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OF "LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK COMMITTEE": NEWCLARE :
JOHANNESBURG : 13.12.1953.

L.P.S.C. Meeting.

Hamilton & Bevan 13.12.53.

Time 2.51 p.m.

Chairman Moiloa.

I want you to open your ears and listen carefully & make no mistake this meeting of the nation of S. A. is not a meeting of the A.N.C. I want this to be clear to everyone. There is no apartheid in this meeting everyone is welcomed. I want you when we meet behave yourself well. The affairs of the land are bad they affect us all. All we are Africans and you must know that orders are made by leaders. We don't want discrimination. We want the law to apply to all alike. We want a full stop to discrimination. When we take over we will see that a white man carries a pass. You must not have inferior complex. It makes no matter what is the colour of your skin. 2.51 p.m.

CHAIRMAN RESHA

Africans we are now opening the meeting. The meeting is opened by singing our National anthem. Sons and daughters of Africa this meeting has been called under the auspices of the Let the People speak Committee. A committee which wants people must speak without fear this committee stands for the fundamental human rights. No clique will be tolerated of any form no matter what form it is called. Gvt. has no right to take the people's right friends we are meeting at most critical time not only here but all over the world the forces of democracy marching forward while the forces of fascism are striking down. They are determined for National independency against the forces of the Colonial

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Powers which are already facing against the wall. They are now adopting dragonical measures against the people and also in place like Indonesia Malaya China & Vietmien people are hunted down like animals soldiers are being rewarded for killing the biggest number of the courageous people. look at Brt Guina people's representatives have been deposed, look at Uganda where the Kabaka has been deposed too, look at the situation in our Mother land. Conditions are bad where we are required to carry passes in order to perpetuate slavery. Look since the coming of the Nationalist Gvt in to power we are living under Police State where a law is made which allows that a state of emergency can be delcared. Where your leaders can be killed. Under the Criminal Law you can be sentenced to flogging. We also have and Bantu Education Act. The aims of these act is to create slaves. Also have the Native Labour Act to rob the African workers their bargaining power. More than that you have the Suppression of Communism which is aimed to oppress the people. Under this Act our leaders have banned as Communists because they were telling you the naked truth. But people who knows the law better than Swart have told him that he can not ban our leaders the forces of freedom are marching forward. I am now going to call one of the sons of Africa to speak to you. 3 months ago he was told to speak to you but the judges of the land have said he can speak to you. I am referring to Yusuf Cachalia.

3rd Speaker Cachalia.

Mr. Chairman. My dear friends I am speaking to you today because Dr. Malan Gvt have been defeated in it's own Courts. Since they took over they have declared war against the Non-Europ. and the people have challenged them. We did not want Gvt to declare war on us. But since they have done so we are out to defeat them. But the war

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..... is not a ordinary war Malan have been defeated at every stage and we have won this battle for the people because we have defeated them in the Courts. On my left I have the representative of the Minister. They laugh but I am going to convince them. On the 26 of June the people held a defence speech convention and the result of that Convention people showed their determination and on the first of May 1950 18 people were killed. The first of May led to the 26th June '51. Where the people downed their tools in protest in so people showed their determination. This was the 2 battle and it was another victory for the people. This was not a ordinary battle and also not a ordinary victory in the history of our land was a turning point for our people because from that day doors were opened. No matter where the whole of the doors have been opened. It has brought hopes inthe hearrs of our people. It has made us realise that freedom our people does not lay in the hands of Dr. Malan. While the people were fighting he was imposing Bantu Authorities Act Groups Act. His Police were murdering the people in their homes. Our war is no war like where two armies are fighting each other. But is a war where the forces of reactionaries and forces of freedom are fighting. We will win every battle in S.A. The other day I read the Nationalist newspaper. It said those who laugh last will laugh the best and that Swart is going amemded the Act that is why they say they will lauhg soon. We are not fighting alone but with millions of the peoples. You should fright- en Swart. I mean if Swarr amends the law ... he will bring in close grip war between the people of S.A. At the end of each year how people take stock of the past year and plan for the coming year. Since the 26th June I spoke on the 26th June an important even took place. Many people went to jails. They suffered so that S. A. might be free. They

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gave shock to die and beaten up. They came out more determined. It was a relentless struggle which gained us millions of people's sympathy. The United Nations recently They condemned it with uncertain terms That means the nations are with us and against discrimination. The Govt provoke riots all over the Union. If they did not provoke riots they would have accepted our request to appoint a Commission of Inquiry. Next year we of the A.N.C. and the Indian Congress we have to decide our next step. We are not going to allow our organisations to stand still, we are going forward because our fight is for life and death. If we stay where we are the day they will go forward we will stand in the 13th Dec 53 if we stand still there is death for us. So we are called upon to lead the people. I know that Swart will bring in a law to make it impossible for me to speak to you again it is the duty of the people to defeat him. Dr. Dadoo was stopped to speak. But the people spoke on his behalf more they have spoken before. How can small men like Malan Swart stop the people of S. A. to speak now they are sorry they did not kill the people 300 years ago But now they can't do that against millions. The struggle of the people is a natural struggle. Is it possible to stop a river? It will find its way in any other place like the people of S.A. They can not be stopped. In Uganda Gold Coast have already met with river,

Chairman:-

Sons and daughters. I would not like to comment on the speech only I ask the people should not make noise. Show the Europeans when on meetings that you are human beings. Show them how our meetings are held. Cachalia have told you that he read in the Afrikaans paper that he who laughs last laugh the best. This is our land. Botha Hertzog & Smuts came and left. The man I am going to ask to

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Speak to you is a man who left the shores of S.A. to fight Fascism he is a man who love freedom. Who was a National Secretary Springbok Legion who believe in freedom. Who have been also National Secy of Congress of Democrats was also banned by Swart but five men in Bloemfontein said he can speak. We want show Malan and his clique in Parliament that we believe in democracy.

Jack Hodgeson. Friends, I want to thank the Let the People Speak Comm for allowing me to speak against tyrrany. I want to tell you that I am not allowed to speak for the Springbok Legion and Congress of Democrats because Swart has ordered me to resign from these organisations but It think they will not agree with what I am saying here. People. have been gogged by Minister Swart. White democrats are with you. Men like : Mention names. Fischer, Butcher etc. I believe I speak for the white democrats. These are white people who have been victimised people who have take stand against oppression. Must there be a total democracy or a total fascism. Whether there whould be Peace and plenty of everything for all or whether there should be oppression or democracy. Whether there should be attacks on our organisations or our leaders or attempt to make us like sheep. Why all these attacks. Attack on our already low of living stand, attack on our weapons. This is done on behalf of the class they represent the economical stand which is against the people. We who fight against the tyranny and injustice we can not be stopped. More the Govt. resorts to tyranny the more we are prepared to fight. Mr. Swart and his govt will ask to millions of people both white and No more I will not creck under the whip. I dare not. I will be free.

Chairman:

Said Sons and daughters you have been listen-
 int to Mr. Hodgson. That there is no need for me to
 explain any point less I spoil his good speech. He be-
 lieves in democracy because he so believed he is called
 by the Govt a Kaffir Boetie & Communist but more those
 things are said he is more determined to side with the
 oppressed he is going to free also the gvt agent who are
 Basking in the sun writing what we say. When Swart send
 Police, Detectives to our meeting he is with the object
 that when there is a revolt these people are killed first.
 They should support us because we are going to free them
 also. I am going to give you the last speaker. who have
 been member of the National Executive Chairman Secy. Labour
 Council. Becuase Schoeman fear him that he will become
 Minister of Labour he therefore asked Swart to ban him.
 Conditions make us to revolt.

4th Tloome: Friends. I appear to you this afternoon with
 a firm believe in freedom. 4 months ago an order was
 served on me by the officials of Swart that I am not to
 speak for 2 years. I was made to understand that I should
 not go to Church or funeral in other words Ministers called
 upon me to divorce entirely from all my activities. Public
 made that long before Swart has disappeared from the Afri-
 can scene African people will be going forward and here
 I standbefore you today. Hitler acted the same way also
 Mussolini did But where is Mussolini today? have
 long disappeared. But the Italians are there. You can
 silence an individual. But not the of people. The
 voice of many have been silenced. I say my road will
 be hard & full from hence. Africans will attain their
 freedom. We must understand. Why Minister Swart
 when silenced people. Sons and daughters of Africa they

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have affirmed their convictions that every person in this country is entitled to freedom because they have proclaimed the fundamental principles of freedom. Those are the people who have said love thy neighbour as thyself it is because these men said there should be equal opportunities for all the people in S.A. irrespective of their colour it is because these men that all men should be treated equally it is because these men said that they want the change in the social structure. All men to have equal rights opportunities because these are the men who said discrimination must be brought to end. These are the reasons why these men were silenced. We want to warn Malan those who follow him that social order must be changed. I know that some of you thought that this was a perpetual state of affairs. The day will dawn that the Africans must be free whether Malan like it or not. That you have this faith. Which must have this faith in his hear. Man or woman must have this faith. My friends have courage you will remain in this land whether Malan like it or not. Your fathers were living under slavery and you think that things must remain as they are. There is one thing you people have not used but have been successfully used by other people in other lands that is Unity one you love your fellow men as yourselves. Malan's day will dawn the day misunderstanding is done away amongst you. I don't blame you it's because you don't know the secrecy of unity. I understand Minister is going to amend the law. The time will come when he will no longer silence anybody. But he himself will be silenced.

CHAIRMAN.

Friends you have been listening to Mr. Tloome he have told you why he & other leaders have been silenced. he told you that the Pharoahs disappeared but that Israel

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are still living. We told you that you have not used the weapon unity. The day when you will forget that you are Msutu, Xosa Zulu. They tell you that Indians are your enemy are not the Indians working in the sugar plantations like yourselves. Before dealing with anybody first with Malan even before dealing with his Police. Your great leader Marks was scheduled to speak to you But he could not even then There are 10 million Marks. Let those who are listening to us to tell Swart that Freedom marches on nobody can stop it. Unfortunately men like Hodgeson, Braam Fischer, Hilda Watts have disappointed the gvt of Malan because they believe that the Afrikaner people will be free when the majority of the people are oppressed he is fighting against history he that through the unity of the Afrikaner people that he is Prime Minister. he forgets that we also shall be free to the oppressors of this country. We shall fight to the bitter end. We shall fight until the domination by other people is brought to end. We are no longer afraid of the police. Remember that your freedom is via the Cross. As your leader said Chief Luthuli Dr. Malan says that your leaders are agitators he say that the whole world which condemns him that it is mad. I see that a copious notes of my speech is made. It is possible that I will before Malan Court and they will appear before the people. Collections taken.

4.45 p.m.

GEHEIM.

Kompol,
PRETORIA.

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VERGADERING AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS. HOEK VAN MORRIS EN VICTORIA STRAAT SOPHIATOWN 2/5/54.

Ek het die eer as volg te rapporteer aangaande die bovermelde vergadering:-

Datum en tyd. 2/5/54 vanaf 10.30 vm tot 2.30nm.

PLEK Hoek van Victoria en Morris straat Sophiatown.

TEENWOORDIG. Ongeveer 200 naturelle van beide geslagte.

DOEL VAN VERGADERING. Bespreking van die verwydering van die Swartkollie. *Naturelle onderwys en onredelike wette.*

PROPAGANDA. Die vergadering was geadvertiseer deur die verspreiding van pamflette eksemplaar hierby aangeheg.

KOLLEKTE. 'n Kollekte was opgeneem maar daar kon nie vasgestel word hoeveel ingesamel was nie.

CORTREDINGS Geen.

OPMERKINGS. Die toehoorders, het hulle vereenselwig met die doel van die vergadering en die sprekers telkemale luidkeels aangemoedig met woorde soos MAYIBUYE ! AFRIKA ! en SHAME'.

Samba William Ngwendu © Bob onderwerp van ~~was, wat, hoe~~ het opgetree as voorsitter en het naturelle man Lovedale Mfeka onderwerp van ~~was, wat, hoe~~ versoek om die vergadering met 'n gebed te open, waarna Nkosi Sikelele gesing was.

Die voorsitter het die gehoor toe meegedeel dat hulle byeengekam het om die verwydering van die Swartkollie te bespreek. Hy het onder andere gesê dat die witmense die naturelle se grond afneem en nog daaglik meer grond van die naturelle neem. Dat die naturelle 'n baie klein gedeelte van die grond in Afrika besit en word nog van die bietjie wat hulle besit beroof.

B. Nthite ~~was, wat, hoe~~ was die volgende spreker en het onder andere gese :-

Ons word in die land van ons verdruk deur die witmense. Ons het al sere soos hulle ons verdruk en word nog daaglik in die ou wonde beseer. Die tyd het aangebreek dat ons moet saamstaan soos Africans. Dit is al 'n geruime tyd dat ons seergemaak word deur die nuwe wette. Ons is die honde van die S'as. Hulle wil ons verwyder van ons huise a' en ons in die vlakke plaas. Niemand van ons kan bly wees oor die nuwe wette, nie want ons word gedamineer.

Ons veg teen hierdie Wette van die blankes en oor ons dooie ligg-a-me sal hulle loop.

Ek sien die Boere is ook hier hulle vertel leuens aan die mense Ek is nie bang nie en sal hulle se wat ek op die hart dra. Die boere in die land sal julle platdruk.

Die voorsitter het toe weer aan die woord gekom en die gehoor meegedeel dat hulle duidelik verstaan wat Tyiki gepraat het en dat hy in sy toespraak laat deurskemer het dat die gehoor moet antwoord met dade.

Hierop het hy die volgende spreker versoek om te praat.

AHMED MOHAMED KATHRADA onderwerp van het hierna die gehoor in Engels toegesprek en het onder andere gesê :- We have come here today to discuss the mad Government. If an animal is beaten to death it usually gives a last kick. This is a very dangerous kick. The Government is like an animal giving its last kick. Malan and his henchmen have been beaten and are giving their last kick The life of the Government is short. We live in the era of the DEFIANCE CAMPAIGN. This is the age of the common people. No Fascist dog can stop the common people.

I see Malan has sent some of his dogs here today to take down every word that is said, back to their masters.

Besides the people that we know are members of the S.A. Police there are PIMPS that claim to be our friends. They are however just dogs sent to spy on us. There are many ways to earn a living besides being a dirty dog and spy on your people.

We have been talking to the white people in this country for many years, we have been passing resolutions signing petitions begging them to please stop the injustice against our people. They just donot want to listen to us. Now we must talk to the whites in the only language that they understand, and repeat a DEFIANCE CAMPAIGN. That spirit will liberate our people.

They talk overseas about "SUNNY SOUTH AFRICA" but the majority of the people here cannot appreciate the sun here because they are oppressed.

What happens on the farms at Bethal? You find the big fat farmers, but who grows the food? The black people. They have to work like slaves.

In the transkei thousands of African children die from starvation, yet tons & tons of food is being dumped by the Government in order to keep the prices of food constant. Our people die in this country of hunger yet we export food to other countries.

Our schools and Universities are all built by the black people. also the sportsgrounds for the European children are built by the black people yet the African children are not allowed to

play on these sportgrounds they are condemned and must play in the streets where they are daily runover by the european cars and dis.

Everything in this country is made by the black man.

The Government has banned our leaders. Now they have started with this mad scheme to remove 100,000 people from the Western Area. Now we say thus far and no further. Malan has gone too far. We can assure him that when he attacks our homes we will defend ourselves.

The Government can come with its dirty Police Force, we have our force which is the strongest force in the world namely the force of our labour. We are not uncivilised like they are we are civilised and we will fight like men and we will win.

They can arrest us we will react like human-beings. We have been kicked and insulted for many years in this country by the whites. With them you will remain a KAFFER. You may be a Dr. or a teacher and if you think you have reached the same standard as the european because you have achieved education you make the biggest mistake in your life with them you will remain A KAFFER HOTNOT OR KOELLIE. Thus you will remain in the gutter for-ever. We must react like human-beings. By Fighting we will win.

Look at the world war in Korea. The white Americans thought that they could kick the Korean people as they liked. America has the biggest military machine in the world. They called the Korean people Cooks just as we are called by the europeans KOELLIES KAFFERS AND HOTNOTS.

They started the war in June 1950 and the great American General Gen. Mac Arthur said that by Christmas 1950 he will have walked over the COOKS.

They were mistaken because they cannot do a thing if the people of the country is against it. So Christmas 1950 came and 1951 and 1952 and 1953 they were eventually kicked out by the black people of Korea. They destroyed everything in Korea they killed 3 million people there but they could not conquer the people. The whites were kicked out of Korea, and you must remember the whites of 17 countries fought against the Korean people.

The French soldiers are dying like flies at the hands of the people of Yetnam daily. And look at the weapons that they use against the people of Yetnam. They use GERM Bombs these germ bombs release Billions of germs of all kinds of deadly diseases. These germs destroy all life even the life of plants. Then they use the NAPAM Bomb this bomb is also known as the jelly bomb which when it explodes has a terrific heat, that burns everything to death. The American soldiers shot the Korea'n babies through their heads and stabbed them to death with bayonets

but they could not destroy or conquer the people of Korea. The White SUPREMACY is today buried on the battlefields of Yatsen and Korea.

We will get nothing unless we struggle for it. This Government will use these same methods against us. They will imprison us by the thousands. At present thousands of our people are in goal for there passes, what I call ^a doglicence. It is a honour to go to goal for your people. They will kill us as they are doing elsewhere today. Our babies are dying from starvation.

Lets us show everybody we want to live. The w-hite children in this country are clothed in silks and satin while the black children are clothed in sores and disease. Why this unfairness.

We want peace freedom and happiness for everyone irrespective of race. We want to put an end to this system that one section of the population is happy at the cost of the others. We want justice for all.

Two years ago I went to Germany. There in Hungary a few years ago the people were also oppressed placed in goal and shot and the leaders banned. The Prime Minister Mr. Rakoesjee spent 16 years in goal. In Chekoslovakia President Kodwall spent 10 years in goal. INdia Nehroe is the Prime Minister. he was not liked by the white people but he fought and won Mr. Nehroe spent 19 years in goal. In the Gold coast Dr. Nkurumah walked from goal right into the Prime Minitors seat. Superiority of whites is the greatest bluff, all people are equal no one is superior to the other. Madmen talk about white superiority. Then I say move KOTANE SISULU & LUTHULI in Parlelament and we will teach them to run a country, what Justive means not to hide behind guns and Police. Don't let them be cowards and send Dutchmen from the platteland to our meetings. Don't worry about them they are doing their duty for a feeble £20 per month Malan has no guts to. listen to the people they send people in a car to listen to us.

We want Justice for all people, and willw work with the white people this is their COUNTRY AS WELL AS THEIRS we invite them all to work together with us on our program. We are the Majority The population of Africa is 160 million and the whites are less than 5 million in this country. Tell the Police to take back to the Government that white Superiority is a myth. We outnumber the whites and we are superior to them in brains. We want votes for all. We won't elect madmen like Malan we will elect ANDtalk the language of the people, of Afrika. We will work for happiness and freedom. I appeal to everyone of you to be prepared for the struggle.

In India they kicked out the whites. In China they have today Masadung

he is the son of China. In Korea and Japan the same thing happened, the only place that remains in Afrika. We must warn them to work in harmony and Justice. If they carry on with their dirty work the same will happen to them in South Africa as in Korea and the other places. They cannot see what happens in the world because they cannot read they only know white superiority and I AM THE BAAS. They forget the lessons of the history. They have now reached the last straw and say now or never. You must be prepared for this struggle because it will be a hard struggle. Many of you will go to goal many will die but we will only rest when Luthuli is our Prime Minister. Afrika!

JOSEPH MOLEFE onderwerp van ~~die~~ was die volgende spreker en het onder andere gese :- Dat hulle organisasie tans baie sterker as die regering en dat soos dit groei dit die regering ver swak. Ons moet bitterlik terugveg teen die onredelike wette van die regering. Net KAFFERS dr-a paste maar nie die boere van Linden en Mellville nie. Die Polisie arresteer die naturelle in Sophiatown vir paste maar nie, die blankes nie.

Daagliks word daar naturelle in Pretoria gehang terwyl die blankes tolvry in die houe kom. Ons wil nie uit Sophiatown verwyder word nie ons leef in vrede hier. Die tyd van die Imperialiste is op 'n end.

Ons veg tans vir die behoud van ons grond waarvoor ons voorvaders hard gewerk het. Hierdie verwydering van die swartkollie is 'n saak wat elke "African" in Afrika raak. Julle moet net wag op die woord van julle leiers wat om te doen, en hoe om te veg. Ons waarsku die blankes dat alhoewel ons hulle gereedskap is deur ons van ons huise te verwyder ons nie die gereedskap van Verwoerd gaan wees nie.

As julle hier die wapens opneem sal julle groot battallions kuy van Alexandra en elders wat julle sal help in die stryd. Julle moet bereid wees om te sterf vir julle vryheid, dit sal nie veel saak maak nie want julle sterf daagliks van honger en siekte en word deur die Polisie doodgeskiet daagliks.

Spreker het toe die gehoor versoek dat as die ~~DEMY~~ P.U.T.C hulle tariewe verhoog moeta hulle ook soos die mense van Alexandra maak en loop. Hulle het maar 3 myl om te loop waar die inwoners van Alexandra 9 myl moes loop maar hulle het volhard en eintlik oorwin. AFRIKA : AFRIKA ! AFRIKA !

Die voorsitter het toe gevra dat elke lid van die gehoor soveel geld vir hulle moet gee as wat hy maar kan bekostig.

Na die kolleksie opgeneem was het hy aangekondig dat daar aanstaande sondag 'n groot vergadering gehou sal word te Newclarex ~~gebou~~ waar daar onder andere sprekers van die Kaap Provinsie e Natal sal praat.

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SAMUEL HENDRIK WHITE verklaar :

Ek is 'n Speurdersersant in die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie, verbonde aan die Veiligheidstak, te Kaapstad.

Op 27.6.1854 het ek, vergesel van ander lede van die Mag, 'n vergadering van die "African National Congress" op die Parade te Kaapstad bygewoon. Daar was omtrent 300 persone op die vergadering, waarvan die meerderheid naturelle was. Die vergadering was gesadverteer deur strooibiljette. Die Voorsitter was THOMAS NGWENYA, en ander sprekers was L. LEE-WARDEN, WISEMAN DUNGELO, E.A.DEANE en JOSEPH NKATLO, wat almal aan my bekend is. Die toesprake is gelewer in Engels en in Xosa vertolk. Ek het die toesprake in snelskrif afgeneem, en hieronder volg 'n oorskrif van my notas :-

"PARADE : SUNDAY 27/6/54 - 3.5. pm.

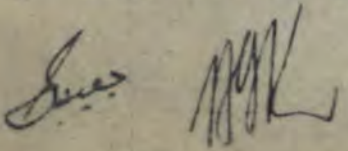
THOS. NGWENYA :

In opening our meeting we will sing our African hymn. (In kaffertaal gesing). Friends, our meeting is now open. This is heroes day. Some of you will remember that in 1952 on June 26th the ANC and its allies took important decisions about the laws of South Africa. This is the day - and more than 8,000 people, men and women, - I'm sorry - more than 10,000 people, went to gaol for the cause of freedom and justice in South Africa. We are all workers. Some of us work in the kitchen, some of us in the hospitals - so it is not possible for all the people we are expecting to be present here today. We have chosen this day as heroes day. It is a day when we must look back upon what happened since 26th June, 1952, when the men of all races decided to sacrifice for the cause of South Africa - when African men and women were imprisoned wholesale. Europeans, coloured and Indians buried their differences to fight against the unjust laws of South Africa. The purpose of this day is to remember and to remind you of the political struggle in this country. In South Africa there is one law for the white people and another for non-whites. It was through that....

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through that that the ANC and its allies decided that we should fight so that these conditions be changed in order to have one law for all South African people. We are determined, from the ANC point of view, to fight until the right of man prevails in South Africa. Because we are convinced that in doing so we are not fighting against individuals because they think differently from us. Among the Africans - you know that some African women were knocked down by Policemen for nothing - men who were not born to be criminals were gaoled because they were fighting for freedom and liberty under the banner of the ANC. People who were not criminals in the right sense of the word, suffered as convicted criminals for their rights. Now as you know this is not the first time that the people of this country have decided to sacrifice for human rights. It is today when we must think of men like (NKOSI ?) who was shot dead in Durban under the pass laws. This is the day when you must think who started the struggle against these unjust laws. You will remember in Johannesburg on that first day among men that were first locked up was Moses Kotane, a Central Executive member of the ANC. Now these people were not making a personal sacrifice friends, they were not doing so as individuals - they were fighting so that we may live in peace. They were fighting against apartheid, a law that is degrading the non-European people of South Africa.....((N.U.....) No man with self respect can tolerate things like apartheid to continue, and you will see very soon there will be apartheid on the buses in Cape Town here. Now friends, I approach you now as people personally at this meeting. You know why this meeting has been called. We are thinking ~~to~~ back to the heroes of South Africa. We are looking forward to progress and freedom of allm peoplein South Africa. We're not going to sit down and support Malan and company who believe that the Kingdom of earth is a gift to the white man. We're against any policy of apartheid, and will fight to the death against national oppression. At this meeting today you will see men of different colours coming to pay their tribute to the heroes....

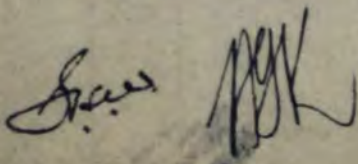
the heroes....



the heroes who have sacrificed for freedom and justice in South Africa. On the platform of the Nationalist Party only people with a white skin are allowed to speak. All that is done to defend so-called Christian civilisation. On the platform of the ANC, on the other hand, we believe in comradeship of all men in South Africa. The other people stand for the division of men. There is a law in this country known as the law of incitement - to incite people of different colour against people of another colour. Now we don't find that on the platform of the ANC. But it is the policy of the Nationalist Party to preach hatred between men of different colours in this country. They actually live and benefit by it. They are a handful of white people in South Africa against 10,000,000 black people. I am speaking here as a black man of South Africa. In doing so I must think of the young ones who are growing up. From 1852 more than 10,000 of our people were imprisoned because they wouldn't accept apartheid. We must tell our children that we refuse to be inferior to any man in South Africa. It is a time, friends, when South Africa is receiving a lot of criticism. People despise this country because of the present laws of the Government. If Malan and company gives you sjambok the Africans must give him hundred sjamboks. That may look like a daydream but its coming. The people of the East are on the march and will get their freedom. Anything that will happen in South Africa we lay entirely at the door of the Nationalists. Any blame must be laid at their doors. I am not a speaker and will call on other speakers. I call on Mr. Lee-Warden, who is the Chairman of the South African Congress of Democrats, Cape Western Division.

LEE-WARDEN : (3.30 pm.) :

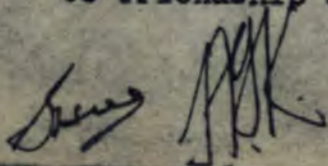
Mr. Chairman and friends, June ~~is~~ 26th is heroes day - a day set aside each year to pay tribute to those who suffered as a result of the defiance campaign of 1952. Those taking part in that campaign were men and women of all walks of life. All these men and women wanted was only freedom in South Africa. One must admire....



admire their actions. It will be admired by the entire free democratic world. These are the people who set an example - we must never forget them. We must remember what they sacrificed in that campaign. They demonstrated the solidarity of the non-white races of South Africa, and it also shows the awakening of the non-white people of South Africa. The A.N.C. have its campaign to fight unjust laws. These unjust laws are meant to break the spirit of the people. These unjust laws cause dissatisfaction. The law that is unjust violates every decent type of democracy. These laws are a scandal to democracy. They are responsible for racial disharmony and strife in this country. I want to mention a few things in the time at my disposal. First of all let us deal with the pass laws. Each year nearly 200,000 Africans are arrested under these laws. They are arrested for failure to produce one of seventeen permits they are required to carry. They are sent to prison for this, and over the heads of their dependents, their wives and children, hangs hunger, poverty and misery. Never in the history of mankind has there been devised such foul and unjust laws. But this is only a part of the price South Africa has to pay for these laws. The Labour Service Contract binds the African to his master like a slave. It is nothing more than a sordid traffic in human souls that is designed to pacify the farmers. We have the famous apartheid laws which let you sit here and go there and keep you from places marked for Europeans only - a thousand daily pin-pricks against the dignity of man. It is now legal for the Government to institute regulations for whites and non-whites. They can allocate a waiting room for Europeans only while the non-Europeans can stand in the rain like dogs. These laws are unjust. There are laws effecting the African farmer - his stock is limited by law - but there are no laws limiting the stocks of the European farmer. The Urban Areas Act which is designed to keep the Africans parted so that they can never have homes of their own. The Bantu Education Act, designed to see that there is unjust and inferior education for the

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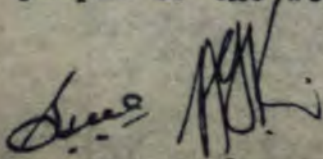
African; the Native Labour Settlement of Disputes Bill; the new Industrial Conciliation Bill. Mr. Chairman and friends, there are far too many of them for me to mention. The point is - what can we do to remedy that? For the voter this is very easy - they can change the legislators who make these laws. But for the voteless - what? The government knows that this position cannot go on indefinitely. More than half of the time it spends in the house today is to devise ways and means of keeping the Africans subjected. To them there is no future - there is darkness. But to those of us who disagree with these laws there is a future. The very people who took part in the defiance campaign knew of that future and they started what we are carrying on today. It was against these injustices that the campaign took place in 1952. It was a hard decision to make. They knew it would entail sacrifice and courage. They knew that it would take rigid discipline to avoid clashes with the Police and Nationalist hooligans. They knew that it meant flogging, and even death. They knew that it would mean unemployment, poverty and want. It was a courageous emboldened decision, certainly not an irresponsible one. There was no time for shirking one's duty. The non-white people and their friends stood alone in this campaign. Either they were for or they were against. Either they stood for justice or they stood for tyranny. Either they stood for Malan and fascism or they stood for freedom of the people. Many turned and fled. Many denounced the campaign and its leaders. Even the Liberal Party - their leaders were against the leaders of the defiance campaign. Now they are wooing the ANC. Remember the leopard doesn't change his spots. But in spite of this the campaign went on. Let us never forget the 10,000 martyrs who suffered for our benefit. They knew that the future held for us a golden era, an era in which Malan and his Broederbond would be defeated and swept aside, and his drive to dictatorship would be stopped - an era in which fear and hostility would give way to friendship and peace, an era in which liberty and progress would bring



would bring in its train happiness and prosperity for all the people of South Africa. Let us honour the martyrs of the defiance campaign. My friends, I ask you to raise your voices and give three cheers for the men and women who sacrificed in the defiance campaign. (Whereupon the crowd, at the instigation of NGWENYA, shouted 'Afrika! Afrika! Afrika! Freedom in our Lifetime !').

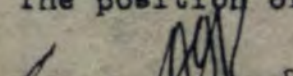
WISEMAN DUNGELO : (Chairman, Congress Youth League, Cape Town):

"Mr. Chairman and Friends, I don't propose to make a very long speech. You can see that I am short in height, and I can tell you that I am also short in speech. Friends, I don't know if you have been fully reminded of this day, but I will only say a few words because I hope that most of the speakers here will tell you fully about the 26th June. Don't make any mistake, it is the 27th today - yesterday was the 26th. It was only as a matter of convenience to call a meeting that we decided on today. The 26th June, I want to remind you my friends, was started by the ANC. On the 26th June they decided to call the people to protest against the unjust laws of this country. In 1950 we only asked people to stay away from work for one day. As you remember that was a very successful day. You will also remember that 26th June 1952 was the day on which the defiance campaign was begun. Now I want this date, 26th June, to go down into your minds - something we must look forward to. When the history of South Africa is being re-written, the 26th June will occupy a very important place in that history book. And I also want to promise you friends that when we take over we will make the 26th June a public holiday, and we shall not stop there - we will also consider doing away with van Riebeeck day. As you know the 6th of April is a public holiday in this country, which marks the coming of van Riebeeck to this country. Now I ask you friends whether the arrival of van Riebeeck here deserves to have a holiday set aside for it. Friends, I want to speak to the people of the Western Cape. The success of the defiance campaign itself....



itself was due to the part taken by them. I am sorry you have not been told of the hundreds of youths who went out in defiance of unjust laws. Many of these hundreds were youth. The youth didn't take a very great part in the defiance campaign itself. I now want to appeal to the youth that they must join the ANC Youth League. No young man should have any hesitation in joining the A.N.C. Youth League. There are rumours that the A.N.C.Y.L. is racialistic but I can assure you that is all nonsense friends - because if we are racialistic there is no reason for us to start a new organisation for that sort of thing. Because there is one big party in this country which is racialistic in this country - the Nationalist Party. The United Party is also racialistic. The labour party is also very racialistic, and many of the other splinters, like the S.A.Liberal Party. They are all racial parties. The only party which is not racialistic is the ANC - to put it in correct words, the ANC. and its allies - like the S.A.Indian Congress, the S.A.Congress of Democrats, and the SACPO. (Applause).

Now friends, in my appeal to the youth to join the ANC., I want to emphasise the fact that you are not coming into the Congress to pay. We must be determined to do our part and die for this country if it becomes necessary. I don't want to dwell on the many laws that have been passed to oppress the non-Europeans of this country. You are all aware of these laws of oppression. But I can assure you that all these laws don't mean anything to you if you can make up your minds to make yourselves a free people in this country. In reference to the Europeans of this country - I don't know whether to say Europeans or white people - it is so difficult to know what is right as far as they are concerned - but I do feel very sorry for them, because what is happening in this country now spells a lot of difficulty for the white people in this country. But I do want to say this - there's still a very short time left for them. The Europeans - or the whites - must reconsider their position. The position of the Africans is different. The country belongs to us all....



us all, and it must sooner or later come into the control of all the people of this country. Now you will be surprised at a man like me that has nothing but I have everything. There's one thing the white people don't have in this country - that is the spirit of the non-European men of this country. I do not need to mention that the economic structure of this country belongs to the people who belong to this country. But as I say I would like ask the white people to think over it again. It has been repeated by the ANC time and again why our intention is not to drive the white people away from here, but if the white people are prepared to live here in peace they can remain here forever. But if they are not prepared to live with us in harmony and peace - well only the future can decide what must happen. Friends, sometimes we're inclined to discuss politics, but I want to speak to you as man to man. Why is it that so many people are still outside their organisations? Is it because they are not oppressed? Is it because they are satisfied with their conditions? I don't think so. I think we are lazy - that is why so many of us are still out of our organisations. The movement of liberation in this country is not only confined here. The struggle in South Africa is part of a big movement to free the oppressed people throughout the world. ~~There's a struggle on. Why is there a struggle on?~~

Swaz ~~It~~ I don't need to tell you what goes on in places like Kenya, China and Egypt. There's a struggle on. Why is there a struggle on? It is because people don't have their freedom. The only way in which we can change this situation is that we must all come together into one mass organisation for liberation. The whole situation can be won without one life being lost. But this is not going to come about, friends, unless you are all prepared to see it in your lifetime. And again friends, in conclusion, I say whatever you do please don't forget the 26th June. Long live the 26th June! (Afrika! Afrika!).

E.A. DEANE : (Chairman of the S.A. Coloured Peoples Organisation):

"Friends, I don't think it is necessary for me to tell you of the feeling of frustration and even a feeling of hatred that is....

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