The Secretary, Mahorral Congless,

104 End Street,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Kliptown school Boycott.

The above Committee, after two months of struggle against the Department's proposed erection of a school in Volkshaven, a new and uninhabited township, three to four miles distant from Kliptown, wishes to give you the facts to clarify the present situation; so as to enlist your organisation's worthy support.

In 1943, the parents of Kliptown undertock to boycott the present school in Kliptown as a protest against the erection of a school for Kliptown children in Volkshaven and also as a protest against continued schooling of the children in unhygienic buildings which then consisted of dilapidated stables, storerooms and church buildings. The Department of Education, realising that the parents were detemined to fight in the interest of a just cause, asked the Committee to call off the boycott, and promised to erect a bigger and better school in Kliptown, as the money had already been voted for the purpose.

In April 1946, the school Board erected temporary classrooms in Volkshaven, despite previous assurances and subsequent negotiations for a school in Kliptown. The parents, failing to obtain satisfaction, through normal constitutional channels, undertook another boycott.

This boycott reached a climax when five women were charged with public violence and convicted. The Magistrate commented, after an inspection in loco of the school in Volkshaven, as follows:—

"The Court has seen the site proposed for the new school at Volkshaven, and has ascertained that to get there, the children must walk a long way over a dangerous railway, or cross an even more dangerous spruit.

"Some official body in the Department of Education must have been unreasonable or at fault in not complying with the urgent requests of the residents of Kliptown.

"I come to the conclusion that something is mrong. The Department cannot be excused, because it has had petitions, and the redidents registered a protest in no uncertain manner."

Rand Daily Mail, Tuesday, July9, 1946.

The Department has made no reply to this criticism, and is preparing to accommodate some of the children at Volkshaven when the school resores on July 30, 1946.

The Committee is determinded to continue the boycott and is calling an open air public meeting in front of the Grand Theatre, Kliptown, on Sunday 28 July, 1946, and invites representatives from your organisation to be present and if possible give moral support from your organisation.

We also urgently call upon you to assist us by sending telegrams of protest to the Director of the Transvaal Education Deprt., and the Minister of Education on Tuesday, 30 July, 1946.

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Mr. A.W.G. Champion, M.R.C., 19, Old Duton Road, Burban, Natal.

Dear Mr. Brovincial President,

I wish to thank you for your letter of recent date and also for your good wishes to the family. I regret however, that you forget to put in the enclosure which might have explained to us your difficulties.

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