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CAPE WESTERN ACTION COUNCIL OF CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE

P.O.Box 4552, CAPE TOWN. 27th June, 1955.

TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Dear Friend,
This is to notify you that a full Council Meeting will

be held on Sunday 3rd July, 1955 at IO A.M. at No.5 Albertus Street, Cape Town. As this will be the first meeting after the historic ASSEMBLY , The Congress Of The People every Council member is earnestly requested to attend this very important meeting in the history of our campaign in the Western Cape.

Please note that the Executive of the Council has taken the trouble of arrenging accommodation and hospitality for all those Council Members who will be compelled to sleep here at Cape Town on Saterday Night in order to be in time on Sunday Morning. There are Council Members who have not been attending Council meetings for a very long time indeed but were please they must make their effort to attend this meeting it has been agrenged to begin at IO A.M. in order to enable those who feel not safe when returning home in the night to be present and also to finalise all arrengements for the Mass Rally in the Afternoon on the grand Parade.

The most important max of all to review our activities in the light of the decisions taken at Kliptown, Johannesburg and to prepare way for the next phase of the Struggle MAYIBUYE!

Yours For Freedom In Our Life Time,

G. Ngo tyaha, SECRETARY

The Secretariat, P.O. Box 11045, JOHANNESBURG. 5th July, 1955.

The Secretary, Caps Provincial Action Council, P.C.Box 4552, CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

By decision of the National Ecexutives of the sponsoring organisations of the "Congress of the People" I have to inform you that your "CONGRESS OF THE PROPLE COMMITTEE" should not be disolved but continue to function as the "JOINT-CONGRESS COMMITTEE" in order to organise report-back meetings on the Freedom Charter and to wind up its affairs. It is imperative that the "COP. Committees" continue to work as in the past, for a detailed plan on the implementation of the Freedom Charter is being drafted and will be poster to you in due course.

The Secretariat are making plans to print the Freedom

Charter in the different languages, but suggests, that if the Action

Council are in a position to exclostyle the Charter for distribution
they should do so immediately, as our finances are exhausted.

Please submit a report on your impressions of the Congress of the People stating clearly the success and failures of the Assembly.

We wish to apologise for any inconvenience caused to delegates.

Remember, that the Action Councils must not allow the enthusiasm of the people to wither away.

With our greatings of Peace and Priendship,

Yours for President

to ask you to come to the next executive meeting on Monday 11 July to expla' your conduct. The meeting will take place at 18 Main Road Woodstock, at 8 p.m.

Yours faithfully, G.Ngotyana. Secretary. 52X

Dear Mh the 140

to our notice that although all arrangements had already been made for a train ticket for you to go to the C.O.P. in Johannesburg, you apurned this ticket and instead went to Port Elizabeth for the Provincial A.N.C. conference. We are much surprised by your action as neither you nor your branch had contributed anything towards the ticket. At the same time by your failure to notify us that you were not taking the ticket you deprived some to other person from going to the G.O.P.

The above matter was discussed at the last Council meeting held on Saturday 2 July (at which you were not present) and it was resolved to sak you to come to the next executive meeting on Monday IlJuly to explain your conduct. The meeting will take place at 18 Main Road woodstock, at a n.m.

Yours faithfully,

G. "rotyona. Secretary.

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JOINT CONGRESS COMMITTEE, CAPE WESTERN AREAX Region,

> P.O.Box 4552, CAPE TOWN. 15/7/55

The Secreatry,
P.O.Box 11045,
Johannesburg.
Dear Friend.

I acknowledge your letter of the 5/7/55 and will put it before my committee. We easerly await the plans you mention for putting the Freedom Charter befor e the people and hope it will arrive soon. We wish to emphasise the importance of striking while the iron is hot and the people strik enthusiastic about the Charter. We are particularly keen that the Charter should be printed immediately. I shall propose to my committee that the Charter should be printed in Xosa by us. We could thus bear part of the financial burden. At the same time we hope that we will soon receive the English and Afrikaans copies from you. We must point out that the Western Cape sfinds English amans quite insufficient as a medium for reaching the people. Purhaps more than in any other area we have to use the vernacular of the people, English in the towns.

Xosa and Afrikaans in the counctry. Flease inform us by return of post how soon we can expect your printed Charters.

Enclosed you will find our report on the G.O.P. with With best regards to all friends,

Yours fraternally,

p.p. Secretary.

CAPE WESTERN REGION

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20/7/85.

The Secretary,
Joigt congress committee,
F.O. Box 11045,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Friend,

Our committee has discussed the question of the Freedom Charter and went to print the Xosa version in Cape Town. We skall will do 20,000 and hope that this will be sufficient to meet the needs of the Cape Province. Please let us have the O.K. for this as soon as possible so that we can go shead. We have some very good translaters here notably Greenwood Ngotyana, who was on the N.A.C., but if you have already made the translation please let us have same. We still swalt your cetimate of when the English and Afrikaans versions will be ready.

Yours fraternally,

n.n. Secretary, .

21/7/85.

The Superintendent, Layamandi Location, STEL' ENBOSCH.

Dear Sir,

I hereby apply for permission to hold smeeting in Kayamandi Location on Thur. 11 Aug at 6 p.m. The meeting will hear speakers explain the Freedom Charter. The speakers will be Messrs. S. Bunting , J. Ngulube, J. Mtini and A. Hursuk. B. Turok. Yours faithfully,

p.p. Secretary.

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The Superintendent,

Luyelo Location Simonstown.

Dear Str.

I hereby wish to inform you that we would like to hold a meeting at Luyolo on Saturday 6 August at 3 o.m. The meeting will hear Mesers D. Goldberg, J. Ngulube, L. Morrison, and A. Sibeko, appear on the Freedom Charter.

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Secreatery.

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28th July, 1955.

The Secretary, Joint Congress Committee, 37 West St., JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Friend,

I am enclosing £2.0.0. for which please send us as many copies of the Freedom Charter that the amount covers.

We are printing 20,000 copies of the Charter in Xosa which we think should be enough for the whole of the Cape.

Yours for freedom,

SECRETARY.

48 P.O. Box 11045, JOH ANTESBURG. 29th "uly, 1955.

The Secretary, Cape W stern egion Joint-Congress P.O. Box 21045, Cape Town.

Dear friend,

thank you for the very encouraging and frank report sanikar on the Congress of the People and assure you that the points raised were carefully discussed and note.

As far as the printing of the Charter in the vernacular is concerned we suggest that you continue in your plans to print 20,000 copies in Xosa, the translation of which is enclosed herewith. We suggest that you use the original translation which was adopted at the Congress of the People in order to avoid any confusion in the future .

The translation in the other languages (Afrikaans, Gujerati) will be discussed at the National Executivexx Meeting of the sponsoring organisations at the end of this month, as to whi amount should be printed, and who should share the expenses. The decision will be forwarded to you in due course.

The Secretariat are werkingxonxazzian have suggested to the National Executives that an attractive pamphlet on the Congress of the Pople should be printed with detail explanations on the tem major demands submitted, as well as speeches from the floor and the platform and som photographs of the mass assumbly. Fork has already been started for this proces.

As the debts incured during the Canraign have not been sett of no request that the Regional Committees contribute to our coffers. We are still in debt of .200.0.0. and would be very pleased if ou could help us out of our difficulties with approximately 250.0.0. This is required urgently for propoganda material will not be able to be jublished unless our old accounts are settled with the printers.

With our greetings of "eace and Friendship,

M. P. Ts laid down 29.0.0. for the train expenses of your delegate. Mr. L. Morrisson, and would appreciate if this could be returned due to our di ficulties M. Mocla.

Acten Gueil). 8th August, 1955. The Superintendent, Mbekweni Location, P ARL. Dear Sir, I hereby apply for permission to hold a meeting to discuss the Freedom Charter in the Mbekweni Location at the usual place on Sunday, 14th August. J. Mgulube, A. Sibeko, Z. Malindi, L. Morrison. Yours faithfully, P.P. SECRETARY.

1168 cop (Cape W. 8th August, 1955. The Superintendent, Nyanga Location. Dear Sir, Thank you for your letter of August 3rd. on sunday, 7th August and we hereby apply for permission for this meeting to be held on Sunday, August 21st. 1.e. Mrs. Sunting, Mesers will be addressing the meeting Z. Mali di, L. Morrison. B. Turok, J. Ngulube, A. Sibeko, Yours faithfully, P.P. BECHLIARY.

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given permission to ase this office by the A.N.C. Regional Committee who was a cosponsor of the C.O.P. We came to an agreement that we should pay 21/15/- monthly towards the rent and we have been doing so ever since.

We have heard that the Cape Town Branch has now renewed its tenancy of this office and we would like to continue to use the office on the same terms as before.

Yours fraternally,

Secretary.

Jonainesburg 8th August

The Secretary, Joint Congress Committee, P.O. Box 4552, Cape Town.

Dear Friend,

enclosing £2.0.0.

We had 10,000 Freedom Charters printed in English at a cost of £24 odd and are charging £2.10.0. per 1000 for them. Some committees feel that they should be sold at 3d. each others at 1d. each. We leave that to you. The idea of printing them across the page instead of back to back, is because we felt this way they could be framed. We are interested to note that you are having 20,000 printed in Xosa.

Under separate cover we posted you 800 of the Freedom Charter in English in respect of the £2.0.0. posted. We hope they have reached you by now.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

for Secretary.

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P.P. SECRETARY.

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Nyanga Location,
Nyanga.

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Yours faithfully,

p.p. Secretary.

Dear Mrs Qwayiza,

15 August, 1965.

I am sorry I did not reply to your telegram

before but was on leave and Greenwood did not know who sent

the telegram. I do not kn ow which cards your telegrams refers

to. Is it the A.N.C. membership cards? If so you must please write

to the Secretary of the A.N.C. at 5 Albertus Street, Cape Town.

Best regards to you.

Yours for Freedom, Ben Turok.

CAPE WESTERN

The Becretary J.C.C., P.G. Box 11048, Johannesburg.

Dear Friend,
We welcome the decision to hold a Million signature campaign for the Freedom Charter. We pledge ourselves to do our utmost to fulfill our target in the Cape Western.

- However we would like to know what portion of the 350000 we are to be responsible for in the Cape Western.
- We also want to know what are the general mechanicks for the campaign , how we are to run it, and so on.
- We also want to know how soon the signatures forms will be coming down here. Some of our people are getting impatient.
- 4). We would like guidance from the J.C.C. as to how we should conduct our mass Freedom Charter Conference on the 25 th September. At the moment our executive is the same one that carried on the C.O.P. preparations, and it now time to strengthen it and draw in new people. We therefore minkximx want your suggestions on how this should be done. Should we put forward a certain number of people from each sponsoring organisation, or, should ther be an open election at the conference.

Please let us have your reply soon.

Yoursfraternally,

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The Secretary.

African National Congress(C.T.Branch)

5 Albertus Street,

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Yours fraternally,

Secretary.

Phone 33-4069 P.O.Box 9207 38 Market Street, Johannesburg. 20th August, 1955.

THE PROVINCIAL SECRUTARY A.N.C.

Dear Sir,

The Joint Executive meeting in Durban on the 31st July, 1955, decided to set up a National Consultative Committee whose immediate purpose is to campaign for one million signatures by the 26th June, 1956. In other words, the task of this Committee and of the entire movement is to popularise the Charter and make it known to adults and children alike.

You are, therefore, accordingly directed to set up provincial and regional committees along the same lines as the "ational Consultative Committee. There shall be two xxxxxx representatives of each organisation. This machinery is identical to the one produce" during the C.C.P. campaign.

Provincies are further requested to take orders for a booklet which fully set out the aims of the Freedom axxex Charter and its significance. These copies will in English and further plans are being considered for vernacular publications on the Freedom Charter.

You ar further directe to hold "egional mertings on the 18th September in your province to launch the million signature carmeign at which thousands of people shall be aske to sign petitions.

-ours in the entional Pervice, (Sgd) A. Intchinson

for C. Tarbo Acting Secretary-Concrel.

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The Secretary, P. Turok, Joint Congress Committee, P.O.Box 4558. CAPE TOWN.

Dear Friend,

In reply to your letter of the 17th Agust, for which we have to thank you, we are glad to inform you that the decision of the Joint National Executives Meeting was that a National Consultative Committee consisting of two members from each of the sponsoring organisations should be set up. This formula should also be adopted by the Provincial bodies. The provincial bodies in turn should get the regions or branches to create a similar machinery.

Whilest your directions in this matter are to come from your provincial body, the National Monsultative committee is convinced that a delay in this
regard will do a great harm to the campaign. We therefore,
suggest that you should create your provisional regional
machinery on the pattern suggested above. The two members
from each sponsoring organisation are appointed by their
respective organisations.

Inxregeraxioximexanneexxafxaigneexas, "ith regard to the number of signatures you are responsible, is a matter that must be dealty by your provincial body. The signature forms shall be sent to you during the next week. In the meantime it will be advisable to set up the mechinery in all your constituent bodies.

Directives have been sent out to all the Frovincial bodies, that there should be mass conferem es in all the main regions on the 18th September whib conferences will be used as a kick-off for the campaign. In view of this we do not know whether your conference of the 25th will take place on the 25th. If you are still carrying on with it and you still require our advice we shall be glad to do so.

With greetings and best wishes to all,

Yours for peace and freedom,

Adams
for SECRETARIAT

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28 Aug ust 1955

The Secretary, Beaufort West.

Dear Friend, Ny deep apologies for not having written before. we were very busy with work in Cape Town and we just have not had a chance to write.

Have you people managed to organise a committee in Beaufort West? We would like you to write to us and let us know how you are getting on.

Throughout South Africa we are now starting a campaign to get people to sign a

petition accepting the Freedom Charter.

We will soon send you copies of this petition so that you m can also colect signatures.

Enclosed you will find some copies of New Age, please sell them for 3 d such and send the money to us by post.

Yours fraternally,

G. Ngotyana.

Secretary.

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5 Albertus Street, Cape Town. 17th S eptember, 1955.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES.

You are requested to attend a special meeting of all Regional Committees, to be held at the Mechanic and Fidelity Hall, Primrose Street (off C sledon Street) on Saturday 24th S eptember, at 3 p.m.

Matters to be discussed are:-

- (1) F reedom C harter.
- (2) Signature C ampaign.
- (4) M atters incidental thereto.

as this is a very important meeting you are urgently requested to make a special effort to attend.

Yours fraternally,

J. Mtini

B. Turok

8/10/55.

.The Town Clerk, City Hell, Cape Town.

Dear wir,

Enclosed please find a receipt for a booking of the

Banqueting Hall for the 4/12/55. We now find that we shall be unable to use the hall on that date and /ask you' to please cancel the booking.

Yours faithfully,

Secractary.

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