

- (a) No-fines base with concrete above to stop the cold from below.
- (b) Layer of Vermiculite below and concrete above.
- (c) Malthoid on concrete or on stabilised earth.
- (d) Ashcrete.
- (e) Wood.
- (f) Stabilised earth.

The objection against (a) and (b) was that the concrete topping is cold, against (c) that this has not proved effective, against (d) that this disintegrates, and against (e) that this is broken and destroyed by tenants.

The Committee discussed the stabilised earth floor at some length. The objections were:

- (i) Furniture sinks into the floor.
- (ii) Doctors find the dung-smear unhygienic.
- (iii) It is in any case not permitted in rodent-infested areas.
- (iv) When cow-dung is not obtainable as in an urban area, the floor cannot be maintained in good condition; it becomes very dusty and attracts fleas.

Mr. Nel suggested investigating a flooring material patented by a Mr. Coaker of Ladybrand, which consists of a saw-dust tile with the impurities removed. It should make a warm floor. The cost is about 6/- per square yard, i.e. 1/- more than granolithic flooring.

It was agreed that stabilised earth is a suitable flooring material in rural areas but that a suitable floor would have to be found for urban houses. Mr. Connell thought that the National Building Research Institute would investigate Mr. Cutten's suggestion that a suitable covering might be found for stabilised earth floors to prevent wear.

Doors.

In order that the children should not be kept awake until late at night the Committee agreed that there should be doors dividing one room from another. If doors could not be fitted owing to the cost, then at least the doorways should be designed so that the tenants can put in their own doors. Walls should also reach to the soffit of the ceiling or roof covering.

Beds.

Mr. Rheinallt-Jones thought it would be a good thing to fit concrete ledges on which two-tier beds could be put. Although this was not advisable in hostels it was agreed that this would permit the more efficient utilisation of space within the dwelling.

Adequacy of Planning (4(a)2 of Proposed Headings).

Dr. Hellman pointed out that a greater variety of housing was needed. There should be a certain proportion of 2-roomed houses for young married couples and so on. She stressed the need for more correlation between the size of the house and the size of the family. There would have to be more efficient housing management to ensure that a family of 4, for instance, does not live in a 2-roomed house meant for 2, and to provide check against such practices as the conversion of one bedroom into a smart parlour, and the sub-letting of rooms by poorer tenants.

To relate the different sizes of house to different size of family there would first have to be a survey to find out the percentages of the various family types. Dr. Hellman suggested that the census would give a fair indication of the proportion of different-sized families. Dr. Ashton thought that this information could be obtained quite easily from the waiting-lists of applicants for housing accommodation. Mr. Rheinallt-Jones said care would have to be taken to differentiate between families and households because, when a census of 100 squatters in the O.F.S. was made, it was found that there were families of 10 or more, and further additional investigations had to be made to clear up this point.

It was agreed that there should be separate rooms for adolescents, but with this there would have to be a system of differential rents; otherwise the head of a large family (i.e. the group most in need of large houses) would not be able to afford the rent of a large house.

Mr. Nel pointed out that the differential renting system was impracticable because local authorities would have to bear larger losses than in the past; at present the income of tenants was at rock-bottom and so also were the rents. He pointed out that the differential renting system had not been a success in Britain either.

Mr. Cutten disagreed with individual houses having only 2 rooms. From a housing point of view, individual structures which would function for eating, sleeping and living should not be below 3 rooms. From the building point of view it is also the most economical size of house. Unmarried people, and couples with no children should be housed in combined dwellings of one sort or another.

Mr. Cutten suggested that a verandah under the main roof was a waste of space. It was agreed that the space occupied by the verandah would be more useful if thrown into the overall living-space of the home. For this reason it was agreed not to require verandahs as a minimum standard. It was agreed further that guttering to the roof and a concrete slab or other canopy should be provided over the front door to protect the house from rain.

4. GENERAL.

The question of combined dwellings and further installations would be left over until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Institute of Race Relations, Stienen's Street, Johannesburg, on Thursday, 29th April, 1948, at 4 p.m.

The meeting ended at 6 p.m.

Confirmed,

CHAIRMAN.

SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH,
NATIONAL BUILDING RESEARCH INSTITUTE,
P.O. BOX 395,
PRETORIA.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
Empilweni,
35 Toby Street,
Sophiatown,
JOHANNESBURG.

14/4/48

RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ACCOMMODATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

For purposes of making out Committee Lists I am anxious to obtain the correct initials and qualifications of members.

I would appreciate it very much if you could send us this information as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

H.W. Glen

for ORGANISING SECRETARY,
RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM
STANDARDS OF ACCOMMODATION.

ABX. 480417a

17th April, 1948.

Rev. N. Tantsi,
Secretary:Board of Trustees,
Wilberforce Institute,
EVATON.

Dear Sir,

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This lack of tact on the part of our representative must have contributed to the attitude of the students and compromised our position.

I would, however, suggest that the Board call the Students' representatives to inform them that since they have not carried out the instructions of the Board, the Board will be compelled to break negotiations with them at this stage and invite representatives of the Education Department for the final settlement of the situation.

In fact, if this suggestion meets the approval of the Board, as it should, the Board should telephone Pretoria for a meeting on Wednesday the 22nd April, 1948.

Yours faithfully,

A. B. XUMA.

ABX/GM.

ABX. 4804176

17th April, 1948.

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Chairman: Board of Trustees,
Wilberforce Institute,
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Yours faithfully,

A. B. KUMA.

ABX/GM.

A. N. C.
(O.F.S.)
P.O.Box 120,

ABX. 480419a

Heilbron, O.F.S.

19-4-1948.

Dear Sir,

I beg to draw your attention to my letter of the 27th ultimo, to which I have had no reply. I presume pressure of work still prevents you from coming over on Sunday 2nd May, 1948.

If I do not get your reply by Friday the 23rd the invitation will be cancelled.

Yours Sincerely,

J. M. S. Thakka



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African National Congress

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ABX. 480419b

Office of the President General,
104, End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

19th April, 1948.

Mr. A.S. Mc-Paulus,
Monontsa Store,
P.O. WITZIESHOEK, O.F.S.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 31st ultimo requesting for detailed information on the formation of a Congress Branch in your area.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Constitution and wish you to study it.

I shall also be glad to hear from you about yourself and your present work and also any further questions concerning the setting up of a Branch of Congress.

I appreciate very much your interest in the Congress.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT GENERAL:
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

ABX/GM.

ABX. 480419c
A. H. C.
(O.F.S.)

Office of the President General,
104, End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

19th April, 1948.

Mr. J.M. Nthakha,
P.O. Box 120,
HEILBRON, O.F.S.

My dear Mr. Nthakha,

I must acknowledge with thanks your receipt of your kind letter of the 27th ultimo and apologise that on account of certain difficulties I was not in a position to make a reply.

Would Monday May 24th be convenient for you? I think that date would suit me.

If we do have a meeting there must be a clear outline of the problems of the area. In other words, we should be given facts about conditions of life, working conditions, pay and privileges, etc. It should not be a meeting for addresses but for working out a programme of action.

You cannot realise how much I appreciate your intense interest in Congress. I wish there were half-a-dozen interested people like you in the country.

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT GENERAL:
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

ABX/GM.

A.N.C.
(O.F.S.)

ABX-480419d

Office of the President General,
104, End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

19th April, 1948.

Mr. C. Doyle Modiakgotla,
Organiser: A.N.C.,
873, Nkosi Street,
No. 2, Location,
KIMBERLEY.

My dear Mr. Modiakgotla,

Sometime ago in response to your repeated request I sent parcels of African Claims, Kaffir Beer, etc., and asked you to acknowledge receipt. I, however, regret to say that up to date I have received no acknowledgement or receipt.

I had been waiting for Dr. Setlogelo's Provincial Committee to send me your itinerary for the O.F.S. in compliance with the new instructions of the National Executive. I have heard nothing. I therefore ask you to send your own itinerary for confirmation.

How far have you gone with your Location Superintendent? I like the stand you took.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT GENERAL:
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

ABX/GM.

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LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,

CAPE TOWN.

Personal and confidential

Dear Dr Xuma,

I instructed before the adjournment of Parliament that Senate Hansard (two copies) should be sent to you I have since ascertained that several on my list including yourself were omitted inadvertently. I therefore sent you copies today. May I invite your attention to Vol 2 15th & 19th March the pages of which I have indicated on the cover. Page 508 in the case tried at Swellendam I had before raising the matter in the Senate drawn the attention of the Senate Native Representatives to the case as I felt it wd. be more appropriate for one of them to bring the terrible facts before the Hon House.

But for some unexplained reason
they shield away from it!

I claim that my contribution
on the very much lauded Nat-
Apartheid was the most searching,
trenchant criticism of their
thesis and it was not long that
I had them scurrying round like
rabbits trying to parry my
jibes and thrusts. Le R Van
Nickerk, their expert on Native
(African) affairs, for many years
member of the Native Affairs
Commission was put up by them
in caucus to answer me. Just
read mark and inwardly digest
the sorry figure he cut in the
attempt and how he had to
confess that I spoke with the
fresh weight of authority behind
me and that my knowledge and

Experience of Native Affairs
could not be challenged.

Again, a day after I delivered
my speech out comes the
Fagan Commission Report. I
ask you to compare its terms
with the recommendations made
by me as Chairman of the
"Stubbs Commission" thirty
years ago, quoted by me on
pages 755 to 766, Vol 3,
and if you do not thereafter
come to the conclusion that the
former Commission has unblushingly
borrowed my phrase, ^{without the grace to acknowledge it} in respect
of the African Town dweller etc etc,
prescribed thirty years ago, then
indeed I shall be astonished.

The tragedy of it all is
that I have stood alone on the
floor of the Senate undaunted,

not the slightest sentence that I should have been
one of the first to be approached to represent you.
Well, well, well!

Yours sincerely
Gustav Schultz

Fearless, challenging and not
a single soul to support me
and not a word not a sign
not a line in the Press.

Is it too late and
is it asking too much if
I say I expect a man of
your intellect, your force
of character and penetrating
mind to come forward
uninspired, uninfluenced by
me to tell the world of SA.
by means of one or more articles
in the Daily Press whether and
to what extent the Africans
appreciate and recognise my
efforts.

You the Africans are
busy sending new Senators &
M.P.s to represent you in Parliament
and yet after my fifty years of
strenuous endeavour on behalf of your
people not a word not a sign

Social Welfare - General
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22/4/48

RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ACCOMMODATION
SUB-COMMITTEE 3 (SURVEY OF ATTITUDES OF HOUSEHOLDERS)
JOINT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS NATIVE HOUSING

The third meeting of the above joint committee will be held in the Office of the Director of the Institute of Race Relations, Stiemens Street, Johannesburg, on Thursday 29th April, 1948 at 4 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Confirmation of Minutes.
2. Matters Arising from Minutes.
3. Further discussion of proposed list of headings.
4. General.

for *H.W. Glen*
ORGANISING SECRETARY,
RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM
STANDARDS OF ACCOMMODATION.

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22nd April, 1948.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
85 Toby Street,
SOPHIATOWN.

Race Relations

Dear Dr. Xuma,

Brains Trust; Escom House Theatre; May 3 (Monday)

This is just to confirm our phone conversation today regarding the above date, and to express the hope that you will not be delayed by any inconsiderate patients on that particular night.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Walker

Oliver Walker
EDITOR

A.H.C.
(O.F.S.)

P.O.Box 120, ABX-480422c
Heilbron, O. F. S.
22nd April, 1948.

Dr. A. B. Kuma,
President-General,
African National Congress,
104 End Street,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant for which I thank you very much indeed, I beg to state that I will be away from home on the 23rd and the 24th, consequently the latter date will no suit me.

I suggest the 31st May, 1948, that is a week after the 24th if that will suit you, if so, kindly advise me as soon as possible in order to enable me to ^{give} it a wide publicity.

I may, however, state that it will be impossible for the country people to attend on that day, because they will be busy reaping. Such holidays are not observed by Farmers.

Secondly Locations people in the Free State are not like places like Johannesburg, if there may be matches (sport) they might go to the sport in preference of going to the meeting.

Wages are very low here and efforts should be made to get the Wage Board to this place, apart from the cost-of-living they get, which may one of the days in far distant future fall away they have had no increase. Your coming over will be highly appreciated it will go a long way to strengthen our hands.

The Meeting may start at 9-30 a.m.

It is a great pity that we failed to hold the meeting on the 2nd because our people in the country require enlightenment, the majority of members of the local African National Congress are in the country. I shall however notify them, those who may be free may come to the meeting.

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,

J. M. Mthakha

A.N.C. (O.F.S.) A.B.N. 480422d



Dr. A. B. Xuma
President General,
African National Congress.
104 End Street.
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 19th inst. giving the required information about the formation of a Congress Branch out here.

Unfortunately the Constitution mentioned to have been enclosed, is left out.

Since I left over my studies at the Wit. University, I have now taken up business as a storekeeper.

I am looking forward to receive a copy of the Constitution at your very earliest.

Thanking You,
Yours faithfully
A.S. Mo-Laurus.

sent 26/4/48.

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25/4/48

ADDRESS BY DR. A.B. XUMA, PRESIDENT GENERAL, AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, IN OPENING THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE TRANSVAAL INDIAN CONGRESS at GANDHI HALL, on APRIL 25th, 1948.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I must thank you for your kind invitation to me to open the Annual Conference of the Transvaal Indian Congress. When the telephonic invitation reached me thirty-six hours ago, I was tempted to decline since I realised that with the nature of my work as Medical Practitioner there would be no time for me to prepare a speech befitting the occasion. I must, therefore, apologise for not having prepared a speech.

There are, however, certain factors which compelled me to accept the invitation in spite of the obvious difficulties. One was that I admire your great work and sacrifices for the liberation of South Africa. The other was the memorable experience of work with your able and indefatigable representatives Messrs. Sorabjee Rustomjee and Naidoo. The third and final reason was that your kind invitation compensated for my refusal of a similar invitation to open the Natal Indian Congress Conference in Durban on the 29th May, 1948. Unfortunately for my Indian friends in Natal, but fortunately for me on that day I expect my wife to arrive by air in Johannesburg after about 10 months absence. I cannot be blamed for remaining in Johannesburg in anticipation of such a great event.

There is something ominous for race and colour relations in the circumstances under which your Conference assembles and will deliberate to-day. You are without your President Dr. Y.M. Dadoo. Likewise in Natal, the Conference of the Natal Indian Congress will be held open on the 29th May, 1948 and finish in subsequent days without its President Dr. G.M. Naicker.

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These men are not dead. They are not out of the country. Yes, they are out of the land of the free. They are not criminals. They have committed no crime. They have been committed into gaol because they have organised and led their people to fight colour discrimination and oppression. They have demanded freedom of movement for their people. In fact they have demanded human rights for their people. They have demanded that human rights be extended to their community as well thereby making South Africa a democracy in word and in truth.

During the war people of other colours committed acts and publicly expressed views that were tantamount to treason especially in a state of emergency, but nothing happened to these leaders because they were white and above all they and their followers have the vote which determines who shall govern and who shall legislate.

Unfortunately for your leaders, their followers and most other Non-Europeans have no vote. They therefore have no constitutional means of recording their displeasure against an act of Parliament, the Government or individual Parliamentarians as is the case in a democratic State.

As I said before these men are not criminals. They are heroes for human rights. They are champions of right and justice. Although they are undergoing privations and hardships in gaol, they must have one consolation in that the whole civilised world and right thinking people know that these men are in gaol for a righteous cause.

One wonders whether those who are responsible for their imprisonment have a clear conscience for this anti-democratic and anti-christian act. Hitler and Mussolini, in the heyday of their respective regimes brooked no opposition. They put out all opposition or put them in gaol. But the forces of right prevailed.

Although our forces composed of all races and colours paid supreme sacrifices during including life itself to destroy Hitlerism and Fascism these attitudes and philosophies have survived the war in South Africa in colour relations.

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The promises of the Prime Minister and other leading South Africans are now forgotten because the hour of danger is past. We were called upon to die together to crush the evil that threatened human rights all over the ~~eean~~ world. The "threat to world freedom", as the philosophies of Hitler and Mussolini were looked upon, has been destroyed. In spite of these conditions I have just described obtained in our post war South Africa, the United Party Manifesto has been issued with the following points, among others, (2) "The maintenance of white civilisation and of the way of life known as Western Democracy with answerving opposition to Fascism, Nazism, Communism and all other forms of undemocratic government" (5) Protection of the fundamental rights of the individual especially freedom-of speech, religion and the press."

I wonder if words have their real meanings in South Africa. The arrest and conviction of Drs. Dadoo and Naicker for leading their people against discrimination raises a fundamental point for all leaders of oppressed and discriminated sections. It is a dangerous precedent. It is more akin to fascism than democracy.

The sacrifices of your leaders are a great challenge to you for more sacrifices and devoted following. Your struggle, your sacrifices and your determination has been an object lesson to us in loyalty to your own leaders and to the cause. Your resolution on the Mahatma shows devotion and loyalty to leadership.

Your campaign made it possible for our case - the Africans' case, the case of South West Africa to come before the United Nations. I want to thank you and the Government of India through you for the leading role their delegation played for the cause of human rights on behalf of the non-represented Africans.

Through your struggle in the past 18 months, you have severely wounded colour discrimination and domination in South Africa. There will never be a recovery from this blow. There will be a struggle like a wounded buck. There will be a furious and desperate reaction like a wounded tiger. But the end, however long, will be victory for the forces of right and justice.

The aims and objects of your struggle may be distorted ... /

distorted and misrepresented. You must remember with William Cullen Bryant that

Truth crushed to earth will rise again
The eternal years of God are hers
But error wounded wreathes with pain
And dies among her worshippers.

In conclusion, I want again to emphasise that in your struggle you are not fighting for the Indians alone. You are fighting for the freedom of all South Africa - white and black. The Europeans in South Africa cannot be free while three-fourths of the population - the Non-Europeans are not free. You are fighting to make South Africa a democracy. You are fighting to save our country from committing national suicide.

In these few words, I have the honour and the pleasure of declaring your Conference open -

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Dr. A. B. Xuma,
104, End Street,
Doornfontein,
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We are in receipt of your letter, enrolment form and for Money Order value £10.10.- in payment of the fee for the M.R.C.P. Lon. Self help Course.

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Secretary.

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P.O. Box 29

Waterwal-Boven

27 April 1948

Dr Xuma
Johannesburg

Dear Sir

I posted a letter enclosed
of 16/9/48 for your departmental
office and I stated that you
will demand 2/6 from the
General Secretary of the Transvaal
Provincial branch A.N.C. which
stands for 3 members have the
tickets you issued.

Point of inquiry. Is it duty bound
that once a person paid 2/6 at
the entry to the Congress. He cannot
pay 2/6 every the beginning of the year
Non reply or inform me so
that I can explain it to members
locally Expecting the receipt of

the 16/9

Yours Obediently

Rev E. Roza See

personal matters

ADX-480429

420 North Dunlieth Avenue
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
April 29, 1948

"This certifies that Madie Hall Xuma, the bearer, is an acceptable Member of Goler Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina of Goler Station of the Western North Carolina Conference but, desiring to remove her Membership, is hereby affectionately Commended to the fellowship of the Pastor and Membership of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Johannesburg or in any other place where she may decide to reside."

Yours in Christ,

Rev. W. F. Witherspoon
Rev. W. F. Witherspoon

ABX-480504

A.N.C.
(O.F.S.)

Office of the President General,
104, End Street,
Johannesburg.

4th May, 1948.

Mr. J.M. Nthakha,
P.O. Box 120,
HEILBRON.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 22nd April, 1948, and the information contained therein.

I regret to inform you that there is a possibility of Mrs. Xuma arriving from America by air on the 29th or 30th May, 1948 according to present arrangements. That makes the 31st May, 1948, impossible for me under the circumstances.

Besides your careful assessments of possible difficulties for a successful meeting on that date compel me to suggest a date after harvest possibly a Sunday if that is advisable from your experience.

I must again thank you for your fine interest in the National work.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT GENERAL,
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

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ABX. 480507a

A. N. C.
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Office of the President Gen.,
104, End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

7th May, 1948.

Mr. N.K. Peele,
Secretary,
Moroka Vigilance League,
12480, B.C. Sec.,
Moroka Township,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I must apologise for my inability to reply to your two letters earlier than now. It was due to pressure of other calls on my time.

As to the subject of our first letter I would suggest that your Youth Vigilance Association see the Provincial President.

also

I would like to add that it would facilitate matters and coordinate our forces if, instead of forming many local organisations we would join the national organisation and work through it.

In reply to the subject of your second letter I would say that I welcome what has happened. A dividing force has been removed among the Africans. I, therefore, would not be prepared to try to bring about a change in the present position.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT GENERAL,
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

ABX/GM.

ABX. 4805076

A. N. C.
(10)

Office of the President General,
104, End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

7th May, 1948.

Rev. C.P. Molefe,
St. Cyprian's Anglican Mission,
Top Location,
VEREENIGING.

My dear Rev. Molefe,

Your letter of the 1st March, 1948, was much appreciated by me although it has taken me so long to reply to it. You have dealt with the establishment of a newspaper and that is one of the most important questions in our future and in our progress.

I quite agree with you that we need an organ for our organisation and for our ideal. But I believe that at this stage such a "paper" should be promoted, owned and run on a business basis by a few nationally minded men. It should express the ideals of the African National Congress and the aspirations of our people.

My fear is that if such a paper is owned by Congress, it will suffer from mass control. It will be everybody's business and nobody's business. Incompetent people by mass vote will be placed in offices and positions that will do the cause no credit. The late Abantu Batho suffered and died from that.

Except on such points of details I fully concur with you on the whole idea.

Besides, and I have already made exhaustive investigation, it will be difficult to get a Printer for such a paper and advertisements that pay will be hard to get as our policy will be against many people who control advertisements.

It will therefore require not only more capital than usual but also its own printing press.

I wish we were discussing the matter personally.

Thanking you again,
Yours very sincerely,

PRESIDENT GENERAL.
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

ABX/GM.

ABX. 480507c

Rosenberg Arcade,
NO.58 Market st,
JOHANNESBURG.
7th May, 1948.

THE PRESIDENT-GENERAL,
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS,
NO.104, END STREET,
DOORNFONTEIN.

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that at a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS YOUTH LEAGUE held on the 24th of April, 1948, at Rosenberg Arcade, NO.58 Market St, Johannesburg the following officials were elected in terms of the Constitution:-

PRESIDENT	A.P.MDA (elected by Conference)
VICE-PRESIDENT	O.TAMBO.
SECRETARY/ORGANISER	V.SIFORA.
SECRETARY	N.R.D.MANDELA.
TREASURER	C.DLAMINI.

ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE:-

W.SISULU.
R.PETENI.
H.RAMOKGOPA
A.MAQUBELA
E.MANYOSI.
P.BORMAN.

Yours faithfully,
N.R. Mandela
SECRETARY..

7/5/1948

BANTU WELFARE TRUSTNotice of meeting.

The next meeting of the Bantu Welfare Trust will be held in the office of Lt. Colonel J. Donaldson D.S.O. at 11.a.m. on Friday the 7th May, 1948.

Agenda

1. APOLOGIES.
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - (a) Training of African Surveyors.
 - (b) Moroka schools.
 - (c) Ophirton Property.
 - (d) Tshakedi Khama - Meeting with the High Commissioner.
 - (e) Fort Hare bursaries.
 - (f) Analysis of Trusts benefactions.
 - (g) Mr Victor Mbobo's loan.
4. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE
 - (a) Bantu United School.
 - (b) Kobus C.M. - for a loan to enable him to take law.
 - (c) Simon Tihosole for a grant.
 - (d) Tiger Kloof Institution - for a grant of £227 to enable them to purchase a film projector.
5. Mr J. L. Vabaza's letter.
6. Letters of thanks.
 - (a) Continuation classes.
 - (b) Students Medical Council.
 - (c) African Youth Board.
 - (d) Girl Guides Association (Natal)
7. GENERAL.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BANTU WELFARE
TRUST HELD IN THE OFFICE OF LT. COLONEL J.
DONALDSON D.S.O. ON FRIDAY 7th MAY, 1948

PRESENT

Lt. Colonel J. Donaldson D.S.O. (Chairman), Mr W.F. Hunter,
(Vice Mr G.H.R. Edmunds), Cr. P.R. Moseka, Dr Ray Phillips,
Mr J.D. Rheinallt Jones, Mr Quintin Whyte, and Dr Xuma.

In attendance: Mr J.R. Altman and the Assistant Secretary.

APOLOGIES

The Rt. Hon. J.H. Hofmeyr M.P. and Councillor R.V. Selope Thema.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd April 1948,
having been circulated, were taken as read and were
confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) Training of African Surveyors:- Mr Altman reported
that he and Mr Quintin Whyte had not yet had time to
discuss the salaries of the surveyors Assistants with
the Under-Secretary for Native Affairs.

This was noted

- (b) Moroka schools:- Mr Quintin Whyte reported that he
had had an interview with the Chief Inspector of Native
Education and he had been assured that the failure of
Provincial Education Department to acknowledge the
Trust's conditional offer, was not intentional, but was
an oversight caused by the fact that the subject matter
of the letter was being dealt with by two Departments.
He assured Mr Whyte that an official reply would be
forwarded to the Trust within the next few days. Mr
Whyte further reported that he had been informed by
Mr Franz that the Department had registered the Jabavu
school and provided for the appointment of fifteen
teachers with effect from the beginning of the year. This
this was noted, and, on the recommendation of Dr Phillips

IT WAS AGREED

that the Trustees should continue to sub-
sidise the salaries of the teachers at
Moroka for a further period of six months
after which the position should be reviewed.

- (c) Chief Tshekedi Khama:- Mr Altman reported that a reply
had not yet been received to the letter which had been
written to Sir Evelyn Baring.

This was noted

Ophirton Property:- The Chairman reported that he had visited
the Ophirton Property and suggested that Mr Hunter should
obtain a valuation of it as the Trust may have to sell
it should the Trade Unions think that it is out of the
way. Mr Rheinallt Jones proposed that the Trust should
consider acquiring the vacant stand next to it before
negotiating for a sale.

IT WAS AGREED

that the Treasurers should ascertain what
the owner of this property would accept for
it.

- (e) Fort Hare Bursaries:- Reported that copies of Dr Kerr's allocation of the bursaries had been circulated to the Trustees.

This was noted

- (f) Trust's Benefactions:-

DECIDED

to hold this matter over until the next meeting.

- (g) Mbobo's(Mr) loan:- The Secretaries stated that at the time Mr Mbobo applied for a loan, the Trust had not yet adopted a definite policy regarding loans, and the Trustees had subsequently decided upon a policy, laying down that all educational loans should be interest-free.

IT WAS DECIDED

that the loans to law students should be interest-free during the period of study and should earn interest from the date on which the students complete their courses.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED

that the total amount loaned out to law students should not be limited to £4000 and that when this maximum is reached, no further loans for this purpose should be granted.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE

- (a) Dr L.Hertslet:- for a grant towards the cost of printing "dummy" copies of the booklet "When you go to Town"

IT WAS DECIDED

to circulate a copy of the MS among the Trustees and to include this application on the agenda for the next meeting. It was further agreed that a suggestion should be made to Dr Hertslet that it would be very much cheaper to have the "dummy" copies roneoed.

- (b) Ethiopian Church of Africa:- for a loan of £5000 to enable them to build a school towards which the congregation had already contributed £5000

IT WAS DECIDED

that the Assistant Secretary should inspect the properties offered as security and submit a report at the next meeting.

- (c) Reuben Makhubalo:- for a grant of £150 and a guarantee of £250 to the American Consulate to enable him to avail himself of a scholarship offered by an American University. As there was some doubt about his qualification,

IT WAS DECIDED

to inquire from the Principal of Lovedale Institution where Mr Makhubalo claims to have obtained a Matriculation Certificate. It was also decided to write to the Principal of the College offering the scholarship.

- (d) Bantu United School:- for a grant of £50 to enable them to establish a school Reference Library.

IT WAS DECIDED

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