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Benoni Location Sunday 23rd January 1955.

In view of the instructions from the provincial executive that I should go to address meetings in Benoni and Natalspruit, I did so in good faith, but I was disappointed when Mr. Matseke who supposed to have taken me to Natalspruit from Benoni came on his return from Natalspruit.

Benoni Meetings.

I arrived in Benoni Location where I was directed to go at 9.10.a.m. here I met a man a member of congress who told me that there was going to be two sessions of meetings at Wattville in the morning and in the Old Location in the afternoon. We then started off to Wattville.

I found there were not so many people at the square. We waited until people came. The meeting started soon after 11.a.m. and I was given chance to speak. The meeting was not a congress meeting it was under the auspices of the Leihlo La Motse Campaign Committee. I told them that A.N.C. was quite unhappy of the state affairs in Benoni and called upon them to support congress which they accepted. I spoke about the Bantu Education Act, and the Removal of the Western Areas. Soon after I had finished speaking at about 11.43.a.m. Mr. Matseke with Mr. Mahopo and another lady from Sophia Town arrived in ~~Mr. Matseke's~~ Mr. Matseke's car from Natalspruit.

Mr. Matseke was called upon by the chairman to speak and Mr. Matseke spoke on the functions of the anti rent committee and also about the Bantu Education Act. Then adjourned for lunch.

Second Session.

Another session of the meeting was held in Benoni Old Location in the afternoon, here meeting was better than in the morning.

Mr. Mahopo was the first congress speaker, Dikeledi was the second speaker, Mr. Matseke was the last speaker. Here I decided not to speak because I was personally satisfied with what Mr. Matseke conveyed to the people of Benoni. Other local speakers were called including Mr. Damane.

Some members of the Local Advisory Board and members from Apex were not quiet in a friendly spirit, those fellows from Apex blamed those in Benoni and charged them of misconduct and sabotage, in many important issues ~~which affect the~~ issues.....

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which affect the people. Mr. Banane moved a resolution.
The resolution is attached to the report.

Yours for Africa.

J. Nkadameng.

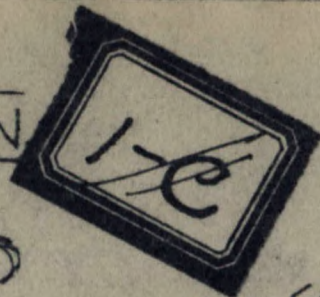
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Resolution at Benoni on the 23rd January 1955.

This meeting of the residents of Benoni strongly protest against the removal of the people of the Western Areas from their homes under the Native Land Resettlement Act. This action combined with the threat by the sec. of native affairs to remove the 178,000, African People from the western province constitutes the most ruthless attack on the Fundamental Human rights and Freedoms. the meeting pledges its support to the African National Congress, the Transvaal Anti Apartheid committee and the Witwatersrand Anti Increased rent committee, in their struggle against the Bantu Education Act, the Native Land Resettlement Act, Bantu Authorities Act, and all other discriminatory laws. This meeting ~~further~~ further pledges to work whole heartedly and spare no effort to prepare for the Congress of the People.

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SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER

AT 10 A.M.

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— TURTON HALL —

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Makgobai led Discussion on Tactics ^{in Struggle} Against Bantu Ed.
with reference to:

- (a) The ~~Position created by~~ Decision of the N.E.C. to postpone institutional.
- (b) The situation created by the going into action of the Branches in the East Rand.

Mr. Phiso (Jabund)

The Question which the new situation creates demands from the other Branches a reply (Seeing that the East Rand has already moved into action).

He suggested

(Orlando)

Thabane: Suggested that no Agenda had been fixed for the meeting and that time was being wasted in discussion.

M. M. (Pinnville)

Mr. Masoko: Said that the President's Press Statement had thrown ~~into~~ people into confusion. Mr. Masoko said that the Branches of the A.N.C. should be asked to follow the example of the East Rand.

(Sphintown)

Mr. Mogofe: The Question which faced the organization was whether because of the decision of the National Exec. the people should be asked to send their children to School & imbibe Bantu Education in the month of April?

Mr. Masoko: Felt that East Rand Branches have made a mistake. But even those leaders in these areas might have erred. The people in these areas must be protected. He felt that those Branches which had already gone into action should be encouraged to carry out the campaign.

Mr. Khumalo (Moroka)

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The Minister had aggravated the position by making an announcement that the 25th would be S. Day for boycott and this demanded that the problem should be solved immediately.

Mr. Thapane Asked for a reading of the Conference Res.

Mr. Nkai
(White City). Pointed out that the East Rand had violated no decision, and that it was not criminal to desert the people in struggle.

Mr. Thapane agreed that he had misinterpreted Trl. Special Conf. Res.

Mr. Tjhe (Sephikweni). It is in the interest of the Organization that Branches should follow the East Rand.

Mr. Sibande Appealed to chair not to take up time.

Mr. Ngweni (Moroka)

In view of Kewer's ultimatum, the one should decide on the 25th.

Mr. Mahopo. Meeting should not take a decision on a date but should implement decision forthwith.

Mr. Shope. Raised the question of procedure. A decision like Mr. Mahopo would require a Provincial Conference.

Mr. President. Said if members want to go into action, they must be prepared to meet contingencies & responsibilities.

Mr. Kwaitsira. pointed out that National Ex. must be consulted.

Mr. Kera. pointed out that the Organization is losing face because of promises to people which it had not fulfilled.

Mr. Leake (Provincer).

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Because of the new developments, the ~~date~~ ^{in view} of the threat by the Ministry of N.E.D., the National should be asked to reconsider their original decision, & announce the decision before the 25th. April. Further the Treasurer should raise funds to ~~assist the N.E.C. to expedite matters.~~ ^{assist the N.E.C. to expedite matters.} ~~send somebody to the General.~~

Mr. Mhapan

Seconded motion, Moved further that meeting adjourn till next week.

Mr. Tojiki moved that Branches should pledge to raise funds & it was agreed that Branches would each donate £2.5.

The Struggle after Withdrawal T. Roka.

1. Difficulties of Alternate Accommodation.
(a) There have no facilities for Private Schools
(b) Unregistered Private Schools are illegal
Private classes

2. Cultural Clubs.

"New Look." "Permit System"

Mr. Mhapan.

C.O.P.

1. Write to relations in rural areas re C.O.P.
2. Raise money for funds to send delegates.
3. H.A.C. members must recognize their responsibilities.

5:45

pm.

Mass Conference Sunday 6th September 1953 Davey Social Centre.

10.30 a.m. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES.

11 a.m. OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN MR.G.NGAKE.

11.5 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING BY MR.J.HODGSON,
SECRETARY OF THE SPRINGBOK LEGION.

1. HIGH COST OF LIVING.

SPEAKER MR.A.DAMANE,
Chairman African National Congress (Benoni Branch)
Discussion by Delegates Resolution No.1.

2. THE PEACE MOVEMENT.

SPEAKER MR.SEMELANE,
Chairman African National Congress (Springs Branch)
Discussion by Delegates Resolution No.2.

1.p.m. LUNCH INTERVAL.

1.30 p.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

3. REMOVAL SCHEME AND THE GROUP AREAS ACT.

SPEAKER DR.H.M.MOOSA,
Executive member Transvaal Indian Congress (Benoni Branch)
Discussion by Delegates Resolution No.3

4. SLAVE LABOUR BILL.

SPEAKER MR.L.MASSINA,
Executive Member African National Congress (Transvaal)
Discussion by Delegates Resolution No.4

5. THE CONGRESSES AND YOU.

SPEAKER MR.A.E.PATEL,
Executive member Transvaal Indian Congress.
Discussion by Delegates Resolution No 5.

6. THE NEW PASSES.

SPEAKER MR.O.THAMBO:
National executive member African National Congress.
Discussion by Delegates Resolution No 6.

7. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS.

NKOSI SIKALELE AFRIKA

MORENA BOLOOKA..

Resolution No. 1.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Conference protests strongly against the high cost of living. The mounting price of foodstuffs and transport which are increasing the burdens of the workers and lower income groups, to an unbearable degree.

We call upon the government to take immediate steps to bring down the high cost of living.

Resolution No. 2.

PEACE.

Conference welcomes the formation of a South Africa wide peace movement. We regard this as an essential step forward in the struggle for peace throughout the World.

Africa is becoming an imperialist battle ground. The vast man power and riches of the African continent are being exploited by war mongers. Liberatory and trade union movements are being attacked in order to fit the people into a war economy. War bases are being built. Uranium is being mined on the Reef for atom bombs, in order to drench humanity in a sea of blood.

In view of this conference pledge its support to the struggle for a lasting peace, so that the man power and riches of Africa can be put to the building of homes, providing peaceful employment and towards the reduction of the cost of living, and bring about better relations and living condition.

Resolution No. 3.

REMOVAL OF WESTERN AREAS AND GROUP AREAS.

This mass conference of delegates representing the people of Benoni, Brakpan and Springs convened under the auspices of the African National Congress (Transvaal) and the Transvaal Indian Congress at the Davey Social Centre, On Sunday 6th September, 1953.

1. Strongly condemns the wicked, inhuman and barbaric Verwoerd plan for the removal of Sophiatown, Martindale, Newclare and Western Native Township. This plan will create more ghettos for the Non-European people. Over 100,000 of whom already are living in shanty towns and squatters camps all over the Reef. The removal of the Western Areas and the implementation of the Group Areas Act would further deprive the non white people to own land in the country of their birth, make them homeless, and ruin them economically.

2. Considers this plan as a threat not only to the 75,000 people in these areas but as a serious menace to the entire Non-European people of South Africa.

3. Conference pledges the whole hearted support of the people to the struggle in defence of their homes and their rights, and demands that houses be built for the homeless and the plan to evict people from their homes under the Removal Schemes and the Group Areas Act be abandoned.

Resolution No. 4.

SLAVE LABOUR BILL.

This Mass Conference of delegates representing the people of Benoni, Brakpan and Springs held at the Davy Social Centre, Benoni, on Sunday, 6th September, 1953, hereby places on record its total

rejection of the Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Bill which is now before Parliament, for the following reasons:

- (a) The Bill denies the African Workers the right to function fully and effectively in the exercise of their freedom of association in trade unions.
- (b) It is designed to destroy the present African Trade Unions and thereby to weaken the solidarity of the working people so as to render African labour in general as a source of cheap labour.
- (c) It is aimed at placing the control and the destiny of the entire African labour force in the hands of the so-called labour-officers who will exercise and determine the economic life of the African people in South Africa.
- (d) It is clear from the provisions of the Bill that the Minister of Labour and the Government will arm themselves with powers to vary or lower the present conditions enjoyed by the African workers in industry.
- (e) If the bill becomes law, African women employed in industry will no longer be regarded as employees in terms of the Industrial Conciliation Act, the intention being to bring them within the fold of a floating labour awaiting exploitation.

For these reasons, CONFERENCE THEREFORE call upon the workers of South Africa, of whatever race, colour, or creed;

- (a) to join and build up their present trade unions and fight in the struggle for a better life;
- (b) to pledge and hold themselves in readiness for any call which may be made for positive action directed against the bill.

Resolution No. 5.

PASSES.

Conference realising that the so-called Abolition of Passes Act does not abolish the passes at all, but merely intensifies the recording in reference books of matters causing the deportation of pass bearers and intensifying police raids on law abiding people.

The new passes and identity cards are causing deep resentment and racial hostility unprecedented in the history of South Africa.

Realising this, conference demands that the government abolish all pass laws.

RESOLUTION NO 6.

This mass Conference representing the people of Benoni, Brakpan and Springs :-

Notes with indignation the disabilities imposed upon the people, resulting from inadequate transport, Police raids, Permits and Lodgers fees are not natural, but man made. They are carefully and skilfully planned by the parliament of the ruling class to degrade, humiliate, and to perpetuate white domination and to keep the Non-European peoples in a state of subjugation and a source of cheap labour for the Farms Mines and Industries.

Recognises that the apartheid policy of the Nationalist Government is designed to divide the people into hostile groups and tribes, to deprive the oppressed people of their beloved leaders, by banning them from Congresses and Trade Unions and from attending any gatherings in order to impose a dictatorship and to crush the organisations and Trade Unions of the Non white people of South Africa.

We are capable and competent to elect our leaders and emphatically protest against the Ma lan Government to choose leaders for us and call upon the Government to lift the bans on Chief Lithuli, Dr. Dadoo, J.B. Marks, Moses Kotane, David Bopape, Nelson Mandela, Yusuf Cachalia, Advocate A. Fischer, Cecil Williams, J. Mavuso, D. Tloome, A. Selby, Dr. G.H. Naicker, M.B. Yengwa, J. Ngewela, James Phillips, Louis Joffe and all other officials who have become victims of this Government.

Conference calls upon our people to demonstrate their opposition and determination against the attack on our rights and civil liberties.

a) To embark upon a relentless campaign to mobilise the entire people in their respective areas.

b) Enrol 10,000 members and to solidify the unity of the people. In this respect delegates are called upon to get into action immediately.

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BENONI BANTU EDUCATION RESISTANCE APPEAL FUND.

The Benoni resistance to 'Verwoerd's Bantu Education' Schools will go down in history as a GREAT EFFORT OF THE BENONI PEOPLE. It will be remembered that BENONI TOOK THE LEAD TO BOYCOTT AND CONDEMN THESE 'ANTI PROGRESS SCHOOLS', and all democratic peoples throughout South Africa salute you. In the face of police intimidation, in the face of arrests, despite all the lies told about us, we showed the way, and PROVED THAT THE AFRICAN PEOPLE WILL NEVER AGREE TO BE HELD IN CHAINS.

Since the beginning of our struggle in Benoni, 49 people have been arrested. We needed money to buy food for our defenders, we needed money to bail our leaders out of jail, we needed money to get a lawyer to defend them. We must give assistance and protection to the people who come forward to take part in OUR STRUGGLE.

We APPEAL TO YOU, the people, to give us donations so that we can carry on the fight. THE FIGHT TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN, OUR CHILDREN, AND ALL AFRICAN CHILDREN AGAINST THE 'ANTI-PROGRESS EDUCATION POISON' THAT DR. VERWOERD WANTS TO GIVE US. - GIVE ALL YOU CAN - HELP ALL YOU CAN.

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