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	C.O.P. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg ( <i>cont.</i> )	Dr. W. Z. Conco 80...             J. Slovo 51.....	<p>" This is the road to freedom, because the indication to this historic conference comes from Africans in chains in the land of their birth. . . . The African people through their national organisation the A.N.C., are pledged to free not only the non-Whites, but also the White. The whites must be liberated from fear . . . "</p> <p>" The growth of the Liberatory Movement in South Africa, the Liberatory Movement in the East and the Liberatory Movement in Africa cannot but take notice of the struggle for Freedom in South Africa. It is for us to know the A.N.C. The S.A.I.C. whilst retaining their full identity as National Organisations are no longer Isolated Organisations, but together with S.A.C.O.D., S.A.C.P.O., are part of other Liberatory Movements. The future object of the whole Liberatory Movement is to awaken the political consciousness of the non-Whites to fight the Nationalists and to get the present rulers in the Union to accept the non-Whites on this basis of quality (equality) and no other and to give them full democratic rights with a full say in the government of the country. It is therefore very important that we regard our Liberatory Movement in the Union as part of the Liberatory Movement in the whole of Africa, and in fact in the whole world where there are oppressed people. We believe that all oppressed people in South Africa must be liberated if this country is to realise its full development . . . "</p> <p>" No, Mr. Chairman, the volkswil of which I am about to speak is something completely different, it is the will of the majority of the workers in this land, for decent conditions, and for the right to organise a united states for better conditions. It is the will of the peasants to be left in peace to toil on their own soil and to be given more land. I want to talk of the will of the teachers not to be forced to teach the children that they must hate other racial groups, that they are to be hewers of wood and drawers of water. I want, Mr. Chairman, to talk of the will of the citizens not to be uprooted from their homes to suit the whim of some mad men. I want Mr. Chairman to talk today of the will of the people to be respected and not to be humiliated every moment of their lives, and above all, Mr. Chairman, I want to talk of the will of the people to be allowed to say what</p>	S. Malupe 22 J. Mathlou 27 S. Tyiki 53 M. Moolla 32 L. Masina 24 A. Chamile 5 Dr. W. Z. Conco 80 H. G. Makgothi 21 B. Seitshiro 45 R. Resha 44 L. Ngoyi 38 P. Beyleveld 4 J. Slovo 51 A. M. Kathrada 14 E. P. Moretsele 34 J. N. Nkadameng 39 Dr. H. M. Moossa 33

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	C.O.P. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg (cont.)	J. Slovo 51 (cont.)	<p>they want to say . . . Now, although, Mr. Chairman, it can be seen, the S.A. Liberatory Movement has a big task—of its unbroken records of struggle for the rights of the non-white people, never before in South African history has there been a desire to proclaim South Africa in the world what they want of life. In order to help to get that desire, representatives of the people of South Africa have now gathered here today. Those of you who are here and are members of the African National Congress can well be proud of the fact that it is this organisation which was the first to issue the call—historic call for the Congress of the People. As a result of this historic call made at the last Queenstown Conference of the African National Congress, the African National Congress, the S.A. Congress of Democrats, the S.A. Indian Congress and the Coloured Peoples Organisation have had two meetings and have laid the foundation for an organisation of this assembly. . . . Now, let me tell you this about the conference of the people. At a meeting of the joint representatives which I have mentioned, that it was decided that representatives of every section of our people, Indian, Coloured, Europeans and Africans coming from every factory, from every farm, from every mine, from every race, from every home and from every school, from every location and from every kraal, should come together and should discuss and adopt a Freedom Charter. This gathering, it has been decided, must take place as soon as possible, and in any case not later than June, 1955 . . . Throughout the country today there are people's conferences taking place, electing provisional members of the people's committees on the same broad basis, and already your job, the job of everyone present at this conference, when it is over, is to go back to your locality and to organise local Congress of the People committees in every corner of your suburb and in every corner of your province. There must be a local Congress of the People Committee in every village, in every mine, in every factory, in every kraal, and so on. Now, it was already pointed out that the basic aim of this assembly will be to adopt a Freedom Charter. Those members who have worked in political organisations, prepare resolutions or prepare a statement which is placed before a group of delegates who adopt it. The Freedom Charter will not be just another resolution, just</p>	

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	C.O.P. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg (cont.)	J. Slovo 51 (cont.)  A. M. Kathrada 14...	<p>another statement or just another declaration. It will be a document drawn up by the people themselves . . . In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, the question might be asked, what can the Congress of the People achieve? I do not hold myself out as a prophet, and I think that speculation is always bad, but what I say is this, this Congress of the People, if we go about in the right way, will mean that we will have in every corner of our land organised units, which will in itself be a tremendous advantage, it will stimulate the people into greater activity together, and their fellow men and women, and we must instil confidence in them, that confidence which is not there when people carry on an isolated struggle. The isolated demands of every group of people will be woven together in one great document and it will do away with feeling of isolated defeatism which is the result of disconnected and sporadic acts of political struggle. We are going to get a lot of people and bind them together . . ."</p> <p>"Mr. Chairman and Friends, it is my task this afternoon to speak to you about the task of volunteers, of the freedom volunteers. If I want to describe in one word what the task of the freedom volunteers are, I would say that our freedom volunteers are going to be the top brigade, of the 50,000 strong in the army of national liberation in this country. Every army in the world has got its hard core of men to rely upon under all circumstances, to perform a task that has great difficulties, that has greater hardships and tasks, that demands greater vigilance and sacrifices than the rest of the tasks. Our freedom volunteers are going to provide that hard core of men in our army of liberation. . . . You must carry the Congress call to the schools, to the citizens of tomorrow. As a freedom volunteer, you must teach your pupils the true history of South Africa, the history of great men of Africa like Dingaan, and their great sacrifices against aggression. You must teach the children to remember and to love these people and to learn from them. The teachers must instil into the young minds not the poison, but the patriotism and love for South Africa. They must instil into the young minds the spirit of revolt against Bantu Education, and all, everything that carries with it the stamp of inferiority. . . . Each volunteer will have to fulfil certain requirements and is subject to a code of discipline."</p>	

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1/8/54	A.N.C. meeting, Newclare, Johannesburg	<p>S. Tyiki 53.....</p> <p>B. Seitshiro 45.....</p> <p>S. Tyiki 53.....</p>	<p>“Listen to us. Listen to the call of your leaders, Luthuli calling for volunteers. . . .”</p> <p>“I hate the boers. I can be killed but my bones will talk. Africans, I am determined to die for freedom of the African people. I am leading the African people, the African National Congress says: make friendship with the coloured people, leave the boer alone—the Europeans want to divide us so that we fight each other every day because they are devils. Africans, I am determined to die for freedom of the African people, even if the white man likes me or not. We are going to attain freedom.”</p> <p>“When we deport them we will send them overseas. We want to go to Parliament and make laws for ourselves. . . . When Africans see a white person they say that is our enemy.”</p> <p>“The European seems to be restless, have a restless time. They can't sleep. The time is coming when their guns will discharge water instead of bullets. I know what I am saying. I want to warn you that you must beware of the boer. No matter how humble he shows himself. Beware of him. The white man is your enemy always . . .”</p>	<p>B. Seitshiro 45</p> <p>F. Madiba 17</p> <p>A. Chamile 5</p> <p>S. Tyiki 53</p>
1/8/54	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	<p>T. Tshume 78.....</p> <p>W. Mkwayi 72.....</p> <p>F. Ntsangani 76.....</p>	<p>“I am not in peace and I am ready. The volunteers must change their names because the enemy is near. We are ready for struggle. The police now are in cages and from the cages they will go straight to the sea.”</p> <p>“Our friends were sent next to the Mau Maus. Jomo Kenyatta did organise his people and was arrested for that and the Mau Mau will never be finished at Kenya and we will have them in this country. If the European is hitting you you should hit him back.”</p> <p>“We are going to organise the Youth to the African National Congress. The men are dying day by day from far East to West, because the Capitalists kicking all the oppressed people. The Europeans when they defeated Germans they came back and oppressed the people. At Kenya when Jomo Kenyatta was organising his people he was arrested through people of Kenya are still doing their struggle. We are going to say something, what is happening in Kenya will happen here.”</p>	<p>C. Mayekiso 69</p> <p>T. Tshume 78</p> <p>W. Mkwayi 72</p> <p>F. Ntsangani 76</p>

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2/8/54	Transvaal Peace Council meeting, Johannesburg	D. C. Thompson 55..  A. M. Kathrada 14...
14/8/54	Protest Meeting against Western Areas Removal Scheme, Kayi Memorial Hall, Durban	J. Slovo 51.....  I. C. Meer.....

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“ There is fear in the Western World. The United States of America feared the consequences of going ahead with affairs in Korea and China. This was a victory for the forces of peace, the forces of the East. Thereby a mighty blow has been struck against the warmongers of the West. The Geneva Conference has fortified the desire for peace. A new Society of mankind is awakening against the forces of imperialism. We must march together in making a new world.”

“ We the people of South Africa are peaceful . . . Peace is close to the National Liberation Movement . . . we must take an interest in the peace movement. In fact war is raging in Kenya. The people of Kenya are involved in a struggle for National Liberation. . . . The warmongering powers of the West are looking after themselves. The Chinese people rose and kicked out the Imperialists. The force of the people is stronger than the machine guns of the police . . . all over Africa the National Liberation Movement is growing. When we fight Malan we fight for peace. Countries like Russia support us at U.N.O. Those are the people who sympathize with us. I want to appeal to you to support us and not Malan.”

“ Mr. Chairman: On behalf of South African Congress of Democrats, I too wish to associate my organisation with the campaign which has now been undertaken by the People of the Western Areas and by progressive groups of Europeans in Johannesburg to fight the removal of sixty thousand people from the Western Areas. . . . Mr. Chairman, it is the point of view of my organisation, and naturally my point of view as well, that every democratic thinking person in South Africa, every person in South Africa, whatever his colour, who has any feeling of humanity in him, should fight as hard as possible to prevent this first effort to remove so many thousand of people.”

“ In conclusion I wish to say, as far as the Indian Congress is concerned, on the National plane and on the Provincial plane, we will give active support to the people of the Western Areas in their attempt to stand to oppose the implementation of apartheid in that area.” Resolutions were adopted supporting the Western Areas Protest Committee and pledging support to people of Western Areas.

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15/8/54	A.N.C. meeting, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg	T. X. Makiwane 19...  P. Nene 37.....	<p>“ The leaders of congress has made a call of volunteers. Every-one man and woman must charge. The call is to be answered immediately. These volunteers are going to organize the people for Congress of the People . . .”</p> <p>“ The Congress of the People will collect the money of the people and build a democracy government. . . . There shall be no room for minority who wish to rule majority. Every man must build this nation. We have the power in our hands. The Government and those barking dogs (meaning the police). . . . If a barking dog stands in your way crash it . . .”</p> <p>“ If you really support I appeal to you to come forward and join Congress. Volunteers must come forward also and take the oath.”</p>	P. Nene 37 T. X. Makiwane 19
15/8/54	A.N.C. meeting, Newclare, Johannesburg	S. Tyiki 53.....  J. Matlou 27.....	<p>“ You Africans you have been called to this meeting to make up your minds and bring Africa back which was taken from you by the white people. . . . They are afraid to relent their rule, because they know that we will never have any friendship with them for what they have done to us. Tell the white man that there is nothing wrong with us.”</p> <p>“ This is a warning to those who are working with the Government trying to destroy the liberatory movement. . . . Do you know why there are Boers working with one Ngubane. The answer is simply because Luthuli has asked for volunteers. The police are sending spies to find what the volunteers are going to do, but we have developed high standards that they cannot find out what is our intention.”</p>	S. Tyiki 53 J. Matlou 27 F. Madiba 17 B. Seitshiro 45
15/8/54	A.N.C. meeting, Moroka, Johannesburg	P. P. Nthithe 41.....  O. Motsabi 35.....	<p>“ It is now 300 years since the Europeans are here, ever since the white man has been, Africans have been subject to oppression. You will find the dead body post mortem held and the result malnutrition. What has been given to the mothers. White man's duty is the extermination of the African in this world.”</p> <p>“ When we take over these people who helped Europeans to oppress us will receive punishment or will go away with Europeans. Children do you see that father who helps oppressors to get you Bantu Education.”</p>	P. P. Nthithe 41 O. Motsabi 35 J. Kumalo 13 B. Hlapane 6

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29/8/54	A.N.C. meeting, Queenstown..	R. Resha 44..... T. E. Tshunungwa 78..	<p>" I am going to speak about Bantu Education Act. . . . African teachers and parents must unite in fighting this Bantu Education Act."</p> <p>" I appeal to you Africans present in this meeting, irrespective of political organisations, to come forward and sign your names as volunteers, not for going to gaol this time, but for marching for the Congress of the People. Come forward and tell us how you would like to be governed. We want democracy. I want volunteers from you for going from house to house, telling everybody about the Congress of the People."</p>	R. Resha 44 T. E. Tshunungwa 78
4/9/54	Congress of the People meeting, Strand	Lee Warden..... G. Peake 62.....	<p>" The present Government want to rob you, Africans. They want to take away your education. If you stand together and fight this government in the struggle you will defeat the government. We are preparing for the Congress of the People which will be held in Johannesburg next year . . ."</p> <p>" The present government is oppressing us. We must fight for freedom. We want support for the next big conference of the Congress of the People . . ."</p>	G. Peake 62
5/9/54	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	J. Koyo..... J. Jack 64.....	<p>" The road to freedom is difficult, but when you have gone through you will find happiness. In Kenya Africans went to the forest because they had no passes, the Europeans went after them, they got hurt, and then they called the Africans Mau Maus. . . . If we should die, we are prepared. Should the Europeans resort to violence against us, we will hit back. Anything may happen. We are not turning back."</p> <p>Supports the Congress of the People and states further: " The Dutchman's wish is only to shoot Africans."</p>	S. Nkalipi 71 ( <i>chairman</i> ) B. Ndimba 74 J. Jack 64
5/9/54	A.N.C. meeting, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg	Motsele.....	" In India, China, where the Europeans used to suck the blood of the other people. They must also quit in Africa. Americans threatening China because of Formosa. Have courage. One man in Worcester was sentenced to 18 months. Be prepared to serve 18 months."	P. Nene 37



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5/9/54	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	F. Madiba 17.....	“ Africans I think that you have heard of Luthuli’s voice who is appealing for about 5,000 volunteers. So if we can listen to him we will have our freedom within 5 years. . . . Africans let us unite ourselves and defy the laws of this country. Let us do what other countries are doing.”	H. Tshabalala 54 J. Matlou 27 S. Tyiki 53 F. Madiba 17
12/9/54	A.N.C. meeting, Newclare, Johannesburg	S. Malupe 22.....  R. Resha 44.....	“ . . . but if we say the pass is no good, the government should compromise and if it does not want to stay with us we will speak a different language which was spoken in 1952 when we launched the campaign ” (meaning the defiance campaign). “ I have said South Africa is divided into two hostile camps. . . . Resha will be banned. Another man will be banned for what he has preached. When there is clash between the forces of freedom and oppression we will point our finger to the people who are betraying us. . . . Africans we have been cowards all this time. We have been running away from these people. Unless we fight back we will be tied into a wagon. I say to you youth of Africa the time has come to you to stand up as men. . . . We need every inch of Africa to belong to a black man.”	S. Tyiki 53 ( <i>chairman</i> ) A. Chamile 5 R. Resha 44 S. Malupe 22
19/9/54	A.N.C. meeting, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg	P. Nene 37.....  Masimula.....  Molewa.....	“ Swart is determined to crush our liberatory movement but if you all become volunteers in the liberatory movement this bogus intelligence of Mr. Swart is nothing because even intelligent people understand the progress of our liberatory movement. . . .” “ Oppression of Malan and Imperialists is a menace to the people of South Africa and all other lands. Malan made enemies with India, Gold Coast . . . oppose war, fight for independence and liberation of our people. Struggle for freedom justified. Sympathise with other colonial countries for freedom. African youth fighting for liberation. . . .” “ We youth meet force by force.” “ South African capitalists virtually dictate to the Government what laws to make to oppress the working masses. The employers cannot free you but you have to free yourselves. . . . They (meaning the volunteers) are the people who should be the fore-runners of the Liberatory movement. . . . Every Nationalist	P. Nene 37

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	A.N.C. meeting, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg (cont.)	Molewa (cont.)	trembles in his pants when he hears about the Congress of the People. It is not an organisation but a nationally sponsored force. . . ."	
3/10/54	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	T. X. Makiwane 19...  R. Resha 44.....	" The Government wants to rob us, our education and our knowledge. It is better to die standing than to die sitting. . . . Let the people of the Western Areas resist the Western Areas removal. Let the women and children resist the Bantu Education. Let us defeat Malan in our lifetime. . . ." " For 300 years the Europeans have tried to oppress the Africans. . . . Yes, they see that the robbing of the property is not enough. They want to rob our children by giving them the Bantu Education. . . ."	P. P. Nthithe 41 R. Resha 44 J. Molefi 31 T. X. Makiwane 19
3/10/54	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	J. Jack 64.....	" The reason why we are here is because we want freedom. We have long been crying for freedom. . . . We have approached different Governments asking them to relax their unjust treatment, but without success. Now we have reached a stage where we are going to take freedom from the Government. In Kenya the authorities are using bombs against Africans but they have no effect. The Kenya Africans' struggle and Chinese struggle is ours."	J. Jack 64 J. Nkampani 75 S. Nkalipi 71
10/10/54	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	A. Hutchinson 7.....  L. Ngoyi 38.....  R. Resha 44.....	" We reject Bantu Education. We do not want Bantu Education. Let Verwoerd keep his Bantu Education. We call upon mothers, children, teachers and students to resist this Bantu Education . . ." " We must not allow Verwoerd to give poison to our children. Instead they must not go to school. Rather than to take this education. They can boycott it. . . . We stand together with you Sophiatown people against removal . . ." " The Government is busy trying to provoke violence. There will be conclusion (sic) between the truth and lies. Let me warn the Dutchmen that the guns will fail as they have failed in other countries. Yes, when there is trouble we will point our dirty fingers at them. If the Government is determined to use guns rather than to reason we are ready to meet them. Yes, they say we are ten million, but we have come to a stage when we have to sacrifice nine million. We call upon—to the Government of this country to bring our leaders back before there can be a riot in this country. . . . The young blood of the African people has been boiling. . . ."	R. Resha 44 G. Sibande 50 L. Ngoyi 38 A. Hutchinson 7

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24/10/54	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	J. Nkampani 75..... S. Nkalipi 71..... F. Ntsangani 76.....
31/10/54	A.N.C. meeting, Newclare, Johannesburg	S. Malupe 22..... Tunzi.....
31/10/54	Congress of the People meeting, Parade, Cape Town	B. Turok 63.....
31/10/54	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	S. Nkalipi 71.....

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Supports boycott of shops and urges audience to carry it out.

Says Defiance campaign has stopped and they are now carrying on with economic boycott decided upon by A.N.C., S.A.I.C. and S.A.C.O.D.

“ All the people in this country are oppressed by the capitalists, even the Europeans. Although we preach peace to people but the Government will not stop destroying us.”

“ The time of speeches is finished. The time is for action. They are killing the people of Kenya. . . . Ngcai who is now taking notes here of what I am saying will die like Judas Iscariot. This Bantu Education is nothing else but a screwdriver to Africans . . .”

“ When we take over this country within five years they (meaning the African detectives) will have to answer to the court of Africans.”

“ Every man in South Africa must be drawn in to draw up this Charter and therefore whenever we meet we must get the demands of the people, asking them what they want in life and put that into the Freedom Charter. Once we have our Charter we will reach our goal. Democracy is thrown about by many people in this country, but will realise the true aims of democracy. As we see it democracy means rule by the people. Even if you cannot read or write, so long as you produce food you must have a say in the affairs of the country. If you are a delivery boy you have the right to run this country. If you are a rich man and all you do is play golf and drink whisky you have no right to sit in parliament and to run the country. That, friends, is democracy, rule by the producers, and above all, by the working classes. Now, friends, we talk of the Congress of the People. The Congress of the People is the greatest campaign South Africa ever seen . . .”

“ There are people who says carry on with the struggle. I will see you on the way. The boycott is the best weapon than African Defiance of unjust laws 1952. Swart emphasised the police to shoot first and at New Brighton the police shoot the people through the sake of paint and there was a riot . . .”

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3/11/54	Congress of the People meeting, Retreat, District of Wynberg	S. Bunting 56.....	" We want to be free. Congress of the People is sponsored by African National Congress, S.A.I.C., S.A.C.P.O., C.O.D. These organisations want to have delegates from all corners of the Union. . . . We want 10,000 volunteers who will attend this coming Congress of the People. You must join and be volunteers."	S. Bunting 56
7/11/54	South African Society for Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union meeting, Fordsburg	D. C. Thompson 55...  S. Lollan 16 R. Resha 44.....	" This is the 37th anniversary of the great U.S.S.R. There will be rejoicing. There came a movement terrible in its beginning but remarkable afterwards. People were set free and founded a new civilisation."  " Russia has proved that people can govern themselves." " We are living in a country that does not know what freedom is. We are inspired by the history of the Russian people. We must look back on the lives of the people of Russia and apply their progress to ourselves. Russia has made a country free to live in . . . we believe in freedom in our lifetime. It would be a worthy enough cause for which to die."	D. C. Thompson 55 ( <i>chairman</i> ) S. Lollan 16 A. E. Patel 42 R. Resha 44
7/11/54	Congress of the People meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	B. Ndimba 74.....  J. Jack 64.....	" We are preparing for the Congress of the People. The time has come when we have to prove who is going to lead the people between Chief Luthuli and Dr. Malan." " We call upon the people of South Africa to prepare themselves for the Congress of the Peoples Conference. Let us march together towards freedom."	B. Ndimba 74 J. Jack 64 ( <i>chairman</i> ) J. Nkampani 75
7/11/54	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	C. Mayekiso 69.....  Mancam.....	" Our campaign now is boycott for the year, and it was our weapon I am so sorry, because the year is ending, while places being boycotted are still few." " The boycott is the bullet for the African National Congress as we are doing this boycott the Europeans are not satisfied."	V. Mini 70 C. Mayekiso 69 T. Tshumbe 78 W. Mkwayi 72
7/11/54	African National Congress Women's League Conference, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg	I. Mtwana.....	Said she was obliged to thank the response of the African women to the National Liberatory Movement's call for the fight against the oppression of the black race by the European Governments. Requested the delegates not to leave the murderous laws by the Government of this country which had been manufactured to oppress the Africans of the country untouched, such as, Bantu Education Act, Pass Laws, increased rents . . .	L. Ngoyi 38 E. P. Moretsele 34 T. X. Makiwane 19 P. Selope 47

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	African National Congress Women's League Conference, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg (cont.)	M. Motsele.....	Addressed the women congratulating their lively efforts in uplifting the progress of the National Liberatory Movement. . . . "I wish to show you the evils of this education called Bantu Education . . . You women are said to be a menace to the progress of European Imperialist oppression. . . . Through Bantu Education our children are to be taught farming and praying. As mothers you should do all you can to defeat this intellectual murder of our children."	
7/11/54	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	V. Mngomo.....  R. Resha 44.....	Referred to staunch support the women's section is offering to the National Liberatory Movement of the African community, mentioning among others the Bantu Education Act. . . .  "The removal of the Western Areas will bring about the forces of action in this country. We have many people in this country who are prepared to assist us but nothing can be done if we are not prepared to fight ourselves. The Government must realise that it is not going to remove cattle but people. We have said so many times on this same square that we are not prepared to move from Sophiatown. The removal of Sophiatown will mean that we have to build our own homes. We have no alternative but to resist the removal of Sophiatown. It is for our Africans to decide whether we will die like men in the fight for our people. Register your names with the A.N.C. Long before the police will shoot us we will rule this country. We can see that there are Europeans who are prepared to die with us. . . . Tell Dr. Malan that the removal of the Western Areas will bring about a major clash in this country. Through this the African people will march nearer to their freedom. The motto of every African must be 'To die like a man for the struggle'. If you are prepared to die like a man it is your duty to come forward and to register as a volunteer in the forces to resist apartheid."	S. Tyiki 53 H. Joseph 9 R. Resha 44
		Vundhla.....	"Nothing will stop us. We are on our march to freedom and have a say in the affairs of this country. No sacrifice is going to be too great."	

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14/11/54	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	Unknown Native Male.  B. Ndimba 74.....  J. Nkampani 75.....	<p>" We have got this beautiful weapon boycott, we want all the people of Perl Road to join the A.N.C. and we are going to prove this to country, that this is our country."</p> <p>" There are two different Chinese are those whom they call them Communist and others are the real Chinese without communist, but those who are communist are best, because they do not want to kneel before those who are not communist. Even at Russia are doing the same. In Boycott, this places being boycotted we should boycott them thoroughly, the Capitalist must be abolished in this country so that Africans must fall in."</p> <p>" The boycott is going to work Africans and if the shop does not go with our struggle we are going to boycott it."</p>	J. Nkampani 75 B. Ndimba 74
14/11/54	A.N.C. meeting, Newclare, Johannesburg	Moiloa.....	<p>" The time will come when we will drive these flying squads and arrest the white man whether Malan and the police like or not. . . . I want to tell the people that if the police say ' trek ' the people should refuse."</p>	P. Molaoa 30
28/11/54	A.N.C. meeting, Moroka, Johannesburg	Ngwane.....  O. Motsabi 35.....	<p>" We are tired of white supremacy. The whites think that they are God. We cannot be booted about by other people in our own country. . . . We are tired of being blood-sucked by the Europeans. . . . The Congress of the People will still fix these Boers. . . ."</p> <p>" Because we are workers. We are not going to fight for the capitalists. This system of capitalism must come to an end . . ."</p>	O. Motsabi 35
28/11/54	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	H. Mtwá.....  F. Matomela.....	<p>" We must strengthen the economic boycott because we have seen what the A.N.C. has done for us through boycott. . . . If the A.N.C. instructs you to boycott a certain place you should do accordingly. I appeal to women folk to carry out boycott."</p> <p>" Who on earth can give his servant a stone if he asks for bread or a snake for fish and asking for wages, but we get bullets. Luthuli told you that there is no nation that will get freedom unless there are hardships and bloodshed. On their journey Israelites also suffered when they were led by Moses. We shall reach freedom whether we are two or three. There are people amongst you who</p>	F. Ntsangani 76 J. Nkampani 75

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	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth (cont.)	<p>F. Matomela (cont.)</p> <p>F. Ntsangani 76.....</p> <p>T. Solomon.....</p> <p>A. Petersen.....</p>	<p>will enjoy this freedom. We are fighting. I want to remind you about boycott (referring to economic boycott). The boycott is the only atomic bomb we have got and if we could fail in supporting the boycott we shall be inspanned to draw weapons."</p> <p>" We should know that next year 1955 we are going to have the conference of the Congress of the People. We must not apply to Mr. Swart to withdraw the ban on Luthuli but we shall lift it up ourselves in 1955 in the Parliament when Luthuli will be the Prime Minister of this country. The Bantu Education Act depends on christians who should fight against it. I want the youths to know that the youths have taken certain decisions against the Bantu Education Act. . . . The youths have taken an oath that Dr. Verwoerd will enforce this education act on our dead bodies. Anything may happen to us. It is long that you have handed over your children to churches, but now you must hand them over to the A.N.C.Y.L. where they will be injected with the spirit of the A.N.C.Y.L. and have them fight for freedom. . . . I shall speak next year in the Parliament."</p> <p>" We are gathered here as a result of persecution, oppression and starvation. We have no homes, no lands and no food and the foreigners are enjoying the wealth of our country. When the Dutch people arrived in this country our forefathers received them and all the time they received the snakes. I promise you that all the dead bodies in this country has been noted. . . . We daily hear screams in the location when people are being kicked and shot dead. The Europeans should bear in mind that what they do to us will turn to them one day."</p> <p>" It has been the decision of the Africans to go into the struggle. The last speaker has told you about unjust laws and freedom. I would advise you to be ready, if you are told to boycott, do so. You should do likewise. . . . The Africans in Africa must demand freedom in their lifetime. The Europeans are thirsty for their blood."</p> <p>Spoke in support of the plan to organise a Congress of the People whereat a Freedom Charter would be formulated and adopted.</p>	
5/12/54	Conference of the Midlands Region of the Congress of the People, Regent Theatre, Pietermaritzburg	<p>Dr. W. Z. Conco 80..</p> <p>S. Dhlamini 81</p> <p>N. T. Naicker 87</p>		<p>Dr. W. Z. Conco 80</p> <p>S. Dhlamini 81</p> <p>N. T. Naicker 87</p>



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	<p>Conference of the Midlands Region of the Congress of the People, Regent Theatre, Pietermaritzburg (cont.)</p>	<p>R. Resha 44.....</p>	<p>" We are meeting at a time when the world is divided into two hostile camps. On the one side are the forces of progress, freedom and democracy, advancing day by day in their noble fight for laughter in the world, while on the other side the forces of reaction, oppression and fascism determined as they are to wage war, notwithstanding the threat of extinction, with the world safety, as the result of the existence of atomic bombs and hydrogen bombs. The latter forces, of course, are shrieking for response.</p> <p>On the occasion, on occasions like this, we must not overlook the masses of people of Asia who have succeeded in driving imperialists out of their country and show solidarity with those who are still engaged in struggles to uproot imperialism in action, for through their victory, humanity stands to benefit. Even now the freedom-loving people of China are threatened with another war by the Imperialist America, under the pretence that they are defending Formosa when in fact they are defending their stooge, a criminal, Chiang Kai Shek. We hope and pray that wiser council will prevail and that America will stop interfering with China . . . what happened to their forces in Korea will be repeated by the people of China in greater force, for let us be assured friends that there is no force in the world to stand before the marching force of the force of freedom. While they rejoice over the victories over the people of Asia and other continents, and disregard their struggle for freedom and national independence, let us also realise that the driving away of the imperialists from Asia and other places will place into grips the markets of Africa with imperialists, if they allow them to make Africa another war arsenal. Already America is building war bases in many parts of Africa. France is definitely trying to destroy the liberatory forces in Tunisia and Morocco. Britain has for quite a year undertaken a war with our brothers in Kenya. It is here that some of the worst crimes have been committed by the British soldiers under the pretext that they are combating the so-called Mau Mau terrorists. A great son of Africa, Jomo Kenyatta and other leaders of the people are now languishing in gaol. Thousands of innocent souls are in the concentration camps. . . . Children have been shot. All these atrocities are committed of course in the name of democracy, for by democracy the imperialists mean the oppression of the Colonial people. . . .</p>	<p>R. Resha 44</p>

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	Conference of the Midlands Region of the Congress of the People, Regent Theatre, Pietermaritzburg (cont.)	R. Resha 44 (cont.)	What, therefore, are the tasks of the 50,000 volunteers? The task of the 50,000 volunteers is this. They have to go to every city, every town, and to every township, to every . . . to bring about regional committees, provincial committees, and local committees for the Congress of the People. Moreover, they must collect the demands of the people of South Africa and above all, prepare for that day, the Assembly, when the Freedom Charter will be drawn by the people of South Africa. . . . Yet friends, it is not going to be easy for us to have this assembly in South Africa. . . . Men like Strijdom are already frightened because they have realised that when the people of South Africa have decided to choose their own Prime Minister, he will certainly never be a Prime Minister, let alone be a member of Parliament."	
5/12/54	A.N.C. meeting, Newclare, Johannesburg	D. Moiloa . . . . .  Tunzi . . . . .	" I am going to give another speaker who is like Strijdom. He is a fierce man and I want you to give me £100. Congress wants this money to buy machine guns for self-defence. Each man must pay £1."  " I warn them (meaning the police) that one day their notes will come into our hands. As Judas Iscariot hanged himself in the same way the non-European police will hang themselves. How can drunkards govern the country. Boys of 18 years of age are driving flying squad to chase us about whereas they should still be at school. They must get out of this country . . ."	S. Malupe 22 F. Madiba 17
5/12/54	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	C. Mayekiso 69 . . . . .  F. Ntsangani 76 . . . . .	" When we are on the road to freedom we must expect death. Mr. Swart has been given powers and he directs the police to rule this country. We in the A.N.C. and other democratic organisations have taken a pledge to march forward in spite of some people standing in our way. . . . All those who have not joined as Freedom Volunteers must enlist to the Secretary and it is a pity that Port Elizabeth is still behind other centres."  " The condition in this country is very awkward. Some few days back Strijdom has taken Dr. Malan's place as a prime minister. Some people think that Strijdom is going to drive us to freedom; we must bear this in our minds that white people only differ in their ways of oppression, but the fact remains that all capitalists are oppressors. There is no difference between Strijdom, Verwoerd or	F. Ntsangani 76 W. Mkwaiyi 72 C. Mayekiso 69

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	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth (cont.)	F. Ntsangani 76 (cont.) W. Mkwazi 72.....	Strauss. . . . Let us form the African Government in this country. The Government that will give education for all races." " Conference of the Congress of the People is very important, and it will be held next year, after the National Conference. In that conference delegates will make up a report of the work they did and all reports will be put in the Freedom Charter. . . . During the 1st July the Government intended to remove Africans from Western Areas in the Transvaal. . . . I am sure that in New Brighton no African will be removed alive, but only ashes could be removed. We are not prepared to keep on shifting from place to place. . . . Now we want Luthuli's volunteers—is not volunteers for defiance. During the month December all volunteers must preach to the people. . . . Next year your children are going to be given slavery education. . . . As we know some mission schools has been given to the Government. We must fight against it . . ." " I want to stress the Congress of the People. The Congress of the People is more important than the Defiance Campaign. It is going to be compulsory for volunteers to go to the farms and preach about the Congress of the People. The volunteer in chief wants the freedom volunteers on Sunday morning."	
19/12/54	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	W. Mati 68.....  Ntshalaba.....	" Fellow Africans, the economic boycott is the most important thing in the campaign. It is compulsory for us as new members to carry out the boycott on business places. During 1955 we have the task of fighting against the Bantu Education Act. Strijdom can be sure we are not prepared to accept Bantu Education. The trade Union is a strong weapon to fight against capitalists. The recent strike that took place in England affected even South Africa. If we could all join trade unions and one day decide to stay away from work things can go from bad to worse. . . . We in Africa as black people are no more prepared to obey unjust laws and we demand freedom in our lifetime. We are not prepared to shed blood, but if those in authority are determined to do so, we shall not be responsible." " I want to tell you that the economic boycott is the strongest weapons. . . . The Dutch people are cruel and they are murdering the black people. The A.N.C. is the only organisation which will	W. Mati 68 V. Mini 70

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	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth (cont.)	Ntshalaba (cont.)	lead us to freedom and we must join the A.N.C. The Dutch people are thirsty for the blood of the African people. The time has passed when our forefathers were killed and all we want is freedom."	
19/12/54	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	Sifali.....	" We have gathered here under oppression. All the American Capitalists are coming to South Africa because they get cheap labour. In Russia there is no other country which can be compared with Russia. There they build a house as big as the whole of Korsten. The people then said that the people who are capitalists are growing and all the people came together and altered the whole rule of the country. In England during September was a big strike, nothing was loaded because the people were underpaid. The reason we black people have no factory or a fleet of buses is because the capitalists have all the money."	B. Ndimba 74 J. Nkampeni 75
23/12/54	A.N.C.Y.L. meeting, New Brighton, Port Elizabeth	F. Ntsangani 76..... W. Mati 68..... T. Tshume 78..... T. Mqota 73.....	" Bantu Education is something which means even to kill the nation. . . . It is preferable to educate our children at home." " We in the African National Congress are determined to oppose the Bantu Education Act—Let us all be prepared that no African child who should go to school as from the 1st April, during 1955." " The aim of the Government is to enslave the African people by introducing the Bantu Education Act." Urges parents to keep children away from primary schools as from 1st April, 1955, and continues: " We have got the resistance campaign and one may be called to go to Johannesburg to fight the battle. When the people lose temper somebody will drop down. As from 1st April, 1955, there are no children going to school. The teachers should preach this to the children. This is not a game but in Kenya when education was interfered with they decided to fight and die. If I am attacked and on my retaliation it is nobody's fault."	F. Ntsangani 76 W. Mati 68 T. Tshume 78 T. Mqota 73
2/1/55	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	P. Molaoa 30.....	" It is not because we meet here for pleasure but because our freedom is near. Today we face the removal of Sophiatown, not Sophiatown but Africa. We also have Bantu Education which also of great set back towards this squad. We do not know who will be dead but we must know that a man dies on his work.	S. Tyiki 53 R. Resha 44 P. Molaoa 30

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	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg (cont.).	P. Molaoa 30 (cont.). R. Resha 44.....	<p>This is the time to fight our battle. We stand here to fight for all people these satanic laws . . ."</p> <p>"We are not very far to show this satanic Strijdom that this is our country. The task of removal from Sophiatown is not a game. Your leaders have told you not to move from Sophiatown as Dutch people are busy polishing their guns."</p>	
9/1/55	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	Unknown Native woman  R. Resha 44.....	<p>"Sons and daughters of Africa, we have come to the end of the road. The African is no skunk, he turns around. . . . Things have gone from bad to worse and the time is short. . . . It is a fact that the Afrikaners have come across to us to oppress us, they have come to step on us, and this business must end. We must take our stand—man and woman. As the position is today we have come where every man must ask himself the question, and that question is: 'Where is my place?' We must know that what we are going to do is foul, but we are going to kill these people. We know very well that what we have done in the past is nothing. What these people have given us is poison, and they are aware of it. Let us place them where they have placed us all the time. They have killed us, they want to kill us, now we will kill them. Every man must ask himself this question.</p> <p>Referring to the removal scheme for Natives from Western Areas, Johannesburg, to Meadowlands he said: "I want to put a very pertinent question to you. If I say you will not move, what will you say? You will say you will not move, and by saying that you mean you will sit down and you will not move. But a man who is determined to move you, will lift you body and soul, and put you outside, and what will happen then? I can answer that question, or perhaps you will answer it for me. I can answer that question, yes, but I cannot decide for you, you must decide for yourselves . . ."</p> <p>". . . Therefore, friends, the decision you must make must be one you must defend to the bitterest end . . . You must be determined and say that if I die, I must die for a good cause, otherwise every man will despise me."</p>	R. Resha 44 J. Mathlou 27

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9/1/55	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	<p>C. Mayekiso 69 (<i>chairman</i>)</p> <p>W. Mkwayi 72.....</p> <p>T. Tshume 78.....</p>	<p>Tells audience that preparations were in progress for the Congress of the People and that all people will be allowed to elect delegates to represent them. Says that "This Parliament won't be same as Strijdom's Parliament."</p> <p>"The Africans at Western Areas in Johannesburg as from last year has been threatened with removal. We promise them that nobody will remove. If the Government started removing people in Johannesburg it will do it with force and we will see what will happen. We shall at all times answer back to what the Government action is. . . . Strijdom before freedom is achieved tears are going to flow through the Government. The Government wants blood to flow and if it happens it will be bad, and if it doesn't it will be good. We shall only answer accordingly to anything that may happen as regards to the Bantu Education Act. It is like a poison given to the parents to poison their own children. I want to warn that the Government has touched the wrong part by interfering with education. In Kenya the Government interfered with education, and at the time the people ran away into the forest. There is no freedom that was ever achieved unless tears and blood have flown . . . In Kenya the people taught the children. The Government started killing them and when the people retaliated the Government called them Mau Maus. We shall suffer before we achieve freedom and before January ending all Luthuli's volunteers should be in required number. I want new volunteers to have same uniform I have got and when they sign forms they must be prepared to face death . . . I promise you freedom. The Luthuli's volunteers should be ready and there is no freedom achieved without tears and blood flowing and all this will be caused by the Bantu Education Act. Anything will happen if time comes, there is no freedom that will come smoothly."</p> <p>Gives details of preparations made for Congress of the People and says that "when we come back from the Congress of the People we should carry out the decisions." Referring to the Bantu Education Act he said: "This education is aimed at teaching this African children that a European is superior to the African . . . on behalf of the Africans of this country, we must</p>	<p>W. Mkwayi 72</p> <p>F. Ntsangani 76</p> <p>C. Mayekiso 69</p> <p>T. Tshume 78</p> <p>L. Kepe 65</p> <p>W. Mati 68</p>

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	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth ( <i>cont.</i> ).	T. Tshume 78 ( <i>cont.</i> ) F. Ntsangani 76.....	fight against Bantu Education Act . . . The decision has been taken not to send children to school and it should be carried out." ". . . Speakers have said a lot and told you about the decision taken against the Bantu Education Act. . . . The capitalist education is not there to help the Africans at all. . . . You must keep your children away from school as from 1st April, 1955. . . . Luthuli at the National Conference in reply said that during 1955 we are marching towards freedom. It is quite evident that capitalist Governments from all over the world are breaking away. . . . Whether we beg the white people the time is going to come when there will be a shooting retaliation from people."	
16/1/55	A.N.C. meeting, Kirkwood....	C. Mayekiso 69.....  T. Tshume 78.....	„ Die mense wie vrywilligers wil wees moet hulle name opskryf. Ons wil 5,000 he. Daar is groot werk wat aankom. Die mense moet hulle name opskryf. Die mense van Kirkwood moet na die mense van Port Elizabeth luister. Hulle sal se wanneer boikot gestop moet word. Die swartes kan agter die toonbank staan, al is hy swart . . . Die vrywilligers moet vir daardie mense gaan se waarom hulle hulle kinders uit die skole moet hou. . . . As die Congress se hulle moet boikot, moet hulle boikot" (referring to school boycott). „ Die vergadering wat vandag hier in Bonteruglokaſie gehou is, is omdat ons nie die Bantu Education Act wil he nie. Die mense moet nie hul kinders vanaf 1 April skooltoe laat gaan nie."	C. Mayekiso 69 T. Tshume 78
23/1/55	A.N.C.Y.L. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	F. Ntsangani ( <i>chairman</i> ) 76  T. Tshume 78.....	Calls upon parents to keep children away from schools as from 1st April, 1955, in protest against Bantu Education Act, and continues: "This is the last year for the Nationalist Party to strengthen the fascist Government, and we are not going to expect any justice when our leaders are being charged. The Africans are now going to depend upon their own national Courts and it is for Africans to decide what to do with laws passed in the Parliament if they are not pleasing."  Puts resolution to meeting calling for support of the Transvaal Africans' resistance to Removal Scheme.	F. Ntsangani 76 T. Tshume 78

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23/1/55	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	B. Ndimba 74.....	<p>“ At Johannesburg on 12/3/55 the people will be removed from their homes and they said they will be removed and send their souls, but the dead bodies will be left behind and also here at Korsten will do the same.”</p>	<p>J. Jack 64 B. Ndimba 74</p>
27/1/55	A.N.C.Y.L. meeting, New Brighton, Port Elizabeth	L. Kepe 65.....	<p>“ It has been decided to remove 150 families per week from Sophiatown to Meadowlands. If a person is ugly, he remains ugly no matter how he polishes himself or herself and that means no matter how the Government may try to bluff the Africans. The Africans have decided not to move from their places. It is our duty to realise that an African from Johannesburg, East London, Kenya, etc., are in one and that has been proved on the 18th October 1952, when riot broke out in New Brighton. The A.N.C.Y.L. according to the instructions of A.N.C. has taken up the duty on its shoulders that no African will go to school as from 1/4/55. New Brighton branch has invited certain districts to come to Port Elizabeth and we make a procession and go to the mountain to pray as a protest against the removal scheme in Johannesburg.”</p>	<p>L. Kepe 65 F. Ntsangani 76 V. Mini 70</p>
		V. Mini 70.....	<p>“ We must know that our money won't help us, but we must sacrifice in order to achieve freedom. We have seen in other countries like China, India, Gold Coast that the youths fought for their freedom. It is necessary to sacrifice by means of having blood flowing. We should stand it. If your father gives you any instructions you are obliged to carry them out. Under the decision against the Bantu Education Act there are people who are going from door to door trying to put us off. The A.N.C. is the guide to the Africans. If Mr. Swart destroys the A.N.C. something will happen. Mr Swart is the produce of Africa, but he stands to force us to become Afrikaners. Before I go further I would like to tell you this. You have already heard that on 12/2/55 the Africans at twelve noon will be removed from the Western Areas of Johannesburg, and they are not prepared to move. The decision has been taken by our leaders and nobody should move from where he is. Here in Port Elizabeth we send delegates to the National Conference in Durban. They have come back and told us that the decision was correct. We as New Brighton residents shall not move unless we are dead. The capitalists employ policeman and armed</p>	



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30/1/55	A.N.C.Y.L. meeting, New Brighton, Port Elizabeth (cont.).	V. Mini 70 (cont.).	him with a rifle and Mr. Swart gave instructions that a policeman must shoot first before asking a question. It should be clear to us that when we say we are not moving away from New Brighton, we must expect death . . ." He also says that Congress of the People will be held, that demands will be put in Freedom Charter and that all people are invited to attend. " You must be determined to fight against Bantu Education Act."	
	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	B. Tshume..... Mahilwe.....  Dr. H. M. Moosa 33...  R. Resha 44.....	" They think that Piet Grobler (meaning thereby the Deputy Commissioner South African Police, Witwatersrand) will protect them but he is a man who shoot down people in cold blood. You remember when he shot the people down in cold blood? Malan will be made to pay for that. The police must be made to pay for that blood. Yes, Verwoerd will be paid. Swart will be paid. . . . Then this matter of the Bantu Education Act. I ask you will any of you send your children to the schools on April 1st." (Shouts of No! No!) . . . " Do you see that flag there, the one with the three colours (meaning thereby the A.N.C. flag). Yes that flag will still fly over this country. We are going to rule. We are going to have our freedom one day whether the police or whether Piet Grobler likes it or not." " I want you to say in one loud voice ' we are not going to move '. (Audience repeats) . . . We must rally in thousands. We must defeat this government. We are tired of being pushed around and we must say so to Strijdom. . . . Now they want to tell us what we must learn in schools. We want to learn what everybody else is learning. They want to influence the minds of our children. But they know that they will not get away with it. We will stop them . . . that this government must know that they will not get away with it. We will not allow them to get away with it . . ." " I stand here to ask you to defend your homes to the bitterest end; to the last ditch. Yes, Friends, some of you are asking what is going to happen on that day. The answer is simple. When we had the conference at Western Native Township last Sunday the Police came with their guns merely to intimidate and frighten us. That shows you what they will do when they come to force you from your homes. When will the White man realise that we are prepared to fight and die for our motherland. It is on that day	Dr. H. M. Moosa 33 J. Modise 29 R. Resha 44

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	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg (cont.)	R. Resha 44 (cont.)	<p>that we must make the white man realise that if he comes to the Africans he must think twice. Friends, we have no guns. Friends, we have nothing with which to attack the white man. Not because we cannot get them if we want to. The white man must realise that if we want guns we will get them from them today because if we decide to do so every European who has a gun will have to give it to us because we can take it by force. So it is simple. It is because we have decided not to kill the Europeans—that is why we do not take their guns. It is quite simple. And if there is bloodshed on the day of the removal it will be because of the ignorance of the Police Force. We know that Congress does not believe in violence but what are we going to do when we defend our homes and other people shoot at us . . .”</p> <p>“ Today we want men and women who will show by their actions that they are not prepared to leave Sophiatown . . .”</p> <p>“ I want to tell you what you must do as from tomorrow. Every man, every woman and every child must be ready to meet the enemy at the gate. When your enemy meets you in your own house then you are placed in difficulties because then you don't have enough space to move about. We are going to meet this Dutchmen in the street. When every man and every woman goes to work tomorrow morning, they must wear a new face. They must wear a face of determination, a face of courage and show that they are prepared to meet the Dutchmen everywhere and everytime . . .”</p>	
30/1/55	Congress of the People meeting, Kliptown, Johannesburg	<p>Unknown (chairman) . . .</p> <p>O. Motsabi 35 . . . . .</p> <p>M. Moolla 32 . . . . .</p>	<p>“ Our aim is to organise the people so that we could tell the Government that this South Africa belongs to the people. . . . I tell you that we are the rightful owners of this country and we could easily defeat this Government . . .”</p> <p>“ What are we going to do about the removal? (meaning the Western Areas Removal Scheme). I put that question to you all that we stand with the people of Sophiatown. We are prepared to stand with them . . .”</p> <p>Spoke in support of the Congress of the People campaign.</p>	<p>M. Moolla 32</p> <p>O. Motsabi 35</p>

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6/2/55	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	<p>F. Ntsangani 76 (<i>chairman</i>)</p> <p>L. Kepe 65.....</p> <p>T. Tshume 78.....</p> <p>T. Mqota 73.....</p>	<p>Supports A.N.C. decision against Bantu Education.</p> <p>Supports Johannesburg Africans in stand against Western Areas Removal Scheme.</p> <p>“ We are daily experiencing oppression which is brought to us. There is a day coming when the Africans will take over and we are going to take over.” Gives details of matters to be discussed at Congress of the People and says: “ We are looking forward to the Congress of the People.”</p> <p>Supports Johannesburg Africans in stand against Western Areas Removal Scheme and further said: “ Tsotsis and all Africans have decided not to move away from Sophiatown and the same applies to us.”</p> <p>Attacks Bantu Education Act and says the A.N.C. is not prepared to accept it.</p> <p>“ If the Africans are united, it is clear to the Dutch Government that they can rule in this country.”</p> <p>Stresses importance of Congress of the People and urges A.N.C. branches to support it. Supports stand by Africans against Western Areas Removal Scheme.</p> <p>Attacks Bantu Education Act and tells audience of decision that no African children will go to school as from 1/4/55.</p> <p>“ All the fascist government capitalists are having the direct laws from Hitler of Germany. You will remember that Hitler went out of his way to destroy Russia because it overthrew the Government, which was the same as South African Government. The Government of South Africa still claims that whilst it was on the Ossewa Brandwag stating that they were justified because Hitler was the only bull who was oppressing Communism.</p> <p>On behalf of the A.N.C.Y.L. and as a representative, I say to hell the teacher with Dr. Verwoerd. Teachers have shown their cowardice. Dark clouds are gathering on the horizon and the day of reckoning is not far. Saturday 12/2/55 is going to mark the day of turning point in the history of South Africa. On that day we are going to offer our last prayer to God to hand us over to heaven or to hell, because we are not going to remain under oppression. If the teachers are prepared to stand with us, let them come over. I am afraid the oppressor has promised that the river is going to be full of blood, before freedom is achieved. On the 26/6/1955 we are</p>	<p>T. Mqota 73</p> <p>T. Tshume 78</p> <p>F. Ntsangani 76</p> <p>L. Kepe 65</p>

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	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth (cont.)	T. Mqota 73 (cont.)	<p>going to sign the agreement of treaty with the oppressors because . . . we are going to sign in peace and if they threaten to sign the agreement of treaty in blood and tears we shall reply likewise. We like peace, but we are not afraid of war. We say this because the times of peace in public meetings are over. . . . The people of Kenya adopted a decision before they were attacked. I want to tell you that we have another apartheid campaign. The authorities have told us clearly, we have these two campaigns which are Bantu Education and removal scheme. In Kenya same happened. You must be firm in your struggle. Our organisation's policy and programme is based on non-violence. If a man is so drunk with wine of oppression and thinks that he can hit an African man one blow will be answered with two. In 1947 the King brought back the Imperialist stick to South Africa. They brought back the stick of freedom and we are going to beat them with their own stick. We shall first give them final chance on 26/6/55. If they want to stay with us, they must come and sign their names in the Freedom Charter. We are non-violent, but if they always think of force, all Africans are taught not to fear. . . . I appeal to those who are not volunteers to join so as to be taught how to work. I appeal to you to become freedom volunteers. I especially appeal to the youths because the future of South Africa lies on them. This campaign against the Bantu Education is going to be the same as the Defiance Campaign and the numbers are going to be doubles. I appeal to you, particularly, to parents to resist and not compromise but rather sacrifice . . . When we are going to sacrifice the Bantu Education we must know that there is no turning backward. Don't send your child to school on the 1/4/55 rather thrash your child who wants to go to school. The A.N.C.Y.L. does not say that we must thrash and it is only my personal belief that if I see a traitor's child going to school I must thrash him. My younger brothers and sisters are going to thrash all children going to school that day. . . . It is my strong belief and conviction that there must be no African child going to school on 1/4/55. I say again, we have come to the cross road in the history of Africa. I want to emphasize that on the 12/2/55 the turning point of South African history will be written on the wall. . . ."</p>	

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6/2/55	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	J. Matlou 27.....  S. Lollan 16.....	<p>“ An African is that person who joins the A.N.C. and is that who says ‘ I will die for freedom ’. An African is a man who looks at death courageously. . . . The A.N.C. is non-violence policy—will defeat Verwoerd. . . . ”</p> <p>“ I must point a finger to Dr. Verwoerd and say ‘ Sir, if you carry on worrying Africans our forces will take action against his party and the whole world must know it is your madness’. We the African people are going to defend Sophiatown. We are going to oppose the removal of Western Areas.”</p> <p>“ Looking at the Bantu Education and the removal of Western Areas they are the things we must take as one thing. The African people are strictly opposing the Bantu Education. These people are threatening the truth. Let us advance in removal of Sophiatown and Bantu Education . . . ”</p>	S. Lollan 16 J. Matlou 27
6/2/55	A.N.C. meeting, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg	Motsele.....  T. X. Makiwane 19..	<p>“ History will always repeat itself. You must be united, fellow Africans. It is very far where we come from but we are more nearer our goal now. We must pray God to bless the blood of Africans that will be shed. There is a flood of blood across our road to freedom which we will have to cross barefooted towards our freedom as the other nations did. Freedom we want and bugger the consequences thereof we will not trek from this country South Africa, but we will fight and die in this our country of origin . . . ”</p> <p>“ Let us stand up and defend our children’s rights because we have failed to defend our own rights. The whole world is stunned at this murderous law and thus we say, let us stand together never to retreat but to stand and die. The A.N.C. has pronounced its decision that we will not allow the slavery education of Verwoerd on our children. The decision was taken by A.N.C. that our children will better stay at home than to go to the Bantu Education schools on April 1st. . . . I always want to quote the example of China like our country that was colonially divided but today Chinese are one nation under one Government. The organisation which led the Chinese to their freedom was founded in 1921, and yet ours, the A.N.C. was founded in 1912. All the countries of Asia are prepared to help us to drive the oppressors out of this, our country, Africa.”</p>	T. X. Makiwane 19

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	A.N.C. meeting, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg	Abel Mti.....	<p>“ Fellow Africans when we are here we have come for the sake of freedom to die for it. A coward will not come here because they are afraid of coming here. Today the Europeans have aroused pain into a bleeding wound by removing Sophiatown. Just fancy George Goch and Wemmer Hostel, which are right inside town and yet they go straight for Sophiatown far out of Johannesburg. Africans, have you sacrificed yourselves to die for your freedom? Do not be cowards. The chief informer was gone to England and you must listen to me now. We are non-violent. We have got no guns, but we fight with ideas of our own.”</p>	
10/2/55	A.N.C.Y.L. meeting, New Brighton, Port Elizabeth	F. Ntsangani 76..... V. Mini 70..... W. Mati 68..... L. Kepe 65..... T. Tshume 78..... T. Mqota 73.....	<p>Supports resistance of Africans to Western Areas Removal Scheme.</p> <p>Supports resistance of Africans to Western Areas Removal Scheme. Tells audience that African National Congress has taken step of calling a Congress of the People where Freedom Charter will be drawn.</p> <p>Says audience must not accept Bantu Education and must not accept positions on school committees.</p> <p>Tells audience that preparations are being made for a Congress of the People, and gives details of matters to be discussed there. Calls for support of African National Congress resolution that children must stay away from school as from 1/4/55.</p> <p>Says they (referring to African National Congress) strongly support resistance of Western Areas Removal Scheme.</p> <p>Calls on parents not to send children to school as from 1/4/55. The Congress of the People is important and the volunteers must take the M-Plan cards and organise freedom volunteers. “ The Government is going away and in the Congress of the People we will decide who is going to be the Prime Minister, whether Luthuli or Matthews.”</p> <p>Calls for support of boycott of schools campaign.</p> <p>Says that all the needs of the people will be brought before the Congress of the People and that freedom will be attained shortly after June, 1955. “ We want freedom in our lifetime.</p>	W. Mati 68 L. Kepe 65 F. Ntsangani 76 <i>(chairman)</i> V. Mini 70 T. Mqota 73 T. Tshume 78

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	A.N.C.Y.L. meeting, New Brighton, Port Elizabeth (cont.)	T. Mqota 73 (cont.)	The time of darkness has come. You must come and join as freedom volunteers." Puts resolution to meeting pledging solidarity with stand of Africans against Western Areas Removal Scheme.	
13/2/55	Congress of the People meeting, Parade, Cape Town	P. J. S. Manana 83...  P. Beyleveld 4.....  B. Turok 63.....	". . . Now the Congress of the People is our U.N.O. here. Here in South Africa we don't call it that. The Congress of the People wants each and every individual of all you present here to become members of the Congress of the People. The Congress of the People is going to put down the freedom of South Africa which is called the Freedom Charter" . . . "The Congress of the People will write all the laws with which the people will be ruled in this country, not the laws by which you are ruled today. I want each and everybody to join the Congress of the People so each and everybody can decide what laws we will be ruled by. It is not a long time to wait. June is the day when we will have the Freedom Charter . . ." "That charter will lay down how the people of South Africa think they should be governed and that is all that it is. You will say in that Charter how you want to be ruled. . . . I call upon you people to do all in your power in the Western Province to make a success of that great conference, the Congress of the People." "Not until the workers give us the lead in this country will we have freedom in this country . . . I say to the workers rise up and cry against apartheid. If you lead the mass of the people will follow you,"	G. Peake 62 B. Turok 63 P. Beyleveld 4 P. J. S. Manana 83
13/2/55	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	C. Mayekiso 69 (chairman)	Supports resistance to Western Areas Removal Scheme. Calls upon Africans not to send children to school on 1st April, 1955 in protest against Bantu Education Act. Urges branches to elect delegates to represent them at Congress of the People, and says: "The struggle is now strong and we are advancing towards freedom and it lies on us to take it. The Congress of the People is there to decide what is to be done in South Africa."	C. Mayekiso 69 W. Mkwaiyi 72 T. Tshume 78 W. Mati 68

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	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth ( <i>cont.</i> )	B. Stuurman.....  M. Nazo.....  W. Mkwazi 72.....  W. Mati 68.....  F. Matomela..... T. Tshume 78.....	<p>Says Congress of the People will be held where Freedom Charter will be drawn—urges African people to bring their needs forward to Congress of the People. “We oppose the oppression until we die.”</p> <p>Says they are gathered together with object of fighting against the Bantu Education. The Government is aware of the fact that only Africans are able to overthrow the Government because they are in the majority.</p> <p>Aim of Congress of the People is to draft a Freedom Charter. The leaders of the nation know that after the Congress of the People the Africans are going to rule country. Ruling the Dutch people and all other nations.</p> <p>Tells audience that delegates to the Congress of the People which is to be held within a few weeks, must be elected.</p> <p>“We must all preach boycott of schools to prevent our children from receiving poison through this education. A European loves you when you are still healthy. I want to warn this meeting that as from 1/4/55 the Government is going to stop those happy days and we are prepared to accept anything brought to us by the Government. If trouble starts, we shall respond.”</p> <p>Supports stand against Bantu Education.</p> <p>Says that Congress of the people is to meet shortly and that volunteers must collect needs of people to be put in Freedom Charter. Supports stand by Africans against Western Areas Removal Scheme.</p> <p>Supports boycott of schools on 1/4/55. “If we hate Europeans we are on the right way.”</p> <p>Supports struggle of Africans in Johannesburg against removal. Says meeting will be held to discuss Congress of the People and announces that volunteers are going to start collecting needs of the people for preparation of Freedom Charter.</p>	
13/2/55	Congress of the People meeting, Parade, Cape Town	G. Peake 62.....	<p>“The Bantu Education Act will ensure that African children will be born into slavery and go into the grave in serfdom. But, friends, it is not yet too late to stem the onslaught of the tyrants against the people. . . . Forward to the Congress of the People . . .”</p>	B. Turok 63 P. Beyleveld 4 P. J. S. Manana 83 G. Peake 62



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20/2/55	Congress of the People meeting, Langa Location, Cape Town	D. Mgugunyeka 61...  Mtini.....  P. J. S. Manana 83...	<p>“ The meeting is for the Congress of the People, we are going to hold this meeting in June, 1955. So I have got here prominent speakers who are going to tell what does the Congress of the People mean. . . . There are four organisations which are going to meet together, A.N.C., S.A.C.P.O., S.A.C.O.D. . . . As we are here we want the volunteers to attend the Congress of the People . . . ”</p> <p>“ I want to warn you that as from the first of April we must boycott the schools so that Dr. Verwoerd can take his children to those schools which are boycotted . . . ”</p> <p>“ Congress decided that the women must not go and obtain passes at all. We must die together. Everybody must prepare not to pay fines when she is arrested. She can only go to gaol. Therefore I confirm that you must not allow your wives to carry passes or to pay fines.”</p> <p>“ Africans, what I want is that you must join the African National Congress and Congress of the People. 1/4/55 you must tell your children not to go to school”.</p>	G. Peake 62 P. J. S. Manana 83 D. Mgugunyeka 61
20/2/55	Congress of the People meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	W. Mkwaiyi 72.....  T. Tshume 78.....  T. Mqota 73.....  C. Mayekiso 69.....	<p>He was introduced as Eastern Cape Chief volunteer and said meeting was called to discuss the Congress of the People and the collecting of demands to be inserted in Freedom Charter. “ The volunteers must be ready for a call at any time to lead people to freedom. . . . We are prepared to meet any challenge from those who oppose us.”</p> <p>“ All the Capitalist Governments in this world are at cross-roads and it is for you to overthrow them. The countries like China and Russia are standing firm that there should be freedom for everybody. It is likely that there may be a III World War and no African will take part and we must look after South Africa.”</p> <p>Says they are going to make their demands by sending delegates to the Congress of the People.</p> <p>“ Pass Laws must be abolished in this country. Apartheid . . . must be abolished in this country. . . . All these demands will be brought before the Congress of the People and put in the Freedom Charter.”</p>	T. Mqota 73 W. Mkwaiyi 72 C. Mayekiso 69 T. Tshume 78

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20/2/55	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	B. Ndimba 74.....  Vanga.....
20/2/55	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	R. Resha 44.....
24/2/55	A.N.C.Y.L. meeting, New Brighton, Port Elizabeth	T. Mqota 73.....    J. G. Matthews 66....  T. Tshume 78.....

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<p>“ This meeting is emphasising that the children are not going to school. I heard at some other centres this education has been accepted. The children are not going to school on the 1/4/55 but education will never fall away.”</p> <p>“ In Kenya the Africans left their houses and went to the forest where they think thrice and went straight to the Europeans.”</p> <p>“ The policy of African National Congress is non-violent. . . . When we get guns there will be no more Europeans going about having a gun nor a revolver in his possession. We know that we can get guns at any time. . . . Last year Chief Luthuli asked for 50,000 volunteers but we have millions of volunteers for you. African people, you must be ready for instruction.”</p> <p>“We oppose oppression and colonialism. There are many ways which capitalists used to oppress us. The mercantile law brought imperialism. The British Empire and imperialism was formed. The present law was introduced during 1916 and is still in existence. . . . The mandate Territories were formed to protect capitalists. The League of Nations resulted in war during 1939 which was the World War Two. During 1950 in Korea when the youth tried to free themselves of war broke and Americans sent forces. . . . Churchill after the war said if you allow communists a portion of land is one way of bringing iron curtain and as a result of that there was satisfied and non-satisfied state. During 1918 a war broke because the Germans said that there was no land for a person to breathe and the same applies in South Africa, 87 per cent of this is occupied by 2 per cent of the population. I don't advocate that there is going to be war, but there is no sufficient land for us.”</p> <p>“ The youth in China, India, Kenya, Egypt fought for freedom as we are doing today. The World Federation of Democratic Youth was formed during 1949.”</p> <p>Supports struggle for Africans in Johannesburg against removal. Says that the Congress of the People may be called up before June as the Government may try to prevent it. Says further that “ our struggle is progressing and we hope that the Congress of the People will bring spirit . . . ”</p>	<p>B. Ndimba 74</p> <p>R. Resha 44 S. Tyiki 53</p> <p>W. Mati 68 T. Tshume 78 V. Mini 70 W. Mkwayi 72 J. Matthews 66 T. Mqota 73</p>

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27/2/55	N.I.Y.C. and A.N.C.Y.L. meeting, Gandhi Hall, Durban	D. A. Seedat 89.....  A. Ngcobo.....	<p>After stating that people in South Africa were enemy oppressed, and after referring to successful struggle of oppressed peoples in other parts of the world, said "No matter how many Malans, Swarts and Verwoerds, they will have graves like Hitler and Mussolini. The Police must note that the A.N.C. and N.I.C. will be there. These people are not going to allow this oppression."</p> <p>Says that the Congress of the People is going to meet where Charter embodying the demands of the people will be drawn up.</p> <p>Urged meeting to express solidarity with African students who were going to boycott schools on 1st of April, 1955 in protest against Bantu Education Act.</p> <p>"South Africa is drifting to a Police State. Ignorance of the non-Europeans drove them to making the Bantu Education Act. The big capitalists controlling the Police and instead of protecting us they are exploiting us. . . . Colonialism has been branded in Central Africa. Before the White man came there people led a life of their own, but today their benefactors, the White man drives them away. Today in Kenya, millions of Tax Payers pay for soldiers to take the lives of innocent people, that is crust of imperialism. Now Kenya is a country whose inhabitants are haunted by hunger and bullets through their defenders, the British imperialists, British imperialism."</p> <p>Urged meeting to protest against Western Areas Removal Scheme even if they have to go to gaol in defying it.</p>	D. A. Seedat 89
27/2/55	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	C. Mayekiso 69.....  Mancoko.....	<p>Says everyone has the right to forward demands for insertion in Freedom Charter.</p> <p>Supports struggle against Western Areas Removal and supports school boycott.</p> <p>Says Congress of People is being held and the people must support it. Calls upon Africans to keep their children away from schools as from 1/4/55.</p>	V. Mini 70 C. Mayekiso 69
27/2/55	A.N.C. meeting. Korsten, Port Elizabeth	T. Tshume 78.....	<p>"The A.N.C. came to conclusion they must call the Congress of the People. The A.N.C., N.I.C., C.O.D. and C. organisations came to this conclusion that we organised for the Congress of the People which is going to be held in June. The Regional Congress call to people to organise even those at Mines. As I am elected</p>	T. Tshume 78

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	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth ( <i>cont.</i> )	T. Tshume 78 ( <i>cont.</i> )	by A.N.C. to organise this Congress of the People I want all to take that and preach to others in the location as from 15/3/55. All the Africans must join for the Congress of the People." Supports school boycott and urges audience to join Congress of the People and to pay subscriptions to help delegates to Congress of the People.	
27/2/55	A.N.C. meeting, Moroka, Johannesburg	J. Kumalo 13.....	" Uprising of the oppressed will upset the state. We shall also speak about the Congress of the People. We shall talk about how the people of South Africa are to be governed. We shall take over government. . . ."	J. Kumalo 13 B. Seitshiro 45
5-6/3/55	S.A.C.T.U. Inaugural meeting, Johannesburg	P. Beyleveld 4 ( <i>chairman</i> )	". . . Modern Society is based on machine and factory production. The worker of today is at the mercy of Organised Capital, Companies with large capital and powerful financial backing. The shareholders in these Companies demand the maximum profit on the capital they invested. These profits are derived from the labour power of the workers. Therefore the lower the wages of the workers, the higher the share of profits that go into the pockets of the shareholders. In the same way as a person who buys something would like to get as much as he can for as little as possible, so the employer of labour wants to get long hours of work for low wages. . . . We often hear the argument that the African people are not ripe for Trade Unionism. They are, however, ripe enough to be used as labour power, and ripe enough to be exploited as cheap labour. This argument means in effect that the African people are not ripe enough for higher wages and better conditions of work, because they can obtain this only through Trade Unions. The people who argue like this, therefore, accept the principle that one section of the workers can be exploited, not only to their own detriment, but to the detriment also of the workers of other races. . . ." " The public safety act was also passed that year, enabling the Minister of Justice to declare a state of emergency to suspend all acts of Parliament, in fact to establish a dictatorship when the Government so desires." " The struggle in front of us is not an easy one. The enemies of the workers and the enemies of progress are strong. They are	L. Levy 15 L. Masina 24 S. Lollan 16 B. Nair 88 C. Mayekiso 69 J. N. Nkadimeng 39 A. Mahlangu 18 P. Beyleveld 4

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	S.A.C.T.U. Inaugural meeting, Johannesburg (cont.)	P. Beyleveld 4 (chairman) (cont.)  Resolution: Declaration of Principles	riding on the crest of the wave today, but they have also reached their peak. They have exhausted their potential, whilst we, the forces of progress have the future in front of us. Our potential is the masses of the people, people chafing against the yoke of oppression, people waiting for a lead. . . ." "To you, comrades, and to the people you represent, belongs the future. . . . The whole experience of the Trade Union movement the world over has, furthermore, established the fact that the movement can only progress on the basis of unity and in the spirit of brotherhood and the solidarity of all workers . . ." "The future of South Africa is in the hands of its workers. Only the working class, in alliance with other progressive minded sections of the community, can build a happy life for all South Africans, a life free from unemployment, insecurity and poverty, free from racial hatred and oppression, a life of vast opportunities for all people . . ." "We firmly declare that the interests of all workers are alike, whether they be European or non-European, African, Coloured, Indian, English, Afrikaans or Jewish. We resolve that this co-ordinating body of Trade Unions shall strive to unite all workers in its ranks, without discrimination and without prejudice. We resolve that this body shall determinedly seek to further and protect the interests of all workers and that its guiding motto shall be the universal slogan of working class solidarity: AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL."	
6/3/55	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	S. Tyiki 53.....	"The time we fight Dutch people we won't tell them. . . . The police are here to hear because the A.N.C. is war against Government. . . . The battle between us and Dutch people not finished. Sophiatown is not gone as yet."	S. Tyiki 53
13/3/55	Congress of the People meeting, Parade, Cape Town	Mtini.....	"We are here today to collect the demands for the Freedom Charter. This meeting such as is called here is called to collect the demands for the Congress of the People. You know in this country of ours, is a country of the capitalists, not one of our workers has any say. Therefore this meeting of the Congress of	G. Peake 62 B. Turok 63

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	Congress of the People meeting, Parade, Cape Town (cont.)	<p>Mtini (cont.)</p> <p>B. Turok 63.....</p> <p>G. Peake 62.....</p>	<p>the People has been called to collect all the demands for the Freedom Charter. That is the aim of the congresses, the A.N.C., S.A.I.C., C.O.D. and S.A.C.P.O. . . ."</p> <p>" I speak to you today on behalf of the Congress of the People, in other words I appeal to you today to give money for the campaign . . ."</p> <p>" Friends the four national congresses have a plan to hasten the day of freedom. All those who love freedom join your organisations and rally to the Congress of the People . . ."</p>	
13/3/55	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	<p>B. Stuurman.....</p> <p>T. Mqota 73.....</p> <p>Mahlula.....</p>	<p>Calls for demands to be included in Freedom Charter which will be drawn up at Congress of the People and supports A.N.C. decision to withdraw African children from school as from 1/4/55. Says freedom volunteers must know they are working for Congress of the People and demands for inclusion in Freedom Charter must be collected.</p> <p>Appeals to audience to support A.N.C. school boycott decision.</p>	T. Mqota 73
13/3/55	Congress of the People meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	<p>S. Nkalipi 71.....</p> <p>A. Nogaya 77.....</p>	<p>" The purpose of the Congress of the People is to gather people together and sit down and write all their demands."</p> <p>Reads volunteers, oath, asks volunteers to stand up and take following oath namely: " I hereby agree to fight apartheid, to take the oath that I shall die fighting as a volunteer and prepared to serve my people and country. Even prepared to take actions at all times as instructed by my superiors, at all times under the guidance of our leaders."</p>	<p>B. Ndimba 74</p> <p>J. Nkampeni 75</p> <p>S. Nkalipi 71</p> <p>A. Nogaya 77</p>
13/3/55	A.N.C. meeting, Kirkwood.....	V. Mini 70.....	<p>" Die witmense druk die A.N.C. mense dat hulle nie vorentoe gaan nie. Ons loop met 'n wit policy om al die mense net bymekaar te bring. Dit sal goed wees as die witmense trek van hierdie wereld. Al die A.N.C. leaders wil he dat witmense moet trek van hierdie wereld. . . . Ons lees in die boeke dat enige nasie wie verlos wil wees, moes baklei. Ons sal ook moet baklei om los te kom. Ons het in die papier gelees dat Brittanje, Amerika, German, ammunisie het wat vir ons wag, wat ons kan kry."</p>	V. Mini 70

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	A.N.C. meeting, Kirkwood (cont.)	Unknown speaker.....	"Almal moet weet op die 1ste April moet geen kind skool toe gaan nie." "Kyk hoe baklei die Mau Mau, maar hulle het nie wapens nie. . . . Julle sal nooit vryheid kry voor jy nie baklei dat die bloed loop nie. Ons moet deur die bloedbad gaan soos Jesus voor ons vryheid sal kry."	
19/3/55	A.N.C. Regional Conference (Eastern Cape Province), Grahamstown	Z. K. Matthews 67...  T. Tshunungwa 79...  Mfaxes.....	Referring to Bantu Education Act he said: "I also want to get the withdrawal of children from schools. We have decided in committee to withdraw them from schools. . . . During Easter there shall be a conference in April in Port Elizabeth to fight this Bantu Education. So we want children to come and give us better plans to fight this education on the 8th April." Referring to Bantu Education he said: "There is a circular sent all over for the meeting at Port Elizabeth. All congregations have been invited to this conference. Congress is fighting for our rights. People, Congress know what to do if children have been withdrawn from the schools. There is a plan kept in secret. . . ." Referring to western areas he said: "There were armies which forced people to Meadowlands, so they said people went there in peace. Congress says no bloodshed as yet. . . ." And continued: "Now we want volunteers, people who go from door to door preaching . . . we shall preach congress from door to door . . . we need volunteers now to do all that work . . . I am going to send out some pamphlets for you to read about the Congress of the People. It is a call for everyone . . . Mr. Mfaxes is now Provincial Volunteer-in-Chief. All matters of volunteers are going to be sent to him. All volunteers should have a regional volunteer-in-chief. There is going to be a Freedom Charter sent out to all delegates which will be sent to us. So after having sent you these forms, we want to send forms of volunteers and they are going to work for Freedom. We want soldiers to do all the work. . . . So these forms will be taken to leaders so as to enable to identify those soldiers in case of trouble or riots. . . . We want to send these volunteers without writing letters . . ." Proposed resolutions to support the campaign for the Congress of the People and the campaign against Bantu Education Act.	Z. K. Matthews 67 T. E. Tshunungwa 79



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20/3/55	Colonial Youth Day Rally, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	R. Resha 44.....  Heyman.....  Dr. R. E. Press 43....	<p>“ We meet here today as the youth of South Africa to pledge and rededicate ourselves anew to the struggle for freedom in our lifetime. We meet also in Sophiatown to show that we are still determined that Sophiatown will not move. This Government may succeed. Hitler also succeeded from 1939 to 1944—but where is he today? . . . We are prepared to sacrifice our very lives to maintain peace. . . . Our struggle against oppression is a struggle for peace. We are prepared to give all that is dear to us to maintain peace.”</p> <p>“ When we look at the history of the world we find that oppression and war always result when the imperialist powers want to take away the land of the people who cannot defend themselves against the mighty imperialist powers of Europe . . .”</p> <p>“ Wherever the peace movement is oppressed, wherever the liberatory movement is destroyed, it means victory for the forces of darkness but where the people is free, there is peace and content. . . . People are already fighting for liberation all over the world, and blood is being shed in Kenya, in Malaya . . . Asia. . . . These people are fighting for liberty, and freedom from colonial oppression. Those who are shedding the blood of these colonial people want to turn the clock back. . . . The fight against Bantu Education; the fight against being removed to Meadowlands, it is a fight for peace, and in this fight the world is with you.”</p> <p>“ The youth of the Soviet Union are free. They are free to live the best possible life for any human being. The youth of China are marching forward in a great army . . . and this Colonial Youth Day is here to unite all the youth of the oppressed people. Thus we find in the world a great division, a division between imperialists, between capitalists who have and who want more money, and the youth of the world for freedom. The day will come when the youth of the world, when the youth of the Soviet and China, when the youth of South Africa and the youth of British Guiana, when the youth of all the colonial countries when all the oppressed peoples all over the world, will rise up in one mighty army, will rise up like a river in flood . . . and . . . against the fascists together. The dam they have built will crack under the pressure,</p>	R. Resha 44 P. Molaoa 30 Dr. R. E. Press 43 M. Moolla 32

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	Colonial Youth Day Rally, Sophiatown, Johannesburg <i>(cont.)</i>	Dr. R. D. Press 43 <i>(cont.)</i>  M. Moolla 32.....          P. Molaoa 30.....	<p>will decay and crack. . . . The whole structure of this mighty dam which they (meaning the imperialists and capitalists) wanted to build will collapse under the might of the freedom loving peoples of the world. . . . Our river will break it down . . .”</p> <p>“If you look back at the history of dark ages you will notice that the people have always progressed from a lower to a higher stage. It was the case with the people of the Soviet Union, where not so long ago the imperialists ruled. China where women and children were slaves today is a mighty nation . . . I would like to mention to you the heroic people of Kenya. Under the guise of suppressing Mau Mau, the British imperialists are slaughtering women and children. They do it to get more profits . . .”</p> <p>“The struggle is difficult, yes. We shall encounter many difficulties, and we in South Africa are now going to embark on a campaign which is going to help the people of South Africa. The Congress of the People will be a mighty assembly which will take place in a few months’ time for the purpose of drafting a freedom charter. . . . The freedom charter will be the future constitution of our people. . . . But freedom will not be won after the Freedom Charter has been adopted, and I must state here that it will only begin then and that the struggle will still lie ahead. . . . The idea of freedom has come to our people and it will sweep aside the forces of reaction. It will sweep aside everything that is bad in this country, and it will build life anew in this country so that the youth of this country can bloom forth in all its splendour. I say Mr. Chairman, and fellow comrades, that that day is not far off. It is not far away if we make it our duty to fight for freedom. There is no power on earth that is going to stop us. Afrika!”</p> <p>“It is true our support has dwindled by the removal of Sophiatown but sons and daughters of Africa, the removal of Sophiatown is just one small molecule of the whole struggle. It is like a battle somewhere in the war—one battle does not determine the war itself. . . . Today, sons and daughters of Africa, there is one appeal I wish to make to you. We want men—men of determination—determination against the Bantu Education Act. We want volunteers, determined volunteers. We want volunteers, not only from the teachers but from all the youth in every walk of life . . .”</p>	

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20/3/55	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	B. Ndimba 74.....  F. Ntsangani 76.....	<p>“ The failure of the Congress of the People lies on us and it must not lie on volunteers. We shall win the people after we have gained 50,000 volunteers, wanted by Chief Luthuli. The Government is a capitalist and fascism. The African National Congress has decided to have the Congress of the People.”</p> <p>“ In the new Africa we don't promise people with happiness and before we achieve freedom blood will be shed. The mothers and fathers whose sons have betrayed us need not worry about wearing the mourning dress. The African nation in South Africa is going to act as Kenya people did and achieve freedom. The S.A.C.P.O., S.A.I.C. and Congress of Democrats are supporting the African National Congress decision.”</p>	B. Ndimba 74 F. Ntsangani 76 S. Nkalipi 71 J. Nkampeni 75 V. Mini 70
20/3/55	Congress of the People meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	Ngqadu..... C. Mayekiso 69.....  T. Tshume 78.....	<p>“ Volunteers must be prepared to crucify themselves, as we are going to the Congress of the People. There may be bloodshed.”</p> <p>Supports resistance to Western Areas Removal Scheme and states: “ Demands of people must be collected for inclusion in Freedom Charter.”</p> <p>“ I say to you if the European armies oppress us by means of guns, even if it means bloodshed we are prepared to carry on our struggle until victory is achieved. We are going to fight like all the oppressed people in other countries. We are going to fight this struggle lawful and illegal if necessary, as it so happens at times. The Congress of the People may be called before June.”</p>	C. Mayekiso 69 T. Tshume 78 T. Mqota 73 W. Mkwaiyi 72
25/3/55	Natal Indian Congress conference, Durban	P. A. B. Beyleveld....	<p>“ The masses of chained and oppressed people of South Africa is waiting for a lead. It is up to Congress Movement, the Chief Liberatory Movement to give them a lead. We must consolidate the forces against tyranny. . . .”</p> <p>“ The Nationalist Government is riding on the crest of the wave today, but they can build no longer and must decline. Ours is a terrific potential. We have world opinion on our side. All over the world the people are striking against Imperialism. This must wake up Africa as a whole . . . as the conflict sharpens there will be a conflict of ideologies. . . . The nationalists hope to cripple the National Liberatory Movement.</p> <p>It is urgent that all the congresses must come together and draw up a manifesto. . . . Since we have had the defiance campaign,</p>	P. A. B. Beyleveld 4 N. T. Naicker 87 A. E. Patel 42 S. Dhlamini 81

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	<p>Natal Indian Congress Conference, Durban (cont.)</p>	<p>P. A. B. Beyleveld (cont.)</p> <p>S. Dhlamini 81.....</p> <p>Speech of Dr. G. M. Naicker 85, read by Dr. Padayachee</p>	<p>we have seen the birth of the Congress of Democrats. . . . The nationalists hope to cripple the national liberatory movements. This is an illusion. To your congress and the other liberatory movements belongs the future.”</p> <p>“ . . . The lessons the imperialists learnt in China they will soon learn in Africa. . . . It is essential that the money spent on armaments must be utilised to build houses for the people.”</p> <p>“ Since we met last year the government of the Union has taken our country further on the disastrous path of fascism . . . as oppressed people we stand for liberation of the whole of mankind and hence we reject totally imperialism and colonialism. Our stand is not a passive one. We support the struggle against imperialism and we show our solidarity in the liberation struggles in colonial and semi-colonial countries. . . .”</p> <p>“ The common people are not interested in the exploitation of the weak. . . . They are not interested in subjugating others in order to increase the peoples of a decadent group.—Today mankind yearns for peace while warmongers because of their lust for profits from Colonial domination are brandishing before the world nuclear weapons. . . . Formosa belongs to China.</p> <p>The claim of Republic of China for seat on Security Council of U.N.O. cannot be indefinitely postponed. . . . China should take her rightful place at U.N.O.</p> <p>Bandung: Important items on agenda is the question of the fight against Imperialism . . . we have a Police State.</p> <p>How ineffective has been the parliamentary opposition to the advancing fascist tide is sharply emphasized as Parliament meets in Cape Town each year. . . . The historic task of making South Africa free lies in extra-parliamentary forces.”</p> <p>Sponsoring Congress of the People.</p>	
<p>26/3/55</p>	<p>Workers Union meeting of the S.A.R. and H., New Brighton, Port Elizabeth</p>	<p>W. Mkwai 72.....</p>	<p>“ Mr. Cacha'ia has reported that in Russia all workers travel by cars when they go to work. In Russia a worker does five hours. The capitalists make laws to oppress people. . . .”</p> <p>“ The Congress of the People is to be held in Johannesburg on 25th and 26th June and demands of the people must be brought forward.”</p>	<p>W. Mkwai 72</p>

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26/3/55	Natal Indian Congress meeting, Durban	P. Beyleveld 4.....	<p>“ The masses of chained and oppressed people of South Africa is waiting for a lead. It is up to the Congress movement, the chief liberatory movement to give them the lead. . . . We must mobilise the people to state their demands. . . . They must state clearly what they want if they were to rule this country. That is why the Congress of the People is held on the 25th and 26th of June this year. The Congress of the People is organised by the National Action Council for the Congress of the People . . . Mr. Chairman, we hope to draw up a charter there. We have termed it the ‘ Freedom Charter ’. . . . We want the people to send their representatives to this conference with their demands. We must elect delegates who must attend with the demands of the people.”</p>	<p>P. Beyleveld 4 N. T. Naicker 87 A. E. Patel 42 S. Dhlamini 81</p>
27/3/55	Special Conference of A.N.C. held at Sophiatown	J. Kumalo 13, moved resolution	<p>The Resolution states, <i>inter alia</i>: “(b) That Conference recommends to the National Executive Council that there should be demonstrations on the 2nd and 3rd April, against Bantu Education. (c) That the boycott of school committees and school boards of Dr. Verwoerd Schools be intensified, and (d) Conference further recommends to the National Executive Council to allow Areas which are ready to begin the boycott.”</p>	J. Kumalo 13
27/3/55	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	J. Jack 64.....	<p>“ War started when Europeans landed in this country. When our forefathers started the struggle. Those wars are still being waged. We are fighting them with our fists against their guns, atomic bombs, yet they are still afraid of us. . . . Whatever happens we are sure to achieve freedom. We want men who are prepared to sacrifice themselves for their people . . . ” “ The National Executive Committee of the African National Congress has decided to postpone boycott of schools as from 1st of April to another date to be announced later. In the meantime we must boycott the school committees which are being formed under Bantu Education Act.” “ Anyone who is causing blood to flow his blood will also flow. If Malan and Strijdom are not prepared to stay with us in peace they must leave this country. . . . The bloodshed is not far,</p>	<p>J. Jack 64 B. Ndimba 74</p>
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	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth (cont.)	B. Ndimba 74 (cont.)	we rather give the gold of this country to other countries, rather than letting those who will not stay with us. That is why we are not in difficulties. We don't want Verwoerd education, who is a son of hell. If the Europeans start war in this country we will fight and kick them out of Africa."	
27/3/55	Congress of the People meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	F. Baard.....	"The Fascist Government in this country won't last in this country. All the demands of the people will be brought before the Congress of the People and embodied in the Freedom Charter. The Freedom of the people is near and the traitors in New Africa will be dealt with accordingly. We don't want our children to receive Bantu Education, and we want proper education for all people in this country."	F. Ntsangani 76
3/4/55	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	B. Tshume..... F. Ntsangani 76..... C. Mayekiso 69.....	"The white people are very dirty people. The people fought against the English people. You have got to fight in order to achieve freedom. Dutch and English people with their machine guns we can defeat." Tells audience of decision to postpone school boycott to 9th April and calls upon parents to boycott school committees and school boards. "If we can get 2,000 members of the A.N.C. we would do what we like in this country." Supports school boycott—says decision to boycott has not been altered only the date of commencement.	J. Nkampeni 75 S. Nkalipi 71 J. Jack 64 C. Mayekiso 69 F. Ntsangani 76
4/4/55	National Executive Committee meeting of S.A.C.O.D.	Resolution adopted at meeting	"It was agreed that whatever action the A.N.C. decided on in connection with the boycott of Bantu Education should receive the full support of the Congress of Democrats."	Beyleveld 4
9/4/55	Congress of the People meeting, Simonstown	B. Turok 63.....	"We have come to speak to you about freedom, and that freedom is the Congress of the people. What you hear here this afternoon, you must please pass on to all your friends . . ." "The Congress of the People is the biggest conference South Africa has ever seen and this conference will be attended by thousands of delegates. We ask you to bear this seriously in mind. . . . We have seen that when Parliament is opened a big	B. Turok 63

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	Congress of the People meeting, Simonstown (cont.)	B. Tarok 63 (cont.)	fuss is made in Cape Town. You can imagine what a fuss is made in Johannesburg when the Peoples Parliament, the Congress of the People is opened in Johannesburg."	
10/4/55	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	P. P. Nthithe 41..... H. Tshabalala 54.....  Unknown speaker (chairman) Tunzi.....	"We see the Africans do not want this education. My child won't have this Bantu Education . . ." "I want Government not to forget what happened in Voortrekkers in 1838 in Natal and I want Verwoerd to know that what happened in Natal will happen here, because they want to see the blood of the Black man shed. . . . As democrat I say to these Dutch people if the black man wants freedom the Dutchmen must go." "African National Congress said to you your children must not go to school. African National Congress again told you not to take the Reference Book." "It is essential that when we fight we first fight the black detective Ngcai and then fight the Dutchies . . ."	P. P. Nthithe 41 H. Tshabalala 54 H. G. Makgothi 21
10/4/55	A.N.C. meeting, Dube, Johannesburg	P. Selepe 47..... L. Masina 24.....	"The last speaker has told you in details about Bantu Education, so we are going to boycott it until the last day . . ." "All over the Union people are objecting this education, so I appeal to you as residents of Dube and said we don't want this Verwoerd education. We must go from house to house as from now organising people not to accept this education. We elected 8 men to organise parents that they must do away with Bantu Education. . . . Let us be united in order to get free from Bantu Education. Our topic is nothing else but Bantu Education in this Dube Township . . ."	P. Selepe 47 L. Masina 24
14/4/55	A.N.C. meeting, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg	R. Resha 44.....	"One thing is certain. We are going to succeed in frightening our children out of the Verwoerd schools and give them the right kind of education. We will not be afraid to tell our children that Chaka was murdered by Europeans and that Europeans are illegal immigrants to this country, who came to rob us of our country as far back as 1652. . . . They should also be taught that our enemies in this our own country is the white man however good he may be, and that their treachery is inexcusable and unforgiveable."	R. Resha 44

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	A.N.C. meeting, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg (cont.)	Molewa.....	" I want to suggest to this meeting that on Saturday afternoon at about 2 p.m. we should stage a procession from No. 2 square, Alexandra Township and proceed to organise the children and parents throughout the location against Bantu Education as usual. . . . I volunteer as No. 1 volunteer in Bantu Education movement . . . "	
17/4/55	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth	F. Ntsangani 76.....  Mahlulo.....  F. Ntsangani 76.....  F. Baard.....  T. Tshume 78.....  C. Mayekiso 69.....	Supports school boycott and gives details of preparations to be made to make it effective. He also said: " Committees must be formed on each street and collect money for preparation of Congress of the People. . . . The Congress of the People is for all people to draw the Freedom Charter." " What is happening in Kenya. Churchill has resigned. The British Government is the cause of all oppression. We are going to be free in the presence of the Dutch People. The time to play is over, no matter whether they shoot us." " China is now free after being oppressed by the capitalists. And the members must attend all the meetings. As the time goes we are going to come across more difficulties. Now the Dutch people are getting tired. The only thing left is for the African National Congress to take over its position in the Government. Next month in Indonesia a Conference of nations against the capitalist Government is going to be held. Cachalia and Kotane have gone overseas to attend that Conference. They went overseas without passports. We are on the road that have been paved by twenty-nine nations who march towards freedom. We are going to march towards freedom and have it in our lifetime." " The Congress of the People is going to be held soon to form Freedom Charter and it will mark the turning point in the history of South Africa." Supports school boycott. All the organisations have a right to send delegates to the Congress of the People. " Mr. Swart and Rademeyer Commissioner of Police threatened the leaders. Mr. Swart said in his speech that before Africans get freedom all these rivers of this country will be full of blood. Mr. Swart has introduced a Bill in Parliament empowering any	F. Ntsangani 76 C. Mayekiso 69 T. Tshume 78



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	A.N.C. meeting, Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth ( <i>cont.</i> )	C. Mayekiso 69 ( <i>cont.</i> )	any policeman to search an African for any documents he could get. There is nobody who will allow to be served by Police along these streets. In reply to all these things the Government will get it on 25-26th June. I can assure Mr. Swart that if he challenges the black nation we are ready at any time, but we are steady because we are governed by leaders. Now we are giving Europeans a few days to decide as to which side they have to fall. After 25-26th June every thing will be clear."	
17/4/55	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	J. Jack 64.....  W. Mkwai 72.....	<p>" God made the fruits of Eden but today only the minority are enjoying the fat of the land. Eight million people are being ruled by two million, if we were to do this to the Europeans, what would they say? Where there are capitalists, there is oppression, it is our intention to free all the people from oppression . . ."</p> <p>" . . . Congress of the People will be hold in June where people of different races will meet to challenge the Government of this country. This will be the first meeting of its kind. This meeting will be held in Johannesburg. On that date we are going to take over the Government."</p> <p>" The volunteers are acting like Government soldiers, they want to be paid; they should realise they are volunteers. On the 25-26th a Congress of the People meeting will be held. You will notice there are not so many people in this meeting, but one thing you must do 'start a fire' they will all get burnt and follow you. There 'are' Mau Mau in Kenya because people were denied education. It is said that people are going to be moved from Korsten. The freedom volunteers should force their way even if they are confronted with a gun, they must count the bullets in the gun . . ."</p>	W. Mkwai 72 L. Kepe 65 J. Nkampani 75 J. Jack 64
24/4/55	Congress of the People meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	Chairman (unknown person)  S. Nkalipi 71.....	<p>" Today we are expecting the demands from the people of the new Africa which are to be drawn in the Freedom Charter. Today we are going to elect the committee of the Congress of the People."</p> <p>Demanded the abolition of Bantu Education Act and further said: "The Congress of the People is to be held on 25th June 1955. In the Congress of the People we shall draw the Freedom Charter. I think we shall all as black people have a right and we must bring Africa back."</p>	S. Nkalipi 71 L. Kepe 65 J. Nkampani 75 J. Jack 64 B. Ndimba 74 F. Ntsangani 76

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	Congress of the People meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth (cont.)	S. Nkalipi 71 (cont.) L. Kepe 65..... J. Jack 64.....  Unknown speaker..... Chairman (unknown person) Penla.....	<p>“ This conference has been called to make preparations for our next Government. . . . There is no Jesus who will come down from Heaven to release us.”</p> <p>Explains the forthcoming Congress of the People and calls upon the audience to work for its success and to organise meetings and collect money for Congress of the People.</p> <p>“ I have a great honour to honour the freedom volunteers in the Congress of the People’s Conference. The freedom volunteers are there for liberation of the nation as a whole, work lies on them. South Africa is a fascist country . . . The aims of the Congress of the people is to draw the freedom charter. The previous speakers have given the significance of the Congress of the People. In success of the Congress of the People is to have freedom volunteer or Luthuli’s volunteers. Our general president has appealed for 50,000 freedom volunteers only . . . When I speak of volunteers I recall the words uttered by Chief Luthuli when he said that there shall be no turning back until freedom is achieved.”</p> <p>“ You will remember that the first volunteers were of the defiance campaign and now we have taken the second stage, and we must have freedom volunteers who are going to go to places preaching about the freedom.”</p> <p>“ I am standing to demand our country back and if that fails I want to die for it.”</p> <p>“ Pledges the Conference’s full support to the Transvaal Africans against the removal scheme in the Western Areas. Appeals to the National Executive Committee to do its best to defeat the Bantu Education Act.</p> <p>“ We want to be governed by the people of this country and we are tired of being governed by foreigners. We want our parliament and constitution to be drawn.”</p>	
24/4/55	A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg	S. Tyiki 53.....	<p>“ All those who send their children on Monday you must know that there are the enemies of the African. If nobody sends children to school tomorrow the schools will be closed . . . We don’t accept this education. What do you say.”</p> <p>He asked the children: “ You are not going to school tomorrow?”</p>	S. Tyiki 53 J. Matlou 27 P. P. Nthithe 41 R. Resha 44

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A.N.C. meeting, Sophiatown, Johannesburg (cont.)	S. Tyiki 53 (cont.)	<p>“ We must make our own decision and to be known to all the ministers of religion in Sophiatown, if we are determined, Africans. Some of us will sleep in gaol, but this will be signs of freedom, all these who are sell-out, we have records of them . . . ”</p>		
	J. Matlou 27.....	<p>“ This world is divided into two parts today. We look to the East and the West and we see divisions we see in the Imperialistic gathering together preparing themselves to attack the East in order to keep the colonialism. There is no doubt Africa must take its place in these divisions. The East says let every colony, every country let them enjoy freedom. The West resist so that men in the country of their birth to be oppressed. We have seen people in Indonesia and India fighting for their freedom. These people have obtained their independence during these past days. We have seen that our freedom is near. We have seen those People of Kenya stood under Yomo Kenyatta. There are signs of freedom. It is important that the Kikuyu are fighting for independence. It is important who are suffering are called terrorists they are people fighting for independence like you. You must know that there various things for you to understand so that when the white men say it is this you know the position.”</p>		
	P. P. Nthithe 41.....	<p>“ I pity the parent who let their children go to school tomorrow, I pity them because they will cry as soon as they found out what is the Bantu Education. We are going to make it so difficult for the Government that even this protection will never help.”</p>		
	R. Resha 44.....	<p>“ The ministers of religion says there is nothing wrong with Bantu Education. If we stand together and defeat the Bantu Education we would have defeated the machinery of Verwoerd . . . ”</p>		
		<p>“ We are prepared to die with our children. We are not prepared to sell our children like the teachers. There has never been armistice in this country, only there has been a truce, things are where Chaka and Hintsa left them as much as we say that our struggle is non-violent but we cannot stand and fold our arms when our children are being taken from us. I am speaking my mind to you, my people, I want to assure you, my people, I will be with you by day and night but never rest until we have defeated the white man . . . ”</p>		

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24/4/55	Congress of the People meeting, Koelenhof, Stellenbosch	S. Bunting 56.....	<p>“ I come from the Congress of the People and Congress of Democrats. Congress of the People on the lips of all freedom-loving people. Branches stronger. We have gained. Campaign of Congress of the People at its height on 25th and 26th June Johannesburg. At this conference Freedom Charter will be adopted by delegates . . . Freedom Charter, what future Africa will be . . . We will be real democratic country.”</p>	S. Bunting 56
1/5/55	A.N.C. meeting, New Brighton, Port Elizabeth	<p>C. Mayekiso 69 (<i>chairman</i>)</p> <p>L. Kepe 65.....</p> <p>W. Mati 68.....</p> <p>W. Mkwai 72.....</p>	<p>“ Let us build the New Africa which will be governed by the people. . . . When we started the struggle it was formed here, when Mhlaba led the first batch to defy the unjust laws. Eventually after that everybody knew that the Defiance Campaign was good. If it is necessary to die in order to achieve freedom, I shall be satisfied. . . . All present here are the people determined to die and those who are scared of death must go and keep themselves in their houses, but everybody is there to die somehow or other . . . ”</p> <p>“ Our last day in this country is when we reach freedom, when oppressors will be called up for trial. I give the Government a chance up to the 25th-26th June to do what it pleases, and after those dates nobody knows. The S.A.I.C., A.N.C., S.A.C.P.O. and Congress of Democrats will meet at Congress of the People at Kliptown, Johannesburg . . . freedom language will be used.”</p> <p>“ At this Congress of the People we are determined to speak of our children who are starving. We shall talk of Bantu Education, we shall talk of mines, big lands. . . . We are determined to have freedom charter drawn at Congress of the People.”</p> <p>Supports economic boycott. Attacks Bantu Education Act and supports school boycott.</p> <p>“ The Congress of the People will be held on the 25th and 26th June 1955, at Kliptown, Johannesburg. Each factory will send its delegates. . . . We want only 50,000 volunteers our volunteers are non-paid but volunteers who faces any hardships. Malaba was the first one to lead a batch of defiers.”</p> <p>“ The only hope of the Government is the gun, but we are unarmed and we are marching towards freedom. The time is coming when we shall march towards freedom and answer or face anything that comes in front of us. Freedom will never come by itself to</p>	<p>T. Tshume 78</p> <p>L. Kepe 65</p> <p>B. Ndimba 74</p> <p>F. Ntsangani 76</p> <p>W. Mati 68</p> <p>W. Mkwai 72</p> <p>C. Mayekiso 69</p>

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	A.N.C. meeting, New Brighton, Port Elizabeth (cont.)	W. Mkwai 72 (cont.) F. Ntsangani 76.....	us but we shall fetch it. I want freedom volunteers who will obey orders. . . . I am the Chief of the Eastern Cape Province.” Says decision of A.N.C. to boycott schools still stands and he supports it. “ There are only two armies in this country, on the right hand side, is the A.N.C. led by Chief Luthuli, and left hand side, led by Strijdom, Nationalist Party. It is obvious that in future Africans are going to rule this country. The army led by Luthuli is passive. I want to tell the traitors that there are a few days left before the 25th–26th June, 1955 and I call upon them to come to our side before the river is in flood. Mr. Swart has given instructions to the Police to shoot first and ask afterwards, and also said that before the black people could get freedom, all the rivers of this country will be full of blood, and in our reply we say—if it is necessary for hundreds of people to die before freedom is achieved, it is all right. . . . We must remember that we are going to attend the Congress of the People which will decide and we must also remember Masabala, Dinga and others.” Calls upon National Executive of A.N.C. to announce date of commencement of indefinite boycott of schools under the Bantu Education Act. The might of the Congress of the People is the symbol of freedom.	
1/5/55	A.N.C. meeting, Korsten, Port Elizabeth	T. Tshume 78..... B. Ndimba 74.....	“ God created every human being to work for himself, not for another man. I appeal to the oppressed people to believe in communism system. The Communist Government is doing what the people said. The present Government imposed the Bantu Education Act because he wants to make the African children ignorant. He has noticed that we want to abolish the Capitalist Government. Let us boycott the schools. The Government and the local authorities are leading the Africans into a bloodshed. I want to warn the local authorities, if they regard the Africans as animals, not very long we are going to show them we are not animals. If the Union Government wants to declare war, he must apply to the nations of African and Asian people. Chief Luthuli has called for fifty thousand freedom volunteers to spread the voice of the oppressed people. We are not afraid of the White people. I want to appeal to the African people to support the Congress of the People. We must change this Government to a democratic	B. Ndimba 74

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