

Fellow Africans,

GREETINGS.

I place before you in concrete form a few things upon which I want you to organise, unite close ranks, work and fight for. They are things that other sections enjoy in greater measures. They are the rightful claims of a citizen in any country that calls itself Christian or Democratic. They are moderate claims.

I know you want these things but you always and expect a benevolent Government to imagine that you want these, or for well-intentioned white friends to mediate for you, that is why these good people have sometimes been unfairly charged as "busy bodies" and "putting foreign ideas into the native's mind."

Remember that this world is not a charitable disposed to give alike to everyone. People have to ask for, work for, even fight for, what they want. South Africa is big enough for both white and black to enjoy her wealth and live in peace, prosperity and mutual helpfulness. South Africa stands for freedom, democracy and Christianity. And, if she is true to her ideals, and I cannot believe she can be otherwise and maintain her national honour, *she must live up to her ideals*

We have a God-given opportunity to use every constitutional means now and henceforth to press our claims along the lines I have suggested and thus help South Africa attain her ideals.

I urge men and women, young and old, to join or organise Congress Clubs in all areas.

We are ready to sacrifice for you.

"FREEDOM NOT SERFDOM" is the Motto of Congress.

Yours for Freedom,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL,  
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

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