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Pietermaritzburg.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for the copies of letters addressed to the Hd.Office I am happy to inform you that I have now received the Membership cards from Mr. Baloyi. Up to now I have not counted them as there is no covering letter.

I have also read your copy of the draft resolutions for our coming Special Session. On my reading the same rightly or wrongly I am of opinion that they express two opposing points. I therefore favour d,e, and f. I do not favour a,b,c,

Please read them again carefully. In my address I have tried to make that clear. I think you have adopted the attitude of supporting the policy of the United Party and you show that we must do all what we can to get the Nationalist Party removed from office. I respect your attitude but to my mind I am convinced that, that is not our business. General Smuts policy has failed. We must allow the new Government to place their policy before us first and not claim to know what they are going to say and do. Do not forget that we are governed by our enemies. We should not give them an opportunity to say we are a party to ^{one} section as against the other. The word APARTHEID has the same meaning as Segregation. It is true that it is conceived as it is in fear hatred and prejudice.

I do not think we have to state that it behoves the African ~~people~~ people as a race to accept as a fact that there can be no community of interests between Europeans and Africans under the philosophy of Apartheid in the circumstances of that policy founded on hatred.

It all depends as to what extent of powers we are going to be given in our Areas and you have rightly put it in letter " f ". Do not let us speak with two voices and we shall embarrass our people. We can speak but to resolve is another thing. All what is contained in a,b,c is correct but it is ~~is~~ not of immediate use to us. From 1913 the African National Congress stated that if there was a straight line to separate races we could have no objection. If we shall be given powers in our area to manage our affairs we shall have no fear.

General Smuts was trying to give in, in such a direction hence his downfall.

I have read your letter in connection with Natives of the Tugela Estates in Weenen. Here too I think Mr. Campbell is relieving us from the burden if he gets the Chiefs to withdraw their natives. If this policy can be followed throughout the Province it would certainly help. On that score we can investigate the space given to these men in order to agitate for the removal of the dissatisfied labour tenants to the existing locations. We have a very big job before us. The nationalist Cabinet is composed of clever educated men and we must not play into their own hands.

The United Party is dying out, like the S.A. Party and the N Union Party. They may never succeed to form a Government. Please look at this matter from all angles.

With my best wishes,
Yours faithfully,

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