

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD
AT BLOEMFONTEIN ON FRIDAY 14TH DEC., '45. 10 A.M.

PRESENT.

Dr. A.B.Xuma, President General (in the chair)
Mr. R.G.Boloyi, Rev. H.G.Mpitso, Mr. E.P.Moretsele,
Mr. S.P.Sesedi, Mr. O.S.Ramohane, Mr. J.M.Jacobs,
and Rev.T.P.Tshabangu (co-opted) and Rev.J.A.Calata.

The Executive considered the question of the programme. The President explained the causes of delay in that the Secretary Bookkeeper had failed to take it from him and type and roneo according to the instructions.

An Agenda for two days was drawn up and the Executive decided to meet formally at 8 p.m.

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and Rev. J.A.Calata.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Executive meeting of the 12th August, 1945, held in Johannesburg were read and confirmed.

Mr. S.P.Sesedi asked why he was not invited to the last Executive. The Secretary read the list of those invited and his name was among them. He however denied having received any letter.

Rev. H.G.Mpitso asked if his name had been left out by mistake. The Secretary apologised ^{by} omission. *accidental*

Mr. S.P.Sesedi resigned from the Executive in ~~allowance~~ with the resolution of last year's conference.

THE NATIONAL WEEK.

The Rev H.G.Mpitso asked for information about the National Africa week and made the following suggestions.

1. That Ministers must be consulted through their own organisations.
2. That an African calendar be included in the scheme of the National Africa Week.

PROF. MATTHEWS CIRCULAR.

The President read prof. Matthews' circular and called for further suggestions.

The following suggestions were made.

1. That the observation of the National Africa week begin in 1947.
2. That chiefs must first be appointed before any public propaganda is undertaken.
3. The question be placed on the Agenda for this conference.

THE ALL IN UNITY CONFERENCE IN KIMBERLY.

The Secretary reported that he had received a letter of invitation from the Joint Secretaries of the All-in Unity movement Committee. After some discussion the Executive decided to ignore this invitation.

FINANCENT STATEMENT.

Owing to the absence of the Treasurer General it was resolved that the statement be not considered until he comes.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY BOOKKEEPER.

The President General gave the following definitions of the duties of the Secretary Bookkeeper.

1. He is ^a trained Book-keeper.
2. He does general work at the Office.
3. He writes Official letters.
4. He sends accounts.
5. His services are available to the three administrative Offices.
6. He can be available to the Provinces to straighten up their books, roneo any matter and distribute it provided the initial expenses of the material are met by the Provinces concerned.

He is an employee of the African National Congress and can be used anywhere in the interests of Congress. His main duty however is to look after the Congress Office in Johannesburg.

It was resolved " that all Provincial Treasurers' ^{Books} ~~at~~ should be send to him at least two or three times a year

CONGRESS PROPERTIES.

From the correspondence revealed by Rev. J.A. Calata as President of the Cape between himself and Mr. Rev. Lekona of Klipplatt there appeared possibilities of recovering the property at Jamesenville. Mr. J.M. Jacobs Provincial President of the Free State offered to go with the President of the Cape to Jamesenville to investigate the question at Jamesenville and if possible release the property.

Resolved " That the Rev. J.A. Calata and Mr. J.M. Jacobs form the committee of investigation into the question of Jamesenville Congress Property and report to the next meeting of the Executive.

CIRCULATION OF MINUTES.

VENUE OF NEXT CONFERENCE. It was resolved "that the minutes of the African National Congress should be renewed and circulated.

PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES.

It was gressed to suggest Johannesburg to the conference for their approval.

VENUE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

Mr. J.M. Jacobs wished to bring up a matter which he said affected his Province. The President advised to presence it to the Working Committee at Johannesburg.

THE EXECUTIVE MEETING CLOSED AT
10.45 p.m.

CONFIRMED).

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