

Message to Cape Conference (Prov.)PDN 116

I regret that we have been unable, due to lack of funds to send someone from Headquarters to your Conference to convey the greetings of the N.E.C.

On behalf of the National Executive, I greet your Conference ~~is hereby the~~ and the African people of the Cape. Your meeting takes place at a time when the situation appears to be more critical in the country than ever before, when the persecution of the African people under the Nationalist regime appears to be reaching a climax. The pass system has never been as vicious as it is today especially under the Urban Areas Act, Section 10 in particular whose purpose is to intimidate and silence any opposition to the Strydom Government. Is it accidental that this measure was promulgated on the 26th June, 1952, judging from what is happening now? It was not accidental. Congress Leaders have become victims already and a further amendment has also been brought about wherein petty officials of the N.A.D. can banish the so-called agitators without recourse to law, under the Prohibition of Native Interdicts Act.

At the same time our women folk are now also subjected to the pass system but fortunately, they are keeping their traditional struggle against the passes and continue to be victorious.

The Removals are taking place everywhere in South Africa, removing people from their homes, taking away their properties under the Group Areas or some other Act. The Bantu Education is used to teach our children that these cruel measures are done in the interests of those affected and by the grace of God.

From this Conference there must come men and women who will not merely speak of sacrifice, but will go but on a practical demonstration of showing what a sacrifice means. The youth of the country must come forward. Their mothers and sisters are showing the way, are they going to let the struggle down, or will this be a turning point on their part too? These matters must

receive your undivided attention. Your Conference must once more inspire the country.

In these few words, I wish you very successful deliberations and a very successful Conference. Remember our Religious leaders' call for the 4th October, in Bloemfontein. It is a wise and timely call, give it your support.

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