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The Roman church has accepted the Bantu Education. You must know whatever school fees you pay the Roman church you are paying for the Bantu Education. We say our children are not going to school. You have heard that the police are going to protect our children, are these people going to be protected by the police when they go to work and in their houses? Let us unite and rather die. I tell you mothers that tell those who are not here that this Bantu Education they want to teach the children that the whiteman is God. Let us pull together and unite it is not necessary for us to walk up and down the streets stopping your children not to go to school. You must keep your child at home, keep the water outside the house, don't let it inside the house.

Chairman comments.

Before I comment on what Mis Romatha has told you, you must show by raising your hands and signify that the children will not go to school. Are you today selling your children to the boers, if you want me to lead you to freedom you will not do so, don't say I am not educated I am educated by the boers at Bethal sitting on my neck. The boers I am not afraid of them we have power like an elephants power, listen to us when we say the children must go to school, the children are not going to school, the Roman Catholic church its time is coming. We have told the Italian Priest that he must not accept children tomorrow he can call the police from Pretoria that not stop us don't tell anybody you only must know that the children are not going to school.

4th Speaker. W.S. Ngwendu.

They say it is better to have education than no education. We have been telling the people about Bantu Education. (At this stage I could not hear what the speaker said. My intention was to expose the hippocracy

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of the statements made by Cabinet Ministers. Why is the Government interested that our children must go to school. Many years back they were not interested in our education why today they are so eager that the African should go to school? You must ask yourself why. I don't want to talk about the evil of the Bantu Education you all know I want to come to the teachers who says we are attacking them in our meetings and I have asked them what is Bantu Education. They say they are waiting to see how things go but you as parents you have the control of the child. Now I want to say that the boycott in the Western Areas has started, it is not the intention of Congress to call off the boycott, I say the children are not going to school tomorrow. Why the boers are so interested that our children must go to school.

Chairman's comments.

Malan makes me to laugh. You know when a christian has faith in his heart he is not afraid of death. I will preach congress gospel in the gaals as long as I am locked up with the people. Mr. Ngwendu said in his speech why the boers seem to be so troubled about the education of our children, you ask yourself why the teachers are not prepared to become delivery boys or road workers rather than to sell our children to Malan. Don't you hear the sound behind that Africa is on the brim of freedom. Where will you go? The epoch of ministers of religion is coming to an end they will not go to Fort Hare but they will learn from us.

5th Speaker. P. Ntete.

I thank you Mr. Chairman and sons and daughters of Africa, amongst the peculiar things happening today the only thing the African people can do is to demand freedom. I told you that if we are a united nation our voice will be heard. We stand here today to dispute a statement made

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by Verwoerd that we are donkeys and oxen. We stand here to say that the children won't go to school tomorrow. Dr. Verwoerd must be aware that we are human like the white man is. If the Africans are aware that their ancestors are with them then let us march forward and say that the children are not going to school. The Government must try to produce atomic hydrogen bombs but they tried to produce miracles to destroy our hearts and spirits. But the time is over with Bantu Education the Bantu Education will be flat as anything.

I said when I started that many peculiar things that has happened we are not only speaking about the Government but also about the police who are moving about in uniform. We see the Government moving in a form of a priest wanting to kill the Africans. A most Rev. Gentlemen this morning appealed to the parents to send their children to school. When this Priest come into the church instead of placing the people in front of God he places them in front of the Government. He should have told the children to go to God but he said they must go to the Government. I pity the parents who let their children go to school tomorrow, I pity them because they will cry as soon as they found out what is the Bantu Education. We are going to make it so difficult for the Government that even this protection will never help. I want to say that the African people are going to outlive the flying squads. I want to say to you the A.N.C. can't help you if you send your children to school when we keep our children at home. We would have defeated the Government.

My friends who ask me to take him into the A.N.C. the fight he is going to fight, it will be dictated to me by the events as created by the Nationalist Govt.

Chairman's Comments.

It rains I stand up and look up and speak to

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God then the rain stops. We who lead you are the servants of God. Do you mean that the ratchet Priest of the Roman Catholic will like to accept the education like the Bantu Education. I want money, I have a debt of £10.

6th Speaker. R. Resha..

Mr. Chairman sons and daughters of Africa, the whole country was busy making up its mind as to what to do about Bantu Education. People of Brakpan and Benoni when the schools were empty on the 12th even that European of Brakpan could see that there is something wrong. As I speak forty six men and women have been arrested at Benoni, for doing nothing except that their children must not go to school. We in the Western areas says that the people of the East cannot go alone in the struggle. What did Dr. Verwoerd said when the people said they don't want the evil Bantu Education he said on Monday those who fail to go to school will never get education. Then he said those children who are 6 years of age who don't go to school on Monday will be asked to get passes if they don't get work will be sent to the <sup>u</sup>camps. Verwoerd is like a gangster, Verwoerd is bluffing nobody except the police, because as we are speaking here our children are at Talitha's Home and Diepkloof, Bethal and Rustenburg. The children at the high school are already carrying passes so there is no difference the children are not going to school tomorrow. The Government can shoot them, the Govt. can shoot us to make things short. The dirty Police in their flying squads at Brakpan they have gone to the small farms and picked up children to go to school and they said the children are attending school. They have never gone to school before. The only reply which is emphatic my people is that the children are not going to school tomorrow; The Police have the audacity

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to take an African National Congress Flag and place it on the pick up and then say the A.N.C. says the children must go to school tomorrow. It mark the day when a determination is wanted Dr. Xuma has come out on the side of the Govt. because his children are not affected. That is why he says the boycott must be called off. You are called to become members of the School Boards so to be used as hammers to knock your own children. Our other enemies are the teachers, who have said the children should go to school tomorrow because Verwoerd said at the end of the month their positions will be reviewed if there are no children in school by that day. I want to ask the teachers to stand with the people because the days of flying squad and Verwoerd are numbered, the day is coming when we will show the white man that he came into this country by mistake. The Ministers of Religion says there is nothing wrong with Bantu Education. If we stand together and defeat the Bantu Education, we would have defeated the machinery of Verwoerd. Whenever we pray to God we must ask God to give us power, the power he gave to Moses to kill the Egyptians, it is clear we can not live in peace with these rascals then what can we do is that they must pack and go. These rascals they can't even look after their own children, a child after the day of birth is given to an African woman.

We are prepared to die with our children, we are not prepared to sell our children like the teachers. There has never been armistice in this country only there has been a truce, things are where Chaka and Hintsa left them as much as we say that our struggle is non-violent but we cannot stand and fold our arms when our children are being taken from us.

I am speaking my mind to you my people, I want to assure you my people I will be with you by day and night but never rest until we have defeated the white

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man. We are sympathetic to those mothers who are going to lose their jobs like teachers, the only way to get what is ours back is to all of us..... I want to call upon all to defeat Bantu Education. My people I can see our freedom so vividly and so clear that our freedom is here and the day of police taking notes in our meetings are numbered. The Dutch people know that they are afraid of you, to ask for passes, searching for beer and getting our children to school must be the duty of the white man. We are on the eve of a good day, you must do everything you are capable of doing to defeat the Bantu Education.

Chairman's comments.

Before I comment on what Mr. Resha said I want all the children to come nearer the platform, I want to see them. We have started the boycott with these children before me. He asked the children "you are not going to school tomorrow and the children said we are not going to school tomorrow. We must make our own decision and to be known to all the Ministers of Religion in Sophiatown, if we are determined Africans some of us will sleep in gaol but this will be signs of freedom, all these who are sell-out we have records of them. We know where they live. Samuel Msulluwane death. We want to tell you how much we collected. £6. 3. 0d. We should not make our affairs known to the public. I want to make the collection to be £7 give me more money. £6.14. 0.

2/40. Hypocrisy Rascals.

Attendance about 1000 natives of both sexes.

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KOPIE VAN NOTAS GENEEM DEUR NAT. SPEUR. SERST. MOTSEKIMASELELE.24/4/55.11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - 100 people.C. Ndaba:

The subject of today is Bantu Education. Therefore you parents listen very attentively. Some people will deceive you and yet they have sent their children to the coloured schools. I will call Masumya to address you.

M. Masumya:

Today is the day of which parents and children should have come here. The shower of rain shows us that God is with us. In Germiston the Police removed Congress Flag and hoist it on the pick-up van and Police told the people that congress say the children must go back to school. People were surprised and the young boys ran to the pick-up and trouble then started. The Police will do all in their power to use methods to start trouble. They would use plain clothes Police who would assault the children. Congress would assault nobody, but they would only tell the children to go home. In Newclare the people refused the trams even today they are not running. The Govt. is spending more money to buy other people to tell the children to go back to school. I appeal to you to act like Benoni people who refused to eat Dr. Eiselen meat. We are now on political war. There are only two camps in S.A. There is a camp of oppressors and a camp of oppressed people under A.N.C. The white people wish to you to stay as slaves for ever. They passed many laws against you. In 1911 they passed a law for a native not to sell his strength as he wished. When they were told at UNO that they were oppressing the Africans they denied

the allegation. The white people again made a law - Urban Areas Act. They forced the people to live in locations where they will be forced to work. In 1927 they made the Native Representative Act, in which anybody could be appointed as chief under the recommendation of the Governor General. Therefore today that is why a chief who does not co-operate with Europeans was removed. The African people in S.A. even work where they don't like on account of the law. In 1913 they made land act which took away land from the African people. The people began to move from place to place, farmers forced them to sell some of their cattle, those who refused to sell their cattle lost many cattle by dying. The people began to flock into towns. Chief Sibasa refused his people to go to mines. Then he was removed as chief. Chief Luthuli was called to Pretoria and was warned to decide with to remain as chief or he resigned from the A.N.C. if so. In 1948 Chief Luthuli replied that as a President he was the chief of every African person in S.A. but as a chief I was only chief of few people. He was therefore removed. Nobody ever replaced Luthuli because all his people told the Government that they were all A.N.C. members. The white people are your enemies. They run after you with flying squads as though they are your friends. They go about telling children to go to schools as though they like you. They take away your property even if you produce title deeds. How can you trust people like that? How can we have an education only as far as Std. 2? They now wanted to spoil the minds of our children only to have the chance of sending them to farms without a word. Under B.E. the white people want children to be taught Bible most. Why? I believe that there is God. But the white people from overseas come here as church



ministers but after their contract of 20 years they retire back to overseas. Paul in Bible said that some people would make money and business with the name of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has been drawn he was not photographed at the cross.

Jesus was not a white person. The made him white so that you can believe that a white man is a brother to a white person. If only Jesus can come here tomorrow he can be arrested and charged under Section 29. Dr. Malan a Minister of Church still believe in apartheid, and yet Jesus preached brotherhood. The Jesus was born in Asia, he is an Asiatic, which are called Non-Europeans. The Roman Catholic is going to teach Bantu Education because their school is registered under B.E. The reasons why the Church Ministers come here in different names, because they come here on business among you. The only thing is that you Africans build your own church, leave all these churches under different names.. The B.E. imposed on our children is the same of what Pharoah did to the Israelites by murdering the male children born to Israelites. Herod did the same to Jesus, he ordered his people to kill all boys born during the time Jesus was born. Malan fear that if Africans are allowed children to be educated there would appear the future leaders of this country who would take over. You parents must know much about B.E. You must know what it is. God helps anyone who tries to help himself. Use your common sense. The Isrealites were promised land in Palestine and they real got it. Remember the Roman Empire. The English were ruled by Italians for 400years. The English organised themselves and freed themselves - today you can hear British Commonwealth of Nations. The Boers trekked from Cape running away from the British and came here. The En-

English followed them. They told Paul Kruger to allow them to dig gold they also wanted their franchise. There was no agreement so the Boer War was fought and it ended in 1902. Peace was made on conditions that a Native took no part in the affairs of country. Why can't we demand our bountry back? The Boers landed here 1652. The English in majority came here in 1820. When did the Africans come here? Jan van Riebeeck came here because he was a criminal in Holland. Any land you buy here you are being robbed. In African wars with the white the history was not properly written. They said Africans stole cottle yet in fact they had defeated the whites and then taken cattle. We are still going to re-write the history. The black person is a real christian - we gave them cattle when they landed here. In conclusion of Chaka, Moshesh, Hintsa, Nakana, Sekukuni - I must see that tomorrow no children go to school tomorrow. Verwoerd has made a challenge, he says he will close his schools. But we know schools are ours. He has no schools. No children must go to school. Only the children of sell-outs will be seen going to school tomorrow.

Abel Methi?

I am not a speaker but my speakers will speak - listen to their speeches. They will speak about Congress of the People.

B. Molewa:

I am glad to see you in your great number - glad also to see children who are going to be the nation of tomorrow. The future teachers of tomorrow. Especially because the children are facing the danger of the Gov. The Government saw the advancement of the Africans Leaders have been banned. teachers dismissed. Ministers banned from going to other places. Books with facts have been banned. The Gov. again seeing that Africans

were more educated than the oppressors met at Parliament and made a law of stopping African education and passed Bantu Education Act. Luckily in 1912 A.N.C. organisation was formed. Now it has seen the danger of Bantu Education and they came to conclusion that African children must not go to Bantu Education schools. The Government took our former education and transferred it to N.A. Department which hates the African people. The Department of Police which arrest people daily. Therefore we have come here to let you know what will be given to your children. Ever since we withdrew them from 12/4/55. Your children will be given true education of no racial discrimination. I say to you parents, if Dr. Verwoerd closes his schools on 25/4/55 I say let him close them. We shall teach our children. European children are compelled to go to school, if they refuse they are arrested. Yet African children are not compelled to go to school. So Verwoerd has no right upon our children. Let us give him a chance of closing them. On Tuesday we shall start to teach our children. Yesterday the Police in the paper said they would protect children who would be going to school. In May 1950 the Gov. said he would protect workers from work but the same people who went to work were shot. Don't listen to Police they are lying too much. They want children to be taught by Police. We are in a fierce battle but as our fight is a non-violent one, we don't see it. We have told them that we shall open our schools but that does not appear in the newspapers. On Tuesday morning I want all school children to come to 62 - 10 Avenue, where we shall tell them where to go and learn. The Congress has built another organisation where they would work together with some other organisation. On 24/4/54 there was a conference held at Trades Hall called by C. of the P. It was

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in this hall that police agents took notes. A petition was made to Justice Blackwell who ordered them out. Therefore the Police go about telling the children to go to school but we shall take them out. The Police went to principals of schools and told them to tell the children to go to schools. Congress of the People fight all methods of oppressing. Some teachers have been dismissed and have taken a job in Indian schools and Coloured schools. Even in the wits there are African teachers who teach Europeans and the Govt. have seen that African teachers teach even more better than Europeans. Now the Gov. has made a law of preventing from teaching in European schools.

Congress of the people has asked me to collect your demands and I hope that you have asked that your children must be taught the same education like the one Europeans get. (1) You demand equal pay for equal work, you demand to be (3) Engine drivers, to drive aeroplanes, ect (4) You demand better transport (5) benches to be provided near your employers premises (6) Better education for children (7) Africans to unite. Congress of the People will be held somewhere in Joh. from 26 and 27. Delegates would be drawn not only among congress people but even amongst the inhabitants of Alexandra. Now be prepared for the day when A.N.C. would ask you to appoint 1 representative in every street in Alex, and those people appointed would receive letter to attend the conference. It is in this Congress that your demands would be discussed. We know the Police will be there. And would always tell you lies. When we fought fares and permits in Alex, the Gov. was not there when we fought pass. R.B. Many people could not come here but later they came here crying. On the right hand the Gov. has a machine gun. People like me who try to tell you

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the truth will be arrested. We shall continue even if the Gov. can come with guns. Moses led Israelites out of Egypt unarmed. Congress of the People gives you the truth. It unites the nations. Go home and write your demands and bring them. In my conclusion I want to tell the children why the Gov. does not want some subjects not to be taught. In 1652 Jan van Riebeeck came with 100 tsotsies. They were not wanted in Amsterdam. Therefore he was chased. They were intending to go to Indonesia where there is a conference now held. Jan van Riebeeck and his gang when they reached the Cape their ship was wrecked. They stayed there with Hottentots. These people are people from whom Afrikaners come. They took Hottentots as wives because the women refused them in Holland. It is through Gov. Agents that Bantu Education has been introduced. - because of taking notes here - I believe we shall continue the struggle. I say children tomorrow must not go to school. Our money build those schools. The black cloud is hanging over our heads, but it will soon go and we shall see the light - do not be misled by anybody. These teachers who co-operate with Dr. Verwoerd will be punished by God.

Abel Methi:

One teacher send some children to go and fetch other children to come to school. When those children refused to go to school, they were assaulted. We in A.N.C. don't fight, we believe in fighting by talking.

(3) Unkbiwb woman:

I appeal to God of Chaka, Moshesh and Moselekatsi to go and fetch me women from churches. I want to speak to church women. I appeal to them to consider. I do not say that they should leave their churches. Whenever a child is sick we always see that a doctor is called. We are speaking here about Bantu

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Education. I appeal to you to listen very attentively. I once read a verse which said that a true shepherd when herding will not run away when an enemy appear but one who is not a true one runs away when a jackal appears. Let us go and try other doctors who will cure our children in this sickness of Bantu Education. Where were Church Ministers when we fought permits. The congress cured the disease of permits. Why can't you come here where Bantu Education will be cured. Do not be afraid when other people say you will be shot. In 19th Ave. we are only two but we have organised our people. In the path of freedom there are thorns, hardships. You women who know how children are born - you know the pains. I cannot go any further because I am hot.

4 - Manyathela:

I don't think I would go any further. The last speaker spoke much of my words. God made prophets who told the people messages. We should really pray to God and ask him why he has thrown us away. If you are a real christian you should fight for your country and speak for your country. Pharoah was bad but Verwoerd is worse, even worse more than Satan. Let us forget Verwoerd's schools even if we can be 4 those who are against Bantu Education - there is no more education in schools. I think when Hitler died his spirit went into Verwoerd's. Dr. Verwoerd in seeing that Africans were learning more and more - he thought of stopping it by applying Bantu Education. What can the Germans do for the African people. I definitely oppose Dr. Verwoerd's Bantu Education. Today there is no scripture taught at churches only speaking of us. They say we are trouble makers. Yet Dr; Verwoerd is a trouble maker. In 1952 when we defied passes Dr. Verwoerd appealed to good Africans not to listen to us. In that time we had only 5

passes but today we have 25. Do not be deceived by your photograph in that book. We oppress ourselves because there are good boys who take our statements to Europeans, but after that they come back and sleep in one single room like us. School Inspectors would be paid £80 but I know later they get £15. Our children will not go to school we have seen him.

5: Rev. Chawe :

I do not know why they want me to speak here. I am real worried about what is happening in education why particularly this happen. They say education is good, even better than war. We were taught grammar at school which explained what the word meant. There is Native Affair - I do not know what is that. You can think that Native Affair Minister Dr. Verwoerd - is he a native? Under Apartheid. Does he know how to speak Xosa. I am not a politician but I do not want to be deceived even where I see. Why does he apply Bantu Education when children were learning well? The white person believe in solving a problem by jail. Are all those passes at N.A.D. our business. Did the N.A.D. take our liquor to Municipality. Today they take our education to N.A. Department. They say from tomorrow our children will be expelled for ever. Let us come to the conclusion. We don't care. Alexandra is out of Joh. area, because in town you are told you are not supposed to be here because you live in Alexandra. I told my children that I have heard what the people said so they will not go to school tomorrow. I went away from the white people's churches. Paul said we will obey God rather than a man whether he is the King of the Crown. N.A.D. is only an office to oppress us. We will teach children even without his subsidy. Oppose Verwoerd do not swear him. But if you love God.

6 : A Visitor - Sophiatown - Unknown.

Mr. Chr. Sons and daughters - we live in a wonderful country. The Gov. of today is of a made people. But today it is a church day but they are all drunk now. From 1910 they have been telling the people about the native problem. A white person can make you work like a slave but give you £2.10. 0. but the following day he can give his friends drink. The whites are afraid of black men. We are going to get freedom but we must pay for that freedom. When the Boers were fighting the English they were not called



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