each Branch has to be responsible for the travelling expenses of an Official. It is, however, hoped that when everything is running smoothly the Provincial Treasurer will be able to attend to Provincial Officials. The National Organiser will visit other Branches of the Cape in the same way.

I, therefore, humbly request each Branch to send this money, £4, on or before the 15th of July, 1955. This will therefore make it possible for me to be there before the end of July. As you have already read above, I have other Branches of the Cape to visit.

Please note that I shall be responsible to each Branch I visit as a Guest and not any Regional Committee to be responsible for me. I shall make my own arrangements before I go down and each Branch Executive will be duly notified about my official duties during my sojourn there.

...../2. Fellow Africans

Fellow Africans in the Struggle, I wish in my conclusion to say to you, "The Struggle for Liberation is a very big and long one. We need the co-operation of every one who calls himself/herself a member of ANC. No matter how far some of us are dissatisfied with the running of things; no matter to what extent some of us may be annoyed with one another, all these petty differences are but far less than the Struggle in which we are engaged. Let us all rise above all these petty differences and jealousies and rally around one another to mobilise our African forces for unity and solidarity. When I am there I wish you will all put first things first and, to me and my Executives, both Provincial and National, the Struggle for our Liberation comes first. Secondly, the organising of our people to join ANC needs the co-operation of each one of us. The other things which cause some of us to look askance at one another should be sunk forthwith." That is my sincerest and most humble appeal to you all. Let us all work together like Brothers and Sisters and have our beloved Organisation well founded.

This is a very urgent letter and all Branches in the Western Cape are requested to respond to it immediately. I should receive your £4 (four pounds) on or before the 15th July.

It is my wish when I have finished my tour there to leave that area with a properly constituted Regional Executive and a Working Committee. But, not until I receive your co-operation shall I endeavour to do so or I shall be compelled to divide the Western Cape Region into several Zones and allow certain Branches in one particular Zone to form a Region. This is quite permissible in accordance with the recommendations of the National Executive Report to the National Conference held in Durban in December last year. If it be your wish to have the Western Cape sub-divided, which is the next likely thing for me to do as people must work together, it will be done by me with full approval of the Provincial and National Executives. So, please respond to this communication and let me come over and have this matter settled once and for all.

Your immediate acknowledgment of the receipt of this letter will be highly appreciated, especially when you indicate that you will be sending the money on or before the date mentioned. That will then make me arrange accordingly as I have decided to give the Western Cape preference of my tour. If you then favour this arrangement, let me hear from you immediately you receive this letter and send the money later on, which will be before the 15th July.

With best wishes to all, and further wishing you every success in the fight against all suppressive measures of this country,

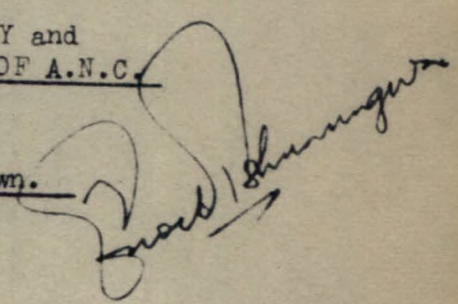
I am, dear Sons and Daughters of Africa,

Yours in the Struggle for Freedom,

T.E. kaTSHUNUNGWA,
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY and
NATIONAL ORGANISER OF A.N.C.

N.B. Please note that my address is now :- P.O. BOLOTWA,
Via Queenstown.

29th June, 1955.



IKOMKHULU LWEPHONDO LWEKAPA. 119

IOFISI KANOBALA : " KwesamaHala,"

P.O. BOLOTWA,

Via Queenstown.

20th Oct. '55.

To All National Branches in Cape Western Region (Xhosa)

KUWO ONKE AMASEBE OMBUTHO WESIZWE AKWI CAPE WESTERN REGION.

MaAfrika amahle,

NdiyaniBOTISA nonke! Namhlanje ndinibalela okokugqibela. Ukuba kwakhona aniyenzanga le miyalelo ndigunyaziswa yona luPhondo, mna ngokwam ndozihlamba ezam izandla ngakuni ndingabi nato yokwenza nani.

QONDANI EZI ZINTO KE MADODA :-

(1) Onke amanye amaSebe kolu Phondo ayazithobela zonke izinto ayalelwa zona, nini kuuphela maSebe aseNtshonalanga angavumiyo ukuthobela imiyalelo yale Ofisi. Nenza izinto ezisecaleni.

(2) UNdlunkulu woPhondo ukhuphe amaGosa akwaNdlunkulu ukuba ajikeleze kuwo onke amaSebe kulungiswe izinto zoMbutho weSizwe. AmaSebe onke ayithakakzelele le nto. Nini nodwa apho eKapa, eNtshonalanga abangayenzanga loo nto.

(3) Ndanixelela oko ndandilapho ukuba anikho konke emgaqweni we Congress, asiyiyo iCongress leyo ilapho. Zininzi izinto zoMbutho enizophulayo e.g. nathatha inxaxheba kwi " ELECTIONS " nisazi isigqibo sethu ukuba sithini na. Nicinga ukuba niza kwenza ngokuthanda kwenu apho?

(4) INGqungquthela yoPhondo ebiseBayi ngoJune lo uphelileyo nabunga ukuba ningayi nonke kodwa ke onke amanye amaSebe oluPhondo lweKapa, amaSebe avanayo nathobela imithetho kaNdlunkulu athumela abathunywa bawo yaphumelela iNgqungquthela. Umcimbi wokungaqhubi kwenu kakuhle nangokusengaqweni weCongress ndawubeka phambi kweNgqungquthela ndaza ndayixelanto yokuba mna ngokwam ndanidiliza nje ngeRegion, emandinikhumbuze ndithi yasekeka ngokungekho mgaqweni. INGqungquthela yaqinisekisa isenzo sam ngokuthi nidilizwe nje ngeRegion kusale amaSebe eCongress kuuphela aya kuthi alawulwe luPhondo. Esi sigwebo anisankeli. Nicinga ke ukuba yonke leCape Province ingaka ihlwempeke ngengqondo ukuba ibone ukuba mandilizwe nje nge Region kanti ke noko niseMxolweni?

(5) Nangoku ke nisandul' ukugabadela nenza into engekho mthethweni. Nibalele phaya eRawutini kwi National Head Quarters, nimangala. Loo nto yesimangalo senu ayamkelekanga kuba iKomkhulu lenu leli nishiya lona apha. Ibuyiselwe kwakuthi ke madoda kuba uhamba apho umgaqo weCongress. Ngumcimbi we Cape Provincial Head Quarters neCape Provincial Conference enigwebileyo.

(6) Mna ndonyulwe yiNgqungquthela yonke iphela ngendlela yethu esesikweni, ndaza nalapho ndavotelwa bubukhulu becala. Ndinikhumbuze ngesiphumo sevoti yeNgqungquthela : Kubathunywa ababe likhulu elineshumi elinesihlanu, 115 delegates, abavotela mna likhulu elizeleyo - 100 votes. Nina ke naningathunywa ndim ukuba ningezi eNgqungqutheleni apho ngenanonyule umntu oza kunivumela nenze ukuthanda kwenu. Apha elusibeni ndokutshwa yiNgqungquthela eyakuhlangana ngoJune ka1956. Okanye ke asuke uMnyamana andivale umlomo kuba engafuni mntu unidibanisayo maAfrika akuthi.

Mandinixelele le nto kwakhona, ndanditshilo kuni okuya ndandilapho :- Apa kwa Congress into engamandla nesikhokelayo yi "POLICY" yoMbutho. Umntu akutenxa kuyo nokuba ngubanina asisayi kumyeka. Ngoko ke, yekani ukulwa isiqu sendoda, jongani inkqubo yoMbutho weSizwe. UNOBALA NOKUBA NGUBANINA UKHOKELWA NGUMGAQO WOMBUTHO WESIZWE.

(7) Ndandiba ndoba sendivela eKapa ngoku sibe yonke le mbudumbudu sesiyilungisile kuba nam ngokwam ndiyafuna loo Region ime, isebenze. Kodwa ke anithandanga ukuba ndize, nisafuna ukuba nihlale ngokuthanda kwenu izinto ezichasene noMbutho. SOKUZE NDIZIVUMELE MNA NDISENGUNOBALA WALE CONGRESS NDIKUYO, DE KUBEKHO ENYE KE ENTSHA ENDINGEKABI LILUNGU LAYO KE MNA. Ixesha ke ngoku liphelile ndaye ndilungiselela amaSebe oluPhondo ukuya kwiNgqungquthela yethu yonyaka. IQumru loPhondo xa belihlangene kutsha nje, lisathi mandize apho phambi kokuba iNational Conference

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ke. Ke ndisathetha laa nto bendiyithetha izolo madoda, " Thumelani mali maSebe ndize apho njengawo onke amanye amaSebe la athumele imali kwasetyenzwa izinto zoMbutho. Ndifuna ukudibana nani nonke silungise izinto zoMbutho wethu. Sakuba sivene xa ndilapho, iREGION ndiyakumka ndiyisekile kakuhle nje ngazo zonke ezinye iiRegions ezi zoPhondo." Le mali ke mayifike kum ukuphela kwenyanga le kaOctober, khona ukuze ndifike kwasentloko kuNovember.

Ndisanithumele yonke enye into endiyithumele kuwo onke amaSebe oMbutho weSizwe endiwaphetheyo. Nani ke ndifuna naazi yonke into eqhubekayo nangona ningazikwenza nto ngayo.

(8) Njengoko ke kucaca ukuba anizimiselanga kuthobela nayiphina into evela apha kwaNdlunkulu, enye ke into elandelayo endizakuyenza mna yile yokuba njengoko nithe naqhuba ngokungekho mthethweni njengeRegion naza ke naboniswa indlela anayamkela, ngoku ke maSebe ukuba njengamaSebe aniqhubi njengendlela eniyalelwa ngayo, ndiza kuninqumamisa - " I shall suspend all those Branches that do not tow the line properly." Into efunekayo kwaCongress namhlanje yiDISCIPLINE - ULULEKO.

Ndifuna ke onke amaSebe apho eNtshonalanga athobele imiyalelo yeQumru loPhondo, kuphele konke ukungevisisani, kulawule uxolo lodwa, sisebenze izinto zoMbutho weSizwe. Ustrydom yena nempi yakhe bayiMbumba yamaNyama nina nilibele zinkcuku nje.

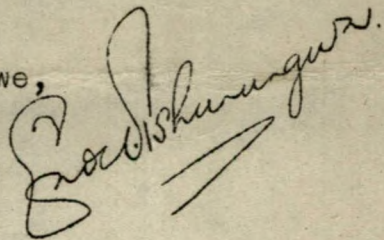
N.B. Ukuba ezi zinto azenzekanga ndiza kuninqumamisa (suspend the Branches) phambi kweNational Conference khona ukuze ndinivale ningayi eBloemfontein. Ukuba nithumel'abaThunywa apho, ningayithobeli iProvince, phakathi kwam nani kukho oya kuroxa eMbuthweni.

QONDANI LE NTO : Yonke le ntetho ingentla apha andiyibekisi kula maSebe mabini : New Flats, Langa, and Crawford. Loo maSebe asemxholweni kanye woMbutho weSizwe. Nangoku azenzile iimfanelo zawo. UNdlunkulu akanasixhiba santo nawo.

Khawulezisani ngempendulo.

Owenu enkonzweni yeSizwe,

T.E. KATSHUNUNGWA;
UNOBALA WOPHONDO.



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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
(CAPE WESTERN)

PLEDGE

.....hereby declare and pledge myself
to embrace and to maintain the Principles of the African National
Congress, and voluntarily and sincerely bind myself to carry out
faithfully the obligations entailed by membership of the organiza-
tion.

ADDRESS:.....
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PRELIMINARY RECEIPT.

This is to acknowledge receipt of a sum of £.....
from Mbeing Joining Fee.

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SIGNED:
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REPORT ON MY VISIT TO THE CAPE - WESTERN REGION
A. N. C. BRANCHES.

A.

On the 16th January, 1955 there was a regional Conference of A.N.C. Branches of the Western Province to which Conference I was invited. I had also wished to attend and further visit our Branches in that area on important matters.

Due to lack of accommodation in the East London - Cape Town train on the 15th January, I was compelled to travel by air. I then arrived at Cape Town on the 16th after 4.p.m.. The Conference was duly informed about this late arrival and though they had commenced in the morning they waited for my arrival.

On my arrival I was met by a very big gathering of men representing a good number of A.N.C. Branches of the Cape Western Province.

As it was already late in the afternoon and as I had a lot of things to put before them, I had to alter my programme which was meant to go through A.N.C. work at this Conference, and the C.O.P. campaign as well. So, to be convenient for everybody, I announced to them that it was my wish to visit each Branch personally so as to meet all Branch members and discuss with them all the important matters of the Organisation.

Furthermore, it was my wish to have a full session with all the members of Branch Executives during which session we would be able to go through many things that might not have been clear to them up to the present time.

This announcement was cordially welcomed by the Conference as a personal visit to all the Branches by a Senior Official of Congress, would be more of a tonic to the people and would revive many. I also announced that I had made up my mind to extend my stay there to a period of three weeks during which period I would be used day and night for the interests of the Organisation. I, personally, had no private engagements except the work of A.N.C.

I then conveyed to the Conference the good wishes of the National Executive and the Cape Provincial Executive and further addressed them on the decision of Conference held in Durban last December re BANTU EDUCATION ACT & WESTERN AREAS REMOVAL SCHEME and what is expected of every member of A.N.C.

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MONDAY : 17th : I had a meeting with the Working Committee of the Region to draft my itinerary round the Branches. The following is the Time-Table of these visits:-

- Monday-17th: To attend a meeting of C.O.P. action council at 8 p.m.
- Tuesday-18th: Factory meeting at 1 p.m. — Marine Hotel.
- Wednesday-19th: Factory meeting at 1 p.m. — Ndabeni.
Metal Box Workers.
Nugget Workers.
- Thursday-20th: Factory meeting at Paardon Island - 12 noon.
Branch meeting at Nyanga at 7.30 p.m.
- Friday-21st: Factory meeting at Albert Road - 12 noon.
Branch meeting at Paarl at 7.30 p.m.
- Saturday-22nd: Branch meeting at Athlone at 4.30 p.m.
- Sunday-23rd: Joint Executive meeting of all members of Branch Committees.

N.B. It is worthy of note to report that the workers in these factories were eager to listen to me. The theme of my message to them was — the importance of joining A.N.C. and to support the Campaign of the Congress of the People. I talked to them of the importance of forming Trade Unions to fight for their rights as workers united.

It was very encouraging to see most of them ready to join Congress and to openly say that they are not visited by us at these factories and homes. Something must be done about organising the workers. I strongly recommend, in full agreement with the National Executive Report to Conference, that we must have full time organisers to visit our African Workers and form them into Trade Unions.

The Branch Meetings were a very big disappointment saving Paarl. Those that I visited were merely in existence by name. Membership is very low. There is nothing to credit the supposed Branch leaders with.

I shall deal with this part of my report later.

At this stage, I wish to express my sincerest sense of gratitude to Mr. B. Turek of the Congress of Democrats who made it possible for me to visit all the places. He is a very industrious worker, untiring and a capable organiser.

At all the Factory and Branch meetings I attended, he provided a car and was always a second speaker after me. I was very impressed with his politics.—

Really those of/.....

Really those of the African people who have heard him addressing a gathering have no reason to doubt his sincerity in the struggle for our liberation.

We both spoke at a very big meeting at Paarl which was held in the dark. Despite our sudden visit to Paarl with the purpose of a Committee meeting of C.O.P. we changed to a Branch meeting and instructed the Volunteers to round up the people from house to house, informing them about our visit. The response to this call was a very good one. Another speaker worth mentioning at this Paarl meeting was Mr. September of S.A.C.P.O. who spoke very well, expressing the views of the Coloured people who have joined hands with us in C.O.P.

To the best of my ability I tried to make clear many things to the Branch members and I have every hope that my words did not fall on barren soil.

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SUNDAY- 23rd: Joint Executive meeting of All Branches of A.N.C. in the Western Province.

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Due to other very important matters which demanded my personal attention at the Provincial Head Office, I had to cut short my visit and return home. Word was sent throughout the Branches to attend a Conference of all the Branch Executive Members on Sunday the 23rd.

The following are the Branches which were represented at this Conference:-

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| 1. Cape Town | 4. | 8. New Flats - Langa | 11. |
| 2. Retreat | 2. | 9. Langa | 2. |
| 3. Athlone | 4. | 10. Elsies River | 3. |
| 4. Paarl | 6. | 11. Kensington | 6. |
| 5. Worcester | 1. | 12. Koelenhof | 4. |
| 6. Stellenbosch | 1. | 13. Nyanga | 2. |
| 7. Crawford | 8. | | |

Absentees: Hermanus Branch, Kuilsriver Branch. Eerste River Branch, Kraaifontein.

Judging from the representatives present from the various Branches, it is quite fitting to call this a successful meeting.

I wish to draw the attention of every member of the Provincial Executive to the well known fact that there has always been an extreme form of confusion in the Western Region. This part of our Province has been actively engaged in things that run across the grain of our policy. These activities had caused enough confusion in the minds of the people in this Region and not merely ending in this confusion but resulting in the retardation of the work of A.N.C. and the Campaign of C.O.P.

Letters had come to my Office which showed things drifting towards a precipice. Very unhealthy atmosphere was growing high in this region. The Campaign of the C.O.P. would definitely not achieve half the success for which it is meant. The letters brought to my notice great disappointment with some of the activities of the leaders of the Cape Western Region.

Having opened the corner of the curtain into the picture of this Region, as the National Organiser of A.N.C. and C.O.P. I thought it only wise to summon this Conference and attempt to put right all the wrong things that impede our work.

It should be noted that of the 13 Branches that were represented at this meeting, two branches were regarded as outlaws by the Region. Even on the day of my arrival at the Conference on the 16th, Officials from these Branches were ruthlessly driven out of the Conference. I was struck dumb by the tumultous unruliness of some of the members of the Region in the manner by which they expelled these people from the meeting. I did not remark that day as I knew that my turn would soon come. These Two Branches are New Flats Branch at Langa and Crawford.

So, the purpose of this meeting (23rd Jan.) was to put them all together and iron out all differences.

Knowing very well that the spirit might be bad at this meeting, and personally, not prepared to dwell on any petty differences which are not more important than the struggle, I made up my mind to address them fully on the following:-

1. The role of an individual in the Liberatory Struggle -(touched on very important points here, e.g., Western Areas Removal Scheme; Bantu Education Act; Deportation etc.)
2. Organisational work of A.N.C.
3. Administration of the Provinces - Regions and Branches.
4. Congress of the People - National Machinery; Provincial Machinery; Regional Machinery and Local Machinery.
5. The Policy of A.N.C.
6. The Misunderstanding that exists between one man and the other.

After having dwelt at length on the above matters one could just read from the very atmosphere of the meeting that the confusion that existed here was the result

of lack of knowledge/.....

or lack of knowledge of the A.N.C. Policy; lack of knowledge of what the C.O.P. is and how it is conducted.

I did not allow any such opportunity to have one person or the other relating to me what had happened long ago and who is right or wrong. I went there having had a full meal of everything. I had made my own investigations and I knew what course to follow.

Time was allowed to ask questions. All questions were replied satisfactorily.

MY DISCOVERIES AND JUDGMENT:

1. Branches of A.N.C. in this Region have been formed on a wrong basis. They have been told that they are responsible to the ^{Region} and not to the Provincial Head-Quarters. The Branches here have been clearly told that they are directly responsible to the Provincial Head Office. The reason why the Provincial Secretariat has not been getting any correspondence from the Branches in the Western Cape is because they were ordered by some certain supposed leaders of the Cape Western Region not to reply to the Province but to report with all the letters from the Provincial Secretariat to NO. 5, Albertus Street which is the Office of the Regional Working Committee.

2. This Regional Working Committee is responsible for all the confusion in the Western Province. They themselves are not loyal to the Provincial Head-Quarters. This corrupt and rebellious Working Committee has been abolished by me and have told the branches to communicate directly with the Provincial Secretariat.

3. There are certain forms which are given to an individual on joining A.N.C. These forms want to know; the name and address of the applicant; place of employment, home etc., and this individual makes this application to the Region. He knows nothing about A.N.C. beyond the borders of the Western Province.

I have condemned this system of recruiting A.N.C. membership and gave instructions for its abolition forthwith. I had many reasons for condemning it. People must be organised to join A.N.C. through their various branches and there after Branches direct to the Provincial Head Quarters. All monies due to the Provincial Treasurer should be sent to him directly and not via this Regional Working Committee.

4. The Regional Executive which was established/elected in the absence of other Branches like New Flats, Langa, because this branch was regarded as reactionary and non-co-operating, has been abolished and that for its disloyalty and corruption a proper Regional Executive will be constituted when all the 17 Branches of the Western Region have sent their 1955 subscriptions to Dr. Bokwe, the Provincial Treasurer.

5. The only Branch that adheres strictly and very commendably too, is the New Flats Branch which was condemned by the Region. This New Flats Branch is the only Branch that has replied to all letters from this office. It is the only Branch that has some good membership of 120 or more. The 120 was their total membership in November last. This Branch again has donated over £10 towards Gwentshe and Lengisi Defence Fund. Despite all this good work, per instructions of the Provincial Executive, the 'wonderful' Regional Committee of the Western Province condemned this Branch.

A new Branch has sprung up at Crawford with a membership of 30 for a start.

6. Because of the big work facing us, local pricking issues, the present Regional Working Committee will only continue in existence as a Care Taker Committee until such time as the proper Committee is constituted for this Region. Branches must get on with the work of A.N.C. and carry out the instructions from the Provincial Head Office.

7. Branches only come together as a Region for the purpose of co-ordinating our struggle in fighting against issues affecting our people in that particular Region. Directives and instructions come from the Head Office nationally, then from the Head Office provincially. No Region in the Union so far wants to be directly responsible to the National Head Quarters saving the Cape Western Region. Until such time Regions of A.N.C. are given such powers to stand independently of the Provinces, they will remain under the control of the Provincial Authorities.

8. Levies — These are imposed upon the members either nationally or provincially but Regions or Branches are not debarred from having such levies to see to their local or regional issues.

9. Programme of Action: 1949 — This was made very clear to the Conference and that A.N.C. has resolved to reaffirm this Programme of Action. No member of A.N.C. will participate in any way or another in dummy institutions and Parliamentary elections. As this was a resolution of the Provincial Conference held at Uitenhage last June, members of A.N.C. in the Western Cape who participated in the last elections have violated the solemn decision of this Province. Mr. Lee-Warden represents the 'Natives' of the Western Cape and not the African people of the A.N.C. On a point of policy and principle A.N.C. is not for elections no matter how good a man may be. A.N.C. is for direct representation and democratically elected Parliamentarians.

10. Congress of the People: As I have said earlier, this campaign was never explained to the people well. Referring to my open statement in the New Age of the

of the 27th January, "unhealthy utterances" from some African People who are anti-white, I wish to reiterate a portion of that statement "The policy of the A.N.C. is clear and comprehensible. We want all the various racial groups in South Africa to live side by side in peace and lead a life of interdependence. Those who say "Africa for the Africans" are not with us and should be regarded as traitors to the cause of our liberatory struggle. The Congress of the People is a clear indication of this policy - a policy of joining hands with all those who stand for democracy and for the abolition of all segregatory laws."

I educated this A.N.C. Conference about how to work with the Congress of Democrats and S.A.C.P.O. They must organise our people to rally around C.O.P. and to appreciate the remarkable work done by our allies. But, the important thing is that the Africans who understand this basis of our alliance should spread this gospel to all the people.

What has caused this extreme form of confusion is to find the C.O.D. men taking a lead in the A.N.C. meetings. We are the vanguard in the liberatory struggle and our allies must not be exposed to unnecessary attacks by those of our people who are not yet well educated about this basis of co-operation. A politically-raw African who has been so much oppressed, exploited and victimised by the European sees red whenever a white face appears. This embarrassing situation, which, to a great extent, is caused by ignorance of politics and what the C.O.P. is driving at, should receive our serious concern since some of those who have this innate hatred of a white man are very influential in their areas. As your National Organiser for C.O.P. I have fears if this Campaign has to be speeded up. There is still a lot to be done. We must organise our African people more.

11. C.O.P. Funds:- This campaign needs tremendous amount of money. The Cape A.N.C. Executive has sent a directive to all Branches of A.N.C. for special levy of 1/- per member which levy should be with the Provincial Treasurer on or before the 31st March. This 1/- levy will see to both C.O.P. and Bantu Education Act campaign.

C.O.P. Collection Cards - Collection cards will be sent to every Branch which, collected funds, must be paid to the Cape Provincial Action Council Treasurer for C.O.P. Mr. P. Mashibini, PO Box 352, Queenstown.

C.O.P. Machinery: The A.N.C. Branches of the Western Province will first of all form a purely A.N.C. Regional Executive. From this Regional Executive which will be constituted by 2 Representatives from each Branch, they will decide to elect any number of A.N.C. Representatives to the Western Cape Regional Action Council for the C.O.P. A.N.C. Branches in this Region should forward all their recommendations or suggestions to their Representatives in the Action Council. The full Council, i.e., A.N.C., S.A.C.O.D. & S.A.C.P.O. will be the only Regional Machinery for this Campaign - C.O.P. This Action Council will report to the Provincial Action Council all its activities.

12. Membership of A.N.C. or C.O.D. - There is no such a thing as to have one man being a member of A.N.C. and the same man being a member of C.O.D. If such cases have been experienced, then no wonder why there has been such a confusion. People have been flirting both A.N.C. & C.O.D. All African people must join A.N.C. which is their organisation and only meet the other organisations on a plain of alliance.

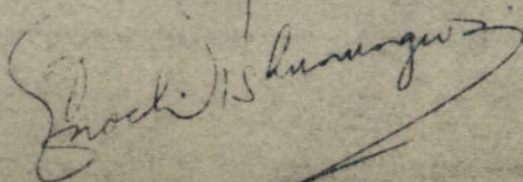
Having gone through all the vital issues, and having asked all the 55 members to choose whether to carry out the Policy of A.N.C. or to remain in that state of confusion and disloyalty to the Provincial Head Office of A.N.C., I resumed my sit. All those present pledged their 100% support to the cause of A.N.C. and the C.O.P. The then President of the Region, Mr. J. Mtini apologised for all their short comings and promised to co-operate with Provincial Head Office, A.N.C. in all respects. Mr. Matinya, former Vice President of the Region, gave a vote of thanks to the National Organiser for such a clarification of things that had always worried them.

The Conference then saw to my travelling expenses and then the meeting was closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Mzi6uye ! ! !

T.E. Tshunungwa,

National Organiser A.N.C. & C.O.P.



TO THE NATIVE COMMISSIONER

D.M.5.

We, the women of Cape Westery....., who are living and working here, have come here today to present to you, the Native Commissioner, our objections to the extension of the pass system to African women. You are the representative of the Government which intends to compel African women to carry passes, and we call upon you, in your official capacity, to listen to our objections, to receive our protests and to forward them to the Minister of Native Affairs.

WE OBJECT TO THE PASS SYSTEM because it makes slaves of the African people; because it denies us the right to move about freely, to sell our labour freely. Under the pass system our men are exposed to merciless treatment at the hands of the police; to the lowest depths of humiliation in pass raids, to the hardships of prison for the lack of a signature on a reference book. Our young sons are thrown into jail to associate with criminals. Our husbands and fathers are taken from us without warning—not for a crime—but for the lack of a pass. We wait in vain for their return home at night.

~~WE REJECT TOTALLY THE STATEMENT BY DR. VERWOERD THAT THE PASS LAWS HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED. The old form of pass has been replaced by a reference book. That is all. Our men-folk are still being arrested, thousands every day, under the pass laws.~~

WE SAY THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE. THE PASS LAWS HAVE NOT BEEN ABOLISHED.

Today, we the African women are threatened by the government which you represent. The Minister of Native Affairs has said that the African women shall be issued with identity books. WE SAY THAT THESE BOOKS ARE PASSES. we say that we and our daughters will be exposed to even worse degradation and hardships than our men.

AS WOMEN AND MOTHERS WE PROTEST AGAINST THIS INHUMAN PROCEDURE. We dread the breaking up of our homes when we too may be arrested under the pass laws. We fear for our children who will be left uncared for, helpless. What is to become of our tiny children, our babies, dependent upon their mothers' milk, if we are to be torn from them for failing to produce a pass? Must we subject our young daughters to intimidation and humiliation at the hands of the police? WE CALL ON YOU TO TAKE HEED OF OUR PROTEST, TO MAKE KNOWN TO THE MINISTER OF NATIVE AFFAIRS THE DEEPEST RESENTMENT OF THE AFRICAN WOMEN.

IN THE NAME OF THE AFRICAN WOMEN, we who have come here today, say to you, each one of us, that WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE PASSES FOR WOMEN. WE REGARD PASSES FOR WOMEN AS AN INSULT TO HUMAN DIGNITY.

WE SHALL NOT REST UNTIL WE HAVE WON FOR OUR CHILDREN THEIR RIGHT TO FREEDOM AND SECURITY.

WE CALL UPON THE MINISTER OF NATIVE AFFAIRS TO CEASE THE ISSUING OF PASSES FOR AFRICAN WOMEN.

Name.....

Address.....

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W 26. ANC (Cape Western Branch)

Mass Rally ¹
Mayibuye! _{F28}

- Down With All Pass Laws
- Freedom — Equality — Justice For All
- Stop Deportation of African Women
- Stop Verwoerd's Slave Camps
- Forward To The Freedom Charter

COME TO

A MASS MEETING

AT

ENKUNDLENI, LANGA

ON

SUNDAY, 8th JULY, 1956

at 2.30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKERS FROM JOHANNESBURG

- **ROBERT RESHA**, Assistant Secretary-General, African National Congress.
- **MRS. BERTHA MASHABA**, National Treasurer ANC Women's League.
- **MRS. H. H. JOSEPH**, Secretary S.A. Women's Federation.
- **MR. L. LEVY**, National President S.A. Congress of Trade Unions.

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THE MINUTES OF THE CAPE WESTERN BRANCHES HELD AT 2ND AVENUE KENSINGTON ON THE 14TH and 15TH APRIL 1956 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:-

D.M. 9.

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| J. Morolong | Cape Town. |
| J. Feleza | Cape Town. |
| A. Sibeko | Kensington Proper |
| B. Nombewu | Kensington Proper |
| C. Mtatase | Kensington Proper |
| S. Baba | Kensington Proper |
| J. Manzezulu | Kensington Proper |
| M. Quwe | Kensington Proper |
| M. Sidinile | Kensington Proper |
| L. Masimini | Crawford |
| L. Bala | Crawford |
| N. Sixisha | Crawford |
| J. Mtini | Elsies River |
| M. Ntaba | Elsies River |
| J. Booysen | Elsies River |
| S. Makhetha | Elsies River |
| D. Mngungunyeka | Langa |
| L. Khukhulela | Langa |
| N. Tholeni | Langa |
| Cola Mhlaba | Langa |
| Mrs Galinga | Langa |
| A. Zihlangu | Langa |
| A. Ngoni | Langa New Flats |
| P. Mngaza | Langa New Flats |
| M. Skina | Langa New Flats |
| A. Mabece | Nyanga |
| M. Phuthago | Nyanga |
| G. Nkushubana | Nyanga |
| Z. Msusa | Nyanga |
| J. Ntlokel | Retreat |
| J.C. Pela | Retreat |
| J. Letsohla | Stellenbosch |
| H. Hani | Stellenbosch |
| Matinya | Stellenbosch |
| Mrs Mashiya | Stellenbosch |
| Makha 1 | Stellenbosch |
| Skitase | Paarl |
| Mpoza | Worcester |

Womens' League

Mrs Jibiliza, Mrs Dlokweni, Mrs Sidinile Mrs Mabece, and Mrs Pharela.

Register No. 9
 Conveyed by A. Mngungunyeka
 ID No. 87121
 T.C. Mabece
 27/12/56

OPENING:- The conference was opened by a Hymn and prayer.

In declaring the meeting opened the President Mr Mtini said "This special Conference has been called at a time when African people are faced with all kinds of repressive measures, when a cloud of oppression has enveloped the African people and None whites people's future. Leaders are being deported and people are arrested daily under the notorious section 10. There is a mass removal of people from their home without provided for an alternate accomodation, rents are being increased, Women are forced to carry passes and apartheid is being introduced in buses and every where thus driving the whole nation to des- perity and frustration.

While these things are happening, there is also a glow of hope, the progressive forces are also on the march. The free- dom charter has been adopted and the aspiration of thousands of people have been shown, thus giving a note of return from humili- ation to humanity. The fight is on let us carry on until we win the goal is near.

FRATERNALL GREETINGS:- Fraternal greetings from South African Coloured peoples organization, Mordern Youth Society and Congre- ss of Democrates cape western were read and accepted on motion by Mtatase seconded by Ntaba AGREED

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES REPORT:- The Credential Comittees report was.....2

was read and accepted, and was pointed out that some of the branches which are of great importance to the discussion on item one on the agenda are not present, the chairman further informed the conference that the conference was called partitularly to come and discuss item No 1 in the agenda paper.

Mr Malindi move a suspension of item No 1 on the agenda and proceed to the next item and as soon as these branches arrive the conference then discusses item No 1. A long discussion took place in the mean time some branches arrived. On a motion by Mabece seconded by Ntloko the conference decided that

"That item No 1 be discussed but no decision should be arrived at until such time that all branches have participated in the discussion." AGREED

Leading the discussion Ntloko said "At times as has been explained by the President, it is of great importance that AN.C. branches should show co-operation and solidarity, it is therefore essential that we should bring together all branches. A lengthy discussion took place Mr Nkushubana moved and Ntloko seconded that

"the two branches present here now should state their case and give the conference the reasons why they do not want to co-operate with other branches" AGREED.

At this stage it was reported that Cape Town branch has left the conference and that Langa New Flats was not prepared to discuss without Cape Town.

After some persuasion Mr Letsohle moved that Langa New Flats delegate should leave the room as he was not prepared to contribute to the discussion.

Mr Nkushubana move a counter motion and Mr Mokhetha seconded that Langa New Flats delegate should be allowed to remain in the conference. AGREED.

At this stage More delegates from Langa New Flats and Crawford branches arrived and participated in the discussion. Mr Skina of New Flats said the reason for refusing to work with other branches, they were working on instruction from the Provincial Secretary on a circular to all branches in the Cape Western.

Mr Masimini of Crawford said that the Provincial Conference has decided to secede the Region and thus instructed the Provincial Secretary to instruct the Cape Western to dissolve.

After some discussion Mr Msusa moved

That this conference should elect a committee of inquiry to investigate the whole problem and report back in the next conference with recommendation in this question

Mr Skina seconded the motion and asked conference to allow him to put an amendment or an addendum to the resolution which read

"That no member of the regional committee should be elected to serve in the committee of inquiry"

Mr Ndibaza moved and Mr Ndukaze seconded

"that this conference instruct the Secretary to write to the Provincial Head Office requesting the formation of a new Region."

At this stage a number of question were put and replies given. The president pointed out that this item has taken the whole.....3

whole day, and that the conference should arrive at a decision the following day without waisting any further time.

The meeting adjourned to 9.30 on 15th April 1956.

The meeting continued at 9.30 the following day and discussion continued on item No 1 on the agenda paper.

Mrs Ngungunyeka moved that

"In view of the fact that there seemed to be no agreement and that the work of the A.N.C. should be carried the branches which do not agree to work with other branches should at this stage leave the room AGREED.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

All correspondence from National Head Office were read and accepted on a motion by Mgungunyeka seconded by Sidinile
AGREED

REPORT OF A SPECIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The report was given by Mr. Nkushubana that the conference had stood in silence for some time in honour of the late Mr Jebe the volunteer who was shot by the Police at New Brighton at Port Elizabeth

There were 300 delegates and 284 voted for the adoption of FREEDOM CHARTER. There were discussions on Bantu education and ANC activities as such.

The report was accepted on a motion by Malindi seconded Ntaba
AGREED

The President report that when the delegates arrived in Johannesburg they found a telegram from Kensington saying that they were not congress members.

Mr Mokhetha wanted to know which Kensington branch has sent such a telegram to conference saying that our delegates saying our delegates were not congress members?

Mr Phuthogo moved that a committee of inquiry should be elected to investigate the matter and Mr Nkushubana seconded

The following were elected to the committee of inquiry

A. Sibeko, A. Mgungunyeka, and G. Nkushubana.

Mr Mgungunyeka laid down way the signatures could be collected and the distribution of the Freedom Charter.

REBT AT NYANGA

Mr Mabece outlined the whole case to the conference in a lengthu and vroad way, and a long discussion took place about means of branches to work together

Mrs Pharela moved that all branches should collect money for Nyanga case. AGREED

Mr Mgungunyeka pointed out that Mrs Sogiba should take her place at the table as an official of the Nation executive, and that in future all National Executives should take their places at the table with regional committees. The conference adjourned till 2.30

GENERAL

The president of the Womens' league Mrs Sibiliza report about.....4

about various things that affect the people. So that the President general of the African National Congress Womens' league was to visit the Cape Western, therefore arrangement should be made to send her train fare, it was decided that Womens League should organize function to raise fund.

The report was accepted on a motion by Mr Mabece seconded by Mr Makhethi.

A lengthy discussion took place when Mr Mtatase wanted to make an amendment about the churches for not taking part in all the struggles, of the African National Congress. The matter was postponed, the report of Paarl was referred to the region.

The Conference closed at 3.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....

SECRETARY.....

D A T E

P.S. All resolutions were read and adopted on a motion by Mr Ntantiso seconded by Mabece.

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