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Minutes of C.O.P. Provincial Committee
held on Tuesday 25th Jan. 55.

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It was reported that Local Committees of the C.O.P. exist in Jabavu, Moroka, Penrille and Roodepoort, but that these Committees are inactive due to lack of literature Propaganda etc

It was decided, ~~that~~ in order to facilitate matters, that members ^{of} Committee be delegated the task of setting up local Committees, instead of waiting for Provincial Organisations to do so.

~~To~~ Mr Motaabi to instruct fellow AN.C. & C.O.P. Representatives about immediate setting up of Local Committees

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SAC PO, COD, TIC. ~~to instruct~~ ^{Representatives to do}
same, and to instruct Branches about

~~the~~ forming committees.
Representatives to report progress at next
meeting.

Volunteer Board to call meeting of N.I.C.s
regarding formation of Committee in factories
and place of work.

It was reported that successful
meetings of local N.I.C.s were held, free
instructions were given. N.I.C.s to meet regularly
once a week to report on activities.

FINANCE: - Volunteers to be instructed to
collect 1/- per week for C.O.P.

15 good notes to be presented to U.R. men
who collect highest amount, from the greatest
amount of paper. Notes to be presented at end Feb.

Sales to go to domestic notes.
Monies to be collected from Volunteering by
Chief and handed to Spawning Organisation Bureau
in Area, who in turn must give same to Treasurer.

~~Secretary~~ Secretary, for purpose of handing over to National Treasurer of Organisation. Requires to collect LEVIES from Secretaries of Sponsoring Organisations. Letters to be written by Sponsoring Organisations to ^{their} representation on C.O.P. committee, who fail to turn up at meeting. Organisations to inform members of time and place of Committee meetings.

Directive from N.A.C. to ~~provinces~~ Region and Provinces was read and discussed;

Following were main Points of Directive

- ① C.O.P. Committee must be established on Local Regional and Provincial Basis before 31st Jan.
- ② That Feb 1955, be devoted to for Purpose of going in Demands.

③ That from March onwards period to be devoted to electing delegates for Great event.

The M.A.C. to be recommended regards 13th February, it clashing with Ware's Removal.

Next meeting Tuesday 1st 6 pm.

Meeting terminated at 7:45 pm.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE, HELD ON 22ND FEBRUARY 1955 AT 6.00 P.M. IN JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT:

- A.H.C.
- T.I.C.
- C.O.D.
- S.A.C.P.O.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 28th January, 1955 were read and confirmed.
2. A.H.C. Report.
Local Committees have been formed at Albertynsville, New Look and Alexandra. These committees are not very active.
3. C.O.D. report.
C.O.D. Branches in the Johannesburg area have constituted themselves into local committees for the Congress of the People. These branches have held 11 house meetings at which demands were discussed and collected; report appended.
4. T.I.C. Report.
No progress.
It was agreed that T.I.C. representative should see that a local Congress of the People Committee is formed in Miptown.
5. S.A.C.P.O. Report.
Branches in Coronationville and Albertsville have constituted themselves into local committees for the Congress of the People.
6. It was agreed that at future meetings all five representatives shall present written reports.
7. Finance.

Money collected	£45 : 15 : 7.
Expenditure.	<u>30 : 10 : 0.</u>
	<u>£15. 5 : 7.</u>

Treasurer's Report Appended.

8. It was agreed that representatives raise the question of a weekly subsidy for the Committee with their respective organisations. It was agreed that a definite sum should be allocated by each organisation AND THAT THIS SUM SHOULD BE PAID regularly and promptly every week.
9. It was agreed that the Treasurer be sent with a letter to all Provincial organisations. The letter to request: (1) that treasurer be allowed to discuss the amount of subsidy with the provincial committee. (2) that provincial committees shall pay the subsidy to which they have agreed.

10. It was agreed that all representatives shall see that a letter is sent to all their constituent branches explaining the arrangements for the collection of money and the rules of the watch competition.
NOTE: The person who collects the largest amount of money from the greatest number of peoples wins a watch. The money is to be handed to the representative of this committee in the organisation and then to the Treasurer of the Provincial Committee for the Congress of the People.
11. S. will prepare a collection lists which will be distributed and collected by the representative on the Provincial Committee for the Congress of the People.
12. It was agreed to spend £5 for the printing for the printing of 20,000 stickers.
13. It was agreed to issue 15,00 copies of a one page "Bulletin". S. to be responsible for its publication. The Bulletin is to contain
- 1) Report of campaign to Date.
 - 2) An article on methods of collecting demands.
 - 3) Details of money collection and competition.
 - 4) Information regarding lecture notes.
 - 5) Extracts of N.A.C. re: enlisting co-operation of non-sponsoring organisations.
 - 6) ~~Extracts of N.A.C.~~ Extracts of N.A.C. pamphlet.
14. Lecture notes to be distributed by representatives to their organisations:
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|------------|-------------------|
| A.N.C. | 100 |
| T.I.C. | 20 |
| S.A.C.P.O. | 20 |
| C.O.D. | 20. |
| Food Work. | 20. |
| | <u>Total 180.</u> |
- Detailed instructions to be included with the distribution.
15. A draft report to N.A.C. on progress in Transvaal to be presented at next meeting.
16. It was agreed that a copy of the committee's minutes be sent to the Secretary of the N.A.C.
17. Correspondence. 1) Letters from N.A.C. were discussed. All these letters to be acknowledged.
 2) S. will cyclostyle copies of suggested letter to non-sponsoring organisations; and will see to its dispatch.
 3) A suggestion was made re: a public address at the Congress of the People by a prominent personality on a particular demand on which he is a world authority, to be conveyed to N.A.C.
18. A new convener of the Transvaal provincial Committee for the Congress of the People was elected.
19. It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, March 1st, 1955 at 6 00 p.m.
20. Meeting closed 8.15 p.m.

Secretary.....

Chairman.....

ADDENDUM.

REPORT OF CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS REPRESENTATIVE
TO PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS OF PEOPLE.
22ND FEBRUARY, 1955.

Congress of Democrats Branches constituted themselves as Congress of the People local Committees. They have called house meetings of contacts and sympathisers to tell them about the Congress of the People and to gather in demands:

Hillbrow	--	6
Bellevue	--	2
Youth	--	2
Northen	--	1

The attendance at these meetings, of the people outside of Congress of the People, has on the whole been rather small. e.g. 2 meetings called by Youth Branch, resulted in the attendance of 1 person. Bellevue Branch contacted many for one meeting, only three attending. A meeting in Orange Grove called by Hillbrow, had an attendance of 6 people outside of Congress of Democrats and was fairly successful, but meeting in Hillbrow of 20 people contacted, none attended.

We have therefore reached the conclusion that it is very difficult to get Europeans to attend meetings. We have instead drawn up a list of people and have allocated a certain amount to each branch. These people will be contacted for both moral and financial support.

REPORT OF TREASURER TO THE PROVINCIAL
COMMITTEE FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE
PEOPLE AS AT 22ND FEBRUARY, 1955.

Money collected to date	£45	:	15	:	7
Paid as per instructions	30	:	10	:	0
Cash on Hand.	15	:	5	:	7

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Collections:

A.N.C.	nil.					
T.I.C.	Nil.					
C.O.D.	Hillbrow	£27	:	4	:	11
	Bellevue	9	:	5	:	6
	Greenpark	1	:	6	:	0
	Youth	1	:	0	:	0
		£38	:	16	:	5.
S.A.C.P.O.	Nil.					

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PROVINCIAL
COMMITTEE FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE ON
TUESDAY 15TH MARCH, 1955 AT 6.00 P.M. IN JO'BURG.**

Present: XII. T.I.C. C.O.D.

APOLOGIES:

Y.M.C.

Food & Canning Workers Union.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 8th March, 1955 were read and confirmed.
2. Report: T.I.C. submitted a report that they had organised a collection for money.
3. Secretarial reports: a) Discussions on lecture notes were highly successful. Notices are sent reminding all organisations of these discussions.
b) Trade Union Congress to be sent lecture notes, bulletins, etc.
4. A.N.C. Executive. It was reported that the A.N.C. representative shall arrange a meeting of the A.N.C. executive at which two members of the Committee will be present.
5. Competition. a) On closing date less than £1 was collected. It was decided not to award the prize.
b) It was agreed to run a competition from the 1st to 15th April, the rules of the competition to remain the same. Money already collected will be included in the new competition.
c) A news item shall be given to New Age regarding the competition.
d) A.N.C. Branches to be circulated about watch competition.
6. It was decided to issue 1500 copies of a four page bulletin.
7. Elections: Secretary to present details to next meeting.
8. National Organiser: Each organisation must be prepared to organise a meeting or meetings of its members to be addressed by the National Organiser.
9. Regional Committees: The Secretary shall take further steps to activate the regional committees.
10. Chain Letters: Envelopes will be addressed during this week.
11. It was noted that three A.N.C. representatives were absent and that S.A.C.P.O. was not represented.
12. It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 22nd March, 1955 at 6.00 p.m.
13. Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND MARCH, 1955 AT 6.00 P.M. IN JOHANNESBURG.

Present: A.N.C. (2) C.O.D. (2)
T.I.C. (1) S.A.C.P.O. (1)

Apologies:

Food & Tanning Workers Union.

1. Minutes: of meeting held on 15th March, 1955 were read and confirmed.
2. Reports No reports were submitted.
3. Watch competition: It was decided that new collection lists be renewed.
4. Lecture Notes. It was reported that discussion of the second part of the first lecture did not take place on Saturday, because A.N.C. participants could not be present.
5. It was agreed that lectures be postponed to Saturday 2nd April because of the inability of the A.N.C. participants to be present on Saturday 26th March.

Arrangements are to be made to provide lecturers and transport to

Krugerdp	for Thursday	25th
Brakpan	Friday	26th
Pimville	Friday	26th
Jabavu	Wednesdays	(Regularly)

5. Regional Committees. It was reported that every effort is being made to obtain the services of Mr Nkadimeng as Secretary of the Johannesburg Region.

It was agreed that Mr. Esakjee should be approached to get him to be Joint Secretary of the Johannesburg Region.

East Rand and West Rand Regional Committees: No report was given about the progress these committees are making.

Evaton. Mr. Motsabi to be responsible for organising this Committee and to make every effort to contact people there during the week.

6. Bulletin. It was reported that bulletins will be ready during the week.
7. Elections: No plans were submitted. Secretary to present detailed plans at next meeting. These plans to be submitted to the N.A.C. Two people to be responsible for obtaining maps.

- 8. National organiser: No progress.
- 9. Finance: The treasurer presented a detailed financial report of Income and Expenditure.

Monies collected to date:	£70 : 10 : 3.
Expenses	66 : 10 : 0

Balance	4 : 0 : 3.

A letter from the National Action Council requesting this committee to raise £1,000 : 0 : 0 and to forward £200 immediately was read and discussed.

It was felt that because of certain difficulties facing this committee insofar as the raising of the funds is concerned, that a meeting with the N.A.C. representatives be called for immediate future. S.A.C.P.O. paid monthly subsidy of £5. Letter of thanks to be written.

- 10. It was agreed that the Resist Apartheid Committee be contacted immediately with a view of discussing a possible merging of the two committees.

Secretary to write a letter to the Resist Apartheid Committee and to inform members of date and venue of meeting.

- 11. Meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.

Secretary.....

Chairman.....

Date.....
JOHANNESBURG.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL
PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONGRESS
OF THE PEOPLE HELD ON TUESDAY 29TH MARCH
1955 AT 6.00 P.M. IN JOHANNESBURG.

Present: A.N.C. (2) T.I.C. (2)
C.O.D. (3) Resist Apartheid Committee (1)

Apologies: Food and Canning Workers Union.

Absent: Sapro.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March, 1955 were read and confirmed.
2. No reports were submitted by representatives of sponsoring organisations.
3. Secretary's report:
 1. Collection lists have been roneoed.
 2. The second chapter of the lecture notes have been distributed to all the Congress branches and to the Congress of Trade Unions.
 3. Number 3 bulletin is being posted to all Congress branches, Congress of Trade Unions and all Freedom Volunteers.
 4. Chain letter. is being sent to all Freedom Volunteers.
4. xx No progress was made with the merging of this committee and the Resist Apartheid Committee. This matter is to be pursued by the Resist Apartheid Committee and by the Congress of the People Secretary.
5. xx A new lecturer to lead discussions for branch officials is to be contacted.
6. xx Regions:
 1. Johannesburg. Mr Mkeding has replied that he is unable to undertake the task. Other A.N.C. Members will be asked to become secretaries of a Johannesburg regional committee for the Congress of the People.
 2. West Rand. A successful meeting was held. The secretary will write to the West Rand regional committee for the Congress of the People outlining in detail the work to be undertaken by that committee.
 3. East Rand. No progress reported.
 4. Versening: No progress reported.
 5. Pretoria: Contact will be established during the week.
7. Finance:
 1. Three people were delegated to make arrangements for one or more film shows.
 2. Three people were delegated to draw up plans for organising cultural functions for the collection of funds.
 3. ANC representatives will press for a definite decision in regard to their monthly subsidy.
 4. Letters have been sent to all Congress branches in regard to collection lists. There has been no replies.
 5. It was decided to distribute numbers of the collection lists to the secretaries of the sponsoring organisations.

6. The Committee accepted with gratitude a personal donation of R1 : 1 : 0 from Mr Matseke.

8. Correspondence:

- 1. Letter from N.A.C. re: Accomodation of delegates. It was agreed to recommend the N.A.C. that they should take responsibility for the negotiations and final arrangements in the matter.
- 2. Letter from the N.A.C. re: Composition of the Transvaal Provincial Committee for the Congress of the People letter noted.

9. Elections:

- 1. A suggestion for delimitations was put forward and agreed upon. The plan is as follows:-
 - a. Any group of people could elect delegates on an occupational basis. This applies to all industrial and agricultural enterprizes. The number of delgetes and the mode of election is to be left entirely to the organisation concerned. It was agreed to ask the Congress of Trade Unions to ~~xxxx~~ arrange for elections un all industrial enterprizes where they have contacts.
 - b. The province is divided into population residential areas. For each 1,000 head of population the area is allowed one delegate. Thus Sabaru with 29,000 people is allowed 29 delegates, while Van der Byl Park with 22,000 people is allowed 22 delegates. It was agreed that the number of delegates per 1,000 will be rigidly enforced, but that due allowance will be made for local conditions.
- 2. A detailed plan of this delimitation will be drawn up and available for inspection.
- 3. Two people were delegated to draw up a letter. How to arrange elections and election meetings for the delegates to the Congress of the People.

10. It was agreed that the Secretary should arrange a meeting between the N.A.C. and the Transvaal Committee.

11. It was decided to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 5th April 1955 at 6.00 p.m.

12. Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Chairman:.....

Secretary:.....

Date:.....
JOHANNESBURG.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL
COMMITTEE FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL, 1955 AT 7.00
P.M IN JOHANNESBURG.

Present: The Executives of the Sponsoring Organisations:

A.N.C. (5) T.F.C (1)
C.O.D. (4) C.F.O (1)

1. The present state of the campaign was briefly ~~outlined~~ reviewed.
2. A sub-committee presented a plan for the holding of elections. After discussion this report (Append) was adopted.
3. Finance: A subcommittee presented a plan outlining was and means of raising money. After discussion the report was adopted.
4. The organisation of the Congress of the People was briefly discussed. It was decided that the Secretary will present a detailed report next meeting.
5. It was agreed to meet together with the full executives of the sponsoring organisations on Tuesday, 12th April, 1955 at 6.00 p.m.
6. Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....
JOHANNESBURG.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH APRIL, 1955 AT 6.00 P.M. IN JOHANNESBURG.

Present: A.N.C. (2) C.O.D. (3)
T.I.C. (1) S.A.C.P.O. (2).

1. The Secretary presented a detailed report on the progress of the campaign to date.
2. It was agreed to recommend to the sponsoring organisations that they conduct extensive educational work in their organisations.
3. It was decided to make individuals responsible for various regions. They are to see that the regional committee draws up detailed plans and immediately begins intensive activity thereupon.

i) West Rand	iv) Vereeniging
ii) East Rand	v) Pretoria.
iii) Johannesburg	
4. The following suggestions were put forward:
 - i. Congress members living in Johannesburg to write propaganda letters to their friends and relatives in the rural areas.
 - ii. A N.C. branches in regions other than those mentioned in item (3) above, to be contacted and asked to constitute themselves into a local committee for that area.
 - iii. A.N.C. members who go home for week-ends or longer holidays to be asked to do organising in their home towns.
 - iv. A lorry load of volunteers ~~to cover a large area one week-end to organise for the Congress of the People.~~
 - v. T.I.C. to organise their contacts in the smaller areas. These contacts to constitute local committees for their area.
 - vi. C.O.B. to contact all their people who are known in the country towns.
5. Conference. It was agreed to hold a provincial conference of all Congress Activists on the 24th April, 1955.
6. The South African Congress of Trade Unions and the Council of Non-European Trade Unions will be asked to allow one speaker on the Congress of the People at their meetings of May 1st and May 7/8th respectively.
7. It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 19th April, 1955 at 6.00 p.m.
8. Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Chairman:

Secretary:

Date:

JOHANNESBURG.

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES
HELD ON TUESDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1955 COMMEN-
CING AT 8.15 P.M.

Present: A.N.C. 5 T.I.C. 5
 C.O.D. 4

It was agreed that finance be taken as the first item on the agenda.

FINANCE: The treasurer reported that he had not received the £20 levy from the Transvaal Indian Congress. The treasurer also suggested that every member of the sponsoring organisations be levied every month with an amount to be fixed. A plan was presented to raise funds for the Congress of the People.

1. Film evenings to be arranged in the townships and suburbs.
2. Concert at Rio Cinema. Negotiations for hire in progress. Violet must carry on ad report.
3. T.I.C. and SACPO to organise dances.
4. Bazaar to be organised in Sophiatown. It was reported that a bazaar was being organised, the funds for the National Action Council. It was agreed that we co-operate with and assist the NAC with the bazaar. Finance Committee to contact Yeta, Amina and Mosis.

African National Congress to report to the next meeting about levy.

Hyme, Shiela, Amien Cajee and Amina to be on film sub-committee. Amin to act as convenor.

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CONFERENCE: After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a Conference be held on Saturday 21st May. Violet to book the hall. R. Press to prepare the plan for the organisation of the conference.

JOHANNESBURG REGION. It was reported that this region held a meeting and local committees are being set up.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from the NAC was read and noted. This to be referred to Sid.

2. Women's Federation required co-operation of sponsoring organisations in the organising of a Congress of mothers. It was agreed that the organisation instruct branches to assist.

3. J.J.Hadebe - read and noted letter to be acknowledged. To be forwarded to NAC.

GENERAL. Speaker on COP at May Day meeting at Trades Hall. Sid or Ray. Violet to phone Leslie.

Next meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Country areas and bulletin to be placed on Agenda.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL C.O.P.
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY AT 6 P.M.

PRESENT: A.N.C. 3
 C.O.D. 3
 T.I.C. 2
 S.A.C.P.O. 1

FINANCE:

Levies: T.I.C. - No report yet.
 A.N.C. - No report yet.

Concert: Violet has not been able to contact the Manager of the Rio yet.
 S.A.C.P.O. and T.I.C. to try and arrange dances.

Bazaar: Treasurer to contact the Bazaar Committee and report next meeting.

Films: Sheila to convene a meeting of Hymie, Kajee and herself.

CONFERENCE: It was reported that the Trades Hall had been booked for Saturday 21st May. Circular to be sent to all branches of the 4 organisations was accepted. 2" advert to be inserted in "New Age".

Speakers: Father Huddleston to be asked to open the conference. Hutchinson - Bantu Education, also Father Shand; Sid Shall or Robert Resha on the C.O.P. and elections; Mr. Morotsela to appeal for funds; Robert - Western Areas Removal Scheme. Mr. Byleveld to be asked to act as chairman. Peoples' Choir and singers from Sophiatown, and someone to recite the Call to be approached.

ELECTION PLAN: It was pointed out that this had been omitted from the previous minutes. It was reported that the N.A.C. felt the plan was not sufficiently clear, and it was agreed that members of this committee discuss it with the secretariat of N.A.C.

It was agreed that the 4 organisations be asked to notify us of the number of delegates they intend sending to the C.O.P. by not later than the 11th June, and that delegates be issued with a credential ticket immediately their names are known. A letter to this effect to be sent to each of the 4 organisations.

JOHANNESBURG REGION: It was reported that they were arranging to get the chain letter which had been sent out forwarded to people in the outlying areas, and that the letter was being translated for this purpose. They were also appealing for money in order to get lorries for the purpose of sending volunteers coming from outlying areas to their home towns, to advertise C.O.P. It was further reported that all A.N.C. branches are being visited.

VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST AT C.O.P.: 500 are required. N.A.C. to be asked for further information.

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PREPARATIONS FOR ACCOMMODATION ETC.: One representative from the N.A.C. and one from the Womens' Federation to be asked to attend our next meeting to discuss plans for the Congress.

GENERAL: It was reported that T.I.C. volunteers had been out collecting money for C.O.P.

NEXT MEETING: To be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th May.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSVAAL PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE, C.O.P.
HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH MAY AT 8 P.M.

PRESENT: T.I.C. - 4
A.N.C. - 1
C.O.D. - 5
S.A.C.P.O.- Nil

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May read and adopted.

FINANCE: T.I.C. Levy - no report, matter to be raised again.
A.N.C. Levy - do. They now owe £50.
C.O.D. Levy - It was pointed out that the three months' subs
levy for C.O.P. was being handed to the N.A.C.
instead of to the Provincial Committee. Matter
to be raised on C.O.D. Executive.

Concert: A report was given on arrangements which could be made for a
concert at the Rio. After lengthy discussion it was decided
that the possible profit did not warrant the expense involved,
and Salim agreed to contact the owner of the Broadway Cinema
where expenses would be much lower. Ester, Ian and Mr. Masike
to be asked to serve on sub-committee, also Salim. Ronnie to
get people from Youth and Bellevue Branches to serve. It was
also suggested that the same programme could be arranged for a
second concert at Martindale.

DANCES: Carried forward. T.I.C. and S.A.C.P.O. to be asked to arrange.

Bazaar: Issy to report next week.

Film Committee: Sheila to report next week.

CONFERENCE ON 21ST: It was reported that the notice had gone out, and
an advert inserted in "New Age". A news item would also
appear next week. Ronnie to arrange for speakers.

ELECTION PLAN: The matter was discussed with the N.A.C., and it was
pointed out that several thousand delegates were required
from the Transvaal. For this purpose big and small meetings
must be held wherever possible, and delegates elected from
the people at these meetings. It was necessary to get delegates
as widely representative of the people as possible, and to make
contact with as many people as possible.
It was reported that a mass meeting of the womens' Federation
would be held at the end of May, at which delegates would be
elected.
It was agreed that a small sub-committee be set up, with the
power to co-opt members and to act without reference to this
committee, to act as a Secretariat of this committee and carry
out the election plan. This committee to report to the
Provincial Committee at each meeting. Sid, Ronnie, Achie,
and Mr. Matoli elected, and Helen to find somebody from the
A.N.C. Womens' League.
The sub-committee was also given the right to employ one or
more organisers until the conference, as it saw fit.

JOHANNESBURG REGION:

It was reported that visits had been arranged to Moroka, Jabavu, Sophiatown and Pimville before Thursday. Reported that Moroka had been divided into blocks for canvassing and is being well organised. A meeting to be held on Wednesday of Secretaries of the Southern regions, and a meeting to be held on Saturday of branch officials. A meeting to be held with the A.N.C. Central Branch on Thursday, at which coverage of industrial areas such as Industria will be discussed. Notes for branch visitors, attached, was accepted.

500 VOLUNTEERS FOR CONFERENCE:

These people are required from approximately 1 week prior to the Conference, to help with technical work etc. It was suggested that if possible they be recruited from the S.W. region. The matter to be raised at conference on 21st May.

ACCOMMODATION FOR CONGRESS:

Helen reported that this was going quite well. She stressed that delegates must be asked to bring blankets with them. Campaign sub-committee to keep in touch with her and give whatever assistance it can. It was reported that the N.A.C. is bringing out a pamphlet giving full details of what delegates are required to do.

BULLETIN:

To be issued within the next few days. Campaign sub-committee and Bulletin sub-committee to arrange this.

GENERAL:

It was reported that in Pretoria very little work had been done partly because the A.N.C. and T.I.C. branches were not very strong. A regional meeting to be held in Benoni on Sunday.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter received from a Pretoria Indian, supporting C.O.P.

SACTU:

To be asked to publish article from previous bulletin on Trade Unions and C.O.P. Also Provincial Committee C.O.P. Bulletin to stress the need for factory meetings on C.O.P. and election of factory delegates.

THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT 6 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 17TH MAY.
SECRETARIES OF THE FOUR SPONSORING BODIES TO BE ASKED TO
SEE THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND MEETINGS REGULARLY.

COPIES OF MINUTES TO:

- Secretary, Transvaal Provincial Committee, African National Congress.
- Secretary, Transvaal Indian Congress,
- Secretary, Johannesburg regional Committee, Congress of Democrats.
- Secretary, Transvaal Provincial Committee, S.A, Coloured Peoples' Organisation.
- S
Secretary, Food and Canning Workers Union, Johannesburg.
- Secretary, National Action Council, for the Congress of the People.
- Convenor, Transvaal Committee for the Congress of the People.
- Secretary, Congress of Trade Unions, Johannesburg.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE
TRANSVAAL COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 17TH MAY 1955

PRESENT: A.N.C. - 2
SACPO. - 1
I.N.C. - 3
C.O.D. - 4

FINANCE: The treasurer presented a financial report, attached.

Omitted from minutes of the previous meeting: £3.12.3d
was collected by TIYC volunteers.

Concert: It was agreed that Violet, Daniel Poho and Lucy Ngwevela form a sub-committee to deal with this. After some discussion it was agreed that the Rio be booked for a Friday night, and that the sub-committee arrange the concert for the earliest possible date. Price of tickets - 4/10d.

SACPO Dance - Stanley to report at next meeting.

TIC dance - it was reported that it was not possible to organise a dance, but that money would be collected. £5.14.-d has been paid in.

Bazaar: N.A.C. is organising this.

Films: It was reported that the sub-committee had met, and a further meeting would be held on the 18th May. It was suggested that "The Mother" might be suitable.

Conference on 21st May: It was reported that all arrangements had been made. Suggested that pamphlets be sold at the conference.

Secretariat Report: A very successful meeting of the Johannesburg region was held, and all active branches were represented. C.O.P. was discussed at length, and it was felt that all members present now had a clear picture of what had to be done. Meetings were held over the weekend at Moroka, Pimville, Jabavu, Alexandra, Sophiatown, Newclare and Orlando. The main difficulties are finding cars and speakers to address the branches. Secretariat to obtain list of cars and speakers and contact these people.

Organisers: Mr. Sibande and Mr. Mohosi have been engaged as organisers. Mr. Sibande to work in country areas, John to arrange for Mr. Mohosi to visit as many factories as possible. Organisers must keep contact with Secretariat.

Meeting with Central Branch ANC - no report yet.
Greenside is collecting money for C.O.P.

500 Volunteers for Congress - matter to be discussed with the South Western branches.

Mr. Boshilo has agreed to insert article on COP in the Peasants' bulletin.

There is still no ANC representative on the Secretariat.

Bulletin: Has been typed, to be roneoed.

Pretoria: A public meeting is to be held on Sunday at Lady Selborne. Suggested that a loudspeaker be used to advertise the meeting.

General: Mr. Sibande is organising the South Eastern Transvaal, and writing to contacts in Ermelo, Bethal and Standerton. East Rand held a similar meeting to the Johannesburg region meeting, attended mostly by branch officials.

Country Areas: Individuals have been written to asking them to call meetings of all people in Johannesburg coming from a particular area. These people will be asked to contact friends or relatives in their home villages, by letter etc.

Evaton: The secretary should be contacted. They are interested in C.O.P. /

NEXT MEETING: To be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th May.

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