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TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES.

Remember that the Coloured Voter's Act was among the six laws selected during the Defiance Campaign, although the Senate Bill goes much further by abolishing even the pseudo-parliamentary system. It is among other things intended to remove Coloured Voters. On the basis of the enclosed statement we must give the lead to the country, to the United Party for that matter, since every body is now realising what we have been saying for many years now.

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Te... *Johannesburg*
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The National Executive decided to appoint representatives to visit various regions in the country. The itinerary is as follows:-

Each province shall be responsible for the travelling expense and accomodation for this trip. The purpose of the visit is to intensify the Bantu Education Campaign, to look into the organisational problems of the African National Congress and also to step up the arrangements for the Congress of the People. Mass meetings therefore will have to be arranged.

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Yours in the national struggle,

O.R. Tambo.

Acting Secretary-General.

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CIRCULAR LETTER TO BRANCHES.

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Sir,

From year to year we have complained about the inefficiency of our machinery; the lack of proper co-ordination between the branches and the provinces on the one hand and the provinces and the national on the other hand. The instructions are not properly carried out. Most of the correspondence is not attended to. As a result, people are not informed about Congress affairs.

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We have warned the branches about the bannings and deportations which are now taking place; about the planted spies and disruptive elements within the organisation; about the difficulties of holding public meetings. But despite this, our machinery has not been improved. We have shamefully failed to apply the "M" Plan as we should. It has now become necessary to place the re-organisation of our machinery as a most urgent issue for consideration by the forthcoming Conference.

The branches therefore are directed to hold discussions on the re-organisation of our machinery. The Branch Executive and the General Members' Meetings must discuss the problems of organisation with a view to recommending effective methods and combat the serious weaknesses in our national organisation.

The Executive Report deals with the achievements, failures and difficulties facing the organisation between Conference and Conference, so that it affords an opportunity of examining ourselves and rectifying our past mistakes, whereby we shall be able to forge a new method in the execution of whatever Conference decisions are taken.

The Presidential Address deals with matters of policy. It also affords an opportunity to discuss in full the policies of the organisation with a view to confirming and amending whatever is considered to be no longer in keeping with the progress of the organisation.

We wish to emphasise that the Executive Report and Presidential Address are the two basic documents which will provide the central theme for Conference deliberations and decisions. In view of the present trend and the latest developments in the political situation in the country, this Conference is one of the most important and the most decisive that the Congress has ever held. It precedes the forcible removal of 85,000 people from their homes; the introduction of the notorious Bantu Education Act; the final and fatal assault on the Trade Union Movement, and other measures intended to crush the liberatory movement and the last vestiges of democracy in South Africa.

It will be the duty of every branch to send its strongest delegation to this all-important National Conference.

The greatest message to the Conference will be a call to all delegates to prepare for the holding of the great Congress of the People.

O. B. Tumbo,
SECRETARIAT.

To Secretary, N.M.C.,
For discussion by
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TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES.

The present situation of boycott of schools has created a special situation in the Transvaal in which the Transvaal Executive is called upon to guide its branches and the people of the Transvaal in general. First we endorse the statement of the Working Committee of the African National Congress, which has called ^{parents} upon to demonstrate their protest by withdrawing their children from schools as a prelude to a permanent boycott which is our objective. This statement is flexible enough so as to allow people to decide each area according to its circumstances and conditions which has been our desire in the Transvaal - that the areas which ~~we~~ ready must not be bottled up.

We can therefore understand the position of the areas which find themselves yet not able to cope up with the such a great task; by that we mean the people of any given area, not just the African National Congress Executive or the African National Congress Officials. But we cannot understand nor appreciate the efforts of those who make it their task to campaign for going back to school. We must therefore uncompromisingly attack the efforts of those who go cap in hand to the arrogant Native Affairs Department begging them to re-open the schools. To us the battle has begun. The fury of Verwoerd will be answered by the fury of the people. We must intensify the struggle of the Bantu Education as well as in other fields.

As the directives from the head office clearly state that Congress must undertake the work in the affected areas, give guidance to parents and children by arranging for private schools and teachers, we must accordingly ask all the branches to intensify the campaign against Bantu Education, in particular assist by whatever possible means those children who are victimised.

The assault on Mr. P.Q. Vundla is strongly condemned by us. The matter has accordingly been attended to by a special committee. The statement, however, in the Bantu World which says that Mr. P.Q. Vundla is leading a deputation to the Native Affairs Department, must be strongly condemned.

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CIRCULAR LETTER TO BRANCHES.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

You are hereby notified that Mr. Robert M. Resha is the Provincial-Volunteer-in-Chief for the Transvaal in terms of the decision of the four National Executives and the call made by Chief A.J. Luthuli, President-General of the A.N.C. and National-Volunteer-in-Chief, for 50,000 volunteers.

I have been requested by Mr. Resha to direct all the Branches of the A.N.C. in the Transvaal to appoint forthwith local Volunteer Chiefs and to report such appointment to the Provincial Head Office.

Letters of such appointments to be addressed to: Mr. R.M. Resha, P.O. Box 9207, JOHANNESBURG.

Yours in the cause for Freedom,
W. S. ... for Secretariat

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