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 COPY OF NOTES MADE BY D/SERGEANT S.H. WHITE AT MEETING HELD UNDER
 SUSPICIES OF "INTERDENOMINATIONAL AFRICAN MINISTERS FEDERATION"
 ON GRAND PARADE, CAPE TOWN, ON SUNDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 1956 :

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Meeting INDAMF : Parade, Cape Town, 18/11/56 -
 Advertised by leaflets.

Commenced 3.47 p.m. Loudspeakers used.
 present plus/minus 150 native, coloured, male and female -
 mostly natives.

MGUGUNYEKA : Xosa (Interp. COKIE) :

"Time is running short
 and I think we should open. We must start while we are waiting
 for the speakers. You must come and sing the national anthem.
 Men should take off their hats because they usually do that
 in Church.

This meeting is going to be conducted under Indamf.
 You must sing the hymn Lisalise Idinga Lako (sung).

MGUGUNYEKA prayer.

"Now the people have come to listen to the speakers -
 and although the speakers are not here I am going to start.
 I want an interpreter so that the coloured people can hear
 what I am saying." (NKUSHUNBANA interp.) "I am sorry that our
 people always come late. As a rule leaders of the A.N.C.
 should have been here. Unfortunately the Chairman and the
 other people who are to take this meeting are not here at
 the moment. However, as we have collected here, we will
 begin. This is a report back on the conference at Bfx. (Bloem-
 fontein). I want to explain to you that I am not speaking
 officially. The main purpose of this meeting is to report
 back from the Bfx. conference on the T (Tomlinson) report.
 As you know from the 4-6 October last month there was a con-
 ference in Bfx to discuss the T report. Now we want to give
 to you the outcome of that conference. And again I want to
 inform you n.u. (not understood). We welcome the members of
 the special Branch so that they can also make a report back.
 That is one of the reasons which show that we worked smoothly
 right through the conference. The Chairman of that con-
 ference when he closed the meeting he said 'now that the
 conference has come to a close will you go back to the masses
 of the people and explain to them clearly what has happened at
 this conference'. For that reason and others we have decided
 to have various speakers to give you a full report on this
 conference. I call upon one of the speakers - I make this
 announcement so that we can start the ball rolling. So far
 I haven't seen one of my speakers here."

MOROLONG (Sibeko int.) :

"Africa ! Africa ! Freedom in our
 lifetime !

"Mr. Chairman, sons and daughters
 of Africa, I am happy to be here this afternoon to speak about
 the T report which was published last year. We have come to
 give a message from the Bfx conference which was held in
 October. I want to express the significance of this conference
 to the African people. It was very important because it was
 the first conference called for 20 years. And it was important
 because Sabra called a similar conference earlier to discuss
 the T report. This report of T - as far as I am concerned
 the moment this commission was formed then I read into the
 minds of that commission and I concluded what would be their
 decision. In the past 300 years we have seen the dangers of
 apartheid in South Africa. And as Stalin said one day 'it is
 better to repeat things to the people so that they will
 always remember'. And here today I am only going to repeat
 what he said many years ago. After this Nationalist Government
 came into power in 48 the Cape Argus said apartheid would be

the policy....

the policy of the Nationalists. First came apartheid on trains. You will remember what happened in those years. Stalin said it is better for him to repeat what happened. Friends apd. is a danger. It is a danger in this country. You as a black man you are now allowed to drive a taxi or a motor without a licence. You are not allowed to drive a train. You are not allowed to do any skilled job in (South Africa) S.A. The skilled work is only suitable for the white person and the white person gets paid for his job. This apd. has come since the Nationalists came into power. Now what must we do for ourselves. Friends the A.N.C. has always said and we always say, let us people rise into one united nation. (applause). The Indamf is also an organisation where African people are organised into one organisation. This conference was held in Bfx because in S.A. the white man has seen many ways of robbing you. If I tell you that they come and tell you something else. The African people must not be allowed to build any organisation, in particular T.U. (Trade Union) movements, because he sees if he does so the white man will be doomed. What made these people superior and what made us inferior. I am afraid it is the Nationalist Party. Because I am sure if I go out with Mr. Strydom in any election in S.A. I am sure of outvoting him one to ten. I preach to the African people. I am sure the African people are in the majority to the white people. Just imagine 10 million black people in S.A. against 2 million white people in S.A. But you find the 2 million people oppressing the 10 million people.....n.h.....

There is nothing more important than mass organisation of the people. Once the people are organised into one mass organisation there is nothing to stand in their way. If we build ourselves into an organisation then tomorrow something may happen. Freedom of the people is in their hands. Your freedom as an individual is in your hands. Whether you have guns or not freedom is in your hands. Friends, there is nothing more important than organisation. Now these people, the Nationalist Party in particular, know that we are not yet organised. They say you are not civilised but when you look around you find that they are not civilised. They say we must not be free because once we gain our civil rights the white civilisation will be doomed. But I say once and for all - to hell with white and western civilisation. They make this legislation in order that they must suppress the people for all time.

I have never at any time in history seen that any woman must carry a scrap of paper. I have never heard in any other nation or country that there is a special piece of paper for particular people. You mean to tell me that we must sit down and see our mothers, sisters and wives taken away. I am sure even an ordinary policeman who take a woman in a van is ashamed to chuck a woman into a van. We find a woman chucked into a van. You find a woman with a small baby in her arms taken to gaol to sleep on the cement. You find an old woman who cannot do anything for herself chucked into a police van and taken to gaol. All these things happen in front of us looking on but we keep quiet and do nothing. The A.N.C. as it stands today will fight all this legislation until they are repealed. All these people who voted for the Nationalist Party must also change their minds. We call upon them and say they are responsible for digging graves for their own children. Because when the time comes they must not hold us responsible. A.N.C. is the only organisation that can be accepted by everybody in S.A. As I say there is nothing above an organisation. Now you yourselves can look back into history and see what has been going on. The white people when they came here organised themselves into organisations. Unfortunately when Chaka and so on formed organisations the enemy was already organised. People in the Free State and

(Transvaal) can remember what happened on the 16/12/1838. They want to put a sheet behind the minds of the people, that is why they changed the name of Dingaan. That is because they want the people to forget about D (Dingaan) and that is why we don't have Ding. Day. Because thousands and thousands of white people were killed by D when they fought for the freedom of their land. D fought and died for his country. And friends and comrades let us do our duty as men. Let us do our duty and defend the country & from the white domination. They took the land many years ago and we must fight for that land.

There are so many organisations in S.A. You find all their agends based on natives. When they speak at these meetings they say the natives do this and that, and all the bad things. But when you look through your newspapers you see a different picture. These people are thieves and they will remain thieves because they have stolen our land (applause). When they came here they came in small ships. They didn't have anything to eat. But when they came here they found food, sheep, and things to eat. But now they say the natives came from the North and stole the Dutchmen's cattle. Even v.R.(van Riebeeck) can rise from his grave and say these people never stole cattle.

Sons and daughters of Africa the A.N.C. is there for you. The coloured people, the S.A.C.P.O. is there for you. It is not for us to come here all the time and speak to you. These meetings are only meant for the Special Branch to give a report on communism. The most important thing is that we must hold private meetings wherever we gather. Wherever we hold members meetings the people must come and decide which way we must go. We cannot come here and tell you what we want to. You must come to our private meetings. I can speak until Doomsday but nothing is done. We must build our organisations I repeat. We draw your attention to the building of organisations in the Tvl. Here in Cape Town our activities are very weak because you people don't support the movement. Now I feel the leaders must come forward and organise the people. We shall then recall the years 51 and 52 when the A.N.C. was the strongest organisation in S.A. I am now disappointed to see that the people don't come to these meetings. The people who should be here are, now preparing their food at home. They make food but when they come to the P.O. (Post Office) they see they must go to the other window. This is the most stupid Government I have ever seen in S.A. Africa ! Africa ! Mayebuye ! Freedom in our lifetime ! " "" ""

MGUGUNYEKA :

"Sons and daughters of Africa, as I have said this is a report back from the conference in Bfx. We have been asked to discuss these recommendations of the T report and report back to you people. It is a shameful piece of work this T report. A foreigner should have such ill-feelings about the owners of this land - I say it is a ~~xxx~~ shame. People who only landed here in Cape Town whilst the whole of Africa was full of African people. No one of these people had any say in this country.....(He then made some remarks which I could not understand).... There was no van R. in the old days but now everything is named after him. The African people have not only rejected the T report. It has been rejected because of its false and foul recommendations. One thing we are sure of now is that the African ministers are with us. We now have the churches with us. Politics is one of the things that will save the african people from slavery. (Asked for money).

PHELA : Xosa :

"Africans and all people of all nations in this country. I would like to say - things have already happened....

happened. In the first place I want to say this - your enemy is your own mouth. What goes out of you is your own enemy. Let me say this - while the conference was held at Bfx - I will tell you about that conference. I found that when they were discussing at this conference it was very very quiet, There was never such a day. Even Strydom and Swart, if they were present, would have realised the seriousness of the position. We came together to discuss the T report. Even those who were not Africans were also affected. They sat down and they thought what they had to decide. What happened there. The T report was rejected. Because the African people in this country - S.A. - don't want apd. Because God himself doesn't know apd. What nation are these S.Afrs who want apd. What kind of God are they looking up to. When I was at that conference at Bfx I looked for the Freedom Charter. I found in the Freedom Charter - I found it in the Bible - when I look at this Bible they brought into the country I found it in Daniel 7 verse 23. They sat down and removed all authority so that they can do away with all authority. And I found to myself that here authority is being done away with. It is known all over the world today that the T report has been rejected. What are the rulers of this country doing in the land of our own birth. They themselves say a woman is a very delicate creature but today they don't care what they do with an African woman. They take her by her legs and throw her where they want to. I think the time of these people has expired. They have done all that they wanted to do. All they wanted to do has been done and there is nothing further they can do. They hate their own neighbours. But they say love your neighbour as you love yourself. Mayebuye ! """"

MGUGUNYEKA :

""""I want to say a few words about the recommendations of the T report and this so-called western civilisation. It has been realised at Bfx that there is no such thing as Western civilisation. What we have here is African civilisation. Such civilisation was visualised in Egypt. Civilisation comes from the Eastern people. What civilisation there is today they got from the Eastern nations. There is no such a thing as Western civilisation. Now the T report was totally rejected. It was well examined by Africans but was rejected totally. The T report dealt with Bantu Ed. This is a stereotyped education leading the african people to farm labour. There is now a recruiting organisation to recruit women to work on farms. These African women have to dig up potatoes with their bare hands. This action has been taken by the Government to oppress the African people more and more. They want to send us back to barbarism. The T report was therefore totally rejected by the African people. The recommendations in the T report are for a non-existent ~~nations~~ people. Here in South Africa we want freedom of speech. We want freedom of movement. We want freedom of education - not what we actually have in this country. Apd is not practicable. The African women are busy bringing up European children. They give all their time for these children. The African people are exploited by these European people to the last drop of their blood. They are being brutally treated by the white people in this country, who forget all about human rights. All the countries outside S.A. is open to the whites but the African people have no other land. We want to live in peace and harmony in this country. This is our land. The A.N.C. conference in Bfx decided that the Africans are entitled to every inch of this land from the Cape to Cairo. It is our land (applause). The African people must only be united and join their organisations. We have decided to call a national conference to combine all the people. We intend ~~Strydom~~ to ask Strydom, the leader of the Nationalists, to send a

delegation....

delegation to this conference.

The A.N.C. is determined to fight against passes for African women (applause). And we invite all women to join us in the struggle against apd. The African people are demanding elementary human rights. I am sorry I can't tell you a full report on the Bfx conference. Politics must be taught in African churches. We must continue until we have achieved success in this struggle. That is why we have come together here, The Indian people must join the Indian Congress, the coloured people must join S.A.C.P.O. and all the white people - well I won't speak about them because this is an affair of the non-European people - but the white people can join the C.O.D. The African people must join the A.N.C. Let it go on record what has happened at Lichtenburg. We shall not be blamed forever. May the Government of this country learn and know that the African people want nothing but peace.

The Government has also rejected the T report. Even the D.R.C. also rejected the T report. What is the report after all. I say this word to you sons and daughters of S.A. before I close I want to ask you to come and join your organisation. And I appeal to you again to join your T.U's. Nothing can be attained without unity. Eendrag maak mag. (applause). If what we say here is cruelty or there is fault in it the Government of this country is responsible for the position that has been created. It is the Government's fault in importing the policy of Apd. In Bfx history was made. There that day all sort of ethnic groups decided to come together. All this country is Africa. A wise man will not sow the same type of crop in his garden. He will change his crops. Let it be clear that even in the U.N. (United Nations) it is only the imperialist governments that don't talk about exploitation because they are all exploiters. We shall not budge an inch until we have Africa as our home. Africa must be a home for all peace loving people. There will be no buses like the Stikland buses which discriminate on colour. There will be no apd. Time and again we come here and appeal to you to join in this struggle for freedom...."

Again asked for money. Collection does not cover cost of meeting. £3.1.7 collection.
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SIBEKO :

""Africans must be prepared to die for their country. All Africans come up here and join your organisations. You must join your T.U's.. ""

Singing 5.15 pm.

5.25 p.m. ENDS.

(TOWARDS END CROWD INCREASED TO 200-250)

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