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AFSKRIF VAN NOTAS GEMAAK DEUR N/S/KONSTABEL PATRICK MDUNGE :
VERGADERING VAN "AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS": SOPHIATOWN :
22.4.1956.

A.N.C. meeting held at Freedom Square, Sophiatown.

Chairman Simon Tyiki. The meeting is opened also is for discussing about the difficulties of Africans women pass laws. Also we have been seen that African are being treated very bad by the dutches. And those people who use to drink in beer hall one day they will drink a poison. But especially today we are going to speak about African women pass laws. also at Pass Office they refused to give our children passes they send them to the farms and to the mines. As you see the dutches they cant separate us because they see that we are united. Africans I will call my first speaker to explain you clearly about women passes.

A. Mashaba.

Freedom in our lifetime. I am thanking you Mr. Chairman as we have meet this morning. We have seen that at beer hall Government has surrounded the hall he wants Poll-tax. Why Govt. don't tell us that at Beer hall is the place of fighting. At Germiston Govt. has call the Police to go and raid the passes at beer hall. If Govt. continues to do that he should tell us that beer hall is no more beer hall is the field of fighting. Also I ask the fathera and mothers to send their daughters and sons to come and attend this meeting. I am telling these Police who are taking notes that we want resolution. As I am standing ~~en~~ here on behalf of myself that a dutch must not cheat on my head. We want get our freedom we should die and fight before we get our freedom. In connection with women passes I say African women will never carry passes. Especially my wife will never carry pass. Even the men they use to carry pass but they are being arrested daily. Our wives will be arrested for pass and go to Newlands Police Station. Each everyone who is in South Africa they should not allowed their wives to carry passes. I am saying that there will be no Police to arrest any women in front of me. I will be arrested for assault on Police. We must throw these dirty passes which we are carrying away. Come near so that we shall see the dutches when they come with their sten guns & machine guns. I am thanking you crowd to come and listen when we are discussing about the treatment of this Government of South Africa. This Government has taken away the education and give you this dirty called Bantu Education. When I say Africa I call the country where you were born. Thank you Chairman.

2nd Speaker. H. Tshabalala. I am thanking you Mr. Chairman when we say Makaphele Amaphasi Sithole inkululeko we are not joking.

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Also it is your duty to come and speak here in Congress. Congress cannot tell lies but Govt. use to tell lies. Also you know all what had been happened all about passes. Your children and men have been died and being arrested for passes. And the police when the people are going to Beer hall the Police demand the passes. The Govt. of Nationalist always speak lies. This continent of Africa belongs to Africans and there is no foreign native except the Europeans. This Govt. want the Africans to go and work in the farms and in mines and treat the Africans in a bad way and oppressed the Africans. It is the duty of the Govt. to educate the Africans because we pay our tax directly. We want Europeans & Africans to be free in this country. And Congress is there to teach the proper way also is doing so and will never be mistaken. Sometimes Govt. can succeed in banning and deporting the leaders but not for all times. This Police they should leave the Govt. alone and carry on doing his dirty laws. When I am talking of the devil I am speak of the Strydom.. All you crowd you should join the African National Congress. It is everybody duty to fight for his freedom and live in peace and be free. Is only Chief Luthuli who will lead you to your freedom. Especially you youthly should join the Congress because is only organisation which you can get all over the world. You should fight for your freedom just as you work for your daily bread. Congress combines all black or whites to be live in free in this country. Diamond and Gold is belong to us we don't want that gold it be send in England because we dig the Gold from underground. Sunday to Sunday Africans are being arrested for passes. In conclusion Mr. Chairman it is the duty of everyone to fight for Western civilisation. Also they will never succeed to stop the Africans marching forward to their freedom. This Bantu Education must be get to an end. We Africans we demand our freedom and be free. Is our duty to stand together and speak together and demand our freedom and Chief Luthuli will achieve our freedom.

3rd Speaker P. Magufe. ^{1474K60FE} Mr. Chairman we have met here this morning. I would like to tell you that Strydom & Verwoerd they are too proud of speaking Afrikaanse. Also Mr. Moeller & Major Spengler they can't writing what I am speaking here. So there are some speakers who have spoken before me So I won't be long in my speech. Even the Magistrates they have no brains just like Verwoerd. These Govt banned our leaders but they can't complete them all. And Verwoerd says when deport any person he don't want any appeal case. On the 12/4/56 when the police raid began they ran away when the people began to throw the scales to the police. The time is nearby for Government to come an end and African take over. Since from 1912 the Congress is still on the side of the Africans. Strydom and his friends they have no homes

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where were born they call themselves as Africaners and they carry machine guns in their shoulders daily. They days are numbered. So I will ask collection so that we still able to pay.....

4th Speaker P. Nthithe. Mr. Chairman Sons & daughters of Africa I salute you. When a man have an animals he knows that an ox is in his under controlled and all movements of this particular an ox the owner knows all. Dr. Verwoerd he is the who is oppress the Africans he his Native Affairs Department we find a lot of bad laws to oppress the Africans. He is the man who believe in Apartheid. His intention is to oppress Africans only. And some speakers have been spoken about Removal of Western Areas and in these days he produced the African womens pass laws. When Dr. Verwoerd produced this Bantu Education he said that is the best education. When the people asked him about Bantu Education he feeled ashamed. Also he sent two thousands police to remove the Africans from their homes to Meadowlands and demolished the Africans property. Those police were at Sophiatown for the first removal. They will never come and work in Sophiatown. We have learnt a lesson from flowers that when the people are united there will be nothing can break the unite. We can't speak about our freedom when you put a pot on top of the stove and look that it will soon boiled when there is no fire in the stove. Come together and fight together so that you will be succeed at last. We should not despair we should unite and work together and fight together. This Government they think that they are God of this country also even at Winbank they have started to give the African women but Africans they had refused to take those dirty passes. I would like to warn Verwoerd & Strydom that when we take over and rule this country we shall convict them for these dirty laws which they use to the Africans. Some years ago in Free State the Africans have decided they are going to burn their passes just to show the Europeans that their mothers, daughters and sisters they will never carry passes in our lifetime. We are prepared anything we people of Western Areas. Women are going to be arrested when they have a baby of three months and go to work in jails. Is because they trust they stain guns and machine guns. Sons & daughters of Africa I think that you have ~~prepe~~ prepared and watch everything.. What happened when the dutches came here in S. Africa. We know that the blood of the Africans which at Natal Cape Colony and Free State. Today we know the blood of Africans which were spilt in Germiston, Randfontein and at Bantu Westeen Native Township. This Government is prepared to play with a blood of Africans. I am standing here to be supported and authorities if this Govt continue to force to give our wives this dirty passes, that will be the day. The time is nearly my brothers for these dutches who produce all this nonsense laws. Even the Strydom himself he will never live for longer.

The day is coming for these dutch when we rule this country.

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AFSKRIF VAN NOTAS GEMAAK DEUR N/S/KONST. PATRICK MDUNGE : VER-
GADERING VAN "AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS"; NEWCLARE, JOHANNESBURG:
27.5.1956.

Sampie Malupe Chairman. Sunday 27.5.56

We are meeting here when our land is turned to the jails. These police should come to an end to shoot the Africans. We Congress we have told the Government that our organisation is non-violence. Our fathers and our mothers dieing daily who murdered them is pass-laws. So let us unite and work together. We have seen that we are killing daily. And now the Coloureds they are classified as Africans. The white men they are dangerous by shooting Africans one by one and arrested them and hand them over to Bethen they want to decrease the number of Africans by shooting them. Women are dying on account of carrying passes and reference books are going to murder you. I am giving you information that there are some parties who are against the Government in Pietersburg. Some people says we Congress we have no brains because we are speaking here in the square. These poor Afrikaners who suffering from the starvation they are poorly paid by Government. The cost of living allowance is so high but the Police they are working very hard butthey don't getx enough money. But those men who in Parliament they get more money while they do nothing. So I am going to call upon my speakers.

Kereleng No. 1 Speaker. And now these natives they are taking notes in the fly squad. All of them they are my children they are doing my job. They don't know the law they should join the Congress. The police they are working the boys who selling ice-cream. Govern-ment has no shop and factories to get money to pay the Police. We should prepare for our freedom. They should resign and come to join the Congress and leave the Europeans to write themselves. If there is no meeting they don't work nothing. Police have numbers in the necks just like the dogs. Strydom and Verwoerd they are banning our leaders. And the Khwela khwela - police truck it don't arrest the people in the Freedom Square they arrest some people in the beer houses. Women your passes is just like this one which you are going to carry them you should stand with both feet and fight against these dirty passes.

2nd Speaker Bennett Sechiro. Sons & daughters of Africa. I have a hope that all of us we shall listen to our speakers. Let us speak that white people have declare a war between Africans and Europeans. You have seen that our people have been wanted by the Police. All what they are doing today they try to frighten you from joining Congress. You have been seen Government produced another law called Section 10 under Influx control. We have said to the police arresting our people but at last we shall meetin dark corners.

Moses Kotane was arrested under Section 10 for the first time. It shows us something the time is up we shall force you that the law is not in your hands law has no colour is included in the Freedom Charter. On 25 & 26 of June Swart was not there but Special Branch was present at Kliptown. We say that the 26 is coming next month and Swart will be there. We say Charlie my dear man shall be prepare. And the wheel of freedom will run over to you. Last year when the women have pay a visit to him in Pretoria he ran away and members of Advisory Board have done same thing in Cape Town. When he came to power he was criticed Mallan and said Mallan was a coward but Mallan didn't went through the window not with the door. he was running away from women because he have said that they are going to carry these dirty passes. We warn you and we say to you won't go out through the window you are going to break your neck women are still coming to Verwoerd & Swart. They had running away at Airport from the Black Sash women. Whether they can shot Africans but one thing sure every persons will die. You Government of power our organised is non-violence but Government play with the blood of innocent people. You Swart you live under fear and you see the terror and live in under fear. It is not ourselves who frighten you is your people who tell you lot of things. You should come yourself to attend the A.N.C. meeting the only thing we want our freedom. We have seen that you Swart have took all our leaders but one day you will shoot until your bullet comes to an end. Ladies and gentlemen let us unite and talk one word and fight for our freedom. You must not be frighten we know that these jails was built for Africans anytime you are in jails. Let us fight very hard so that these dutches are going to work themselves. And these police boys dutches they are running up and down arresting the Africans in order to send them in farms to work very hard. Let them signed hundreds forms because tomorrow again is the 26th just like last year. I mean that join our organisation of A.N.C. We know the people elect their leaders Swart let the Africans elect their leaders they are going to know how to rule their country. All those who prepared to go to City they should go straight to 139 Street. We should preach the Police in their homes where there will be no dutchmen. I will leave you Mr. Chairman so far.

3rd Speaker. Francis Ndebele. Gathering. I have no many words to say. This Government who ruled this country is are playing with blood of Africans. This is not dom-pass is a thomb-pass. This pass is not gaood is satan. Police they are dogs, Africans freedom is in your hands so stand with both feet for your freedom. We are shouting daily that we want our freedom but they are still making laws for appressing the Africans more further down. They trust their guns to shoot Africans.

4th No. 2 Speaker. Fish Keitsing. I thanked you Mr. Chairman and all these...../3

all these girls who are working in kitchens they are going to take this dirty passes first. It is very painful when we speak about these African women Passlaw.. Strydom has been ran away in Pretoria being afraid African women. this woman of Witbank can failed you should know that women are going to carry these dirty pass. This case wants you to help her with money and support the case. This woman was arrested for African women pass laws Act. if we speak about pass we are speaking about danger and poisonous thing. Our freedom is in the guns and in jails if we are cowards we won't find our freedom we should die for our freedom. African shall govern and all the shares shall be equal. Each and everyone person should come and join the Congress.

5 Speaker T. Muzi. Africa!! Sons & daughters of Africa. I am speaking about oppression of Africans in South Africa. The same Government is busy demanding the pass from the Africans they arrest Africans daily in South Africa. The people are still claiming. The people shall decide what they going to do about the Police and guns. We are not responsible for pass look those people in the corner they have been arrested for pass, Strydom & Verwoerd they make laws that Africans should be arrested for pass. They were stupid when they were discussing in Parliament house as I am standing here I am standing for to tell the Africans the way. What we are going to do about these police who are arresting Africans for pass and our mothers they are still going to be arrested for pass as men arrested. Moses Kotane was arrested for pass but he was born in South Africa. Sons & daughters of Africa you except the challenge of Government and fight for our freedom. I say Government is bad. I don't want to be ruled by Strydom or Verwoerd. Leaders have said they are going to introduced High TreSSION and Sedition and Government have said he is going to arrest 2000 natives. This police they are fighters walking shooting and arresting the people for nothing also I don't like the police. The time is up when we people of South Africa to corporate and crush the Government of Nationalist Party. We don't want any Police Station we want peace only. Municipality is going to be responsible for the very police and these women they are going to charged tomorrow for liquor. They have got all fruit of this country. They trust their guns there is no law in South Africa. We should corporate and crush the Nationalist Party and the Police. Freedom in our lifetime. Africa!!
Andrew Pule I am going to read a document which was written by Verwoerd. I am definitely sure Government does not know what is Treason. Van Riebeeck when he came here he was poor he was haven't even a cow or house. And after he have dealing with daughters of Africa. And these dutches they have a half blood and it is mixture blood. What is a pass in the first place? Government said that a pass...../4.

said that a pass which useful to a persons. A woman who carries a pass she must know that she takes keys of No. 4 and opened the doors for herself. Men are being arrested for pass and they charged them for Section 17. Don't be afraid of these staid guns The people were at Bantu Beer hall and the police came to shoot the Afficans. If they shoot and us let shoot so that we shall see who is going to win. If I was a leader of the Congress In Uninn I could a war between whites and Africans. Who is afraid of Europeans he must raise his hands. The day that you are going to tell Strydom that you don't want any pass I will be present myself.

7th Speaker Emily Pule. I am appealing to the African women pass laws. The police they are going to get chance to sleep with women when they are being arrested for pass when they have no money to pay admission of guilt. By the name of J. Luthuli we shall never carry pass. Europeans when they have arrested they punish them with clap but myself they can't. So women wake up and stand with both foot. On Thursday we should organise to from house to house. Police are dōgs they kicked our kaffir beer and arrested us. Verwoerd and Strydom they can't defeat Chief Luthuli.

8th Speaker. Andries Chamile. And Police their wives they are going to carry passes. Who can prevent the wheel of freedom to freedom. You are belonging to the working class people and union trades. The car of freedom is coming to resist you from slaverism. In the name of Chief Luthuli I say we shall get our freedom and be free in our country. Freefom in our lifetime.

Suspects observed in the A.N.C. meeting.

Moses Sekopane.

Steven Masike.

Jack Kefentsoe.

Hendrick Legate.

Sarah Keitsing.

Simon Modise.

Moses Khopa.

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Education in the Soviet Union

intimately bound up with the lives and aspirations of the people of the Soviet Union. Every aspect of life in the Soviet Union has been synthesized and is reflected in the Educational Systems.

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~~The aim of Education in the Soviet Union~~ pays very great and considerable attention to the Education and Culture of the people of the Soviet Union and we had ample opportunity to observe these institutions as we visited a number of

Educational work is controlled by the Ministry of Education and all work is organized according to definite plans.

Education in the Soviet Union is free for all children and workers and it is now compulsory to graduate from High School.

The great attention and increase in Educational facilities is clearly indicated by the growth in the number of schools and institutions in the last ten years.

There are 57,000,000 pupils in the Primary and Secondary Schools, and this is 8 millions more than there were in 1940. In the same period, 23,500 New Schools were built in the U.S.S.R.

The number of pupils in Technical Institutions were 40% higher than in 1940.

~~The fundamental aims of Education in the U.S.S.R. are:~~ A Secondary School A

If it is borne in mind that from 1941 to 1946 the Soviet Union was concentrating its forces in annihilation of Hitler, then it is easy to see that all these developments took place between 1946 and 1953.

In Moscow we visited, a Girls High School,
The 1st Moscow Medical Institute, and the Moscow
University. In Azerbaijan, we visited a pious
palace, and an Industrial Institute.

THE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

The Girls Secondary School was situated in
the Residence and Industrial position of ~~the~~
Moscow. The Director of the School was a
~~strong~~ woman of about 35 years and she
gave us a warm welcome and she
eagerly told us as much of the Education
as we asked.

● These were 10 year School, 300 Girls in this
School of 5-7 Teachers, Library, Canteen
and well equipped laboratories
All the Teachers in this School
were graduates of the institutes.

Besides Teaching, Teachers lead a
Students circle for the intensification
of the studies they were interested
in.

● ~~Structure~~ The function of a Secondary
School was to give the pupils a
Comprehensive thorough Education & development
There was a common Curriculum and
the following subjects were taught,
Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, History,
Technology, Astronomy, Chemistry, Literature, Foreign
Language, Physical Culture.

Scientific Outlook.

Student to have a high standard
of knowledge which is strictly Scientific

Teaching of History.

Study of all Economic & political factors determining events. New approach does not allow for racial exclusiveness.

Need to Reverse Place

The Students

① ~~Komsomol Organisation~~

② Pioneer Organisation.

All children ^{who are in the end} below the age of 14. ~~these~~ ^{these} years of study can be members of the Pioneer Organisation.

Pioneers red little scarf ~~they~~ ^{it} does for the younger children, that Komsomol does for the older.

Komsomol All children above the age of 14 have the right to become a member of the School Komsomol Committee. The requirements are that a student should have good or excellent marks and not merely satisfactory.

They would also participate in some extra curricular school activity like School Newspaper or Political propaganda.

Task of the organisation to see that every girl is a good pupil. They are the young helpers of the Director.

In Komsomol meetings which the director attends the decisions of the Komsomol organisation are discussed and the children criticize those who

have had marks ⁽⁴⁾ or had discipline.
The members of the Komsomol are also responsible for order in class and decorations.

The Komsomol Committee of the School arranges meetings every Friday. Where Artists, Stakhanovites, Composers, Actors and Authors address the students.

Political Education

From 1st class students read

Newspapers, &

Special Pioneers paper,

Higher classes read ^{Komsomol} Pravda and

Pravda.

Special political lessons are also

arranged and the most important decisions of the Supreme Soviet are discussed.

Lessons in Biology etc are taught in the spirit of Marxism-Leninism.

Cultural Attendance at Children's Theatre is compulsory Students visits followed by discussion of plays and films and reports are made. Sometimes to Central Children's Theatres, Amateur Activities Pioneer Palace.

Some Sing Dance etc.

Examinations from 4th year -
 3 quarters learning last quarter
 revision. Exams at end of each quarter
 Grants given no of free days to
 prepare for subjects.
 Gold Medals Excellent students
 Silver Medals

Tourist Circles

Guided by Teachers
 Students take tents & food &
 go camping.
 Cook for themselves & learn to live
 independently & deepen their knowledge

Health Sports Almost all students participate
 in sports

Doctor & Nurse

Discipline Principle method is persuasion
 and exemplary behavior

Teachers & Parents

- ① Parents attend function of students
- ② Teachers organize lectures for
- Parents. e.g. Hygiene. Discussion on Time

Collective work of Teachers

Pedagogical Council makes Teaching
 has meetings were director gives report
 All Teachers study in Pedagogical
 Circles

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Maxim + Lenin

Teachers try to raise their
qualifications in Special City
Study circles

Teachers attend each others lessons
and criticize them & report to
Pedagogical.

Relation between Teacher and
Student. that of Comradeship.
Teacher is elder Comrade to whom
Student comes with difficulties and
Joy.

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Break

Students were walking
arm in arm - badges - Melting
Reply by Student

Medical Institutes.

75 Medical Institutes in Soviet Union
In 1913 - 1000 doctors annually
1953 - 24,000 doctors.

All Students get stipend 500-600
Rubles a year.

1 teacher for each group of 10

Patients learning methods
Students perform operations from 4th

Year.

Industrial College 10,5.

The African National Congress.

O.F. State Branch.

3297 Masilo Street.

Bochabela Village.

Bleempontem.

25th Jan 1954.

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The Secretary General.
African National Congress.
P.O. Box 9207.

Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the remaining Free State Executive held at Bleempontem on Sunday the 24th January, the following members were elected to the following offices.

Prov. President Mr. G. Trolatole.

Vice " " S.B. Mafona.
Secretary " S.S. Moshana.
Treasurer Mrs M.D. Motshakoana.
Organizer _____ do _____
Asst. " Mrs. G. Motshabi.

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Free State Executive -

Messrs. M. M. Maliza.
A. M. Kehilae
J. Tsubane.
J. Dichabe
G. A. Nyazi.
J. Mafuta.
J. Senoko.
G. G. Mthaba (Ficksburg)
Mrs. Jane Motshabi
" Rose Tsie.
Mrs. L. Mounanyane.

P. T. O.

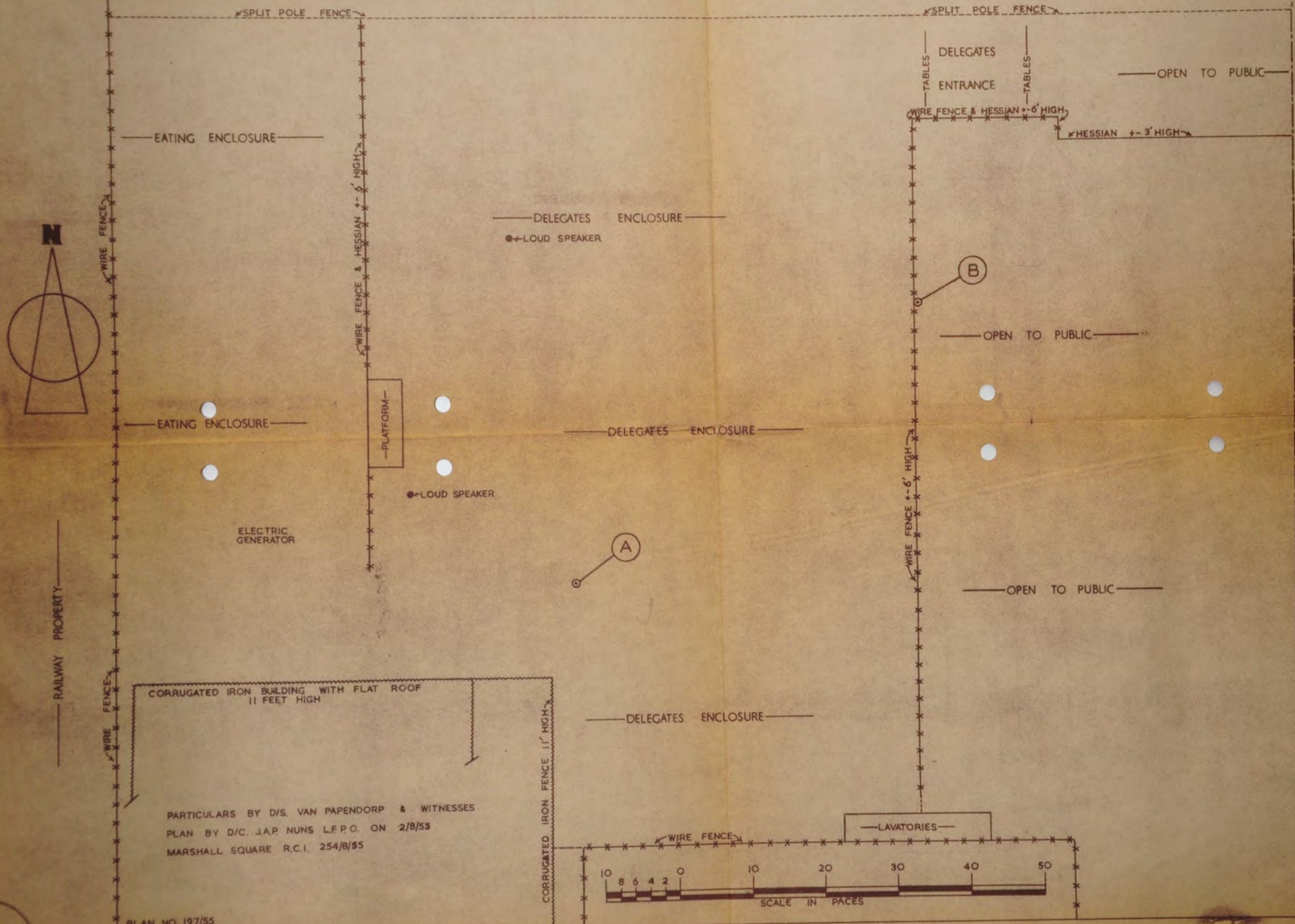
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This election took place owing to the constitutional radius distance
of 25 miles. Also because our former Provincial President Mr. J. M. [unclear]
has shown his inactivity by not attending a single meeting nor
calling a meeting of the Executive, during the best part of last year.
We also held that the Free State Conference held at Bethlehem in September
of last year was unconstitutional and not in the best interest of
Congress in the O. F. State and that the President himself is to blame
for the downfall of Congress in this Province.

This Committee therefore asks for your approval and confirmation
of the elected officials. We are sending a copy of the election
to the South world for publication.

Awaiting your earliest reply.
Yours in the National Struggle for Freedom.

J. S. M. [unclear]
Secretary

PLAN SHOWING OPEN GROUND AT KLIPTOWN WHERE THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE WAS HELD ON 25 & 26/6/55



PARTICULARS BY D/S. VAN PAPENDORP & WITNESSES
 PLAN BY D/C. J.A.P. NUNS L.F.P.O. ON 2/8/55
 MARSHALL SQUARE R.C.I. 254/8/55

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TOWARDS A CONGRESS NEWSPAPER

The African National Congress needs a newspaper of its own. For years people have spoken in conferences and in different circles about the need for the establishment of a newspaper - an official organ of the A.N.C. Sympathisers who are not members of the Congress among all sections of the South African population and sympathizers from abroad have all emphasized the important role of a newspaper. At the last conference of the A.N.C. this question was sharply raised and suggestions were made of what could be done.

The lack of such a journal is a source of very serious weakness in the A.N.C. Indeed it is not too much to say that some of the political and organisational weaknesses could have been minimised if this matter was attended to.

How could a newspaper help our organisation?

In the first place our own newspaper, published in the various languages spoken by our people, would be a tremendous help in placing Congress policy before the people in educating and persuading them to support Congress and become members.

Secondly our newspaper could ^{serve} as an organiser for the A.N.C. itself. It would constantly carry news of how the different branches are working, from which others would learn. Around worker door-to-door and factory sales, our members would be drawn into consistent planned activities. The leadership would have a regular channel of contact with every member. The members would have a regular platform for suggestions and criticisms.

These tasks are especially important at the present time. The Nationalist Government has launched a whole series of new assaults on the people; one hateful "apartheid" law follows another. At the same time the freedom-loving people of South Africa, of all races, have come together in the most important meeting ever held in our country. They have adopted the Freedom Charter, an inspiring statement of the basic aims for which we are fighting. In order to turn the Charter into reality we must work as never before to mobilise the people behind the Charter, and to build up the A.N.C., the trade unions and other democratic bodies to a strength where they can go forward to win the Charter for the people. In this task a newspaper of our own becomes a vital necessity.

This bulletin cannot serve that need but can only be a small beginning with the hope of it being developed into a newspaper which we hope will not take long.

The purpose of this bulletin is to give to our readers from time to time the official policy of the A.N.C. We believe that it has a useful role to play. We must not and shall not rest until we have a real mass newspaper of our own.

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ORGANISATION *The Road to Victory!*

The coming into being of the African National Congress in 1912 was a landmark in South African history. It marked a great political development among the African people.

Many organisations have come and gone but the African National Congress has become a political force in the life of South Africa, and the world looks to the day when the Government of this country will pass from the hands of the reactionary oppressors into the hands of the people—the African National Congress.

The importance and prestige Congress enjoys is due to its correct policies, the consistent lead it has given the broad masses of people, the policy of good will and friendship with other sections of the South African population, whilst struggling ceaselessly against the oppressors: it has followed an honest policy of wanting for others what it wants for itself. It has no design to replace white domination by black domination.

The African National Congress has distinguished itself in recent years in the manner in which it carried all its struggles together with its allies, especially during the Defiance Campaign of 1952, when it forced the white rulers to recognise not only its existence but also the powerful influence the Congress movement exerts over millions of Non-European people.

The purpose of this article, however, is to show the serious organisational weaknesses which hamper our development. Our problems are serious and both the leadership and rank and file must see to their correction.

The last forty years of Congress existence have been almost devoted to agitational and propaganda work to the complete negligence of the organisational aspect. Agitational and propaganda are essential ingredients to our work; they raise the political consciousness of the masses of the people, dispel illusions about the false hope that change will come by change of heart of the rulers. The people have become convinced that freedom does not come as a gift but that they shall pay a high price for it. Our propaganda has led African people to reject tribalism and any form of racialism and has convinced them that salvation lies in their unity in the struggle against their enemies.

Times have changed, therefore our methods must also change. The enemy has perfected its machinery of oppression. It is quite clear that Congress cannot survive unless it changes its present organisational structure. If it is not yet clear, it should be made abundantly clear to all concerned that the Nationalists are determined to deprive us and deny us of the elementary human rights of freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of organisation and freedom of movement. Their aim is to divide the Africans further to prevent us even from uniting and to prevent us from organising.

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More than ever the Defiance Campaign, Congress of the people, Bantu Education, the Removal of Western Areas have all shown that the organisational state of the African National Congress was far below its great political task. THESE CAMPAIGNS HAVE SHOWN THAT TO DISREGARD THE ORGANISATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH THE HOPE THAT THEY WILL SOLVE THEMSELVES IS SAILING INTO TROUBLED WATERS! It was for this reason that the National Executive report to the last Annual Conference of the African National Congress classed the organisational problems as item No. 1.

The following suggestions were made. "That to meet these stringent and hostile conditions, therefore, the Congress must be on an entirely new organisational footing. Congress leaders and activists must recognise and accept this basic fact. The organisation should be highly centralised on the provincial and national planes but highly decentralised on the branch and membership levels. It must re-organise along the lines laid down in the "M" plan".

The following scheme was therefore envisaged..

- a) Congress branches should be based on small manageable units.
- b) Several of these units should be united under and controlled by a sub-committee consisting of leaders of each unit.
- c) Units and sub-committees to be responsible to branch committees.
- d) All units and unit sub-committees to be equipped with the knowledge necessary to enable them to carry out their duties and functions.
- e) Branch committees to be responsible for seeing to it that all units and sub-committees are activated and efficient.
- f) Greater use to be made of the printed word, where and when this becomes impossible to make use of the word of mouth.
- g) Provincial committees to be more alive and to exercise their supervisory and administrative control strictly and conscientiously.
- h) Each member of a provincial committee to be personally responsible to the provincial committee for the proper and efficient functioning of a given branch, unit and sub-committees under control of such a branch.
- i) Each member of the National Executive to take an active and leading part in the provincial committee in his province".

This report to our last Annual Conference was a departure from all other reports. It instructed the lowest organs of the African National Congress to discuss the organisational problems on the branch level before coming to the conference. To give a clear analysis of the situation in the country and to place the organisational question as the main issue before the National Conference. We must criticise ourselves for our treatment of this report. The conference merely regarded the report as a very interesting document but failed to give the attention it deserves or to appreciate its significance. There was no detail discussion on it nor were there any practical suggestions from the branches even at conferences, hence, no specific resolution on organisation was passed. That is why up to the ninth month after the conference, not the least effort seems to have been taken in the implementation of the report. It is doubtful whether any study of the report has been made even at a provincial level.

Now we must put a stop to the attitude of regarding this report and directives as mere formalities in good English. We must realise that we have the entire nation upon our shoulders. To ignore these warnings will amount to deliberate sabotage, wrecking the ship of freedom in the midst of a storm.

APOLOGY.

The Editor of "Congress Voice" wishes to apologise to readers for the delay in the appearance of the first issue due to the confiscation of articles by the police.

Messages from the President-General, Chief A.J. Lutuli; the Provincial Presidents, and the General Secretary of the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions, Mr. Leslie Masina, were among the articles confiscated by the police.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. This year the National Conference will be held in Bloemfontein from the 16th to the 18th December. The Women's Section will have their Conference on the 16th December.

It will be remembered that the last Conference to be held in Bloemfontein was in 1951, which Conference adopted the Plan of Action on which the historic Defiance Campaign was based.

This year, the following issues will face the Conference:-

1. The Freedom Charter will be placed before the Conference for its ratification.
2. The Pass Laws will be the most important issue since passes are now being extended to our women-folk.
3. Constitution and Elections.

2. It is expected that by the time of Conference Provinces will be in a position to report progress in the signature campaign in accordance with the following figures allocated them:-

Transvaal----- 450,000.
Cape Province----- 350,000.
Natal----- 150,000.
Orange Free State----- 50,000.

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3. The Transvaal Province of the A.N.C. will hold a fund-raising function at the

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coloured re-classification

The Nationalists are no respectors of the people's rights. No rights, of whatever national group are inviolable. The attack on the meagre rights of the Coloured people is not surprising. It is in step with all the measures they have taken against the people of South Africa. The lesson emerges clear once more: the fight of any group against oppression, is the fight of all the oppressed people of South Africa, an attack on the rights of whatever group is an attack on the rights of all the people. There is no keeping aloof. Democracy is indivisible.

The re-classification of the Coloured people is best understood in the context of the population Registration Act and the entire "Apartheid" policy of the government. The Act aims at dividing - documentarily - the people of the country into rigid racial compartments. It is a technique, time-honoured, of oppression - that of divide and rule. Division is the soul of Apartheid, the meaning Apartheid. For Apartheid thrives, and can only thrive, on the division of the people. Unity is fatal for Apartheid.

The stand of the Coloured people against re-classification is inspiring, heroic. In the face of their anger and opposition, even the Nats, in their ruthlessness, have had to call a halt. It was not what they expected. But the Nats will press on with their scheme of re-classifying the Coloureds.

Why this attack on the Coloured people? After all, the Coloureds have done very little to earn the displeasure of the government - we might say. Baskapism demands one master - and the rest servants. The few rights and privileges enjoyed by the Coloureds do not conform to the pattern of Baskapism and there might be some truth in the statement that re-classification aims at classifying the Coloureds "out of existence". The Nats have waged a bitter struggle to remove the Coloureds from the common voter's role. They have met set-backs but this has not stopped them. In the Senate Act the machinery for removing Coloureds from the common Voters roll has been set up.

Racialism is not limited to the Nats. It is to be found even among Non-Europeans. Some Coloureds have tried to keep Africans at arms-length, to be different from them. The racist utterings of some Coloureds in the press are proof of this. The Nats are quick to exploit race sentiments, sentiments of race purity, etc. Some of the fairer-skinned Coloureds have swallowed the Nat. bait. They have aspirations of being the "pure" Coloured, would spurn their darker-skinned brothers. The Nats. give no quarter. Their turn will come too.

There are Africans who have hailed re-classification as a "good lesson" to the Coloureds. This is wrong. It savours of malice. It is politically incorrect. It is true that Coloureds have enjoyed a higher economic position than Africans. It is true that they have been free some of the insults and degradations to which the Africans are subjected. The pass laws are an example of one of the many indignities from which Coloureds have been free, Africans desiring to move freely;

Africans desiring opportunity to do skilled work, should be the last people to hail deprivation of these rights from others. There is nothing humiliating in being an African. It is the conditions under which Africans are forced to live that are humiliating. It is childish to desire equality with others in misery. It is noble to strive for the attainment of freedom and equality for all.

Freedom and equality for all, irrespective of colour, race, or creed, is the creed of the liberatory movement. The African National Congress, in keeping these ideals, has made its stand on this re-classification issue clear. It pledges its support to the Coloured people in their fight against re-classification. It stands with the South African Coloured Peoples' Organisation in its courageous fights for the rights of the Coloured people - and inseparably, for the rights of all the people of the country.

If re-classification has been a shock to the Coloured people, it has brought with it the lesson: the Coloured people cannot remain aloof from the struggles of the people to free themselves. The place of the Coloureds is with the struggling masses, masses waging a bitter struggle against Fascism, now at our door-step. The place of the Coloured people is with all the freedom-loving peoples of our country, and marching and fighting together to build a free South Africa for all.

STATEMENT ON PASSES BY THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

A bitter struggle will be conducted against the extension of pass laws to African women, says a special statement issued by Mr. Oliver Tambo, acting Secretary-General, African National Congress, following a statement by Minister of Native Affairs, Dr. Verwoerd, at a Nationalist Party congress that African women will carry passes from 1956.

Verwoerd's statement, says Mr. Tambo, has aroused the greatest indignation among Africans and an unprecedented struggle against the evil pass laws must now ensue. "In the past all attempts to make African women carry passes have failed because of their determination and uncompromising opposition," Mr. Tambo said. The campaign against pass laws must run not in isolation from, but alongside the campaign against Bantu Education and many other notorious Nationalist measures, and in conjunction with the Freedom Charter.

Mr. Tambo calls upon branches of the A.N.C. to mobilise the country against this new onslaught -- the extension of passes to our women-folk. It is particularly necessary to build up a powerful Women's League and African National Congress Youth League.

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