

The
**ART OF MAKING
CRIMINALS**

By **DR. A. B. XUMA**
*(President-General,
African National Congress)*



IN democratic countries all members of the State expect to be, and, I believe, ought to be, governed by the same laws. Government is "by the people and for the people," meaning all the people irrespective of race, creed or colour. The function of any government, except under a dictatorship, is to guard and protect the interests as well as to provide for the welfare of all its members, especially the weaker and poorer sections who, for the time being and for one reason or another, are unable to provide the essential services for themselves. The powers of the democratic State should be used to promote the welfare of the community as a whole and not to show preferential treatment for one section at the expense of the interests of other sections.

However, here in sunny South Africa, we find a strong white minority holding the reins of government and, because they believe it to be necessary for the maintenance of

their position, we find them legislating to the disadvantage of the other sections, especially the African section. For the latter section they have passed a series of restrictive and discriminating laws; they have framed strict and harassing regulations and, from time to time, as out of a blue sky, they have proclaimed in *gazettes extraordinaires* new restrictions and limitations under which the "Native" must live and which he must obey. The fundamental spirit and philosophy of this legislation is that the "Native" must not roam about seeking salvation and improvement of his lot through channels that are not approved by the Government specially for him. The Native must be controlled without regard to the way in which the measures of control affect his well-being and future. Controlled and kept in his place, he must be.

Under these acts, regulations and proclamations the "Native's" activities are prescribed and proscribed, and for him to do anything to the contrary, like other sections of the community, is to commit an offence punishable by a fine or imprisonment. Hence, the non-European has more crimes and offences to commit than Europeans. No wonder the finest, the most expensive and the largest government buildings where there are large "Native" populations are police stations, magistrates' courts and gaols. There is a harvest to be reaped, and the police need only

make a little effort to gather this harvest. With the fast pick-up vans they net their victims in haste and sort them out at police stations at leisure.

LAWS AND CRIME

It will, no doubt, interest my readers to know how these laws play an important rôle in the criminalisation of the Native. Here are some of the statistics extracted from the official year book of the Union of South Africa for 1939 and 1940 respectively. In 1938, the total number of offenders convicted was 114,870 Europeans and 588,329 non-Europeans respectively. Of the total convictions among non-Europeans, 328,638 were Africans convicted under special offences for Natives only. In 1939, under the same heading we find the convictions to have been 108,631 Europeans and 663,079 non-Europeans. Of the latter we find that 358,643 were Africans convicted for these special offences.

The following table gives an analysis of the offences committed and the number convicted during the years under review:—

	<i>Convictions.</i>	
	<i>Year: 1938</i>	<i>Year: 1939</i>
Drunkenness	34,653	39,475
Illegal possession of Native liquor	65,700	77,582
Location Regulations	20,243	20,635
Masters and Servants Act	18,370	18,356
Native Pass Laws	87,566	101,309
Native Labour Regula- tions	20,992	25,066

Native Taxation	55,059	48,668
Natives (Urban Areas)		
Act	7,501	7,517
Trespass	18,555	20,037
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Total	328,638	358,643
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It is desirable here to point out that:—

(1) We have included the number of convictions for drunkenness in this table not only because the restrictions imposed upon the African under the Liquor Act encourage the brewing of vile concoctions in spite of beer halls, but because the administration of the provisions of the Act seems calculated to exploit the African financially and spiritually.

(2) Through these discriminating laws our legislators share the responsibility for the conviction of 687,281 or over half-a-million people in two years. It should be conceded, therefore, by all fairminded and intelligent people that these laws are possibly the finest factories of crime ever built by any Christian and democratic nation.

RESTRICTIONS

These laws restrict the movement of the African, limit his bargaining powers, doom him as a racial group to unskilled employment and to the lowest wage levels. He may not show individuality, personality and initiative according to his ability beyond the limited sphere outlined for him by our Native legislation. He must

remain a "Native," act like a "Native" and think like a "Native," at least outwardly, to satisfy the rulers.

These laws also influence race attitudes unfavourably and strain race relations between White and Black. They lay bare the policy of racial and colour exploitation, causing Africans to look upon most European fellow-countrymen as their oppressors and eternal enemies. They make him, the African, lose confidence in the justice of his White rulers in South Africa. Further, these laws tend to fan racial prejudices in their enforcement and they lead to miscarriages of justice in their administration. They disregard, too, the human aspect in dealing with "Native" suspects and accused and even "Native" prisoners.

The police come into frequent and unfortunate contact with Africans in the enforcement of these laws. The police have a hundred-and-one opportunities under these regulations to harass and embarrass any African. Magistrates and prosecutors sometimes deal with hundreds of cases a day as a result. No wonder that some have lost their tempers and air their prejudices. Rushed for time, they have no opportunity to study all the aspects of each case in order to find mitigating circumstances. Mass trials tend to become a temptation with a consequent miscarriage of justice, especially in some of our lower courts.

In the words of Dr. F. E. T. Krause, "The African is all the time a prisoner in the land of his birth, although he might not be confined within prison walls."

Finally, we have here laws that are both humiliating and demoralising to all Africans, laws which leave them with a sense of despair and frustration. They tend to breed and develop a callous, contemptuous and inhuman attitude in some of their administrators towards Africans, and as I have stated elsewhere, they are "politically undemocratic, morally un-Christian, administratively unjust and unfair," disregarding human decency in other human beings.

For the sake of goodwill, which is the source of strength for the advancement of South Africa as a whole, all restrictive and discriminating legislation such as I have referred to in this article must be scrapped so that South Africa might be honest to her ideals of "Christianity, Democracy and human decency" without criminalising other human beings.



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2nd March, 1943.

Rev. J.J. Skomolo,
St. Agnes' Mission,
NAAUWPOORT.

Dear Rev. Skomolo,

re: CONGRESS MEMBERSHIP CARDS.

Would you kindly send me a written acknowledgement of the cards you received from me, for record purposes.

I shall also be pleased to get your numbers for the fifty (50) cards that were unnumbered.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

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P.S. The numbers I am asking for are the National numbers on the cards.

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A. H. C

2nd March,

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S.P. Akena Esq.,
138, Lwana Street,
GRADOCK, C.P.

Dear Mr. Akena,

I shall be pleased if you would kindly send me a written acknowledgement for the Membership cards I gave you, as I shall need this for record purposes. I would also be glad to get your numbers for the cards as they were unnumbered.

Thanking you in advance,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

p.d.

P.S. The numbers required are the National numbers on the cards.

A.H.C.



UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.
DEPARTEMENT VAN NATURELLESAKE.

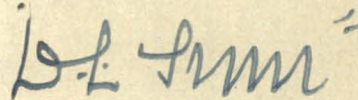
Cape Town.

2nd March, 1943.19Ramokgopa Tribal School.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

With reference to the memorandum which you left with me on Saturday I have to say that a similar document was left with me early last month. I have asked the Chief Native Commissioner to go into the matter again and I will write to you when I receive his report.

Yours sincerely,



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

Social Welfare - General

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Orlando Mothers' Welfare Association.

7408 Orlando

Johannesburg

2nd March 1943.

Dr. Xuma,
46 Bond Street,
Doomfontein
Sir,

as you have been
elected Patron of the above
association, I have been asked
to invite you to a committee
meeting to be held on Wednesday
10th inst. at the Communal Hall
at 3 p.m.

Yours faithfully,
C.A. Hobanda

(Ass. Secretary)

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Ref. No. F.E.R. 92 M.

85 Toby Street
Sophiatown
JOHANNESBURG.

2nd March, 1943.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE
TREASURY
PRETORIA.

Sir,

Your letter of 24th February, 1943 received.

I am an American by birth, now married to Dr. A.B.Xuma.

I am joint heiress with a brother and sisters to my father's estate, the late Dr. H.H. Hall of Winston-Salem, N.C., U.S.A.

I have in my possession \$20.87 in American currency which I kept for sentimental reasons when I landed in Cape Town in May 1940. That is the only money I have had from America during the three years.

I have no commercial bankers or local banker as I am a housewife and engaged in no commercial business.

I wonder, therefore, if the \$20.87 falls under the provision of Emergency Finance Regulation 6.

Respectfully yours,

A.N.C.
(Natal)

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121 1/2 East St.
Vryheid
3/3/43.

Dr A B Stuma
President-General
The African National Congress.
104 2nd St
J H Burg.

Dear Doctor / I was very much
inspired about the ^{African} National
national congress by a letter
of yours addressed to me on
the 17th Nov 1942. As a result
in a congress of educated
Africans which I met in
Durban on the 12 & 13th of last
month I brought in a notice
of motion urging the re-
organisation of the Natal
Native Congress which at
that time took it to be an
affiliated body to your
African National Congress.
I was surprised to
learn that the Natal Native

Congress was an entirely different Body from the African National Congress & that there were points of dispute & rivalry between the two organizations in their constitutions.

In view of the urgent need for the creation of an organization to act as the mouth piece of our people through out the country, I shall be extremely pleased to receive your explanation as soon as it is convenient to you.

With the best of luck
Yours sincerely
J. M. Somi mbe

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A.H.C.
T.W.

3rd March, 1943

Mr. T.R.Masete,
Native Location,
P.O. DUI VEESKLOOF.

Dear Mr. Masete,

I received your telegram but it came just before I left for Cape Town to give evidence before a Select Committee there.

I would like to point out that when you receive tickets we expect a report for the first batch before we are able to send another batch. My Treasurer wanted me to inform ^{you} of that although he tells me that he has sent you more tickets.

I am very pleased with your interest and can assure you that you will assist us greatly if you conform with this suggestion and we shall be pleased to give you as many tickets as you can dispose of.

Carry on the good work.

Hoping to see you some day,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

1. POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION SCHEMES.

Messrs. Z.K.Matthews; G.A.Mbeki; Selby Ngcobo;
Hubert Bikitsha; R.V.Selope-Thema;
Dr. I.P.Seme; Dr. J.L.Dube; Prof. Jabavu;
Rev. Geo. Molefe.

2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

Chief A.J.Lutuli; Prof. Jabavu; Dr. J.L.Dube;
Dr. P. ka I. Seme; Messrs. Z.K.Matthews; Hubert
Bikitsha; R.V.Selope-Thema.

3. POLITICAL ASPECT.

Representation	}	Rev. Z.Mahabane; Rev.S.I.Mvambo; Dr. J.L.Dube;
Administration		Dr. P. ka I. Seme; Dr. S.Molema; Prof. Jabavu;
Legislation		Messrs. R.V.Selope-Thema; S.Mac Lepolesa; T.M.Mapikela; E.Mofutsanyane; R.H.Godlo; Z.K.Matthews; B.B.Xiniwe.

4. ECONOMIC ASPECT.

Land	}	Messrs. S.P.Mabude; M.Kotane; A.W.G.Champion;
Industry		P.R.Mosaka; Selby Ngcobo; G.A.Mbeki; P.L.Msomi;
Commerce		Dr. J.S.Moroka; Dr. J.L.Dube.
Labour		Trade Union Representatives.

5. EDUCATIONAL ASPECT.

Scholastic	}	Prof. Jabavu; Messrs. Z.K.Matthews; Don Mtimkulu;
Technical		Jacob Nhlapo; Mkize; S.P.Sesedi; M.Kabane.
Professional		

6. HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Dr. J.S.Moroka; Dr. R.T.Bokwe; Dr. S.M.Molema;
Dr. Innes Gumede; Dr. Setlogelo; Mr. A.J.Sililo.

The President-General of the African National Congress is an ex-officio member of all Sub-Committees.

Personal representatives of Paramount Chiefs, Chiefs' Councils and other Councils will be assigned to Sub-Committees as their names come in.

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

"ATLANTIC CHARTER" COMMITTEE.

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- (a) To examine and report various suggested schemes for post-war reconstruction in Africa with special reference to Southern Africa.
- (b) In the light of the foregoing to formulate a statement of principles and a programme of action with a view of ensuring that African needs and aspirations in regard to different aspects of African individual and community life as recognised citizens receive adequate attention in the post-war development of South Africa.

2. MEMBERSHIP:

In terms of the resolution passed at the annual Conference of the African National Congress, the President-General has invited the following to serve on the "Atlantic Charter" Committee:-

Cape Colony:

Prof. D.D.T. Jabavu.	Mr. R. Godlo.
Mr. Z.K. Matthews.	Dr. R.T. Bokwe.
Rev. George Molefe	Dr. S.M. Molema
Mr. S.P. Sesedi.	Mr. B.B. Xiniwe.
Mr. M. Kotane.	

Transkei:

Mr. Sakwe.	Mr. G. Mbeki.
Mr. H. Bikitsha	Mr. S.I. Mvambo.
Mr. S.P. Mabude.	

Transvaal:

Mr. Mvabaza.	Dr. P. ka I. Seme.
Mr. R.V. Selope-Thema.	Mr. Jacob Nhlapo.
Mr. E. Mofutsanyane.	Mr. Paul Mosaka.

Natal and Zululand.

Dr. J.L. Dube.	Mr. A.W.G. Champion.
Chief A.J. Lutuli.	Mr. Selby Ngcobo.
Mr. A.J. Sililo.	Mr. Don Mtinkulu
Mr. Msomi.	Dr. Innes Gumede.

Orange Free State:

Dr. J.S. Moroka.	Dr. R. Setlogelo.
Mr. T.M. Mapikela.	Mr. M. Lepolesa.
Rev. Z. Mahabane.	Mr. M. Kabane.

Chiefs' Representatives:

(1) Protectorates:-

p/Chief Tshekedi; p/Chief Bathoen; p/Chief Sobhuza II.
p/Chief Seiso.

(2) Transkei:

~~/~~ (3) Zululani and Natal:

~~/~~ (4) Transvaal:

~~/~~ (5) Bechuanaland:

~~/~~ (6) Ciskei:

~~/~~ (Special Representatives for Paramount Chiefs, Councils of chiefs and for Native Councils to follow:)

NOTE: The President-General, Secretary-General, Treasurer-General, Provincial Chairmen, Provincial Treasurers and Provincial Secretaries will be ex-officio members of the Committee.

3. PROCEDURE:

(a) In order to facilitate the work of the Committee the President-General has divided the General Committee into the following sub-Committees, each one of which will be entrusted with the task of preparing preliminary draft proposals in regard to the subject coming within their purview:-

- (i) Post-War Reconstruction Schemes.
- (ii) General Principles.
- (iii) Political Aspect -
 - (a) Representation
 - (b) Administration
 - (c) Legislation
- (iv) Economic Aspect -
 - (a) Land
 - (b) Industry
 - (c) Commerce
 - (d) Wages
- (v) Educational Aspect -
 - (a) Scholastic
 - (b) Technical
 - (c) Professional
- (vi) Health and Social Services.

Names of members of Sub-Committees appear below.

(b) The draft proposals of each Sub-Committee shall be submitted to the General Committee for consent and approval.

(c) Finally, a comprehensive statement will be drawn up by the Committee embodying the recommendations of the different Sub-Committees and the African's demands for full citizenship rights in the land of his forefathers.

(d)/.....

- (d) Calling of a Convention to ratify the statement of recommendations and demands as set out in the Committee's report, and, signing of the ratified report by members of the Committee.
- (e) Publication of the document and its presentation to the Union Government and the United Nations as the just, fair, and considered, claims of the African people.

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Military matters

3rd March, 1943

Rev. H.M. Maimane,
Chairman,
Mendi Memorial Service Fund Committee,
St. Peter's Mission,
176, Carroll Street,
Lady Selborne,
PRETORIA.

Dear Rev. Maimane,

Your card came during my absence in Cape Town to give evidence before the Select Committee on Soldiers' Pay. I am, therefore, able to reply only at this late date.

I shall be pleased to serve your Committee; but would like to know how long I am expected to speak and if I can be free to leave for Johannesburg not later than 4.30 p.m.

I shall be glad to get information on the last two points.

I would rather that there were not too many speakers since interpretation consumes such a lot of valuable time.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

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TELEPHONES: 33-2641/2.

P.O. Box 3308.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "DONATION."

117, A.B.C. Chambers,

(FOURTH FLOOR)

27, Simmonds Street,

Johannesburg.

3rd March, 1943.

Bantu Welfare Trust

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

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I thank you for your letter of the 23rd ultimo and I am considering what you have said.

I have not had time yet to go fully through the other papers that you sent me, but I am getting through them gradually. When you come back from Cape Town, please let me know when you return.

Yours faithfully,

J. S. Maudslayi

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LOKASIE ADVISERENDE RAAD KONGRES, SUID-AFRIKA.
LOCATION ADVISORY BOARDS' CONGRESS, SOUTH AFRICA.

PRESIDENT :

R. H. GODLO, M R.C.,
68, St. Paul's Road,
East London, C.P.

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P. O. Box 228,
Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

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THOS M. MAPIKELA.
"U Uundi Kaya,"
1437, Community Avenue,
Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

ASST. ALG. SEKRETARIS :

ASST. GEN. SECRETARY :

S. S. J. SIXABA,
E.C. Coloured School,
Beaufort West, C.P.

ALG. SEKRETARIS :

GEN. SECRETARY :

A. J. SILILO.
Native Welfare Office,
P. O. Box 154,
Durban, Natal.

Kantoor van
Office of the

General Secretary,

3rd. March, 19 43.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

Social Welfare General

Mr. Godlo has deputed me to attend the National Council for Child Welfare Standing Committee for Non-European Child Welfare Work meeting to be held in Johannesburg on the 9th. and 10th. instant as a representative of the above Congress. You will remember at one time that Rev. Mahabane attended this Committee as National President of Congress. Unfortunately Mr. Godlo sent me notice so late that I have no agenda sent me nor can I suggest anything for inclusion in the agenda. However you may have certain matters you would like put right or discussed and I shall be glad to have an opportunity of consulting you on the previous day. -I am leaving Durban on the 7th. instant so as to have the whole day in Jo'burg before the meeting. Mrs. Sililo attends the same Committee as a representative of the National Council of women.

We have quite recently heard of the sad bereavement in your family and please accept our heartfelt sympathy. We share our responsibilities to the country together so should we share our joy and sorrows together.

With kind regards to Mrs. Xuma and yourself.
Yours sincerely,

A. J. Sililo

A. W. G. CHAMPION, M.R.C.



(UMKULUMELI WABANTU)

MEMBER OF:
NATIVE REPRESENTATION COUNCIL,
ACT 12-1936.

MEMBER OF:
LOCATION:
ADVISORY BOARD, DURBAN,
ACT 21-1923.

19 Old Dutch Road

Durban, Natal.

4th March 1943

Dr. A. B. Xuma M.D.,
President General,
African National Congress,
Johannesburg.

My dear Sir,

I learn that you went to give evidence before the select committee of the House of Assembly dealing with Native Military Corps.

I shall be thankful if you will find time to forward to me a copy of your statement.

I have not heard from you since I last saw you in Bloemfontein. I do not know as to what became of our Resolution in connection with the relationship between the National Congress and Natal Native Congress.

The last Conference held by Educated section of our leaders in Natal passed a resolution to be forwarded to you. I understand it was forwarded to you. I hope you will encourage these people by giving them a reply as many of our people are interested in the National Movement - The Congress.

Yours faithfully

A. N. C.
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415 Creosus Avenue,
Newclare South,
Johannesburg 4th, March 1943.

Recommendations Round Table Conference Committee.

Sir/ Madam,

The above Committee has now arrived at finalities on the fusing of the two existing Transvaal Congresses; and it will introduce its findings and recommendations at a joint Cabinet meeting of the two Congresses to be held inside the Library Hall Benoni Location on Saturday and Sunday the 13th and 14th March 1943.

The meeting will commence on ^{Saturday} Sunday the 13th March 1943 at 5. p. m. and will be continued ~~from~~ Sunday the 14th from 10 a. m.

It is imperative that each and every member of the Cabinet be present at this momentous meeting.

Committee's Recommendations.

The Committee recommends that the following comprise the Transvaal Cabinet in acting capacities until after the impending elections:-

- S. S. Maloka.... President.
- J. L. Ntshudisane... Vice President.
- Moses... Mphahlehle.
- A. B. .. Mbelle... Asst Secretary.
- E. P. .. Moretsele.
- S. .. Maleka ... Asst Treasurer.
- A. T. .. Seele... Sec for Education.
- S. R. Mokoape... Sec for Lands.
- A. B. Khomo. Sec. Social Welfare.
- J. B. Marks. Sec. For Labour.
- Chuene. Sec. For Chiefs.
- D. L. T. Ditsege Organiser Dingaka.
- C. S. Ramohane.. Sec. Locations and Townships.
- L. E. S. Gama.. Sec. Trades and Industries.
- Rev. Simon Mekhele.. Chaplain.

For Boarding and Lodging communicate with Teacher Chuene Wesleyan School Benoni Location.

L. B. Marks

Secretary Round Table Conference Committee.

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O.F.S

1943
5th March,

T.M. Mapikela Esq.,
President,
O.F.S. African Congress,
1437, Community Avenue,
BLOEMFONTEIN.

My dear President,

How are you and yours? I hope well.

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I had been wishing for sometime to write you concerning the calling of a conference of your Provincial Congress for the purpose of election.

As you will remember it is now nearly six years, if my memory serves me right, since your Province has had election of Officers and yet the Constitution provides for a term of office of not more than three years. The officers may be returned as long as the Congress re-elects them.

I urge you, therefore, to arrange with your officers for a Conference sometime in April.

We are very anxious to have the membership of the organisation increased in every province.

I hope and trust that you will not fail me and that you will expedite matters so that an election does take place next month.

Wishing you every success and hoping to hear from you at your earliest possible convenience,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

Phone 27142.

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UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.—UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

HOOFKWARTIER,
UNIE-VERDEDIGINGSMAG,
HEADQUARTERS,
UNION DEFENCE FORCES,
PRETORIA.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
85 Toby Street,
Sophiatown,
JOHANNESBURG.

Information Officers Course 1322.G.

I wish to express my appreciation of your kindness in lecturing to the Information Officers Course which has just been completed at the S.A. Military College.

We have been exceptionally lucky in obtaining so distinguished a panel of experts to lecture to this course, and there can be no doubt that the lectures which the students have been privileged to hear will be of great value to them in their future work.

414 Mutual Buildings,
PRETORIA.

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C. G. Malhe
Lt-Col. : D.M.I.

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A. H. C.
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9th March, 1943

Mr. James Z. Mdatyulwa,
"Cyrene",
POTCHEPS TROOM.

Dear Mr. Mdatyulwa,

Re: AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
MEMBERSHIP CARDS.

On Decemberr2nd, 1942, you received fifty (50)
cards from the President-General.

We shall be glad to get your report on the dis-
posal of these cards. Will you, therefore, please
let us know, by return, (1) How many cards you have
sold, and send us particulars with the cash;
(2) How many are still in
your possession and if you can dispose of them.

This information is needed for our records and
we would be pleased to get your report at your earliest
possible convenience.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY TO DR. A. B. XUMA.

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CRIME WAVE - 1942.

P.O.Box 1011,
JOHANNESBURG.
9th March, 1943.

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

Dear Dr. Xuma,

Your letter of the 4th ultimo has been placed before me and I still fail to understand your attitude in this matter. You accuse me of suppressing your Memorandum of August the 25th by not publishing it in the press, and further that you were disturbed about the matter but still hoped, all would end well, surely if you had been so perturbed, you would have drawn my attention to the fact that you desired it to be published, but you remained silent.

I note, with regret, that in spite of the fact that in my letter to you of 30th January I had informed you that the Minority report had not been received by me, you nevertheless in your letter of the 4th ultimo accuse me of suppressing same. I am not in the habit of suppressing matters and in this instance there appears to have been no object in doing so.

I take the strongest exception to your remarks and request that you immediately withdraw the suggestion that I was guilty of suppressing information.

The draft report was submitted to the Committee for consideration, all agreed to the substance of the draft and then discussion on the recommendations took place, you hesitated about agreeing to two of them, for reasons I have already stated. As it was a long report, I did not expect you to agree to it without careful consideration, you agreed to meet that week and discuss the matter and if you could not agree to the two recommendations you would file a Minority report.

I then asked you to sign on a blank sheet, as all the other members had done, to be attached to the report in case you eventually agreed to the draft as it stood, this was on the 8th of September, it then surely became your duty to inform me within a reasonable time that you were unable to agree and intended framing a Minority report, as however you did not do so, I concluded you had agreed and proceeded to have copies of the report made.

It was not until January that the report was released for publication and had I then been in possession of your Minority report it would have been published at the same time.

The two recommendations you had to consider were not very involved and made no drastic change in the position as it exists at present, but you appeared to be afraid that, by agreeing to these you would be misunderstood by your people, as Congress was pressing for the removal of all restrictions. You will, I feel sure, realise that the Committee had to keep within the terms of reference and not consider the Native Policy as a whole but merely to confine itself to those laws which could be said to have some reflection on the incidence of crime in this area.

I note in your Minority report that you disagree with the recommendation that the Curfew Regulation be rigidly enforced, may I remind you that all three of you definitely agreed to this suggestion.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the two Ministers concerned for their information.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) S.H. Elliot.
Chairman
Crime Wave Committee.

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Hayaleni
 328 Main Rd,
 Bochabela,
 Bloemfontein
 10th June 43

Dear AB, Xuma,
 Davis, General AH, Canguro,
 My Heads,
 I am applying
 to you as a President
 of the Canguers to be
 prevailed to address
 the Canguers in 1943
 in December, an
 organisation, I hope
 wish to address
 the Canguers from
 outside, like the British
 Agents.

They is a Wanguer
 that I have discussed
 with the Canguers
 P.T.C.

and it may give the
two objects a chance
against the Congress.
The Congress must
change the system
of organization
before it is to take
hold.

The Congress is
betraying the Wager
of the Marshes.
Please write to
me and tell me to
preserve my speech.

I am
faithfully,
F. P. Colgate
for Communist party
of the U.S.A.

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A.H.C -
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St. Agnes Mission,
Naauwpoort. C. P.
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Dear Dr. Xuma;

I write to acknowledge 200 tickets with the following national numbers:- 51-100, 101-150, 151-200, & 201-250, the last 50 was unnumbered which made 200 tickets altogether for Naauwpoort, I just assume that according to numbering, as I saw you do; the last 50 would number from 201-250; and from this number starts the 50 more given to Mr. Akena for Cradock.

The people are joining fast, and we are evangelising far into the adjacent farms and cottages. The following morning after you had gone through here, our papers were returned by the police. There was nothing contrary to the Government Emergency Regulations found in any of our notes; which I think disappointed our national enemies to stupefaction.

We are not going to endanger our national movement by infringing upon war measures, we are to organise the nation into a solid block, and Dr. Xuma and his ministers will do the talking for the masses before the ruling class.

Confidential

We are faced with a new problem here which will cause an upheaval in our church. Rev. Calata has been nominated for the bishopric of the Transkei to succeed Dr. Etheridge; the European section is not prepared to serve under a black bishop. The voting is on the 14th. of April. The native clergy almost doubles the Whites; which means that if they unite in voting for Calata as they have nominated him, the Whites will fight a losing battle.

Love to you and Mrs. Xuma,
Your obedient brother,

J. J. Skomolo

A. N. C.
Capt

St. Agnes Mission
Naauwpoort.
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Dear Mr. Xuma;

Could you
please send me 10
copies of your
"Kaffir Beer," and
also get Mr. Mosaka
to send me 10 copies
of his "Church & Society"
I will dispose of
them and send money
for same as soon as
possible. There is a good
demand for same.

Yours faithfully
J. J. Skomoko



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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd ult. for which I thank you, and note contents.

I have handed this letter over to my colleagues of the VERULAM PRESS who are also with me concerned in the Printing and publication of the INKUNDLA YA BANTU.

May I first of all state that the Inkundla and the Verulam Press are two distinct organisations, and the Inkundla for purposes of economy and because of the small beginnings, has been printed, published and edited by the jobbing section of the Verulam Press.

We are very pleased to hear of your interest in the INKUNDLA and we would very much welcome your aid financially in the upbuilding of the Inkundla, to make it a proper channel of the dissemination of the African views and opinions truthfully, and for the material benefit and spiritual uplift of the African people. Our only trouble is more financial than otherwise, and any assistance in that direction would not only benefit the Inkundla personnel but also the African population at large, as in that case we would reach a larger community.

At the present moment, the circulation of the Inkundla is 500 copies per month at a subscription (annual) of 3/6. In addition to that we have agents at different places more particularly in the Transkei, and the Cape Province who are supplied with a total of 125 copies monthly (there is of course a growing demand every month of this number and since this year the Annual Subs. are on the increase at the rate of 30 copies a month.) The cost of publication per year on the present monthly basis is £240 inclusive.

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In any case, even if our paper is a monthly it can still serve the National interests if properly circularised. But that is just what the finances at present available cannot cope with.

Any assistance that you could render us in these circumstances is eagerly awaited and will be highly appreciated. And also advise us of your terms therefor.

Thanking you again,

Yours faithfully,

C.P. Motsemme

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