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THE TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL

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All correspondence to THE SECRETARY, BOX 10528, JOHANNESBURG

Dear Friend,

Within the last few weeks we have seen the possibilities of world peace growing and then once again decreasing. It is today clear that there are forces who are not favourable to the cause of peace, who wish to keep the big Powers from meeting, and to prolong the Korean War.

It is now up to all people who ardently desire peace and an end to the terrible threat of war to make their wishes known in a clear and unequivocal manner. In every country individuals and organisations are demanding of their government that they support negotiations between the Big Powers to settle their differences.

The Transvaal, Natal and Cape Town Peace Councils have launched a nation-wide campaign to urge our government to support negotiations and bring the Korean war to an end. We are running a national ballot to give South Africans an opportunity of stating their opinion on this vital question.

We urge your organisation most earnestly to endorse the enclosed resolution on peace, or to pass a similar resolution, to send a copy to the Prime Minister, and to return the endorsed resolution to the Secretary, Tvl. Peace Council, Box 10528, so that we may judge the success of this campaign.

We also enclose 10 ballot forms, and ask you to get these filled in and returned to us. We also ask you and your members to take these forms to the members of your organisation, to factories, offices, and door-to-door among neighbours. We will gladly send more ballot forms to you.

Please do not put this letter on one side and forget it. The fight for peace is too urgent, too important to every single one of us, for this to be put aside. Use your position in your organisation to bring world peace one step nearer.

Yours sincerely,

Gewysstuk No. TPC
Gekry by Transvaal Peace Council
Deur. M. 2009 (2) 1/6/56. Agkwa
Te. Somer House Forster 110 5th Rav. D. C. Thompson
Datum 28/9/56 CHAIRMAN
Terwysings No. Lys N. 2 - 15(2) TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL

Let. NO 2 474 + 400 Eksemplare
15(3) DECLARATION ON PEACE

There is a new and dreadful threat to the people of South Africa in the event of another world war. The centre of South Africa's industry, and its most populous area - the Witwatersrand - has become, through its production of uranium for atom bombs, - a direct target for bomb attacks on a mass scale. Our concern in fighting to maintain peace now has a greater personal urgency.

We South Africans believe that war can be prevented. There is no problem between nations that should be settled by armed force. There is no problem that cannot be settled by negotiation.

Nothing must now stand in the way of the Big Powers coming together to settle their differences peacefully, and to seek peaceful solutions to all matters of dispute between them. We earnestly request the Government of South Africa to press for and support Big Power talks, and to use its offices in all ways to prevent war; to bring an end to the Korean war - and to our participation in the Korean war.

We call on the people of South Africa to support these principles, and to join in the world-wide demand that the horrors of war should be wiped forever from this earth.

FILL IN ONE OF THESE TWO FORMS

To the Secretary, Box 10528, Johannesburg.

Name of Organisation

My Committee/general membership (cross out that which does not apply) have endorsed the above resolution.

.....Secretary.

My Committee/general membership have passed the following resolution, a copy of which we are sending to the Government:

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Bewysstuk No.....
Gekry by: *M. P. ...*
Deur: *10/20/56*
Te: *Government House, 110 ...*
Datum: *20/9/56*
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THE TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL.

110 Fox Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Friend,

The danger of using nuclear weapons is still very great. The military and political leaders of certain countries threaten to unleash Atomic war. The peoples all over the world do not want war, and under the pressure of world opinion all preparations for war can be stopped. By negotiations difficult problems can be solved. We have seen this at the Geneva Conference last year and the Austrian State treaty is again a proof, how very delicate matters can be decided to the satisfaction of all concerned. To strengthen this fight of the peoples for peace a great World Assembly is being called at Helsinki - Finland for 22nd - 29th June, 1955. Thousands of delegates from all continents and countries of different political, religious and social views will come together to discuss how peace can be preserved and how to free the world from the threat of the use of weapons of mass destruction.

To coincide with this great gathering the Transvaal Peace Council has decided to hold a peace week from the 12th to 19th June, 1955 when the effects of thermo-nuclear warfare will be made clear to the public and it is hoped will arouse its indignation at the possibility of these dreadful weapons being used in the event of another war. We are also putting at your disposal a mobile exhibition which depicts life in a world of peace and as a contrast the horrors of hydrogen warfare, and we trust that you will make use of this exhibition at your earliest opportunity.

We are enclosing the petition for the banning of all weapons of mass destruction which we truly hope members of your organization will sign and return to us as soon as possible.

With Peace greetings.

Bewysstuk No. Yours fraternally,

Gekry by Sybil Maxima

Deur Robert

Te 63 Grayston Gebou

Datum 5/12/56

Verwysings No.

Leon Levy.
SECRETARY.

TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL

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P.O. Box 10528,
JOHANNESBURG.

37 Nevada Court,
von Brandis Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

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Dear Friend,

The possibility of peace in Korea and the move by Sir Winston Churchill backed by Mr Nehru for talks between the Big Powers has brought a considerable lessening of tension throughout the world. The prospects of peace seem infinitely brighter.

Undoubtedly the work of peace-loving people everywhere has brought about this changed situation. Six hundred million people throughout the world signed the petition for a Five Power Peace Pact. In the past few months hundreds of organisations in many countries, including South Africa, have passed resolutions urging that talks between the Big Powers for such a Pact take place.

It is urgently necessary for us to redouble our efforts to bring present wars to an end, and prevent the constant threat of future wars. Even if your organisation has already done so within recent months, we ask you to pass a resolution supporting talks between the Five Great Powers (United States, Britain, France, USSR and China) and urging our own Government to support such peace talks.

We mention the Five Great Powers, because the purpose of such talks would be to settle outstanding differences; to omit China would leave many problems untouched. It is precisely because it is necessary for a way to be found for different economic systems to exist in peace side by side that it is so important for China, with the largest population of any country in the world, to be included.

May we suggest that if your organisation passes a resolution on this question or any other relating to the peace moves, that you release it to the press, and send it to the Government? And we would be most grateful if you would send us a copy of the resolution, so that we may judge the response of South Africa to the most pressing problem of our times.

We enclose, for your information, a copy of the address to the Governments of the Five Great Powers, adopted unanimously at the Congress of Peoples for Peace in Vienna six months ago.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
for Rev D.C. Thompson, Chairman.

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TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: REV. D. C. THOMPSON.

37. NEVADA COURT
21 VON BRANDIS ST
JOHANNESBURG

CORRESPONDENCE TO: THE SECRETARY,
Box 525
JOHANNESBURG

Dear Friend,

10th NOVEMBER 1952

A Peoples Congress for Peace will take place in Vienna on December 12th. More than two thousand delegates are expected - people of widely differing political and religious views from all countries. It will give ordinary people living under different systems a unique opportunity to discuss frankly how the nations can live in peace together.

The war danger today is coming perilously close to South Africa. Our country has been blindly committed to take part in a war in the Middle East; it is spending vast sums on armaments, and is maintaining troops in Korea; it is pledged to a policy of expansion in Southern Africa by the incorporation of the Protectorates; thirteen gold mines are producing uranium destined for use in atomic weapons. We are silent witnesses to wars of unprecedented inhumanity; armaments are lowering living standards everywhere; trade is being restricted; respect for international law and human decency are degenerating. More and more people are searching for ways to lessen international tensions, remove the paralyzing fear of war, and open the way to fruitful co-operation between all countries in advancing the well-being of their peoples.

These questions are too grave to be left only in the hands of diplomats and politicians. We must seize every opportunity of establishing goodwill between the peoples of every nationality so as to stop the downward trend in world relations. Out of constructive agreement between the peoples can grow agreement between governments.

To stimulate widespread discussions among all sections on the prevention of war, the Transvaal Peace Council has arranged a Conference to take place at the Trades Hall (No. 1 Hall, on the ground floor) on Saturday November 22nd, at 2.15 p.m. The outcome of the discussion on the problems dividing the world and threatening Southern Africa will be conveyed to the World Congress in Vienna, for South Africans have been invited to place their views before this Congress.

We are sending you draft resolutions which will provide the basis for discussion at our Conference on the 22nd. We invite you to discuss these resolutions, and to come with whatever additions or amendments you think right. We realise there is not much time to prepare for the Conference, but the urgency of this matter makes us ask you to ensure a representative attends.

Please fill in the form below, and return it to us before 19th Nov.

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Dear

To

Date

Very truly yours

Laurence
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Yours sincerely,
HW.
for: D.C. THOMPSON, Chairman.

To the Secretary, Transvaal Peace Council, Box 525, Johannesburg.

The following delegates will attend the Conference at the Trades Hall on November 22nd, as individuals/ representing

(State organisation, or cross out if this does not apply)

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19th April, 1953.

British Rumanian Friendship Society
101 Broadhurst Gardens,
London, N.W.6.
England.

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for the propaganda material that you have been sending us. There is not an organisation similar to yours in South Africa, but the material we receive is passed round to individuals who are interested to read it.

We also recently received two books, and some prints of Rumanian paintings. I think these were probably sent to us by yourselves, and want to thank you very much for them. We are planning to organise a cultural exhibition some time later on this year, and your prints will be useful. If you obtain any peace material that could be used by ourselves - posters, for instance, or photographs - would you let us have it? And any information about the Rumanian Peace Movement that you think would be interesting or useful to us.

With very best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

Hilda Watts, Secretary.

THE TRANSVAAL FARM COUNCIL.

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P.O. Box 10828.

37, Nevada Court,
21 von Brandis Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

24th June, 1963.

Dear Friend,

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting will take place on MONDAY, 24TH JUNE, at 7.30 p.m. at the above office.

We have many important matters to discuss, and I trust that you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

H. WATTS.

SECRETARY.

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PHONE: 23227

P.O.Box 700.

DURBAN



6, Pembroke Chambers,
47c West Street,
Durban.

June 22nd, '53.

The Secretary,

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Dear Friend:

Prior to the National Peace Congress, which is taking place in Johannesburg at the end of July, in Natal we are holding our first Provincial Conference

on Sunday 12th July,

at 2.30 p.m.,

at Premier Hall, 59 Prince Edward Street, Durban.

The purpose of calling such a Conference is to establish a Natal Peace Council, which will carry out the task of educating the public of the threat of another war and of what should be done to maintain PEACE at all cost.

We are inviting your organisation to send FIVE delegates to this important conference on PEACE.

We sincerely hope that your delegates will be present to participate in the discussion.

On Saturday 11th July, at 3.15 p.m. an "EXHIBITION ON PEACE" will be officially opened by Dr. K.Goonam, at the same venue.

All members of your organisation are requested to visit the "PEACE EXHIBITION."

LONG LIVE PEACE!

Yours in Peace,

Dawood Ahmed Sedat.

for DURBAN PEACE COUNCIL.

DURBAN PEACE COUNCIL

P.O. Box 700,
Durban,
June 23, '53.

The Secretary,
TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL.

Dear Hilda,

I wish to acknowledge your letters dated the 18 and 30th May, and 16th June, as well as literature sent to me. The delay in writing was due to the preliminary arrangements had to be confirmed about the Exhibition and Conference here.

PEACE EXHIBITION. We are having the Exhibition opened by Dr. K. Goonam on the 11th of July at 2.30 p.m. at Premier Hall, 59 Prince Edward Street, and will continue for the next two days.

Please rail the articles at the Hall's address a week before the Exhibition. I would like you to pay the railage at your end. Let me know what it would be so that I could send in advance to you. This would help us when the articles are delivered as sometimes I may not be here at the time when it arrives. Also send us as much educational material as possible for sale at the time.

NATAL CONFERENCE. We are all inviting all organisations for the formation of a Natal P. Council. The conference will be held on Sunday 12th July at 2.30 p.m. at the same venue. We are trying to get someone suitable to open the Conference.

PEACE CALL. We have wired you for 500 copies of the Call. We shall send them out together with the invitation for our Conference. Send another 500 copies (English and Zulu), and 100 (Eng. and Afrikaans). If the Call is also meant for mass distribution then you may send us 5000 copies.

Further to the signatures already collected here, we have the following more:

Rev. J.M. Sibuya of Dannahuser, Natal.
Mr. V.S.M. Pillai, secretary, National Union of Operative & Biscuit Makers & Packers Union,
Mr. M. Gobind, secretary, Natal Tea & Coffee Workers Union,
Mr. C.I. Amra, secretary: Chemists & Allied Workers Union (Natal),
Box, Broom & Brush Workers Union, and S.A.R. & H. Workers Union (Natal Branch).
Mr. G.S. Naidoo, B.A.,
Dr. N.K. Naidoo, a former S.A. delegate to Peace Conf. in Warsaw,
Dr. M.N. Padyachee,
Mr. C.P. Motsemme, an African business man,
Mr. Lalloo B. Patel, a business man and a prominent social and educational worker among the Indian community.

We shall inform you as soon as more signatures are available.

S.A. PEACE CONGRESS. We shall send you a list of organisations to whom you could address a letter asking them to send delegates to the Conference. The major setback in sending delegates from Natal will be finance.

It is an excellent idea to get people to read papers at the Conf. It would be best if you contacted people direct in this matter. We shall suggest few names in our next letter.

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I think J.N. Singh would definitely be prepared to do this. I have spoken to him about it. But you should write direct to him.

WORLD PEACE COUNCIL. Please inform them to add us on their mailing list. We have not received anything from them.

Sending letters to individuals or organizations is a good thing and should be continued by all means. But from experience it is best to contact them personally if you want anything to get done. We shall be pleased to cooperate with you in getting signatures for any campaign in connection with Peace.

We have not received the letters mentioned in your letter or the document yet.

LITERATURE. The receipt was not enclosed in the letter. When we send payments we are making the cheque to you. You may deduct what is owed to you personally and the balance is for the Council for which you may send receipt. For the time being literature account is personally done by me and not the Council.

Enclosed cheque for £2.15.0, as follows:

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| 6 cps. Montagu's book | 1.16. 0. |
| 12 " P.C. | 6. 0. |
| 3 " Cont. | 1. 6. |
| Blue Brochures. | 11. 6. |
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Please send another 50 copies of Blue Bro. It will be useful when raising funds from donors to give them a copy. Please send 200 copies of your bullettin from now on including the last issue.

When sending any literature please send us an invoice so that we can keep a check on what we are receiving.

Add the below names on your mailing list.

- Dr. W. Conco, Box 13, Umsinkulu, C.P. (1 copy)
- Mr. S.B. Mahabak Mahabak, 5 Queen Street, P.M. Burg, Natal. (25 cps).
- Chief A.J. Lithuli, P.O. Grootville Mission, Natal. (1 sp.).

If you have any old documents on Peace please send them to the Chief.

Best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

J.A. Sedat
for Durban P. Council.

N.B. The last packet of P.C. you sent was delivered TORN.

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Mr. P. Ramalope,
Secretary, A.N.C., Brakpan Branch,
1001-36th Street,
Brakpan Location.

Dear Friend,

I am extremely sorry that we only received your letter yesterday - Monday, the day after the meeting which you called. We were therefore not able to send a speaker to the meeting, and we hope this has not been a disappointment to your members.

Your letter was dated the 25th June, but we find letters often seem to get delayed, and for this reason it is better to let us have about a week's notice of a meeting. We hope you will be able to arrange another meeting, when we will be able to send a speaker.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Hilda Watts, Secretary.

NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS

(FOUNDED BY MAHATMA GANDHI IN 1894)

HEADQUARTERS:
17 LAKHANI CHAMBERS,
2 SAVILLE STREET.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "NICELY"

TELEPHONE 22643.

P.O. BOX 2299,
DURBAN,
SOUTH AFRICA.

5th August, 1953.

The Secretary,
Transvaal Peace Council,
P. O. Box 10528,
JOHANNESBURG.

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Dear Friend,

My Congress at its Working Committee Meeting (which was attended by delegates from different parts of Natal) decided unanimously to support the idea of the formation of a South African Peace Council. We expect to send delegates to the Conference called for this purpose on the 23rd and 24th instant.

The following resolution on the signing of the Peace Treaty in Korea was also passed by the meeting:-

"This Working Committee Meeting of the Natal Indian Congress welcomes the signing of the armistice in Korea.

"Pledged as we are to the cause of peace, and peaceful methods of resolving differences in the National and International fields, we are heartened to hear of the successful conclusion of a truce in Korea.

"This meeting expressed the hope that the truce will be the beginning of greater efforts leading to a Peace Pact among the Great Powers of the World."

Wishing your National Conference every success.

Yours fraternally,

[Signature]
for GENERAL SECRETARY

*Conseil Mondial
de la Paix*

Prague, August 15th, 1953.

Secrétariat

Palais des Pragues
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TRANSVAAL PEACE COMMITTEE

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Dear Friends,

We wish to let you know that the next meeting of the Bureau of the World Council of Peace - about which President JOLIOT-CURIE spoke in his declaration of July 31st - will take place at the beginning of September, in all probability in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Bureau will probably examine the first results achieved by the World Campaign for Negotiations and will draw the lessons from these which should further its development to the broadest extent.

Therefore, in order to permit the Bureau of the World Council to have an overall picture of the Campaign so that it has full knowledge of every experience which can make a contribution to the ideas and forms of actions used in the campaign, we should like to receive an analysis of the activities undertaken and the results already obtained by the Peace Movement in your country since the beginning of the Campaign. This would be very useful to us, particularly if the analysis brings out the subjects of action enabling you to link general problems of Peace with problems which particularly interest your people, and in this way to give a specific content to the Campaign. Concerning the results achieved, we should also like to know of stands taken by personalities, organisations or local and regional authorities, which would enable the Bureau to determine the extent to which the world campaign is bringing into action new forces outside the influence of the Movement.

We have already received from you some information on the Campaign, the most recent being your letter of July 29th. In thanking you we should like to say how invaluable it has been to us for the documentation of the Secretariat as well as for use in our information bulletins. Therefore we think that this analysis which we ask you to make will be very useful in bringing this information up to date. In view of the date envisaged for the meeting of the Bureau, we should appreciate it if you could send us this analysis by September 1st at the latest.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date,

Very sincerely yours,

For the Secretariat of the World
Council of Peace

Jean LAFITTE
Jean LAFITTE
General Secretary.

THE *South African* TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL



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Secretary,
Cape Town Peace Council,
Box 2706,
Cape Town.

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of the 28th. I had the delegates were enthusiastic about the Congress, and we were very pleased with the people you sent. All three of them made excellent contributions to the discussions, and Mrs. Thaele proved a most able chairman at one of the sessions. Her criticism regarding not being met was perfectly justified, entirely my fault, and I know Johannesburg is a miserable place to be stranded in.

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1) DEPUTATION: The new Committee feels that the deputation to Swart should be of the 'weighty' kind, rather than in the nature of a protest demonstration. The names you suggest were the kind of people we wanted, and if possible someone from the Liberal Party. We are asking you to make up the entire deputation, although it was the intention to send Rev. Thompson down to head it. We are so much in debt at the moment that we feel the air-fare for him to Cape Town can't be spared, so we are leaving it entirely to you.

2) MEETING IN CAPE TOWN. Hilary did suggest that I should also go to Cape Town to speak (as well as Cecil). However, as I am working I couldn't manage to go by rail, and since Cecil is going to be in Cape Town in any case, perhaps we had better leave it to him. I will speak to him and let you know when he will be arriving, and how long he will be staying.

3) REPORT FROM CONGRESS. We are preparing some sort of publication that will include a summary of the speeches and proceedings, and the resolutions. This will take about three weeks to get out, as we are still trying to get minutes from some of the typists.

Meanwhile, we hope you will be able to hold 'report-back' meetings, and publicise the Congress. We would also like additional protests about Fischer (telegrams to the Minister, resolutions from organisations, and so on.)

4) NOMINESS TO THE S.A. PEACE COUNCIL. The Constitution allows for twenty additional seats to be filled by regions, within one month of the Congress. We recommend that Natal be asked to fill another 6 seats, Cape Town 3, Transvaal 7, and

Chairman: Rev. D. C. THOMPSON

four should be left over to be filled at a later stage (we hope) with representatives from the Free State. We are recommending more seats to Natal, as they have at present only 3 representatives on the Council, and they have a larger Peace Council in Natal. The seats filled at the present time, including the President and Vice-Presidents are as follows:

- Transvaal ... 18 (and 1 more - Fischer)
- Natal 3
- Cape ~~.....~~ 5

If you feel that with the additional seats there would be too many Transvaal representatives, please let us know. We recommend that the additional people to be nominated should be selected from among active peace workers, representatives of the different racial groups, or individuals or members of organisations who have, or could, make a contribution to peace work.

We ask you to send in your nominations by 21st September, to comply with the Constitution. If this does not give you sufficient time, perhaps you would ask for an extension of time, and we'd have to be a bit flexible about applying the Constitution!

5) FINANCES: We have up to the present spent about £75 on the Congress, and we owe something in the nature of another £120. The Congress did not actually cost as much as we expected, but our printing expenses have been very high, not only for the Congress material, but also for leaflets and ballot cards for the negotiation campaign. I did write to Check and ask that you would contribute to the expenses of all material issued - in proportion to what you received from us (that is, pay for your share of the ballot cards, leaflets, and so on, that were sent.) I'm now appealing again. We're not laying down any rigid rules, but it would be good if we could clear this debt, and let the new Council start with a bit of money on hand. The debts were actually incurred by the Transvaal Peace Council, but we can't be legalistic about these things, and until everything is paid for, the S.A.P.C. must regard the debts as its responsibility as well.

Could you make a very special effort? £120 doesn't seem a terrific sum, but I've collected from everyone I know, and I can see myself landing in a debtor's jail if someone doesn't help out!

6) BALLOT CAMPAIGN. We want to go all out now - the World Peace Council keeps urging us to push this campaign for negotiation to the limit. So far we have less than 1,000 cards signed, but we were going slow until after the Congress as we were all too busy to organise the campaign. On this last week-end, we had two tables set up in town, and 500 people signed cards. This is just one suggestion. I'm sure we could get thousands of signatures through organisations such as the one Mrs. Theele was telling me about. Try and get the TLC to back the campaign, and Unions to undertake signature drives, through Shop Stewards, Organisers, and so on. These are just a few suggestions, but the idea is to make it a real mass campaign and to achieve 100,000 signatures.

7) NEWSLETTER. This will now be a South African Peace Council publication. I need urgently, news of meetings and activities from your area, branches formed, work done, etc. And news about the

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SECRETARIAT

Prague, September 18th, 1953.

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Dear Friends,

Transvaal Peace Council
(South Africa)

We sent you, from Vienna, the resolution adopted by the Bureau of the World Council, together with the communiqué announcing the convening of a Council meeting. The main concern of the Bureau discussions was to help the development of the campaign launched by the World Council in Budapest to make the Governments negotiate and arrive at the peaceful solution of international differences.

The Bureau examined the first results of this campaign, which gave rise to a great variety of activities in the different countries. At the same time, it noted that during the same period, the actions of some Governments tended to make negotiation and agreement impossible.

These actions show that there is still a danger of war. For instance, there are obstacles being set up to obstruct the establishment of Peace in Korea; the help and encouragement being given to the reconstitution of German militarism; the continuation and intensification of the war in Indo-China and the violence being used against the peoples of North Africa and the Near and Middle East.

However, those who are carrying out such actions are revealing their opposition to agreement. But they no longer dare to declare themselves openly against negotiation today. In this respect, members of the Bureau pointed out that attempts are now being made by certain Governments to use the idea of negotiation to conceal aggressive intentions and a desire to continue the cold war. This is shown particularly by laying down prior conditions and by various manoeuvres so as to make negotiations impossible or useless. They are thereby endeavouring to maintain confusion among the peoples and to turn the attention of public opinion away from the action which must be carried out to obtain agreement.

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In view of these considerations, the Bureau thought it necessary to define the character of the campaign which has been undertaken at the appeal of the World Council. The object of this campaign is not to achieve abstract declarations, etc., in favour of negotiation. Its main object is to bring the peoples into mass action to demand real agreements between Governments which will lessen the tension.

The Bureau considered that great efforts should be made in this campaign in order to avoid at all costs the re-opening of the war in Korea; to prevent the endorsement and application of measures which could revive the embers of conflagration in Europe by reconstituting German militarism. It showed that the present campaign to obtain agreement could satisfy the desire of public opinion to put an end to the danger resulting from the piling up of armaments and the possible use of weapons of mass destruction such as the H-bomb. This was linked up with the extension of trade relations which is being demanded by the peoples of all countries, as a means of relieving the tension and improving living standards.

On the other hand, the members of the Bureau laid great stress on the danger arising from the intention of different Governments to propose the revision of the United Nations' Charter in such a way as would make impossible future agreement between the Great Powers. In its resolution the Bureau once more confirmed the Peace Movement's respect for the Charter, thereby affirming its opposition to any revision.

On this question, within the framework of the campaign, the Bureau has asked that the People's Republic of China take her place in the United Nations and that she participate in all international conferences the object of which is lessening the tension.

As a result of its discussions, the Bureau considered that the campaign launched on June 20th in Budapest must be successful in spite of all the obstacles. It called a meeting of the World Council in order that it might consider its new developments and open the way for solutions which will ensure a reduction in tension as demanded by the peoples.

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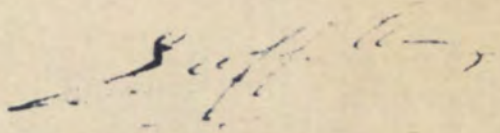
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The World Council which will meet at a crucial stage, to discuss the great international problems, should be able to work on the bases of results of a universal character.

We hope that your Movement, by continuing its efforts and bringing in broad sections of the people of your country will make a further contribution to the great undertaking which must lead the Governments to embark upon the course of agreement.

Very sincerely yours,

For the Secretariat of the
World Council of Peace


Jean LAFFITTE
General Secretary

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Reformed I.C.U. of Africa,
Headquarters,
P.O. Box 679,
Salisbury, S.R.
Africa.

23rd September, 1953.

The Joint Secretary,
Organising Committee for
South African Peace Movement,
37, Nevada Court,
21 Von Brandis Street,
Johannesburg.

Rowystuk No.
Sent by S.P. Peace Council
Dear M. A. 2019 (Y) / J. A. M. / J. A. M.
To General Secretary, I.C.U. of Africa
Datum 28 - 9 - 1953
Verwysings No. Lys. 20 - 8(37)

Dear Comrade,

We were very sorry this end to find out that no ~~exercise~~ steps was taken by the authorities concerned to give permit nor to tell us of their decision before date of Peace Council Conference. A reply to my application for permit was sent on the 27th inst informing that the Commissioner for Coloured and Asiatic, Pretoria was not prepared to grant me permit to enter the Union of S. A. So, my National Council Executive, ask me to assure you that the failure to send a message of greeting was the result of the fact that we received nothing from the Authorities and were all along in anticipation of their reply. In principle, we are all out with you in the Peace Movement.

Further my Executive ask me to put suggestion to you that you approach your Liberal Members of Parliament to raise the question of Government's action to refusing Peace Council delegates from outside Union of South Africa. We are aware that not much useful purpose will be served by this move, but we shall have records nevertheless.

We are following events with great interest as they occur throughout the African Continent. To us we are fighting a great battle for liberation of underdogs of African Continent. I hope you will be able to send us records of the Conference if such are obtainable.

With my very best wishes, for your good work!
Yours sincerely,

General Secretary.

P.S. I have already received a letter from Brother Michael H. and I am very grateful to you!

P.S. just before closing this letter I received letter Adv. vanc
issue of 17th Sept. 1953, then I am well informed of
major move by the ~~committee~~ of ~~young~~ in the Union
of South Africa. It is ~~that~~ ~~peace~~ ~~lessons~~.
One being ~~made~~ ~~target~~ by the ~~national~~ ~~Government~~
Govt.

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Miss Hilda Watts
Johannesburg.

Bewysstuk No.
Gekry by S.A. Peace Council
Deur NR. 20319(1) 1/5 per. P. Dransfield
Te. Somerset House, 118 Fox St, J.H.
Datum 25 - 9 - 1955

Dear Miss Watts Verwysings No. Legs NR. 2 - 8(32)(A)

I appreciate the literature which you have sent to me on behalf of the Peace Council and to help to cover expense I enclose a postal order for 2/6.

This is not a subscription but simply a contribution. My work for peace is based on Christian pacifism and I subscribe as generously as I can to two pacifist societies. I cannot myself take any part in war as a Christian. I don't understand why my fellow Christians are not of the same opinion.

How can we ever hope to justify the use of the atomic bomb with its indiscriminate slaughter?

My own view is that all human life is sacred and therefore it would be wrong for us ever to kill one person. After all we are taught "Thou shalt not kill." I was a conscientious objector in Britain during the 39-45 war and I have never regretted it. That war has not achieved a single one of its objects!

Under separate cover I am sending you two copies of "Peace News", a pamphlet by the Duke of Bedford (also a Christian pacifist) and a pamphlet by "barrade for World Government."

With good wishes

yours sincerely
(Mr.) P. Dransfield

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SOUTH AFRICAN PEACE COUNCIL

P.O. Box 10528,
Johannesburg.

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Mr P. Transfield,
P.O. Nqutu,
Zululend.

Bewysstuk No.
Gekry by S. H. Peace Council
Deur Mr. 2039(x) / 2011 - H. H. M. M.
Te Somerset House 118 Ex St. J. H. H.
Datum 28 - 9 - 1953

Dear Mr Transfield,

Verwysings No. Lys Nr. 2 - 8(32)(B)

You r letter of the 3rd addressed to Miss Watts has been handed to me for reply, since I have succeeded Miss Watts as Secretary of the Peace Council.

Thank you very much for your donation, for which a receipt is attached. Thank you also for the pamphlets and papers, which arrived a few days after your letter. I have handed them to the editor of our "Bulletin", who will no doubt mention in our next issue some of the very interesting material contained in these publications.

I shall see that you receive copies of our future circulars, bulletins, etc.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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(Handwritten initials)



THE TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL

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Dear Friend,

Kindly be advised that the next meeting of the executive committee of the above council, will be held at:-

6 B Somerset House,
110 Fox Street, Johannesburg.

On

WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL, 1954.

AT SIX O'CLOCK.

The agenda will be as follows:-

- 1) Minutes of previous meeting.
- 2) Matters arising.
- 3) Correspondence.
- 4) Public Symposium.
- 5) Convening of further meetings.
- 6) Intensification of Hydrogen Bomb campaign.
- 7) Finance.
- 8) GENERAL.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting, in order that we may make further steps forward in our Peace work.

Yours sincerely,

LEON LEVY. (SECRETARY.)

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Deur ...
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