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JOHANNESBURG.

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
COUNCIL OF ACTION.

6th March, 1950.

The Secretary-General,
African National Congress,
2-3 New Court Chambers,
44 Commissioner Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Herein Please find the report of your Council of Action which has already been given by me at the last meeting of your working Committee, as Follows:-

1. That the Secretary of the Council of Action be directed by the President-General in his capacity as Chairman of the Council to call upon all members of the African National Congress at present serving in the Natives' Representative Council to resign forthwith and that other members loyal to the cause of Africa resign not later than two months after and that further the same Secretary name forthwith the body of the Natives' Representative Council as a body for Collaboration with the Government.
2. That a conference be held at JOHANNESBURG between the Council of Action and members of the House of Assembly, the Senate and the Provincial Councils representing the Africans in pursuance of the Council's resolution of the 4th March 1950.
3. That the 7th day of April 1952 be declared a day of mourning by the President-General, as in the manner of clause ONE, and that other non-European bodies be informed to consider and take their positions in same.
4. That Sunday the 24th June 1951 be observed by arranging mass meeting through out South Africa, and Independence Pledge be read in every meeting to keep the 26th June a National Day. Independence Pledge. We the African People, conscious as we are of the inherent and inalienable rights of Nations to determine their own destiny; and recognising that where these sacred principles are denied or in any manner proscribed the people have a natural prerogative, and are in duty bound, to overthrow such forces as tend towards the unreasonable limitation of their divine rights; and being painfully aware that the present structure of society in this sub-continent is constructed so as to deny to the vast masses of the people the full and unfettered power of self-expression and self-realisation which is the heritage of all humanity, DO HEREBY PLEDGE OURSELVES to Wage an unrelenting struggle till complete political independence be achieved; at which time there can be called and organised a constituent Assembly chosen by and representative of the whole population of Southern Africa, irrespective of race, sex, colour or creed to lay the basis for the setting up of true people's Democratic Republic and the of a creative Africanist society in which the ideal of man's humanity to man will guide human activity".

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5. That in pursuance of the Programme of Action and the last report to Conference, campaign for civil disobedience inaugurated as follows:-

- (a) Every Branch of the African Congress be required, in the aforesaid manner, to contribute as much as possible leader of both sexes who shall volunteer for Action in civil disobedience. That this volunteers shall be called out, in aforesaid manner, one month before Action so as to receive a period of training. That the ~~XXXX~~ list of volunteers be closed on the 1st day of June 1951. That on the 1st day of July, 1951. Training starts. That Action be gone into as from the 1st day of August, 1951.
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- (b) That an official or member of the Council of Action be vested with powers of commanding and Training the disobeyers under the designation of ~~XXXX~~ "PARAMOUNT LEADER OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE".
- (c) That "P.L.C.D." be MR. GAUR RADEB-.
- (d) That the "P.L.C.D.". Present to the Council of Action for approval or other wise a plan for organisation, command and Training, of the disobeyers.
- (e) A form to be prepared by the Secretary General for the Purpose of effecting clause (a) hereof. Further that the Secretary-General find a farm and tent to accommodate the Trainees.
- (f) That all the committees carrying out the programme of Action be called upon by the Council of Action to Submit their Reports to the Council not later than the 31st of March, 1951 and thereafter quarterly. Further that a strong letter be sent from the Council to the heads of these committees.
- (g) That announcement of these plans be made immediately after the approval by the National Executive Committee.

HAIL AFRICA.

GAUR RADEB.
SECRETARY COUNCIL OF ACTION
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