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1. Bannings

The Committee has to report the banning by Mr. Swart, as from the 28th August, of both Mr. C.G. Williams and Mr. Alan Lipman from membership of both the Congress and the Legion. Mr. Williams and Mr. Lipman are also prohibited from attending any gathering for a period of two years. The Committee protested to the Minister by way of an open letter which received publicity.

2. Group Areas

Oral evidence, by a representative of the Legion and the Congress, supplementing the written evidence already submitted, was submitted to the Land Tenure Advisory Board in opposition to the application of the Group Areas Act to Nylstroom. A representative of the joint committees will submit oral evidence to the Board in respect of Brits on October 26th. Written evidence has been submitted in respect of Wolmaranstad and oral evidence will be submitted in due course.

3. Western Areas Campaign.

Under the auspices of the Western Areas Protest Committee, Branches are assisting with the organising and work of Ward Committees.

Ward Committees are being organised in six wards.

Parktown North, Kensington, Kensington East, Orange Grove-Sydenham-Linksfeld, Parktown and Von Brandis.

Speakers notes are still in the course of preparation, a pamphlet is being prepared and a film is being made to assist in the task of making people aware of the implications of the Western Areas Removal Scheme.

The Western Areas Protest Committee Executive badly needs live-wire workers.

4. Election Native Representatives.

The qualifications of candidates has been ascertained and the committee is now going into the question of suitable candidates.

5. Meeting September 8th.

Due to a combination of circumstances, the inability to get suitable speakers, the lack of support from the other organisations, the spate of bannings which took place at the time, the nature of the meeting was changed to one of protest against the bannings. It was decided to have recorded speeches by C.G. Williams, Nelson Mandella, Arnold Selby, Mike Harmel, and Hilda Watts. The attendance left much to be desired but the meeting was well worthwhile. The recording machine, the property of Mr. Beyleveld, was confiscated by the Police. Your committee has authorised legal action to obtain the return of the machine.

6. Banning of Mr. Fischer.

The "Lift the Ban on Fischer" campaign never really got under way.

Petition forms were made available to members and others. Attempts were made to get a committee of prominent citizens to lead a campaign to take a deputation to the Minister. As you are aware, there came a spate of bannings, among them Cecil Williams, Hilda Watts, and a number of prominent Trade Unionists. This complicated the campaign and it petered out.

7. Banning of Trade Unionists and others.

The Committee offered its support to the S.A.T. & L.C. and the Building Workers in their campaign against the banning of their officials. They were reluctant to accept such support officially on the grounds that it might prejudice their task with the reactionary section of their workers. Unofficially they asked for assistance with the organising of tables, for petitions, demanding the lifting of the Ban on Huyser.

The Committee agreed to give this assistance subject only to the members engaged being allowed to make propaganda against all Bannings. The Committee was then requested to drop the matter.

The Committee is collecting the Biographies of those who have been banned with a view to a publication.

8. Organisation.

Local

One more branch was formed in Johannesburg. The number now stands at 13 in Johannesburg and 1 in Benoni. Efforts to get branches established in Pretoria, Germiston and Vereeniging have not been successful so far. This is mainly due to the pressures created by lack of funds and personnel.

Cape Town.

There is no information available as to the progress made by the Democratic League in its organisation and recruiting programme.

Durban

There is no information available at the moment as to the progress made by the Branch.

Port Elizabeth

As a result of the visit of an organiser, a provisional committee has been established. The Committee will send delegates to conference.

Bloemfontein and East London.

It has not been possible to make a further attempt in these centres.

Pamphlet.

The pamphlet is being prepared for the printer. It has been delayed due mainly to lack of funds. A supporter has now guaranteed £100.0.0. for its publication.

Contact Lists.

Despite numerous request only one branch has submitted a list of contacts. This slackness has seriously hampered the organisational programme.

House Meetings

Despite numerous requests only one branch has organised a house meeting of new people. Branches are asked again to give this matter their attention.

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Speakers' Conference

Due to pressure of work it has not been possible to organise another speakers' conference. The matter has not been overlooked and will be dealt with shortly.

Civil Rights Committee

No report has been received from the Civil Rights Committee.

Secretaries' Meeting.

The Secretaries' Meeting which should have taken place on Thursday 10th was postponed to Thursday 17th on account of the Jewish Holidays.

Representatives of 7 branches were present.

These representatives reported on the number of members in their branch and the potential for recruits :-

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Potential</u>
Norwood	15	15
Cyrlidene	22	?
Parktown	10	?
Northwestern Sub.	30	?
Southern Subur.	3	?
Bellevue	16	75
Hillbrow	27	?
	<u>123</u>	<u>90</u>

It was agreed at the secretaries' meeting

- that meetings of branches should be called as soon as possible which should be attended by members of the Executive Committee.
- that all members be asked as individuals to raise £1.0.0. each per month.
- that branches must commence immediately to raise their quotas by means of jumble sales, cake sales, book sales, competitions etc.
- that the organising of new branches and recruiting of new members be intensified by way of house meetings.
- that executive committee reports to the joint meeting should be made available to all members.
- that a record form be made available to secretaries of branches to enable them to report after meetings of the branches.

10. Conference

- The arrangements for conference have been made by the Committee.
Copies of the arrangements, agenda, constitution, and resolutions have been sent to members and committees. Copies are tabled herewith. These will be discussed under another item on the agenda.
- It is proposed by the Committee that a special meeting of the Joint Congress Legion Committees should take place on Tuesday 6th October at the Legion office.

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(c) Progress Report on Arrangements todate.

Cape Town has indicated that they are sending a minimum of three delegates including the chairman of the Democratic League.

Durban has indicated that the Branch is sending three or more delegates.

Port Elizabeth has indicated that the committee is sending one and possibly two delegates.

Individual Delegates

Invitations to attend conference as delegates were sent to 80 interested individuals and to all members of the Legion and Congress. Replies are now coming in.

Fraternal Delegates

Fraternal delegates have been invited from 14 organisations. (1)

Opening of conference.

Mr. Oliver Tambo has been invited to open conference.

Fund Raising

The committee submits attached herewith a report of Revenue and Expenditure, covering the period July and August. It will be seen that £1062.2.5 was received and £878.0.8. expended in this period.

It is anticipated that at least a similar sum £800 to £900 will be required to cover the period September and October. An estimated £360.0.0. has come in in September which means that at least £500 must be raised in October.

- a) Each member is asked to make himself or herself responsible for at least one pound per month.
- b) Branches are asked to immediately organise fund raising activity.

The Committee has discussed the question of reducing expenditure by way of retrenchment of staff etc. but decided that the present budget should be returned until after the new organisation is established.

The forced retrenchment of Mr. Williams and the possible forced retirement of other officials and employees in the near future as a factor that must be born in mind.

Mr. Cousins.

At Mr. Cousins' request the Committee has placed him on a half time basis as from the 1st. October on the understanding that should he be required in a full time capacity he would make himself available.

P.J. Hodgson
Secretary.

Joint Legion and Congress.

July/August 1953.

Expenditure

878. 0. 6.

Springbok Legion	800. 7. 7.
Salaries	470.15. 0.
Wages	88. 8. 6.
Telephones	21. 7. 0.
Postage & stamps	33. 4. 0.
Printing & stationery	27. 1. 8.
Bank Charges	2.13. 5.
Rent	45. 0. 0.
Gen. Admin.	5. 9. 2.
Organ. Expenses	45.13. 9.
Accounting Fees	12.12. 0.
Travelling Expenses	38.16. 1.
Unemployment Insurance	6. 4. 0.
Workmen's Compens.	18. 0.
Native Service Levy	2. 5. 0.
Congress of Democrats (from inception)	77.12.11.
Advertising	22.15. 0.
Hire of Halls	14.16. 6.
Postage & Stat.	12. 8. 8.
Printing	25. 5. 0.
Bank Charges	1. 6. 9.
Donations	1. 1. 0.

Excess Revenue over expend.

194. 1.11.

£1062. 2. 5.

Revenue

Springbok Legion

769.14. 0.

1062. 2. 5.

Public Donations	469. 9. 4.
Membership "	101.12. 0.
Membership Subs	6. 0. 0.
Fighting Talk Rev.	90. 4. 5.
Branch Contributions	86.11. 6.
Fighting Talk sales	9. 4. 3.
Pamphlet subs	6.12. 6.
Congress of Democrats	292. 8. 5.
Donations	169. 9. 0.
Subs Memberships	48.15. 0.
Fund Raising	58.13.11.
Collections at Meetings	15.10. 6.

£1062. 2. 5.

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