

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF THE  
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

FROM THE SOPHIATOWN BRANCH.

That Clause 1. to be followed by @ ~~1~~;

~~1. NATIONAL ANTHEM~~

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1. NATIONAL FLAG



The A.N.C shall have a national flag ~~with~~ consisting of three rectangular strips in the following colours respectively: BLACK, GREEN and YELLOW.

3. To read as follows:-

"Membership of the Congress shall be open to any African ~~person~~ above the age of 18, ----"

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6. (iii) To read as follows:-

"To take part in the election to the Provincial or National Executive Committee only if such a member has been a member of the Congress for at least one year."

20. (d) (ii) To read thus:-

"Elect at an annual branch general meeting a branch chairman secretary and treasurer and eight other committee members."

22. (c) To alter as follows:-

"To be deleted completely."

Jemas Hallion  
18 Waverley Street  
5/2/56

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Western Native Sovereignty:

Any clause shall be embodied in the constitution  
oppose constitution

Woroke, <sup>cast</sup> says

delete (d)

Duke delete (d)

Westcliffe delete (d) 30 yrs



African National Congress (ANC) (branches)  
(Sephuratown Branch)

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120, Victoria Road,  
Sephuratown  
11th January, 1956

The Secretary  
A.N.C. Y.L. Sephuratown

Jonathan Motlale  
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5/12/56

REPLY NO.

Dear Sir,

~~It is aware of of the fact that the struggle for freedom is dependent primarily upon our effort <sup>achievement</sup> in organization.~~

The ~~period of time~~ <sup>number of years</sup> between today and Freedom Day is not fixed. It is the A.N.C. which may either lengthen or shorten the time in between according as its members may exert their efforts consistently, on the organization of the African people to fight for this freedom in record time.

In the realisation of this fact Congress in Sephuratown ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> during the past years gained a considerable advantage in organization by holding regular Sunday meetings at the square. These meetings have played an important part in keeping our <sup>forces</sup> members together, in educating, acquainting and interesting our members and sympathisers and the general public in ~~the~~ what the

and is, what it is fighting for. If we agree that these meetings constitute the prime <sup>organ</sup> ~~fact~~ in interpreting our aspirations to the masses of the western areas, and form the life wire of the struggle for the S.A. which we envisage, then we <sup>must</sup> immediately attach ~~the deserved importance to~~ regard them with ~~the importance~~ <sup>the importance</sup> they hold ~~in our~~ <sup>they deserve.</sup> ~~struggle for freedom.~~

at its first 1956 meeting <sup>the local</sup> ~~four~~ branch Executive Committee ~~observed~~ and considered ~~the~~ <sup>some</sup> fact that ~~its~~ <sup>some</sup> members including <sup>some</sup> members of your Executive Com. have not, in the past year, attached great importance to ~~the requirements~~ <sup>their</sup> attendance of these meetings, ~~reporting punctually at 9 a.m.~~ How often have our meetings been opened with about 10 people, then growing as time goes to a real mass meetings? In this connection this Com. is satisfied that the punctual attendance of ~~the~~ its members, members of your com, and those of the Welfare Com would make our meetings most successful every Sunday.

Another important factor lies in punctuality. If all members of the 3 committees would assemble at the square at 9 a.m. on a Sunday Morning,

the General Public, <sup>seeing the leaders of Congress</sup> would be <sup>impressed</sup> ~~impressed~~ with the importance of our meeting, and our seriousness. We would in this manner hold real mass meetings.

It seems quite clear from the attitude of the Nationalist govt that 1956 is <sup>not</sup> holding anything pleasant and easy in the struggle for freedom. And it seems Congress demands the highest standards of organisation to meet the descending onslaught. If we agree in this view, we shall realise the obligations which we, as local leaders had to put up with.

My com will be pleased if the effect of this letter could be shown at this Sunday's meeting. My Com. will also be pleased if your Com. will from time to time acquaint us with ~~your~~ ~~your~~ organisational and general suggestions and problems.

Wishing your Com. all the blessing of wisdom in organisational planning for the year 1956 to shorten <sup>the</sup> time before Freedom Day  
Opponeka Mayipup  
Freedom, ka nako yon

5. In case you have no meeting, circulate this letter to individual members of your com. before Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

Secret. ANC (Saprotan)

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Working Committee  
 A.N.C. (Sophiatown Branch)  
 Johannesburg,  
 18th April 1955.

Mr. Mahapo,

The struggle of the liberation of the Blackman has definitely taken another bold phase, hence the forces of freedom must be mobilised.

In view of this, you are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the above mentioned Committee, this meeting will be held on Tuesday April 19, 1955 at 7.30 pm at the Congress Hall in Victoria & Meyer Streets.

It is remarkable to say this invitation is extended to you as a UNIT LEADER.

Hoping for your best co-operation,

Yours in the struggle  
 M. K. Rabalela  
 SECRETARY

Rabalela

18/4/55

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# The African National Congress

LEKHOTLA LA  
SECHABA

SOPHIATOWN  
BRANCH.

UMBUTHO  
WESIZWE

(COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE BRANCH SECRETARY)

PHONE

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LIST NO. 14.

SOPHIATOWN.  
JOHANNESBURG.

21st Nov., 1956.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The above Branch of this Organisation is required to send delegates to the Queenstown Conference of the African National Congress taking place in December next. The branch will have to pay close on to £100 -- -- for this journey.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE BRANCH APPEALS TO YOU FOR A SUBSTANTIAL DONATION, TO BE GIVEN GENEROUSLY FOR A WORTHY AND NOBLE CAUSE.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours faithfully,

*G. J. Simons*  
TREASURER.

P.S. COLLECTION LIST ATTACHED.

*for as much as possible  
18 Nov 56  
8/17/56*

To  
Date  
Verifying No.

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WE DONT WANT PASSES.

- \* Hundreds of African men are sent to jails every day under the pass laws.
- \* Thousands of innocent children have been rendered fatherless and have died of malnutrition because their fathers are serving sentences in jail under the pass laws.
- \* Now the Governments wants our women to carry passes. To suffer indignities.

WHAT DO WE SAY?

Come all to a mass meeting at Congress Square, Corner Victoria Road and Morris Street, Sophiatown on Sunday, 22nd January, 1956 at 9 a.m. and hear these speakers:-

- (i) Mrs. Mary Ranta (National Secretary, A.N.C. Womens' League)
- (ii) Mrs. C. Karaai
- (iii) Mr. Mogorosi
- (iv) Mr. R. Resha.

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EX. G. II. <sup>I</sup> MASS MEETING  
ON

SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY  
AT 9.30 A.M.

AT CORNER MORRIS AND  
VICTORIA STREETS  
= SOPHIATOWN =

SPEAKERS:

J. MOLIFE

A. M. KATHRADA

R. RESHA

WE WONT MOVE !!

1 DOWN WITH VERWOERD !!

DEFEND YOUR HOMES !!

COME IN YOUR  
THOUSANDS

ISSUED BY: A. N. C.  
(WESTERN REGION)

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"W E I C O M E M E E T I N G"

A WELCOME MEETING on behalf of the Secretary-General of the African National Congress, Mr. W. Sisulu who recently returned from Overseas, will be held at the COMMUNAL HALL, WESTERN NATIVE TOWNSHIP, on SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, 1954, at 9.30 A.M.

All Congress members and friends are invited to attend this unique occasion. Our Guest of Honour will be Mr. W. Sisulu who will address the meeting at 10 a.m.

(Issued and reprinted by the A.N.C. (Sophia Town Branch).)

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# LUTULI'S CALL TO YOUTH <sup>EX 9 32</sup>

FOR 50,000 VOLUNTEERS TO MOBILISE THE COUNTRY

AGAINST:

- \* REMOVAL OF WESTERN AREAS
- \* PASS RAIDS
- \* BANTU EDUCATION
- \* YOUTH LABOUR CAMPS

COME TO

## MASS MEETING

FREEDOM SQUARE

CORNER VICTORIA & MORRIS STS,  
SOPHIA TOWN

ON

SUNDAY

18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1954  
AT 9-30 A.M.

COME IN YOUR THOUSANDS AND DEMONSTRATE  
YOUR LOYALTY AND CONFIDENCE IN THE A.N.C.

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## JOIN AS VOLUNTEERS - NOW!!

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SPEAKERS: DUMA NOKWE, H. MAKGOTHI, R.M. RESHA

ISSUED BY: A.N.C. YOUTH LEAGUE (WEST. BRANCH)

EX 4. 51.

THE WESTERN AREAS MUST  
REMAIN!!

VERWOERD MUST GO!!!

IN SOPHIATOWN, MARTINDALE AND  
NEWCLARE VERWOERD'S AGENTS  
ARE INVADING THE PEOPLE'S  
HOMES WHILE THE MEN ARE AT  
WORK

IN WESTERN NATIVE TOWNSHIP, VERWOERD  
IS DETERMINED TO INCREASE THE RENTAL

THE PEOPLE MUST STOP  
VERWOERD

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF ALL RACES  
RALLY IN YOUR THOUSANDS TO A

MASS MEETING

AT CONGRESS SQUARE  
C/O VICTORIA AND MORRIS STS,  
SOPHIATOWN.

AT  
9 AM

ON SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, 1954

SPEAKERS INCLUDE FATHER HUDDLESTON  
AND E.P. MORETSELE

ISSUED BY: ANC (WESTERN AREAS REGION)

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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.  
----- SOPHIATOWN BRANCH -----

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~~MEMBERS~~

As you are aware, your Branch is required to send delegates to the Queenstown Conference of the A.N.C. taking place in December next.

In view of the financial problems well-known to you, it has been decided that each member pay in the sum of ~~10/-~~ to the Bearer of this List. LET YOUR NAME BE ENTERED HERE AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS DONE IN THE PAST. THIS TIME WE NEED YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE MORE.

NAME:

ADDRESS.

NAME:	ADDRESS.	
5666 Bob Amal		2.6
Ch. Lumba		2.6
Rob. Dedebranga		<del>10.6</del>
Aceny		10.6
Rigid		5.0
Jam Phandi		2.6

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**TREASON TRIAL, 1956 1961**

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