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ALL ROADS MUST LEAD TO KLIPTOWN ON JUNE 24th

THE FREEDOM CHAP

On June 25, 1950 the National organisations called upon the people of South Africa to observe a national stoppage of work. This was a protest against the Suppression of Communica Act, the Group Areas Act and all other discriminatory laws. It was also a day to mourn the deaths of many sons and daughters of Africa who laid down their lives in the cause of freedom and in particular the victims of May Day 1950 (Freedom Day). .

Bach year June 26 has been a day of re-dedication to the struggle. The historic Defiance campaign was launched on June, 26, 1952. The greatest ever South African easembly - the Congress of the People - met at Kliptown on June 26, 1955 and adopted the Freedom Charter.

June 26 this year is to be observed by commemorating the adoption of tho Freedom Charter. This is a decision of the National Consultative Committee of the Congress movement.

On the Witwatersrand the people will again assemble in Eliptown, and each main centre is requested to send represenatives to Kliptown (at least one, but more if possible). All areas and centres must organise Freedom Charter assemblies in central spots. A weak of activity for the Freedom Charter must begin on Sunday June 17 and culminate on Sunday Jums 24, in an intensive drive for the collection of signatures to the Charter. Every Congress member must turn out for campaigning in this week. Other activities can be planned too: sporting and cultural activities.

> (From the directive of the National Consultative Committee)

END ALL PASSES!

The Pass Laws make all South Africa an open prison for the African people, Hundreds go to prison daily. Every location, township, street corner, railway station and home are invaded at any hour of the day or night, and mass arrests made of men and their sons.

Very soon African mothers and their daughters will be arrested in the same WEY.

PROTEST ACTIONS against the PASS LAWS must be organised THROUGHOUT the COUNT-Wyssam a special directive from the

A leaflet "PASS LAWS and POLICE RAIDS are INTOLERABLE" has been prepared and all centres must use this leaflet - printed or cyclostyled in the languages of the people of the area - in mass distribution campaigns. Volunteers - not only our members but also non-Congressites - must be called for to take part in the distributions. These should start in the morning and carry on through the day at places where raids commonly take place, stations, street corners, near pass offices.

Write for a copy of the Get your breach leaflet if you have not or region moving seen it, and use it - or against passes!. adapt it - in your area.

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ONTIRE EFFICIE

cisions taken on committees and at meetings carrys no further if they are never put into practice. This holds Songress and the freedom atruggle back.

The Transvael Provincial Executive has adopted an EFFICIENCY PLAN. Here are the main points from it. Do your bit to carry out the plan.

- 1. He on time If a meeting has been 4. arranged at a certain time everyone must turn up punctually.
- Do all the jobs you undertake promp- 5. tly and report back to your committee or branch,
- 3. Don't exergerate what you have done; don't give over-enthusiastic reports just because they sound good. This decisions.
- Leading members of Congress carry specially heavy responsibilities. Set high standards of work and carry them out.
 - It is the duty of every branch tokeep in close and constant touch with the Provincial Committee, and to report on work in every campaign. Successes and failures - they must all be reported.

The THREE MONTH EFFICIENCY CAMPAIGN starts can lead to a wrong weighing-up of right now! Discuss these rules and how to the situation and the taking of wrong carry them out in your branch. Of course, right now! Discuss these rules and how to there are other rules for efficiency and we invite you to suggest others. Write to this Bulletin.

Every Branch must assign duties to its members, discuss and plan targeto of work for the next three months and start working at top-efficiency now. By August Branch organisation should reach new levels of efficiency, so lose no time, start up now, and send in reports of progress.

REPORTS from the BRAINCHES

From Springs to Randfonteins The last few weeks has seen increasing political and organising activities in the A.N.C. branches along the Reef. The anti-pass demonstrations organised by the Women's Leagues to Native Commissioners are drawing in more and more areas. Women of Gormiston, Nataalspruit, Elsburg, Brakpan and Klerksdorp have already givon the lead.

MAST RAND. New branches formed in Daveyton, Benoni; and Kwa Thema in Springs. At the first Davoyton public meeting 200 signed the Freedom Charter.

Brokran's public meeting held in April trought over 400 people together.
Main campaigns: The bus boycett and the women's antipass and anti-permit struggle.

Strongest branch in the MAST RAND REGION is Venterspost whose membership has soared since the Mrs. Moeletsi case

RANDFONTEIN NEW LOCATIONS new branch has a membership chiefly of women.

MASTERN TRANSVAAL.

A mass A.N.C. mooting was hold at Ermolo, and people came from Standerton, Morgenzon, Davel, Bethal, Piet Retief, Armsford. Over 600 attended 250 signed the Freedom Charter. Morgenzon farm workers travelled to the meeting in 3 lorries and a bus and roport a membership of 400 in their branch

Three Cheers for:

- The people of Brakpan carrying on a Zdetermined boycott of the buses in protest against the increase in fares
- The women of Free State's Bethlehem, Who marched to the Native Commissioner to protest against passes for
- The women in general who are showing that when they get going there is no stopping them!
- Textile workers in Benoni, Worcestor, W and Randfontein who are refusing to submit to the strike and union break ing "Native Settlements of Disputes Act.

ROOIMPOORT WEST BRANCH: What about Womon's anti-pass campaign? Women in Roodepoort are already being issued with passes.

KNUGERSDORP Despite the Authorities refusal to give this branch permission to hold meetings the campaign for Freedom Charter signatures is going ahead.

Congress to this, and the need to correct some mistakes in our work.

VERWOERD SNUBBED THE 5 MAN DELEGATION

The Minister of Native Affairs, Dr. Verwoerd, refused to see the 2 man delegation from the Johannesburg Joint Advisory Boards that went to Cape Town to put before him the opposition of the African people to the 3 Bills before Parliament. The Native Administration Amendment Bill, the Urban Areas Amendment Bill, and the Natives Prohibition of Interdicts Bill.

Not satisfied with his existing powers, Dr. Verwoord is now seeking new powers to enable him and his sub-chiefs to issue orders to remove, deport or eject any African or group of Africans from any place or area; and to block their right to obtain the protection of the law courts by seeking urgent interdicts against these deportation orders.

This is part of the scheme to destroy the peoples' organisations, by removing their post active workers from areas where they have established themselves with their families.

Mass organisations - mass protests - UNITY!

We have no illusions that the delegation from the Advisory Boards could have persuaded the Minister to withdraw these Bills. But his refusal to meet the delegation is a sign of the Government's attitude towards the African people, even the spokesmen of a Government-created institution like the Advisory Boards. The shabby manner in which the delegation was treated confirms our standpoint that the days of deputations and fruitless interviews have passed: and supports the Congress attitude that such protests and deputations must be part of the organising of the masses of the people in protest actions; and that the leadership and the people must pin their hope on the hard methods of strugge. These are the only roads that will lead the people to freedom.

Congratulations to the Uhbg: Boards!

The Johannesburg Joint Advisory Boards delegation, daspite its serious weaknesses on certain issues, deserves our congratulations for the manner in which it conducted its protest mission to Cape Town. Not only did the 5 man deputation speak out the attitude of the African people they represent, but they presented their case in the form of a protest and a demonstration of the opposition of the people against Verwoerd's wicked plans. Further, they demonstrated that though the institution of advisory boards has long been condemned and denounced, by the people as a useless talkshop and fraud, it is still possible to use this institution against its creators and for the building of the freedom struggle.

In their report back meeting held at Orlando Township on May 27, members of the deputation told the people that Verwoerd had refused to see them, but emphasised the need for the people to struggle against oppression. Almost all the speeches struck the note of unity and continuous struggle. Speakers from various organisations, including Congress, also addressed the audience and all stressed the need for a united struggle against the common change.

We must correct our mistakes

"Sectarianism" assumes various forms in our organisation - and others. It cloaks itself with high sounding phrases of militancy and purity of principle. Its main feature is a negative attitude towards the building of peoples' unity on pressing issued; an under-estimation of the importance of work in trade unions, peasant, women's and youth movements, as well as sport and cultural bodies and through statutory organisations. It takes the form also of an indifference to working with individuals who hold differing political and religious beliefs.

This negative attitude is responsible for the tendency among Congress leaders to sometimes diverce themselves from the life of the people; to refuse to work with others merely because they are not Congressmen and women. Such an attitude isolates Congress from the activities of the mass of the people.

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UBUNGCWETI NGOMSEBENZIT

Ubungoweti ngomesbenzi ku Kongresi Bungunesbenzi wawowonke, nawe uqobo.

Izirqumo ezenziva emakomitini azinamphumela uma zingenziwa. Loko kubambhezela umsebenzi ka Kongresi emuva nenkululeko kanjalo.

Isigungu esikhulu sesebe lase Transvaal se sithathe invathele lubuqongqole. Nalike

- L. Acina isikhathi. Uma umhlangano unqunyelve isikhati esithize, bonke bafanele banhelele.
- 2. (all orbenz: youke cyisingethe, yigcine ngesikhati ubuye ubikele isigungu sakho ne gatsha ok ulo.
- 5. Lawandisi umtiko wakho ngokwenzile, ungathatwa ubuhle bombiko nehlombe. Konko laku kungadukisa isimo sezinto, kudale izinqumo vingaqondile, ezingezona.
- 4. Abaholi acaphambili baka Kongresi banesibopho esikhulu sokuba yisibonelo esihle nesokutho-mbeka ngombebenzi wabo.
- 5. Kwisibopho segatsha ne gatsha ukusebenzelana eduze nesigungu esikhulu sesebe lerdawor ngaso sonke isikhati kubekhona imibiko ngami sebenzi eyenziwe ephumolcla nehlulekile.

ISEBE LIMEMEZA NGONYANGA-NTATHU WOBUNG -

Tusu'ta menje ingxoxo akube eyalemithetho kuwo wonke amagataha ngokufuna izindlela sokughuba ngayo umsebenzi.

Kungenzeka nibo nezindlela ezinye zokusebe .- Sinilindele ngomqondo wemu nibhalole I pnepheni losizwe.

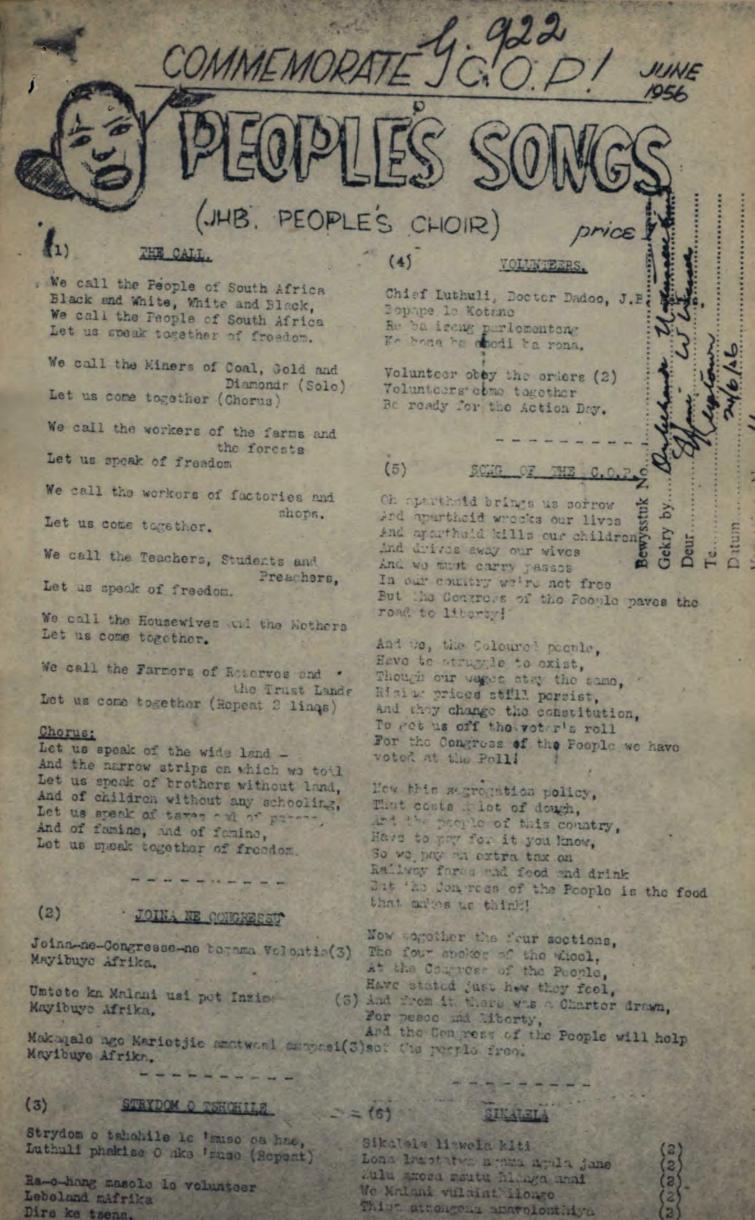
Tilelo gatsha malinike umsebenzi amalungu azonvsebenza kulezinyanga ezinta thu ezizayo. Ubuqorgaolo obedlul'esiny' isikhati.

Ngo August amegatsha alindeleke ukufinye lela emqoka wezinto ngobu ngoweti em-

Sukura manje uthumene imibiko ngenqubeko.

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It is important for Congress leaders and members to realise the great importance of mass work among the people in their areas, even if such work has to be done through, and with, the local residents and vigilance organisations — as long as these codies stand with the people against oppression. Remaining apart from the day-to-day campaigns and struggles of the people in their locations and townships, merely because it is not Congress but some other body in the lead, is wrong and will only result in the "sectarian" behavior and policy that will rob Eongress of its position as the premier mass organisation in the country.



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DEFEAT the BAN on MEETINGS!

Nobody will be fooled by the City Council's suspension of the blanket ban on meetings of more than ten Africans. True, the Council beat a hasty retreat in the face of a determined cutory, and took shelter behind a promise to "review" the regulations. But as long as these vicious regulations still exist, as long as the United Party refuses to abandon the principles behind them, we can only regard the Council's promise as a strategem to draw the will from the sails of its opposition. They are hoping that opposition will now conveniently fizzle out.

BLOCK ANY NEW BANS!

Knowing the opportunist United Party as we do, we are convinced that, given half a chance, they will resuscitate the regulations, as originally drafted or camouflaged by amendments. But the Council must not be given half a chance - or any chance at all. And they will not get that chance if the people of Johannesburg don't give it to them. The African people reject these regulations in any shape or form, simply because their intention is to bottle up the legitimate expression of grievances.

Let us not be defeatist. The people are already deeply roused against this assault on their rights. It is for Congress to mobilise this opposition into a solid bulwark of protest to stem the tide of fascism which threatens to wash away the few retaining liberties we have. These regulations must be defeated. They can be defeated - if the people voice their opposition now.

THE "SECRET" EMERGENCY

Just why the Council passed these regulations in the first place seems to have mystified many people. What is the grave emergency? they ask. Who in brewing a plot to destroy law and order in Johannesburg? What danger is the Council trying to avert by imposing martial law? Nahedy image, locat of all the United Party. Or if they do, they've kept it a closely guarded secret.

The simple truth of the matter is, of course, that no dangerous emergency has arisen - not even in the fevered imaginations of the U.P. caucus. What prompted the ban is the same thing which prompted the Suppression of Communism Act, the Piotous Assemblies Act and the Public Safety Act - a desire to stifle the legitimate expression of the just aspirations and grievances of the African people, to destroy the fighting capacity of Congress and deprive it of opportunities for organising the people in defence of their vita! interests.

"FIG LEAVES"

"No person", the regulations decree, "shall hold any meeting or assembly of more than ten Natives within the area under the jurisdiction of the Council without the written permission of the Council under the hand of the Town Clerk."

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4 ATVISORY BOARDS

The draft regulations for the blanket ben on meetings of more than IO Africans were placed before Johannesburg's livisory Boards last year.

FOUR of the eight boards agreed to the regulations! They were:

Moroka Pimville Mofolo Dube



The Dube Board has since, in a special regulation, retracted its approval and demanded the scrapping of the regulations.

But what of the other Three?

Are they asleep? How can they

be party to this gagging of the

African people?

There is still time for all the Boards to come out publicly against the ban, and to join in the peoples' fight against this

Ministers code ALL-IN CONFERENCE

The "grave national anxiety of the African people" at the situation created by recent legislation has led to the calling of the biggest conference of African leaders in twenty years, says the press statement issued by the Inter-Denominational African Ministers' Federation.

The conference will take place in Bloomfontein from October 4 - 7.

It is to represent "all shades of African opinion: religious, cultural, educational, political, industrial and sports organisations" and will aim to make known the African answer to apartheil and to find a basis for bread African unity in the face of Government attacks.

"A GOOD THING!" SOUS ANC GEN. GEC. O. TAMBO

The anti-apartheid conference is most timely and should be welcomed throughout the land, said a statement issued by the secretary-general of the African National Congress, Mr. Oliver Tambo.

Petty differences among the African people, where they exist, must be submerged in the interests of a firm unity in the face of attacks by the Nationalists.

Every African must clearly understand that apartheid means permanent inferiority and acceptance of any aparthe decheme, whether it goes by the name of "separate development" or any other label, means the abdication of our fill human rights. The slogan of the con erence might well be "Every African against Apartheid!"

Conference must not be a mere "talki g shop". From its sessions must grow . new understanding and determination o fight for the basic civil liberties hat are the birthright of all peoples - against the threats to the independence of the Churches from state control and government interference; against arbitrary deportations and exilings; against the slamming of the doors of the law courts in our faces; against the never-ending uprootings and removels four people and the pinpricks and humiliations which are their daily experience under the system of apartheid.

From this conference would emerge a united people attempting not to form themselves into a single body, but to forge ways and means for all the varied organisations and representative groups of our people to act together for the common interest, against attacks on us and for our rights.

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THE MEETING BAN

If they are imposed, these regulations would strike a crippling blow at freedom of assembly and spe ch. Before 11 people can discuss sky locations, rent increases, crime, transport, passes or any other important matter, they must apply to the Town Clerk for permission to meet. Even where the purpose of the meeting is to express opposition to a measure passed by the Council, permission must first be obtained from the Council itself. This is dictatorship with the gloves off! It is intolerable, a violation of elementar, justice, that a man should be constituted judge in his own cause.

Naturally the United Party tries to cover up the naked body of its fascist rule with a few "respectable" fig leaves. And so they concoct the fantastic argument that these regulations confer "rights' on the African people; that the regulations simply extend to Africans regulations which already apply to Europeans. Any child can see that this is discrimination of a lost virulent kind; but the U.P. says "there is no discrimination."

The fight against the ban on meetings is far from over. Congress must lead the next round of the battle. The lobbying and protesting against the new set of regulations, expected to be made known shortly, must be mass protests in which the people of every location and township take part. There is no time to lose. Every Congress branch must get to work now to see that this campaign is carried to the people so that the new set of regulations can be defeated.

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Extracts from speeches made at the FreeDom RALLY - June 24 a

MR. LESLIE MASSIMA. CHAIRMAN AT THE FREEDOM RALLY - PISTORICAL BACKGROUND'

Bistory will record that on June the 26th, 1950, Freedom Fighters gave their

blood when the nation stopped work as a protest against the Suppression of Communism

Bill.

That day we have honoured with greatness and devotion. The people of South Africa will always remember how the ruling class became terrified when in 1952 the people filled the jails in defiance of unjust laws.

The children of South Africa born in bondage will recall June the 26th, 1954, when fires were lighted in their homes and they were told of the people's courage during the defiance campaign.

Greatest of all achievements of the Freedom Movement is the Congress of the People held on this site last year, on June the 25th and 26th 1955. The people came representing their brothers and sisters from all parts of the land, to put forward their demands for Freedom.

The delegates at the Congress of the People gave birth to the Freedom Charter and they ruled first and foremost that "The People Shall Govern". As the unforgotten weeks of the Congress of the People rolled on the laws of suppression and victimisation were tightened up. And the Freedom Charter shone as the only alternative to slavery. Out of the Freedom Charter grew the harmony and joint co-operation of all the liberatory organisations into what the country has called the great Congress Alliance of Whites and Non-Whites.

With these words I have pleasure in welcoming you here today to rededicate your lives to the finest cause in the world - the emancipation of the oppressed from slavery.

Chief LUTHULI'S MESSAGE: "The Significance of June 26".

In the history of any people some dates assume national importance because of some significant national event associated with them and so it is with "June 26th" in the history of our Liberatory Movement; a movement whose beginnings date from the first time the White man came into contact with the Black man, estensibly to civilise him, but in reality to rob him of all his possessions, including his land, his freedom and his manhood.

To their everlasting glory and honour our forebears who, by and large, had shown goodwill towards the white foreigners, defended heroically in some way or another, their lands and their freedom.

Let us here in all humility remember that we, of this age and hour, are not the first and only ones who have struggled for the liberation of the people of our land and so it behoves us to gratefully recall men and women of all ages to our day who, in defence of freedom, in an exalted or humble way, voluntarily sacrificed most devotedly and dearly for it, to the extent that some of them made the supreme sacrifice.

We should recognise June 20th for what it truly is: a symbol of something real and continuous; a spirit which, having its roots in the past, is sustained in the present by an univing common hope of a glorium future.

Mr. Leon Levy, President of the SACTU "Workers Ethe Congress Alliance

We of the South African Congress of Trade Unions are proud to announce that we equally stand side by side with our brother Congresses in the struggle for liberation and emancipation. We are now one of the Congresses - the Trade Union

It is important to record here on this historic day that never before in the history of South Africa did a multi-racial Trule Union Co-ordinating body such as S.A.C.T.U. ally itself with the struggle for National Liberation.

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Never before has a multi-racial Trade Union Co-ordinating body abolished the theory of "no politics" in Trade Unions. The task of really representing the working people fell to S.A.C.T.U. which boldly constitutes itself as one of the Congresses, or part of the Congress Alliance.

It was the Congress movement which helped S.A.C.T.U. to be born. It was the Freedom Charter which enriched its scope.

THE FIGHT AGAINST THE I.C. ACT

Inspired by the adoption of the Freedom Charter, the working class renewed their vigour in the fight against one of the measures directed against the working people of all races. This measure was the Industrial Conciliation Bill of 1956. This Act threatens all workers; it demands that no more Trade Unions shall be mixed to include Coloured, Indian and white workers. It demands that separate branches be formed for separate races. It demands that whites shall hold all executive positions. Most serious of all is the provision to reserve jobs for different races. The Nationalists have said that no European shall walk the streets while Non-Europeans are employed. The Government therefore has promised more racial hatred, racial fear, distrust and poverty.

The answer lies in the unity of all races, white and non-white. Therefore S.A.C.T.U. representing both white and non-white workers takes its place beside all Freedom Fighters.

Mrs LILIAN NGOYI - President of the TVI: Women's League: "ON PASSES"

A pass is an assegai of slavery. It is intended to prove to the bearer that he has been vanquished and thus degrade him. For instance you may be walking with your child and when the pass is demanded, how does your wife or your son feel. "I thought my daddy was a man, but since the manner in which he shivers at the approach of a Dutch boy...." If you carry a pass you are like the dog on a chain which, whilst still running, brings you back from where you started.

In 1913 the women in Winburg took a vow that not unless the passes for women were abolished , were they prepared to leave jail. Dr. 1. MOOSA · Joint Secretary, TVI: Indian Congress: "THE EVILS OF RACIALISM"

Our Freedom Charter is going to lead us to our cherished goal, a truly free South africa where every single person, black and white, can live like decent human beings, where everyone black and white, can hold his head high and know that this is his country, where everyone is treated fairly and justly and where the evil of racialism is past, where everyone can move in the country of his birth without fear of being molested, "Hey Kaffir, waars jou pass. Hey Coolie waars jou permit."

The Group Areas Act is the kernel of Apartheid. With this act the Government wants to create Chettoes where all the people will be placed and be ruled by the whip. Who is Dr. Donges to tell us where to live?

We demand they build decent homes for the people, all the people, where they can be happy and content.....

Finally friends, I still say we will have Freedom in our lifetime.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT FREEDOM RALLY

We the people of the Transvaal gathered together on this, the first anniversary of the forging of our Freedom Charter, pledge ourselves to strive together sparing neither strength or courage, until the democratic changes set out in the Freedom Charter have been won.

We pledge to oppose at every stage the inroads made by the Nationalist Government on our already limited rights and liberties. We oppose resolutely, the Group Areas Act, the Senate Act, Bantu Education and the extension of the pass system to African women, and all the other new and old restrictive legislation.

In opposition to apartheid, oppression and reaction we choose the freedoms of the Freedom Charter.

"These freedoms we will fight for, side by side, throughout our lives, until we have won our liberty.".

LCOX AFTER THE lifeblood of the African Entional Congress is its members.

No branch will thrive or grow if it does not recruit. No branch will recruit well or keep its members if it does not nurture them.

Congress must not take its members for or need. Once a man joins a branch, the task of turning him into a valuable Congression has only begun. Many members join, attend meetings for a while, then crop away again from the branch. Some find Gongress meetings too dult. Others find that leading Congress people do not take the trouble to explain politics cerefully and patiently to them.

Admiler who hears only stogmas and is never tangent the history of Congress, the policies behind the stogmas, the sessons for the policies, can never himself become a valuable leader.

THEY ARE WATCHING YOUR EXAMPLE.

Congress branches must look upon themselves as schools, as well as organisers, and the test of a good Congress branch is not only now many members it recourts, but how many of these members rise to positive of responsibility and in turn educate and lead new rormans.

Congress leaders must inspace the people with their example. They must be patient and polite; must listed to the people as well as talk to them, for contact with people and understanding of their problems is essential for every true leader. Bullying people into taking a certain line of action will never get as far as patiently convincing them of the correctness of A.N.C. policy. Contempt of the people is fatal. If they are slow to follow the Congress branch that is the fault not of the people, but of the branch.

THE BRANCH COLLITTEE MUST STELLI. To function properly, the branch must have a strong branch committee which is not only the servant of its members, but of the Congress Organisation. The committee is like a driver, it must have the rules of the road, in order ro drive safely.

The branch committee serves also as the salesman of the organisation: it must corry its message and principles to the people. Also, as the minister of religion carries the message of salvation, so must the branch committee carry the Freedom Charter to every man and woman. The committee members must understand the message of Congress, and must study the situation in South Africa throughly. The salesman exerts and study up-to-date literature on South African and world argumes, events.

WHO WILL MAKE Committee members much be chosen for their record of work a GOOD OFFICIAL. in Congress, their clear unverstanding of Congress policy, the confidence in thich they held among the people. They

must show initiative and must be able to adjust florible in all situations. They must show confidence in Congress and the geople. They must set an example in reliability, enthusiasm and conscientions work. Other members will watch them closely and learn from them. Congress leaders must not dictate to the people, but continuously conselt them and report back to them.

THE BRINCH The activity which must hold the branch members together is the regular branch meeting. This should be something that all members look forward to eagerly, not something they come to only as juisance and yet an obligation.

The branch committee must plan every single meeting carefully. There must be an agenda, a set of instructions to convey to the members to guide their week's work and topics for discussion must be carefully prepared. Business items will have to be discussed each week, but there should also be a

Business items will have to be discussed each week, but there should also be a talk _ some = ', c 'y either one of the branch members or if possible an outside speaker.

The events of the week might be reviewed in such a talk, or an article that has appeared in a Congress bulletin or Congress supporting paper discussed. One week a speaker from the Jomen's Federation, or the Peace Council or the Congress of Trade Unions might be invited as a guest speaker.

Thy not set aside each week a short perio. for uestions enr discussion by members on problems worrying them in their political work.

Branch members must be encouraged to speak up at meetings and take part fully in the discussions. There shoul be no "passengers" and the utmost care must be taken to help members on problems worrying them and to give them confidence to speak out.

On the other han the chairman must keep a firm hand on the meeting. Members must stick to the agenta and the min of all discussion should not be to talk en lessly into the night, but to lead the brach through systematic discussion to take practical steps and carry out its decisions.

IS INPOUNT. meet between meetings of the branch, and in periods of great activity, the members must be in constant touch with one another. Each committee must have a chairman, secretary and treasurer and the other members of the committee can be allocated special jobs such as literature sales, public meeting organisation and so on.

The committee must attend promptly to all correspondence, whether letters from in ivituals or letters from the head office of the Congress. A branch that neglets to deal with its correspondence and to report regularly to the head office cuts its vital connections with the rest of the organisation.

MONEY! Great care must be exercised in proper safe keeping of funds.

MONEY! Most warrels in the branches are generally caused by lack of ability to safeguard the funds of teh organisation. Proper books of account must be kept and money banked in a recognised bank and subject to withdrawal by the signatures of at least two branch officials.

Future articles will leal with area work of Congress branches and the organisation of public meetings; also study groups and political education for Congress members.



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TOGETHER AGAINST PASSES!

In the struggle against passes there must be greater unity among the African people and the broadest possible alliance of not only the Congress movement, but of democrats outside.

Men, who are even more affected than the women by the pass laws, are playing the role of spectators while women are vigorously campaigning. Men are called upon to enter this major campaign unreservedly. Various forms of protests and struggle against pass laws and pass raids must be embarked upon by men and women jointly throughout the country.

Section IO of the Urban Areas act and influx control in the rural areas should be made the pivot of the compaign and the people made aware that section IO is part of the pass system and the most inhuman and victous form of restrict-

Every man and women, in every city, dorp or village, must be drawn into the struggle.

every woman of the 50,000 who took part in the national and local protests against pass laws should be called on to sign the Freedom Charter, and should become an active worker, mobilising others in the struggle against passes.

Broad anti-pass committees under the guidance of Congress should be formed with Congress members and those who have joined in this striggle against passes.

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Congress problems and difficulties must not be glossed - or gossipped - over. They must be brought into the light of day and discussed, on committees and in branches - but on a principled basis.

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is here to help with this task. We make a beginning this month

DON'T STIFLE THE WORK OF THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION!

The success of the women's mass anti-pass demonstrations are the two outstanding events of the years 1955 and 1956. We take off our hats to the women who marched, both to Pretoria to see Strijdom and Verwoerd, and to their Native Commissioners! These are glorious achievements, not only for the success of the marches themselves but because they represent months of solid, steady organising by the Federation of South African Women and the A.N.C. Women's League.

DOUBTS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS

But if we are honest with ourselves we must admit that some members of Congress and some sections of our organisation are filled with doubts and misunderstanding about the women's movement: the form it takes and the nature of its work. These doubts are being voiced in some places, but not

always where they should be: in the branches and on the committees; and the true nature of the misgivings is being obscured in many cases by the way the problems are being traised. In one breath people are recognising the fine achievements of the Federation?" "Why and of the women but in the next they are asking "But what is the Federation?" "Why are a Federation?" "Should not the Women's League be the body to handle this?" "If the organisations of the Indian, coloured and democratic European women, are ready enough

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to go to Pretoria why can they not simply work with the A.N.C. Women's League instead of starting a new Federation?"

Back of these queries and misunderstandings is the same misunderstanding that has led to incorrect criticism of other movements and campaigns not initiated by or directly undertaken by Congress. Much the same sort of attitude characterised criticism of the Advisory Boards' delegation to protest against the Verwoord Bills of the last session.

NO MONOPOLY OF FREEDOM FIGHT

Let us face it! The Nationalists have drived the African people to the point where many who were formerly not involved in political movements - who are today still outside the African National Congress - are up in arms against apartheid and for their rights. This is inevitable and this must be welcomed. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL VANGUARD FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM ARE LED IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS BY THE MILITANT PROGRAMME AND ACTIONS OF THE ANC. BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE ANC. SHOULD EXPECT OR TRY TO CLAIM A MONOPOLY OF ALL ANTI-APARTHEID FIGHTS OF THE PROPLE.

Many actions may originate outside the ranks of the ANC, some locally, some initiated by other leaders and groups. But if they are for the right policies the ANC. must welcome such actions and campaigns and fight with them in the over-all freedom fight. It is the principle that counts, the battle that is being waged and every struggle must be judged on that basis and not on the basis of personalities and inter-organisation jealousies.

BEWARE OF TRAPS.

To fall into these traps is to isolate the ANC from such correct actions as the Ministers' Call for an All-In conference against apartheid and other similar movements, and also to fall into the trap of giving only falfhearted support to the women's protests because they were not directly initiated by Congress itself.

The Women's Federation represents a great working unity between the different women's organisations representing the different sections of South African women. To suggest that it is unnecessary or that the ANC. Women's League "could have done the job" is in the same breath to attack the very basis of the Congress movement itself. Why then do we not say to the Indian and Coloured Congresses and to COD.: "Why a National Action Committee?" "Why not come in with us?"

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ON THE WOMEN'S FIGHTING FRONT THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION IS THE COUNTERPART OF THE ALLIANCE BUILT BY THE CONGRESS MOVEMENT. It is composed of the bodies that campaign together, that stand for the same programme, yet it is something mightier than all its independent parts, built by their co-operation on the basis of unity of action. Colcured, Indian and democratic European women, though not affected by passes today, have opposed these evils inflicted on African women because they know this is apartheid at work and no woman's rights or future are safe under apartheid. A WOMEN'S FEDERATION IS NEEDED TO ORGANISE AND UNITE THOSE WHO ARE THE COURAGEOUS ALLIES OF THE AFRICAN WOMEN. Within the Federation the affiliated organisations will fight together on common issues and yet each organisation affiliated preserves its identity, its rights and its need to organise and campaign separately among its own women.

The ANC. finds fresh strength and firm allies by being part of the Congress front; it also leaps ahead with its job or organising the African people. The two are not contradictory: they supplement of another. Trade unions which join Trade Union Co-ordinating Councils build workers' unity and solidarity through the Council but nevertheless their daily job or organising at the factory gates and inside the workshops goes on the build the union, and at the same stroke, the size and strength of the Trade Union Co-ordinating Council.

SO THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION IS PART OF THE FREEDOM FRONT. IT AUGMENTS AND STRENGTHENS
IT. IT IS A FULL-BLOODED MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT AND MUST NOT BE REGARDED - OR
TREATED - AS A STEP CHILD:

PART OF THE CONGRESS FRONT, THE FEDERATION MUST NEVERTHELESS HAVE FREEDOM OF

To insist, as some are doing, that every decision of the Women's Federation must first have the rubber-stamp approval of the Congresses will result in stifling control, and red tape that will bind the limbs of the Federation, but also of Congress.

All allies in the Congress front meet together to discuss broad principles and plans of concerted campaign. There must be this co-ordination. But then the Federation must be free to launch and conduct its campaigns as an autonomous body. The women are on the march for freedom!

New women's leaders are bring born, women's initiative is being developed in their campaigns. We must not be guilty of stifling this initiative, of trying to "control" their every step, of holding up Federation and Women's League work even if we make the excuses that we are busy "co-ordinating".

A resourceful and growing Women's movement, spurred on by active Congress aid, will build the entire freedom front!

All aid to our sisters, our wives, our daughters, fighting with us!

FRASHES AFROM THE PROVINCE tO BRANCHES

WAICH OUT FOR
AND FIGHT AGAINST - DEPORTATIONS under Section 29 of the Urban Areas Act.

This Section (passed by the last Session of Parliament)

gives the Municipalities power to deport from their area any African they decide is an "agitator" or "troublemaker." ROODEPOORT made the first move when it tried to have Viola Hashe banished, but seven hours before she was due to leave the location, the ban was withdrawn.

GERMISTON is acting against four Natalspruit leaders: Rampai, Mofokeng, Mkwanazi, and Ngwenya. The women of Natalspruit are preparing a mass protest, against these threats. BUT THESE DEPORATIONS ARE THE LIFE'S BUSINESS OF EVERY BRANCH AND EVERY AREA MUST STAND WITH THOSE THREATENED.

Representatives of the Province have been on a deputation to the Johannesburg N on-European Affairs Department on behalf of one hundred and ten African traders who were refused admission to Site and Service, and were told to "go home." There is a chance that the 110 may still be admitted to Johannesburg.

TWE WORLD...
has been dreaming up news stories again in an attempt to discredit and attack
Congress. Out of somebody's hat this
paper pulled a report that there is a
move afoot in the Transvaal to replace
our President, Mr. Moretsele, and that a
secret Conference was planning to take
over. There is not a word of truth in the
report, of course, and in a reply, the
Provincial Executive said so, and challenged the World to print that.

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TO ORGANISE PUBLIC MEETINGS All active Gongrees branches should be holding regular public meetings, both indoor and out-door, if possible, though in some areas restr-ictions on halls and gatherings try to block this type of Congress organising.. A good public meeting is a well-prepared public meeting, and careful planning will always pay good dividends. Far too often the public meeting is treated as a routine jop; Congress officials and the speakers turn up to the meeting place at the last minute, speakers follow one another on to the platform without really having prepared what they are to tell the people, the meeting is dull and to-inspired and gets the Congress little further in winning the following of the people. Fublic meetings can be organised as people's demonstrations

for their demands, to protest against certain acts of the authorities, to report back to the people on a conference or protest activity or some other event, to tell the people the Congress policy on questions of the day. But whatever purpose the meeting is organised certain essential rules should be observed if the meeting is to be a success.

Here are some of these rules:-

1. Plans for the meeting must be madewell in advance by the branch committee or which ever body is responsible for the meeting. Its purposes must be clearly discussed, for on these will depend the checkers, and other matters. A report back meeting on the Fretoria Women's Protest would obviously have to include at least one speaker who took part in that protest. A meeting to organise united action by the people of a certain area against some act of the authorities, for example, frequent police raids for passes and heer, should aim to represent as wide a section of the people as possible.

2. Amangements for the hall or the open air meeting-place must be fixed at least two weeks before the meeting is to be held.

3. Plans to publicise the meeting must be made carefully and carried out implicitly. It is not good enough just to get the people to expect that the Congress. branch holds meetings every week, or fortnight, at a certain place. Each meeting must have a main topic and a purpose, and these must be used in the pre-meeting propaganda.

For example, if the meeting is to protest ag inst raids and section 10, the leaflets and posters must say so in so many words.

Le flets can be given out at bus queues, house-tohouse, put up on poles and in the windows of shops. Fosters can be hung in key positions. Chalk slogans can be put up a few days before the meeting. Letters could be sent or delivered to people Congress is concentrating on, in order to bring them closer to the Congress. House-to-house work, e.g. the weekend before the meeting, is the surest investment for a good meeting attendance and also for building the the Congress branch among the people.

Every branch member must share in the responsibility to make the public meeting a sure success.



4. The Chairman and the speakers must also be arranged in sufficient time before the meeting for them to prepare their speeches.

A few days before the meeting, a little discussion between chairman and speakers should allocate the topics to be dealt with so the speakers do not overlap and repeat one another, and all topics are covered. One thing calculated to spoil a meeting is a slipshed attitude by the speakers. It is a great honour to speak at a public meeting! The people come to listen to whay you have to say and so you must prepare carefully what you will say and how you will say it! The time limit for the chairman and the speakers must be fixed beforehand.

5. For the meeting itself, A Congress banner and if possible slogans of people's demands should be ready.
Literature sellers should be organised so that the
people at the meeting may be encouraged to buy the
papers and magazines putting the point of view, and
currying the news of the Congress movement.

The chairman, the speakers and the Congress branch committee should arrive early: at least 15 minutes before the meeting is due to start.

If a microphone is to be used it must be installed and tested beforehand so that the meeting does not start late, and is not held up by the loudspeaker breaking down.

The chairman should open the meeting briefly and introduce the subject of the meeting and the speakers. The meeting has come to hear the speakers, not the chairman alone and he must not poach on the subjects and time of the speakers.

9. Interpreters should be chosen to carefully as the speakers, because a bad interpretation can ruin a good speech.

Important announcements should be made by the chairman in between the various speeches. If they are all left to the end, the crowd may drift away before they can be made.

The Chairman should draw attention to the literature being sold at the meeting.

If it is a Congress meeting, he should slawys make an appeal for new members and tell the crowd how and where they can join the branch.

Resolutions to be put to the meeting must be put clearly at the end and the crowd asked to vote on them.

Some meetings may decide to elect a deputation to carry the point of view of the people to some authority. That election must be carried out in a brief and businesslike form at the meeting. The meeting must decide how many members should comprise the deputation and the chairman must then call for nominations. These should not go on endlessly and if they do, some branch member can always move "closure".

Sometimes a vote of thanks to guest speaker can be proposed and the speaker who proposes this vote must be decided on beforehand. Such votes must be brief and to the point.

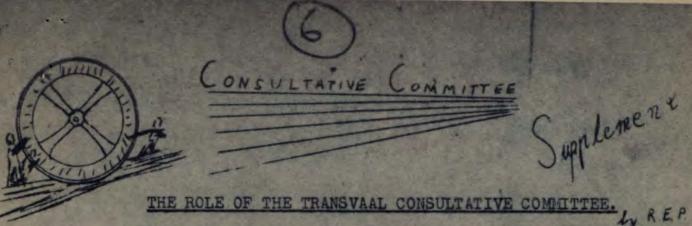
The chairman must close the meeting by rising to his feet, summarising its purpose and its outcome and the tenoroof its decision. If proposals for action have been made, he must impress the importance on the meeting and show what next steps must be taken. The meeting should end on a note of high enthusiasm with the singing of the anthem





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The T.C.C. consists of two representatives from each of the following organisations, all of whom subscribe to the Freedom Charter:-

African National Congress, Transvaal Indian Congress, S.A. Coloured People's Organisation(Transvaal) S.A. Congress of Trade Unions, the Federation of S.A. Women (Tvl.Region) and the S.A. Congress of Democrats (Johannesburg Region)

Each of these organisations has its own role to play in mobilising different sections of the people; each section with different problems and different immediate aims but all with the Freedom Charter as their goal. The role of the T.C.C. is to co-ordinate and consolidate the broad front of our forces for liberation.

How is it to achieve this and what are its limitations and failings?

Let us first revue our work of the past year or so. We are the only province that has collected signatures for the charter in any number at all. Although we have fallen short of our target of 450,000, 50,000 signatures were collected in the Transvaal. We brought out our bulletin in a fairly regular fashion, and this bulletin is now incorporated with Sechaba. We organised co-operation between C.O.D. and the A.N.C. in connection with transport and speakers for outlying areas, similarly with Women's Protest to Pretoria. Our meeting at Kliptown to celebrate Freedom Day was a great success. We have helped S.A.CP.O. and S.A.C.TU. with a few meetings and the T.I.C. to a lesser extent.

There is thus some good work to look back on, but not enough has been done. Where have we been lax?

Firstly we have not been entirely successful in bringing the various organisations into closer contact and co-ordination. For example, it is only now that we have been entirely successful in bringing the various organisations into closer contact and co-ordination. For example, it is only now that we have made a sericus attempt to bring the Federation of S.A. Women (Tyl) into closer co-ordination and contact with us. The Protest to retoria, a great success, happened without the full co-operation of some member organisations due to this lack of contact. The T.I.C. organised the mighty Anti-Group Areas Conference without sufficient aid from other organisations, due again to lack of contact. S.A.C.P.O. perhaps our weakest organisation has not received sufficient help and encouragement because their representatives have not been vocal enough and we have been preoccupied with other matters.

We must correct this and so must the organisations referred to. The Federation of S.A. Women, T.I.C. and S.A.C.P.O. must participate more fully in the T.C.C. and their representatives must be more vocal. S.A.C.T.U. periodically asks us for help and then fails to proceed with details of what is required.

Secondly we have not issued enough propaganda. There have been no lecture notes, no analysis on the Freedom Charter and very few statements to the press or leaflets etc. Why has this happened. The preparation of lecture notes and the analysis of the sections of the Charter was undertaken by the N.C.C. This work has been somewhat delayed. However the T.C.C. has now undertaken to prepare

Such notes and lectures as soon as possible. Statements to the Press are handled by the N.C.C. but perhaps we should issue those which affect Transvaal primarily. Of leaflets there have been a few but not enough.

Thirdly we have been slow and seem to lack initiative.

This is a complaint which is unfortunately almost general in congress. We take up issues late and sometimes get bogged down with talking. But is this entirely the fault of the members of the T.C.C. or is it the fault of the constituent organisations who do not use the T.C.C. sufficiently. It is up to the organisations to prod us.

Fourthly we must take up the cry of organise, organise. Spectacular Transvaal or National campaigns are an inspiration but the foundation of freedom lies in the people organised into congress branches. All congress branches in all the organisations must develope leadership, initiative, ctivity and organisation. Freedom comes not from both out from below. The T.C.C. has too often spoke from above; our contact with the masses must be made thicient; we must know what the people think and how to lead them. This contact comes only from sound organisation.

ORGANISATION HEANS MORE MEMBERS AND MORE ACTIVE

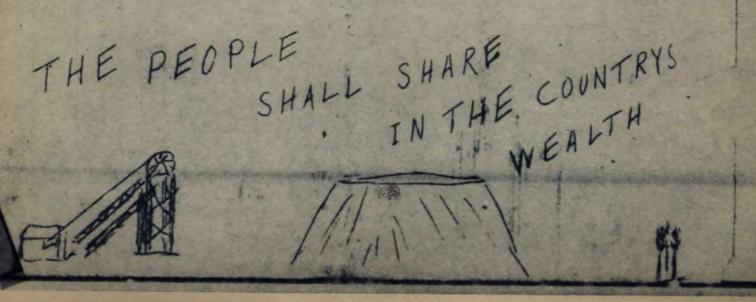
The main difficulty underlying all our work is due to a failure to see our struggles a broad united whole. There is a tendency for people and organisations to see their struggles, their campaign as the centre of the fight. There is a tendency to throw all our active workers into each issue as it arises and to forget the other fronts on which we are fighting.

- This leads to the following errors:
 (i) the particular organisation expects expects everyone to throw in their weight behind their campaign.
- (ii) We neglect and leave open our other fronts.
- (iii) Some individuals neglect the work they are doing for the more exciting "central" campaign.
 - (iv) We lose our perspective.

(v) We rush from front to front and dissipate our energies.

We must in futre regard each campaign as but one front upon which this or that organisation is best suited to work. Other should help but this help must be assessed in relation to our total fight. We must have a perspective.

The T.C.C. can supply this perspective if we use it actively and seriously.



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tiro ye e dirwang ke Makgowa ka bahumagadi ba ma-Afrika, me e bile go sana ka fa ba ka e fetolelang ka teng. Tidimalo ye e tlhagisitee masisa-pelo a magolo, go tshwana le fa batho ba le mo lesong; go sana modumo ope go rile tu-u-u, mongwe le mongwe a inamisitee tlhogo, twa ne go utluala ngwana fela, fale le fale. Dikeledi tseeo tsa bana ba thari e ntshu tee di rothetseng fa bogatelong boo ba koago wa Muso, di tla nna jaslo me di kolobetsa felo faco, go nna maruru a tla tsenyang Kolaodi Strijdom Segotlhola se se golo, go fitlha a tshaba ofising eeo.

E rile fa morago ga moo, baetapele ba dira dikitsiso le dipuo tea bene, me ga bo go opelwa ph pina:

'We-e-e-e Strijdom!!!!!
Uthinta abafazi,
Uthinti - mbokotho,
Uzo ku fe.'

Fina ye, e ka thaloswa ka gore: 'Aela! Mosiman 'a Makgobe, o reng o tehameka ka mathe, etswe metse a le teng? Ga fale o saboleng go di dira, gompiyeno o tehwere noga ya mokopa ka magatla, me leso ke lagago.' Ga dirwa dikitsiso gape, le dipuo tsa nna teng, tire ya fela, me seboka sa hutsafala go opela kopelo ya thapelo ya Setsaba: ORENA BOLOKA SETSHABA SA CETSHU. O FEDISE DINTVA LE MATSHWENYEGO. O SE BOLOKE.... E rile fa seboka se fetwa go opela kopelo ye, se re: tu, Mosetsana 'a thari e ntshu a emisa letsogo le letona, monwana c supile kwa godimo, a goaa ka kodu e tshesane are: A-a-a-frika!!!! me seboka sa busa ka gore: A e bo-o-o-o-o-e!!!!

A ipuselletsa gape, me seboka le sone sa ipuselletea jazlo. Taclo ya tewa, me seboka sa thubega, ga phatlallelwa magaeng. Motse wa Tshwane wa kgabisiwa gape ke dirurubele ka mebala ya tsone jaaka bafumagadi ba tsamayela dipalamong tsa bone.

TOKOLOGO KA NAKO YA RONA.

Letsatsi la di 9 August, 1956, a le tsennwe mo dikwalong tsa padi ya ntwa ya tokologo ya bana ba thari e Ntshu. Ere fe gotwe: Pmangwana o tshwara thipa ka fa bogaleng, go be go buiwa jaaka mosadi a masadi a namola fa go leng tlalelo. Me le gona puo ye, e kaya bogale jwa mosadi. Basadi ba dirile sesupo se se ka bong se supetsa ba Busi ba Makgowa gore bogale jwa bone bo gaisa jwa tau. Me rona re a itse gore Makgowa a setse a tsamaile tsela e telle go ya tatlhegong le tshenyegong, me ba sitisiwa go bona kapa go lemoga sesupa se, se se bontshang ka botlalo gore bana ba thari e Ntshu ba gata ka boitlhaganelo go ya tokologong ka nako ya rona.

Basadi ba Lekgotla la Setshaba, lemogang jaaka e le lona badiri ba tiro ye, gorese le se dirileng e santse ele dinyane fa motho a gepela bogolo le dithorisego tsa ntwa ya rona ya dipasa. Tiro ya lona e kgolo jaanong, ke go latela mongwe le mongwe wa basadi botlhe ba ba neng ba le teng kwa Tshwane mo letsatsing leeo, me le thokomele gore a nne leloko la Lekgotla la Setshaba. Ye one fela mokgwa e le ka tiisang tiro e ntle e, le go matlafatsa ntwa ya rona go fanya Muso wa kaburu le boleo jo ba bo dirang me Setshabeng sa rona. Fa lona basadi le ka tlogela batho ba, me la ya mo boiketlong, le tloge le itse gore ga le dire sepe fela, me bogolo le bontle jwa tiro e, e tla nna lefela, Stijdom a tewella ka go le rwadisa dipasa. EMANG KA DINAO; LATELANG DIKETEKETE TSELA LE NENG LE NA LE TSONA; BA TSENYENG MO LEKGOTLENG LA SETSHABA; BARUTENG KA TLHOAFALO GORE, YOFANO KE MATLA: Fa le ka dira jaalo, le tla fenya Muso wa kgatello, me setshaba se Ma-Afrika se tla tawelele pele go ya go bona TOKOLOGO KA NAKO YA RONA!

Let us remember these Freedom fighters serving sentences for Painting Freedom Charter slogans, Lionel Morrison and Abe Hurzuck.

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