

Cable to Trygve Li
 U.N. Secretary-General, 25/11/1948

press reports mister louw union delegate as saying in fourth committee on sixteen november that mister rathebe told meeting of johannesburg jointcouncil europeans and africans that open invertedcommas natives close invertedcommas would accept apartheid if it was total segregation XXX this was apropos polish delegates anticipation of racial conflict resulting from unions discriminatory policy and ~~the~~ meant to show that africans like rathebe supported apartheid XXX regret to say that what rathebe said was opposite ~~the following~~ XXX mister louw dared not tell delegations of trusteeship committee that among other things rathebe said quote africans tried to be subservient and had done all menial work of the country comma but inspite of this they had not been able to satisfy the europeans fullstop they realised that they needed the guidance of europeans who had the advantages of education and an older civilisation comma but felt that because of their own contribution in labour to countrys wealth they should be given equality of opportunity fullstop they were nolonger willing to be regarded as serfs or articles for exploitation comma they wanted to be considered equal partners in the land of their birth fullstop if this could not be achieved then underlined total endunderline apartheid would be welcomed by them fullstop but they knew that the apartheid envisaged by the nationalists was quite different from that for which they hoped the nationalists wanted them to continue as hewers of wood and drawers of water fullstop africans were well aware that it was futile to try and quarrel with europeans comma as they had the machineguns comma for this reason and because they were so frustrated comma they thought the ~~only~~ only way to achieve harmony with the europeans who possessed eightyseven percent of the land to give them territory and let them go their own way and build up their own civilisation comma with the help of europeans of goodwill unquote paragraph rathebe continued quote at the back of everypersons mind was the desire for freedom dash european countries were endeavouring to regain freedom they had lost during war semicolon indonesia comma india and palestine were all striving for it and africans too ~~unquote~~ longed for a state of their own where they would nolonger suffer under oppressive laws unquote rathebe continued quote africans hoped that uno would not be influenced by southafrican

governments attempts to prevent the discussion of unions domestic
affairs at its meeting fullstop naturally they felt that the
rest of the world should know of the racial discrimination in
south africa unquote i beg you in interest of justice to backward
peoples of union and southafrica who are unrepresented in assembly
to circulate this cablegram to all members so that wrong impression
may be corrected before debate in general assembly fullstop on
twentythird instant i cabled mister low requesting him to correct
misrepresentation
doctor xuma presidentgeneral african national congress

Sent Mr Drygve Lee
Secy. Genl. U.A.,
25/11/48

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A. H. C.
(O. F. S.)

Office of the President-General,
104, End Street,
Johannesburg.
26th November, 1948.

Dr. R. Setlogelo,
President: A.N.C.-O.F.S.,
Bochabela Locatinn,
BLOEMFONTEIN.

My dear Vice President,

Kindly call Mrs. Motlhakoane and
Mr. Seeku and inform them that I want them to close
ranks and get their groups, men and women, to work
together as one branch.

Let us not be pulling against each
other. The situation is serious and calls on us to close
ranks.

I hope everything goes well with
you.

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL,
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

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A. N. C.
(O. F. S.)

Office of the President-General,
104th End Street,
Johannesburg.
26th November, 1948.

Mrs. J. Motlhakoana,
923, Gonyane Street,
Bloemfontein.

Dear Mrs. Motlhakoane,

I am writing Dr. Setlogelo, the President of the A.N.C.(O.F.S.) to inform you that I want your section and Mr. Seekui to work together. Men and women must get together and work as one branch for the time being and we shall see after the Conference what is best to do.

Thanking you for all the work you have done.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL,
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL
CONGRESS, HELD AT THE Y.M.C.A. INSTITUTE, BLOEMFONTEIN, ON
MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 1948, AT 9.P.M.

PRESENT:

Dr. A. B. Xuma, President-General (in the Chair), Messrs.
J. Malangabi, Cr. H. Selby Msimang, Cr. A. W. G. Champion, Moses Kotane,
G. Makabeni, C. S. Ramohano, J. B. Marks, R. V. Selope Thema by invitation,
and Rev. James A. Calata, Secretary-General.

MINUTES:

After the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive were read the following corrections were made:-

- (1) To alter the phrase "Basic policy" and read "programme of action".
- (2) To alter the phrase " a certain man" and substitute " Mr. Runeli who was given £12 by the President-General to investigate the question of the properties in the Western Cape ".

Then the minutes were confirmed.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Congress Properties.

The Rev. J. A. Calata said that he had not found time to visit the Western Province, but had asked Mr. Kotane to contact Mr. Ndimande about Congress properties.

Mr. Kotane reported that he had nothing yet concrete to place before the Executive Committee beyond the information about a certain property which had been given but resold to another organisation.

ORGANISERS:

The President reported receiving letters of demand from Messrs. Ngubeni of Oudtshoorn and Mngadi of Durban for certain sums of money constituting their alleged claims against the Congress. He had submitted those letters to the Congress Lawyers, Messrs. Sadie and Sadie, who had the matter well in hand.

REDUCTION OF EXECUTIVE:

Discussion arose over the question whether the matter can be presented to Conference without it being first circularised to the Provinces. It was resolved that it be not presented until the Constitutional points had been dealt with in the proper manner by the Secretary.

PROGRAMME OF ACTION:

The Committee which had been appointed did
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not meet but Mr.Mda had sent the Secretary a memorandum on the Basic Policy of Congress.

The Executive decided that the phrase "Basic policy" be substituted by "Programme of Action".

Mr.Selby Msimang addressed the Executive at length. The Memorandum from Mr.Mda was read by the Secretary-General. It was not signed and did not include the opinion of the other members of the Committee. RESOLVED:-

that the Secretary-General convene the same Committee and get its members to present the statement. Executive adjourned at 12.30.p.m.

15TH.DECEMBER,1948,6.P.M.

UNITY BETWEEN THE A.N.C. AND A.A.C.:

The Executive resumed in the Board Room and after a long discussion passed the following resolution:-

That it be a recommendation to the National Conference (the A.N.C.)

- (a) That the Principle of Unity between the A.N.C. and the A.A.C. be accepted and
- (b) That this Conference recommend to the Unity Conference the appointment of a steering Committee to facilitate the process of giving effect to Unity.
- (c) That the steering Committee be instructed to approach, to interest, and as far as it may extend its activities, to open negotiations with any other African Organisation for the Consummation of a National Unity of African Organisations.

Mr.C.S.Ramohane, the Provincial President of the African National Congress Transvaal, reported that there were difficulties in the Transvaal and if this Unity with the All African Convention was agreed upon and the name changed, a large section of the old Congress loyalists would re-open the old Transvaal African Congress, and there would be endless trouble.

Mr.J.Malangabi suggested that the matter be referred to the Cape Congress as the All African Convention existed only in that Province. This suggestion was not accepted. The Resolution was finally adopted.

Executive resumed in the Board Room at 4.p.m. on the 16th. December, 1948.

TREASURER-GENERAL:

The President-General reported that the Financial/...

Financial Report had not been submitted. The last Conference had not accepted the Financial statement of the year before.

He could not pay the travelling and boarding expenses of the members of the Executive as the Treasurer-General was not at the Conference. RESOLVED:-

- (a) That the President-General be authorised to borrow the money and pay the expenses of the members of the Executive.
- (b) That in view of the failure of the Treasurer-General Mr. R.G.Baloyi, to attend the Conference to submit his Financial statement, and to attend the Conference to submit his his financial statement was not accepted by the Conference last year, and in view of the fact that his work has not been satisfactory generally, this Executive Committee of the African National Congress resolves that another Treasurer be appointed forthwith to act until the next General Election of the Congress.
- (c) That the following members of the National Executive be instructed to convey this resolution to Mr.R.G.Baloyi in person, and to take from him all Congress property belonging to the Office of Treasurer-General and all documents in proper order and up to date:-

Messrs.G.Makabeni, J.B.Marks and C.S.Ramohanoe.

ACTING TREASURER-GENERAL:

Mr.G.Makabeni was elected acting Treasurer-General.

EXECUTIVE ADJOURNED.

JAMES.A.CALATA.
SECRETARY-GENERAL, A.N.C.

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HOMEMAKER'S CLUB ANNUAL REPORT.
THE YEAR ENNDING DECEMBER 1948.

This club started with an enrolment of twenty-three members this year. The office bearers for the year were :-

Organiser, Mrs. W. Nhlapo.

President; M.C. Demas.

Vice-President; Mrs. E. Thabeng.

Secretary; Mrs. M.S. Nhlapo.

Assitant-Secretary; Mrs. D. Magau.

Treasurer; Mrs. T. Zulu.

Lay Members; Mrs. E. Xaba and Miss T. Radebe.

This is the scheme of work for the year in which every hostess is expected ^{has} to demonstrate

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>	<u>Article.</u>
6/2/48	W. Nhlapo	Official opening.
2/3/48	E. Thabeng.	Schemes-Work.
16/3/48	T.Zulu.	Patch work.
30/3/48	M.S. Nhlapo.	Kniting a Pullover.
13/4/48	L. Gow.	Biscuits.
27/4/48	A. Shabangu.	Table centre.
11/5/48	M. Mokgokong.	Smocking.
25/5/48	E. Nkomo.	Rehearsals.
8/6/48	M.C. Demas.	Teaparty. End of First Term.

SECOND TERM.

10/8/48	E. Xaba	Sakk Mat.
24/8/48	D. Magau.	Table Centre.
14/9/48	M.Mazibuko.	Bead Work.
28/9/48	M.S.Nhlapo.	Collection of articles.
4/10/48	Show	
18/10/48	Report of the Show.	
2/11/48	Christmas Party.	

All the work has been done with great harmony and enthusiasm

On the 7th. of June the Home Maker's Club welcomed Mrs. Xuma home from America. It was in that party that the Club also bade Mrs. E. Thabeng a fare well as she was leaving Evaton.

The Exhibition was held at Evaton last year and this was on the 6th. of October, 1947. The exhibits were very few because some clubs did not patronise the show. The judges were:-

Mesdames:-~~Mrs.~~ Ngakana, Mogoai, Koffe. They gave a very encouraging report after the Show.

of the Show.

The results were as follows:-

<u>Section A.</u>	<u>Man's Shirt.</u>
First Price.	Mrs. Gwele. Roodepoort.
Second Price.	Mrs. M.S. Nhlapo. Evaton.
Third Price.	Mrs. W.J. Nhlapo. Evaton.
<u>Section B.</u>	<u>Knitting. Man's Socks.</u>
First Price.	Mrs. M.S. Nhlapo. Evaton.
Second Price.	Mrs. M. Thimane. Vereeniging.
Third Price.	Mrs. D. Mashumi. Roodepoort.
<u>Section C.</u>	<u>Embroidery Duchess Set.</u>
First Price.	Mrs. M.S. Nhlapo. Evaton.
Second Price.	Mrs. E. Ramopi. Roodepoort.
Third Price	Mrs. L. Moloisane. Vereeniging.
<u>Section D.</u>	<u>Crochet, Dress Handbag.</u>
First Price.	Mrs. M.S. Nhlapo. Evaton.
Second Price.	Mrs. M.C. Demas Evaton.
Third Price.	Mrs. R. Mkize. Roodepoort.
<u>Section E.</u>	<u>Thrift Patch Mat.</u>
First Price.	Mrs. Mongale. Roodepoort.
Second Price.	Mrs. M.C. Demas. Evaton.
Third Price.	Mrs. J. Mawu. Roodepoort.
<u>Section F.</u>	<u>Cookery Swissroll</u>
First Price.	Mrs. M.S. Nhlapo Evaton.
Second Price.	Mrs. W.J. Nhlapo. Evaton.
Third Price.	Mrs. L. Gow. Evaton.

For the second time Evaton won the Show and was given a sum of 7/6. The Points being Evaton 36 Roodepoort 19 Vereeniging 5. The embroidery section was cut out of the competition after the judges had given their verdict. The reason given was that the set that came first was silk linen. So that the other two were awarded first and second price not on points of workmanship but on the points of fabric which was not one of the points the judges were to consider. The dispute was settled by three members of the executive.

I am glad to report that the same Duchess set ~~has~~ won two first prices in the European Shows in Johannesbugg and it is to be entered for another exhibition of the Trasvaal Girls Club Association in November, this year.

Our Christmas Parties are becoming very popular. Many of our members are also members of the Red Cross and emergrncy cases of various kinds have been successfully attended to by club members. It is also interesting to ~~note~~ the regularity with which the members attend our weekly meetings.

M.S. Nhlapo.
Honorary Secretary.
Home maker's Club,
P.O. Wilberforce Institute,
Evaton, Transvaal.

THE ROODEPORT ZENZELE CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

At the beginning of the year 1948, the Zenzele Club of Roodepoort, which always had the Durban Deep Branch working with it, suffered the loss of this latter ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ body, when the Social Welfare Officer of their Mine took them over. This loss seriously cut down our hopes for doing better than last year. We however, maintained the aim and ambition worthy of the Club, and went about, holding meetings at the homes of the different members regularly every two weeks.

One of the chief inspirations that carried us onward, was the thought of preparing for the return and arrival of the Founder, Mrs. M. Xuma. We were fortunate to be invited by the Sophiatown Branch to join them, in preparing for the ^{hoped for} reception ~~of the leader~~, and threw in our whole weight in the organising of functions, scheming schemes, and hoping to succeed in displaying a right royal Wel~~X~~come.

We have to record, with regret, the death of one of our most reliable [&] enthusiastic members, in the person of Mrs. S. Manyisane. It was when we were at the height of the pleasant preparation work, that she was struck ^{by a severe illness, which} separated her from us within the short space of ~~two~~ ^{one} day.

With grate^{ful} hearts, however, we can now say, that we fully took part in the reception, and that we kept the banner of ^{the} "Do for yourself" Club well up, and that some of our members are actually today going to present some articles ^{made} for the exhibition ceremony, ~~today~~.

Brief

Annual Report of the Johannesburg Zenzele Club - 1948.

Greetings!

The Johannesburg Zenzele Club began its activities for 1948 on the 7th February at the home of Mrs. M. Rezant with Mrs. Rezant and B. Motsepe cohostesses. Mrs. Mildred Malie discussed, Progress in African Education. Club members showed their personal interest by entering into the discussion which followed.

We have 28 active members. 11 members were dropped. 1 moved away. 1 member went on an extended holiday overseas in 1947 but has returned.

Yearly handbooks for 1948 were distributed to all members. These handbooks contain a directory, birthdates of all members hostesses and the program for the year.

All the members of the club have served the club on some committee or in some capacity during the year and all committees have done excellent jobs. Committees which have functioned during the year are:

- Program
- Membership
- Visiting
- Social
- Nominating
- Exhibition

Three bazaars were sponsored during the year. One outstanding function was a reception given in honour of Mrs. Xuma. This was a great success both financially and otherwise.

The following members had death in the family during the present year:

- Mrs. Piliso
- Mrs. Mayeza
- Mrs. Ndiovu
- Mrs. Zikali
- Mrs. Msweli

We extend our grateful thanks to all the Johannesburg Zenzele members for making this year, 1948, a grand success.

Signed

M. H. Xuma
Acting Secretary

Report Mrs M. Ngakeme Judge

Prize for 1948 Shows Held at Sophiatown

Scratch = 1st Prize J1 Mrs Demas Euston
2nd " 2 Mrs Nkehli Johannesburg
3rd " 3 Mrs. Rezant. Johannesburg

Machine Work. Petticoat

1st Prize J4 Mrs W. Nhlapo (Euston)
2nd " J3 Mrs M. Nhlapo (Euston)
3rd " R1 Mrs Klaaste (Roodeport)

Smocking

1st prize J3 Mrs M. Nhlapo (Euston)
2nd " R1 Mrs Klaaste (Roodeport)
3rd " J5 Mrs. M. Mokho Kong.
(Euston)

Knitting = 1st Miss Sophangisa (Johannesburg)

Shawl = 1st prize J1 Mrs Demas (Euston)
2nd " J3 Mrs. M. Nhlapo (Euston)

Seaming & Baking

1st prize 3 Mrs. Eland. (Johannesburg)
2nd " 2 Mrs. Msweli (Johannesburg)
3rd " J3 Mrs M. Nhlapo Euston.

	<u>Puzos</u>	<u>Evaton</u>	<u>Johannsburg.</u>	<u>Roodepoort</u>
<u>First Prize.</u>	5	x	4 = 20 2 =	1 = 5
<u>Sec.</u> "	3	x	2 = 6	3 = 9
<u>Third.</u>	2	x	2 = $\frac{4}{30}$	2 = $\frac{4}{18}$
				1 = $\frac{2}{5}$

Results

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Baking. Biscuits = 1st. Mrs Rezans. (Johannesburg)
= 2nd. Mrs Motsepe (Johannesburg)
= 3rd. Mrs Piliso (Johannesburg)

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