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TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY:  
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PRETORIA, 20/9/1941

Prof Hoerule,  
P.O. Box 79  
Johannesburg

Sir,

I regret very much that I am only sending you the resolutions that were passed at the General Conference. You ought to have ~~received~~ <sup>received</sup> them about a month ago but very unfortunately the letter that was addressed to you has been mislaid in my files and in the meantime I laboured under a wrong impression that the letter had been posted.

This resolutions will be presented to the Chief Inspectors by a deputation consisting of the Executive Committee.

Yours faithfully

S. P. Kwakwa

General Secretary: T. A. T. A.

## RESOLUTIONS

(a). To the Hon. Minister of Finance and the Hon. Minister of Native Affairs.

1. That this conference of the T.A.T.A. is grateful to the Minister of Finance for the help he has given to Native Education and to the Minister of Native Affairs for additional sums which have been made available from the Native Trust.

That, at the same time, the conference feels it to be its duty to remind the Government and the country that, even with this additional sums, it is not possible to increase the number of schools recognised for grant purposes, a great number of schools thus having to continue without any Government aid.

That the conference supports wholeheartedly the following resolutions passed at the conference on Native Education held in Johannesburg in July 1939, and endorsed by the Native Representative Council in November, 1939:-

(i). African welfare is a national interest and responsibility, if only for the reason that African labour has been making substantial contribution to the wealth of the Union, and also that the prosperity of South Africa depends ultimately upon the labour of her African workers.

(ii). This conference, therefore, affirms the general principle that the development, education and social services of the African people ought to be charged to the general revenue of the country instead of being merely financed merely out of a fund mainly created by the direct taxation of Africans.

(iii). This conference believes that the well-being of all sections of the country requires a progressive programme of educational development for African peoples, and that the present prosperity of the country makes possible its immediate initiation.

(iv). Financial provision should be made, not only to ~~meet~~ overtake the present shortage of schools, teachers, accommodation and equipment, but also to bring into school in steadily increasing numbers the children who do not at present receive any education at all. That this conference appeals to the Government for progressive development of Native Education by increasing the amount available by 10% per annum.

(b). To the Transvaal Education Department.

1. That since the payment of schoolfees has been abolished the T.A.T.A. should then proceed to discover what is to happen to trust funds kept on behalf of the African communities by Superintendents and Committees.
2. That all Circulars issued by the T.E.D. affecting Native Education should not only be sent to Superintendents and Inspectors but should be sent to Headteachers of Native schools as well, and also to the Good Shepherd.
3. That Native Teachers in the Training Institutions and Secondary schools possessing the ability to instruct through the medium of Afrikaans be given a language allowance as is done in the case of European teachers who possess the knowledge of an African language.
4. That in the opinion of this conference the African graduate should be given the rightful place and have a hand in the instruction and shaping of the destiny of the African youth in our Training Institutions for teachers.
5. This conference strongly urges the Department to issue one school calendar.
6. That the papers in Native languages for the Native Teachers' Certificate and the Junior Certificate Examinations be set and marked by members of the Bantu Race.

7. That the primary school annual examinations of Stds III, IV & V be conducted by the T.E.D. as was done in 1939, ~~and~~ and that examination questions be set in in official languages and not in vernacular as it is the ~~xxxx~~ practice in some circuits.
8. That in future, the Std VI candidates should use numbers on their answer books in place of ~~the~~ their names and names of their respective schools.
9. That the Inspectors should be requested to notify Headteachers when they intend to examine oral work of Std VI.
10. That while this conference highly appreciates the past and present services of the T.A.T.A. Representatives on the Advisory Board on Native Education, the T.E.D. be requested to consider the advisability of giving the Association direct representation by allowing an African Representative.

(c). To the Transvaal African Teachers' Association.

1. That the T.A.T.A. raises funds to erect a memorial tombstone to our late General Secretary and Chairman of the Central District Association, Mr H.W. Monehi.
2. That this conference of the T.A.T.A. creates a Department of Research which shall collect facts, data and statistics on educational matters which affect the security of the members of the T.A.T.A. and the teaching profession.
3. The motion that the delegation system be abolished referred back for a full year's notice and this will be tabled at the next General Conference which will be a mass conference.

#### ELECTIONS.

On the motion of Mr J. Mutsila, the General Committee was unanimously returned as follows.

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Member of the Advisory Board. Prof. A.R.F. Hoernle

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PRETORIA, 28th Oct. 1941

Prof. A.R.F. Hoernle,  
Witwatersrand University,  
Johannesburg.

Sir,

This how our deputation to the Chief Inspector faced.  
I shall only stated the Cheif's reply to each resolution.

1. The Department was going to issue a Circular requesting Superintendents to give a report of the moneys collecte-ed by them in the form of fees. He said that their Dept. was ~~not~~ very much dissatisfied with manner in which school fees had been handled by some Superintend-ents and this led them to taking the initiative toward-s the abolition of fees.
2. This was agreed as requested.
4. The Dept. felt that time was not yet ripe to make space for our graduates in Training Institutions in that our Secondary Schools, where our African graduates are more comfortable to work all by themselves were still badly staffed. He did not just appreciate our point of advocating for a matter that had in its train social and colour problems. In fact we were for sometime tongue-tight because the Chief adopted a very furious attitude when we were on this matter.
3. The Chief said the Dept. expected in future that every teacher should be fluent in both the official languages and he did not just wish to encourage the feeling that English was regarded first langauge in our schools. After some discussion we withdrew the motion to think more about it .
6. It was agreed that the Dept. would allow the official calenders only. Supreintendents will be bound to ~~obey~~ follow them strictly.
7. He said the papers for Std VI were already marked by Supervisors and as soon as Africans who took the trouble to study the Bantu languages thoroughly are available the Dept. will always make good use of them.
8. The experiment would be tried in future.
9. Agreed
10. The institution of the Native Advisory Committee was reported to us and my Committee after the interview met and decided to ~~boycott~~ boycott the Advisory Committee.  
What is your opinion on the decision of the Executive in connection with the boycott of the Native Committee.

Yours faithfully,

S. P. Kwakwa

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