

PRESIDENTIAL

THE YEAR 1955

Report

Great and unprecedented events have taken place both Nationally and Internationally since our last Conference. The world-wide Movement for the liberation of man-kind has assumed even greater heights, from Indo-China to Guatemala, from Cyprus to Malaya, from South Africa to Morocco — the best Sons and Daughters of the people are engaged in a life and death struggle to throw off age-old shackles and to abolish exploitation of man by man. Never before have oppressed peoples been so courageous in their fight for Freedom and to set up for themselves Independent, Progressive and Peaceful States.

It is with great pride that I announce today the achievement of Independence by SUDAN whose sovereignty has now been recognized by nearly 30 countries.

Long live the Free Sudan!

Then there is Egypt. The decision of the Egyptian Government to engage in trade agreements and buying of ~~arms~~^{arms} from independent sources is a further step forward on her road to complete self-determination.

But perhaps friends, the most momentous event of the past year was the Afro-Asian Conference.

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For the first-time in World History representatives of the peoples who constitute more than half the population of Mankind — peoples long exploited — and subjected to political repression — the peoples of Afrika and Asia, met in Bandung ^{to} ~~lay a foundation~~ ^{determine} ~~to~~ ^{their} ~~independently~~ ^{destinies} ~~and~~ ^{destinies} to lay the foundation for future joint action.

But what does this unity and solidarity mean in terms of our struggle?

1. For the first time International Imperialism expressed through ~~no~~ the notorious and adventurous bodies like N.A.T.O. SEATO, METO. and the rest, will now stand face to face with the wall of bronze of the Awakened Colonial peoples.
2. The vacillating independent states will now be faced with a cut and dry choice — between linking to the sinking and bankrupt system of Imperialism and on the other hand to join the cause of the emergent Colonial ~~and~~ and Working peoples which seek to establish a free prosperous social and political systems.
3. Only the force of the organized millions of Afrika, Asia, the rest of the progressive world can halt the insane designs of the Imperialists.

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to plunge ~~plunge~~ mankind into World War with the view of safeguarding their tottering profits.

Such is the trend of World events today. As part and parcel of the World Afrika ~~was~~ bound to be affected.

AFRIKA THE LAST IMPERIALIST RESORT.

Having been almost entirely expelled from the continent of Asia, the Imperialists now hope to make their last stand on our beloved and rich Motherland.

The French have unleashed a war ~~is North Africa~~ against the peoples of North Africa. The British presenting unparalleled barbarism have ~~whip~~ wiped out complete villages in Kenya, they have imprisoned, raped and massacred the Kikuyu people. The situation is hardly brighter in the Rhodesias where leaders of the Trade Unions and the Liberation Movement are being daily deported.

On this But Cross over to this side of the Limpopo - ~~we~~ ~~are~~ 10,000,000 of us - an entire people, subjected to all kinds of humiliation. Political oppression and economic exploitation at the hands of successive governments. Increasing poverty and destitution at the expense of profit for the Mine Magnates - Now ~~best~~ outright Fascist racialism and abject slavery, imposed at the

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point of a gun by the Nationalist Government. They kill us Courades,
they kill us!

THE BATTLE FIELDS.

Year in and Year out
~~but~~ new oppressive laws are being
passed to wrest from us the
last vestiges of freedom and to
condemn us to perpetual slavery.

1. The notorious Bantu Education - designed to mentally enslave the Young Africans.
2. The Nursing Amendment Bill seeking to deprive Young African women the last profession open to them.
3. The Industrial Conciliation Amendment Bill - ~~treacherously~~ ^{maliciously} intends to ~~smash~~ ^{crush} organised labour.
4. Then there is the inhuman Prohibition of Intoxicants Bill now before Parliament - ~~treacherously~~ seeks to smash the last right - Equality before the law.

These ~~evil~~ ^{These} friends are but a few
~~of~~ ^{plots} ~~set~~ ^{set up} by this Government.
Yet they are the key to their
malicious plot. That is why we
must struggle against them resolutely
and uncompromisingly.

Our Forces

Our experiences in previous Campaigns
confirm repeatedly confirm this naked
truth. That no amount of effort
on the part of a few hero's - no

matter how brave and daring — can ever bring freedom for the people. The real force is the people themselves. Not until we have aroused the indignation of the people can we hope to ever succeed. Our chief task therefore ~~is~~ still to organise, organise and organise. Our problems remain organisational problems. Yet year in and year out the Youth Movement remains weak, isolated from the ^{broad} masses of the Youth and having no clear approach to problems. What then are the causes of such a state of affairs. A brief analysis of the Historical Development of the Youth League might give us the answer.

Historical Development.

The Youth League as you know arose at a time when the mother body was ~~not~~ ridden with indecision and led by the Old hamba-Kahl leadership. The noble task of re-orientating the Movement and provide it with a clear and militant programme.

The 1949 programme of action is generally recognised as having accomplished this task i.e.:

1. Having summarised past experiences it recommended a set of tactics to be used according to the demands of the situation in the struggle for Freedom.

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2. It strongly urged ~~reliance~~ the policy of reliance on the participation of the masses - and rejected the "deputations" form of struggle which characterised the Movement then.

But ~~is~~ now that the ~~Y~~ Youth League is militant and relies on mass action can the Youth League maintain its former position or play its former role of acting as a pressure group within Congress? Of course not - recent experiences show that such a stand can only be disruptive and can only ~~put~~ discredit the Youth League.

The way out is ~~for~~ for us to transform the Youth League ~~from~~ from a closed organisation of intellectuals and convert it to a mass movement which studies and serves the needs of THE YOUTH. [Refer to programme on Building A MASS YOUTH MOVEMENT.]

Such then is way things stand. The present situation in the Youth League is characterised by lack of ~~conscious~~ conscious and organised activity. The Youth League contrary to the needs and urgency of the situation has failed to play its proper role.

It is therefore our duty today to review our position and lay new foundation for building a truly Mass Youth Movement which

will play its real role (5) that
is to be the Vanguard and
Spearhead of the LIBERATORY
Movement.

Youth of the whole Country
Exert Yourselves!

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SECRETARIAL ① REPORT:

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Sons and Daughters of Africa!!

To-night I am in the
anenviable position of delivering the Annual Secre-
tarial Report on behalf of the Secretariat and the
out-going Executive Committee.

It will be realised that
this report will cover and review the progress of
Youth League Affairs from the 5th July, 1954 to 9th Dec,
1954.

When this Executive Committee took over from
the Organising Committee the future looked extreme-
ly bleak in the field of day-to-day politics and
I have no fear to say it now looks worse.
Fanatical out-throats have now acceded to power
in ruling-class circles and it is their avowed
policy to stay forever masters of the beloved
Africa so dear to us. It would be idle to specu-
late on the logicality of their political economy
but one fact stands out clearly that their emotion-
al approach to State affairs obliterates from their
view irreversible advances of the logic of economics.

Before we should discuss the impact of
recent events in South Africa and abroad on
our struggle we must first and foremost make
up our minds that UNITY is STRENGTH and stands
far above personal ambition, jealousy and opportu-
nistic careerism. We will do well to remember that
our National Secretary Mr. W. Sisulu warned us in
his valedictory address to beware of political careerism.

Black politics in South Africa are grossly
disturbed by the anarchist policies of academic
politicians who follow the teachings of a renegade
Trotsky. Trotsky we shall all remember was

an egotist in the People's Democracy of Russia where he was exposed as a careerist using the struggle of the people for his own ends. He fled and established what he called the Fourth Internationale with Tito another careerist. In South Africa and Ceylon his followers are known as Men of Non-European Unity Movement.

These men of the Fourth Internationale are the main springboard for issuing disruptive ideas in the National Liberation Movement, but if their strategy is intelligently analysed it will be discovered at once that they have no political line of action against the oppressor but instead concentrate on an individualistic vituperation of the National Leadership. This is no politics but soap-box invective, pot-house and gutter language. It is the duty of the local branch to devise ways and means to combat this evil and defend their leadership uncompromisingly, remembering always that an attack on the leadership is an attack on each individual member in so far as all members are the prospective leaders of tomorrow. As a democratic organisation all decisions are taken by the people and the leadership acts on their behalf, it is therefore, the duty of the members to squash ruthlessly an attack on the leadership. You will be leaders to ~~men~~

As a responsible democratic organisation we must embrace it as our guiding principle that it is not important ~~to~~ who leads but rather how he leads. The members must exercise to the full their duty as vigilant watchmen in the political jungle of South African politics to criticise honestly and fearlessly the constitutionally-elected executive officials and to send their recommendations and suggestions to the secretariat.

It returns once again to the contemporary scene of South African politics we must make up our minds to fight the vicious socio-economic system by the only sound weapon which we possess, an attack on the national economy in as many respects as possible making each small struggle of the people an all-important link in the broader sweep of the National Movement.

It is true that we are oppressed as a people but because of our social status in the State we have been reduced into workers one and all, - Hewers of wood and drawers of water.

We, for this reason and many others, fight our National Oppression and Exploitation as a WORKING CLASS. Is it any wonder then that we are striving to establish a class-less society where there are "neither MASTERS NOR SLAVES"?

"ROLE OF THE TRADE UNIONS"

Our working-class or in a better word to suit our conditions - our Proletariat Struggle would be futile and of no force or effect if we neglected our Atomic Bomb, the Trade Union Organisation which is really a mobilisation of all democrats in a united front of ORGANISED LABOUR that can exert and withhold its power at will to the detriment of Capitalist economies. This is the Democratic Shield which we should recognise, rightly, as the figurehead of a Liberatory Movement in any capitalist society. We must realise that all our Campaigns like the Defiance Campaign and Economic Boycott Campaign - depend squarely on the support of workers domiciled in the urban areas as well as in the reserves for its success. Their contributions of human effort and financial support are quite indispensable. UNITE THE WORKERS AND GET FREEDOM.

IMMEDIATE TASKS AND DUTIES OF BRANCH.

1. Each member must see that all Branch activities are well executed.
2. Each member must make it his/her duty to distribute Branch literature like leaflets, pamphlets etc.
3. Each member must attend all Branch gatherings be they political or social in good time.
4. Each member must see that order and discipline prevail at all gatherings.
5. Each member must exercise his/her democratic rights by sending all his/her complaints, suggestions and recommendations to the Branch Secretary.
6. Each member must defend the constitutionally-elected officials but criticise their administration by forwarding written data to support his views.
7. Members should be on guard for political conspirators and other inimical elements and must destroy them wherever they are found within or outside the organisation.
8. Members should remember that they are soldiers in a vast army and must always rise above personal ambition and jealousy.
9. Members must always obey orders and complain after words in the prescribed form (Section "b" above).
10. Members should support all the machinery of the Youth League: Local, Regional, Provincial and National.
11. Members should seriously consider the publication of a monthly NEWSLETTER to provide a means of expression for the local youth and publicise their views throughout the Branch.
12. All body-official members should regard themselves as responsible for the catering of all social functions in the Branch.
13. Our main activities should be Concerts, tea-parties, cabarets etc.

ENEMIES OF OUR PROGRESS

As is to be expected there are a host of enemies to our struggle from within and without. A brief reference to them would be interesting.

First our duty as a people lies in recognition of a common enemy and organising ourselves with this fact in mind against the enemy regardless of political convictions, beliefs and attitudes.

Those then would be as oppressed as ourselves but make a special hobby of attacking the National Liberation Movement are the enemies of the people and must be eradicated root and branch even if this involves the supreme sacrifice. They are more dangerous than the oppressor because they stab us in the back.

Secondly, as we are struggling in a capitalist society there can be no doubt that the capitalists have influenced the thinking of a great deal of our fellow-brethren and this has resulted in the germination of capitalistic tendencies in the circle of the oppressed. These men are freely used by the oppressor as political functionaries and mercenary levers for halting the forward march of the people. In all capitalist societies the distribution of wealth is so neatly organised as to create a middle-class among the oppressed. This class is what we commonly refer to as the National Bourgeoisie - a class of civil servants, traders and shopkeepers, professional and businessmen, as well as Intellectuals. The disruptive activities of the National Bourgeoisie is easily offset by the preponderant weight organised UNITY crystallised in will of the majority.

The third factor that disturbs our peace is the spectacle of organised American filth that

poisons the tender minds of African Youth through Magazines, periodicals, comics and Commercialised jazz. All this American filth is distributed among us on the pretext of Cultural development. Yet, paradoxically enough, it is the chief factor that causes the moral and ethical decay of African Integrity. Magazines such as the Drum, Afrika, Lonk, Hi-note, African Challenge are all the exponents of reactionary ideas amongst us particularly the African Challenge which pretends to be a Christian pictorial but since its publication has conducted an anti-Communist campaign in order to mislead us.

It is now the capitalists acknowledged stock-in-trade to use Christianity as a pretext for engendering hatred between nations. At first the Roman capitalist-imperial rulers were deadly opposed to Christianity but in 313 A.D. Constantine debased it by and used by legalising its practice used Christianity as a vehicle for transporting their ideas of Roman Supremacy. In 313 A.D. Christianity lost its soul and became a weapon of the Capitalists HIERARCHY to subjugate people on the grounds of divine Inviolability. It is our duty as a people to restore the soul of Christianity to its rightful place.

AMERICAN PLOT TO SEIZE WORLD HEGEMONY.

Long before the end of the last Great War II, the Americans had by virtue of their financial strength displaced Britain from leadership of the Colonial world. Their machinations have prevented the final conclusion of peace in Germany and through their mighty American Dollars have devised plan after plan to dominate the national economies of sovereign states. Germany, Italy, Jugoslavia and the BENELUX countries

are groaning under the strangulation of American Marshall Aid. The Gold Coast, Nigeria and French Equatorial Africa under Truman's 4 point plan, Guatemala under the exploitation of the United Fruit Company, Persia under a new agreement to restore the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. Europe under the European (re-militarisation of Germany) Defence Community and South Africa, Pakistan, Turkey, the Philippines ^{& Jamaica} under a host of private agreements. The world cycle is complete: America has laid the foundation for an international conspiracy whereby she intends using national states to engineer her plot for world hegemony.

There is only one counter to all these devilish machinations which will undoubtedly lead to war: it is PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP among the peoples of the world. Let us preach a gospel of live and let live, a gospel of PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE and no foreign interference in independent states. We must watch the mighty American Dollar and the Socio-Political TRASH that it spreads over us like a Dark Cloud of WAR in order to foment ^{war-} hysteria, panic and mental intimidation. ~~It is our duty to~~

In conclusion allow ^{me} to quote Mao Tse-tung;

"When the enemy advances we retreat,
when he retreats we pursue,
when he is tired we attack."

Afrika, Afrika, Mayibuye, i-Afrika.

U. S. Jola (Secretary ANC Youth League)

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