

whether the constitution for us to carry on our Conference were as some of the members of the executive are not present and the present ones were Messrs Htshaba Mthiwane, Nyezi Thole Motshabi and Mrs Motshakane. So the Chairman announced by saying he cannot postpone the conference because he has send notices for Conference three weeks before, and to his surprise here is the secretary not in but as for the treasurer she told him that she will be in to day the 5th at 10.00.

- Office Bearers were the elected and were as follows.
 PRESIDENT T. B. MAFORA VICE PRES E E NTHOBA
 SECRETARY L S MOHAWANE VICE SECR. S M LICHABE.
 TREASURER MRS M MOTSHAKANE.
 COMMITTEE MEMBERS. S Nyezi, T Thole, I Seneke, W Thole, G Motshabe, C Motshabi, G Motshabi, E Sebele, H. Mthiwane and G Motshabi.
 Mr Elias asked the Chairman how are we the newly elected members going to get the books so he said that he will write to them and if they do not send them he will have to get them personally.

Report for U.F.S. Conference
When we took over the
Office we had nothing and
we had no memberships
and money after which
we ordered tickets on credit
from the General Treasurer.

187-12
20-16-8
So we raised our memberships
to 170 = £5-12-6 and £1-19-6
levies. Bloemfontein Branch and
the O.F.S. Executive never had
their shares from these monies
But had to pay for the 500
500 cards we had ordered on
credit from the General Treasurer
So we were still short of
£3 4 8 which we borrowed from
the women section and never
had to pay it back.

48-0-0
18-0-0
On December last year we had
to travel to Durban for
our Annual Conference and the
Expenditure was £8-0-0 without
Boarding and lodging. The delegates
themselves paid the fare to Durban
from their pockets. Women Section
had special funds raised and
was £11-12-90 with this we thought
it wise to meet the delegates
expenses of Boarding & lodging
though the total for Boarding &
lodging was £8-0-0

But through the love of God, on the last week we raised £2-15-0 from memberships and 10/-6 from leaves and Women Section £1-5-0 for special funds, ^{for the time} and all this came to £4-10-6 plus the £11-12-9 = £16-3-3

We again got puzzled but still Women Section got us out again with the sum of £1-16-9 and totalled the £18-0-0

So the total amount for last year's Annual Conference was

fare to Durban	£48-5-0
Boarding & Lodging	£18-0-0
Membership & Cards	£20-16-8
Total	£86-16-8

On April Our President had to go to P.E. for the Bantu Education Emergency Conference and his fare to P.E. was £5-11-8 and taxi was 10/- This money was the remnants of the defiance Campaign which was £4-6-6½ and to fill the £6-1-8 member of the Committees Both Local & O.F.S. had to make collect and the balance was for provision

On May Mrs Muthakoane had to leave for Dur National Executive Committee meeting at Durban and her fare was £6-18-6 we had no money for the Executive.

Committees of Both Local & O.F.S. were forced to collect again from their Pockets and the remainder was for the provision

We have left again for C.O.P. of which we paid £2-5-0 each for 11 delegates was £24-15-0 and again from Park Station to Kiptown we paid £1-4-8⁰ for Clever and from Kiptown back to Johannesburg. ~~we paid~~ Getting to the entrance we had to pay \$5/- each for delegates cards and it amounted to £2-15-0 so total expenditure for C.O.P. is £28-14-8.

We have already got the Hall for our Annual Conference in December and has paid £6-6-0 for 3 days and had paid Affiliation fee of £1-15-0 for the P.S.S.I. so the total is £8-1-0. This money is from our bank book which we got opened on August and as for Books we got them on December after we came back from B.H.M. so the bank Balance is only £14-10-11

∴ Total amount of expenditure not from the Banking Book

∴ £86 - 16 - 8 for Durbau's journey Confer
 £13 - 0 - 4 President + Treasurer's journey
 £28 - 14 - 8 G.O.P. journey
 £128 - 11 - 8 Total

Monies Not in Set:-

	Amount owned	by	Branches	for Cards of last year
B.H.M.	£8 - 6 - 8	for	100	Cards
FX busg.	£4 - 3 - 4	"	50	"
Kdr.	£7 - 1 - 8	"	85	"
Unabs. Acc	10 - 4	or it paid	£1 - 5 - 0	for 23
Total	£27 - 2 - 8	for	258	card

Amount owned by Branches for this year cards
 B.M.A. Wokington under B.H.M.
 £8 - 6 - 8 for 100 cards delivered on the 24-9-55 by Prov. Secretary.

So total amount owned by Branches

£20 - 2 - 0
 + 8 - 6 - 8
 = £28 - 8 - 8

It is a Provincial Secretary with all the activities made by the local ^{Branch} Committee Women Section and the O.F.S. Executive Committee in B members in Bloemfontein and very sorry to report to the conference that we met great disappointments from the outside branches for not replying with the request from the O.F.S. Headquarters. So all these were an obstacle to me that is why I ~~could~~ could not send any report to Headquarters in full as had been requested from time and again and again at Durban in our last year's annual conference a request was made by the General Treasurer Dr Conco, for donations from each province and so the O.F.S. Treasurer send a special copy to each branch but all these in vain.

Should I again say the O.F.S. Province will meet great disappointment in this coming conference if it keep on this way. So I therefore call upon members who are to be elected please do your best duties promptly as leaders whenever called to do something. It will be remembered that on the first executive meeting on the 3rd

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October last year we came to an agreement that Branches will assert the Province but this never happened. So I think it my duty to tell the outside Branches to thank Bloemfontein Branch for keeping up Congress taxes in the O.F.S. otherwise O.F.S. should long be dead and should never be represented in any Conference and have the name it is now having.

I wish that as Annual Conference is now coming to Bloemfontein this work will not be only left for Bloemfontein people. Conference is coming to O.F.S. not to Bloemfontein Branch only therefore every Branch is urged to put its hand in this work men women and youth. And elected Executive members must be in Bloemfontein before the 15 of December and be ready for emergencies when called. So I thank you all for coming down to Bloemfontein to this conference of the mighty few of the O.F.S. May I say **AFRIKA (3) MAYIBUYE** lets struggle hold on together Sons & Daughters of Afrika.

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS : 1954 : BLOOMFONTEIN 1-9-1954.
OUR DUTY IN FACE OF RACE CONFLICTS.

My address to you last year was on the need of strengthening our organization by getting in more members whose talents we need for a better and more enriched life in our land of birth. I still feel the urgency of that need more so now than before as all sections within our Multi-racial Society are generally agreed that racial strains show no signs of improving.

The reason for this is not difficult to locate for far too many conflicting ideas and ideologies have been unleashed as never before and that as rapid as the age of breathtaking speed. Whatever the issues that confront us we need to face the situation with calm and unabating confidence especially when we come to realise that although Western Civilization with all its blessings is rooted in Christian principles, it is not an easy task for a few practical Christians to demand for Christian standards upon laws and daily contacts where the majority are, to say the least, nominal christians.

Africans on the whole should try and find their bearings whatever setbacks they have to encounter for long before the dawn of Western Civilization they had their high and lofty codes of citizenship, the basic qualities of which were courtesy and hospitality to all people young and old. To them life was sacred and had to be revered for the sake of its dignity and no life was classified as superior and inferior.

No wonder that the African parent should cry in horror as the Prophet towards Babylon to sons and daughters of African blood who today are victims of all serious crimes, broken homes and other heart-breaking evils. We have only to read in the Press of these sordid pictures and I only hope that our people will yet accept the challenge and bring about a real and effective remedy. This need not be beyond our capacity in view of so much talent among Africans who had the privilege of Education. In addition to this fundamental and vital code we have a natural gift of humour the outcome of prudence in face of difficulties and obstacles we meet along the highway of life.

Prudence in speech and daily contacts is therefore a duty which we owe to ourselves, our families and our people and if we will be our own enemies we have only to neglect it for without it we shall have laid the foundation of our own doom and destruction.

A few might argue against this duty as a sign of weakness but our forefathers looked upon it with greater acceptance than those whose ardent souls indignant swells and cheered through high debates. They knew that those who in confidence of superior capacities disregard common sense approach to life like the fruitless fig tree have shown a useless knowledge and a ridiculous wit.

As I touched on Western Civilization's roots, we may not as yet have been brought into its full blessings but the Christianity they brought with it is ours to embrace to whatever heights we may desire and the essence of that christianity is an all inclusive love. To have all these we should be able to expand our conscience as a group of people at an age where laws are tightened up with a corresponding restriction of moral freedom as we understood it before.

Before closing my address you might want to hear my reply to those who hold the view that because of differences of culture it is not possible to find a common social ethics, that should not detract any side on the colour line for the application of that fine and reconciling spirit of goodwill towards all mankind.

The Churches to whom Africans have entrusted their destiny could ease whatever racial tenseness there is in our land provided they all have the courage of practising what they preach. The African has long ago extended his right hand of fellowship and we are waiting a similar response from all other christians who worship the Creator we do and then only would it brought home to all including ourselves that self-preservation is a good instinct but that in the Gospel it was meant for the individual rather than a selective group.

With prudence as our guide we go forward and say as the poet:
"There could not be anything better than this
Old world in the way it began;
And though some matters have gone amiss
From the great original plan
And however dark the skies may appear
And however souls may blunder
I tell you it will work out clear
For good lies over and under".

J. M. N. Thakana
(J. M. N. Thakana)

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Conference in Blaerfontein
Speakers. Sec.

Program.
 Credentialed Com
 Welcome of Del.
 Reports of Prov. Sec.
 Gen. Discus.
 Million Signatures.

Speaker

1 Rev. Nthochi: pointed out that we
 are like the children of Israel
 who were chased out until they
 crossed the red sea, only to
 bring them back to slavery in
 Egypt, like wise we are also
 about to cross the red sea
 but our enemies shall not
 cross the red sea. They gain
 their freedom without any blood
 shed.

Speaker.

2 Mr. J. Motunq: Pointed out that the whites in Africa will never progress in that most of this time is spent in oppressing the Africans, that's why they do not progress. We must become friends.

That this conference deplores the step the government has taken on race classification as it will separate a man from wife & child which is a breach of the law of marriage as a solemn vow

2) That the Native Builders act is a violation of the skilled laborers to sell their labours freely at the cheapest rate

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- 2) that the native Quakers act is a violation of skilled African labourers to sell their labour freely at the cheapest rate

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The conference has passed a vote of no confidence as far as women pass laws are concerned and that the

O IS women will join the formation the women to face on the ~~depart~~ deputation to Fredonia to see Verwood

5 That this conference strongly protest against the union wide police raids of the 27th 9-55 this is an action of trying to stop the freedom loving people of this country and freedom of speech and it strongly protest against the method used by police to take documents and our machines

This Conference passed a vote of confidence on Chief A.J. Luther's leadership and his National Executive Committee and it supports the pledge of A Million Signatures for the Freedom Charter

Mr. Robertson

Benjamin
Robert
William
James
John

Monmouth

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Te..... *4047, Bellakla*
Datum..... *3/14/15*
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This Conference protest against
Bantu Education School Committee should be
^{re-nominated} elected by public and not be told whom
to elect and teachers be allowed to
lecture them ^{as} what Bantu Education is
we should elect people who will be
able to fight this bad law in the
committee so that he Verwoerd should
~~be~~ see that it wouldnt help him to
continue this. And Dr. Verwoerd to stop
calling African Teachers as Convicts

Report to Congress

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G.D 22.

When we took over the Office of the the Local Branch. There was no money. We had to ask for membership card from the provincial Treasurer who made means of getting them from the head Quarters on Credit.

We then had to fight a hard battle of Organising the people in to the Congress so as to cover that debt. and we did after the hard battle we then got a letter from the O.F.S Executive Committee asking to us to aid them in paying the 500 membership cards which we did, to have the Free State represented at the annual Conference in Durban last year.

The next was the Conference when I came we had no money to send delegates to Conference all the delegates had to travel to and fro with their own money which came to £86-16-8. of which the Travelling Expence was £48-0-0 and £18-0-0 for Boarding & lodging.

Our return from Conference we were faced with another difficulty the local Committee lost some of its members namely the Treasurer the Secretary and the Chairman who was expelled because of not attending as well as being a member of the advisory board. when he knew that the A.N.C. forbid its members to partake in such activities.

As time was short and we face with the important matters we had to Elect other members to fill up the gap left by the Chairman the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The First job we had to do was the Boycott of the B.C. School which became a total failure in Bloemfontein because of the people's not Cooperating.

The Second

Conference of the people. The collecting of the demands
and the funds this too gave us a tough time
to some people though they would be assisted if
they gave their demands.

While we were on this
during the time the Emergency Conference at I.K.
was on behalf of the South Education

This too
was found the branches out of money we only had
So the local committees members had to
collect money from among themselves to send a delegate
who was Mr. J. Mafema the President. His traveling
Expence amounted to £ - - with £ - - loaned
from the Committee members.

The same thing happened
when Mrs M. J. Motthakwane had to go to Durban
to Emergency Conference. we still had to pay out
of our pockets. all married men payed 10/- Bachelors
5/- 6. This time the woman section helped us
again.

When time for the Great assembly of the
C.O.P. came we still had no money and
we had no delegates to send. but through the
Grace of the Lord the same people who went
to Conference sacrificed their moneys again. they
each had to pay £ 2-5-0 for the journey excluding
Boarding & lodging. This came to £ - - .

Bloemfontein
has done all its best to keep Congress in
the free state mostly financially and it is
is still waiting on the free state to pay back
its shares. from 1954-1955 and hope that this
shall always be its motto do anything to keep

Congress Both in O.B. + O.F.S.

I would like to pass
my warm & hearty thanks to both the O.F.S. + local
committees mostly Mr G.B. Majors the President who has
been the light and has been looking after us like
the Good Shepherd that always made sure that
his sheep never strayed one night out of their fold

May
The Lord bless and keep him, may we by his
guidance have courage and fight hand in hand
through out this struggle.

May all Congress Leaders
be blessed through out Africa all the Banned and
deported leaders be under the care of the Lord.
long live Congress.

Afrika, Afrika mayibuye.

L.S. Mabin Sec

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