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THE TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL



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Address all correspondence to: THE SECRETARY, BOX 10528 JOHANNESBURG

11th March, 1954.

The Secretary,
The South African Peace Council,
57 Nevada House,
21 Von Brandis Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Friend,

The Executive Committee of the above Council has agreed to the principle of employing a part-time peace worker and has directed me to co-operate with the South African Peace Council in this regard.

Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience as to what steps you have taken to further this end in order that we may improve the running of our organisation as soon as possible.

Yours fraternally,

LEON LEVY
SECRETARY

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your letter. We are forwarding it to the World Peace Council which will probably be able to help you to obtain the material required.

We shall be sending you a pamphlet "Colonial Education" which is being published by the IUS and which contains some information on the educational conditions in the colonial and dependent countries including some African countries.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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G. Mukul,
 Acting Vice President,
 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS.

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3 Somerset House,
 110 Fox Street,
 Johannesburg.

Dear Friend,

Kindly be advised that a meeting of the members of the above Council will be held on

SATURDAY JUNE 12th, 1954;

AT
 KHOLVAD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR.

27 MARKET STREET, JOHANNESBURG. AT. 2.30 P.M.

AGENDA.

- 1) Resolution on Doornfontein Peace Branch.
- 2) FUTURE PEACE PLANS.
- 3) GENERAL.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting, as many important matters will be discussed.

With Peace greetings,

YOURS FRATEERNALLY,

LEON LEVY.

SECRETARY.

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THE TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL.

3B, Somerset House,
110 Fox Street,
Johannesburg.

Dear Friend,

An enlarged meeting of the Transvaal Peace Council will take place on Saturday, 26th February, 1955 at 2.30. P.M. in the Board Room, 5th floor, KHOLVAD HOUSE, 27, Market Street, Johannesburg.

This enlarged Council meeting will include all peace members and supporters and it is absolutely imperative that as many people attend as possible.

We are enclosing a copy of the "ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLES" which was issued at Stockholm on the 23rd, November, 1954, and we trust that you will pass this document onto as many organisations and individuals with whom you are familiar.

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:-

- 1) Secretary's Report.
- 2) Discussion on the policy and organisational reports submitted by the South African Peace Council.
- 3) Election of Officials and an Executive Committee.
- 4) Future Peace Campaigns.
- 5) General.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting,

Yours fraternally,
LEON LEVY. (SECRETARY.)

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PEACE COUNCIL

3^B SOMERSET HOUSE • 110 FOX ST.

8th JANUARY 1955.

URGENT APPEAL TO ALL PEACE COUNCIL MEMBERS, SUPPORTERS AND SYMPATHISERS TO WAGE A GREAT CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE RE-ARMAMENT OF WESTERN GERMANY.

Dear Friend,

The decision of the French National Assembly to ratify the London and Paris Agreements has brought nearer, to all the peoples of the world, the danger of the revival of the German Wehrmacht and a third World War.

This means that the ambitions of the German Militarists have been fed and that Europe and Germany will be divided. This means that the arms race will be speeded up and that in a short time the burden will be placed upon everyone.

We South Africans know, that in this age of Hydrogen and Atomic bombs, Germ warfare and other weapons of mass destruction, there is little likelihood of anyone on this globe escaping the conflict, the ashes, tears and blood of war.

Therefore, we call upon every man and women, who loves peace and yearns to live free from fear and hate of other peoples, to do all in their power to defeat the plans of the merchants of death to launch a third world war. We must not allow the unthinkable to happen, we must not allow Western Germany to be re-armed, we must act, all of us together, and prepare the way to security and peace.

The South African Peace Council in an urgent appeal has directed our council to respond immediately to the world campaign against German Re-Armament and has set us the following target.

- 1) To hold fifteen house meetings within eight weeks
- 2) To raise £75 immediately for the printing of a new leaflet,
- 3) To hold bazaars, Cake Sales, Jumble Sales and functions.

We appeal to you to rally round the peace Council in its determined struggle to defend peace.

With Peace greetings,

Bewysstuk No.....

Gekry by *SA Peace Council*

Yours fraternally, *Sp. Y. Rependorp*

T. *Somerset House, Fox St. 110, S.A.B.*

LEON LEVY. *28/9/55*

SECRETARY

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SOUTH AFRICAN PEACE COUNCIL

P. O. BOX 10528

JOHANNESBURG

24th January, 1955.

Dear Friend,

Enclosed please find the draft reports prepared by the South African Peace Council on questions of policy and organisation.

The South African Peace Council will be most interested to hear your comments and suggestions in regard to these reports.

With peace greetings,

Yours fraternally,

B. D. ...
for: SECRETARIAT.

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SOUTH AFRICAN PEACE COUNCIL



P.O. BOX 10528

JOHANNESBURG

23rd February, 1955.

African National Congress.
38 Barclay Arcade,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Friend,

A meeting of the South African Peace Council will take place on Friday the 4th March, 1955, at 2 p.m. at Kholvad House, Market Street, Johannesburg.

This meeting will discuss important questions of policy and organization and will consider ways and means of considerably strengthening the peace movement. Attention will also be given to South African participation in and the development of support for the forthcoming great World Assembly.

The South African Peace Council has great pleasure in inviting your organization to send a representative to this important meeting.

Kindly inform us of the name of your representative by the 25th February, 1955.

Yours sincerely,

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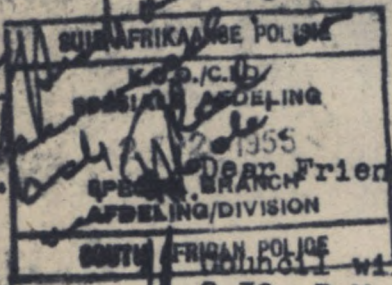
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~~THE TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL.~~

3B, Somerset House,
110 Fox Street,
Johannesburg.



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The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:-

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 - 2) Discussion on the policy and organisational reports submitted by the South African Peace Council.
 - 3) Election of Officials and an Executive Committee.
 - 4) Future Peace Campaigns.
 - 5) General.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting,

Yours fraternally,
LEON LEVY. (SECRETARY.)

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22nd February, 1955.

Council of Non-European Trade Unions,
Rosenberg Arcade,
Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Handwritten notes:
Please find enclosed notice of enlarged Council Meeting which the Transvaal Peace Council has convened for February 26th 1955, at 2:30p.m.
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Dear Friend,

Please find enclosed notice of enlarged Council Meeting which the Transvaal Peace Council has convened for February 26th 1955, at 2:30p.m.

From the Trade Union Movement we would like to draw our support and strength and we look forward to your sending duly credited delegates to attend.

With Peace Greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Leon Levy,
Secretary,
TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL.

walks of life discussed and adopted every clause of the "Freedom Charter" in the most peaceful manner even in the face of police intimidation. Under the heading "There shall be Peace and Friendship" is the following clause:-
"South Africa shall strive to maintain WORLD peace and the settlement of all international disputes by negotiation--not war".

The South African Peace Council held an open-air exhibition at the Congress of the People. Many hundreds of people came into the Peace pavillion and signed the appeal against the preparation of an atomic war. Over two thousand (2,000) leaflets issued by the South African Peace Council were sold, and a resolution proposed by a speaker in support of the Helsinki Assembly, and the Appeal was unanimously adopted.

We regret to advise that towards the closing of the Congress over three hundred (3,00) police, armed with sten-guns surrounded the assembly, searched and photographed the delegates, and slashed the peace exhibition to pieces as well as confiscating the literature sold to the delegates. The petition forms were also seized, therefore, we were unable to send any copies to you.

In the Transvaal we are experiencing severe difficulties as regard public meetings. Due to the rigid and shameful colour-bar laws existing in South Africa, public halls are denied to the S.A.P.C., therefore, we have been compelled to concentrate on house meetings. We have found, however, that these meetings prove to be successful which are held regularly in the townships and the suburbs.

On Sunday, 14th August, 1955 the Transvaal Peace Council succeeded in holding a public meeting after booking the hall under a private name. A report on the Helsinki Assembly and the Geneva Conference was given, and a resolution pledging ourselves to fight for the ~~maintainance~~ maintenance of World Peace was unanimously adopted.

We also have to report that "Peace Tables" were arranged in many suburbs and busy centres where the petitions were signed and well-received. The Regional Councils are insisting that peace publications are forwarded to them from time to time. We appeal to you to increase the supply of material sent to us in order to cater ~~XXXXX~~ for the demands of the ~~XXXXXX~~ councils, as we are not in a position to publish material regularly due to lack of finance.

We particularly to mention an appreciation of Prof. Burhop's pamphlet "Mankind must Choose".

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If you have any more copies of the above pamphlet, please forward ~~them~~ ^{same} immediately to us as these will be of great value.

Our future campaigns will be reported to you in due course.

Be assured that the fight for peace on the southern tip of the continent of Africa will be intensified .

With our greetings of Peace,

Yours fraternally,

for: SECRETARIAL.
South African Peace Council.

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THE TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL

25 SOMERSET HOUSE @ 110 FOX STREET @ JOHANNESBURG

Phone..... Address all correspondence to: The Secretary

15th February '56.

The Secretary,
Transvaal In dia Youth Congress,
27, West Street,
Dear Friend,

On behalf of my committee I wish to invite your committee to
a joint-meeting to discuss the following agenda.

- (a) The possibility of co-ordinating our cultural activities.
- (b) Our role in the forth-coming Cultural Conference which is
to take place on February 26th.

The meeting will take place at the above address at 5.00p.m. sharp.
ON THE 20TH OF FEBRUARY

With Greetings,

Yours Fraternally,

J. X. Makinane for
Leon Levy.

Secretary Transvaal Peace Council.



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THE TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL

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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,

Rev. D. C. Thompson

Bewysstuk No.....
 Gekry by... *S.A. Peace Council* Rev. D. C. Thompson
 Deur... *NA 20319 (1) 1/6/55* CHAIRMAN
 Te... *Emerald House, 110 Fox St.* TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL
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TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL

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Dear Friends,

A. & H. BOMB PETITION.

In spite of an earlier request we have not received reports on the progress being made with regard to the signature campaign, from either Cape Town, Natal or Port Elizabeth. We understand from reports in New Age that approximately 3000 signatures have so far been collected in Natal and over 7000 have been collected in the Transvaal. The only centre which has submitted a full report is the Transvaal, and the details of their activities may assist others in the collection of signatures. The Transvaal Peace Council collected approximately 300 signatures at a Congress of the People Conference, 100 at the Transvaal ~~skikhaxixax~~ Indian Youth Congress Conference, 400 at the African National Congress Youth League Conference and in addition have collected signatures at tables in the streets in Town and in one or two suburbs. Many signatures have also been obtained at factories and in African Townships. The Transvaal Peace Council has further written letters and enclosed copies of the Appeal to about 500 organizations in the Transvaal.

These activities together with an intensified house to house collection can result in the collection of a vast number of signatures. It must be remembered that the signature is not a short campaign which can be given up after a weeks collection but must be carried on intensively over many weeks in order to achieve our object of collecting 100,000 signatures. The World Peace Assembly opens in Helsinki in about 14 days time and we would like to be able to report to the Assembly the collection of at least 25,000 signatures.

It is therefore essential that all Provincial Peace Council intensify collection efforts and that they utilize every possible opportunity of collecting signatures. People who are busy organizing in regard to Congress of the People should be used to collect signature Petition forms should be passed round at every meeting of Trade Unions, the Congresses and other organizations. Signature collectors should collect signatures outside factory gates, schools, sport gatherings, clubs etc.

Please inform immediately in detail of your activities in regard to signature collecting. So far the S.A.P.C. considers that it would shortly be necessary to print further petitions forms and it has decided that the Natal Peace Council should make itself responsible for the collection of the necessary funds.

In conformity with the proposed fund raising made at the recent meeting of the S.A.P.C. we feel that the Natal Peace Council should direct its attention to the raising of funds for the specific purpose of printing further appeal forms. This must be done quickly as we would like to receive the required £20 by the 25th Jan.

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Congress of the People. The secretariat has decided to send an observer to the Congress of the People and we hope that our observer will be given an opportunity to address the gathering. In addition it is proposed to set up a Peace stall at the site of the Congress which will include the Peace exhibition. Leaflets will be distributed and delegates will be asked to sign the peace petitions. In addition it is hoped to make contact with people from many parts of the country and if possible to ask the Provincial Peace Councils to inform us of the names of delegates from their provinces who could usefully be contacted.

WORLD PEACE ASSEMBLY. There will be at least four delegates at the World Peace Assembly. We hope that you will effectively display the Assembly posters which was recently sent to you.

NEWS FROM THE CENTRES. We would like to mention that the Natal Peace Council has recently considerably increased its activity and has set itself the target of collecting 25,000 signatures. May Day meetings there endorsed the Appeal as well as well as meetings of Trade Unions. A very good resolution on Peace was passed at the Natal Indian Congress Conference, and an excellent conference was held by the Natal Peace Council. We have already mentioned the activity of the Transvaal Peace Council but are unable to say anything about the Cape because we have received no news from them.

Yours for peace.

Leon Levy.
SECRETARY.

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