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Your servant in the service for
full citizenship of all in
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PRESIDENT-GENERAL, AFRICAN NATIONAL
CONGRESS.
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL ANTI-PASS CAMPAIGN.

Councillor B.B. Xizime,
Temperance Hotel,
Market Square,
KING WILLIAMSTOWN.

ABX/ARM.

26th July,

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Matatiele.

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Councillor Mabude,
Colose,
Idutywa.

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Councillor Charles Takwe,
Coloé,
Idutywa.

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CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL ANTI-PASS CAMPAIGN.

Councillor E. K. Matthews,
S.A. Native College,
Fort Hare,
ALICE.

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A.N.C.
(O.F.S.)1267 Batho location,
Bloemfontein

26/7/46

Dear Dr Xuma,


I received your letter through Mrs Xuma and I thank you for it. I do not know if I am right, but I do seem to feel that you are inclined to think that Mr Elias is a wonderful somebody. Long before your letter came quite a number of the E. Provincial Congress Executive members ~~were~~ ^{had been} ~~quite~~ fed up about him. In fact many have confessed that it was a big mistake that he was put or elected to such a responsible position. I should say I met Dr Bokwe who mentioned the same thing and I assured him that the man could easily be removed from office. I have been in constant consultation with the local men and ~~set~~ really I am quite convinced that he will have no following whatsoever.

The local men have gone further that. They tell me that they have ^{often} advised the president to summon the Executive with or without his secretary and he has ^{not} done so. You will remember once you asked me what I thought of the new president and I replied to say that except for his possession of a car I did not know why he had been elected. Had it not been for the fact that the president was so inexperienced and was perhaps frightened out of his wits by a seasoned robber, a halt could have been called quite early.

I can assure you therefore that if a purge is undertaken it will meet with general approval and may in fact draw into the congress especially ^{in Swempan} certain people who have hitherto held aloof because they felt that paying subscriptions to congress as long as people like Mr Elias were there was just wasting money.

Your next order about the probable successor is more difficult because the most suitable man for the job by common consent is unfortunately a teacher. In the ^{present} circumstances either Mr Kamabodu the secretary of the local congress or Mr Mshumpela the secretary of ^{the} O.F.S. Joint Council of Trade Unions would probably do fairly well.

In connection with your last order I have nothing to say at present. In fact I could not boil it down to writing just now.

Yours faithfully
L.K. Uttabati


A. W. G. Champion, M.R.C.

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19, Old Dutch Road,

Durban, Natal.

1st August, 1946.

Anti-pass Campaign

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
President General A.N.C.,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I shall support the Motion to adjourn the proceeding of the Native Representative Council to discuss the Pass Laws anent your minute dated the 26th July, 1946.

You have not informed me who will move the Motion. I shall by all means support the Motion. I have been visited by a Mr. Damane on behalf of the Anti Pass Laws Committee. He asked me to help him to launch an Anti Pass Committee. He told me that he had some Members of the Committee in Durban. He failed to produce any written document to show that he was in fact the representative of the Committee. I advised Mr. Damane that unfortunately I could not recognize him because I have never met him before. I deplored the system of his Mission because he had nothing to show that he was not a detective of the C.I.D. In these days when everything is in the air it is important that those who move about the country must have a code to use for instruction otherwise all people will go about in the name of the Congress to fish out information from the Officers of the Congress.

I now beg to register my complaint against this system of doing things. Men of less importance such as Damane are given monies to use to visit various centres. Money that can be beneficially used by us the accredited leaders of the Congress. Is that good and sound policy? I shall endeavour to see you in two weeks' time.

With my very best regards,
(P.T.O.)

With my very best regards,

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Champion

President: Natal African Congress.

R.

I regret that I find myself unable to attend the Committee meeting at Bloemfontein

I have just returned from East London I am also preparing for the session of the Council starting on the 14th Inst.

Thank you for your explanation about the Women's League.

[Handwritten signature]

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5th August 1946

Dr. A.B. Xuma
Crogman Community Clinic
Wilberforce Institute

Dear Dr. Xuma,

Seeing that very little time is available for conversations on matters of importance, I have taken this opportunity and methods of giving you information regarding some of the plans and problems of the Institute.

GRANTS FROM THE NATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT:- As a result of our negotiation with the Secretary for Native Affairs we have been granted the following funds for improvements of the Institute.

1. Water Supply.....	£210
2. Lighting System.....	560
3. Sanitary.....	422

Improvements in the water and lighting systems are already on the way. The sanitary improvements were completed earlier in the year. Application have been made for the payment of the grant for this purpose. The improvements in the water system consists of 2 windmill pumps, 3/1000 gallon water tanks, pipes and fitting for conduct of water to buildings and gardens, and a small resevoir for irrigation.

The improvements in the lighting system will be that of getting 2 additional lighting plants on the campus, to furnigh lights for the hostels and eventually to the Practising School. These improvements should be completed withing a few weeks.

PURCHASE OF 50 MORGANS OF LAND. This matter has developed into a real problem. We have succeeded in getting the promise of a loan of £4000 with 15 years within which to pay. But there has arisen a serious difficulty in getting the payment of the loan. We must produce the Transfer Deed of the Seven Morgans recently purchased from the Evaton Health Committee. There is a delay in this due to the fact that there is a restrictive clause regarding the ownership of this land by Natives. We have had to make a plea to Court for the Cancellation on this clause. The attorneys have given the assurance that this will be done. But the question of time enters. According to the attorneys this will take another six weeks at least.

This would not be so terrible were it not for the fact that the owner of the land, Mr. Harmann is impatient and wants to sell without further delay. I have written to him explaining the position and requesting him to give us a little more time.

On the other hand the Lawyers have suggested that if we can raise the money in some other way, we can proceed to get the deed of sale signed. But that is just where the problem comes in.

From the standpoint of the church this cannot be done. There is not sufficient money in all of the treasuries combined to meet this amount. Moreover, I have not been able to arouse interest in the conferences of the 15th Episcopal District in this project even though I have been presenting it over and over again.

The suggestion has come that perhaps we might be able to get some aid from the Bantu Welfare Trust Fund. I shall be very glad to get your advice and support on this issue if you think there is a possibility.

Even if the subject of the land is settled without the aid of the Bantu Welfare Trust's support, for the purpose of the building of the High School we shall still need some help. This question of accommodation for High School is also a growing problem.

Yours Faithfully,

J.R. Coan
J.R. Coan

ABX. 4608056

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

National Executive Meeting.

Bloemfontein 5th August, 1946.

AGENDA.

1. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING
2. South-West Africa. A Report on Johannesburg
3. Anti-Pass Campaign. B CAPE INVESTIGATION Committee
4. Relation with Indians.
5. General Business. Restrictions of Movement
IN THE CAPE

Congress resolve that
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A. H. C.
(copy)

9 Aug 1946

Hillingdale

P. O. welcome wood

King wmt Town

Dear Dr

I apologized to make these few lines to you as my aim I am here on Released area Trust farm call area 32. K. W T Dist among the settlement people as an Evangelist under mt Coke most people are Red Xhosa Tribe amagxunukwebe ndlambe mghayi and Tlingoes

I just want to know or sent me the instruction of the congress we are prepare to be form as sect far at KWT and E. London mostly people are farmers controll by the white oversees please Dr Direct us on a Right way to go to fight for our african needs and Pass

yours

faithfully
Sevan

P. T. Kobus

KGOTLA EA KGOSI,
GAMANWATO.

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SEROWE.
PALAPYE ROAD,
BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.
10th August, 1946.

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

Dear Dr. Xuma,

As I had sent you only one stencilled copy of our pamphlet which you may have passed on to some other friend, I am sending you another to keep.

Printed
As previously arranged I shall send you a few copies of the pamphlet.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Thabeleli Mame

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