

A). PREAMBLE:

"We call for a great nation-wide campaign to rouse the people against Apartheid and to prepare them for decisive steps to defeat it and root it out from the seat of power....."

We call on the citizens of South Africa to take part in the campaign we have launched. We call for 50,000 South Africans to volunteer for active, intensive work in our campaign, mobilising a spirit of resistance to Apartheid and carrying to every corner of the country the message that we must stand and fight till Apartheid is defeated. Our volunteers must raise to new heights, greater even than during the Defiance Campaign, the spirit of our people of all races to win freedom by their own efforts.....

Our volunteers must carry throughout the country the message of the coming Congress of the People and must gather in the demands of our people for the Freedom Charter which will be adopted at the Congress of the People.....

Our volunteers must meet the reckless violence and reliance on force of the Nationalist Government with discipline, a refusal to be provoked and a determination to carry on their struggle till our liberty is won.....

We call upon those who love liberty! LET US HAVE 50,000 VOLUNTEERS, NOW, TO DEFEAT MALAN. LET US GO FORWARD TOGETHER, TO FREEDOM!"

.....Call for Volunteers by Chief A.J. Luthuli

B). ORGANISATION:

1. Freedom Volunteers: All volunteers are to be known as "FREEDOM VOLUNTEERS", and they will owe their allegiance to their respective organisations.
2. National Volunteer Board: Every sponsoring organisation must appoint a Volunteer-in-Chief. These Volunteers-in-Chief will constitute a National Volunteer Board which will be responsible for all organisation and activity of the volunteers. Where the Volunteer-in-Chief is not resident in Johannesburg the organisation must appoint a ~~deputy~~ resident in Johannesburg. The National Volunteer Board will have the power to make further rules and regulations from time to time.
3. National Volunteer-in-Chief: The National Volunteer-in-Chief will be Chief A.J. Luthuli.
4. Provincial Volunteer Boards: Every organisation must appoint one representative to a Volunteer Board in each Province. The chairman of this board will be the Provincial Volunteer-in-Chief. The Provincial Board must appoint regional and local boards as required. The Provincial Board will be responsible to the National Board, for the direction of the volunteers in each Province.
5. Procedure for Enrolment:
  - (a) Volunteers must sign an application form as per Annexure A.
  - (b) Volunteers must take the pledge at a special meeting. Pledge as per Annexure B.
  - (c) In addition to taking the pledge at this special meeting, all volunteers must take the pledge at a public meeting. The National Action Council recommends that Sunday, August 29th be observed as a National Day of Pledge throughout South Africa. This day should be the occasion for numerous local meetings.

- (d) All volunteers must be placed in units under a unit leader.

NOTE: All applications for enrolment as a volunteer must be carefully scrutinised by responsible officials of the organisation. Any person who accepts the conditions of enrolment may be accepted provided he is not hostile to the policy and leadership of the organisation.

6. Units:(a) All volunteers must be formed into units of either:  
9 with 1 leader - 10  
or: 19 with 1 leader - 20.  
(b) Where it is considered advisable, males and females should be organised into separate units.  
(c) Boys and girls under 16 should be organised into separate units.
7. Armbands: Green, black and gold armbands will be made available for all volunteers.
8. Badge: All volunteers must wear a Freedom Volunteer Badge. The Badge is being designed and will be made available shortly.
9. Study Classes: It is of the highest importance that all volunteers should be given intensive study classes on all aspects of South African political and economic life. Lectures are being prepared and will be available shortly.
10. Discipline: All volunteers must accept the Code of Discipline as per Annexure C.

C). TASKS OF VOLUNTEERS:

1. To undertake regular, active and intensive work in mobilising resistance to the Apartheid policy of the Nationalist Government. Volunteers must campaign against the Bantu Education Act, the Group Areas Act, the Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Act, and the Western Areas Removal Scheme; as well as all local grievances of the people such as housing, passes, rents, and transport.
2. To carry to every corner of our country the message of the Congress of the People, and to gather in the demands of the people for the Freedom Charter. Volunteers must visit every town, village, farm, factory, mine, and reserve in South Africa. This is directly linked with the first task because the Congress of the People must not become an abstract campaign, but must at all stages and in every issue be related to the actual conditions of the people.
3. To assist in any other tasks required for the Congress of the People.
4. To assist in every way possible in the building of the sponsoring organisations.

D). SUGGESTIONS FOR RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS:

1. Appeals for volunteers should be made at all meetings.
2. Special appeals should be made through Trade Unions, Churches, Sports Organisations etc.
3. Special encouragement should be given to artists to write plays, poems and songs telling of the Congress of the People and the Freedom Charter, and of the call for Volunteers. This artistic and cultural activity can be of the utmost

value in the course of the campaign.

- 4. Leaflets appealing for volunteers should be distributed by house-to-house visits. This leaflet will be issued by the National Action Council and will be based on the Preamble above.

ANNEXURE A

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT AS A VOLUNTEER:

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply to the Volunteer Board of the National Action Council to be enrolled as a FREEDOM VOLUNTEER.

FULL NAME:.....

ADDRESS: RESIDENCE:.....

PLACE OF WORK:.....

MALE OR FEMALE:.....MARRIED OR SINGLE:.....AGE:.....

OCCUPATION:.....

AFFILIATION TO ORGANISATIONS:.....

REMARKS:.....

DATE:..... SIGNED:.....

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NUMBER..... ACCEPTED/REJECTED:.....

COMMENTS:.....

ANNEXURE B

FREEDOM VOLUNTEERS PLEDGE:

Believing that I must fight until Apartheid is defeated, and that the voice of all who love Freedom must be heard at the great Congress of the People, I, the undersigned, Freedom volunteer, do hereby solemnly pledge and bind myself to serve my country and my people to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the policy and programme of my organisation.

I shall be prepared at all times to carry out whatever tasks are required of me by my organisation.

I shall at all times obey the orders of my Leaders and shall strictly abide by the rules and regulations of the National Volunteer Board.

DATE:..... SIGNED:.....

ANNEXURE C

FREEDOM VOLUNTEERS: CODE OF DISCIPLINE:

1. The purpose of a Code of Discipline is to teach all volunteers a sense of SERVICE, RESPONSIBILITY, INITIATIVE AND DISCIPLINE.
2. Volunteers must be encouraged to plan their own work and to accept responsibility for all tasks given to them.
3. Volunteers must obey all orders given to them by their leaders.
4. Volunteers must accept criticism and reprimand without ill-feeling.
5. Volunteers must set an example to all by their appearance, bearing and conduct. Therefore:
  - (a) They must maintain a high standard of cleanliness, both in person and in dress.
  - (b) They must at all times avoid drunkenness and hooliganism.
  - (c) While on duty they must be erect and alert.
6. Volunteers must never allow themselves to be provoked into violent action.
7. Volunteers must always be ready if required for duty.

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