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The Secretary,

*Transvaal Indian Youth Congress,  
Johannesburg*

Dear Friend,

This is to remind you that February 21st, Colonial Youth Day is just around the corner, and also to inform you as to what activities are planned this year to celebrate this historic day.

The celebration of this day originates from the 21st of February, 1946, when the Indian sailors of the British Navy organised an uprising against colonial policy. In 1946 there were similar, patriotic demonstrations in Egypt.

Since 1948 on the initiative of the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students, the celebration of this day has become traditional. Each year a larger number of young peace-lovers take part in expressing their solidarity with their brothers in the colonial countries and demanding national independence for all peoples. This day also finds a wide spread support in many countries.

It has been our custom in the Transvaal to celebrate Colonial Youth Day on the 21st February every year by holding a mass rally in one of the areas. You will recall the large rally held in Sophiatown last year.

This year the Transvaal Youth Action Committee (a co-ordinating Committee of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress, The African National Congress Youth League, the Congress of Democrats Youth and the S.A. Coloured People's Organisation) is organising a mass Youth Rally to be held on 26th February at 10 a.m. at the No 2 Square, Alexandra Township.

Mrs Lilian Ngoyi will speak on pa ses, and other speakers will deal with the subjects of Bantu Education, and the significance of Colonial Youth Day. You will appreciate the significance of the celebration at this time of the struggle.

It is now necessary that we contact as many young people as we can. We are sending you this circular so that you can start your organisational work immediately.

LONG LIVE THE FREEDOM CHARTER.

Yours Fraternally,

For Tvl. Youth Action Committee.

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