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African National Congress  
Sophiatown Branch  
Johannesburg.  
1/11/54.

Volunteer's Board,  
National Action Council,  
Congress of the People.  
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir/s,

With the local Board's permission, I have the honour to forward to you the report of the three Volunteers who were sent to Brits etc..

These Volunteers were sent to Brits by car.

Your office, Sir/s, had given them two names of people to contact at Brits. These are Rev Mogasha and Mr. Tsokwe. The former gentleman works in Johannesburg and is only at Brits during holidays. The latter, Mr. Tsokwe is still at Brits. His story is a tender one for your attention:-

Mr. Tsokwe is a school Teacher, also a secretary of the Advisory Board. He is doing the job of Congress without the notice of the public i.e. when he talks politics he hits and runs away; he does not want the people to know him as a member of Congress. He is a member of Congress. Mr. Tsokwe is taking up the duty of the Congress of the People but he wants this to be observed by Congress; He wants Congress to address him as Mr. THOMAS M. RANKOKO, PO BOX 114, BRITS. He wants to form, as Congress requires, a committee at Brits. This committee will be the body that will remain active in Congress at Brits. As he does not want to be known as a Congressite, he requests Congress to send two or three men from Congress to talk ~~to~~ ~~talk~~ to these committee members about the duty of and the aim and the Congress of



... the People. He, the teacher, may be pleased to know from Congress when this will be done. He is a man who was with Mr. Oliver Tambo when a Youth League was ~~for~~ formed.

I have a good hope that this teacher's case will be treated with considerable care.

From Brits the Volunteers went to Bleskop Mines where they were not given any contact. As Volunteers, they raised two people as contacts for Bleskop Mines. These are Rev. Masuku and Mr. Themba. Their address (for both) is Dutch Reformed Church at Bleskop School, Rustenberg.

Also ~~an~~ a contact was raised by these Volunteers for WAIKRAAL. He is Mr. Johannes Mokuwena Waiakraal, P.O. Bethanie.

With thanks, Sirs, I forward to you the names of these people as strong contacts for the various places:- Mr. Thomas M. Rankoko (Mr. Tsokwe) for Brits, Rev. Masuku and Mr. Themba for Bleskop Mines, and Mr. Johannes Mokuwena for Waiakraal.

Hoping that this matter will receive your immediate attention, Sirs, I beg to be

Yours in the struggle  
Mteny Tshabalala

P.S. Mr. Thomas M. Rankoko requests Congress

to forward to him, per return post, one dozen

"Educating for Ignorance." He will then

post to Congress the money for same. @ 3<sup>d</sup> ea.

Thank you Sirs,

M.H.

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Board.

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CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE.

Provincial Volunteer Board.

P.O.Box 11045,  
Johannesburg.

28th August, 1954.

TO ALL VOLUNTEERS.

Dear Friend,

The first meeting of the Congress of the People  
Volunteers in Western Native Township will take place on

WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1954.

AT 7.30 P.M.

AT THE COMMUNAL HALL, WESTERN NATIVE TOWNSHIP.

We make an earnest request to you to attend. The  
Congress of the People is not very far off and there is  
plenty of work to be done. Within the shortest possible  
time, the volunteers must ensure that the message of the  
Congress of the People is carried to each and every home  
throughout the length and breadth of the country.

Dear friend, there is no time to waste. Let us  
go into the field without delay. Be sure to be present on  
Wednesday 8th September,

Yours sincerely,

R. Resha  
for PROVINCIAL VOLUNTEER  
BOARD.



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TO ALL BRANCH SECRETARIES.

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Dear Sir,

Further to the directive of the Province calling on each Branch to appoint a local volunteer chief, and to send such information to the office, you are hereby instructed to send your volunteer chief to a meeting of volunteer chiefs to be held at the Congress Hall, 4 (a) Kort Street, Johannesburg, on Saturday 30th October, at 2.30 p.m. to discuss further plans.

It is imperative that your local volunteer chief attends this meeting. If your executive has not yet appointed a volunteer chief it must immediately do so.

Yours in the Struggle,

P.O. Box 9207,  
Johannesburg.

SIGNED. R.M. RESHA.  
Provincial Volunteer-in-Chief.

26th. October, 1954.



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CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE

TRANSVAAL VOLUNTEER BOARD.

P.O.Box 11045,  
Johannesburg.

2nd September, 1954.

TO ALL VOLUNTEERS.

Dear Friend,

The first meeting of the Congress of the People  
Volunteers in Orlando area will take place on

WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1954

AT 7.30 P.M.

at the DONALDSON CENTRE, ORLANDO.

We make an earnest request to you to attend. The Congress of the People is not very far off and there is plenty of work to be done. Within the shortest possible time, the volunteers must ensure that the message of the Congress of the People is carried to each and every home throughout the length and breadth of the country.

Dear Friend, there is no time to waste. Let us go into the field without delay. Be sure to be present on Wednesday, 8th September.

Yours sincerely,

R.Resha  
for PROVINCIAL VOLUNTEER  
BOARD.



In daap kamari  
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CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear VOLUNTEER,

This letter is to explain the work of Volunteers in the CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE campaign. You know that the CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE IS NOT A NEW ORGANISATION but it is a campaign in which a number of organisations take part together. Because the C.O.P. is not an organisation it has no membership. Therefore we have asked you to volunteer to help organise the campaign. This means that all volunteers are helpers in the campaign and are organisers of the people.

WORK OF VOLUNTEERS

We want to spread the message of the CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE everywhere. When we have a mass meeting the volunteers should hand out leaflets before the meeting and take around the collection tins.

The people must be visited in the countryside, on the farms, in the locations, in the backstreets, everyone must be told about the C.O.P. This is the work of the volunteers whomust go to the people in groups as organisers.

In the locations, country towns etc. committees must be set up to carry forward the work of the C.O.P. In this also the volunteers should help the people.

ORGANISATION OF VOLUNTEERS

The volunteer in Chief in South Africa is Chief Luthuli-President of the African National Congress. In the Western Cape we have a VOLUNTEER BOARD composed of volunteer chiefs from the A.N.C., C.O.D., S.A.C.P.C. Also each area such as Langa, Athlone or Retreat has a volunteer chief who is responsible to the volunteer Board.

The volunteers in each area are divided into groups of 15 with a volunteer leader for each group. These leaders are responsible to the volunteer chief of his area.

This is the role of the volunteers in the CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE campaign. We now ask you to get together with the volunteers in your area and form yourselves into strong working groups. Where possible see that volunteer groups contain members of all races so that we can promote inter-racial friendship. However the basis for volunteer groups is residential. Do all your work in groups-unity is strength.

CODE OF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers should behave in a dignified and disciplined manner. Respect for leaders must be maintained at all times. All work should be done in groups.

VOLUNTEERS the people depend on you:  
You are the leaders of the people to freedom:  
LET US SPEAK TOGETHER OF FREEDOM:

H. Gila,  
for Volunteer Board.



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