

FATE OF CENTURY - OLD COLLEGE IN THE BALANCE

("Sunday Express", 29/7/56)

"THE CENTURY-OLD Adams College was told in June last year that if it wished to continue it must apply for registration as a private school - but after three applications (two mysteriously went astray) it was informed last week that Dr. Verwoerd, Minister of Native Affairs, had refused to register it.

"IT WAS REPORTED this week that the Dept. of Native Affairs would take over the college from January 1 next year; that it would be classified as a State Bantu school, with a teachers' training section, a secondary education section and other sections.

"DR. VERWOERD HAD refused, on educational grounds," to register the college, acting on the advice of the Native Affairs Commission, which inspected the institution.

"THE COLLEGE TWENTY miles from Durban, comprises a high school, an industrial school and a teachers' training college. It is the oldest educational institution of its kind for Africans in Natal. It is undenominational. It educated African students from all over the Union, the Protectorates, the Central African Federation, Kenya and Uganda.

"THE TEACHERS' TRAINING College was closed when the Govt. announced that it would take over the training of teachers under the Bantu Education Act. The college had offered to continue training teachers until the Govt. could make alternative arrangements, but the Dept. of Native Affairs rejected this offer.

"LAST WEEK IT was reported that the Dept., contrary to its previous attitude, considered Adams essential as a teachers' training

"THE COLLEGE HAS trained thousands of African men and women who hold responsible positions.

"IN HIS STATEMENT last week the chairman of the College, Mr. McDonald, said that the attitude of the Minister and his advisers made it impossible to maintain the broad objects and ideals of the College".

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News from other centres.....

THEY DON'T WANT BANTU EDUCATION!

A small Cultural Club has been started at Blauwvlei, Retreat, in the Western Cape. Although only 12 children have been withdrawn from Govt. schools, the parents have become so angry with the miserable education provided under the Bantu Education Act that they have decided to remove their children and start a Club. By so doing, the parents say, they can assure their children a healthy education.

At Cato Manor, Durban, 103 parents have withdrawn their children from Govt. schools and enrolled them in a private school in the area. Inspectors have cast their evil eyes on the school and are doing their utmost to prevent its application for registration from being successful. They have proposed to the parents that they convert their school into one for children UNDER seven years of age. The parents have rejected the proposal and have refused to prepare their children for the Bantu Education authorities.

A Grand Holiday

Excitement was high when 34 children and three Club Leaders visited Port Elizabeth during the July vacation. Elaborate arrangements were made for the entertainment of the children and Club Leaders by the Eastern Cape Club Leaders and there is no doubt - after hearing the children - that the holiday was a grand success!

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LEADERS DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS

Discussions were held by members of the African Education with 28 Club Leaders from 11 Cultural Clubs in the Easter programme material was given to the Club Leaders and discussed. Various problems arising in the Cultural Clubs were thrashed out with the Club Leaders.

FREEDOM CHARTER DAY,

COME TO KLIPTOWN

SUNDAY, 24th JUNE, 1956

9.30 a.m.

Since 1950, June 26th has been observed as a National Day by the Liberatory and Democratic Movement.

On this day in 1950, the People of South Africa celebrated June 26 by a national stoppage of work; closing the factories, businesses and schools for one day.

This action was a protest against the Suppression of Communism Act, Group Areas Act, Pass Laws and all other discriminatory laws. And it was also a day to mourn the death of many sons and daughters of Africa who laid down their lives in the fight for Freedom, and, in particular, the victims of police terror on May Day, 1950.

Since then, June 26th has become a day of rededication to the struggle for our liberation. Events of great importance in our country have taken place on this day. The historic Defiance Campaign, which changed the history of our people, was launched on June 26, 1952.

The greatest South African Assembly - the Congress of the People - met at Kliptown on June 26, 1955 and adopted the famous

FREEDOM CHARTER

"We, the people of South Africa, declare . . . that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black and white . . . that our People have been robbed And therefore we, the People of South Africa, Black and White together **EQUALS, COUNTRYMEN, BROTHERS** - Adopt this **FREEDOM CHARTER.**"

" THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN "

Let all who love their people and their country assemble at

KLIPTOWN

ON JUNE 24th, 1956

and say,

"THE FREEDOMS IN THE FREEDOM CHARTER, we will fight for, side by side, black and white, throughout our lives, until we have won our liberty."

Issued by the Tvl. Consultative Committee of the African National Congress, Transvaal Indian Congress, South African Coloured Peoples Organisation, South African Congress of Trade Unions, South African Congress of Democrats.

Sunday 30.9.56. A.N.C. Youth League c/o Morris & Victoria, Sophiatown
CHAIRMAN H. TSHABALALA. - Sons and daughters of Africa this is the
meeting of the A.N.C. of the Youth League ^{16 is for the Y.L.} to rise up and fight for
our liberation. If it does not do so the nation will not achieve
such. Govt. is helped by rich Europeans, because this rich Europeans
are promised slaves from the Youth League by the Govt.

Eurp. cannot go away from S.A. as it is full of money. There are mines
dumps which have been laboured by the Africans through the Govt. ^{of} do not
go to the Africans benefits. Govt. sends Africans to mines where they
die. It does not mean that the Africans cannot seize to be slaves in
this country. We Africans have a weapons ^{break} to break the Europeans
domination. We have unity to ~~beat~~ ^{break} this Govt. The evil that the Youth
League is facing is the Beerhall which is of course owned by the Govt.

1st TSIKANE. - Chairman Sons & daughters I salute you in the name of
the the A.N.C. Youth League Western Area. We have met here as sons
and daughters of Africa. Govt. has built a beerhall. The idea is not
to do good for the Africans but that this uncultured Policemen with
sten guns should go and trouble the Africans there. Qualifications to be
a Policemen is to be ~~doing~~ ^{strong} and be able to kick the Africans. The Dutch
boys are good for the Police force as they are not educated. As a youth
I am appealing to the Africans to come and stand against the danger
~~of~~ going to the Beerhall. Europeans have no Beerhalls like natives,
but with a ^{limited no.} It is unfortunate that these Dutch boys don't
understand what I am saying in this language English. You'll never see
one educated African joining the force. You police must tell Swarts
that the beerhall will come to an end so say me Mr. Tsekane. Dutch
fellows who have no permanent homes, I do not know what will happen ~~to~~
to them when the Africans into power. We have heard that Dr. Dinges ~~is~~
and others ^{has} said have gratuities but the poor policeboys never ask why
their sons don't come and join the Force. In my conclusion I appeal to
the youth League to fight against the procedure in the Beerhalls. Then
Naza who is an African said that the Suez Canal will be Nationalised
This the beerhall in the W.N.T. is going to be closed because we have
no profit on it. It belongs to the Dutch fellow.

2nd. SPEAKER. RAMPDLOKENG. - Chairman, sons and daughters of Africa
I think its better to speak in my own language so as to enable all
African to understand. We Police not invite the Dutch boys to attend
this meeting thus why I don't speak in the language that they might
understand. Even if your enemies can come with guns do not have to
stand for your rights., Africans don't be afraid for death. The Govt.
today are only thieves who pretend to be the law. When the beerhall
was made there was a promise that it will assist those who are un-
able to earn their money but Erasmus takes the money and buys flying
squadrs to arrest the African people. We elected civil guards but the
Govt. ^{then} has got rid of them as the gvt. ^{said} that the Africans were un-
derstanding each other. The Govt. opens the Beerhalls on Sundays in
order to keep the Africans from churches2/-

There's no bar for dutch people which opens on Sundays. Why does the Gvt. not build your houses in stead of Beerhalls. It is not the Beer halls which will bring you to liberation. Time has come that we must unite and stop going to Gvts Beerhalls. The beerhalls must be changed into a factory where the sons and daughters maybe employed. We told Verwoerd that if he introduces Bantu Education he must also do away with the whites movements apart from africans. Why cant Verwoerd take away the dead bodies of Paul Kruger and throw them into Germany. Time has come that Sons and daughters of africa must fight against the beerhall of this Gvt. We can be ~~staid~~^{shot} or arrested but the Beerhall must be closed up. Why can the dirty dutch boys not be done away with. Why cant we africans be determined to praise one person who is the african of this country. We know that we have only one enemy in this country who is the white man. When we want houses better wages we are arrested but when we want to go to the beerhall we are not arrested. is because they know that the money paid at the beerhall is used for buying guns to kill. The Police Station must be a place where the children of Africa be fed and not a place where the poor are to be arrested and kept. So, sons of african I want to see you closing that Beerhall.

3rd. SPEAKER. MOLOI. Friends in our life time. We have met here under the leadership of the A.N.C. Since I joined this ANC. I have gained my health physically & mentally. I say to hell with the whites and also with the beerhall. I am pleased to see the flying squad at our meeting so that they can take our speeches to the Gvt. But I say they are fools because Mr. Swart is sitting in the house and sent them ^{huc.} The beerhall is a battle field where these Dutch boys practice how to shoot. Friends join this body and be free from oppression like myself. I am speaking here freely. The foolish dutch boys make these oppressive laws to stop the africans from their liberty. Gvt. of this country is using our people to make these evil laws. The day will come when these evil things will come to an end. These selfish Gvt. does not want to share the land with the ^{labours} ~~africans~~ of the country. We want our africa back. We want our africa back. The white cannot do a thing without us Do you ~~ask~~ ask your self why we are arrested for the liquor we brew in our own houses. The day the white went to kill us, they will start at the Beerhall.

4th SPEAKER. MISS KEBINE. of Youth League Newcalre. Sons & daughters of africa I am pleased to see you all. It is painfull to see Africa beentaken by the white we are here. If you been cannot fight against the Gvt. give us your trousers and we will do so. When we say Africa Maybuyi we mean to have africa and get better living. Whan Seretsi married a white lady you thought he was foolish, but today he is coming back to his tribe. He has seen everything overseas the rules oversea. Ill be pleased to see the Beerhall closed but made ^{at} a school for africans.

5th SPEAKER MR. MALOALE.) Chairman of youth league in Newcalre. Sons & daughters of africa I call you so because you are not ...3/-

because you are not slaves. I expected a big meeting - the Youth League as they are the people who will govern this country tomorrow. Mothers must stop this sons from going to the Beerhall as they were shot ther at the beerhall. We never said that the Gvt. must built us Beerhalls. The europeans are practice they live upon us. Where as he gets £30 a week butwe get £3.7.6. fro 7 wks. and yet we do the jobs for them. Wh has given the Gvt. permission to build- brew beer. Who has given it the right to arrest our mothers where as no policeman asks a dutch wome a pass. they will never allow it.

6th SPEAKER NTHITE. - c_ohair m n Sons and daughters of Africa. Isalute you all. The struggle against our oppression shows us somelight. We have no unity in us to fight these dutch; coloureds & Indians were not prepared to join the africans in the struggle to freedom. The time when apartheid came into action the members of the force SAP increased. The Coloureds & indians are now joining us because of the removal schemes. the population act. The apartheid has made it clear that the Dutch are our enemies. S. Africa is the only country which ^{comes} Beerhalls. The Gvt. has made 83,000 out of the Beerhall thats why the govt. changes its flying squads and buy new ones.

The day will come when the africans will win their freedom and will make sure that the homes of the Dutch be dug out and thrown away.

THE BANNED LEADERS

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**DR. DADOO, J. B. MARKS
NELSON MANDELA**

SPEAK AT

DADOO SQUARE

(between Moroka West & White City Jabavu)

on

SUNDAY, 13th DECEMBER

at 12 a.m.



Dr. Dadoo



N. R. Mandela



J. B. Marks

**HEAR THEIR VOICES AGAIN!
THEY HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU!**

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THE LEADERS MUST ²
SPEAK AND LEAD.

MINISTER SWARTS SAYS THE LEADERS
SHALL NOT SPEAK NOR LEAD.?

WHAT ARE THE PEOPLE
OF NEWCLARE SAYING?

Come and give a reply to the
Minister at a public meeting

on No 1 Square Newclare
(Corner Hamilton and Bevan
Streets.

on SUNDAY Feb. 7th 1954
at 9.30 a.m.

SPEAKERS: J.B.Marks.
N.Mandela
D.Bopape.

BAETAPELE BATSHWANE

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REETEPELE

SWARTS ARE BASEKE BA BUA

KAPO BAETEPECE?

LONA BATHO BA NEWCLARE

LWA-RENG?

Tlang le fe Swarts phetalo ka
go tla pitsong

ka-Soñtaga Kgoedi ele
7 Feb. 1954

Ho lebaleng la No 1 mo Newclare
etla ba mo Kopahong ea Hamilton
le Bevan Streets.

Nako ea Phuthago ke 9.30

Dibui: J.B.Marks.
N.Mandela.
D.Bopape.

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MASS MEETING 299

* DR VERWOERD (Minister of Native Affairs) has declared an unholy WAR upon ALL the rights of the Africans. He attacks their Properties, Education and their freedom of movement.

* MR C.R. SWART (The Minister of Justice) is out to deprive all democrats irrespective of race, of their birth rights. He wants no Free speech, Assembly, organisation or opposition.

* THE MALAN GOVERNMENT Are leading South Africa into destruction and misery.

THIS MUST STOP
PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE COME IN YOUR THOUSANDS TO A
MASS MEETING:

AT COR. VICTORIA AND MORRIS STREETS
ON SUNDAY 7TH MARCH, 1954

SPEAKERS:
Nelson Mandela
Isaiah Gachala

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9.30
M.M.

Issued by 'Let the People Speak' Committee.

Come to the...

WESTERN AREAS *G. 905.*

ALL-IN CONFERENCE

on Group Areas Act, and
Section 10 Urban Areas Act

at the

KINGSWAY CINEMA

Main Road, Sophiatown

SUNDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 1956, 9 A.M.

CONFERENCE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY
COUNCILLOR R. J. LEWSEN

Landlords and Tenants Stand United!

Fight For Your Rights!

Come All To The Conference!

Issued by the W.A. Anti-Group Areas Committee, 37 West St., Johannesburg

COME TO THE

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**WESTERN AREAS
ALL IN CONFERENCE**

on the

GROUP AREAS ACT

SECTION 10, URBAN AREAS ACT

at the

**KINGSWAY CINEMA
(MAIN ROAD, SOPHIATOWN)**

on

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SECHABABA

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MEN AND WOMEN, ONE AND ALL - TOGETHER AGAINST PASSES!

In the struggle against passes there must be greater unity among the African people and the broadest possible alliance of not only the Congress movement, but of democrats outside.

Men, who are even more affected than the women by the pass laws, are playing the role of spectators while women are vigorously campaigning. Men are called upon to enter this major campaign unreservedly. Various forms of protests and struggle against pass laws and pass raids must be embarked upon by men and women jointly throughout the country.

Section 10 of the Urban Areas Act and influx control in the rural areas should be made the pivot of the campaign and the people made aware that section 10 is part of the pass system and the

most inhuman and vicious form of restriction which affects men and women equally.

Every man and women, in every city, dorp or village, must be drawn into the struggle.

Every woman of the 50,000 who took part in the national and local protests against pass laws should be called on to sign the Freedom Charter, and should become an active worker, mobilising others in the struggle against passes.

Broad anti-pass committees under the guidance of Congress should be formed with Congress members and those who have joined in this struggle against passes.

AWAY WITH PASS LAWS!

(THIS IS AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE A.N.C.)

FRANK TALKING

Congress problems and difficulties must not be glossed - or gossiped - over. They must be brought into the light of day and discussed, on committees and in branches - but on a principled basis.

SECHABABA

is here to help with this task. We make a beginning this month

always where they should be : in the branches and on the committees; and the true nature of the misgivings is being obscured in many cases by the way the problems are being raised. In one breath people are recognising the fine achievements of the Federation and of the women but in the next they are asking "But what is the Federation?" "Why a Federation?" "Should not the Women's League be the body to handle this?" "If the organisations of the Indian, Coloured and democratic European women, are ready enough

DON'T STIFLE THE WORK OF THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION!

The success of the women's mass anti-pass demonstrations are the two outstanding events of the years 1955 and 1956. We take off our hats to the women who marched, both to Pretoria to see Strijdom and Verwoerd, and to their Native Commissioners! These are glorious achievements, not only for the success of the marches themselves but because they represent months of solid, steady organising by the Federation of South African Women and the A.N.C. Women's League.

DOUBTS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS

But if we are honest with ourselves we must admit that some members of Congress and some sections of our organisation are filled with doubts and misunderstanding about the women's movement : the form it takes and the nature of its work. These doubts are being voiced in some places, but not

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Gekry by..... in *Antikwark n Stuurman*
Dour..... *H/S/S. SHARP*

To..... *Kingsway Lenona Sophiatown,*
Sydenham Regional Committee of the
A.N.C.
Date..... *14/9/56*

to go to Pretoria why can they not simply work with the A.N.C. Women's League instead of starting a new Federation?"

Back of these queries and misunderstandings is the same misunderstanding that has led to incorrect criticism of other movements and campaigns not initiated by or directly undertaken by Congress. Much the same sort of attitude characterised criticism of the Advisory Boards' delegation to protest against the Verwoerd Bills of the last session.

NO MONOPOLY OF FREEDOM FIGHT

Let us face it! The Nationalists have driven the African people to the point where many who were formerly not involved in political movements - who are today still outside the African National Congress - are up in arms against apartheid and for their rights. This is inevitable and this must be welcomed. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL VANGUARD FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM ARE LED IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS BY THE MILITANT PROGRAMME AND ACTIONS OF THE ANC. BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE ANC. SHOULD EXPECT OR TRY TO CLAIM A MONOPOLY OF ALL ANTI-APARTHEID FIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Many actions may originate outside the ranks of the ANC, some locally, some initiated by other leaders and groups. But if they are for the right policies the ANC. must welcome such actions and campaigns and fight with them in the over-all freedom fight. It is the principle that counts, the battle that is being waged and every struggle must be judged on that basis and not on the basis of personalities and inter-organisation jealousies.

BEWARE OF TRAPS!

To fall into these traps is to isolate the ANC from such correct actions as the Ministers' Call for an All-In conference against apartheid and other similar movements, and also to fall into the trap of giving only falthearted support to the women's protests because they were not directly initiated by Congress itself.

The Women's Federation represents a great working unity between the different women's organisations representing the different sections of South-African women. To suggest that it is unnecessary or that the ANC. Women's League "could have done the job" is in the same breath to attack the very basis of the Congress movement itself. Why then do we not say to the Indian and Coloured Congresses and to GOD. : "Why a National Action Committee?" "Why not come in with us?"

PART OF THE ALLIANCE

ON THE WOMEN'S FIGHTING FRONT THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION IS THE COUNTERPART OF THE ALLIANCE BUILT BY THE CONGRESS MOVEMENT. It is composed of the bodies that campaign together, that stand for the same programme, yet it is something mightier than all its independent parts, built by their co-operation on the basis of unity of action. Coloured, Indian and democratic European women, though not affected by passes today, have opposed these evils inflicted on African women because they know this is apartheid at work and no woman's rights or future are safe under apartheid. A WOMEN'S FEDERATION IS NEEDED TO ORGANISE AND UNITE THOSE WHO ARE THE COURAGEOUS ALLIES OF THE AFRICAN WOMEN. Within the Federation the affiliated organisations will fight together on common issues and yet each organisation affiliated preserves its identity, its rights and its need to organise and campaign separately among its own women.

The ANC. finds fresh strength and firm allies by being part of the Congress front; it also leaps ahead with its job of organising the African people. The two are not contradictory : they supplement each other. Trade unions which join Trade Union Co-ordinating Councils build workers' unity and solidarity through the Council but nevertheless their daily job of organising at the factory gates and inside the workshops goes on the build the union, and at the same stroke, the size and strength of the Trade Union Co-ordinating Council.

SO THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION IS PART OF THE FREEDOM FRONT. IT AUGMENTS AND STRENGTHENS IT. IT IS A FULL-BLOODED MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT AND MUST NOT BE REGARDED - OR TREATED - AS A STEP CHILD!

PART OF THE CONGRESS FRONT, THE FEDERATION MUST NEVERTHELESS HAVE FREEDOM OF ACTION WITHIN IT.

To insist, as some are doing, that every decision of the Women's Federation must first have the rubber-stamp approval of the Congresses will result in stifling control, and red tape that will bind the limbs of the Federation, but also of Congress.

All allies in the Congress front meet together to discuss broad principles and plans of concerted campaign. There must be this co-ordination. But then the Federation must be free to launch and conduct its campaigns as an autonomous body. The women are on the march for freedom!

New women's leaders are being born, women's initiative is being developed in their campaigns. We must not be guilty of stifling this initiative, of trying to "control" their every step, of holding up Federation and Women's League work even if we make the excuses that we are busy "co-ordinating".

A resourceful and growing Women's movement, spurred on by active Congress aid, will build the entire freedom front!

Aid to our sisters, our wives, our daughters, fighting with us!

FLASHES FROM THE PROVINCE to BRANCHES

WATCH OUT FOR AND FIGHT AGAINST - DEPORTATIONS under Section 29 of the Urban Areas Act.

This Section (passed by the last Session of Parliament)

gives the Municipalities power to deport from their area any African they decide is an "agitator" or "troublemaker." ROODEPOORT made the first move when it tried to have Viola Hashe banished, but seven hours before she was due to leave the location, the ban was withdrawn.

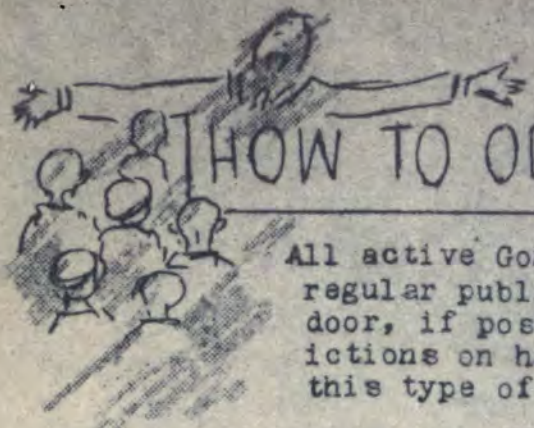
GERMISTON is acting against four Natalspruit leaders: Rampai, Mofokeng, Mkwanzazi, and Ngwenya. The women of Natalspruit are preparing a mass protest, against these threats. BUT THESE DEPORTATIONS ARE THE LIFE'S BUSINESS OF EVERY BRANCH AND EVERY AREA MUST STAND WITH THOSE THREATENED.

ALBERTYNSVILLE SQUATTERS
Representatives of the Province have been on a deputation to the Johannesburg Non-European Affairs Department on behalf of one hundred and ten African traders who were refused admission to Site and Service, and were told to "go home." There is a chance that the 110 may still be admitted to Johannesburg.

THE WORLD ... has been dreaming up news stories again - in an attempt to discredit and attack Congress. Out of somebody's hat this paper pulled a report that there is a move afoot in the Transvaal to replace our President, Mr. Moretsele, and that a secret Conference was planning to take over. There is not a word of truth in the report, of course, and in a reply, the Provincial Executive said so, and challenged the World to print that.

THE SESOTHO EDITION OF THE POPULAR PAMPHLET "WOMEN IN CHAINS". GET COPIES FROM THE A.N.C. OFFICE AT WEST ST (OR BOX 9207, JOHANNESBURG) OR FROM THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION, BOX 10876. OR FROM NEW AGE OFFICE, PROGRESS BLDGS. 60 A COPY.

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HOW TO ORGANISE PUBLIC MEETINGS

All active Congress branches should be holding regular public meetings, both indoor and outdoor, if possible, though in some areas restrictions on halls and gatherings try to block this type of Congress organising..

A good public meeting is a well-prepared public meeting, and careful planning will always pay good dividends. Far too often the public meeting is treated as a routine job; Congress officials and the speakers turn up to the meeting place at the last minute, speakers follow one another on to the platform without really having prepared what they are to tell the people, the meeting is dull and un-inspired and gets the Congress little further in winning the following of the people.

Public meetings can be organised as people's demonstrations for their demands, to protest against certain acts of the authorities, to report back to the people on a conference or protest activity or some other event, to tell the people the Congress policy on questions of the day. But whatever purpose the meeting is organised certain essential rules should be observed if the meeting is to be a success.

Here are some of these rules:-

1. Plans for the meeting must be made well in advance by the branch committee or which ever body is responsible for the meeting. Its purposes must be clearly discussed, for on these will depend the choice of the speakers, and other matters. A report back meeting on the Pretoria Women's Protest would obviously have to include at least one speaker who took part in that protest. A meeting to organise united action by the people of a certain area against some act of the authorities, for example, frequent police raids for passes and beer, should aim to represent as wide a section of the people as possible.
2. Arrangements for the hall or the open air meeting-place must be fixed at least two weeks before the meeting is to be held.
3. Plans to publicise the meeting must be made carefully and carried out implicitly. It is not good enough just to get the people to expect that the Congress branch holds meetings every week, or fortnight, at a certain place. Each meeting must have a main topic and a purpose, and these must be used in the pre-meeting propaganda.



For example, if the meeting is to protest against raids and section 10, the leaflets and posters must say so in so many words.

Leaflets can be given out at bus queues, house-to-house, put up on poles and in the windows of shops. Posters can be hung in key positions. Chalk slogans can be put up a few days before the meeting. Letters could be sent or delivered to people Congress is concentrating on, in order to bring them closer to the Congress. House-to-house work, e.g. the weekend before the meeting, is the surest investment for a good meeting attendance and also for building the the Congress branch among the people.

Every branch member must share in the responsibility to make the public meeting a sure success.

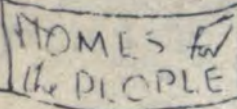


4. The Chairman and the speakers must also be arranged in sufficient time before the meeting for them to prepare their speeches.



A few days before the meeting, a little discussion between chairman and speakers should allocate the topics to be dealt with so the speakers do not overlap and repeat one another, and all topics are covered. One thing calculated to spoil a meeting is a slipshod attitude by the speakers. It is a great honour to speak at a public meeting! The people come to listen to what you have to say and so you must prepare carefully what you will say and how you will say it! The time limit for the chairman and the speakers must be fixed beforehand.

5. For the meeting itself, A Congress banner and if possible slogans of people's demands should be ready. Literature sellers should be organised so that the people at the meeting may be encouraged to buy the papers and magazines putting the point of view, and carrying the news of the Congress movement.



6. The chairman, the speakers and the Congress branch committee should arrive early: at least 15 minutes before the meeting is due to start.

7. If a microphone is to be used it must be installed and tested beforehand so that the meeting does not start late, and is not held up by the loudspeaker breaking down.

8. The chairman should open the meeting briefly and introduce the subject of the meeting and the speakers. The meeting has come to hear the speakers, not the chairman alone and he must not touch on the subjects and time of the speakers.

9. Interpreters should be chosen as carefully as the speakers, because a bad interpretation can ruin a good speech.

10. Important announcements should be made by the chairman in between the various speeches. If they are all left to the end, the crowd may drift away before they can be made.

11. The Chairman should draw attention to the literature being sold at the meeting.

12. If it is a Congress meeting, he should always make an appeal for new members and tell the crowd how and where they can join the branch.

13. Resolutions to be put to the meeting must be put clearly at the end and the crowd asked to vote on them.

Some meetings may decide to elect a deputation to carry the point of view of the people to some authority. That election must be carried out in a brief and businesslike form at the meeting. The meeting must decide how many members should comprise the deputation and the chairman must then call for nominations. These should not go on endlessly and if they do, some branch member can always move "closure".

14. Sometimes a vote of thanks to a guest speaker can be proposed and the speaker who proposes this vote must be decided on beforehand. Such votes must be brief and to the point.

15. The chairman must close the meeting by rising to his feet, summarising its purpose and its outcome and the tenor of its decision. If proposals for action have been made, he must impress the importance on the meeting and show what next steps must be taken. The meeting should end on a note of high enthusiasm with the singing of the anthem.



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CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Supplement



THE ROLE OF THE TRANSVAAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

by R.E.P.

The T.C.C. consists of two representatives from each of the following organisations, all of whom subscribe to the Freedom Charter :-

- African National Congress, Transvaal Indian Congress,
- S.A. Coloured People's Organisation (Transvaal) S.A. Congress of Trade Unions,
- the Federation of S.A. Women (Tvl. Region) and the S.A. Congress of Democrats (Johannesburg Region)

Each of these organisations has its own role to play in mobilising different sections of the people; each section with different problems and different immediate aims but all with the Freedom Charter as their goal. The role of the T.C.C. is to co-ordinate and consolidate the broad front of our forces for liberation.

How is it to achieve this and what are its limitations and failings ?

Let us first revue our work of the past year or so. We are the only province that has collected signatures for the charter in any number at all. Although we have fallen short of our target of 450,000, 50,000 signatures were collected in the Transvaal. We brought out our bulletin in a fairly regular fashion, and this bulletin is now incorporated with Sechaba. We organised co-operation between C.O.D. and the A.N.C. in connection with transport and speakers for outlying areas, similarly with Women's Protest to Pretoria. Our meeting at Kliptown to celebrate Freedom Day was a great success. We have helped S.A.C.P.O. and S.A.C.T.U. with a few meetings and the T.I.C. to a lesser extent.

There is thus some good work to look back on, but not enough has been done. Where have we been lax ?

Firstly we have not been entirely successful in bringing the various organisations into closer contact and co-ordination. For example, it is only now that we have been entirely successful in bringing the various organisations into closer contact and co-ordination. For example, it is only now that we have made a serious attempt to bring the Federation of S.A. Women (Tvl) into closer co-ordination and contact with us. The Protest to Pretoria, a great success, happened without the full co-operation of some member organisations due to this lack of contact. The T.I.C. organised the mighty Anti-Group Areas Conference without sufficient aid from other organisations, due again to lack of contact. S.A.C.P.O. perhaps our weakest organisation has not received sufficient help and encouragement because their representatives have not been vocal enough and we have been preoccupied with other matters.

We must correct this and so must the organisation referred to. The Federation of S.A. Women, T.I.C. and S.A.C.P.O. must participate more fully in the T.C.C. and their representatives must be more vocal. S.A.C.T.U. periodically asks us for help and then fails to proceed with details of what is required.

Secondly we have not issued enough propoganda. There have been no lecture notes, no analysis on the Freedom Charter and very few statements to the press or leaflets etc. Why has this happened. The preparation of lecture notes and the analysis of the sections of the Charter was undertaken by the N.C.C. This work has been somewhat delayed. However the T.C.C. has now undertaken to prepare

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