

Minutes of an interview by some members of the T.A.C. of the P.G. A.N.C. at 104 End St, Durban, Johannesburg, on June 21<sup>st</sup> 1945 at 4 PM.

Messrs. S.S. Malatso; J. Mankos; Muretselle;  
Present: ~~The following members of the~~  
a. Khomo + a member of the T.A.C. interviewed  
D.A. Xuma (P.G. Assoc) in the presence of D.P. Kg. Sene; R.G. Malyi + E. Mupfanyane (Executive Committee mems of the A.N.C.)

D.A. Xuma said the interview was a result of a telephonic conversation between himself and Mr. Muretselle. Although no agenda had been planned during this conversation, he had received a letter from Mr. A. Mubelle - who styled himself Vice Secretary of the T.A.C. with H.Q. at P.R.A. + a sub office in Johannesburg, in which was conveyed to him ① The agenda; ② The desire of the presence of local mems of the A.N.C. Executive Committee and ③ The names of the Transvaal mems who would attend the interview.

- The following was the agenda sent in the letter
- ① Status of Working Committee of the T.A.C. +
  - ② Distribute of National Identity Cards + Print of the T.A.C. Cards.

The P.G. in opening the discussion stated that he did not consider the T.A.C. mems present as any particular Committee of the T.A.C.; but recognised them as <sup>individual</sup> members of the T.A.C.

Mr Mankos: Stated that the ~~agenda had been sent because it was felt that any discussion of the T.A.C. was dependent on these~~ <sup>letter had been sent because</sup> ~~any discussion of the T.A.C. was dependent on these~~ <sup>points of the agenda sent.</sup>

Dr Xuma: Asked who the President of the T.A.C. was and its Executive Committee.

Mr Mankos: replied that he believed the A.N.C. was in the dark as to the official and the latest developments in the T.A.C. He went on to explain that there was no President but that as a result of <sup>unity</sup> negotiations between the 2 rival bodies in Transvaal ~~the~~ <sup>each</sup> joint considered ~~the~~ <sup>itself</sup> the T.A.C. a working committee was appointed the Chairman of which is the likes official, in the meantime, on

The TAC

Mr. W. J. ...: asked if there were two companies in the TAC.

Mr. ...: replying in the affirmative said there was the  
Petra group under Mr. ... & the group  
whose president was the late Mr. ...

Dr. ...: asked when the unity negotiations had been  
started by these groups.

Mr. ...: replied that he believed it was somewhere in  
November of 1942. ~~The other TAC ...~~, however  
corrected him & gave the date as January 10<sup>th</sup> 1943.

Dr. ... said he had a definite reason for asking  
for the announcement of such negotiations as he had  
he had approached in July 1942 by Mr. ...  
who regretted his section could not, owing to financial  
difficulties attend the ANC meeting - ~~was~~ on the  
29<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1942.

On his return from the ... appointed  
... who had pledged his Gulf ...  
ANC and told him that the ANC favored not  
merging 2 provincial sections in 1 province +  
said the ANC would welcome a merger of the 2  
sections with 1 leader hip.

Mr. ... <sup>submitted this committee</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>could not remember the date of the</sup>  
Incentive meeting at which a deputation  
was apptd. to open negotiations at Petra. However,  
a meeting was held and the 2 bodies agreed to  
fuse and establish 1 prov. Congress. A committee  
was apptd. to make recommendations concerning  
such fusion. This committee <sup>submitted this committee</sup> reported to a Joint  
Incentive meeting held at ... which ~~recommendations~~  
were accepted. A committee was then apptd. to  
control the province until an election was held.  
This committee was not self apptd. but it was  
apptd. by the 2 incentive committees one of which had  
its HQ at ... the other's HQ was at ... This  
committee was known as the Working Committee and  
was empowered to take control of the TAC province  
until a <sup>state</sup> Congress was convened in October 1943.

Dr. ... requested that the P.C. ~~should be allowed to~~  
~~to speak without interference from those present.~~  
~~first be stated before being apptd.~~

Dr X... then continued and said he as an agent of the  
 A.C. was interested in getting things straightened out  
 the movement. The A.C. was concerned about the state of  
 affairs in the Col, and it was anxious to get to a point  
 where the T.A.C. could be in order. The organization was not  
 a personal organization and whatever was done should be  
 in the interest of the African people and not in the interest  
 of individuals. This was the understanding when he spoke  
 of the Ntshudane. As a result of his talk with  
 Ntshudane a meeting was called at the house on  
 November 24<sup>th</sup> 1942. Present at that meeting were Messrs.  
 Mphahlele, Chabane, Shabane, Ntshudane & Mthembu.  
 It was agreed at that meeting that Mr. Mthembu be  
 appointed <sup>as envoy</sup> of the P.G. to approach the P.H. group on  
 unity and to report on his mission to the P.G.  
 It was already planned that should the P.H. group  
 be prepared to join the officially <sup>recognized</sup> group,  
 the ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> groups would be centralized under the P.G.  
 who would ~~take~~ <sup>take</sup> control of the Province until an election  
 was held at a date suitable to both groups.  
 As no report had ~~been~~ <sup>was</sup> received from Mr. Mthembu  
 the ~~matter~~ <sup>matter</sup> progress could be made.

Dealing with the present Working Committee the  
 P.G. pointed out that ~~the principle of~~ <sup>the principle of</sup> ~~a working~~ <sup>a working</sup> ~~letter~~  
 was that it ~~should~~ <sup>appointed</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>function</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>where</sup> ~~members~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~  
 Executive were far apart and ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~local~~ <sup>local</sup> ~~members~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~an~~  
 organization who ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> ~~near~~ <sup>near</sup> the H.Q. were found  
 into a Working Committee ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~obliged~~ <sup>obliged</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~report~~ <sup>report</sup> ~~to~~  
 the Executive Committee. This could be an Working Committee  
 without an Executive.

This working committee besides being constitutionally  
 out of order, was dealing with a matter that the  
 National Congress had already set apart.

Mr Mthembu: said he was not aware by the 10/1/42  
 of the P.G.'s efforts to get the 2 groups to merge.

Dr X... <sup>asked if</sup> at the meeting held on the 19/1/42 Mr Mthembu was  
 present.

Mr Mthembu: said the members of the Executive had been  
 called to attend the meeting of the 29/1/42.

Minutes of <sup>an interview of the P.G. A.C.</sup> ~~a meeting~~ held at D.A.O. Kumar's  
rooms, 107 End St, Dooapat, Phramboy, on Monday,  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1945 at 4 P.M.

Present D.A.O. Kumar (Chair) D.P. Ka. J. Sene, Messrs.  
R.G. Babuji, E. Inqutangan, J. Mankis, S. Kulkar,  
Kunetsche, A. Kabelle, J.A. Khoro.

D. Kumar as P.G. of the A.C. <sup>in opening</sup> the discussion  
& stated that the meeting had been called on the  
invitation of Kunetsche. ~~He had, however, received~~  
a letter <sup>in which</sup> was conveyed to him the agenda of the  
meeting, and <sup>in which</sup> was expressed the desire of having  
present <sup>but</sup> members of the Executive <sup>of the</sup> A.C. He did  
not require those present as being <sup>representatives</sup> of the  
T.A.C. but recognized them as persons <sup>interested</sup>  
in the <sup>work</sup> of the T.A.C. ~~He stated that the T.A.C. should~~  
~~be the T.A.C.~~

Mr. Mankis said that as any discussion on the unity of the  
T.A.C. was dependent on points (1) The Status of the Working  
Committee

+ were aware of more towards unity  
asked if report of ~~the~~ <sup>this</sup> move had been made  
to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Kralovec

answered in the affirmative.

Dr. Yung said that the time for finality in this  
had come.

Mr. Martelle

argued that a division was not  
desirable and it did appear that those persons  
who were not ~~clearly~~ <sup>clearly</sup> assigned positions on  
the merger committee stood in the way <sup>to</sup> ~~of~~ ultimate  
unity.

Dr. Yung

asked by what power did the Executive  
Committee ~~approve~~ <sup>disolve</sup> and appoint a  
Committee in control. It would seem that the  
RCA group should have joined the parent  
body and then an election should have  
been ~~held~~ <sup>held</sup>.

Mr. Martelle

argued that the Constitution was being  
violated by ~~anyone~~ <sup>anyone</sup> from 90% to 100% <sup>small</sup>

Dr. Yung

felt that there should have been a report  
~~made~~ <sup>made</sup> and all tickets &  
funds surrendered to the parent body before the  
appointment of a committee.

Mr. Kralovec

said no number of tickets or funds had  
been made. The validity of the working  
committee however, had been sanctioned by a  
conference held on the 11/4/45 & called by the  
Chairman.

Mr. Martelle

\* Appreciated the efforts made towards  
unity, but asked if there <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>any</sup> ~~any~~  
outspiced it had achieved unity.

Mr. Martelle

D. Krueger asked why, after a new committee had been set up, did the members of that new committee attend a conference called by someone who was not Secretary of that committee.

Mr. Whittle: stated they attended because ~~some~~ <sup>it was</sup> the speaker affected their committee.

Mr. Woods said that that conference was called in <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>presence</sup>.

Mr. Whittle ~~proposed~~ <sup>proposed</sup> further that at this conference a select committee was appointed to discuss the status of the working committee. This it did + submitted a report.

Mr. Whittle asked if Mr. Whittle was recognized as Secretary of the P.G.

Mr. Woods answered: It is appropriate + ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~working~~ <sup>working</sup> committee.

D. Stone pointed out that the P.G. stressed the constitutional point of the matter, there would be only 1 provincial layer.

D. Krueger said there was only 1 Prov. layer recognized officially. Those who attended the party on the 11/4/43 made "a correct mistake" as they attended a party called by the provincial secretary. He had allowed those present to discuss the matter at some length to give them an opportunity to get into the matter properly. The point method adopted in reaching unity would cause always favour. If as soon as unity was achieved the parties had called on the National Secretary to conduct the Province until an election was held, there would not have been so much trouble. He appended to the P.G. with his persons

interested - the movement to Joseph ~~their~~ little personal differences and to settle this matter without further loss of time. He suggested, they, that if unity was agreed upon all assets of both groups be centralized under the P. U. who will take control until the election. <sup>to agree</sup> that both groups will agree upon. As soon as the new President is elected such assets will be handed over to him.

Mr Marks said he appreciated the P. U.'s remarks & solution, <sup>suggested</sup> ~~which was~~ <sup>which was</sup> however, not new. It had been turned down by vote in meeting. He thought it an effective solution.

Dr Xuma pointed out that the Assoc. was important ~~in this case~~ would not take sides. Decisions by vote could be wrong. Appeal could be made to the National Executive by Provincial groups. ~~Dr Seno~~ <sup>Dr Seno</sup> ~~said~~ <sup>said</sup> they were branches of the national league.

Dr Seno said that there was a right to call in the national league during a deadlock. It was desired to build up leagues & it was to be hoped that complaints & disputes would be reduced.

Dr Xuma went on to say that when a Provincial Executive was dissolved the National should take over.

Mr Marks said that was the right thing to do. Constitutionally; but stated that the constitution had been violated by all including the A.N.C. was only brought into vogue when it satisfied personal wishes.

Mr. Mupfey asked whether because the Constitution had been violated, it should be persistently violated.

Mr. Munks replied in the affirmative.

Dr. Lane said that was the very impression + start had to be made now to cut constitutionally.

Mr. Holden reported of a visit he made to Petri and found that the P.A. Executive was, since a Working Committee had been appointed, divided with itself. He said that the P.A. could save the situation + proposed that the P.G. carry out his plan for unity. The people were agreed to unite, but that the Executive Committee was divided, as some were would not save and the others.

Mr. Munks accepted this as the only solution.

Mr. Mupfey felt that <sup>the</sup> limit had been reached in this matter + thought it should be settled without much more waste of time.

Dr. Lane ~~thought~~ <sup>felt</sup> that the work must be done by the people. He would carry out his plan of calling both Executive together + settle the matter.

Mr. Mupfey pointed out that ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> officials would tell the nation that the National body was foreign + should not be allowed to take



A. N. C. - Tol 11/6/43  
ABX. 4306216

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

TRANSVAAL PROVINCE

140 - Sixth Avenue,  
Alexandra Township,  
JOHANNESBURG.

A Campaign to enrol a million members in terms of a resolution passed at the Annual Conference of the African National Congress held at Bloemfontein in December, 1942, has been undertaken by the Provincial Executive Committee, and meetings have been arranged as follows :

BALFOUR	27th June, 1943 at 3.30 p.m.
EAST RAND (Brakpan)	4th July, 1943 at 9 a.m.
LUIPAARDSVLEI	11th July, 1943 at 12.30 p.m.
RANDFONTEIN	11th July, 1943 at 4.30 p.m.
ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP.	18th July, 1943 at 9.30 a.m.
PRETORIA	25th July, 1943 at 10 a.m.
WITBANK	30th July, 1943 at 8.15 p.m.
MIDDELBURG	1st August, 1943 at 3 p.m.
POTCHEFSTROOM	8th August, 1943 at 2.30 p.m.

We are allocating speakers for each meeting, and local Committees can also arrange for speakers chosen from local men.

I shall be pleased if you will let me have a letter of confirmation to enable me to make definite and final arrangements.

C. S. RAMOHANOE

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

2527A Melk St.  
Bloemfontein.

21/6/43

The Organiser of African Bill of Rights Committee,  
104, End Street,  
Dorpsfontein  
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

It is well that we should marshal our forces and prepare our Bill of Rights in view of the fact that the Peace Conference may be on us at any time. If it were not for the fact that the African, like all the other nations on the side of the Allies in this war, is sacrificing his life and limb, we might be argued out of court <sup>at the Peace Conference</sup>, but what about Tlobruk and Sidi Regegh?

It is well that our Bill of Rights should be based on the premises on the three freedoms of the "Atlantic Charter". We should demand the following rights without which we have no say whatsoever in the affairs of our native land:—

(1) The right to vote side by side with white races for our representatives in the various legislative bodies. The question of separate parliament for this and that—

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race can never work. There can be <sup>no</sup> possible recreation of a Parliament - within another Parliament. History alone refutes that.

*Economic* (2) The abolition of all Colour Bars, so that the African can take his rightful place in all spheres of activity - be they commercial, industrial, professional, judicial or ecclesiastical.

*Defence* (3) The African should be trained in the art of warfare so that he can take his rightful place speedily and with credit to himself when occasion warrants it. He should also have a well defined place in Naval Training and its various branches.

*Economic* (4) The occupation of land should not be restricted by law and competition for most fertile lands should be free to all comers.

*Educational* (5) The Universities and colleges in this country should be open to the African as well as other races.

The Organiser: This letter was written as early as 21/6/43 last month. Owing to pre-occupation it was not posted then.

I am,

Yours faithfully  
Robert F. Setlogels


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*Row Relations*

21st June, 1943.

Mrs. Madie Hall Xuma,  
85 Toby Street,  
Sophiatown,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mrs. Xuma,

Thank you kindly for your note of the 17th June. Mrs. Phillips and I thoroughly enjoyed the programme which you put on on the evening of the 11th June. I understand that you are going to repeat the performance next month, and we will do our best to advertise the occasion among our friends.

We feel that you are making an excellent contribution to an understanding of Negro and African Life on the part of both South African Europeans and Africans. We trust that the huge amount of labour involved in staging an evening such as that which we enjoyed will not discourage you from repeating your efforts again and again.

With the best of good wishes to Doctor and yourself,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

*Ray Phillips*

REP/UM

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22nd June,

3.

Rev. James A. Calata,  
President,  
Cape African Congress,  
St. James' Mission,  
P.O. CRADDOCK, C.P.

My dear President,

Greetings! I deeply regret my inability to attend your Annual Conference; but with your deliberations every success.

Congress has gained a distinguished personnel in its membership and it will be a tragedy if each of the members do not realise what a reflection it will be on their leadership unless the membership of the organisation increases into hundreds of thousands, in keeping with the resolution of the African National Congress for a million members at the end of this year. We must organise the country and give our people an opportunity of keeping together and expressing their hopes and despairs through their National Organisation.

It is incumbent upon our M.R.Cs. to organise Congress branches throughout their constituencies as they would make a channel of communication for them during their itinerary. Through you and the Conference, I wish to appeal to our Cape M.R.Cs.

I also wish to request you to read to the Conference the correspondence relating to the Raids at Craddock and Naauwpoort. Read my letter to the Minister concerned and to the Parliamentary representatives and also your letters to the Parliamentary representatives as well as the final reply from the Commissioner of Police. Let the Conference know that the Government recognised Congress under its present leadership as a national organisation with a definite status and we welcome the apologies of the Government and wish all to realise that our Congress leadership is respected and

P.T.O.

respectable/..

respectable.

You may mention to the Conference the gift to the National body from Mrs. Kuma and also a gift of £5 (Five Pounds) from ex-Senator J. D. Rheinallt-Jones who offers to be an annual subscriber.

I would suggest that your Congress should pass a resolution designating the organisation as the African National Congress (Cape Province) instead of the Cape African Congress. This will help ~~dis-~~ *facilitate* distinguish the organisation of individual membership and branches.

Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK DENNIS - GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

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22nd June,

3.

Rev. Jas. A. Caiata,  
Secretary-General,  
African National Congress,  
P.O. CRADOCK, S.P.

My dear Secretary-General,

Mr. Maphikela has arranged for the 12th - 14th  
December, 1943, for our Annual Conference.

My point in the last letter was that the Conven-  
tion may have announced their dates without previously  
engaging the hall, and

You will also be interested to know that the play  
written and produced by Mrs. Auma took in a gross receipts  
of about £160; but the expenses were so high that the  
net receipts will be somewhere around £115 to £120 which  
she will donate to the African National Congress, as she  
promised £100 at the last Annual Conference. The play  
is being repeated and the receipts, over and above the  
expenses will be paid into the funds of the National  
Congress.

I shall communicate with you officially to give  
you the exact amount later.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.



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# JOHANNESBURG AFRICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PATRON: THE HON. MR. JUSTICE SOLOMON.

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JOHANNESBURG.

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Johannesburg, 22nd June 1943

Dr A.B.Xuma,  
President General ,  
African National Congress,  
46x 104 End Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

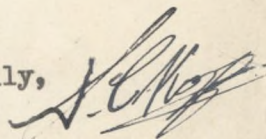
Dear Dr Xuma,

In reply to your letter of the 19th June 1943, We regret to inform you that the two football Associations have resolved ,not to stage fixtures for the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS in the season 1943 for the purpose of raising for the said organisation. This matter was brought up in a joint meeting of the two Associations which was held at the Bantu Sports Club, on the 5th June 1943. It was in this meeting where the above resolution was taken.

This meeting again resolved that such games can only be staged in the coming season of the year 1944, when both Associations will be perhaps on a sound footing. We still have to educate our players and football public. We all know the desperate efforts you are making to raise funds for the African National Congress: which body we consider to be the only ~~salv~~ Salvation for the African people in this ~~C~~ country.

Yours Faithfully,

L.C.Koza,

  
HON. SECRETARY. (J.A.F.A.)

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labour matters - trades union

22nd June, 1943.

Mr. D. Gosani,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Council of Non-European Trade Union,  
P.O. Box 4549,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I regret to say that we are unable to furnish you with 30 copies of the "Terms of Reference of the Atlantic Charter Committee".

We presumed that your Council was in a position to draft the necessary statement and nominate your representative on the National Committee from members of the Council itself without referring the Terms of Reference to individual affiliated members.

We wrote the Council to obviate the difficulty of approaching each Union individually for a statement. In fact many National organisations were similarly approached, fortunately for us, we were not called upon to furnish extra copies for the provincial branches.

I shall be glad if your Council will see their way clear to act on the matter. They may have to refer the final statement to the various Unions; but it would see that various Unions should have enough confidence in their representatives to depend upon their good judgement in this matter.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

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22nd June,

1943.

Mr. N.M. Makgatho,  
30, Swan Street,  
HEMONT.

My dear Mr. Makgatho,

I regret to say that, pressed with other engagements, I put your letter with a pile of other numerous letters hoping to reply to it as soon as possible and not reading that there was a date limit for my reply.

I should be glad to take part at the meeting of your Association and say a few words, as desired by you. I could possibly do that between 11.30 a.m. and 1 p.m., as I am heavily occupied on Sundays.

Anyway, I wish your movement every possible success, and I would be glad to do anything I am able to to assist you when called upon.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

Charter

ABX. 430623

23rd June,

Mr. Peteni,  
Secretary,  
Study Circle,  
Orlando Secondary School,  
Orlando Township,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Peteni,

Enclosed herewith, please find a copy of an Outline of subjects to be written on as a basis for the Atlantic Charter or Bill of Rights of Africans.

I shall be glad to receive essays on the various aspects from members of your club and for your club to designate one of its members as member of the National Committee.

I have been waiting for Mr. Raboroko; but, unfortunately, we have not met since the last meeting.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY/ORGANISER  
ATLANTIC CHARTER COMMITTEE.

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24th June, 1943.

Mr. P.L.Chuene,  
Benoni Location,  
BENONI.

Dear Mr. Chuene,

As I am anxious to see you, I would be glad if you phoned me to make an appointment for a suitable date.

You could contact me by phone either at my home (35-9128) before 10 any morning or at my rooms (22-5311) between 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.  
OFFICE OF THE—KANTOOR VAN DIE

Native Commissioner,  
Duivelskloof.  
24th June, 1943.

A.N.C.  
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Mr. T. Masethe,  
DUIVELSKLOOF.

Greeting,

The Minister of Native Affairs has appointed Mr. T.D. Ramsay, in terms of section 2 of Proclamation No. 272 of 1930 as an auditor to inspect all books and accounts of the Duivelskloof Branches of the African Congress and the Communist Party.

This proclamation is a law providing for the audit of all accounts of persons or institutions that collect money from natives.

I shall be glad if you will, accordingly, produce all your books and accounts to me.

With greetings,

  
NATIVE COMMISSIONER.

Labour - trades union  
ABX. 930624c

30 Swan Street

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President. A.N.C.

27-6-43

Dr. A. B. Xuma

Johannesburg,

Sir;

I am sorry that I did not get reply from you, whether you accept my invitation to come and address a Meeting of the Transvaal-African civil servants' Association to be held at the Bantu Mens' social centre Kloof Street on Sunday The 27. June 1943, at 9:30.

It may be that your appointments were booked in such a way, that you had not the slightest chance of answering me.

I kindly enclose you a circular, which calls the sitting of that Meeting, and provision is made in it that prominent leaders of the Africans will address that Meeting. If time allows you, your presence as a father and a leader of the African Race will highly be appreciated.

yours

N. N. Makgatho

convener.

ABX. 430625a  
Labour - Wages

Box I392,  
JOHANNESBURG.  
25th June 1943.

Dear Doctor,

I am sending you herewith the promised memorandum which was only released by the Duplicators on Tuesday evening. To give you a few facts occupying the mind of the Commission, I may point out that perversion is strongest among the Portuguese Native when compared with the Union and other natives. Every Shangaan youngster leaving his father's home to do work on the Mine is destined to be a "wife" to someone, and whether he likes it or not he must succumb to the demands of the bigger man. His only means of escape is to join a religious body in the compound and stay in a room for such adherents. The percentage is very high and as far as I can see there is no way of lowering it. The housing of such families is out of the question under the present Portuguese system of allocation of labour to the mines. That government allows its subjects to work for 18 months only which certainly defeats the object of such residence on account of the shortness of period allowed.

A very small percentage of pondos and basutos indulge in this sort of thing, and ~~XXXXXX~~ these are to be found among the more hardened ones who have very little desire of going home. The most tragic thing of all is that once a man becomes an avowed pervert, woman does not exist to him. He can kill another man for taking his "wife" from him, but would not mind a bit if his wife cohabits with anyone. There seems to be some terrific and inexplicable hold such a compact have on the soul of the man to the tune of discarding all that is in a woman. Faction fights have been known to be caused by this very filthy thing.

Perhaps they may be a few more points you would like me to give. Let me know as soon as you can so that I give you all I can.

With my kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

*J. M. D. M. M. M.*



ABX. 4306256

25th June,

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Mr. R.H. Godlo,  
55, St. Paul's Street,  
EAST LONDON.

My dear Richard,

How are you and yours? I hope you are all well.

Firstly, I have been waiting for your essay on the "Atlantic Charter", and I must have it. Secondly, you are not like the pharases; but it seems to be the way of Councillors to take away documents and never to return them. I have urgently need my copy of the Soldiers' Pay Report of the Select Committee and I would very much appreciate your sending back the same by return post. I hope y

I hope you Councillors will take advantage of your contacts and need to travel and organise Congress branches wherever you go so as to use them as focal points and ~~bodies~~ to consult in carrying out your service as M.R.Cs.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL AND  
SECRETARY-ORGANISER  
ATLANTIC CHARTER COMMITTEE.

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Fort Hare,

Alice, C.P.

25/6/43.

Dr A. B. Xuma

104 End Street

Johannesburg.

Dear Dr Xuma,

I must begin with "congrats" to Mrs X on the excellent show she staged at the D.M.S.C. We saw the reports in the Press. It must have been great. I gather it was not bad from the financial point of view either.

As you may know I hope to be in Johannesburg shortly to join a group which is going to give evidence on behalf of the N.R. Council before the Mine Wages Commission. We appear on July 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope to leave here on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July to arrive in Johannesburg on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July by the East London train. I think it gets in about 5 p.m. Tell Mrs X to keep me a corner in the house. After the Mine Wages Commission I shall have to wait on the Reef for the Reces Committee of the

N. R. Council on the Representative Act. This meets  
on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Between the 9<sup>th</sup> & the 15<sup>th</sup> we shall  
be able to settle down to the Atlantic Charter  
matters and sort out the ideas which have come  
in so far.

By the way are you coming to the Cape  
Congress in P. E. I am hoping to attend. Senator  
Malesherbes & I are going down

Joseph is coming home next week for the  
holiday. He leaves Johannesburg on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
at 2 p.m. via Queenstown to arrive here on  
Saturday. Look here, what about Boyzie coming  
down with Babwe (Joseph) for the holiday.  
We should love to have the children. I understand  
the little girl hasn't been too well. Perhaps you  
might not think it advisable for her to travel  
in this cold weather but what about the  
boy coming down? They can go back together in August.

Would you kindly do me the favour of  
ringing Mosaka Stelling him that I hope to  
arrive in Johannesburg on July 6<sup>th</sup>. I'll get into touch  
with him as soon as I arrive. In fact I think  
the Committee should meet that same night to put  
the final touches to our evidence.

The Commission has been sitting in Kimp  
during the last two days. The evidence was not  
too bad. I must close with kind regards

Yours sincerely  
J. K. Matthews

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P.O. Box 2

Rand Leases.

The President.

Florida.

"African National Congress"

26/6/43

84 Loby Street c/o Edward Rd.

Sophia-town

Johannesburg.

Sir,

I would like to let you know  
at I have an individual  
complain- against- the management  
of the S.A.R. as regards their way  
of conducting their identification Parades.  
On the 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1943, I was summonsed  
to attend an identification Parade  
which would be held at Bramfontein  
at 10.30 A.M. and I did attend.  
When the ~~f~~ to point <sup>out- the</sup> ~~to~~ ticket-  
Examiner, who had assaulted me in  
the train, but to my surprise I  
escaped death in most instances.  
This identification parade was held  
in a way I did <sup>not</sup> understand.

Examiners

the other ticket, who were a mob used  
 all sorts of vulgar expressions against  
 me threatening my life and all the  
 time the Sergeant-in charge of the Parade  
 heard all this but only smiled, I  
 drew his attention to the matter all  
 he did was only to evade what I  
 said and insisted that I speak  
 in Afrikaans. The sergeant told  
 me all sorts of things and I  
 felt that I was not saved  
 amongst those people so I kept  
 quite, of course I can relate the  
 whole incident on consultation  
 finally I was kicked on my back  
 by one of the ticket-examiners  
 whom I reported to <sup>the</sup> Station master  
 and the Station master decided  
 that I make it a case.

Could you please take up this question  
 with your Committee,

Thanking you

I remain  
 Yours truly

P. G. S. MATHOLE

H.N.C. - Atlantic Charter  
HBX. 430626c

26/6/43

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## "The ATLANTIC CHARTER"

by

D D T Jabavu

*Questions relating to Interpretation of Charter*

Our representatives in the Native Representative Council last November rightly pressed the government for a clear interpretation of the Atlantic Charter. The reason for this pressure is not far to seek. The original terms of the Charter are couched in grandiose language that easily satisfies complacent communities that find this world a fairly comfortable place to live in. But in the case of the Black races that inhabit South Africa, this charter can mean something great and epochal if given a close and conscientious interpretation by the rulers that be. On the other hand it may amount to nothing more than empty words if the government of this land intends to stop at the reply given at Pretoria last November. The questions that naturally arise are these :-

- (1) Does this charter apply only to peoples who governed themselves before the present war, or does it include those under the domination of imperial countries by reason of ~~not~~ having been defeated in previous wars?
- (2) Will this charter work for the inclusion of Africans at the peace conference or conferences?
- (3) Will the opinions of Africans be recognised under the ~~to~~ terms of the Third Article "the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live"?
- (4) Will Africans be allowed to participate in legislative councils?
- (5) Does the fifth point "improved labour standards, economic adjustment and social security" include land rights, betterment of agriculture, industry, health services and training of Africans for these objectives?
- (6) How far will racial attitudes towards peoples who are not of European descent undergo a new orientation in the direction of the elimination of racial discrimination?

If these questions cannot be satisfactorily answered by the authors of the charter and other national leaders who profess to follow the lead of the British Prime Minister and the President of the United States, then the charter is an empty shell so far as Africans are concerned.

*DDT Jabavu  
Alice  
26<sup>th</sup> June 1943.*

# TRANSVAAL AFRICAN CIVIL SERVANTS' ASSOCIATION

A MEETING of the Transvaal African Civil Servants' Association (consisting of the Railway workers; the S.A. Police; Court Interpreters; Messengers and Cleaners; Prison Warders; Police, Interpreters and Labourers in the Department of Native Affairs; Public Schools' Cleaners & Labourers) will be held at the BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, Eloff Street, Johannesburg, on SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1943, at 9.30 a.m.

Every worker employed in any department of the Government must attend this meeting.

Prominent leaders of the African people will address the meeting.

## AGENDA

1. Chairman's Remarks.
2. Aims & Objects of Association.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Enrolment of New Members.
5. General.



## PITSO! PITSO! PITSO!

PITSO e' KGOLO ea batho bohle ba ba-berekang Goramente (ke gore ba ba berekang ditimeleng, Mapodisa a Mmuso le a taba tsa Ba-baso, Ditoloko, 'bao' ba konomakang dikantorong tsa Mmagastrata, ba ba berekang Post Office, Dikolo, Ditronkong, le lehlakoring lefe goba lefe la Goramente) e tla kenela BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, Eloff Street, Johannesburg, ka SONTAGA, JUNE 27, 1943, ka nako ea 9.30 a.m.

Motho e mong le e mong ea sebetsang lehlakoring lefe goba lefe la Goramente o tshoanetse go ba teng pitsong ena.

Baetapele ba tsebegang ba Ba-Afrika ba tla bolela pitsong ena.

## LENANEGO

1. Polelo ea Modula-Setulo.
2. Boikemisetso ba Lekgotla la Babereki ba Goramente.
3. Pego ea Mongodi.
4. Kamogelo ea Maloko a macha.
5. Kakaretso.



## INGQUNGQUTELA

INGQUNGQUTELA yeliqumrú labasebenza kwezindawo—kwa loliwe, e Post Office, Itoliki zase 'Court,' Izitunywa nabasebenzi, aba Kwamhle, Amaqakamba ase S.A. Police, Izikolo zakwa Ruluneli, Abagcini Ntilongo, nabanye njalo-njalo yobase BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, Eloff St., Johannesburg, ngomhla 27 ku JUNE, 1943, ngentsimbi ye 9.30 a.m. (kwakusasa).

Nawupi umsebenzi osebenza kwa Ruluneli ancede abekona.

Amaxwangusha ooteta kulengqungqutela.

## INGXOXO

1. Inteta ka Mgcini-Sihlalo.
2. Injongo zelibhunga.
3. Ingxelo ka Nobhala.
4. Ukungena kwa malungu amatsha.
4. Ezinye jikelele.

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