

(1946)

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AFRICAN DROUGHT RELIEF FUND
COMMITTEE (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS
THE COMMITTEE).

PEAMBLE:

WHEREAS: severe and persistent drought has brought about starvation, misery and suffering among indigent and poverty stricken Africans in various parts of South Africa;

AND WHEREAS some Africans, ^{in Johannesburg} namely: Dr. A.B. Xuma, Messrs. J.R. Rathebe, A.R. Moatshe, J.G. Malie, J.B. Mdaniso, D.R. Twala, R.V. Selope Thema and Miss Janhie Oliphant, have decided and agreed to form themselves into a Committee for the purpose of organising some sort of relief for the drought stricken areas aforesaid by collecting funds etc., and distributing same among Africans in said areas;

AND WHEREAS it is meet and proper that there be a Constitution for the government of the said Committee and for the administration of the said funds;

NOW; therefore, the said committee agrees and resolves to accept and adopt the following constitution:

N A M E:

The name of the Committee shall be: The AFRICAN Drought-RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE (hereinafter referred to as the Committee)

A I M S and O B J E C T S:

- (a) To collect funds through public subscription and donation.
- (b) To distribute such funds among and for the relief of Africans in all drought stricken

Twala, R.V. Selope Thema and Miss Jannie Oliphant

- (b) The Committee may co-opt not more than three additional members.
- (c) In case a member dies or resigns or is in any way incapacitated his vacant place shall be filled by co-option.

F U N D S:

- (a) Receipts shall be issued to all donors in the name of the committee
- (b) Funds shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Committee.
- (c) All cheques shall bear the signature of the Chairman and of any one of the following Committee members: (i) J.R. Rathebe (ii) J.G. Malie (iii) A.R. Moatshe.
- (d) Proper books of account, especially the cash book (showing income and expenditure) and petty cash book (showing petty disbursements or petty administration expenses), shall be kept and made accessible to all members at all convenient times.

AMENDMENTS:

This constitution may be repealed, altered or amended by a two third majority committee members in a committee meeting.

MEMBERS:

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areas in South Africa.

- (C) To buy out of the said funds, for the purpose of distribution among Africans in drought stricken areas. some foodstuffs and other necessaries of life and means of subsistence.

OFFICIALS:

- (a) The Relief Committe shall elect from among its members two officials, namely: The Chairman and the Secretary
- (b) The Chairman shall also be the Treasurer of the Committee.
- (c) The Committee may, at any time, by a majority vote in a Committee meeting remove present officials from their posts and elect new ones.

MEETINGS

- (a) The meetings of the Relief Committee shall be held at least once a month at a place agreed upon by the Committee or by the officials.
- (b) Emergency meetings of the Committee may be held at any convenient time and place.
- (c) The decisions of the Committee shall be by resolutions agreed to or accepted by the majority in a committee meeting.
- (d) The quorum in meetings shall be five members.

MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) The foundation members of the Committee shall be: Dr. A.B. Xuma, Messrs. J.R. Rathebe, A.R. MOATSHE, J.G. Malie, T.B. Mdaniso, D.R. Twala,
- /THWALA.....

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.
BULLETIN.

ADMINISTRATION.

OUR TASK FOR 1946.

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We have to admit that the African National Congress, the much valued National Liberatory movement of the African people in South Africa is marching at a very slow pace in tightening up its administration as well as co-ordinating its activities. The idea of self-consideration and Provincial independence is, perhaps, still the underlying cause for the little progress that has been made in this direction, and unless this idea is checked and combated at its earliest stages, our movement stands out exposed for being unable to escape the disease of stagnation, tribal frictions, and perpetual mal-administration.

It is the purpose of this message to endeavour to inculcate among the branch officials and the various disciples of Congress a spirit of oneness of purpose in organisation, coupled with complete understanding and realisation of organisational responsibility, which, alone, can bring forth results for which we are all striving-namely- to elevate and place our National movement on a scale worthy of the name.

As an attempt with a view to attaining our aim, we hereby declare that the year 1946 will be a year of complete seriousness in the administration of Congress. It will be a year during which all concerned will put their shoulders to the wheel to shift the wagon a stage further.

Congress branches are, therefore, requested to co-operate and assist the National Office by carrying out the following obligations:

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C. REGISTRATION BOOK.

The Secretary of a branch must keep an Analysis Book in which he records his membership.

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MUNICIPALITIES TAKE OVER ADMINISTRATION OF THE PASS LAWS.

A good while ago it was rumoured that arrangements are being made by the powers that be to transfer the administration of the pass laws from the Government Native Affairs to the Municipalities. It has now been reported in our daily press that on the 16th January, 1946, the Municipal Association of the Transvaal at a conference held in Johannesburg accepted, in principle, the desirability of Local Authorities taking over the registration of Native Service contracts from the Government Native Affairs Department. The acceptance of the principle however, is subject to conditions to be drawn up by the Managers of Native Affairs Department for submission to Local Authorities on the Reef and to other Municipalities, and thereafter to the Executive Committee of the Transvaal Municipal Association.

It has to be emphasised that Congress takes a serious view of this transfer, which, in effect, interprets the intention of the Government to intensify and entrench further the effective administration of the Pass Laws. Under this scheme, it means all Africans, both men and women - Ministers, Teachers, Business men, and Professional men - irrespective of whether or not they are exempted from the Pass Laws will have to present themselves for registration, and those who are found not to be under some employer will be deported back to their homes or to some labour colonies; it means our African women will have to be inspected and even physically examined.

This move by the Government is being taken at a time when the African people the country over are one in demanding total abolition of the Pass Laws; at a time when all democratic countries the world over are doing all possible to extend democratic rights to their subject peoples. The provocation has now reached the climax.

Congress, therefore, urges all branches in their respective areas to intensify the anti pass campaign by calling incessant monster meetings to demand for the abolition of the Pass Laws before the 1st April, 1946, the day on which the Municipalities propose to take over the administration of the Pass Laws.

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

Among the important decisions taken at the last annual conference ^{many} was the decision of granting the women to set up the women's auxiliary, the women's League. This does not mean parallelism but co-operation and mutual assistance, in the building up of membership and funds for both sections. For economy meetings may be called together and members enrolled but put on separate lists where the idea is accepted. Where there may not be enough membership of one sex or the other for the time being to form a branch, there should be joint membership in the branch. Funds to be allocated according to the membership strength.

ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF
 THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS,
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Among the many important decisions taken at the last annual conference, the decision of granting autonomy to the Women's League was received with enthusiasm by the women delegates whose conspicuous presence in good numbers marked that growing interest among African women to take part in the African political life.

Owing to differences of opinion on this question consideration had to be given to the application of the decision to all Provinces, and here Conference made it clear that the decision would not be forced everywhere, but, in areas where the idea is accepted it should receive encouragement.

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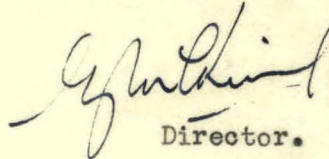
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104 End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sirs,

In response to your appeal, we have pleasure
in enclosing our cheque for £2. 2. 0.

We shall be pleased to receive your receipt
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Yours faithfully,
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—P.O. BOX 7037.—

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JOHANNESBURG, 2nd Jan. 19 46

FAB.

African Drought Relief Committee,
104 End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sirs,

Your Appeal for above fund to hand, I beg to point out that I did not wait for your appeal in order to contribute, but sent contributions as follows)

Sept. 45	through the Red Cross Eastern Cape	£5 - 0 - 0d.
"	The Guardian Oct 45	£4 - 0 - 0d.

However I know the need is still great and enclose herewith my cheque for £3.

K ndly acknowledge.

Yours sincerely,



ABX. 460102d

S.M.PATEL

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P.O.Box 2601,

Johannesburg.

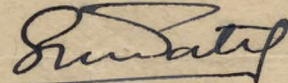
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African Drought Relief Fund Committee,
104, End Street,
Johannesburg.

Gentlemen,

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed cheque for
£2-2-0 being a donation towards the African Drought Relief Fund.

Yours faithfully,
for



race relations

Box 43,

Bremerdorp,

2nd January 1946

Dear Dr Xuma

I arrived home safely and found the Chief being well and busy in the Incwala Ceremony which is just ending.

I have made my rough report in reference to our conversation. The Chief was very pleased of all your remarks regarding especially the drawing of a memorandum regarding ~~is~~ handing over into the Union of the Protectorates. Owing to the Incwala Ceremony we have not as yet ^{met} to digest and plan on your remarks and I hope since the Ceremony is ending we will meet soon.

I wish the Doctor and Mrs Xuma and family a happy new year and progress in all important undertakings.

Yours very sincerely

H. D. D. D.

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3rd January, 1946.

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104, End Street,
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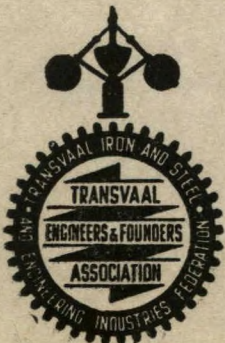
Dear Sir,

In response to your letter of appeal, we have pleasure in enclosing cheque value £2: 2: -., being a donation to the Drought Relief Fund for stricken native areas.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
THE CENTRAL ENGINEERING WORKS, LTD.

J. W. Murray

SECRETARY.



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84 Montgomery Mansions
Soper Road.
Berea.
Johannesburg.

3/1/46.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
104 End Street.
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

In response to your appeal for donations
for the African Drought Relief Fund Committee project, I
enclose herewith a contribution of £1-1-0 towards
relief.

May I wish you every success in
your efforts.

Yours faithfully.

R. David (Mrs)

93. Houghton Drive.
Johannesburg.

3-1-46

Dr Xuma.

Having seen the appeal in today's Rand
Daily Mail I have pleasure in sending
you a cheque for £1-10/-, being a
donation from myself and my
daughter.

Yours truly.

M. F. Norris

ABX. 460103d

Jan. 3rd - /46

African Drought Relief Fund Committee

donation from

Mrs. E. S. Herd

13. Rock Ridge Rd.

Parktown.

Dr Xuma
Dear Sir

Kindly receive
donation of £1. for the
African Brought Relief Fund,
with best wishes

From

Mrs J. G. Omm

25. Stanhope Mansions
Plein St.

sincerely wishing it could be more.

Yh'burg.

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Social Welfare - Drought Relief Fund.

ABX/ARM.

4th January, 1946.

Sister E. M. Piliso,
G. T. S.,
P. O. Box 23,
Crown Mines.

Dear Sister Piliso,

Enclosed herewith, please, find a letter of appeal which I am sending as a result of our conversation with the G.T.T.

Yours sincerely,

CHAIRMAN.

ABX. 4601046

DROUGHT RELIEF FUND

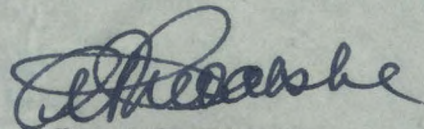
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c/o DR. A. B. XUMA,
104, END STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

4th January, 1946.

TO: Dr. A. B. Xuma, Miss Janey C. Oliphant,
Messrs J. R. Rathebe, J. G. Malie,
T. B. Mndaniso, D. R. Twala,
E. Mathabe, & R. V. Selope Thema, M. R. C.
(African Drought Relief Fund Committee).

A meeting of the Drought Relief Fund Committee
will be held at Dr. A. B. Xuma's Residence, "Empilweni",
85, Toby Street, Sophiatown, on Tuesday the 8th
January, 1946, at 10.30 a.m.



Hon. Secretary.

AGENDA/

1. Report on progress made - Funds received, etc.
2. Resolution to Bank.
3. Distribution of Relief.
4. General.

*Metro - Mr Kaye
House
Smith
Bliffora*

Social Welfare - Drought Relief Fund
ABX. 4601048

AFRICAN DROUGHT RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE.

4th January, 1946.

Re: Requirements of the Ciskei Drought stricken area:-

1. Designation of Ciskeian Committee:-
African Food Fund -
Dr. R.T. Bokwe, Chairman.
2. Address:- P. O. Middledrift. Goods to be railed
to Dr. R.T. Bokwe, Middledrift Station.
3. Urgent Requirements:-
 - (a) Maize, Kaffir Corn, Mealie Meal and Sugar.
 - (b) Money also required to enable the Food
Fund to pay dealers in the area for goods
purchased by needy persons per coupons
issued by the Food Fund Committee.

NOTE: Items (a) are essential and take first
preference.

 - (c) Clothing, etc. etc.
4. General: The food Fund Committee has a central
Committee functioning at the Headquarters
which are at Middledrift. Smaller Committees
are functioning in the locations composed
of headmen, teachers and other interested
persons. The smaller committees recommend
to central committee needy cases.

Dr. Bokwe made mention the fact that the Government is
interested in assisting the people but up to the present
a lot of red tape is retarding their progress and nothing
has been done.

Social Welfare - Drought Relief Fund
ABX. 460105a

Received from the African Drought Relief Fund Committee

ONE POUND TEN SHILLINGS being wages for the week-ending

5th January, 1946.

£1.10.0.



JOEL M. TSOTETSI

Social Welfare - Drought Relief Fund.
ATBX. 460105a



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£1.10.0.

J. Beale.

MINUTES of an Emergency meeting of the African Drought Relief Fund Committee held at Dr. A. B. Xuma's Residence on Saturday the 5th January, 1946 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Dr. A. B. Xuma (Chairman, Miss Janey C. Oliphant, Mr. J.G. Mallie and The Hon. Secretary - A. P. Moatshe.

REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE: It was reported that since the fund was started £238.6.3d has been collected. A further amount of £35 in tickets donated by Mrs Gorham was not included in the amount reported. It was suggested that the donation from Mrs Gorham should be left with the Chairman who would contact Mrs Gorham to find ways and means of raffling for the tickets, which were in a whiskey bottle, and all the amount that accrued from such raffle should go down as a donation from Mrs Gorham.

A general opinion was expressed that the Committee should do everything in its power to make the fund a success. To achieve this object the Press should be used to the full and also ~~the~~ several European Theatres should be approached. Mr. Mallie volunteered to interview the Manager of the Twentieth Century Theatre and the Hon. Secretary promised to ascertain the name of the Manager of the Metro Theatre.

BANK DEPOSITS AND WITHDRAWALS: The following resolutions were adopted :-

1. "That donations to the African Drought Relief Fund be deposited in Dr. A. B. Xuma's Account No. 2 at Barclays Bank (D.C. & O), Commissioner Street East, Johannesburg for the time being until further notice. All approved cheques drawn shall be signed by the Chairman, (Dr. A. B. Xuma) and any one of the following members of the African Drought Relief Fund Committee:
Messrs J. R. Rathebe,
A. R. Moatshe and
J. G. Mallie."
2. "That all cheques shall be endorsed by the Chairman."

LISTS: It was agreed that lists of donations received should be made available to the members of the Committee.

AREAS TO BE ASSISTED: The Chairman mentioned that it would be advisable that in the event of donations being satisfactory the Committee should grant relief to other areas and not concentrate only on the Ciskei.

The meeting then terminated.

Confirmed at a meeting held on the 8th January, 1946.

CHAIRMAN.

Oriental Hotel

East London.

Jan 5/1946.

To

Dr A. B. Xuma

104 Bond Street

Johannesburg.

Dear Doctor

My wife and I were glad to see your appeal in the Daily Dispatch East London, though sorry enough for the necessity of it. We are sorry we cannot send you more, there have been so many necessities & worthy objects for support lately.

You will probably not remember me. I had the good fortune to meet you at the Annual Gathering of the Joint Council in Johannesburg some years ago. You kindly invited me into your car and we talked for a couple of hours after the meeting. I have never forgotten you nor the substance of the authentic ~~and~~ of Native Affairs in S.A. that you gave me. Since then I have followed the course of your public work with much interest.

I started the Bantu World in S. Rhodesia some 10 years ago and have recently returned from the management of it. I have many times used thoughts you gave me at that time, and have often quoted you as an independent leader of African opinion.

My home address is still Bulawayo. We are here on holiday my wife's health being very poor. We may have to return to the coast and if we do I hope I shall be able to make some contribution to the Cause of Africans in S. Africa.

Yours sincerely yours
P. R. Hadfield
(F. L. HADFIELD.)

P.S. My writing is never good but today I skinned my right hand a little while sunbathing and it is hard to write at all.

P. R. H.

ABX-460105d

31, Maple IPd.
Durban.

5.1.46.

Dear Dr. Xuma

I am indeed glad to know a fund has been opened to help our natives in the Drought Stricken Areas.

Please accept the enclosed as a small donation. I trust the fund will be liberally supported.

Yours truly,
C. Tees.

ABX-460106a

P. O. Box 7,
Montclair,
Durban.

6th Jan., 1946.

Dr. A. B. Kuma,
104, End St.,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed postal order for £1 is my contribution to the African Drought Relief Fund. I was glad to see mention of your work and that of your committee in the "Natal Mercury", and I hope that you have had many contributions.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) Helen E. Anderson

St. Petrock (Private Bag)
Rustenburg Trans
6 Jan 1946

Dr A. B. Xuma
104 End Street, J. Burg

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith
cheque for £1-1-0 as a donation
to the African drought relief
Fund.

Yr Faithfully
W. R. A. White

Jan 6th 1946

Dear Sir.

Enclosed you
will find £ 2.0.0. to keep
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