

February 1954 in Durban.

The N.E.C. recommends that you send the four elected representatives to the National Council to attend this conference, and we have written, accordingly, to them ~~of this~~ accordingly. We trust that you will agree with this recommendation and if so will you please notify the ~~Secretary~~ President, Natal Indian Congress, Box 2299, Durban, of the names of your representatives.

Wishing you and your committee a very happy New Year,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary.

S.A. Congress of Democrats.  
Durban Branch.

Dear Friend,

My National Executive Committee has requested me to notify you that they learned with pleasure of your decision to formally constitute yourselves into a branch of the S.A.C.O.D.

In reply to points in your letter:

a) Pamphlet "The Threatened People"

5 doz copies have already been despatched and you should ~~by now~~ have received them.

b) Newsletter

as the office had been



~~These are for closed for 4~~  
2 weeks, and we are only  
now re-organising, I regret  
that these were not sent off  
and am despatching them  
immediately.

### c) Natal Council Meeting.

It was decided at  
our <sup>N.E.C.</sup> meeting last night  
to hold the Nat. Council Meeting  
on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February, which  
meets with your request. You  
will be acquainted with  
the N.E.C. Resolutions within  
about a fortnight and notified  
of the venue. Will you please  
send us any resolutions which  
your committee wish to submit  
at this meeting as soon as  
possible.

The Natal Indian Congress  
have invited us to send  
delegates to their Eight Annual  
Provincial Conference which  
takes place on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>



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P.O. Box 9207,  
Johannesburg.  
4th. Feb. 1974.

The Secretary-General,  
African National Congress,  
P.O. Box 9207,  
Johannesburg.

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Dear Friend,

I have been directed by my Executive to thank you for your invitation to attend the meeting on the 28th. February to discuss plans for the formation of a National Convention of the Peoples of South Africa, and to advise you that our full National Executive Committee with the exception possibly of one or two members will be pleased to attend.

If you require the names of the members of my committee, these will be handed to you personally.

Please notify us of any further plans or changes in connection with this meeting as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

National Organiser.

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S.A.C.O.D.,  
C/o. P.O. Box 700,  
Durban.

29th April 1954.

The Secretary,  
P.O. Box 4088,  
Johannesburg.

Dear Friend,

NATIVE REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS.

This is to advise you that we discussed your circular letter on the above subject at our last Branch meeting and I have been instructed to reply as follows:-

- a) We agree in general with the principle set out under 1, 2 and 3 of your circular of the 17th March 1954.
- b) As far as we understand, the local A.N.C. would not oppose a C.O.D. candidate and many members of the A.N.C. would probably assist a local C.O.D. candidate, but it is extremely doubtful if they would give any open support from the A.N.C. for any of our candidates.
- c) It is unlikely that the local A.N.C. would agitate for a boycott of the candidates.
- d) We have no C.O.D. members who would be possible candidates having the necessary qualifications. Apart from anything else there is no possible candidate here who would be able to afford the time and expense of such an election.
- e) We have no information of any prospective candidates in Durban except, of course, the sitting member, Sen. Cowley. We do know, however, that the Liberal Party is considering putting up a candidate. It is our opinion that a progressive candidate should be put up to oppose Sen. Cowley, whose policy does not really differ from that of the Nats. Our opinion is that as we have not a suitable candidate we should have discussions with other progressive forces in Durban to suggest putting up candidates to be supported by all the progressives in Natal. We should like your comments on this suggestion.

Of course, with regard to the Senate elections it would be impossible for anybody outside Natal to stand as such person would not have the necessary residential qualifications.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY: Durban Branch



SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

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P.O. Box 4088,  
Johannesburg.  
26th. May 1954.

The Secretary,  
S.A.C.O.D.,  
P.O. Box 700,  
Lurban.

Dear Friend,

At the last joint executive meeting of the Congress of the People, a decision was taken to set up a National Joint Co-ordinating Committee of the four Congresses on the Western Areas Removal Scheme. This committee has since met, and agreed that provincial committees on the same lines should be set up immediately, with the A.N.C. undertaking to convene these committees. The object is that campaigning on issues affecting the people in the various areas should begin and should be related to the removal scheme, so that when the Government decide to remove the people, any action which they may decide to take in opposition should be supported by the rest of the country.

I know this sounds rather vague at this stage, but full details of a plan of work will be forthcoming very shortly. In the meantime we would like you to ensure that the A.N.C. gets on with the job of convening the first meeting of the four Congresses.

I hope that copies of our new pamphlet have now reached you, and may I remind you once again that money is very, very urgently needed.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
National Secretary.



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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: African National Congress (T'vl.)  
 Transvaal Indian Congress  
 S.A. Congress of Democrats (Johannesburg)  
 S.A. Coloured Peoples' Organisation (Joh'burg).  
 Transvaal Council of Non-European Trade Unions.

Convened by: S.A.C.C.S.  
 Date: 27-9-55  
 Datum: 27-9-55  
 Verwysings No. 2

P.O. Box 9207,  
 Johannesburg.  
 31st May, 1954.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are convening a MASS CONFERENCE to be held at the Trades Hall, 30, Kerk Street, Johannesburg on Sunday, 27th June at 10 a.m. to discuss plans for opposing the inhuman and unjust Western Areas Removal Scheme; the Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Act - otherwise known as the 'Slave Labour Act'; the Industrial Conciliation Amendment Bill, the enactment of which will be the death-knell of all trade unions, and the Bantu Education Act.

The Government is attacking the people in every sphere of life.

Under the Verwoerd Plan the homes of the people in Sophiatown, Martindale and Newclare are to be destroyed and the people forced into the rigid confines of Meadowlands, there to live under restrictions and police control. The eviction of 58,000 people from these areas is a matter of vital concern to all as it destroys the fundamental right of the non-Europeans in regard to ownership and occupation of homes, freedom of movement and enjoyment of amenities built by toil and sweat, and the right to be regarded as an integral part of the population of cities and towns in S.Africa.

The Group Areas Act robs the people of properties, deprives them of their means of livelihood, and aims at the creation of ghettos.

The Bantu Education Act aims at creating a slave mentality and at reserving 'Western Civilisation' for whites only.

The Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Act aims at 'bleeding the African unions to death' - to quote Mr. Schoeman himself. And now the Industrial Conciliation Amendment Act sets out to: divide all workers into racial unions; give the Minister power to reserve certain jobs for racial groups; restrict still further the right to strike; take away the right of trade unions to appeal to the Courts of Law by forcing them to take their disputes to an Industrial Tribunal appointed by the Minister.

The new passes breakup homes, separate children from parents, and husbands from wives; under the influx control regulations thousands of people are endorsed out of the cities to perish in conditions such as exist on farms at Bethal and elsewhere. African women too will have to carry passes.

This is apartheid. It is oppression. It impoverishes, humiliates and degrades us. It is slavery.

We have been bearing these attacks. But now we cannot bear them any longer. We must put an end to slavery. We must make a stand and fight for our rights. This Conference is convened to devise ways and means of defeating apartheid, which is the common enemy of the people of S.Africa. We, therefore, sincerely appeal to you to send four delegates to the Conference from your organisation, factory, street or area.

Yours sincerely,

F. Morris, A.E. Patel, V. Weinberg, S.S. le Pere, L. Messina.

SECRETARIES.



C/o. P.O. Box 700,  
Durban.

7th June 1954.

Dear Friend,

Our Branch had a meeting last evening and the following matters were discussed and I have to reply to some of your letters as follows:-

CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE. (Your letter of the 14th May 1954 refers)

We have elected J.Arenstein as our representative, with B.Fehler as alternate.

FINANCES.

We are sorry that we have not been able to send any money to you for some time and are fully aware of the urgency of the matter. We have been especially quiet and inactive in Durban for quite a while, however we had a good meeting last evening and feel optimistic that we shall be able to send you some money at the end of June - we are having a party on the 12th and a jumble sale at the end of this month.

WESTERN AREAS REMOVAL SCHEME. (Your letter of the 26th May refers).

Arising from a protest meeting which we held in Durban about six weeks ago a Joint Action Committee (of the three congresses) was formed. A meeting of this committee is to take place on Thursday and thereafter I shall be in the position to write you fully regarding their future plans.

FILMS: I wonder if you could telephone the F.S.U. and ask them to let us have a list of any films (16 m.m. and 35 m.m.) which they might be able to lend us. We are anxious to organise some film shows in Durban and feel that this is an excellent way of raising funds here.

SPEAKERS' NOTES. We do not seem to have received any of the early speakers notes and would be most grateful if you could let us have six copies of each of any notes which have been issued by you.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY.



P. O. Box 4088, Y(19)SAKOD.  
JOHANNESBURG.  
6th August, 1954.

Dear C.O.D. Member,

Four months work of tremendous head-office effort have paid off. The Campaign for the Congress of the People is off to a magnificent and inspiring start. The July 25th Provincial Conference in the Transvaal showed beyond any misunderstanding that we have wakened the enthusiasm of the people, and have started one of those great forward movements which make up the history of liberty. To all our members, who have worked, organised, campaigned to carry us to the exciting threshold of a new mass upsurge for freedom - well done! and thank you!

But now there's work to do, real mass work amongst the people, overshadowing anything we have ever tried before. We now have to scour the country for every possible expression of opinion for the Freedom Charter. We have to rouse every other body and organisation in the country to work with us. We have passed the planning stage. It is now time to get down to it.

You, who have already done so much must do more. You must be one of the Volunteers who will carry on their shoulders the heart of the burden of work which is now before us. You must do this because, by your membership of C.O.D. and your past work, you have shown the understanding of the great historical needs of our time, and the willingness and ability to put aside your own personal comfort to do what is required. This is the calibre of a volunteer.

What is a volunteer? He is the live, active heart of the campaign amongst the people. He is a disciplined Congress worker who is prepared to carry out faithfully, energetically and meticulously all the multiple organising tasks which the Congress sets him during the Campaign for the Congress of the People. He is a person who is prepared to give up his spare time, his week-ends, his holidays, if need be, to carry the people forward on the wave of enthusiasm that is now rising.

There is a real job of work to be done. In the near future there will be the Union wide door to door canvass by all volunteers together with all the assistance they can muster, to carry the Call with a description of the Congress of the People into at least 60,000 homes. This will mean talking to people, arguing with them, explaining - not just slipping leaflets under doors.

In August there will be meetings everywhere to enable volunteers to take the pledge of loyalty to the people, where new, active workers can be enrolled as Volunteers, towards the target of 30,000.

There is the job of getting groups of people of all races, in every walk of life everywhere, to formulate their concepts of freedom and frame demands for the Freedom Charter. This too is the duty of a volunteer.

And there is the job of studying and learning more about the life and struggles of the people, about political tactics and political experience; and then of passing that on over and over again to the new, virile people who come forward to join us in this vast campaign.

But for C.O.D. Volunteers there is, over and above all, that, the difficult but essential task of making the European population Congress-of-the-People conscious, and of winning the most enlightened and democratic of them for the Congress.

This is a tremendous task. But we are inspired by the magnificent response we are already getting, no less than by the glorious future of brotherhood and progress we can see being borne out by our own effort.

So to you, fellow member, we appeal. Sign now as a volunteer. Take your part unhesitatingly amongst the ranks of those who are shaping history! Let us work together for Freedom.

Yours sincerely,

Ria Hodson (Nat. Sec. 1954)

*E. G. G. G.*

(Chairman)



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SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS  
ELECTION FUND.

P.O. Box 4347,  
Capetown.

29th September 1954

Dear Friend,

The Cape Western Vigilance Association and Advisory Boards have accepted the recommendation of the S.A. Congress of Democrats and have nominated its candidate in the forthcoming Parliamentary Native Representative Elections to be held on December 1, 1954.

In this connection, I wish to bring to your attention the true position of the forces that confront us in this election.

For the first time the S.A. Congress of Democrats is participating organisationally in a Parliamentary election. Its opposition is the Liberal Party.

To assess the potential forces that confront us it must be pointed out that the Liberal Party is throwing all its resources into this fight. Their official candidate has been working hard in this constituency since his defeat against Ray Alexander last April, when he polled over 1,000 votes. Since then, their election machinery has been overhauled and strengthened, and to-day they constitute a major threat - a threat to the seat that, since 1948, has been a symbol of freedom and equality.

Unlike the Liberal Party, the S.A. Congress of Democrats has been severely hit by the banning orders imposed upon many of its most active members, and also handicapped by lack of funds.

We, who have undertaken the task of educating the Liberals, and preventing them from using the African people as a means to further their own ends, appeal to you to assist us financially in this campaign. If you fail us, our task will be most difficult. If you support us, victory will be ours.

An addressed envelope is enclosed.

Thanking you on behalf of the Election Committee,

Yours sincerely

*Leonard B. Lee-Warden*  
Leonard B. Lee-Warden.

Official Candidate of the  
S.A. Congress of Democrats.



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SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS

PHONE 33-0975

HEAD OFFICE:

5, SOMERSET HOUSE,  
110, FOX STREET,  
P.O. BOX 4088,  
JOHANNESBURG.  
20th May, 1955.

The secretary,  
Durban Branch,  
P.O. Box 200,  
Durban.

Dear Friend,

There exists a strong feeling in the Community that something other than Protest Meetings should be organised if the hostility to the Senate Bill is to be given maximum expression.

Indications are that with a bit of pressure the United Party could be forced to call for a National Day of Protest, (A day when both employers and employees would stay away from work - to be counted as against the Bill)

In this context the membership of Congress of Democrats and other groups or organisations which we can influence are being asked to organise a telegram campaign directed to Strauss, demanding that he call for such a day.

Please get busy with this immediately and let us know what response you get.

With best wishes,

Yours frat rnally,

*Y. C. T.*  
National Secretary.



# S.A. Congress of Democrats

Cape Western Region

P.O. BOX 4552,

CAPE TOWN.

26/5/55

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The Secretary,  
S.A.C.O.D.  
P.O. Box 4088,  
JOHANNESBURG.

B. 200

Dear Friend,

In reply to your letters;

1) -11th May; The executive is not satisfied with your reply on the Population Registration Act. We feel that it would be wrong to ~~not~~ agitate against people having their photographs taken when we are aware that the Govt may gazette a date in the near future, ~~that is~~ when we shall then have to ~~then~~ tell people that they must have their photos taken after all. We repeat that if no other form of protest is envisaged then it appears somewhat foolhardy on our part to make efforts to persuade people ~~to~~ not to be photographed.

Would you please find out from your legal adviser whether we can still use the Population pamphlet I have been asking about? They are still lying around, and if need be we can print over any bad sections. So please clarify.

2). 16 th May--- As you are no doubt aware by now, it is reported in the local press that Mr. J. Motloheloa is now in London. It is reported that he is going to study 'medicine.' Would you please inform Fighting Talk of this and ask them to close all his accounts. The addresses you refer to are his home address and the A.N.C. office.

3). 20 th May.---- Your suggestion of a telegram campaign has already been considered by our committee as we have already informed you. We are carrying negotiations a bit further and shall let you know in due course. In the meanwhile we should appreciate it if you would send us 25 worth of your Senate Bill leaflet and 25 of the pamphlet 'Ten Points why you should join the C.O.D.' I may say that things are a bit quiet here on the Senate Bill front. The U.P. is not giving any lead other than calling a few meetings here and there at which a great deal of drive is put out. The Libs are doing nothing (perhaps they are thinking of their ~~of the~~ four Coloured representatives) and the Labs have no forces.

4). Serious criticism is being made of Fighting Talk circulation. Many subscribers are not getting their copies and are browned off. In the near future we shall get down to reorganising our lit. and put it on a sound basis. Till then please shake up the Fighting Talk people.

All the best ,

Yours fraternally,  
B.C.



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SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

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P.O. Box 4088,  
Johannesburg.  
9th. March 1954.

The Secretary,  
South African Peace Council,  
P.O. Box 10528,  
Johannesburg.

Swysstak No. ....  
Gekry by *S.A.C.O.D.* .....  
Deur *De Klerk* .....  
*For No. 110* .....  
*20. 27-9-55* .....

Dear Friend,

For your information the following resolution has been sent to the World Peace Council for its forthcoming meeting from my National Executive Committee:

" The South African Congress of Democrats pledges its support to your organisation in its work on behalf of peace. We wish your meeting all success and are confident that your deliberations will be an additional step forward towards ensuring everlasting peace in the world. "

I would also like to inform you that at our National Council Meeting held last month a resolution was passed instructing all our members to join their local peace committees.

Yours sincerely, for peace,

National Secretary.



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S.A. CONGRESS OF DELEGATES.

P.O. Box 4088,  
Johannesburg.  
17th. March 1954.

The Secretary,  
Durban Branch,  
Durban.

re: Native Representative Elections.

The N.E.C. has been discussing the above matter, and its general outlook on the question is as follows :-

1. , That the Parliamentary elections be regarded as more valuable and important as a field of activity for the C.O.D. than the Senate elections.
2. That Cape Western be regarded as first priority, followed by either Cape Eastern or Transkei or both.
3. That where possible and practical attempts be made to run candidates for the senate in the Cape simultaneously and in a joint campaign with Parliamentary candidates in the same constituency.

You will appreciate that the whole problem of candidates is somewhat difficult. In the first place there appears no possibility, if the amending legislation goes through, for any listed person to be nominated. In the second place, the problem of our relations with the A.N.C. must be seriously considered. We understand that the A.N.C. reached an unwritten agreement at its last Conference that it would not oppose people contesting the elections provided they did not do so in the name of the A.N.C. This does not completely clarify their position. It may well be that in some regions, the local A.N.C. Committee would actively sponsor a boycott of the elections, and such a tactic would place a C.O.D. candidate in an extremely difficult and undesirable position. On the other hand, some regions of the A.N.C. may well feel that their support should be given to the present M.P. or Senator should he re-contest. This would also make a C.O.D. candidate's position extremely difficult.

We would like your Regional Committee to consider these aspects of the problem and to let us know as soon as possible (a) whether you agree in general with the principles set out under 1, 2, and 3 above. (b) What the likely reaction of the local A.N.C. would be to a C.O.D. candidate. (c) Whether there is any



serious possibility of the Local A.N.C. agitating for a boycott of all candidates. (d) Which C.O.D. members from your Region would be possible candidates having the necessary qualifications. (e) Who we can expect will be nominated in opposition to our candidate if any, and what their chances and past record are.

We appreciate that certain people might well be considered for candidature in an election in your area who do not live in your area. This is being borne in mind and considered by the N.E.C. The N.E.C. also intends discussing this matter with the National leadership of the A.N.C., and is therefore definitely of the opinion that no formal discussions whatsoever should be held by your Region with the Regional A.N.C. Committee. This is most important.

Please let us have your views as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,  
*Ria Hodgson.*  
National Secretary.

We are enclosing copies of a draft statement of policy along the lines asked for by the Capetown delegates at the National Council Meeting. This statement is being circulated to all branches for comment. It is proposed that branches in your region be asked to discuss the document, and amend it as necessary and return all comments and amendments to the N.E.C. not later than Friday the 9th. April. Thereafter the N.E.C. intends amending the statement in the light of branch comments and adopting it.

R.H.



FIGHTING TALK.

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P.O. Box 4088,  
Johannesburg.  
19th March, 1954.

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Dear Friend,

We have sent you under separate cover copies of the current issue of "Fighting Talk" which we hope you will be able to dispose of.

We would very much like you to undertake to sell a considerable number of these every month and we suggest to you that your ~~existing~~ experience in selling these copies we have sent you, will assist you in determining your future requirements.

Subscription books have been prepared and we feel that it is absolutely essential that regular subscribers should be enrolled. A specimen book is enclosed and we ask you to let us know how many of them you require. In Johannesburg we are endeavouring to see that every active member of Congress carries a subscription book with him and tries to assist in this work.

Yours sincerely,  
for I. Behrhardt  
*I.B.*  
Circulation Manager

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S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS

Durban Branch,

P.O. Box 700,

Durban.

10th May 1954.

Circulation Manager,  
"Fighting Talk",  
P.O. Box 4088,  
Durban.

Dear Friend,

With further reference to my letter of the 28th April  
I now enclose a cheque for 15/- covering the following subscriptions:-

MR. B. Fehler,  
29 University Gardens,  
Farmon Road,  
Durban.

Mrs. P. Lavoipierre,  
39 Sandringham,  
Gillespie St.,  
Durban.

Mr. J. Hoogendyk,  
10 University Gardens,  
Farmon Road,  
Durban.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

P.S. We have not yet received the two books of subscription forms  
(requested in our letter of the 28th April) and would be pleased  
to have them before our next branch meeting, which is on the  
18th May.



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S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS,

Durban Branch,

C/o. P.O. Box 700,

Durban.

28th April 1954.

Circulation Manager,  
"Fighting Talk",  
P.O. Box 4088,  
Durban.

Dear Friend,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 19th March, copies of "Fighting Talk" and a book of subscription forms.

The members of our Branch have undertaken to try and collect as many subscriptions for "Fighting Talk" as they possibly can. Will you kindly, therefore, send us two more subscription books and we shall let you know as soon as we need any more.

Please do not send us any copies of "Fighting Talk" for sale in Durban - we anticipate being able to enrol a number of subscribers in Durban and intend to put our energies into this direction.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY.



SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

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P.O. Box 4088,  
Johannesburg.  
11th. May 1954.

The General Secretary,  
Secretariat of the World Council of Peace,  
Estate-Haus,  
Wien 1V(Austria)  
Mollwald- Platz 5.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your letter of the 30th. April, and your invitation to my organisation to send a delegate to the Extraordinary Session of the World Council for Peace to be held in Berlin on May 23rd.

I have been directed by my executive to notify you that we understand that the South African Peace Council intends sending three delegates, one of whom is a member of our National Executive Committee, and who would also represent us at the meeting.

We regret our inability at this stage to send further delegates.

Wishing your meeting all success,

Yours sincerely,

For National Executive Committee.  
National Secretary,

Bewysstuk No.....  
Gekry by..... S.A.C.O.D.  
Deur..... Barkman  
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HEAD OFFICE

Phone: 33-0975

5. Somerset House,  
110 Fox Street,  
P.O. Box 4088,  
JOHANNESBURG.

6th. August 1954.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Dear Friend,

This is to introduce to you  
Mr. T.E. Tshunungwa who has been appointed as national  
organiser to the Congress of the People.

As one of the sponsoring organisations,  
we are asking him to make contact with our leading  
members in other centres, and we would appreciate it  
if you would give him all possible support and assist-  
ance.

Yours sincerely,

*Lina Hodgson*

National Secretary,  
For National Executive Committee.



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SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS  
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Phone: 33-0975

Bewysstuk No.....  
Gekry by..... *S.A.C.O.D.*  
Deur..... *J. A. K. M.*  
Te..... *Box 110*  
*77-9155*  
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24th August, 1954.

Dear Athol,

Enclosed please find £10 as part payment of your expenses for the National Council meeting.

The N.E.C. has been discussing a pamphlet to explain COD policy to Non-Europeans. They have decided that as your Region will be getting out election material anyway, it would be unnecessary for us to duplicate things from this end, especially as one done by us would not necessarily be the appropriate one for your campaign. On the other hand, a general election pamphlet could quite possibly be of use afterwards all over South Africa. It has also been suggested that it would be very effective if a pamphlet of this nature could appear in instalments first in Advance, as others have done in the past, and that this would also make it cheaper to bring out afterwards.

Please let us know if you want us to do any thing about it from this end, as we have already provisionally laid on someone to start preparing a draft copy.

Yours



S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

P.O. Box 4088,  
Johannesburg.  
18th October, 1954.

TO ALL YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

We have been asked by the National Executive Committee to undertake a survey of youth activity by members of the Congress of Democrats with a view to co-ordinating and extending through co-operation and discussion, these activities.

We thus ask all members, who help to run discussion clubs, youth groups etc. to get in contact with us. We ask all members of the Congress of Democrats who are young or active in youth groups of any nature to please write to us.

It is felt that there are a large number of people who are active amongst European youth and we feel that this field is one of the most fertile for recruiting for Congress of Democrats. However at present there is a lack of organisation and it is felt that a start must be made in this direction.

The Congress of Democrats is represented on the Youth Action Committee of the 4 Congresses and the form of representation must be made more democratic, and the benefits of our co-operation in this council must be disseminated more widely.

We have no association with W.F.D.Y and World Youth Festivals, but if members wish, through the Youth Action Committee, we can be represented.

In connection with campaigns which are being co-ordinated by the Youth Action Committee, for example against the Bantu Education Act, and in connection with the Congress of the People, we must integrate our work all over South Africa, and we need your help.

So please write to the office in Johannesburg or get in touch with us through your C.O.D. branch or through your regional committee.

Yours faithfully,

R.E. Press

for Co-ordinating Committee.



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