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P.O. BOX 2706,
CAPE TOWN.
9th June 1953.

The Secretary,
Transvaal Peace Council,
P.O.Box 10528,
Mohannesburg.

Dear Hilda,

I received your letter of the 8th inst., for which I thank you. About Mr Vernon Berrangé's kind offer to come to Cape Town. I received a letter informing me about this at the end of last month from Mr Percy Cohen. I replied almost immediately and asked him for an early reply to give me a chance to organise the series of meetings properly, but up till now I received no further correspondence from him. I am sending you a copy of the letter and see whether you could give me the necessary information.

We thought of holding the meetings under the auspices of the Society of Peace and Friendship because of the nature of the subject. But of course we might still reconsider the matter.

We are sending out this week letters to individuals and organisations requesting them to support the Peace Congress sponsored by your Council. But I don't think that I received from you the date of the Congress. Is it the 27th? Do inform me.

Yours Sincerely,

I. Chechanovsky
(I. Chechanovsky)
Secretary.

*In the next letter
I shall try and send you some
news of our work for the Bulletin.*

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P.O. BOX 2706,
CAPE TOWN.

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10th June, 1953.

Dear Friend,

As one of the organisations supporting the Peace Congress called by the Transvaal Peace Council in Johannesburg on the ²⁴⁻²⁶ 25th July, we are sending you the appeal and invitation of the sponsoring body.

We realise that it is not always possible to be represented at meetings as far distant as Johannesburg. But the cause of PEACE is urgent and universal. We therefore add our appeal that you or your organisation send a message of support in time to be read at the Congress.

We can supply you with additional information and literature on request, and would be glad to keep you in touch with the work and achievements of the Peace movement.

Yours Sincerely,

I. GEBULANOVSKY

Secretary.

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CAPE TOWN PEACE COUNCIL

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P.O. BOX 2706,
CAPE TOWN.

17th June 53.

The Secretary,
Transvaal Peace Council,
P.O.Box 10528,
Johannesburg.

Dear Hilda,

We have not received any replies to our letters of the 6th and the 9th of this month, I would be pleased if you replied to the points raised. We might want to submit a constitution to ~~the~~ our conference on the 5th of July, it would be helpful if you could send us one of yours if you have such a thing. We would also like to have some material on the formation and development of the world peace movement, could you send us any ?

I am sending you a draft for a Statement of Aims which my committee will consider at its next meeting. I am also enclosing a cheque for £2 as our contribution for the Bulletin.

I realise that you are very busy but do try and attend to the points raised.

Yours Sincerely,

I. Chechanovsky
(I. Chechanovsky)
Secretary.

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Secretary,
Cape Town Peace Council,
Box 2706,
Cape Town.

Dear Check,

I'm sorry for delays in replying to your letter - I have had 'flu which I don't seem able to shake off, and all the work is getting behind and in a muddle.

My Committee discussed your draft Statement of Aims at our meeting last night. They asked me to let you know that while we do not necessarily disagree with the points in it, we feel that something much simpler and in more general terms should be submitted to your Conference. As it is worded, your statement is really in the form of discussion notes, suitable as a basis for discussion and clarification of ideas within a Committee, but not carefully enough framed for a public conference. We think the principles that were the foundation of the Congress of Peoples in Vienna give an excellent guide in this respect. You will see how general they keep their statements, and how well-drawn up they are.

My Committee has also asked me to send a message of greetings to your Conference on the 5th July. The tremendous growth of interest in the peace movement in South Africa during the past few months has presented us with splendid opportunities for organising people for peace. The Transvaal Peace Council is pleased to note that peace bodies are developing in various centres in South Africa. We wish your Conference every success, and believe that a National Peace Council organised on a firm basis will come into being in South Africa in the near future.

Regarding the National Peace Congress in July, I take it you have by now received material I have sent to you, and if you require more copies of the Peace Call or the covering letter, you will let me know. We are considering putting the date of the Congress forward to August, as there were so many delays in getting out the Peace Call, we feel there has not perhaps been sufficient time for organisations to meet and elect delegates. I will let you know the final decision as soon as it is made, but meanwhile if it would seriously inconvenience you if the date were changed, would you wire me immediately, as we do not wish to upset any plans you in Cape Town may have made.

We have found our work increasing to such an extent, that my Committee has asked me to ask you if it is possible for you to mail out the monthly Newsletter to Cape Town supporters yourselves. Actually, you should be adding new names to the list, making changes when people move, and so on, and all this cannot be done so efficiently from up here. However, we don't want to hand it over if you find it impossible to do. Durban Peace Council takes 200 copies each month which they mail out themselves. A Natal Peace Council is to be formed at a Conference in Durban on the 11th July.

We would like the matter of a Constitution held over if possible for a little while. We have never had a proper Constitution, and now one is being prepared for the Congress. It should cover all peace organisations in South Africa, and be discussed by the various centres. I will send copies as soon as the draft is ready.

In addition to the names mentioned in the last copy of the Newsletter, the following have endorsed the Peace Call: Dawie Couzyn (Editor of "Saamtrek"), Dr. Guy Routh, Johanna Cornelius, and a number of leading Trade Unionists from Durban. Have you obtained any

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names yet?

Rev. Thompson has just returned from the lecting of the World Council at Budapest. I have not yet seen him, but will send you a report as soon as I obtain one. Do you get material direct from the World Peace Council or not?

I haven't anything to send you on the formation and development of the world peace movement. I do, however, receive bulletins from Britain and Canada, which indicate a most tremendous and remarkable growth in the world peace movement in English-speaking countries (where previously it was weakest). The British Peace Committee recently held a highly successful Congress of Action for Peace.

We are shortly producing a leaflet on the question of a pact of peace and negotiation between the powers. Would you like some copies?

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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11th July, 1963.

The Secretary,
Cape Town Peace Council,
P.O. Box 2706,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Check,

Thank you for your letter of the 27th June, and the copies of the circular which you sent. I am sorry that I have taken so long to reply, but I have been down with flu and have got behind with the work.

With regard to the suggestions that you make for subjects for discussion at the National Peace Congress, these will be referred to the Organising Committee for the Congress, and I am sure that they will be able to include the points.

I have to inform you that the date of the Congress has been put forward to the week-end of August 22nd, and I hope that this will prove suitable to you, and will also give your Council some time to arrange for delegates and to contact other organisations.

I would still very much like to receive from you signatures to the Peace Call, as so far Cape Town is the only district which does not feature amongst the signatories -- apart from which, we do really need more names, particularly amongst leading Europeans.

I hope you had a successful conference last week-end, and I expect you will be writing to tell me about it.

Yours sincerely,

H. WATTS.
Secretary.

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18th July 1953.

Secretary,
Cape Town Peace Council,
Box 2706,
Cape Town.

Dear Check,

We have received a letter from the World Peace Council which emphasises the urgency and importance of the new international campaign to try and bring about negotiations between the big Powers. The letter states that while the campaign is international in character and scope - and is intended to surpass anything yet undertaken by the WPC - they are leaving it to the Peace Movements of each country to decide the details and methods of work of the campaign in each particular country. They mention, however, that the collection of signatures is a method which has proved most successful in the past, and is favoured by many countries.

They ask us to let them know immediately our plans for the month of July. They speak about the need to begin the campaign without any delay.

Our Committee has discussed and decided on a plan of campaign. The attitude of the WPC at the present time, as expressed in the Declaration from their meeting in Budapest (which is reprinted in our current Newsletter, which should reach you very soon) is not to speak so much of a 'Five-Power Pact' but to keep pressing that the big powers use negotiation to settle their differences, and come together soon, to overcome those forces that are trying by every means possible to prevent a meeting between the powers, and to prolong the Korean war.

It is, of course, up to your Committee to decide for themselves what work can be done in your area, but we would urge you to join with our campaign, an outline of which follows:

1) We wish to run a national peace ballot. This is, in effect, a signature-collecting campaign but in a slightly different form. We intend printing ballot papers with two simple questions: 1) Do you think the South African Government should press for and support negotiations between the Big Powers to settle their disputes peacefully? b) Are you in favour of a Pact of Peace between the Big Powers?

There is to be a place on the ballot form for people to tick their answer to the questions - yes, no, or undecided, - and also a place at the bottom for signatures, although we are not insisting that each individual sign the form if he or she doesn't wish to do so. On the back of the ballot form will be printed a resolution passed by ourselves on the question of negotiation between the powers. A mass drive is to be undertaken, door-to-door, in factories, tables in town, and so on. Our aim - to double our previous total of 30,000 signatures which were obtained for the 5 power pact.

2) A resolution on negotiation will be sent to organisations, who will be asked either to endorse it, or to pass a similar one, and to send it to the Prime Minister. (Particularly trade unions)

3) Groups of people are to be organised to send letters to the Government and copies to the press - for instance, University lecturers, a group of doctors, lawyers, etc.

4) A deputation is to be organised at a later stage (headed by Thomson) to the Prime Minister.

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5) Ballot forms and letters to be sent to all MP's and Senators. a 'Peace Lobby' to be organised - this would have to be done in Cape Town while Parliament is meeting. Of individuals who will lobby MP's at the house, ask them to raise the question of negotiation and urge our Government to support it.

To assist peace workers taking round ballot forms, we are printing a leaflet on the question of negotiation which sets out fairly simply why negotiation is necessary, and how war can be prevented by the effort of everyone. Organisations will be informed that we will send speakers to their meetings if required, and individual approaches will be made to trade union secretaries and others to get them to see resolutions are passed, and to get them to bring pressure to bear on the Trades and Labour Council

We are asking both your Committee - and the Natal Peace Council which was formed at a successful conference in Durban last week - to share with us the expense of printing both the leaflet and the ballot form, to let us know if you will throw your weight in behind this campaign so that it has a national and not a provincial character. If your Committee agrees, we would like to know how many leaflets and how many ballot forms you require. We are printing 10,000 leaflets for a start, and 20,000 ballot forms. We hope to have to print many more ballot forms. We will send to you as many leaflets and ballot forms as you think you will need, and ask that you should bear proportionate expenses - that is, if you take a quarter of the leaflets, to bear a quarter of the printing cost.

We are sorry that the urgency of this campaign, and the manner in which the WPC have requested us not to delay, has made it imperative for us to get on with it from our end without first having a discussion on the campaign with you, through our correspondence. We do want you to consider this an emergency - to let us know as soon as it is possible with a minimum of delay, what you intend to do, and what you will require in the way of leaflets and ballot forms.

I am sorry you have not let me know about your Conference - I was waiting to put something in the Newsletter, but eventually had to get it run off without anything. Wolfie has informed us that you will send out the Newsletters yourselves, and will require 300 for a start. We still have copies of your mailing list - I presume you also have such copies.

Please do reply to the points in this letter as soon as possible.

With best wishes

Hilda Watts, secretary.

NATIONAL CONGRESS: The Congress will be held in the Trades Hall on the 22nd and 23rd August. A public meeting will be held on the 21st, and if delegates arrive from other centres we would be glad of their participation as speakers. The response has been good. We will issue shortly a printed leaflet about the Congress which will contain information about the Congress, and once again a delegates form, and is to be sent to organisations and for general distribution. As we wish to put the names of some of the people who will be reading papers at the Congress in this leaflet, if you have managed to get anyone, we would like to know so they can be included. Also names of those who have endorsed the Peace Call - this latter is important. We still need more names.

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I nearly forgot to mention the sixth point in the campaign, which is for me one of the most important! We have issued an appeal to raise £1000 for the Peace Council - for present activities, and for the National Congress. Our proposal - if you agree, of course - is that Cape Town and Durban should each be asked to raise £200 of that amount; the money you raised would naturally be for your own funds, although the amount raised would be counted in the with total. Support for the peace movement is more widespread today than ever before, and I know the money can be raised if we can just get people out organising for it. We are getting groups to organise functions, we are selling 'peace tickets' at 1/- and 10/- a time, and arranging individual collections, besides making a general appeal, even to those who already give regularly to the Peace Council, to give 'One day's pay for peace.'

Please let us have your opinions along with the other suggestions.

CAPE TOWN PEACE COUNCIL

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P. O. BOX 2706,

CAPE TOWN.

27th July 53.

The Secretary,
Transvaal Peace Council,
P.O. Box 10528,
Johannesburg.

Dear Hilda,

Thank you for your letters of the 16th and the 22nd of this month. The circulars I receive from you and the circulars we issue ourselves I send to similar organisations as you do in Johannesburg. I am sending you some copies of these we sent out lately.

We discussed the proposed subjects for discussion at the National Peace Congress and we feel that they are not sufficiently concrete. The subjects we would suggest are the following:

1. Is peace possible, or can the Capitalist and Socialist countries live side by side in peace? For this it would be necessary to accept the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, whatever their political system.
2. Would war help the liberatory struggle in S. Africa? A large section of Africans believe it would. Clarification is necessary.
3. Peace can come with the establishment of better relations with between the Capitalist and Socialist countries, particularly trade relations.
4. Will peace cause crisis and unemployment? Better trade relations will present an immediate solution to the problems caused by the abandonment of a war economy.
5. How to organise for Peace.

I shall approach friends with the request to write some papers for the conference, and I'll send it to you as soon as I get them. As regards delegates to the Conference. We have and are approaching organisations and ask them to send delegates, but we do not know yet of any delegations appointed. We hope to send at least one delegate from our committee.

We would very much like you to send us as soon as possible your draft constitution. Is it possible for you to send it still this week?

In a few days time I shall send you a list of Signatories to the Peace Call, not many though. I'll also send you the play "Strangers in the Land".

Yours for Peace,
E. P. Parovskiy.

Handwritten signature

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CAPE TOWN PEACE COUNCIL

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P.O. BOX 2706,
CAPE TOWN.

August 28th, 1953

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Dear Hilda,

Our delegates to the peace conference have returned with nothing but praise of it, and enthusiasm (I hope this will last!) for peace. The only criticism was from M s. Thaele, who thought that arrangements should be made to meet delegates from foreign parts!

We have noted the proposal to send a deputation to Swart re Bram, but there is some doubt as to your approach. Is it intended to argue a case with as much effective weight as we can muster, or are we too stage a protest demonstration? We rather thought that the composition of the deputation would vary according to the viewpoint adopted. Perhaps you could enlighten us. One opinion was that we should invite such people as Wright, Molteno, Lee Warden, Gerald Gordon and other respectable citizens; another view was that ANC and Coloured leaders ought to go along as well. But we decided to postpone action until we had heard from you.

We have decided to arrange one meeting for Cecil Williams on the 19th, and another (or more) if he stays here for a few days. Hilary says that you would be prepared to come down here as well. That's fine; we could put up the money for a second class railway ticket, and provide you with free board & lodging during your stay. I'd be very grateful if you would let us know in good time when you intend coming and for how long (Would you get the information also from Williams?)

Meanwhile the delegates will report back to the groups we are trying to get going. I presume that a full statement on the Conference will be issued in due course?

With best wishes,

H Jack Simons

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Secretary,
Cape Town Peace Council,
Box 2706,
Cape Town.

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of the 28th. I'm glad the delegates were enthusiastic about the Congress, and we were very pleased with the people you sent. All three of them made excellent contributions to the discussions, and Mrs. Thaele proved a most able chairman at one of the sessions. Her criticism regarding not being met was perfectly justified, entirely my fault, and I know Johannesburg is a miserable place to be stranded in.

1) DEPUTATION: The new Committee feels that the deputation to Swart should be of the 'weighty' kind, rather than in the nature of a protest demonstration. The names you suggest were the kind of people we wanted, and if possible someone from the Liberal Party. We are asking you to make up the entire deputation, although it was the intention to send Rev. Thompson down to head it. We are so much in debt at the moment that we feel the airfare for him to Cape Town can't be spared, so we are leaving it entirely to you.

2) MEETING IN CAPE TOWN. Hilary did suggest that I should also go to Cape Town to speak (as well as Cecil). However, as I am working I couldn't manage to go by rail, and since Cecil is going to be in Cape Town in any case, perhaps we had better leave it to him. I will speak to him and let you know when he will be arriving, and how long he will be staying.

3) REPORT FROM CONGRESS. We are preparing some sort of publication that will include a summary of the speeches and proceedings, and the resolutions. This will take about three weeks to get out, as we are still trying to get minutes from some of the typists.

Meanwhile, we hope you will be able to hold 'report-back' meetings, and publicise the Congress. We would also like additional protests about Fischer (telegrams to the Minister, resolutions from organisations, and so on.)

4) NOMINEES TO THE S.A. PEACE COUNCIL. The Constitution allows for twenty additional seats to be filled by regions, within one month of the Congress. We recommend that Natal be asked to fill another 6 seats, Cape Town 3, Transvaal 7, and

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four should be left over to be filled at a later stage (we hope) with representatives from the Free State. We are recommending more seats to Natal, as they have at present only 3 representatives on the Council, and they have a larger Peace Council in Natal. The seats filled at the present time, including the President and Vice-Presidents are as follows:

Transvaal ... 18 (and 1 more - Fischer)
Natal.....3
Cape ~~xxxxxx~~.....5

If you feel that with the additional seats there would be too many Transvaal representatives, please let us know. We recommend the additional people to be nominated should be selected from among active peace workers, representatives of the different racial groups, or individuals or members of organisations who have, or could, make a contribution to peace work.

We ask you to send in your nominations by 21st September, to comply with the Constitution. If this does not give you sufficient time, perhaps you would ask for an extension of time, and we'd have to be a bit flexible about applying the Constitution!

5) FINANCES: We have up to the present spent about £75 on the Congress, and we owe something in the nature of another £120. The Congress did not actually cost as much as we expected, but our printing expenses have been very high, not only for the Congress material, but also for leaflets and ballot cards for the negotiation campaign. I did write to Check and ask that you would contribute to the expenses of all material issued - in proportion to what you received from us (that is, pay for your share of the ballot cards, leaflets, and so on, that were sent.) I'm now appealing again. We're not laying down any rigid rules, but it would be good if we could clear this debt, and let the new Council start with a bit of money on hand. The debts were actually incurred by the Transvaal Peace Council, but we can't be legalistic about these things, and until everything is paid for, the S.A.P.C. must regard the debts as its responsibility as well.

Could you make a very special effort? £120 doesn't seem a terrific sum, but I've collected from everyone I know, and I can see myself landing in a debtor's jail if someone doesn't help out!

6) BALLOT CAMPAIGN. We want to go all out now - the World Peace Council keeps urging us to push this campaign for negotiation to the limit. So far we have less than 1,000 cards signed, but we were going slow until after the Congress as we were all too busy to organise the campaign. On this last week-end, we had two tables set up in town, and 500 people signed cards. This is just one suggestion. I'm sure we could get thousands of signatures through organisations such as the one Mrs. Theele was telling me about. Try and get the TLC to back the campaign, and Unions to undertake signature drives, through Shop Stewards, Organisers, and so on. These are just a few suggestions, but the idea is to make it a real mass campaign and to achieve 100,000 signatures.

7) NEWSLETTER. This will now be a South African Peace Council publication. I need urgently, news of meetings and activities from

ballot campaign. (Also news of protests re Fischer, and so on.)

Now I can really see a future for peace work!

Best wishes,

(Acting-Secretary S.A. Peace Council, and
also Sec. Tvl. Peace Council.)

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CAPE TOWN PEACE COUNCIL.

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P.O. Box 2706,
Cape Town.
23rd Sept., 1954.

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The Secretary,
S.A. Peace Council,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Harold,

Sorry to hear of your banning and strongest protests from our Council.

About the bulletin: we feel that a roneeed one should be brought out immediately as there is so much of importance happening, even if just a short one. As for our Conference, it is out of date now and doesn't warrant much space. We feel that most of all the Bulletin should be a guide to what is happening so as to direct the ~~work~~ activities of the workers in the movement. At the present moment we need facts about China urgently. Outside the article in Advance we have no facts. Do you know whether Chou has made any recent statements on Formosa?

You have not said whether you received the article I posted for the Bulletin some time ago on S.A.'s war policy. Also we have not heard whether you received a review of recent news items posted about ten days ago. We feel it is essential that all things must be acknowledged. In fact we think that all communications should in future be numbered and I am starting off this one as Number 1.

Another suggestion for the Bulletin is Erasmus' overseas trip. It was suggested that this be linked with the talk on the Republic.

Hope your finances are pecking up. Enclosed is the cheque I forgot to send last time.

Yours sincerely,

Sonia

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25th September, 1954.

The Secretary,
Cape Peace Council,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sonia,

I have just received your letter dated 23rd September, 1954 for which many thanks. With regard to your enquiries about articles etc., forwarded by you, I shall check up immediately and advise you poste haste.

We appreciate your anxiety about the bulletin and agree with you that some must be issued immediately. In this connection, we have already taken steps to have one reworked and it will not be long before you receive some, unfortunately, Harold's banning dislocated matters somewhat!

Your suggestion re Erasmus' overseas trip is a very good one and an article will appear on same in the bulletin. Please send up any notes etc., which you think would be suitable for publication in our bulletin as this helps us a great deal in expediting its despatch to all members.

Thank you very much for the cheque, our finances, are so low that we are faced with lawyers letters and daily threats from creditors, if Cape Town could render further assistance it would help a great deal.

The Transvaal Peace Council, is at the moment attempting to set the debts of the S.A. Peace Council, and here are some of their plans.

- 1) A Cake Sale in the centre of Johannesburg will be held on October 16th, 1954. (All supporters have been approached to assist.)
- 2) A Grand Peace Ball has been arranged for November, entrance 6/6,.
- 3) A competition has already been started for an oil Painting donation 2/- per ticket.

We are enclosing a number of posters for disposal at your end, if you require more please advise and we shall send same to you. We have managed to get three cinema's (Non-European) to show slides advertising Council. This method does a lot of good work in keeping the issue of peace in the Public eye all the time, if you would like to try to do the same

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can design a couple of glass slides for you and send them down by registered post.

On the 27th October, 1954, the Transvaal Peace Council is holding a conference of religious ministers. Rev. Thompson is opening it and Rev. Blaxall will speak from the platform. Altogether 95 ministers have been approached, and quite a number have agreed to participate.

We are enclosing our circular letter to the clergy for your records. Kindly advise whether you have sufficient H. Bomb Stickers, "Africa for Peace Badges", Literature on the World Peace Council etc., A leaflet on the outcome of Geneva and the situation in the Far East will be sent down to you shortly, it is at the moment in the hands of the printer.

Your suggestion that we acknowledge all communications is important and we shall ~~xxx~~ start ~~xxxx~~ this scheme immediately.

With best wishes ,

Yours sincerely,

LEON LEVY.

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The Secretary,
S.A. Peace Council,
P.O. Box 10258,
JOHANNESBURG.

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your letter of January 28th which arrived on Monday or Tuesday of this week. Also for the reports which arrived simultaneously - at last!

Regarding the Midway, quite an adequate report appeared in New Age, but if you want more details, here they are.

About a dozen of us, European, African and Coloured, went along to the aircraft carrier, standing alongside holding posters saying: Friendships not Warships; Atoms for Welfare not Warfare; Armed might is not right; Down with war; Yankee navy stay at home; Imperialism breeds war; War makes prices rise; Atoms for construction not destruction; peace brings plenty; Butter not bombs; The H-Bomb threatens humanity and we want peace not war. The peace council banner was also carried.

We stood there for about fifteen minutes, earning the scowls and ridicules of some of the Europeans, but the non-Europeans were with us I should say. Anyway everybody looked at all the banners and perhaps the only ones uninterested were the sailors from the Midway themselves. They have probably had so much at every port of call that they are a bit blasé by now.

After quarter of an hour, the police arrived, photographed everybody, wrote down the slogans and tried to get the names and addresses of everybody. At this stage I told the new people that were there to go and we put our banners away. I think we had served our purpose anyway. Meanwhile Rousseau had taken Naomi's camera away - he got furious when she photographed him photographing us, but the following afternoon he returned it. He obviously went in to the legal position and discovered he had no authority to destroy the spool so had to hand it back intact. Moreover we had threatened to charge him with malicious damage to property if we did not get our camera back plus the spool. Both Naomi and I challenged their authority in the first place, but Rousseau merely ignored us and the police officer standing with him sniggered.

If you are thinking of putting this in the next Bulletin, choose the parts carefully, especially from the last paragraph

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as we didn't charge Rousseau and he claims that he returned the
spool out of the goodness of his heart and that he might still
prosecute one day! All a lot of nonsense, but still.

The new pamphlet will be ready shortly and I'll send
it up immediately for your approval and also for you to print!

I am glad that the Council meeting has been fixed for
the 4th.

~~No further need to report at the moment.~~

Yours sincerely,

Lucia Bunting
SECRETARY.

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