

# SPRINGBOK

# LEGION

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27th May 1949.

*GPC*

Miss Muriel Horrell,  
P. O. Box 97,  
Johannesburg.

Dear Miss Horrell,

The Legion's National Executive Committee, following its re-constitution at the Annual National Conference, has re-organised its various sub-committees.

The Non-European Committee decided at its first meeting to invite you to become a member of the Committee by co-option. It was felt that your special interests in ex-service affairs and African affairs would make you a specially valuable member of the Committee.

The Non-European Sub-Committee meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 1.30 p.m., at the University. It is not anticipated that participation in the affairs of the Committee will place on you any greater duties than those of attendance at meetings - except that we would always be glad to have your presence on deputations and duties of that nature.

I shall be very glad if you will consider this invitation and let me know that you are able to accept.

Yours fraternally,

*Cecil Williams*

Secretary to the Non-European Committee.

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MH/ZL.


7th June, 1949.

Secretary to the Non-European Committee,  
Springbok Legion,  
P.O. Box 4088,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Williams,

Thank you very much for your invitation to serve on the Non-European Committee of the Springbok Legion. Your letter of the 27th May 1949 was yesterday placed before the General Purposes Committee of the Institute, which Committee authorised me to accept your invitation. I thus have very much pleasure in doing so.

Yours sincerely,

  
MURIEL HORRELL (MISS).

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9th June 1949.

Miss M. Horrell,  
Institute of Race Relations,  
P. O. Box 97,  
Johannesburg.

Dear Miss Horrell,

I was very pleased to receive your letter and to see that you will be able to serve on our Committee. It is very good of you to be prepared to give us your time.

As we had a meeting yesterday, there will not be another meeting until Wednesday June 22nd. at 1.30. I will wait for you on the 'Steps' of the Main Block <sup>University</sup> at about 1.25 p.m. to take you to Mr. Cole's office, where our meetings are held.

Kind regards,

Yours fraternally,

Acet Williams

General Secretary.

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MH/EO

31st October, 1949.

The General Secretary,  
Springbok Legion,  
P.O. Box 4088,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Cecil,

I promised to draft a letter to the Secretary for Native Affairs (P.O. Box 384, Pretoria). How would something along these lines do?

Grants to Needy Ex-Members of the Native  
Military Corps.

"In the Report of your Department for the years 1947-48, mention is made (Page 23) of special grants payable to needy but not disabled Natives who served with the Native Military Corps during 1914-18. The Report states that during 1947-48, 27,264 beneficiaries received £150,186.

"I wonder whether you will please be kind enough to let me know:-

- a) To whom applications for such grants should be made.
- b) Whether Natives who served with the Native Military Corps during 1939-1945 are also eligible for the grants."

Yours sincerely,

MH

(Muriel Horrell),  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

MH/EO

14th August, 1950.

The General Secretary,  
Springbok Legion,  
P.O. Box 4088,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Cecil,

The following is the information I promised to obtain:-

1) Bantu Labour Service of U.D.F.

The establishment of this service was announced in the Government Gazette of 11th August, 1950.

2) Population Registration and Passes.

According to "The Star" of 26/4/50, the Secretary for Native Affairs, in giving evidence before the Select Committee on the Population Registration Bill, said that "the identity card had been strongly advocated on the assumption that it would do away with some of the other documents carried by Natives and that it would come as a boon to the Native people. That was the view of the Native Affairs Department."

According to "The Star" of 4/8/50, Dr. Dönges (Minister of Interior) in an interview "reaffirmed the Government's intention that the identity cards which will be issued to Natives under the population registration system shall replace as many as possible of the passes which Natives now have to carry."

3) All-Africa Convention.

At the time when the Hertzog Bills of 1936 were under consideration, a National Convention of all African bodies was called in Bloemfontein to consider what action Africans could take. An Ad Hoc Committee was elected to deal

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with African representations. From this Committee the All-Africa Convention grew. Rivalry between this body and the African National Congress developed, members of the latter organisation considering that the All-Africa Committee had been formed as a temporary measure only, that there was unnecessary duplication, and that the Convention had got into the hands of the wrong people.

A prominent local member of the Convention is Mr. Koza of the African Distributive Workers' Union. The body is strongest in the Transkei. The president is Mr. W. M. Tsotsi, who was until recently at the Bantu Secondary School, Grahamstown.

Yours sincerely,

MH

Muriel Horrell - Miss.  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

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M. W. G. C.

15/22/1

10th June, 1952.

Dear Friend,

The Nationalists are revealed as Nazis who are blatantly destroying the very basis of our Democracy. By now you would expect every reasonably intelligent South African to be under no illusions as to the nature and intention of the Nationalist Government. And yet many of the leaders of the democratic political parties and mass organisations still bleat of "winning the election in 1953." Simple arithmetic reveals that the Nats can "rig" the 1953 election beyond any chance of losing it. In any case, are YOU sure the Nats will hold another General Election?

The Legion maintains that the democratic opposition can force the Nats to hold an immediate General Election NOW by means of a national stoppage of work. We invite you to hear our plan in detail at a PUBLIC MEETING to be held on  
MONDAY 16th JUNE at 8.15.p.m.  
at the PUBLIC LIBRARY LECTURE ROOM (No.97).

We shall be grateful if you will notify your committee and membership that they will be most welcome. Their comment and criticism will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Ray Cousins

ORGANISER.

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