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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEACE COUNCIL, HELD AT KELVAD  
HOUSE, JOHANNESBURG, ON THE 26TH NOVEMBER, 1955.

PRESENT: Rev. Dr G. Thompson (in the Chair)  
Twenty members.

1. THE CHAIRMAN opened the meeting and referred to the recent death of Mr. T.N. Naidoo. The members stood in silence as a tribute to Mr. Naidoo.

2. MR. R. WOLPE then addressed the meeting on the world situation and the World Peace Movement.

It was suggested that Mr. Wolpe's address be circulated to members if possible. Referred to incoming Executive.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT was given.

Secretary moves Resolutions 1, 2 and 3.

Mr. A. Sachs reported on the activities of the Cape Peace Council.

Mr. L. Levy reported on the activities of the Transvaal Peace Council.

A written report from the Natal Peace Council was read.

Mr. Levy suggested that monthly reports should be submitted by the Provincial Councils to the S.A. Peace Council. Agreed that this would be desirable.

No. Speaking to Resolution 1, a member emphasised the need to press the cause of peace through other organisations, and the need to send teams of peace workers to country towns in the various Provinces. The member suggested that the Council should endeavour during December to prepare a large amount of propaganda material for use in the coming year. The question of uranium should be stressed.

Another speaker suggested that fuller information on world affairs should be included in our propaganda, together with a vigorous treatment of African questions.

Mr. L. Levy informed the meeting that a poster is being produced by the Transvaal Peace Council, and suggested that this be distributed on a nation-wide scale.

Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 adopted.

4. FILLING OF VACANCIES: Nominations were called for for two members to be co-opted in the place of the late Mr. T.N. Naidoo and Mr. C. Blumberg who has resigned.

Messrs. Moritzsohn, Wolpe, Oliver and Bushlick were nominated. Mr. Bushlick declined.

Agreed to co-opt Messrs. Moritzsohn, Wolpe and Oliver.

5. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE:

Nominations:

Miss Watts /  
Mr. Kathrada /  
Mr. Baker /  
Mr. Sear /  
Mr. Levy /  
Mr. Thandray /  
Mr. Wolpe /  
Mr. O'Dowd /

Miss Pirret /  
Mrs. Lipman /  
Mr. Hoosa /  
Mr. Haskin /  
Mrs. Joseph /  
Mr. Moritzsohn /  
Mr. Oliver /  
Mr. Lipman /

Mr. Levy withdrew, and the remaining fifteen were declared elected. Election of Miss Watts to be conditional upon her legal position allowing her to accept; similarly Mr. Lipman.

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6. GENERAL: The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the  
Khelvad Club for the use of the hall.

The meeting then closed.

READ AND CONFIRMED:

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CHAIRMAN.

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RESOLUTIONS

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1) The Council instructs the incoming Executive --

- (i) to launch a new and vigorous Peace Campaign early in the New Year, in which the question of peace will be linked as closely as possible with South African affairs, and in which the apathy and defeatism of great masses of peace-loving South Africans will be transformed into militant support for the peace movement;
- (ii) To concentrate during the coming months on forming new Peace Councils in the Eastern Province, the Orange Free State and the Protectorates, and other areas where no peace movement at present exists;
- (iii) to contact peace-loving people and organisations throughout Africa in order to mobilise the people of this Continent in the cause of Peace.

2) The South African Peace Council expresses its horror at the increasingly cruel and indiscriminate manner in which hostilities are being waged in Kenya. The Council calls upon the peoples of the whole of Africa to unite in an irresistible demand for the ending of this futile and barbaric war.

3) The South African Peace Council condemns the South African Government's proposal to incorporate the Protectorates as an imperialistic ambition which represents a grave menace to the peace of Southern Africa. The Council expresses its solidarity with the people of the Protectorates in their resistance to this proposal, and calls upon the peace-loving peoples of Africa to support their resistance.

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MINUTES

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Present. The Chairman and seven members.

Minutes of 9/12/53 read and adopted.

Letter from Mr P. Motlhabi read.

Membership. Agreed to co-opt three members to replace those who have been banned. Messrs. Paul Joseph, Henry Mogotj and Salim Saleh proposed and accepted.

Elections. Mr Wolne was elected as secretary and Mr Saleh as treasurer, subject to his acceptance.

Secretariat. Agreed to appoint a secretariat to attend to work between executive meetings. Secretariat to consist of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, Messrs Szur, O'Dowd and Joseph and Mrs Slovo.

Future Activities. The following suggestions were referred to the Secretariat:

- to launch a campaign on Peace in Africa, with a leaflet and public meetings
- to prepare a new exhibition, emphasising African questions (Kenya Committee and Daily Worker to be contacted for material)
- to issue speakers notes and other material for use by the Provincial Councils
- to conduct special activities to mark notable anniversaries, etc
- to consider special activities catering for various professional groups
- to make use of Mr Sisulu's report-back meetings, if necessary to assist in the organisations of such meetings and to request Mr Sisulu to write an article for use by the Peace Council
- to continue the sending out of letters on controversial subjects
- to obtain material on Viet-Nam from international organisations and French publications
- to contact Paul Robeson for a recording.

General. Agreed to meet in future on the first Wednesday in each month.

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MINUTES OF ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS, Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> July 1953.

PRESIDENT: Messrs O'Dowd, Kathrada, Macka, Mrs. Ngori, Miss Watts.  
APOLOGIES: Mr. Mazeko.

MINUTES of previous meeting read and accepted.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Meetings at Alexandra, Benoni, Roodeport. Meeting had been arranged at Roodepoort, but so far not at Alex, or Benoni.

Concert: Halls had not been booked. Kathrada will speak to Mr. Cachalia.

PEACE CALL: This had been sent out to various organisations. Branches of T.I.C. had not yet been received. Macka will let Secretary have list of Trade Unions from the N.E.T.U.

PREPARATION OF PAPERS: Molema had agreed to read a paper and be chairman of one session. Matthews and Nhlapo still being contacted. Dr. Fox to be asked to read paper. Dr. Gillman is back from Europe, and should also be contacted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Altman, declining to read paper at Congress
- 2) Mussah, N. Rhodesia, re sending of delegate.
- 3) Chingatti, ditto. Committee must decide on principle of giving financial assistance to delegates from other areas.

DATE OF CONGRESS: It was agreed that the date should be put forward to the 21st August. University to be booked if available. Gandhi Hall to be considered for public meeting on evening before Congress opens.

FINANCE: Secretary to ask Mr. Naidoo to undertake some collections. Books of tickets to sell for Congress are available. Members of the Committee should obtain books from Miss Kramer.

NEXT MEETING: To be held in one week's time, 8th July at 5.30.

J. Cachalia  
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M. K. Ngori

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