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African (Witwatersrand) Hotel, Boarding-House & Flat Workers' Union

INCORPORATING

African Domestic Servants' League.

PHONE 34-1887.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY.

16, EXPLORATION BUILDINGS,
72, COMMISSIONER STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

AS/JBT.

9th February, 1944.

The President General,
African National Congress,
56, Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Labour matters - trades unions

Dear Sir,

We ~~have~~ have been given notice to vacate the above premises at the end of the present month. We, in our campaign of obtaining an office, came upon the premises at present occupied by the African National Organisation.

We feel, we would not be on the off-side if we tender our application as sub-lessee to your Organisation.

Hoping and trusting that this application meets your favourable consideration.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours for the Union,

A. Segwai

SECRETARY.

A.N.C.

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668, Second Street,
Payneville,
Springs,
9th Feby, 1944.

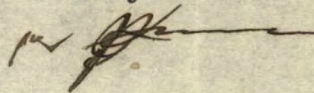
The President General,
African National Congress,
Rosenberg Arcade,
58, Market Street,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I wish to ask you to see that the person coming down on the 12th brings with him (a) the 1944 Membership Cards as the members here have all been enrolled for 1944, (b) a copy of the Congress Constitution for the guidance of local Officials.

Yours fraternally,

J.R.Nyakale.



Labour - Trades Unions

10th February, 1944.

The Secretary,
South African Trades & Labour Council,
P.O. Box 5592,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

re: International Trade Union Conference.

I have been directed by my Committee to say that we understand that the British Trade Union Congress has send a cable to the S.A. Trades and Labour Council which expressed the desire of the General Council of the Congress to have an African representative of the Labour movement of South Africa to attend the Conference.

Great interest is being taken by the Non-European trade union movement in regard to the invitation, and my Council is deeply perturbed over the attitude of the Government in saying that it is unlikely that an African delegate will be allowed to attend the Conference due to the provisions under the Industrial Conciliation Act.

This instance showsx that the African worker is nothing but an industrial serf, and he has not got the full rights enjoyed by other workers in other Countries, and when the War is over when a peace conference will deal with the various claims of the oppressed people to self-determination and freedom they will be denied the the promises made in the Atlantic charter.

We feel that the African Trade Union movement have a right to be present and to beheard at this Conference, and we feel nobody can present our case but ourselves. Thus the Non-European Trade Unions calls upon the S.A. Trades and Labour Council to take this matter up with the Government, and also to keep the British Trade Union Congress well informed of the attitude of the Government.

We shall be pleased if this matter is placed before your National Executive Committee for their consideration.

Yours Faithfully,

HON. SECRETARY.

Social Welfare - General
ABX. 4402106
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO

JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE

(MEETING 10TH FEBRUARY, 1944)

1. MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP & PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3RD OF FEBRUARY 1944.

a) Membership: The following letter to be sent to all new members:

"By joining the Association you have shown that you are interested in the movement for Social Security in South Africa. You have since received some literature, setting out the aims of the Association and can tell your friends about our work.

The Membership Committee would like you to help by enrolling new members. For this purpose I am enclosing 5 membership cards to be completed and returned to this office together with the 1/- for the current financial year. We are also going to publish a newspaper very soon, which will be sold to members for a yearly subscription of 2/6 and you can send your contribution now if you wish.

We have three books written by Mr. Sullivan which set out various points and a booklet explaining the work and aims of the Association. The books are sold at 2/- each and the booklet at 6d. Please let me know if you wish to purchase any of these publications. I shall be glad to send them to you, on receipt of your order and the equivalent Postal Order."

The following letter to be sent to all slogan competition entrants:

"I would like to inform you that the following slogans have been chosen as the prizewinners:

1st Prize

2nd Prize

3rd Prize

I am sorry that your efforts were not successful, but would again like to thank you for the interest you have shown.

You can help us even further by becoming a member of the Association and interesting others in it. Our aims are to educate the public to the need for a Social Security Code for South Africa and to draw up a suitable working scheme for the welfare of all South Africans to be put into operation by the Government.

I am enclosing three membership cards, one for your self and two for your friends. If you wish to join, kindly complete the card and return it to this office together with the 1/- membership fee. In due course the Association will also publish a Newspaper at 2/6 per year for twelve copies. We will be pleased if you become a member and subscribe to this magazine.

We are also selling some books written by Mr. Sullivan (Ind. M.P. Durban), setting out a Social Security Code and other points in connection with it. We can send you a copy for your further information on receipt of your order plus 2/- per copy."

Mr. Clarke suggested that all members of the Action Committee be contacted and asked for suggestions of names of people who would like to become active members of the Committee, since attendances had been very bad at the last few meetings. This motion was accepted and will be acted upon. It was also suggested that it be placed on record that the Executive Committee be reconstituted and meetings be held monthly, whereas the Full Action Committee need only meet quarterly. The regulations for attendance at these meetings to be more firmly established.

The names sent in by Committee members are to be considered at a meeting of the Publicity and Membership Sub-Committee to be held on Tuesday 8th of February. The resolutions will be put before the Action Committee at the meeting on the 10th of February.

Item 1 cont.

It was suggested that Durban be informed of the above steps for a membership increase.

- b) Slogan Competition: The following three slogans were chosen as the winners of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize respectively:
"South Africans support Social Security"
"Our basic right - Social Security"
"Social Security secures Social Happiness"
- c) Speakers Panel: The following members have up to the present registered their names as speakers. (Most of them are willing to draw up their own lectures.)
Mr. A. S. Holland, Mrs. J. K. Robertson, Mr. D. N. Murray,
Mr. Rheinallt Jones, Dr. Harvey Pirie, Mrs. L. C. Keet,
Mrs. E. Norgarb, Miss D. Lindeman, Mr. H. N. Clarke,
Mr. M. C. Weiler.
This list is submitted to the Action Committee for further amendment and instruction.
- d) Newspaper: As there still appears to be some delay and difficulty with regard to the Newspaper publication, it was decided to call a meeting of the Newspaper Sub-Committee for Tuesday 8th of February, in order to come to a final decision.
- e) Concert: It was decided to write to the Secretary of the S.A.S.C.R. with U.S.S.R. and to ask for details of the work which we are expected to do for them in order to share in the proceeds. The concert has been postponed for the time being, this would enable us to come to an arrangement with members of the Committee who are willing to help.
- f) Mrs. Waring: Mrs. Waring has been asking the Association to help her in convening a meeting and to co-operate with her in other respects because she is standing as the official Social Security Candidate. It was decided to write to her stating that the Association was willing to let her have pamphlets and any other literature she required in order to boost Social Security, but that our activities would have to end there as we were a non-political organisation. Mr. Sullivan the Chairman of the Association had stood as an independent member and although we wish her every success we advise her to stand as an independent member as we are unable to commit ourselves.
- g) Civic Week: It was decided to hold plans for the Civic week in abeyance for a little longer, at least until after the Municipal Elections.
- h) Items 7-9 last Administrative Report: It was decided to put these points before the members of the Action Committee again and to ask them to make suggestions on Adult Education in writing which were to be discussed at a meeting in March. The same applies to the two other reports which are required by Durban.
- i) General: Authority was given to the Secretary to purchase office furniture and a typewriter up to £80 in value.

It was decided to keep the office at Welfare house for the time being as it was difficult to obtain suitable offices rent-free for any considerable length of time. Suggestions from members of the Committee would be welcomed.

A telegram was received from Durban urging us to wire to all members of Parliament from Johannesburg and to the Prime Minister to support Mr. Sullivan's motion. Since this move was inadvisable for political reasons and for reasons of policy and certain disagreements between our branch and Mr. Sullivan's plans it was decided to send the following telegram:

The Johannesburg Social Security Action Committee appeals to you to support ^{MR. SULLIVAN'S} enactment of ^{AN ADEQUATE} Social Security Legislation

Item 1 cont. 1) General cont. The following draft contract between the Secretary and the Association was drawn up for the approval of the Committee:
Salary £ 25 per month plus £ 2.7.8. Cost of Living.
3 weeks leave on full pay,
3 weeks sick leave on full pay
3 weeks subsequent sick-leave on half pay.
1 months notice on both sides
FOR THE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Item 2. FINANCIAL YEAR: The financial year ends on the 31st of March according to B (ii) k page 5 of the Constitution.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Item 3. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION: Mr.L.Leveson suggests that the constitution be amended as follows: Page 4.
B (i) line 6 to read "not more than six shall be from one Province" instead of "not less than six".
THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUIRED

Item 4. EXPENDITURE
(a) Confirmation of Payment of Accounts:
On the instructions of the Hon. Secretary the following expenditure was incurred and it is necessary that the Committee should confirm the payment of these accounts:
G.R.Feldmann (Salary for 22 days plus cost of living) £19. 8.8.
Petty Cash Float 3. -.-.
S.A.Basic Agencies (Hire of Typewriter) 2.10.-.
FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE COMMITTEE £24.18.8.
(b) Accounts awaiting Payment:
On the instructions of the Hon. Secretary and the Vice-Chairman the following Expenditure was incurred and authority is required for the payment of the account.
Rice, Wells & Co. (Stationery etc.) £ 1.15.9.
FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE
(c) Petty Cash Expenditure for January:
The following is the petty cash expenditure for the month of January 1944.
Postal Order for balance of Star Advert. 4. 8.
(Voted £ 15.13.6, Paid cheque £15.9.-.)
Sundries for office 1.11.
Book parcel Delivery 1. -.
Postages for January 1.3.6.
1.10.3.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Item 5. INCOME
Sale of 1 booklet at 6d -.-. 6.
13 new members enrolled 1/- each 13. -.
13. 6.
Bank Charges for transfer to Durban and one Cheque book for January amount to 5. 3.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Item 6. MEMBERSHIP
Total of members enrolled to 30.12.43. 193.
Members enrolled in January up to 31.1.44. 13.
Total at 31.1.44. 206.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Item 6b EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM DURBAN:
"I would be pleased if you will make every endeavour to increase membership as this is an important factor in our Association.
I shall shortly be forwarding to you a programme in connection with the lectures and films which have been built up in Durban. As soon as this work has been completed it may be right that a similar programme be carried out in Johannesburg.
THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUIRED
Secretary: G.R.Feldmann
/3rd February 1944

ABX. 440210C

A.N.C.

P.O. Kayakulu,

Rustenburg Dist.

10th February 1944.

Dr A.B. Xuma,

President-General — African National Congress,

104, End Street,

Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for yours of the 20th ult. Enclosed please find 2/6d in 1st stamps for my membership card.

Why not write ^{to} either or both Chief Frank Mogale, Bultfontein, Rustenburg Dist., Chief Shadrack F. Zibi, P.O. Kayakulu. Chief Thari Pilane, P.O. Sautspoor is another enlightened chief who could be of use to the A.N.C. If these chiefs could be persuaded to form a "House of Chiefs" it would be very easy to organise the tribesmen.

Yours faithfully,

W.S. McWabeni (W.S. McWabeni)

MFW/LS

C/O P.O. BOX 5883,
JOHANNESBURG.

11th February, 1944.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
104, End Street,
Doornfontein,
JOHANNESBURG.

Education - General

Dear Sir,

With reference to our telephonic conversation of the 10th instant, I wish to confirm in writing the proposals which I made to you.

The Zionist Socialist Party is anxious to start an African night-school at the hall hired by the non-European Trade Unions at Rosenberg's Arcade. We would like to have this school three nights a week, and intend to teach, amongst other subjects, reading, writing and arithmetic, as well as the fundamentals of Trade Unionism and hygiene.

We hope that you will do your best to get this hall for us, as we are very anxious to start our school as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation,

I am,

Yours truly,

Miriam Wolpe

(Miriam Wolpe)
Convenor,
African School Committee.

ABX-4402116

COUNCIL OF NON-EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY.

SECRETARY'S PHONE ~~33-9059~~ 33-4652.
PRESIDENT'S PHONE 22-0873

III/2 Chancellor House,
25, Fox Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

P.O. BOX 4549,
JOHANNESBURG.

IIth February, 1944.

Labour - Trades Union

Dr A.B. Xuma,
President-General
African National Congress,
104 End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

re: WORLD TRADE UNION CONFERENCE.

We note that a world trade union Conference will be held in Britain in June the 5th, 1944, and the British Trade Union Congress has sent a cable to the South African Trades and Labour Council which expressed the desire of the General Council of the British Congress of securing an African representative of Labour in South Africa to attend the Conference, and that they would be grateful for the advice of the representation, and a method of approach to secure this representation.

In reply the S.A.T.&L.C. dispatched the following cable:-

" Legislation does not preclude formation Native Trade Unions, but such not registrable I.C.A. like European trade unions. New legislation under Government consideration Stop Trades Council if invited could ask Government to allow Native Representation in delegation.

We now understand that the National Executive Committee of the S.A. Trades and Labour Council made representation to the Government to allow an African delegate of the African Trade Union movement to attend the Conference. The reply from the Government was that it was unlikely that an African representative would be allowed due to the provisions in the Industrial Conciliation Act.

We as African workers would like to point out how important this International Trade Union Conference is from the point of view of the South African workers. We understand that amongst the matters to be discussed at this Conference are such issues as the representation of the workers at the Peace Conference, and problems of post-war reconstruction. As you are aware these matters are undoubtedly of the greatest importance to the African people, and we submit that if the South African Government refuses the African workers representation at this world conference, they are in essence denied the promises made by the ATLANTIC CHARTER.

We feel that the nation should not let the matter rest, and we would be pleased if you would take this matter up with the Prime Minister, and if possible to let the British Trade Union Congress be aware of the attitude of the Government of South Africa towards the African workers.

HON. SECRETARY.

South African Social Security Association
S.A. Maatskaplike Beveiligings-Vereniging

S.A.S.S.A.



TELEPHONE 22-0376

P.O. Box 1049,

JOHANNESBURG

11th February, 1944.

JOHANNESBURG ACTION COMMITTEE

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
 85. Toby Street,
 Sophia Town,
 Johannesburg.

Social Welfare - General

Dear Sir,

At the last General Committee meeting it was decided to reorganise the routine of meetings, by arranging meetings of the Executive monthly and those of the full General Committee quarterly.

The General Committee also asked me to ascertain from each member of the Executive whether they wished to remain on the Executive Committee and attend the meetings on every 2nd Thursday of every month, or whether they wished to join the General Action Committee which is to meet quarterly.

The Committee will be very glad if you decide that your work and time permit you to continue to serve on the Executive Committee, as we need active and interested members in order to make progress, but if that is not possible, will appreciate your services on the General Committee.

Yours faithfully,

G. R. Feldmann
 Secretary.

ABX. 440214a

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THE HEART

THE HAND

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JACOB NHLAPO, B.A., Dipl. B.S.,
Principal

Rev. J. R. COAN, M.A., D.D.,
Superintendent & Dean,
School of Religion

Mrs. C. L. OPPERMAN
Secretary

P.O. WILBERFORCE,
TRANSVAAL, S.A.

14/2/44

Address all communications, Money and
Postal Orders to the Superintendent.

*See A.B. Xuma
Johannesburg.*

Dear Doctor,

I wish to express my sincere regret that I
could not again attend the meeting of the Committee
Administering the Province. The notice came just a day
before the meeting, when other engagements were already
fixed. I am really very sorry.

Some of us here at Evaton have felt the need for
some form of government. There is the Peri-urban
Areas Health Board Ordinance of 1943 and there
is Section 30 of the Amended Native Administration
Act. The people prefer the Section 30 of the
Administration Act which provides for self-government
as opposed to the Ordinance Board of 52
appointed by the Administrator.

The Native Commissioner has to meet
Evaton residents before long on the matter
but kind regards Yours sincerely J. Ahlape

A.N.C.

P.O. Rosenroos

George

14/2/44

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
47. End Street
Johannesburg

Dear Sir

on my arrival from Bloemfontein and Pretoria respectively where I attended both Conferences of the African National Congress and Advisory Board, I wrote to you. and I am sorry to say the letter has been sent back to me, owing ^{to} some mistake of the address, as I haven't got your exact address up to now, I am trying through the Pass Committee for which I hope it - will reach you.

I hope you are quite aware that the Cape Congress will be held here at George this coming June, and I wanted therefore ask you please to instruct Mr. G.P. Akena, who is the secretary in the Cape to send me at his very earliest convenience 500 Congress tickets; he has only sent me 25, last year and that was not even enough for a small town like Krugersdorp, people are very anxious to join the Congress, and the difficulty is the tickets and I want to have them before end of this month, I am writing you on the instruction or advice rather, from Rev. G. Malepe, of Port Elizabeth your reply to inconnection with this matter will be of most assistance to all those who are ready to join as soon as the tickets arrive.

I remain with Best Compliments of the season.

Yours faithfully
D.D. Ngweni
Branch President

African Cement & Cement Products Workers' Union Ltd. & O.F.S.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY.

HEAD OFFICE: 8, KERK STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

15th Febreuary, 1944.

The National Congress,
58 Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Labour matters - trades union's

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed please find a Cheque amounting to the sum of
£2/0/0 as deposit for the two offices, we are hiring from your
organisation as from the 1st of March 1944.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Am Bull
SECRETARY.

The Anti-Pass Campaign
P.O. Box 5569

Anti-pass campaign.

Johannesburg.

15th February, 1944

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
President-General A. National Congress.
104 End Street
Johannesburg.

Sir,

In connection with your kind letter of the
9th inst I am directed by my Committee to
request you very kindly to meet my Committee
at the Congress Offices 58 Market St Tburg on
Wednesday 16th February, 1944 at 8 p.m.
with thanks,

I remain,

Yours Faithfully.

Ow Bopape (Secretary)

MSX. 4402/50

Mr. Dickson D. Nkwati;

P.O. Box 2287,

Cape Town.

15th 2-44.

A.H.C.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
104 End M.
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to make
an enquiry for full information of the:-
African National Congress. I would like to
know full particulars regarding the congress
as I have by having the intention to join
as a member of African National Congress.

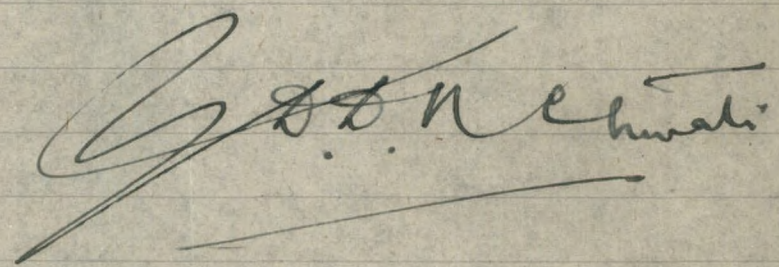
Thanks ever so much

Sir,

I remain,

I am,

Yours faithfully

G. D. Nkwati

19/2/44.

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ANC Youth League

Present.

Name

Address.

Walter Mphahlele Sisulu

33a West Street City

L. R. M. Majumbezi

Medical School.

W. Z. Louco.

"

N. R. Mandela

Box 5546, Johannesburg.

Bigmurashela

Box 4767 Johannesburg

J. M. Matlou

33a. West Street Johannesburg

O. H. Tamebo

The Priory, Rosettenville, J.N.B.

J. K. Gubane

Box 6663, Johannesburg.

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Rosettenville, Johannesburg

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Medical School Johannesburg.

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All Communications to be addressed
to the General Secretary.

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5, EXPLORATION BUILDINGS,
72, Commissioner Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

21st February, 1944.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
President-General,
African National Congress,
End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

*labor matters — trades
unions*

Dear President,

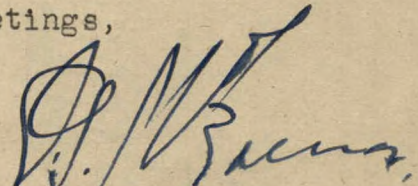
Owing to unfortunate circumstances
we are compelled to vacate our office premises at
the end of this month.

To enable us to continue our good
work on behalf of members of our Union, we would very
much appreciate it if you could rent us one of the
African National Congress offices in Rosenberg's Arcade.

We would be very grateful if this
application receives your urgent consideration.

Thanking you in anticipation of a
favourable reply in this matter.

Yours with greetings,



SECRETARY.

PHONE 2-08021



OFFICERS' MESS,
AIR FORCE STATION,
ZWARTKOP,
P.O. BOX 2,
ROBERTS HEIGHTS.

Speech

23.2.44.

Dear Dr Xuma,

Just a note to remind you that we are expecting you over at Zwartkops to address the Officers Admin. Course on Wednesday next — the date is 1st March not 2nd March as I advised over the phone.

I will meet you at the entrance to the Camp at 10.30 am. The Camp is just beyond the Aerodrome on the opposite side of the road.

We are looking forward to your visit very much.

Yours very truly

J. H. Penn Capt.

A.N.C.

My dear Doctor,

I received your Telegram and replied it then as I was expected in Retreat the same Monday evening I thought of spending with you. I am sorry you did not receive my letter as it was a hand post. I have a brother who lives in New Clare and he said he knew your place and promised to bring the letter to you. I am really very sorry that you did not receive that letter and therefore I must apologise to you and Mrs. Kuma for the trouble you took for preparing for me and then I do not turn up. I do hope and wish that my apology be accepted by both of you.

With regards to our Ministers' Conference which was to be held at Ventersdorp in March, you will hear soon from the Chairman & Assistant Secretary as I have left for De Laar to conduct a two-weeks Mission there I shall be back some time during the first week of March. I do hope you will succeed in coming to Address the Ministers on Congress. Your last letter got here while I was away to Schweitzer Rynke running a weeks Mission there. So you will again pardon me for the delay in replying to it. Sincerely

Yours faithfully
D. F. Dibeke

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