

My Capetown Exile

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Today is my birth day the fourth of December. I am leaving Capetown by train tonight at 8.45 pm for Queenstown. I arrived here on the 21st October and have been staying with Rev and Mrs A.S. Mtinkulu since then. I have slept in this room since I arrived.

From the public man's point of view this place of Capetown is a very difficult place to live in. Those who are known as leaders are hopelessly working against one another. I have met Dr A. Abdurahman, Mr M. A. Gamael, A. Ismail Rev Olifant-Pwalton Mama, Professor Thacke Rev Kapu, S Dollie Shumba and these have their own groups which follow them.

In my farewell meeting held at Bethel Institute in the 1st December presided over by Mrs Z. Gool wife of Dr Gool and the first daughter of Dr Abdurahman all the prominent Association were represented except the National Congress. Professor Thacke did not come. He advised his followers that it was a Communist meeting.

inclined to be antosociatic. I shall never forget him when he boycotted my reception at Ndabeni on the 24th Nov. on the grounds that it was a political meeting. He appeared to me to be afraid of European Authorities that I may deliver extreme speeches which may lead him into trouble.

He introduced me to Mr Davis Secretary of the Joint Council. Mr Chiappin M.L.A. for Cape Flats, Advocate Nixon, and Mr Chiappini introduced me to Advocate Close. I had a letter from Mr Rawlins Durban Native Welfare Officer introducing me to Mr C.A. Corbett M.P. I saw him, he then introduced me to Mr R.R. Brydone the Secretary of the Non Racial Franchise Committee. This gentleman again introduced me to Mr Davis who asked me to give him a written statement. Mr Davis one day introduced me to Captain Hallis of the Castle.

During my stay in Capetown I visited the Cape Federation of Trades Offices

I saw Mr R. Stuart the General Secretary
 Mr Freestone the President and Mr Evans
 of the Building Workers Union. I was always
 at the I.C.U. / Federation office where Mr
 Slumba is the Secretary 22 Hanover Street.
 Mr Slumba used to be the Branch Secretary
 for Capetown before the secessions of 1928.

They followed the total split from the
 I.C.U. They formed the Capetown Stevedoring
 and Dock Workers Union which was duly
 registered and also Foundry Workers
 Union which was also registered. They are
 now functioning as the only strong Union
 here. During the case when Mr Slumba
 and other members of the Foundry Workers
 Union were charged with picketing I used
 to attend Court. Even this morning I attended
 the Court.

I visited Mr Roux of the Communist Party
 his office are also at 22 Hanover Street.
 while he sets up the newspaper "Unsebenzi"
 few days before I left. I met Mrs
 Gould the lady who provided in my favour
 there was also a young European girl

Miss A. Guest. On the night I had supper at Dr A Alidurahman's house 173 Kloof Street. She was also there. I was told that she is interested in $\frac{11}{30}$ NATIVE QUESTION

As I was writing this I was called by my hostess Mrs Mtimkhali for my last supper; As I was having my last supper a young man Mr Thabane who owns a motor car came to fetch me. I left at 7.50 pm for the train. There were 3 persons who saw me off. Mr & Mrs R Ndumande and Mr Thabane:

I arrived at Queenstown on Saturday at about 7 pm. Mr A M Jabavu met me at the station. He advised me to board the train continuing my journey with him for King Williamstown. In the train there was Rev Ndabe who knew my home as he was there in 1928.

I arrived at King at 7.45 pm and Mr Jabavu sent me to a place at Mla Kalaka under the care of Miss Violet Mla Kalaka. She slaughtered a sheep in my honour: As this is written on the 11.12.30 I have had no impressions about the place except that I like the place and people. T.P.O

Since 1930 I have

read this again

on the 3/12/40 ten years

after it was written

This was my last day

I slept at Wabani

location when Mrs

Catherine Minkuba gave

her last supper - a

very good woman

so my she died but

her memory will

live forever

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