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Women from ALL PARTS of South Africa are going to see the Prime Minister in Pretoria on the 9th August in protest against the Passes. On their return from Pretoria they will be our guests in Orlando. The Phosolong Anti-Pass Committee requests the residents of this area to donate generously, so as to provide food for the guests.

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Mr	Sakomana		1	-
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ONE MILLION SIGNATURES FOR THE FREEDOM CHARTER.

We, the people of South Africa - Black and White, declare for all our country and the world to know that we pledge ourselves to strive together until the democratic changes set out in the Freedom Charter have been won.

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1. THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN.
2. ALL NATIONAL GROUPS SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS.
3. THE PEOPLE SHALL SHARE IN THE COUNTRY'S WEALTH.
4. THE LAND SHALL BE SHARED AMONGST THOSE WHO WORK IT.
5. ALL SHALL BE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW.
6. ALL SHALL ENJOY EQUAL HUMAN RIGHTS.
7. THERE SHALL BE WORK AND SECURITY.
8. THE DOORS OF LEARNING AND CULTURE SHALL BE OPENED.
9. THERE SHALL BE HOUSES, SECURITY AND COMFORT.
10. THERE SHALL BE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP.

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Western Native Township Branch
African National Congress W. League

11th November 1956

1. Ida Mntwana
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3. Dora Minkulu
4. Hilda Shezi
5. Doris Masinya
6. Alina Kumalo
7. Topoy Lepate
8. Lillian Kumalo
9. Mary Tatha
10. Jane Mbunjelwa

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Chair Lady Betty Meeneyathhe

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Kletksorp

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1 Mrs Momakwe

2 " Kopasi

3 " Mtd

13 members

Ventersdorp

1 Miriam eland

20 members

Dube

1 Mrs Matlatse

2 " Takalo

3 " Maphani

4 " ~~seengale~~
Maphana

Germiston

1 B Mashaba

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WE WOMEN DON'T WANT
PASSES!
To all

WOMEN

WOMEN DEMONSTRATED AGAINST
PASS LAWS AT PRETORIA ON OCT. 27th
WHAT WILL THEY DO NEXT?

COME AND HEAR A REPORT ON
THE PRETORIA MARCH AND WHAT
WOMEN PLAN FOR THE FUTURE: -

ORLANDO COMMUNAL
HALL
SATURDAY 10th DEC
2 P.M.
Well-known Speakers

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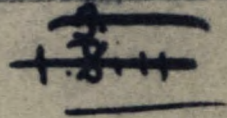
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APRIL, 12TH 1955 - APRIL 12TH 1956

Marks a year of uncompromising struggle by the democratic front of the oppressed people against the barbaric

BANTU EDUCATION ACT.

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

with all freedom loving people is DETERMINED to oppose, to fight and finally defeat this devilish Bantu Education.

REMEMBER THE SLOGAN:

"BOYCOTT BANTU EDUCATION
SCHOOLS TODAY"

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS YOUTH LEAGUE
calls upon all African Youth to rally at a

MASS RALLY

at FREEDOM SQUARES
GERMISTON

SUNDAY
15TH APRIL 1956

TO COME AND:

look back with pride what we have achieved since our struggle against Bantu Education.

review what faults as youth we have committed and what difficulties we have encountered.

rededicate ourselves to redouble our efforts and smash the Bantu Education Act.

Issued by the African National Congress, Youth League.

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DOH'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 raised. In one breath people are recognising the fine achievements of the Federation and of the women but in the next they are asking "But what is the Federation?" "Why 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 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 Verwoerd Bills of the last session.

NO MONOPOLY OF FREEDOM FIGHT

Let us face it! The Nationalists have driven 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 A.N.C. BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE A.N.C. SHOULD EXPECT OR TRY TO CLAIM A MONOPOLY OF ALL ANTI-APARTHEID FIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE. Many actions may originate outside the ranks of the A.N.C. some locally, some initiated by other leaders and groups. But if they are for the right policies the A.N.C. 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 A.N.C. 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 halfhearted 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 A.N.C. 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 C.O.D.: "Why a National Action Committee?" "Why not come in with us?"

PART OF THE ALLIANCE

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

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 being 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!

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Bewysstuk No.....
Gekry by..... *Jacob Mafura*
Deur..... *Shirley Baartman*
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Datum..... *S. 12. 56*
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WOMEN OF ALEXANDRA (2) Remember ¹⁶ TM 29
SATURDAY THE 9TH JUNE!

ON THAT DAY ~~ALL THE~~ WOMEN OF ALEXANDRA
TOWNSHIP WILL BE GOING TO THE Native
COMMISSIONER AND THE HEALTH COMMITTEE
TO TELL THEM, THAT WE THE WOMEN
OF ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP DO NOT
WANT THE PASS. Secondly WE DO NOT
WANT THE PERMIT WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE ARREST OF OUR HUSBANDS AND
SONS.

EVERY MOTHER, EVERY WOMAN, YOUNG AND
OLD MUST COME ALONG.

WE SHALL ALL MEET AT No 3 SQUARE
ON SATURDAY MORNING AT 6 A.M.

Bewysstuk No.....
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Nour... *S. van der Dussen*
Te... *82-300 Laan Alexander*
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WOMEN of ALEXANDRA - Remember SATURDAY THE 9TH JUNE!

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THIS COMING SATURDAY ALL THE WOMEN OF ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP WILL BE GOING TO SEE THE NATIVE COMMISSIONER AND TO THE HEALTH COMMITTEE TO TELL THEM THAT WE THE WOMEN OF ALEXANDRA DO NOT WANT PASSES. SECONDLY THAT WE DO NOT WANT THE PERMIT WHICH HAS SENT SO MANY OF OUR HUSBANDS TO JAIL.

EVERY MOTHER, EVERY WOMAN, YOUNG OR OLD MUST COME ALONG.

WE SHALL START FROM No 3 SQUARE (Entokozweni) ON SATURDAY MORNING AT 6a.m.

MAKHOSIKAZI!

NGOMGQIBELO NGOMHLA KA 9 JUNE, ONKE AMAKHOSIKAZI, ABADALA NABANCINANE BAZAKUYA KWA COMMISSIONER UKUYAKUMXELELA UKUBA THINA BAFAZI BALAPHA E ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP, ASIWAFUNI AMAPASI. OKWESIBINI SIZAKUYA PHAYA eHEALTH COMMITTEE SIBAXELELE UKUBA ASIIYIFUNI IPERMIT LE SEYIBOPHISE AMADODA NONYANA BETHU.

HOZANI NGOBUNINZI BENU, MAKHOSIKAZI.

SIZAKUHLANGANA SONKE PHAYA eNO 3 SQUARE NGONGQIBELO EKUSENI NGO 6a.m. ISIKHATHI.

BASALI!

MAFUMAHADI !!! HOPOLANG SATERETAHA 9th JUNE, 1956.

Ka Satēretaha mafumahali a Alexandra Township ohle a tla bo a ile ho bonane le NATIVE COMMISSIONER ha 'moho le HEALTH COMMITTEE ho ba bolella hore rona mafumahali a Alexandra HARE BATLE LIPASA.

HAPE HORE HA RE BATLE POMETE e se e rometse banna le bana ba rona teronkong.

RE TLA QALA NO. 3 SQUARE (Haufi le Creche ea ENTOKOZWENI) SATERETAHA HOSENG KA 6 a.m.

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MUST WOMEN CARRY PASSES?

WE SAY NO!

Even though they may have started issuing reference books in your area, you do not have to take them yet - no matter what anyone may tell you.

At the moment it is not compulsory for women to take out reference books until a definite date is fixed by the Government. THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN DONE. AND WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN SUCH A DATE IS FIXED.

We understand that when women in Lichtenburg went to pay their rent and get their beer permits they were told to go and get their reference books first. THIS IS QUITE ILLEGAL. AND SO IS ANY OTHER DEVICE THAT MAY BE USED.

SO DON'T BE DECEIVED. THERE IS NO COMPULSION ON YOU TO TAKE THE BOOKS!

Reference books are passes. And because they know what suffering passes bring every day, our women are determined to fight against the extension of passes to them.

Stand together with women throughout the country who are fighting against the pass laws.

JOIN THE A.N.C. WOMEN'S LEAGUE AND
FIGHT FOR YOUR FREEDOM.

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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (WOMEN SECTION).
WOMENS' MASS MEETING.

THE WOMEN OF SOHPIATOWN ARE NOW DETERMINED TO ORGANISE THEMSELVES AND FIGHT THE EXTENSION OF PASS-LAWS TO THE AFRICAN WOMEN.

THEY DECLARE THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO STOP THE PROGRESS OF THEIR FIGHT AND ORGANISATION AGAINST

PASSES FOR AFRICAN WOMEN
QUESTION: WHAT ARE THESE WOMEN GOING TO DO?

ANSWER: COME TO DIGGERS HALL, 54, GOLD STREET, ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL 1956, AT 7. P.M. THEY WILL SPEAK AND YOU WILL ALSO SPEAK.

issued by the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (WOMENS' LEAGUE).

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WOMEN OF ALEXANDRA....

.....WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT THE PASSES FOR WOMEN!

The Women in WINBURG have burnt the PASSES!These brave Mothers decided to go to jail with their young ones, Rather Than carry Passes.

....The the women of other areas like Germiston, Natalapruit, Klorksdorp and inDurban, have marched to their local Native Commissioners and told him that they do not want PASSES.

LET ALEXANDRA NOT REMAIN BEHIND.

COME TO No 80-8th Avenue on Saturday 5th May '56, at 2p.m.

COME AND SHOW YOUR OPPOSITION TO THE PASSES!

WOMEN YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS!

BAFAZI BASE ALEXANDRA

.....NITHINI NA NGALE NDABA YAMAPASI ABAFAZI.

Abafazi base WINBURG bawatshelele la mapasi obukhosoka, batsho batsho asikhathali noku ba sibotshwa wona amabeki sizakuwalwa size siwoyise.

....Kwkhona abafazi kwezinye indawo ezinjenge Germiston, Natalapruit, Klorksdorp nase Thekwini, bayile kwe Khomiseninani kwozo ndawo zabo, bam-xolela ngoku phandle ukuba abawafuni AMAPASI.

1Alexandra Mayingacaloli eava!

HOZANI EMHLANGANWANI WAMAKHOSIKAZI, PHAYA ONO, 80-8th Avenue, ngomgqibelo (5th May 1956) ngo 2.p.m.

BAFAZI YIMANI NGENYAWO KEUSELANI IMIZI YENU, KUNYE NABANTANA BENU.

BASALI BA ALEXANDRA....

.....Le otsang ka lipasa! Basali ba WINBURG ba li chesitso. Basali bano ba bahale ile ba ea teronkong le bana ba bany no.

Basali ba ba tso ling hape ba ile ba ea no Native Commissioner no ea 'molella hore ha ba ne no jara lipasa. Basali ba Natalapruit, Germiston, Klorksdorp le Durban ba hanna no jara lipasa.

Alexandra ha ea tsoanela ho sella ka morao!

TLO PHUTHEHONG E KHOLO E TLA BA MAME No 80-8th Avenue, KA SATURDAY 5th May 1956.

TLONG LE TLO BONTSA HORE EM LE BATLE LIPASA.

BASALI TLONG LE TLO LAHLA LIKETANE TSA KHATHELLO TSE MATSOHONG A LONA!

MR. 135 A.

1. WE CALL ON PEOPLE OF SA. ^{Black people}
LET US SPEAK TOGETHER OF FREEDOM. ①

2. HIGH MASTERS AND POOR WAGES. |

3. MANY PASSES THAT SEND ~~MANY~~ MILLIONS OF
OUR PEOPLE TO JAILS ^{to} Die.

4. LET US ~~talk~~ speak of the lovely
children that we hear but die
of starvation before ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{1 year} ~~the~~
the ~~avg~~ age of ~~27~~ 12 months.

5. Let us speak of the High Rents
that we pay ~~and still~~ ~~ask~~
~~pay~~ and the low wages that
we get.

6. Let us speak of the Shanty ^{town} ~~houses~~
and the many people that
die of I.B. in them.

7. Let us speak of the few schools
the poisonous education that
the gut intend ~~Administration~~ ^{Administration} into
the minds of our children

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12. Let us speak of Freedom,

13. Let us speak of the millions of
the our children that feel fill
the streets of our townships because
of lack of play. Schools,
playing grounds and parks.
and are being killed by the
for Buses and Motor Cars
^{in the streets of the township.}
~~every day.~~

14. Let us speak of the homes and the homeless
let us speak of the laws that empower
that one man to remove millions of people
from their homes in order to fulfil the dream
ed end of a Political Ideology.

~~We call on the people of SA~~

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TREASON TRIAL, 1956 1961

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