

STATEMENT BY NELSON MOSEANE.

1070, Mhlongo Street, W.N.T.

33 years old.

On Saturday evening, November 1st., 1941, about 8 P.M. I was coming down Perth Road just opposite Talitha Home my accelerator came loose and I stopped the car to fix it. While I was stooping down, I heard someone saying "Pass" and as I raised up to look, I was struck at the back of my head with what appeared to be a stick by a Civic Guard in Uniform. I fell in front of the car past the mudguard and then others came and hit me and kicked me all about the body and kicked me even over the right eye. When I woke up I was handcuffed. They then led me down Perth Road and let me sit there for two hours. Within the two hours they went back to the car and brought on my companion handcuffed and let him sit with me. We were left in the car of an African in civilian clothes. He may have been a policeman because he was carrying handcuffs. My companion and I both had our passes in order. I had even my driver's licence, Poll tax receipt which I produced at the Charge Office later.

After about two hours they took our handcuffs off and let us go without laying any charge against or taking us to the Charge office.

I went back to the car and asked the man who was left to watch the car where my hat was. He said the Civic Guard took the hat with him when he took me away. He said the Civic Guards came back and tried to start the car. The car could not start and they left it. They had flattened the battery in attempting to start it.

We pushed the car and started it and went to Newlands Police Station Charge office. They took my statement there and said I must go to the hospital by my own car. I told the police Civic Guards had flattened up my battery. The other men then pushed the car, started and picked me up from the Charge office and took me to the hospital where stitches were taken to close the wound at the back of my head and I was allowed to be taken home. I came home and went to bed as I could not drive. Even now, November 5th 1941, I did not drive my taxi as I cannot hear well when one hoots. I am still feeling a severe headache.

(Signed) Nelson Moseane.

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On Sunday, January 18th at 9:45 p.m. while passing Civic Guard Headquarters, Area 2, Section 2, Bertrams, I noticed a member of the Civic Guard pushing and striking a Native.

As I stopped the car to see what was happening he let the Native go and shoved him down the street. When he saw that I was watching him he overtook the Native and examined his pass, again releasing him.

I inquired of the Native as to what the trouble was and he said that the Civic Guardsman had attacked him for no reason at all.

I entered the Civic Guard Headquarters where there were six members of the Civic Guard and several other people, including boys. The one I had seen in the street was easily recognizable because he was the only one in the room with glasses. I asked him for his name and he refused to give it.

A Guardsman who said he was the Officer in Charge then intervened, and protested that I should come to him if I wanted any information or had any business with any of the Guardsmen. I told him what I had seen happen, and he assured me that I need not trouble myself about it anymore, that he would attend to it. I said that I did intend to trouble myself about it some more because we had had many complaints of the way some members of the Civic Guard dealt with Africans. He asked my name, and wrote it down, and then said he would attend to it, that I need not take any further action. He did not ask for my initials or my address or ask for a statement as to what had happened.

The name of the Native concerned is Johnson Makokopa, 33 Ascot Street, Bertrams.

Karlton C. Johnson

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HENDRIL WATERBOER, 27a. Booyens Road, Booyens.

On Saturday night at about 9.30 I was pushing my bicycle in Fraser Street South on the pavement by the Booyens Hotel, and a Civic Guard stopped me and asked me where was the light for the bicycle. I told him that I didn't need a light because I was pushing the bicycle. He told me to stop. I stopped and he blew his whistle and another Civic Guard arrived. The second one came up and without saying anything slapped me twice with his open hand. I told him if he hit me again I would hit him back. He then asked me for my name and address which I gave him. He then told me to see that I get a move on. They took their sticks out so I took my bicycle and ran away from them. They started to blow their whistles again. I kept on running. They chased me from the Booyens Hotel to where I was staying. I threw the bicycle into the garage and ran through the door into my room. They came in (about 10 or 12 I think) through the garage and through the other gate and broke into my room, breaking down the door which I had locked. They then caught me and hit me about with their sticks. They handcuffed me, pulled me out of the room and hit me again. They took me to Booyens Charge Office and charged me with assault. They went back to my room and my daughter says that they came to look for the table knife so that they could say I was trying to cut them with it. They also looked for their sticks and their badges, one of which I have. They took the knife and went back to the charge office.

Educator - General

ABX. 420205a

Dr. A.B. Xuma
85 Joby Street
Sophiatown.



Dear Sir,

I hereby humbly request you, on behalf of my Committee organising the African Teachers salary ^{campaign} in the Transvaal, to assist our teachers in their struggle for higher wages and better conditions of service. You can help us a great deal if you could (1) spread our propaganda among all the branches of the African National Congress. (2) lay a stress on teachers salary in your deputation to the Prime Minister or Minister of Native Affairs. (3) write a letter to these Ministers supporting our plea (4) approach other influential persons, bodies or organisations.

You will be pleased, I am sure, to know that we have already received letters of full support from many organisations and people among whom are The Democratic League, Missionaries, Trade Unions, Joint Councils, Institute of Race Relations etc.

Your advices to this Campaign would be greatly appreciated by our teachers. We are quite aware of your services in the
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past and ^{for this,} we are greatly indebted to you though under these embarrassing and trying circumstances we feel we need you most. I hope you will acquaint us with any step you take on our behalf. Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,
Sir,

sincerely yours,
Sol. J. Lesolang
Convenor Org. Comm.

T.A.T.A.

P.S.

Though Mr. Smit, Secretary for Native Affairs promised the teachers' deputation that they would be replied soon after 7th Jan. this year, teachers have not yet received a word from him. A reminder was sent to him last week Monday. Ad

Mr. J. D. Xxxxx

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Dr. A. B. Xuma,
President,
African National Congress,
75 Toby Street,
SOPHIA TOWN,
JOHANNESBURG.

Politics - General

My dear Dr. Xuma,

I hope you will not consider it a presumption on my part, but I have had several deputations waiting on me lately, asking me to seriously consider the question of allowing myself to be nominated for the Transkei vacancy, as a Senator in place of Senator Welsh, who has been elected a Government nominee.

Politics is not my particular forte, ^{though} I have had the honour - or shall I say, the privilege of allowing my name to be submitted for political honours by every political party at present extant in this country.

I have always been deeply interested in the progress of the submerged millions of our country, and have frequently spoken at many Conferences which I have attended, including the Poor White Conference held in Kimberley some years ago, and the usual annual Conferences of the National Industrial Council of the Leather Industries, deprecating the state of affairs which prevails amongst these peoples. I have argued that the entire prosperity and contentment of South Africa has been placed in jeopardy by the short-sighted policy of unhealthy economic conditions for these peoples.

Their welfare is one in which I am deeply interested, and if I am able to contribute any effort in a direction which will improve the

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position, it will be a source of great pleasure to me. The question therefore, of contesting the seat, has a certain appeal, an appeal only on the grounds which I have outlined. Otherwise, I have no interest.

I have not yet definitely committed myself as a candidate, and would very much appreciate your views on the subject. If I should contest the seat, could I rely on your very able support?

I might mention that a body of Bantu people waited on me last night at the office and again discussed the matter, and while this letter is addressed to you entirely on my own volition, they too urged that I should not fail to communicate with you, and also ask you to influence Messrs. Mzazi and Qamata on my behalf.

With my long association in Industry, which extends over a period of 35 years, and the better wage conditions which prevail in our Industry I may claim have been the outcome of my annual efforts in this direction.

The new Industrial Legislation provides for a fortnight's holiday on full pay to all its workers, and in this connection you will perhaps be interested to learn that for the past 15 years my firm has been paying to every individual in the establishment, without exception, a fortnight's wages. Equal pay for equal work has always been a principle of mine, for many years, and in our Shoe Industry there is no discrimination. It is the job which carries the wage, and this has established a precedent which should redound to the benefit of all South Africa as time proceeds.

Unemployment benefit is another factor which I have been fighting for for a long while, and a minimum wage for labourers of 30/-, I have vigorously taken up in my Council for many years, and can produce evidence in support.

I merely mention these facts to demonstrate that it is not a question of a candidate for honours, discovering an ideal all in a hurry. I in reality, am not seeking any glory, and if I cannot serve well and fearlessly, /then.....

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
JOHANNESBURG.

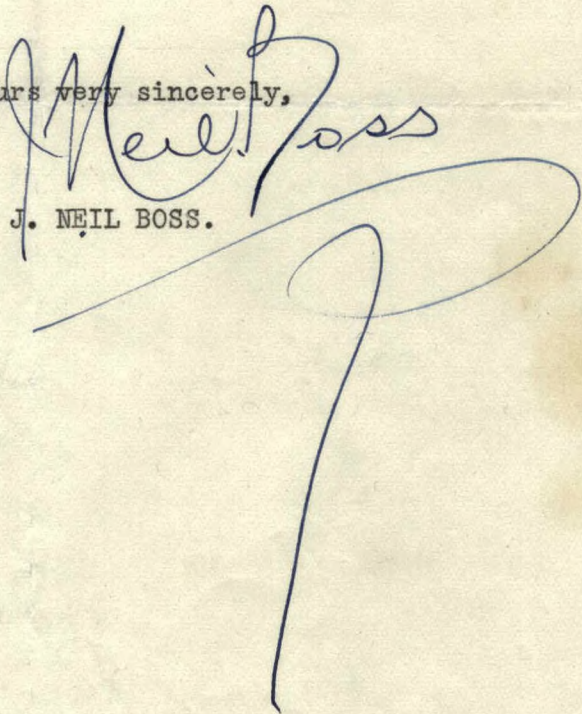
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then I have no desire to occupy any post. My time is fully occupied. I conduct a very large, and probably one of the most modern shoe factories in South Africa, in addition to which I run a farm breeding Jersey cattle, and producing flowers, and have been successful in organising this on probably the most unique lines of any farm in South Africa.

I have some outstanding Bantu boys who are partaking in responsible tasks in this venture of mine, and should be delighted at any time if you are again visiting Port Elizabeth, to show you what has been achieved, and how my staff has responded to careful tuition and considerate treatment.

I do hope you will recollect having met me when you gave the address at New Brighton, and hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience,

Yours very sincerely,


J. NEIL BOSS.

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Health Matters - General

6th February, 1942.

The Secretary,
Miners' Phthisis Enquiry Committee,
New Law Courts,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply for a copy of the Interdepartmental Report of a Committee appointed by the Minister to enquire into certain aspects of Miners' Phthisis and Compensation and any other evidence that has been made available since then.

I have tried to get the official title of this Report from both Messrs. Louw and Southgate; but neither of them was clear except that the Committee was appointed in 1938.

Thanking you in advance for any assistance rendered in securing a copy,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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2211 Kaiyana Street

Pimville,

Johannesburg

6th Feb 1942

C I R C U L A R L E T T E R T O :

Missionaries and Ministers, Principals of Colleges and Schools and Presidents of Associations, etc.

M E N D I M E M O R I A L S I L V E R A N N I V E R S A R Y 22nd FEB 1942

Sir/Madam,

Twenty-five years ago on the 21st of February 1917, the Troopship Mendi sank in the English Channel with African men who had crossed the Oceans to help win the war that was threatening the Christian civilization and all that is best in human life

A monument is being raised in the form of a Scholarship Fund to perpetuate the memory of those heroes. It is the desire of the Mendi Memorial Scholarship Fund that members of both races (African and European) in this country should be reminded of the significance of this year's celebrations.

Under the guidance of Mr. J. M. Brink, Chairman and Native Commissioner of Johannesburg, the Committee has set itself the task of raising £1,000 this year. It can be done with your assistance and co-operation. " We think of those who were drowned with sorrow; but we also think of them with pride because of the way in which they died". These words were uttered by the Hon.Mr.J.H.Hofmeyr at the Mendi Anniversary Celebration at Capetown last year.

We should all determine to keep the memory of these heroes fresh every year by our contribution to the fund that has been established to commemorate their deeds. Last year ONLY two churches (African) two colleges, and five day schools contributed to this worthy cause. The City Council of Pretoria set a good example by donating £25.

You can assist this cause by making known to your people or scholars the significance of this year's Silver Anniversary. Contributions however small may be sent to the Native Commissioner, Johannesburg.

(Sgd) H. G. Mpitso
Hon. Secretary

Social Welfare - General

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BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

Phone: 33-8110.

P.O. Box 4767,
JOHANNESBURG.
6th February, 1942.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

The Next Ordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bantu Men's Social Centre, will be held in the Committee Room, on Thursday, 12th February, 1942, At 5 P.M. Please make a special effort to attend.

Yours Faithfully,

THEO. B. MDANISO.
ACT. ASS. SECRETARY.

PRO. JULIUS. G. MALIE.
ACT. SECRETARY.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes.
2. Matters Arising Out Of Minutes.
3. House Committee Report.
4. Sports' Fund (Report)
5. Kitchen Report.
6. Draft Accounts For 1941.
7. New Members.
8. General.

N.B. All African members of the Executive Committee, as well as those European members who will find it possible, are requested to attend a Meeting of the House Committee on Wednesday, 11th February, 1942, At 5 P.M..

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ON THURSDAY, 8TH JANUARY, 1942, AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Dr. Ray E. Phillips (Chair) Mr J.M. Pim (Hon Treasurer) Messrs A. Bovet; H. Britten; G. Motsieloa; S.P. Mqubuli; Dr. Dexter Taylor; Mr G.B. Xorile; The Acting Secretary (Mr J.G. Malie) The Acting Assistant Secretary (Mr T.B. Mdaniso) and The Physical Director (Mr A.P. Khutlang).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Messrs W.G. Ballinger; L.M. Povall; and Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read, and adopted.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: The Acting Secretary reported that the washing basins had been repaired, but that no account had yet been received. The Chairman (Dr Phillips) reported that the tennis courts had been completed, and were now suitable for use. It was agreed that the Chairman instruct Mr Murray, should he find it necessary, to adjust the net-poles so as to eliminate the alleged danger of players bumping into the walls of the new building near the tennis court.

CORRESPONDENCE: The application by Dr. Dube, for a remission of the hall fees charged on 24th December, when a Concert and Dance was held by the Ohlange Institute, was granted. (2) The Rhythm Clouds Band, applied for the use of the hall on 10th April 1942 to hold a Concert and Dance. GRANTED. (3) The application by the Dutch Reform School at Sophiatown, for the use of the hall on 5th March 1942, to hold a Concert and Dance, was also granted. (4) The African Commercial Drivers Union applied for the use of the hall on 2nd April to hold a Concert and Dance. It was agreed that they be asked to choose a suitable date after the Easter holidays. (5) The application by Mr G. Qotyane on behalf of the Ethiopian Church in Christ, was withheld pending further investigation by the Secretaries. (6) The application by the Dubula Dancing Association for the use of the hall for a Concert and Dance on 6th February, was also withheld pending further information. (7) The application by Nurse M. Mankazana on behalf of the Bantu Trained Nurses' Association for the use of the hall on 13th March, 1942 was granted. (8) Mr D.M. Denalane, on behalf of the Bapedi National Society, applied for the use of the hall on Sundays 18th January, and 8th February respectively for the purpose of holding meetings. GRANTED. (9) The Gay Gaities, who applied for the use of the hall on 13th February 1942, were granted the date.

MEMBERSHIP: The Following, were admitted into the membership of the Social Centre. S.Ntshekisa; N.Mandella; J.Hlequgo; D.Keetse; M.Mogoetse; E.Mamkeli; C.Ndlazi; H.Nkole; M.Nyandeni; J.Sibatlelo; and W.B. Tshotshe. The motion rescinding the minutes of 13th November, 1941, thereby refusing Mr Kayet (an Indian) membership into the Social Centre, was adopted. It was agreed that his fees be refunded.

GENERAL: Mr Motsieloa made a request for the remission of half the hall fees charged on 31st December, 1941, when his Syndicate was running a show on a fifty-fifty basis with the Centre. AGREED.

It was agreed that a report regarding the show held on 16th December, 1941, be requested from the Sports' Fund Committee, this report to be included in the Agenda. The meeting adjourned at 5.55.P.M.

CHAIRMAN.....

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Education - General

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JOHANNESBURG.

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Dear Dr Xuma

I have to refer to
your letter of 13.1.42 addressed
to the Registrar.

There is no question of
Natal Medical Scholars
surrendering the books which
they used last year if
they wish to keep them.

I have decided that if
a scholar no longer wants
to keep a book he should
hand it in to me as a nucleus

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MILNER PARK,
JOHANNESBURG.

This success.

But there is no question
of nature of any one but
the scholar himself deciding
what he will keep and
what he will have to look
any use for.

I am sorry you should
have been troubled by a
misunderstanding.

Yours truly

H. R. Raikes.
Principal

ABX. 420207b

7th February, 1942.

The Hon. Secretary,
Council of Non-European Trade Unions,
P.O. Box 4549,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

My Congress is trying to arrange a deputation to interview the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence; the Minister for Native Affairs and other ministers concerned, on various questions such as the African and Military Service; Land; Representation; Education; Wages (Trade Unions, their Recognition and Registration); Pass Laws; The Native Administrative Act and so forth.

It is felt that since the question of wages and the Registration and Recognition of Trade Unions is one of the major and fundamental issues it would be advisable for your Committee to appoint specially a Trade Unionist to be a full member of the proposed Congress deputation. Besides, I would personally particularly appreciate any written statement of problems and difficulties experienced by your officials and members as Trade Unionists in the present stage of un-statutory recognition and registration.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL
AFRICAN NATIONAL
CONGRESS.

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7th February, 1942.

The Hon. Secretary,
Council of Non-European Trade Unions,
P.O.Box 4549,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th January, 1942, I beg to state that I shall be glad to serve as a member of the "Impartial Commission" on the relations and activities of different African Trade Unions as suggested in your letter.

With best regards,

Yours faithfully,

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labour matters - trades
unions

ABX. 420209

9th February, 1942.

My dear Mr. Mbelle,

I must thank you for a letter you had sent to reach me before leaving for the Conference at Bloemfontein. But, unfortunately, it was too late.

It was undoubtedly a most useful and suggestive document which tendered to clarify my thinking in certain directions. However, when you receive a copy of the Presidential address you may feel that we are not thinking in opposite directions.

In regard to this, the Presidential address, you might have seen comment upon it in the "Forum" or a reference of the comment which appears in the February number of the "South African Outlook".

I also wish to thank you for your last letter and to advise you that under separate cover I am returning your valuable copies of Hansard; but wish I could secure copies for my personal use and possession.

Kindly get for me the 1941 Amendment of Miners' Phtisis Act.

I am now trying to get a deputation to Cape Town on the Military Service and the African; Land; Representation; Education; Wages (Recognition and Registration of African Trade Unions); Pass Laws; and the Natives' Administration Act.

I would be glad to receive any information as to the prices paid for farms, the satisfaction or otherwise of the allocation and control of such lands.

Do you know of any available figures of the amounts the various governments have paid for land for Europeans, for irrigation schemes and Land Bank Loans. How much of this do you know has been written off in favour of the European farmers?

I am sorry to burden you with all these questions; but it may be easier for you to chance upon some of this information.

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Mr. Mbelle.

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February 9th., 1942.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Miners' Phthisis Commission,
Room 50 B,
New Law Courts,
Johannesburg,
10th February, 1942.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
104, End Street,
Doornfontein,
Johannesburg.

Health Matters - General

Dear Sir, *with reference to my communit*
with you yesterday, I beg to ~~acknowledge the receipt of~~
~~your letter of the 6th instant, and to forward~~
herewith copy of a Memorandum on "Compensation
to Natives under the Miners' Phthisis Acts".

Will you kindly return the Memorandum
as soon as it has served your purpose.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY:
MINERS' PHTHISIS COMMISSION.

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