

Introduction

Preface

Last year the African National Congress sent a delegate to attend the Convention of the League against Imperialism in Brussels. ~~After the session~~ he afterwards visited Russia and Asia. He was grossly and ~~unpleasantly~~ ^{unpleasantly} ~~met~~ ^{met} by friends of the imperialists and capitalist press.

It deemed it therefore necessary to publish this pamphlet, stating the facts in unmistakable language, before the delegates elected at the 7th Annual Convention of the African National Congress which assembled in Comanville Hall, Bournemouth, on the 5th Inst, proceed to Europe and America to attend the two most important Conventions.

It will be necessary to have this pamphlet published periodically for the purpose of giving such news as is not contained in the official quarterly report of the African National Congress the relations with foreign and International organisations, as also the activities of our delegates while in Europe and America & West India, will be reported at some future time. The finance groups & men are busy trying to adjust matters affecting their welfare politically, socially, Educationally, Commercially, Industrially etc, it behoves us as a down trodden people to be up to doing if we are to escape the catastrophe which threatens those who expect others to fight their battles for them. We therefore make no apology for publishing this pamphlet African National Congress now in the future.

Programme of Congress for 1929.

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The decisions of the 17th Annual Convention of the African National Congress which assembled in Community Hall, Bloemfontein on the 5th January 1929, is to enforce the Constitution, which unfortunately has been treated very lightly by some Officers of this organisation. Indeed the important programme which the A.N.C. has in hand will fail, if drastic measures are not adopted in the case of Officers who neglect their duty. The African National Congress realises that the masses are ready; are willing and are only waiting for a definite programme to put their shoulders to the wheel. Having enforced the Constitution a vigorous campaign throughout the Country touching every City, Town, Village and Hamlet is being blown by the Executive and appears further in this letter. The A.N.C. must have 200,000 more members this year. In the meantime the Chief Council is convened to assemble jointly when Congress resumes the 16th adjourned session in April. The

stone should be left unturned to pre-
 vent this ^{daylight robbery} Power must be brought to
 bear on the British Parliament to devise
 ways and means whereby the African
 owners of these territories have properly
 constituted Governments to rule their
 country with less interference from
 Downing Street. Many questions must be
 thoroughly investigated in the territories and
 encouraged among the Africans in
 the territories as much as possible.
 Exporting of raw material must be
 unhampered on a large scale.
 Congress will instruct the creating of
 buying of Halls & Offices in every City.
 A research dept is essential and
 to be established immediately.
 Funds must be found to
 enable delegates to foreign and
 intercolonial organization to remain
 in Europe America as long as possible
 and also visit other countries in
 the interest of Africa.

The following address is published
 for the benefit of workers & others:—

The Resident General will have as follows:-

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- Standa
- Rock
- Lang
- Wright
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- Mahaska
- Zulu
- Johnsby
- Standa
- Bea
- Hope
- De
- Almond
- Harshel
- King
- Captain
- Surge

The Chief organs for knowledge will have as follows:-

- Johnsby
- Standa
- Blanch
- Spring
- Queen
- East
- King
- Pres
- Alice
- Standa
- Port
- Johnsby
- Captain
- Surge

Remfield

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Actg Secretary General

by order of

President & Executive

African National Congress

European & American Conventions

In Brussels two years ago was founded what might one day be the biggest and most for mid-scale body in existence. This body, or rather let us call it an organization from the very beginning, most representative, delegates coming from all over the world black and white yellow, in fact all races colors & creeds attended the very first session.

The Imperialists & Capitalists tried their best to make us believe that it was Communism under a different name, but they soon saw that their bluff would not hold for long as we receive all literature concerning this movement. In fact some of the greatest scholars and professors in the world are members of the Council government The League against Imperialism as it is called. Members of Parliament of Great Britain, Germany, France, Belgium, India, China, Egypt, and other countries are members of the Council of this body. One might say it is more representative than the League of Nations. This gigantic organization is holding its 2nd Convention in Paris

in July 1929, and the Congress has been
honoured with an invitation to send
delegates to this august assembly.

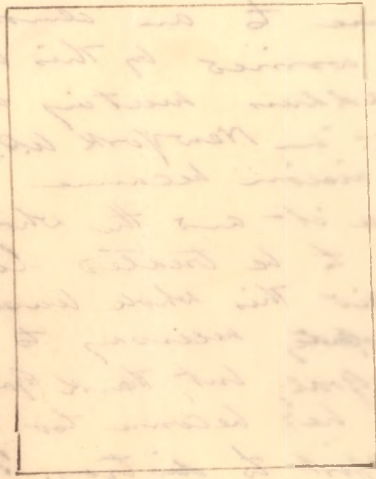
In 1914 a vision of a free and redeemed
Africa came to an almost obscure man.
He was so worried by this vision that he
began to address meetings at the corner of
Huber Street in New York U.S.A. only to be laughed
at but the vision became brighter and others
began to see it - and the whole thing became
too serious to be treated lightly. It was so
dangerous and this whole business became that
it was absolutely necessary to throw Marcus
Garvey into goal, but thank God, not before that
organisation had become too strong for any
humane effort to destroy. The Universal Negro
Improvement Association has now become so
strong that it is known the world over and
recognized by Black men in all corners of the
earth. Its convention meeting in Canada
from the 1st to the 30th Aug. an African
national Congress has been worked.

The African National Congress was founded in 1912
its slogan (*Majibuyel Afrika*) ^{Africa Redeemed} is the
equivalent of the slogan of the Universal
~~Negro~~ Improvement Association - Africa
Redemption or Africa for the Africans. †

At the 17th Annual Convention of the
African National Congress, assembled at Bloufontein
O.F.S. from the 5th inst. it was resolved to send
delegates to both Conventions

* The U.N.I.A. has presented the letter
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 colonies in Africa, over to African, do the
 extension of habitat Africa, so that
 we do not over the world and, especially
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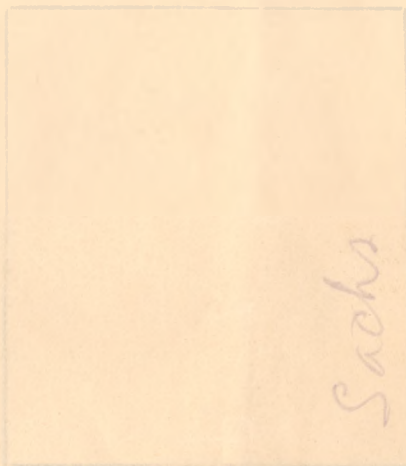
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 President General



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Chairman ...



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through thorns and thistles.

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Delegate to convention
Mr R. V. Selope Thema
Chairman Commerce Dept.



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 Chairman, Commerce Dept.



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Mr. Levi J. Murgara

Organizer in Chief

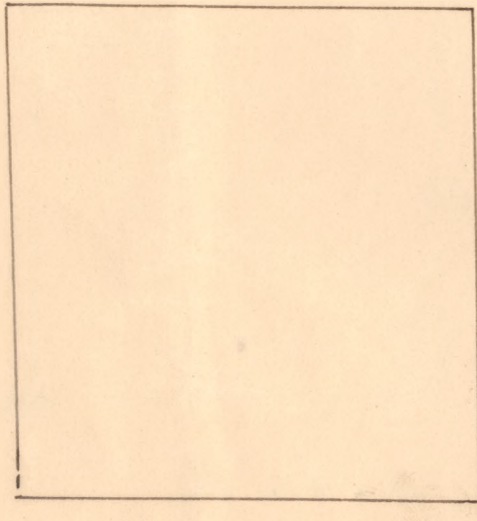


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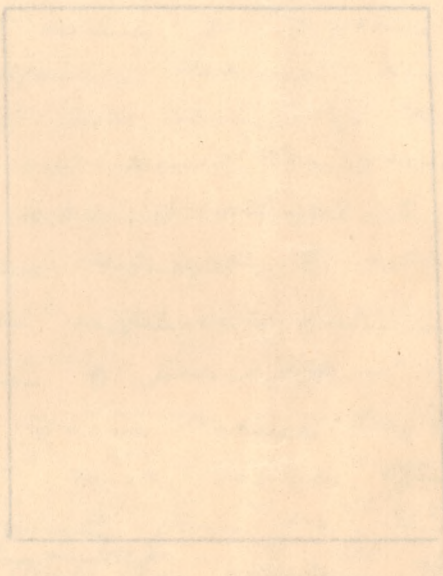


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Delegate to Convention

T. D. MUELLER - SWATH

City Secretary General



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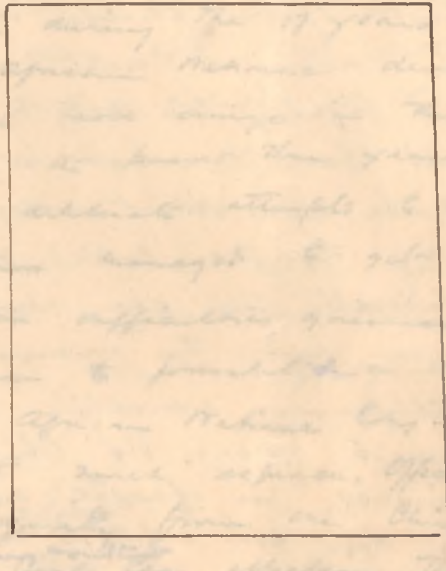


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City Secretary General



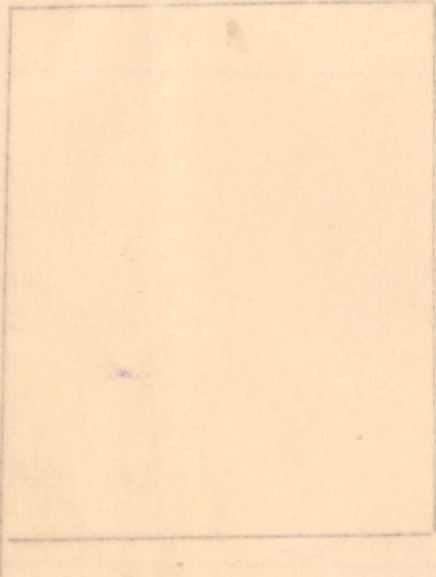
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Delegates to Convention

T. D. MUELLER - SECRETARY

Prof. Secretory General



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Appeal to Chief,

Officers, Members, the race and
friends for funds.

To the Chiefs:

At no time during the 17 years of its existence
has the African National devoted more time
and utilized more energy in the interests of the
Chiefs, than the past three years. Against many
odd and deliberate attempts to discourage the
Chief, Congress managed to get them together
discuss their difficulties, grievances, hardships etc
and further to formulate a definite programme
under the African National Congress. This work
necessitated much expense. Officers of the Congress
moved frequently from one Chief to another upon
invitation. ^{Some things written} Civil Case affecting the Chief had to
be investigated, Councils Opinions had to be
obtained, in Supreme Court Cases Solicitors were
employed who in turn instructed Council to appear,
much printing has been done including the
publishing of a memorandum on Powers of the
Paramount Chief, proving that the Act was
not only dangerous, but antithetical in that it
deprived the people of the hereditary Chief, in favour
of any body the government may deem necessary
to appoint. More over the "White" Paramount Chief

decision could not be question - This we ~~content~~^{con} and skill content is in direct violation of the African Law and Custom. An extensive correspondence had to be entered upon in the interest of our chiefs. The battle is by no means over - it seems it has just begun. We are fighting this Act, the Government is protecting it but it must be smashed. This cannot be done without money, lots of money our Chiefs are therefore called upon to contribute liberally. We can win the battle only when we have the means. Patience, energy, intelligence education we have now we want means. No Chief will be true to himself, his family and his people who does not want to see their mother adjusted, nor can they be adjusted without gold and silver. Therefore Royal Head of Africa we call upon you, nay, we demand that you do your duty and we their servants are ever ready to do ours, for the love of mother Africa.

To the Officers:-

No one knows the difficulties Congress is now going through more than you. The money question makes things worse so. As patriotic sons of Africa with great responsibility,

You are seriously called upon, first to honest, trustworthy and devoted to the Constitution of the great organisation you represent. You cannot be faithful if you neglect your work in which ever office you hold. Remember the masses are not here without you being in your proper place, at the signal call. Therefore move unceasing and insist on your subordinates to do like wise. Contribute yourself liberally before you asked your members to do so. Show a good example to your junior officers and members of your province and branch.

To members of Congress

The Congress is Congress through you. Without members there can be no Congress. You found it necessary to become a member of the African National Congress in the Transvaal O.P.S. Hotel, Cape of Good Hope, Grahamstown, or Bechuanaland or Griqualand West because you were not satisfied with things as they are so far as the Africans are concerned, you joined this great organisation because you believe in the unity of the black man, you join because you believed the organisation will be able to put your programme over, you joined knowing that

The sole maintenance of this organization
 was by voluntary contribution, do not now
 be discouraged, do not become a
 coward, do not run away, do not be
 a slesker, stand fast, do your duty,
 contribute freely, Hope. - Hope should
 place only when we lay in our
 coffin, not be before them. Make up
 your mind to work, work hard
 assist us to put over our programme,
 Make your son daughter brother wife
 sister father mother and friends
 join this organization. If you
 do all this, and every other member
 does it our aspirations will be
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 than it will otherwise is going to
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If you have any goods to
 sell you can not do better
 than advertise in the Reserve

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The mouth piece of the masses that
 finds its way to every home.

The African & Indian is establishing
 a Boot & Shoe factory also a clothing
 factory, Why have you not taken
 shares? It is saving its shareholders

Any troubles in the livestock

markets, Produce markets, and

Purchasing of Land.

Reserve
 9/1/29

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If you have any papers to
send to the printer
215 - 2nd Street of New York
New York

There is a change in the
price of the paper
from 10 to 12 cents
per copy

The whole piece of the
paper is to be
sent to the printer
at 10 cents per copy

The printer takes in
a good deal of
clothing and
other articles

It is saving its
share of the
profit in the
business

Market, because
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the price of
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of SOUTH AFRICA.

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The only Hall
that is patronized
by decent folks.

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Prof. D. D. T. Jabavu
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A programme of
a respected race

BY

R. V. SELDRE -

THE M. R.

for the welfare of the race

Please read it
You will not

forget it

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The COLOUR BAR

IN SOUTH AFRICA

By Rev. Z.R. Mahabane

Superintendent

Kimberly Dist.

Wesleyan Church

Ex Pres. Gen. AFRICAN Nat. Cong.

Chaplain in Chief

A.N.C.

Reserved

The Programme of
a Despised Race

By

R. V. SELOPE -

THE M.A.

Ex-Secretary General A.N.C.
Pres. T.V.L. NAT. Cong.

Please read it
you will not
regret it.

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MR MARK RADEBE

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for Pianoforte pupils

Doornfontein,

Johannesburg

The Western Township, Land & Building Syndicate

The about Syndicate is being formed by prominent members of the Race for the objects of facilitating members of our group who may find themselves unable to buy for cash plots or stands on which to build their home, and those who wish to have their homes built for them ~~and pay~~ on the instalment bases:-

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Send your name to

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 Bantu Past & Present
 is one of the Best
 Books of its Kind,
 every black man
 should read it
 send to the Author

Dr. S. Modire Molome
 Mafeking

NATIVE LIFE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

This book was written
 just after the passing
 of one of South Africa's
 Cruellest Act the Land
 Act of 1913 it breaths
 the real feeling of the
 true African. Its
 Author was on one of
 the deputations that
 went to protest against
 the passing into Law of the
 then Bill.

Who is RULER?

The Arguments used
 by the African National
 Congress in a pamphlet
 "The Powers of Supreme
 Chief," under the Native
 Administration Act 1927,
 Bluffed the Govt as nothing
 else could. It is the origime
 machinery of African Native
 Govt & Native Social Life,
 Prepared by the Council of Chiefs
 which is a branch of A. N. C.
 Please send for it, only 9/-

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 in tonic Solfa & Staff notation
 may be had at those date
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 at the same address.

Poems by Moses Mphahlela
 General Secretary Transvaal
 African Congress may be
 had from the African
 Club Buildings
 134 Anderson Street
 Johannesburg

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AFRICAN CLUB

134 Anderson Street

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Blomfontein 2nd April 1929.

This Convention of the African National Congress representing the Bantu people of this Union desires to publicly denounce the harmful, because racialistic, manifesto recently published over the signatures of the prime Minister General J.B.M. Hertzog, the Minister of Justice Mr J. Tielman Roos, and the Minister of the Interior the Rev. Dr. D.F. Malan for and on behalf of the Nationalist Party now in power. In that manifesto the Native people of this Union are described in contemptuous language as something evil and subversive of European civilisation; and an authoritative appeal is being made to the racial passions of all white people to unite in their suppression and so create and perpetuate strife and friction between white and black in the Union of South Africa.

This Congress desires in the strongest possible language that the Blackman's place in this Union should be one of inferiority and down below that of several sections of the South African Community. On the contrary Congress contends that the Mining, the Agricultural and other key industries which form the pillars of white civilisation in this Union are based upon the manual labour of the Bantu people and that the so-called "civilised labour," prepped and fostered as it has been by all the wits and material at the command of the present Government has failed to challenge the supremacy of the Blackman's part in the practical development of the civilisation of this Union in which he claims to be a full partner.

Congress further declares that the Bantu people are an integral and inseparable part of the South African Community and are entitled to all privileges, duties and responsibilities which are bestowed by a gracious providence upon the human race.

That such privileges include the right to determine their own destiny as well as that of their own rulers. Such privileges include the right of participation in common with other sections of the community in the laws made by their fathers. According to figures given in this extraordinary manifesto, there are in this Union about three Natives to every white person, whereas during the last century there were over ten Natives to every white person. How in the face of that could the European be depicted as a drowning man, gasping for breath, catching at every straw and threatened to be engulfed in a Kaffir Ocean? Perhaps the strongest argument used in this manifesto in justification of its extraordinary terms is a quotation from the opening speech by the Governor of Tanganyika when in an address to the legislative Council he said "primarily Kenya is an African territory, and His Majesty's Government found it necessary to record its considered opinion that the interests of the African Natives must be paramount, and that if and when these interests and the interests of the immigrant races should conflict, the former should prevail." The Minister when quoted that speech must have known that a British Administrator just as eminent speaking years ago in the name of her late Majesty Victoria said, "As long as the sun shines in the heavens Zululand shall be the property of the Zulus....and shall not be cut up into farms;" and they must have known that the moment political administration with its "terms of trickery and chicanery" assumes the ascendancy such declarations become the merest platitudes because to-day, in Zululand and other territories, the question under consideration is no longer the welfare of the Native inhabitants but whether the Sugar and Cotton Plantations shall be owned by wealthy whites or by poor whites. The late Mr. Tengo-Jabavu, the best known Native patriot during the days of Queen Victoria and Paul Kruger, one day said, "the three B's of South Africa are Briton, Boer and Bantu, and any movement calculated to set one of them against another or to combine any two against the third, I do not hesitate to characterise as detrimental to the three." This Jabavu formula is further crystallised by the sections of the Native Administration Act, prohibiting statements calculated to arouse enmity between the races, and this manifesto by urging a combination of all whites against the Blacks amounts to a violation of section 29 of that Act whose author is none other than the Premier himself, One of the signatories of the manifesto.

This Conference, therefore, calls upon all Native leaders to forthwith start a campaign to educate the public on the danger of the policy outlined in the manifesto and urges all non-European voters

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