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Oell 2, Marshall Square, 22nd August, 1956.

Dear Comrades,

If affords me the greatest pleasure to be able to write these few words to you. But I would have been happier if I could have been with you at this particular time, to be able at least, to infed and fill myself with that bountiful and complimentary enthusiasm & determination which is so typical of youth and in particular of you.

The Few days that I have been away from you all & the few months that I will be away from the hub & nub, the swirl and whirl and the unwertainties & certainties of the revolutionary activity has had & will have a tremendous and profound effect on me. I have been able to think with a clear mind of many things. (it is funny what goal life can do to a person) & come to understand quite a few things which were only theory & pre thought slegans to me. I have come to realise what life & the masses really mean to me. In goal you see hunger and death, beatings & spying, filth and despendency. You really then understand & come to realise what life is, because you become part of the masses. You become part of the loneliness, who despondency, the filth and the hunger. What most of us have regarded as more slegans become a reality, for all that denotes the expression - masses, becomes projected on to us. It is only now, and mind you for these few days, that I have really come to know how wonderful & good it is to be alive. For it is only here that you are thrown at the very thin edge of existence, and when you come to realise how wonderful it is to be alive - to live, to breath. Life then has a real meaning to you, and you become truly aware of the wonderful things life can provide. And yet at the same time you become enthralled and afraid of the immensity and responsibility of the task ahead of you to achieve these better things in life. It becomes a near impossibility, but it is only when the bitter claws of loneliness & despondency talk hold of you that you loose confidence and courage.

But to me, here in goal, it has not become a mere vision, but a real possibility. For I do not stand alone in this precious fight, but millions of comrades like you stand with me.

Yes, it is a wonderful thought that that one thing - Freedom - should have such an unbreakable and human grip on so many millions.

For are we not the true sons & daughters of the soil, and only because we are true sons & daughters of the soil do we become so enthuse with what is human and just.

what makes me really sad is the thought that I would not be with you for 4 months. That I would not be able to laugh, work and quarrel with you. That I would not be able to help bring about that great change in our society, as I am so confident would take place during the four months that I will be languishing behind bars. For I have full confidence that the inevitable transformation from a fascist country to one where the people shall (shall) govern, is not very far away.

Let us not shirk our duties, but take it as only comrades can take it.

Let us work unceasingly and undeterringly towards the implementation of the great Freedem Charter. Let us forget our petty squables, for the time for action is here. Let us grow with confidence & courage in our struggle until THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN. Youth - forward to a free South Africa, where we will be ridded of this syphilis and filth pregnated society, even if it means a few months or years in gaol, for is not the greatest relationship between God & Man, man's preparedness to lay down his life for his people?

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> Yours in prison, Lionel.



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31st August, 1955.

Dr. Y.M. Dadoo, 47 End Street, Johannesburg.

Dear Dr. Dadoo,

On behalf of the National Executive Committee and all our members, I have been asked to extend to you our very sincere greetings on the occasion of your birthday, on the 5th September.

with the fight for freedom, an anniversary such as your birthday, is measured and marked by the progress of the liberatory struggle. If the 5th September symbolises another year of fascist rule in South Africa, it also symbolises a great year in the forward march of the people of South Africa for progress and liberty. Although you were not able to be present at the Congress of the People at Kliptown, you were present in our thoughts and hearts, and we knew that such an assembly would never have been possible without the years of sacrifice, devotion and leadership given by great men such as you.

May your next birthday be celebrated in a

Yours fraternally,

for National Chairman.

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South African Coloured People's Organisation (S.A.C.P.O.) Suid-Afrikaanse Kleurling-Organisasie (S.A.K.O.)

Chairman: A. DANIELS

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Secretory: S.B. Lollan.

18th August, 1955

HAND DELIVERY.

I have been instructed by my 'xecutive Committee to inform you of a meeting of the South Africam Coloured People's Organisation and to ask you to send us a fraternal speaker for this meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Trades Hall, 30 Kerk Street, Johannesburg on Sunday 21st August, 1957 at 2 p.m.

I have also been instructed to suggestex the name of "rs H. Joseph to speak, if it is possible.

Than ing you inanticipation,

Yours for Freedom,

Secretary

S.A. Coloured Peoples'
ORBANISATION.

J- P Fillieux 615 Chaussée de Boondael Ixelles- Belgium.

D94 Brussels, August 17, 1955.

To the Secretary of the South African Congress of Democra P.O Box 4088 Johannesburg.

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As a student in the faculty of palitical, economic and social sciences, I have to write a thesis to complete my staries at the University of Brussels. The subject deals with Race Relations in South Africa. As some datails are quite difficult to be found in Belgium, I take on myself to ask you some of the necessary informati

I have found mention of your organisation in different pamphlats and articles and lately in "Educating for ignorance" which states your point of view on the Bantu education Act.

I would like to know what are the objects of your Congress, if you admit members of different races and which kind of action you perform in the field of Pace Relations. What is the attitude of your Congress, in face of the racial conflict existing in South Africa? Therefore I would really enjoy if you could supply me with the publications, resolutions and memorandums of your association.

Could you also inform me about the policy your Congress advocates to solve the racial tension existing at the moment. How does the future of Race Relations pre -sents itself for the the coming years.

I would also be very grateful to obtain from you any factual information or adv -ce which would contribue tomake my essay the more objective and the more close

Which organsisation or private persons, liberal in mind , would you advice me to contact! I would specially appreciate to obtain the present adress of Reverend Trevor Huddleston CR.

Hoping to receive a most useful aid from you, I remain very Faithfully.

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31st. August, 1955.

Mr. J.P. Fillieux, 615 Chaussee de Boondael, Ixelles. Belgium.

Dear Briend,

We were very interested to receive your letter of the 17th August and have sent you under separate cover per surface mail literature which will be of use to you.

Wou will see from the material sent to you that our organisation stands for equality of all the peoples in South Africa. Together with the African National Congress (which is the national organisation of the African people) the S.A. Indian Congress, and the S.A. Coloroudd Peoples Organisatio we stand to fight the reactionary segregation policies of the Government. The coloured non-white people of South Africa suffer terrible indignities and discrimination and we are trying to win Mante people to our point of view which is that all people are equal and entitled to equal opportunities. Ours is not an easy task as the majority of white people in South Africa have become accustomed to treating the non-white people as inferior and to paying them extremely low wages. There is no colour bar in our organisation although our main task is working amongst Europeans, and the non-Europeans are catered for in the other Congresses mentioned. We believe that only by working together with these congresses and uniting with the non-white people can we defeat fascism in this country.

You may have heard of the Congress of the People, an assembly of delegates, which took place on the 25th and 26th June in Johannesburg. This Congress was sponsored by the four congresses working jointly, and preparations were carried on over eighteen months. Delegates were elected from street meetings house meetings, factory meetings, villagesm kraals etc. etc. Three thousand delegates came to the Congress from all over South Africa, including African women and men from remote villages. They came to formulate a Freedom Charter, which was adopted in the face of police who raided the Congress on the second day before its close. The people sangé after each clause was passed despite the fact that police were present and were searching.

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We have sanding oposlong with the other material a copy of the Freedom Charter. It is the task of the four congresses to make this charter known to all the people of South Africa and to try and win their support for it.

Pather Huddleston's address is The Priery, Rosettenville, Johannesburg. South Africa.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

National Secretary.

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