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This is considered very necessary in view of the fact that there is an ultra-nationalistic element in Congress which uses African "ationalism to ~~xxx~~ sever relations and co-operation with other groups.

Resolutions and directives that will emerge from conference are therefore expected to be on these issues;

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On the whole the new draft Constitution will be accepted but there will be ~~some~~ controversy ~~fix~~ on two clauses, ~~fix~~

One is the membership ~~xxxxxx~~ clause which does not confine membership to Africans only. Although this is not a new clause in the Constitution, infact this clause is as old as Congress itself, an argument is being advanced that the new there is a need to insert a colour-bar clause - that only Africans can be become members.

It is further argued that Congress today has become an attraction to all sections of the community and that there is a great temptation among other groups to join Congress. It is, however, evident that the ~~overwhelming~~ overwhelming majority of the delegates at conference will reject the colour-bar clause.

The other is under the Auxiliary Bodies, Women's League and the Youth League. The draft Constitution does not only recognise the existence of the organs in Congress but gives them organisational autonomy. They must have their own constitution as well as their own cards. The idea being to broaden their organisations to ~~xxxx~~ include non-Congress members. This is resisted by the majority members in all provinces, even women and some of the Youth Leaguers are not in favour of this freedom except very few in both groups. It is almost certain that despite the fight the Youth League leadership will stage for organisational autonomy, this clause will be amended.

The main discussion of the conference will naturally centre around the campaigns against the Pass laws, Group Areas which will include other removal schemes, and the restrictions imposed on the trade union movement. The Urban Areas Act which debars Africans from trading in Non-African areas which has resulted in chasing business and professional men from

Many branches in their reports have quoted the case of the young Advocate Mr Duma Nokwe, Assistant Secretary-General of the A.N.C. who has been told by the native Affairs Department to find offices in the African residential areas, the cases of Mr V.V.T.Mbobo and Dr R.R. Mahlangu both of East London who have been forced by the City Council to go and open their offices and consulting rooms in the location. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ In the rural areas, the Mamahlola tribe in the Northern Transvaal, the people in Kirkwood and Hankey in the Eastern Cape who are being uprooted and prosecuted will be cited to urge Conference to take positive steps to fight against all forms of removals.

Another matter which will come up for discussion is the Freedom Charter which was adopted ~~in~~ at the Orlando special conference in April of this year. ~~There~~ A controversy might ~~may~~ arise on the fact that the Freedom Charter necessitates further clarification of Congress policy as reflected in the "African Claims" and the Programme of Action of 1949.

The "African Claims" demand that Congress be admitted in all councils of state. Rights which are presently enjoyed exclusively by Europeans whereas the Freedom Charter demands the creation of a new democratic society based on the will of the majority of the people.

In the 1949 Programme of Action, there are two parts which will require elucidation. The first is the ~~question of the~~ boycott question. This matter has always been a controversial issue in Congress conferences since 1949. There are many in the Congress leadership who feel that the tactic of boycott must now be changed.

The second is African nationalism. Some ~~members~~ members will advocate for an adequate explanation as to the precise meaning of African nationalism as understood by Congress.

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With the annual conference of the African National Congress taking place in Queenstown on December 15, 16 and 17, the rank and file of the Congress membership and the masses of the African people are waiting anxiously to get ~~the~~ guidance on the various issues that are affecting the African people today.

This will be the second national conference of the A.N.C. to take place in this North Eastern Cape town. The first was in December 1952. It was at this conference that unanimously resolved to sponsor a Congress of the People. And it is the task of this year's conference to adopt a method that will popularise the Free Charter which was adopted at the Congress of the people in June last.

There is, however, less excitement about this conference yet it is obvious that no more than 200 people were expected.

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With the 14th annual national conference of the African National Congress taking place in Queenstown on December 15, 16 and 17, the rank and file membership of Congress as well as the masses of the African people are waiting anxiously for the results of this conference, particularly on matters that affect them most, the pass laws, the group areas Act and the removal schemes. These measures affect the entire African population in the urban as well as in the rural areas.

The last conference held in Queenstown in December, 1953 unanimously resolved to sponsor the Congress of the People. And when conference meets this year, it will be called upon to adopt a method of popularising the Freedom Charter which was adopted at the Congress of the People.

There is less excitement about this conference yet reports reaching the the headquarters of Congress in Johannesburg ~~xxx~~ show that branches throughout the country are making arrangements to get to the conference. The opinion of the most leading members of the African National Congress is that inspite of the apparent lack of ~~xxx~~ excitement lot of work is being done by Congress. the present leadership

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With the With Annual national conference of the African National Congress taking place in Queenstown on December 15, 16 and 17, the rank and file membership of Congress as well as the masses of the African people are waiting anxiously for the outcome of this conference particularly on the Pass Laws, Group Areas Act and removal schemes. For these ~~xxxxxxx~~ measures affect the African people most both in the urban and rural areas. Following the ~~xxxxxxx~~ educational and agitational campaign of the African National Congress on ~~thisxxxxxx~~ these issues in the course of this year, it is expected that militant action will be taken.

The last conference held in Queenstown in December, 1953, unanimously ~~xxxxxx~~ resolved to sponsor the Congress of the People. And when conference meets this time it will be called upon to adopt a method of popularising the Freedom Charter which was adopted at the congress of the People.

There appears to be less excitement about this conference but reports reaching headquarters of Congress from branches throughout the country show that are making arrangements to get to Queenstown. The opinion of the leading members of the African National Congress is that in spite of this apparent lack of excitement lot of work is being done by Congress.

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With the 44th annual national conference of the African National Congress taking place in Queenstown on December 15, 16 and 17, the rank and file membership of Congress as well as the masses of the African people are awaiting with great anxiety the outcome of this conference.

Coming before the conference are five very important items, ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Draft constitution, multi-racial conference, Pass Laws, Group Areas Act and the question of the Trade Union movement.

In spite of these important issues, there seems to be less excitement about this conference.

Delegates to the last two conferences have been seriously criticised by the leadership for being too emotional both in their deliberations and resolutions. More emphasis has been laid on more concrete and systematised ~~ways of working~~ work in creating efficient units to carry out the struggle more than in agitation.

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