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YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE

P.O.Box 2942,
Johannesburg.

2nd September, 1954.

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The National Secretary,
African National Congress, Youth League,
26 Barkley Arcade,
38 Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Friends,

Herewith a brief report of the meeting of
the Youth Action Committee held in Johannesburg on the
25th August, 1954.

ATTENDANCE.

Delegates from the following organisations
were present:-

- African National Congress Youth League;
- South African Indian Youth Congress;
- Congress of Democrats (Youth Branch);
- Students Liberal Association and an
observer from the Modern Youth Society,
of Cape Town.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Committee unanimously accepted the rules
and regulations (enclosed)

OFFICIALS.

The following officials of the Youth Action
Committee were elected:-

- Chairman*
- President - Robert R. sha
- Secretary - A.M. Kathrada.
- Treasurer - Adv. H. Wolpe.

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FUTURE PLANS.

Mr Wolpe, on behalf of his sub-committee presented a comprehensive plan of the future activities of the Committee. A resume of the plan is enclosed for discussion, amendment and future suggestions by your organisation.

I have been asked to emphasise the urgency of the matter and will be glad if you will expedite it so that a meeting of the Youth Action Committee could be summoned soon to ~~implement~~ to discuss details of implementation.

W.F.D.Y. REPRESENTATIVE.

Under section e of the Youth Conference proposals you will notice the suggestion to invite a representative from the W.F.D.Y. to tour South Africa. It was felt by the meeting that as we will have to give the W.F.D.Y. sufficient time to make preparations, ~~that~~ that an official invitation be extended immediately. This has already been done. We hope it will meet with your approval.

There is nothing future to add at this stage. We are looking forward to a reply from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Tom K... ..
Secretary,
YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE.

YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE

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37 West Street,
Johannesburg.

24th October, 1955.

Mr Joe Matthews,
31 Mendi Road,
New Brighton,
PORT ELIZABETH.

Dear Friend,

Enclosed please find copies of a circular received in South Africa which has been passed to the Youth Action Committee.

We are sending it for your perusal. We would also like your comments, particularly on the agenda as on the question of South African participation.

Yours sincerely,

J. Adam
Essop Jassat
SECRETARY.

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Gekry by..... *Robert Keane*
Deur..... *Essop Jassat*
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Datum..... *27/12/56*
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NATIONAL SECRETARY

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ORLANDO

29th. September 4

The Secretary,
Youth Action Committee,
4, Koft Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

The Working Committee of the A.N.C. Youth League has instructed me to forward to you its amendments and recommendations to the proposed Constitution of the Youth Action Committee, and the other proposals contained in your letter.

The proposals for 'Youth Conferences' have with regret been rejected by the Working Committee of the A.N.C.Y.L. for the following reasons:-

(a) The National Executive of the A.N.C.Y.L. has no mandate to approve of plans emanating directly from the Youth Action Committee.

(b) The Executive Committee, however, can consider and approve of plans which have been submitted to the Youth Action Committee by any one of the National Executives or Organisations which are members of the Committee.

Consistent with (b) above, The A.N.C.Y.L. has instructed me to submit to your Committee, a plan for the Campaign Against 'BANTU EDUCATION' which has been adopted by the Youth League and Women Section of the A.N.C.. I enclose herewith copies of the plan for the member Organisations. The Working Committee would be obliged if you would arrange a meeting at the earliest possible time in which the other Youth Organisations would discuss the plan with the view of proposing their roles in the Campaign and also suggesting supplementary proposals to the Youth League plan.

CONSTITUTION

AD OBJECTS CLAUSE

The A.N.C.Y.L. Working Committee considers that the primary function of the Youth Action Committee is that contained in Section (c) of the objects clause.

" To maintain contact and cooperation with the W.F.D.Y. on behalf of the affiliated Organisations."

.....2/ It is suggested....

It is suggested that clause (c) should become clause (a) of the amended constitution.
It is further suggested that the phrase "and the Youth of South Africa" should be deleted, as it seems to have no meaning in the context.

Ad Clause 2 (a) as amended, to be the new clause 2 (b)

The Working Committee does not feel that clause (a) is a correct expression of the function of the Youth Action Committee. Firstly, the word "permanent" in the clause is misleading, and unduly fetters the Youth Organisations to a device which might be radically changed, if the conditions change. Further, it is the opinion of the Working Committee that the issue which faces our Youth Organisations is not the question of cooperation, but the coordination of our Youth activities, and the Working Committee believes that the Youth Action Committee can fulfil the function of Coordinating Youth Activities to the advantage of Youth organisations and the concrete advancement of cooperation between the Youth of our country.

Clause (a) to be amended, therefore, to read as follows:-
" To be a basis for the coordination of Youth activities, which will from time to time be specifically delegated to be delegated to the Committee by the Youth Organisations referred to in section (a) of the membership clause".

Ad Clause 2 (b)

The Executive regrets that it has no mandate to approve of a Committee with such wide powers as contained in the abovementioned clause. Such a committee would have to get the approval of a National Conference. The Executive, however, as stated before has power to approve and establish a coordinating Committee.

The Executive wishes to draw your attention to the fact that coordination can only realistically be achieved, by a committee, which considers and implements plans originating from the National Organisations, and which are within the framework of their adopted programmes and Resolutions; a Committee with the powers suggested in the Constitution, would require a radical change of the basic structure of our Youth Organisations, it would be vested with Executive powers, either above the Executives now existing, or in competition with them. Instead of being an instrument for the coordination of Youth work, such a committee, with powers to initiate campaigns, would under the present structure of our Organisations produce confusion and embarrassment, and interfere seriously with the programmes and activities of the individual Youth Organisations.

The Executive of the opinion that a coordinating Committee must be truly subordinate to the Youth Organisations, in order that it should fulfil its function effectively.

It is therefore suggested that Clause 2(B) be deleted.-

Ad Clause 3 (c) to read :-

" The Committee shall have the power to invite other organisations to send observers to its meetings, whenever the committee unanimously decides to do so".

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The National Working Committee reiterates its belief that the Youth Action Committee can be an instrument for the improvement of Youth work, and will also put the relationship and cooperation of our Youth Organisations on a more rational basis.

FORWARD TO A MASS YOUTH MOVEMENT!

Mayibuye!

DUMA NOKWE
(National Secretary A.N.C. YOUTH LEAGUE)

~~Handwritten scribble~~ R.H.30
 P.O. Box 3206,
 Port Elizabeth.
 29th Oct. 1955.

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Dear Son of Afrika , Please find enclosed herewith a letter which was sent to me by the Youth Action Council dealing with some conference proposed to be held at Cairo in December. I know some of the organisers of this conference personally and I just do not understand how a conference can be held under their auspices . It seems to be an affair of inexperienced people and also does not appear to have the backing of organised Youth Movements . I feel the people concerned should have held preparatory discussions with responsible bodies of organised youth so that they could improve the auspices under which the conference was held . I do not understand the whole thing and I wonder if , in fact the premier of Egypt has lent his name to this badly ~~sponsored~~ sponsored thing. But that is really a matter for you chaps up there .

Another thing I cannot understand is why the material was sent to me . I am not certain whether "athy sent me this for my information as an individual and personal friend of his or whether this was an official communication . As far as I can remember the functions of the Youth Action Council are confined to maintaining contact between organisations especially in so far as external relations with W.F.D.Y. etc. are concerned . However I do not want to quibble over that . Please see what you can do and get in touch with the Youth Action Council .

Whats happening in the Transvaal ? We are not happy about the trend there . Anyway we are in full support of the leadership in the Transvaal and the instructions of the delegates from the Eastern Cape will be quite clear and explicit , name, full support for the Sisulu leadership.

Yours for Afrika ,

~~Postage~~ forward.

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- ① See Oliver & Fox
- ② Leave in the 20th
- ③ Report on B/S. doctor
- ④ Point on N.C.C.
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October 1955
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THE AFRICA BUREAU.

2nd floor, 22-A Mahant Bldg.,
Ajmere Gate Extension,
Asaf Ali Road,
NEW DELHI.

to ALL AFRICAN YOUTH AND NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

Sons of the Soil,

The Africa Bureau (India) an organisation of Africans in India has sponsored an All African Youth Conference in Cairo from the 19th December to 23rd December, 1955. The Conference has been made possible through the sympathy and cooperation of the Egyptian Government.

We invite you to send delegates in accordance with the conditions contained in the attached programme. The Conference has the moral sympathy of the African States. We appeal to you to cooperate and make the Conference a success. Attached please find the conference lay-out. We wish to request you to supply us with the following information by return post:-

- (1) Whether you will send delegates.
- (2) Report any difficulties.

During the time of the Conference, all delegates will be guests of the Egyptian Government. Transport to and from Cairo will be borne by the delegates themselves. Boarding and lodging will be free to all Official delegates; further details will be furnished in due course. There will be concessions to all who travel in the Egyptian Airliners or ~~Egypt~~ Egyptian Steamships.

Yours sincerely,

(M. Sipalo)
SECRETARY

Encl:

③
THE AFRICA BUREAU

2nd Floor, 22-A, Mahat Bldg.,
Ajmere Gate Extension,
Asaf Ali Road,
New Delhi.

No.

Pan African Youth Conference - December 1955

1. Arrivals: 17th and 18th
2. Formal opening: morning of December 19th
3. Final Communique: Friday, the 23rd December
4. Au revoir: Saturday, the 24th December.

(Sponsored by the African Bureau (India)
with the assistance of the Egyptian Government)

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Purposes of the Pan-African Youth Conference

December the 19th - 23rd 1955

1. (a) To promote goodwill and cooperation among the peoples of Africa, to explore and advance their mutual as well as common interests;
- ~~2~~ (b) To consider problems that affect the destiny of the ~~world today and the contribution of~~ African people today. e.g. COLONIALISM & RACIALISM;
- ~~3~~ (c) To view the position of African and its people in the world today and the contribution they can make to the promotion of World Peace and Co-operation;
- (d) To establish a permanent organisation as an essential pre-requisite of a fervent approach to the problems which affect the destiny of Africa.

REPRESENTATION.

2. (a) All organisations fighting for the redemption of Africa may send representatives on condition that only young people in such organisation be sent as delegates so as to avoid unnecessary tremors in the enemy camp and international sensationalism;
- (b) African Students' Organisations within Africa may send representatives;
- (c) Any other African organisation within Africa may send representatives.
3. CONDITIONS: (a) Organisations in African should not send less than two representatives and not more than three.
- (b) African Student Organisations Overseas may send not more than five representatives.

4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

- (a) It is hoped that all participating organisations will contribute to support their representatives;
- (b) A special appeal shall be made to the Asian-African States to contribute to this noble scheme.

5. PROCEDURE:

The Conference shall determine its own procedure, shall elect officials to conduct the proceedings and the general scope of the conference as may be desired.

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COMMITTEES.

- 1. Political Committee To survey political systems obtaining in Colonial Africa and to suggest ways and means of grappling with the problems arising from them.
- 2. Economic Committee: To survey the economic problems of Africa as a whole and to study how far foreign capital contributes to the economic development of the peoples.
- 3. Cultural Committee: To explore possibilities of fostering the African culture.
- 4. Education Committee: To find means and ways of educating New Africa.
- 5. Steering Committee: To coordinate the work of the other committees, deal with miscellaneous Conference matters and to issue the final communique.

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DAILY PROGRAMME - 19th - 23rd December.

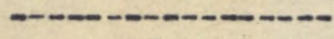
- Sunday 18th: Informal meeting of delegates in the evening at dinner time.
- Monday 19th: 10 a.m. Inaugural address by the Prime Minister of Egypt.
2.5 p.m. Sessional election of Committees.
- Tuesday 20th: 10 a.m. Assemble together and break up into Committees.
2.5 p.m. Committee Sessions
- Wednesday 21st: 10 a.m. Talk by some personality (some topic on Africa)
2.5 p.m. Committee Sessions.
- Thursday 22nd: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. General Body Assemble (Report of the Committees)
~~Africa~~ Afternoon: Study Tour
After Dinner Committee Reports
- Friday 23rd: 10 a.m. Final approval of the reports and the release of the final ~~Summary~~ Communique.
Evening: Ball
- Saturday: 10 a.m. Assemble and disperse.

DELEGATION FROM INDIA

Delegation from India shall consist of five members

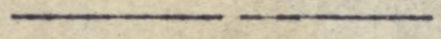
Africa Bureau Executive, viz:

1. (a) M. Sipalo - Secretary General
(N. Rhodesia) (leader of delegation)
- (b) I. Nkhereanye - S. Africa
L. Omolo - Kenya Joint Secretaries
* Ch. Kamalondo - N. Rhodesia.
- (c) L. Kakungulu - Uganda
* Chikako Kamalondo - Secretary to the Delegation.



NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS: 60 (in the order)

East Africa	-	9	
Central Africa	-	9	
South Africa	-	3	
French Africa	-	3	
Gold Coast & Nigeria	-	6	
Gambia & Sierra Leon	-	2	
Liberia	-	2	
North Africa	-	6	
Sudan	-	3	
Ethiopia	-	<u>2</u>	
		45	(from Africa)
India	-	5	
Europe	-	10	
		<u>60</u>	



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