

BIND THE CANDIDATES TO THE NEIL BOSS POLICY:

The interposition of the Assembly elections before the Senate Election for the Transkei vacancy is a Providential intervention for the African Cause. In Umthunywa of the 18th April last, Mr. James Neil Boss, candidate for the vacant Senate seat in the Transkei, published his policy for economic and social reconstruction of African problems presaging as it were the new order of life for Africans. In that statement Mr. Boss intimated in advance that he subscribed to a policy compiled by a galaxy of African publicists, and that policy has now appeared in extenso in the May issue of the Inkokeli newspaper with minor and inconsequential errors.

The first elections under the amended constitution of the Union providing for a separate system of Parliamentary representation for Africans, took place five years ago, without a national mandate from the separated African electors; But now, as though by the hand of Providence, Mr. Neil Boss, in his African Manifesto, takes a distinct and unmistakable mandate, and to quote Mr. Boss' own words in his manifesto, "all candidates for African representation should be required to subscribe publicly, before they are given support by Africans." That, in my opinion, supplies the slogan for the ensuing Assembly and Senate elections, and the statement itself makes a clinch of the issues for the Electors.

"BIND THE CANDIDATES TO THE NEIL BOSS AFRICAN POLICY FOR THE SAFETY AND ASSURED PROGRESS OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE," should be the slogan for the electors in these elections. Here is an African policy full of merits and abounding in possibilities for our future progress, if the African electors will make no mistake about making it a basis for decision amongst the Candidates who will seek their votes. The Policy admits of no subterfuges and will eliminate the type of candidate who would like to go in for the next five years, as some did five years ago, without a definite mandate from the African people.

Whilst I give credit to the retiring Members for anything they have done, I would rather that they could give the voters a report in regard to the important matters dealt with in Mr. Neil Boss' manifesto, in addition to the reports they have been giving us of achievements they claim are indirectly and in some cases directly, attributable to their efforts. I do not wish to dispute any of their claims beyond pointing out that what progress has been made in the treatment of Africans generally during the past five years can as much be claimed for the ordinary and natural forces of development as for the efforts of the retiring Representatives. On the other hand, if these Members had asked for a Mandate, or rather like Mr. Neil Boss, outlined a policy, today they should be in happy position to come to the electors with a definite report upon definite mandate matters, and the electors should in that event hardly need to be told of the Representatives' achievements. Mr. Boss will have no such difficulty at the end of his term if he should be given (and I feel sure he will be given) the confidence of the electors for the next term in the Senate, for the representation of the Transkei. The electors of the Transkei, and the Africans in general, will be able to check up his political achievements in regard to their mandate, and then gladly thank him for any other efforts apart from the Mandate.

A Mandate makes for clear understanding between Representatives and the electors, and has the advantage of preventing anything like unreasonable expectations of what Representatives should do on the one hand, and the tendency for Representatives to claim as their own achievements even the ordinary fruits of good administration. It also directs the minds of the people represented, to definite and clear thinking. It will avert the recurrence in the future of a state of ~~indecision~~ ^{indecision} typified in two extreme suggestions which have been read in Umthunywa newspaper since the campaign for the Senate election started in the Transkei. The first extreme statement was an unheard of suggestion made by a correspondent of Umthunywa to the effect that a suitable candidate for the Senate vacancy would be one who would make all his Parliamentary allowance to some funds in the Transkei; the other is a statement read in Umthunywa of the 20th June in a report of Mrs. Ballinger's meeting at East London, where this lady M.P. stated that she was satisfied that the man who made the decisions was the Prime Minister. If they wanted things done they should let him know, but the M.P. omitted to add that the Prime Minister decided only things which came within the purview of his Departments. For all favours made to us by the Prime Minister, we are very grateful, as well as for favours made by other Ministers of the Crown, such as the favour of recognition of the African Child Welfare and Benevolent Society by the Department of Social Welfare and of which Society Mr. Neil Boss is the President. Likewise for favours from Secretaries

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of various Departments made in their administrative capacity. But I want the voters in the ensuing Assembly and Senate Elections to know that such decisions as Mrs. Ballinger referred to are made only in the course of administration, and that for the important matters not yet decided in our favour and for which we ask favourable decisions, and matters so well taken by Mr. Neil Boss in his manifesto, more than the decision of one Minister is required because of the corporate nature of the responsibility of Cabinet Ministers.

All recognised African ~~ASSOCIATION~~ organisations have at some time or other dealt, and are still dealing with matters forming Mr. Boss' outline of policy, and I earnestly plead with Assembly and Senate Electors to reject any and every candidate who will not publicly subscribe to the NEIL BOSS POLICY. It is not as though we had no pressing matters. Why should our elections not be regarded with the same seriousness as European elections? Why should Candidates for our representation want to go to Parliament without undertaking in so many important matters? What is all the fear about?

- LAMECH B. SABATTHA.

AFRICAN ELECTORS!

I am sending you my reply to the attack made on me by MR. RHEINALLT JONES. The chief point in his attack is that I have only worked for the African people as a Lawyer. THAT IS NOT TRUE. I have worked politically for the African people for the last 12 years.

I do not seek to claim election as a lawyer.

I seek election on my political programme and manifesto which has been issued.

But now that the question has been raised I ask you to consider this practical matter.

The Prime Minister, General Smuts, is a Lawyer.
The Minister for Native Affairs, Col. Deneys Reitz, is a lawyer.
The Minister for Justice, Dr. Colin Steyn, is a lawyer.
The Minister for the Interior, Mr. H.G. Lawrence, is a lawyer.
The Minister for Mines, Col. C.F. Stallard, is a lawyer.

The Europeans know that Parliament is a place where laws are made that is why many members of Parliament are lawyers.
The Europeans know that Parliament is a place where politics are discussed, that is why they always elect politicians.
The Europeans have had hundreds of years experience about Parliament. For you this is a new experience. Learn from the experience of the Europeans.

Mr. Rheinallt Jones is definitely not a lawyer, and he certainly is not a politician. He has never issued a political programme.

Mr. Rheinallt Jones claims to be elected as a social worker. Parliament is not the place for social workers. Their place is on committees of charitable organisations and research institutes.

KEEP MR. JONES WHERE HE BELONGS. SEND ME TO PARLIAMENT WHERE I WILL BE ABLE TO ARGUE ABOUT THE LAWS AND TO ANSWER THE POLITICIANS.

Written and issued by HYMAN MEYER BASNER, 8, Somerset House, Fox Street, Johannesburg.

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From H.M. Basner

AFRICAN ELECTORS

Final appeal to you before the voting day, November 4th.
I am disappointed if I did not visit you.

2 districts, 58 Chiefs, 6 Local Councils, 150 Advisory Boards. No
at all these places in the three months of the election.
The candidates only received petrol to travel for 8,000 miles. It would re-
quire 30,000 miles of travelling to visit every voter. Please understand that.

TO THOSE WHO NOMINATED ME:

I ask you to be strong men and to stand firm. We cannot lose the elec-
tion if you stand firm. If you change now, it will show a weakness which the
Government will be quick to recognise, and the oppression of your race will be
as great as ever before.

If you stand firm, the Government will know that you have accepted my
policy of national organisation, and you will at once see an improved outlook
on its part.

I HAVE GIVEN YOU THE ONLY ANSWER TO OPPRESSION. That answer is organ-
isation. If you hold to that like men, you will be respected by the Government.
It will respect you because it will see that at last you have learnt how to use
your power as a nation.

Do not listen to the Native Commissioners and Location Superintendents.
They do not suffer from oppression. They have their own members of Parliament.
If they want to elect Mr. Rheinallt Jones, let them elect him to Parliament as
their own representative.

Do not listen to the Bantu World. This paper is not owned by Africans.
It is owned by Europeans. It is connected to the Argus group of newspapers. The
Argus group is connected with the Chamber of Mines. This paper wants Mr. Rhein-
allt Jones to be elected, because his policy suits the industrialists, the far-
mers and the mining interests.

We cannot lose this election.

After my reply to Mr. Rheinallt Jones' 28 points, many of the voters
who nominated him have now changed their minds. We will win by a greater major-
ity than in the nominations.

Everyone must stand firm, however, for our victory must show that the
African people stand for the policy of organisation. The greater the majority,
the greater the foundation on which we will build a new future for the African
Race.

TO THOSE WHO NOMINATED MR. RHEINALLT JONES:

Your candidate cannot win the election. He knows it, and you must know
it too. Do not throw your votes into the water! A vote for Mr. Rheinallt Jones
is a wasted vote, and it will mean nothing. A vote for me will mean that you
have understood that the answer to oppression is organisation.

It is not enough that I should just be elected. I must be elected by a
great majority. When that happens, the Government will understand that the Afri-
can people have reached a new political outlook; that they can no longer be
treated as they were in the past.

Vote for me to give me power to represent you in Parliament. An over-
whelming majority for me is a sign of the unity and the strength of the African
people. Your senator will be respected if the African people are respected. The
African people will be respected only if they organise and unite on national lines.

Issued by the candidate Hyman Meyer Basner
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ELECTION OF SENATOR

TRANSVAAL AND ORANGE FREE STATE

Manifesto of T. A. Cheere-Emmett

To: Chiefs; Indunas; Members of Local Councils; Reserve Boards of Management; Urban Advisory Boards and Electoral Committees.

Greetings,

As you may know my name has been put forward for election as the Senator to represent African taxpayers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State. I have received assurances from many Chiefs and leaders of the Native peoples that this is welcomed, and if elected, I can increase my usefulness as a worker on your behalf far more than the many services rendered to you as a Native Commissioner. I now submit myself for election. The choice you have to make is a very important one. A word of warning to all Africans. Don't send the wrong man to Parliament who does not bear your interests at heart.

I make no rash promises to catch your votes, but promise to work steadily for your welfare and upbuilding as a nation. I have been a Native Commissioner for many years and served the Government for 37 years. In brief I put below a few facts which will help you to decide to elect me as your Senator:

- (1) I have been a Native Commissioner in the following districts: Rustenburg, Pretoria, Hammanskraal, Brits, Louis Trichardt, Pietersburg—and I served as Chief Clerk in the Nylstroom and Pogietersrust Districts.
- (2) I am thoroughly acquainted with prevailing conditions in Native Locations, Trust Farms, etc., in rural areas and therefore know your requirements in regard to arable land and grazing for your stock. Urban area dwellers should have a voice in the management of their locations.
- (3) I have a thorough knowledge of the methods adopted by speculators—smouses, hawkers, traders carrying on business in Native areas. Curtailment of activities is necessary and Africans should be encouraged to carry on trading themselves and without restrictions.
- (4) I have a fair knowledge of native languages—Sesuto and Zulu.

What I stand for are as follows:—

- (a) To bring to work knowledge, experience, ability and action.
- (b) To consult and visit Chiefs, Local Councils, Electoral Committees, Advisory Boards, Reserve Boards annually.
- (c) To work and bring about sound understanding between the Government, its officials and Africans. To secure justice and freedom for all, so that Africans may share in the benefits of civilisation.
- (d) To secure adequate educational facilities for African children compulsory or otherwise.
- (e) To secure full-time District Surgeons in thickly-populated native areas to attend to the requirements of the population.
- (f) To strengthen Tribal control and to extend civil and criminal jurisdiction to independent Headmen who have a following of over 100 taxpayers.
- (g) That pass system be altered or abolished.
- (h) That present laws regulating masters and servants be abolished and a new law be enforced describing the obligations of the master towards his servant and describing the obligations of the servant towards his master.
- (i) To secure better conditions for farm labourers and their families. Wives and children under 16 years of age of farm labourers not to be compelled to work for farmers.
- (j) To secure pension rights for aged natives.
- (k) To secure institutions for cripples.
- (l) LIQUOR.—That legislation be passed to supply light wines to respectable natives.
- (m) MILITARY PAY.—To urge that Native Soldiers be paid at the same rate as the Coloured Soldiers.
- (n) SALE OF TRUST LAND.—To urge that the Trust sells land to Native tribes, on condition that the Trust maintains control of the land sold and for the extension of Native areas if and when necessary.
- (o) That better salaries and wages be paid to urban dwellers and farm labourers.

I belong to no political party or organisation. I am a free man. I am not paid by anyone. I am an independent man therefore I can give your cause my full attention.

I hate to praise myself but as you all know me as your trusted friend I ask you all to vote for me and don't vote for persons who promise a lot and do nothing. I consider myself sufficiently versed with all your difficult problems to warrant the request that you vote for me; YOUR FRIEND.

THOMAS ADDIS CHEERE-EMMETT,

Former Native Commissioner, Pietersburg.

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SPRINGBOK LEGION

OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

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1st October, 1942.

Dr. A. B. Kuma,
85, Toby Street,
SOPHIATOWN.
Johannesburg.

Dear Dr. Kuma,

Further to our conversation with you last night,
I am sending under separate cover a copy of the constitution
of the Home Front League of the Springbok Legion, a pamphlet
on the aims and objects of the Legion and the latest issue of
"Fighting Talk". I hope that this literature will prove useful
to you and that it will answer any doubts that you may have
about the organisation.

Yours faithfully,

J. S. Jaff

for ACTING NATIONAL SECRETARY

(Home Front League)

Read "Fighting Talk" ● The Soldiers' Newspaper

CONSTITUTION OF THE HOME FRONT LEAGUE
OF THE SPRINGBOK LEGION.

1. PREAMBLE.

By virtue of the mandate given it at the meeting called by the General Council of the Springbok Legion of Ex-Servicemen and women in January, 1942, at the Johannesburg Public Library, the Home Front League was set up and was recognised by the General Council to be the sole body with full powers to further the aims and objects of the Springbok Legion, as laid down in the provisional constitution of the Springbok Legion until the first National Conference of the Springbok Legion, to be convened by the Springbok Legion General Council, shall have met and deliberated. At such conference, the future status and functions of the Home Front League shall be decided.

2. NAME.

The Name of the organisation shall be the Home Front League of the Springbok Legion of Ex-Service men and Women, hereinafter, referred to as the Home Front League or League.

3. MEMBERSHIP/

Membership shall be open to any person who subscribes to the Aims, Objects and Constitution of the Home Front League.

4. AIMS AND OBJECTS

The League shall have as its aims and objects the furtherance of the aims and objects of the Springbok Legion which are:-

- (a) To ensure adequate work, pay and decent living conditions for life for all ex-servicemen and women.
- (b) To ensure economic security for the dependants of fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen.
- (c) To protect serving and returned soldiers, sailors and airmen from exploitation in any shape or form, and to guard their interests and those of their dependants.
- (d) To carry over into civilian life the unity and co-operation among races which was achieved on the battlefield.
- (e) To oppose any individual, group, party or movement, which attempts to undermine the principles or practice of Democracy.
- (f) To give active support to any individual, group, party or movement working for a society based on the principles of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

In addition, the League realises that proper protection for past and present members of the military forces and their dependants cannot be achieved without regard to the rest of the population, and it will therefore support movements which will strive to achieve protection for the whole of the people of the whole of the Union of South Africa.

5. HEAD OFFICE

The Head Office of the League shall be at 420/1 Winchester House, Loveday Street, Johannesburg, or at such other place as the National Council may from time to time decide.

6. BRANCHES.

1. (a) Branches of the League, consisting of not less than 10 members, may be established upon request to and with the approval of the Divisional Council concerned. No person shall be a member of more than one branch.

(b) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and Standing Orders each branch shall be entirely autonomous, and shall have the power to frame such by-laws as are not in conflict with the Constitution and Standing Orders.

(c) Each branch committee may expel or suspend members of its branch for unconstitutional action as provided for in Standing Orders.

(d) Each branch shall within one month after the annual National Conference hold a general meeting to elect a committee, which shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer (Or Secretary/Treasurer) and as many other committee members as the branch may deem necessary. The Secretary shall within seven days of this meeting send to the Divisional Council concerned, and National Council the names of the newly elected committee.

(e) Each branch shall appoint and send delegates to represent it at the Divisional and National Conference in the manner prescribed by the Standing Orders.

(f) Each branch shall keep proper accounts and records of its members, finance and proceedings, and same shall at all convenient times and places be open for inspection by the Divisional Council concerned or its deputy. It shall also submit to the Divisional Council such returns as the Divisional Council shall call for.

11. Affiliated Bodies

Trade Unions and kindred organisations may, upon application to the National Council, be accepted as affiliated bodies subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the National Council.

7. DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE

(a) There shall be five divisions of the Home Front League of the Springbok Legion, namely:- Transvaal Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Natal and Orange Free State, which shall include Northern Cape.

(b) There shall be a conference of each such Division constituted as follows:-

1. Delegates from Branches.
2. Members of the out-going Divisional Council.

(c) Divisional Conferences shall meet once each year, and also at such other times as it may be convened by the Divisional Council concerned, or by a requisition of one-third of the Branches concerned.

8. DIVISIONAL COUNCIL/

(a) There shall be a Divisional Council for each Division consisting of a minimum of seven members. The exact number of Divisional Council members shall be fixed by the Divisional Council concerned.

(b) Each Divisional Council shall include the Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) who shall be specially elected as such by Conference. All other office bearers of the Council shall be elected by the Council from its own members at its first meeting, which shall be held within twenty-four hours after the conclusion of the Conference.

(c) The Divisional Council at a meeting consisting of not less than two-thirds of its members may suspend or expel any of its own members, appoint suspend or dismiss officials; and may suspend, exclude or expel from the League for any reason deemed sufficient by the Council any member under its jurisdiction and there shall be no obligation upon the Council to show cause or reason to anyone save National Council to whom the person affected may appeal. The person concerned shall be given an opportunity of stating his case personally or in writing to the Divisional Council.

(d) The Divisional Council shall in the event of a vacancy occurring among its members, fill such vacancy by co-opting another member of the League due regard being paid, where desirable, in the choice of such person to the nature of the vacancy to be filled.

(e) The Divisional Council may decide on the establishment or on the dissolution of Branches in the Division under its jurisdiction, subject in the event of dissolution to appeal by the Branch concerned to the National Council.

9. National Conference.

(a) There shall be a National Conference of the Home Front League of the Springbok Legion constituted as follows:-

1. Two delegates from each Divisional Council.
2. Delegates from Branches.
3. Members of the outgoing National Council.

(b) National Conference shall meet regularly once each year, and also at such times as it may be convened by the National Council or by requisition of one-third of the Branches.

(c) The whole of the work and affairs of the Home Front League shall be under the direction and control of National Conference, which shall be the supreme body of the League.

(d) The Chairman shall be elected at the annual National Conference to hold office for the ensuing year.

10. NATIONAL COUNCIL/

(a) The National Council shall consist of 25 voting members comprising the following:-

- (i) A Chairman elected for the ensuing year elected at the annual National Conference;
- (ii) Thirteen members elected at the Annual National Conference if the General Secretary is not a paid official. If, however, the General Secretary is a paid official, fourteen members shall be elected.
- (iii) Ten members elected by the Divisional Councils as hereinafter provided for. (The failure by any branch or Divisional Council to elected representatives on any body provided for in this constitution shall not invalidate any proceedings or decisions of such body or preclude it from acting under this constitution as if such body had been fully constituted and the quorum of that body shall during the absence of such representatives be reckoned/...

reckoned on the basis of the number of representatives actually appointed.)

(iv) A General Secretary as a voting member only if he is not a paid official (see Clause (b) of this chapter)

(b) The Annual National Conference shall elect a General Secretary who shall perform the duties of a treasurer until it is found necessary to appoint a separate person as treasurer, and who shall attend National Council meetings and National Conference, but who, if a paid official, shall not have the vote.

(c) Prior to the annual National Conference, except the first, two members of each Divisional Council shall be elected by each Divisional Council to the National Council for the ensuing year. Such members may be elected after the first annual National Conference.

(d) At its first meeting in its period of office, the National Council shall elect a vice-chairman from among its members and he shall act as chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

(e) The National Council shall hold its first meeting within 24 hours of its appointment and at such other times as are necessary for the conduct of its business, except in the case of the first elected National Council. It shall also meet on requisition from any two Divisional Councils.

(f) The National Council shall, subject to the direction and control of the National Conference, be the Administrative and Executive Authority of the League, and it shall be responsible for the general work of the League, and shall give effect to the decisions of the National Conference.

(g) The National Council at a meeting consisting of not less than two-thirds of its members may suspend or expel any of its own members; appoint, suspend or dismiss officials; and may suspend, exclude or expel from the League any member under its jurisdiction for any reasons deemed sufficient by the Council and there shall be no obligation upon the Council to show cause or reason to anyone save National Conference to whom the person affected may appeal. The person concerned shall be given an opportunity of stating his case personally or in writing to the National Council.

(h) The National Council shall in the event of a vacancy occurring among its members fill such vacancy by co-opting another member of the League, due regard being paid where desirable in the choice of such person to the nature of the vacancy to be filled.

(i) The National Council shall interpret this Constitution and Standing Orders and generally be the final arbiter in all disputes arising therefrom, or otherwise, subject to an appeal to the next Annual Conference or to a Special Conference competent to deal therewith, provided that ~~that~~ all decisions and interpretations of the Council made in virtue of its powers under this Chapter shall be in full force and effect unless and until they shall have been revised or amended by Conference.

11. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE.

(a) At its first meeting the National Council shall elect from its own members, a National Executive, consisting of 7 voting members. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the National Council shall be an ex-officio member of the National Executive.

(b) The National Executive may take any action or any decision which the National Council is empowered to take in terms of the Constitution, and it shall be directly responsible to the National Council which may suspend any member of the National Executive, and appoint any other member of the National Council in his stead.

(c) Action taken by the National Executive shall be ratified or vetoed, as the case may be, by the National Council at its next meeting after such action has been taken.

(d) The National Executive shall report on its activities at every meeting of the National Council.

12. TITLE AND RESPONSIBILITY/

(a) No Executive Body herein constituted shall be responsible for the engagements or liabilities of any other of the Executive Bodies herein constituted.

(b) Every document required in connection with legal process shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Body concerned.

13. SUB-COMMITTEES.

(a) The National and Divisional Councils shall have the right to appoint standing committees or sub-committees, which shall consist of at least 3 members, and the National or Divisional Councils may delegate to such committees or sub-committees in respect to the duties assigned to them such of their powers as the respective Councils deem necessary.

(b) At least one member of the Parent Body setting up such sub-Committees or committees shall serve on them and shall act as convenor.

(c) Each Divisional and National Council shall at its first meeting appoint a Finance Committee which shall include the Treasurer and Secretary of the Council, the Organiser(if any) and at least one other member. It shall be the duty of this committee generally to supervise and report on the finances under the jurisdiction of its Parent Body.

(d) Each Divisional Council shall at its first meeting elect a liason committee which shall deal with matters affecting service men's dependants, persons and the problems of discharged service men, and it shall take such action as it deems necessary, provided that such action shall not conflict with the aims, objects and Constitution of the Home Front League.

14. PAID OFFICIALS/

(a) The National and Divisional Councils may, if they deem fit, and subject to the approval of their respective Conferences, appoint a full-time paid organiser to further the aims of the Home Front League; to help set up Branches and to recruit members, and generally to take such constitutional action in these matters as may be found necessary.

(b) The Divisional and National Councils may, if they deem necessary, and subject to the approval of their respective Conferences, appoint other full-time paid officials.

(c) No full-time salaried official shall have a vote in the Home Front League at Divisional and National Councils meetings or at Conferences.

(d) All paid officials shall be deemed to be employed on a monthly basis unless otherwise specified in their contract of service.

15. ADAMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Any admendments to this constitution or to the standing orders must be approved of by the National Conference by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. At least six week's notice must be given to branches and to Divisional Councils of any proposal to amend the Constitution or Standing Orders.

16. STANDING ORDERS.

All matters not specifically regulated in this Constitution shall be dealt with in the manner stipulated in the Standing Orders annexed hereto or as these shall be duly altered from time to time. All such Standing Orders shall be part or parcel of this Constitution, provided that whenever the terms of any such Standing Orders appear in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution the latter shall prevail. All matters not specifically regulated in the Standing Orders shall be dealt with by the National or Divisional Council, in matters directly affecting the work of the National or Divisional organisation respectively.

1. Functions of Officers.

(a) Chairman: He shall preside at all meetings at which he is present and at which he is entitled to act as Chairman, enforce observance of the Constitution of the League, sign minutes of meetings after confirmation, endorse all accounts for payment (except those for standing payments) after approval by his committee, generally exercise supervision of the affairs of the League under his jurisdiction, and perform such other duties as by usage and custom pertain to this office. He shall consult with the Organiser and/or Secretary in an advisory capacity on any matters that may arise between meetings.

(b) Secretary: He shall issue notice of meetings, together with an attached agenda, conduct all office correspondence, keep original letters and copies of replies, lay all correspondence which has taken place in between meetings on the table at each meeting; attend all meetings and record minutes; keep a register of the members of the League; (The Branch Secretary shall keep a record of his branch members; the Divisional Secretary shall keep a record of all members within his division; the General Secretary shall have a full record of all members of the Home Front League of the Springbok Legion.) issue official receipts for all monies received. He may be discharged by his committee for serious neglect of duty.

(c) Treasurer: He shall receive from the Secretary all monies (or bank vouchers equivalent thereto) collected on account of the Branch, Divisional Council or National Council of the League, as the case may be, and shall pay same within three days of receipt thereof into the banking account of the Body to which he is immediately responsible. The current account shall be operated on by cheques signed by two of the following: Chairman, Secretary, and two other members of and appointed by the Body concerned. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of all financial transactions; shall retain vouchers which he shall deliver to the League's Auditors when requested to do so together with his accounts. He shall be allowed all out of pocket expenses which shall be paid when incurred by the Secretary from his Petty Cash Account.

2. Finance.

The authority of the Finance Committee must be obtained for all payments of thirty shillings and over of expenditure before same are made and generally it must supervise the finance under the direction of the Branch Committee, Divisional Council National Council (whichever applies.) The Finance Committee shall also present a financial statement at each ordinary meeting of its Parent Body and it shall have the power to call for any books and/or documents at any time.

3. AUDITORS.

(a) An Auditor, appointed by the National Council shall, at the termination of each financial year, examine all the books, accounts and vouchers of the Home Front League and the Springbok Legion, and the statement of Expenditure and Income, and report thereon. Audited financial statements of each Division must be forwarded by the Divisions to the Head Office immediately after the end of the financial year (which shall be the 31st March),

and same shall be returned immediately after the audit has been completed, unless otherwise directed by the Finance Committee. If any figures or books are not handed in for audit after receiving due notice, the General Secretary's books as audited shall be taken as correctly representing the financial relations between the branches or Divisional Councils and the National Council.

(b) The local branches will report on their finances to their Divisional Secretary every three months, and Divisional secretaries shall report to the General Secretary on their finances every six months. They shall both send in a yearly balance at the end of their financial year to be handed by the General Secretary to the Auditors.

4; QUORUM/

(a) The Quorum at a National Conference shall be twenty.

(b) The Quorum for all Councils, Divisional Conferences, Branch Committees, Standing Commitments and Sub-Committees constituted herein shall be as follows: Divide the total number of members of the Body concerned or the number nearest thereto divisible without remainder by three; to the quotient add 1. The result will be the quorum of that body.

(c) If within thirty minutes of the time fixed for any meeting of a Council or committee or sub-committee, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to such date not exceeding seven days thereafter, as the members present shall decide, and at such adjourned meeting the members present shall be a quorum. Notice of such adjourned meetings shall be given to all members of the Council or committee or sub-committee concerned.

5. FINANCIAL STANDING.

No member of the Home Front League shall be entitled to exercise any function under the Constitution or Standing Orders unless in financial standing, i.e. not more than three months in arrear with his membership fees. All such fees must be paid to the Head Office or his Branch Secretary as the case may be, not more than three months after due date. The membership fee shall be as fixed from time to time by the annual National Conference.

6. CONFERENCE

(a) The National Council shall whenever practicable convene the annual National Conference during the month of May, subject to the Constitution and Standing Orders. Each Divisional Council shall whenever practicable convene its annual Divisional Conferences within a period of two months prior to the holding of the National Conference.

(b) Other sessions of the National or Divisional Conferences shall be convened by the National or Divisional Councils respectively as may be required.

(c) In the event of it being necessary to convene a Conference upon short notice, in order to deal with some emergency, the Secretaries of Branches shall on receiving notice of such Conferences, immediately take such action as may be necessary to enable the Branch to be represented.

(d) Each branch shall be entitled to be represented at Divisional or National Conference by one delegate and an alternate for each 100 or part of 100 members on its roll in financial standing at the time of conference. From six months after the adoption of the Constitution and Standing Orders, no persons who has not been a member of the League for at least six months shall be eligible to be a delegate to any Conferences. Each delegate and alternate must be furnished with a copy of the branch resolution appoint him. No person may be a delegate for more than one branch, whether personally or by proxy. An alternate shall only exercise the powers of the delegate for whom he is an alternate in the absence of that delegate.

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(e) A branch shall not be eligible to be represented at National and Divisional Conferences unless it has been in existence for at least three months prior to the holding of a conference or if it is more than three months in arrears with its payment dues. This rule shall not apply for the first conference at which this Constitution and Standing Orders are adopted.

(f) Thirty days prior to the holding of Conferences, the Divisional Councils shall appoint a sub-committee to investigate the bona fides of Branches of the Home Front League in their respective areas of jurisdiction and a signed copy of the minutes of the Branch meeting electing the delegate for that Branch shall be submitted to such a sub-committee of the Divisional Council. This Divisional Council sub-committee shall prepare from the available documents a schedule of the financial strength of each Branch, and in the event of a National Conference shall submit their report to the National Council in time for the latter Body to act upon that report at the National Conference.

7. RESOLUTIONS AT CONFERENCES

(a) Notices of Resolutions for the Annual National or Divisional Conference (including notices of appeal against decisions of the National or Divisional Council) shall be sent to the General Secretary or Divisional Secretary respectively, as the case may be, not later than three months prior to the holding of such Conference for inclusion in the first agenda, which shall be circulated to all Branches and Divisional Councils not later than two months before the Conference concerned. The National or Divisional Council may relax this rule in case of need.

(b) Nominations for the National Council or Divisional Council shall be called for from Branches in time to be in the hands of the General Secretary or Divisional Secretary respectively, not later than one month prior to the holding of the National or Divisional Conference respectively. All nominations to be included in the final agenda circulated to Branches, and, in the case of a National Conference, to Divisional Councils as well.

(c) Notices of amendments to Resolutions in the First agenda, including nominations for Secretary and/or Treasurer, shall be forwarded to the National Secretary in the case of the National Conference, and to the Divisional Secretary in the case of the Divisional Conference not later than one month before the Conference for inclusion in the final agenda.

8. PROCEDURE AT CONFERENCES AND DIVISIONAL AND NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

(a) The procedure of debate at Conferences and at meetings of the National or Divisional Councils shall as far as possible be conducted in accordance with the procedure and practice of the House of Assembly of the Union of South Africa.

(b) The Chair shall be taken by the National Chairman at the National Council and Conference; by the Divisional Chairman at the Divisional Council and Conference; or in his absence by the Vice-Chairman of the National or Divisional Council respectively. In the absence of both Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Body concerned, the meeting shall elect its own chairman.

(c) Names of Delegates at Conferences shall be called and responded to; a Credential Committee of three persons shall be appointed forthwith by the Chairman of the meeting, which shall examine the credentials of delegates to ascertain if the delegates comply with the provisions of Chapter 6(e) and(f) of these Standing Orders.

(e) Business at Conferences shall then be proceeded with in accordance with the Agenda Paper to be drawn up by the Committee of Action or Divisional Council as the case may be, provided

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be the election of the National Council in the case of the National Conference, and of the Divisional Council in the case of the Divisional Conference;

(ii) that, in the case of other items on the agenda, the meeting can by vote alter the order of items of discussion.

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(e) Each speaker at Conferences and at National and Divisional Council meetings shall address the Chair standing. Except with the leave of the meeting or on a point of order or point of explanation no speaker shall speak more than once on any motion nor unless he be the mover of a resolution speak for longer than ten minutes. The mover shall, however, have the right to reply at the close of the debate.

(f) No notice shall be taken of any motion or amendment unless it is seconded.

(g) Questions shall not be debated for longer than 1½ hours provided that any member of the Divisional or National Council or delegate to Conference as the case may be, shall have the right to submit a resolution for an extension of time; such resolution shall be put without debate and shall not have effect unless carried by a two-thirds majority of the meeting.

(h) Each delegate or member of the Divisional or National Council as the case may be, shall on rising to address the meeting, state whether he is for or against any question that is being discussed. Not more than two members shall speak in succession either for or against, and if at the conclusion of the second speaker's remarks no member rises to speak on the other side, the motion or amendment shall at once be put, provided that the mover shall have the right of reply.

(i) A motion or amendment that has been voted on, shall not be re-opened for discussion at the same meeting unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members entitled to vote and present at the meeting. This rule shall apply to Divisional and National Council Meetings and Conferences. The motion to reopen discussion shall be put without amendment and only one speaker on either side shall be allowed on the motion to reopen discussion.

(j) Voting at all conferences and at National and Divisional Council meetings shall be by show of hands unless the meetings decide by a majority to vote by ballot. In the case of election all voting shall be by ballot. In the case of elections all voting shall be by ballot. The Chairman shall have a deliberative vote but shall not have a casting vote. In the event of an equality of voting the motion shall lapse.

(k) All votes shall be counted by the Chairman who may call on other members to assist.

(l) No absent member shall be nominated for any office unless his consent in writing has been previously obtained.

(m) A delegate to Conferences or member of the National or Divisional Council shall be allowed to withdraw any motion or amendment which he has put forward if the meeting consents.

(n) Any delegate, visitor or member of the National or Divisional Council refusing to obey the ruling of the Chairman at the meeting at which he is present, or on being found guilty of misconduct, shall upon a vote being taken, withdraw from the meeting and may be penalised or suspended as the meeting thinks fit. A motion of dissent from the Chairman's ruling may be moved and seconded, but no debate shall be allowed on this motion. A majority of the meeting shall be sufficient to carry such a motion.

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