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MEETING : AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS : CORNER OF MORRIS - AND
VICTORIA-STREETS, SOPHIATOWN, ON SUNDAY , 30 TH, JAN., 1966.

(Meeting commenced at 10.45 a.m. with the singing of Nkosi Sekelele Afrika.)

P.Q. VUNDHLA : "I see that there are people here who do not take off their hats when we pray. We Non-Europeans always take off our hats when they sing their National Anthem !

This is a meeting convened by the African National Congress as you all know, and we have speakers here this morning who will speak to you on the Western Area Removal Scheme and on the Bantu Education. I am not going to waste your time and very soon will give a chance to the speakers who have prepared themselves to speak to you according to these two subjects.

I wish to make this announcement. On Wednesday night all the young people of the Western Areas will meet in Western Native Township under the auspices of the African National Congress Youth League. This organisation is not the same as congress, but they do the same work as congress. So I am inviting all the young people here to attend this meeting, and bring your friends along, your organisation is very important indeed ; but, it should be much stronger in this area. You know yourselves that the young people always have to bear the brunt whenever and wherever there are trouble. If there is ploughing to be done, it is the young man who has to plough, and if there is war, again it is the young man who has to fight. Us old people have to just sit sometimes and talk, but because of our experience you cannot ignore us. We enjoy the happy position of guidance and the youth must take notice of us.

I am going to give you now the first speaker. Our first speaker is going to be Mr. David Mahilwe".

DAVID MAHILWE : "Afrika ! Afrika ! Why don't you shout Afrika ? Your shouting is very bad".

(Continues speech in a Native Language, interpreted into English by No. 37453 Nat/Const. Jerry.)

Mr. Chairman, can I talk about the Bantu Education, and the Western Areas Removals ? (Chairman assured him that he may talk about these two subjects.)

The thing I want to talk about will take very short, because here are other speakers. The thing I want to talk about is that the Boers want to throw the Africans into the sea.

Formerly they had as leader a very clever man, Mr. Smuts, and he also wanted to throw the Africans into the sea, so that they could have the country all to themselves. They failed dismally however.

I see flying squads here today, Yes, I see the man of Piet Grobler here today. They will run away the same way as the Reverend Malan ran away. He ran away because of what we said at our conferences. But in his place came another Boer, a small man, and his name is Strijdom, and he has a Minister of Native Affairs, Verwoerd. Since these men and their Government came into power, what did they do? They passes all these humiliating laws against the Africans. And when you do not want to obey these laws, that is where Piet Grobler and his men come in. So you see where this Boer Government has pushed us? They have no policy, their policy is to sit on the natives.

They are not satisfied to sit on the natives. They went further and now we have the Bantu Education Act. This means the wrong kind of education for the children. But we will show them what this education means.

Verwoerd is the man who brought in the reference books. He also visited Port Elizabeth and he noticed that there were no laws there to make the Africans carry passes, so he made a law there to force the people to carry passes and to be arrested if they have no pass. Verwoerd himself would not like to carry a pass like that. Even our children are forced to carry passes. I challenge Verwoerd to bring in these pass laws, of grouping, he envisages.

They bring native police to Newlands to intimidate us. And to make the children hate their parents, but we are not satisfied, and we want to tell this native police that they must stand with us. Nobody will defend them if they don't and Verwoerd will not shoot us, but will have to shoot these police boys. They think that Piet Grobler will protect them, but he is the man who shoot down people in cold blood. You remember when he shot the people down in cold blood? Malan will pay for that. The Police must be made to pay for that blood. Yes, Verwoerd will be paid, Swart will be paid. We will go to Capetwon and say to Mr. Malan - "Here is your pay, Mr. Malan".

"Where is your pass?" They stop you in the street but you have not committed any crime. We say to all these people - "We see you in front!" And this I say in front of the Police - "We are not going to move". Yes, I say that in front of the Police who are here to terrorize the African people. They have been trying to terrorize us since 1652 when Jan van Riebeeck was sent by the people in Holland to this country. We say to these men, "Please go back to where you came from", we say to them - "Please go back, we will not tolerate you in this country any more".

Malan has tried to pave the road for them in this country. He started with this apartheid. What is apartheid? You know at Johannesburg station there is apartheid. It means "Gaan anderkant", but what happens, in Eloff Street we come together again. We, the

Africans believe in apartheid, but then it must be real apartheid. Then they must take us out of the factories and the mines and we must go to our territories. That is total apartheid. That is what we want. The Europeans say apartheid, but at the same time they say "You must come and work for us". That apartheid we do not believe in.....

Then this matter of the Bantu Education Act. I ask you - "will any of you send your children to the schools on April the first?" (Shouts of No! No!) Every person in South Africa must have the right to go to school and university for that matter. What happened when a small boy from South Africa, one of the Government small boys went to the United Nations to represent us there, and he had an argument with the lady from India. He had to run to Malan and ask him what he must say to the Indian lady. Yes, he was only a small person.

Malan says that he will make everything right for the people in this country. He lies. There is not going to be Bantu Education in the schools in this country. We want to become doctors, teachers, etc., and we say to Verwoerd "take this education for your own schools, for your wives, for your children, for yourself".

And I want to make this clear before my time expires. Every African school in the country-side, Yes, every school have African teachers, black teachers. If they do not repeal this Act, we (will) these teachers come here to Newlands and to the other native townships and they will give us classes in our houses. Yes, everywhere we will have teachers and schools, in our own houses to teach our children. If we cannot get the teachers then we will teach our own children. I will take them up to Std 1, and then Mr. Vundhla will take them till matric and someone else will take them further. The children will progress very fast then. By the end of a few years they will be in Std 8. At present in the schools the children read one book for twelve months. I do not see why we should read one book for twelve months. You stay by A!A!A!A!

Mr. Vundhla says that when a man speaks you must try and read his mind. Verwoerd says - "Look, what European education has done for the Africans". "You have now come to the stage where you must control your own education". So we will listen to him. We will take the education of our children in our own hands.

Luthuli is more educated than Malan - I do not even speak of Piet Grobler! Swart is finished, he is a little boy. He never makes a statement any more. We must have our children at our disposal. We must not allow a Dutchman to say "I am the Principal". We must have everyone black in our schools. Yes! I agree with Verwoerd. We must try and get fifty million pounds somewhere and put up...../4

up a university and that university must teach according to the instructions of Congress. So you see that we are going to do what Verwoerd told us. But we are going to better that decision. They say they want us to remain in the dark, but we will come to the daylight. And Verwoerd can have his schools, we are going to have our own schools.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, Malan has run away and Strijdom will run away next week. The Dutch did not know that they will rule this country, but accidentally they took it from the English. Do you see that flag there, the one with the three colours, 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. We are not going to ask the Police whether we can have our freedom. They have soldiers in Auckland Park and they think they can rule with them and these soldiers are black, these soldiers will drive the lorries, but....., so if we fight back, we will fight our own people, and they will not be there.

Yes, we don't want Dutchman like Verwoerd to rule us. If Verwoerd wants to build houses, why doesn't he build houses for the Europeans in Greymont and Newlands. You and I know what goes on in these places. What do you see when you go into the backyard of these places? You see rubbish! rubbish!

The Police here in Sophiatown just bash your door in when they want to come into your house. One day they will no longer be allowed to just bash your door in.

Verwoerd thinks he has got education to fit him for removing us here from Sophiatown. He has been educated to serve his own people. Why does he not build houses for them? If he has built houses somewhere, why does he not take the Europeans away to those houses? Why does he feel for us? He can do what he likes for his own people. He can have that houses for his own people".

CHAIRMAN : "Our next speaker will be Dr. Moosa, Dr. Moosa please".

DR. MOOSA : "Afrika! Afrika! Mayebuye! Do you see the adjoining European townships, they don't belong there. But all those beautiful things have come about because of the labour of the African people. Now they want to send these people who have worked for them back to the reserves. And that after the Africans have given their labour.

Now, I ask you, what must the Africans go and do in the Reserves? Must they go and rot there? They want to send the Africans away, but they still want their labour, why? Why do they still want to use their labour? I'll tell you why.

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To have flying squads racing all over the country. So that Swarts can get three thousand pounds per year, that's why.

Now they want to take you out of your homes and send you to Meadowlands. Why? Their attitude means just one thing. They are desperate. They know that the Africans are coming up. But we must let Dr. Verwoerd know that he is not going to do any such thing. I want you to say in one loud voice - "We are not going to move".
(Audience repeats.)

I ask myself, is this Government mad? I ask myself this question when I see the things they do in this country. But they are not mad. They do it because they are desperate. They know the Non-white people in this country are getting stronger and stronger every day. They know that the day is fast approaching when we are going to get our freedom. So they are becoming more desperate.

Friends (They are afraid of us! They know that the time will come when we must get our freedom. What are they going to do then? They will no longer be able to ask us for our passes. They will ^{not} be able to take our homes from us. They will not be able to raid our places right and left. Then they will be finished. Therefore friends, they are afraid. That is why they are doing these things now.

But we have one answer for them. That answer is that we must rally around our Congresses. We must rally in thousands. We must defeat this government. We are tired of being pushed around. And we must say so to Strijdom. We must say - "that is enough", we must to him - "Stop now". Yes, we will not allow them to continue because they want to make slaves out of us.

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 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!

My last words to you this morning are that you must rally ~~around~~ your congress. We must organise and when called upon by our Congresses we must answer that call. With determination and organisation we will be able to defeat this government who wants to oppress us".

CHAIRMAN : "Things have gone so far now, that there is already an interpreter to tell the white man what we are saying. That man brought here by the Police to take down what we are saying, he must take down notes first-hand, and if he does so through an interpreter, then it is already an infringement of the law! Our next speaker is Mr. Modise, a member of the African National Congress Youth League.

MODISE : "Afrika! Afrika! Mayebuye!

Mr. Chairman, sons and daughters of Africa. I am going to talk in their own language today. (This native male spoke in idiomatic very poor Afrikaans - in language known as tsoei language.)

Ek gaan vandag in die Boere se eie taal praat. Laat ek hierdie mense vandag vra waar is Swart, waar is Verwoerd? Is hulle in die malhuis? Daar is geen vrede tussen die blankes nie. Hulle sê 'Eendrag maak Mag', maar ek sê vir julle daar is geen vrede tussen julle nie. En julle dink julle kan vertrou op die Naturelle Polisie, maar sê vir Verwoerd hy kan nie doen wat hy wil met hulle nie. Julle weet dat die Swart Polisie is die seuns van Afrika an van Sophiatown. Hulle kinders sal ook moet leer onder die Bantoe Onderwys.

Die tyd het nou gekom. Almal na ons! Ons wag vir die dag. Ons moet saamstaan. Ek sal julle wys hoe. (demonstrating with his fingers) Die wat aan die Polisie informasie gee, gee verkeerde informasie. Hulle hou die regte informasie vir Kongres. Geeneen wil die naam van 'n "Pimp" hê nie. Ons moet nou vorentoe gaan. Die blankes in die land kan nie sonder ons lewe nie. Hulle bestaan omrede van ons. Daar is ook 'n ander belangrike ding. Hier in Suid-Afrika is ook wittes wat aan ons kant staan. Daar sien jy van hulle.. Ons lewe is nou "useless", maar dit sal "useful" word."

CHAIRMAN : "Order, please! Order please! The people of Congress are well behaved. There is something I want to say. Those of you who have not as yet renewed your membership of Congress must do so today. And those present here who are not yet members, must become members today. Tomorrow may be too late, you know that. So you must join today. Ah! Here comes one, he is setting a good example. You there! Don't talk to the Police otherwise I will deal with you. I am stronger than the Police. The Police know that too. I represent ten million people.

At this stage I am going to give you another speaker, one from the Western Areas Protest Committee. She is Miss Nevell. She is one of these people I referred to when I said that there were Europeans on our side too, she is on our side in the struggle. And we also have Indians with us in the struggle. The world is with us in our struggle, except a mad country like America. I don't know why but America has developed a mad policy of always assisting the oppressors. America is very notorious in that habit and because of her dollars America has bought South Africa. And South Africa must today listen to the dictator of America, but the African people take instructions from no country, not even from Russia, not even from China. We have got our own policies. Our policy is to liberate everybody in this country as Mr. Modise said. He said a mouthful and a lot of great things and I must congratulate him. I will now ask this lady to address you".

MISS NEVELL : "Mr. Chairman and friends, In the first place I want to say that I am very glad to be here. I am also very proud to be here as a representative of the Western Areas Protest Committee. Many of you probably know that the Western Areas Protest Committee is a group of Europeans under the Chairmanship of Father Huddleston.

It is a committee which has set itself the task of educating European public opinion about the implications of the Western Areas Removal Scheme. Secondly, to get Europeans interested in the struggle of the Non-Europeans, or at least some Europeans. I say at least some Europeans because you all know that some Europeans will never be interested.

One must realise that the implications of this Removal Scheme are very far reaching, taking into (account) consideration the policy of apartheid in this country. It is a scheme having as one of its main purposes the destruction of the basic human right to own a piece of land and to erect a permanent building on that land. It is however only one of those things done to the Non-European people in this country. I don't want to talk about the rights taken away from the Non-Europeans in the past. You know all about that.

My purpose is to tell you that my committee will do everything it can to get the co-operation of the European people in the struggle. I want to briefly outline to you what the Western Areas Protest Committee are doing to play its part in this struggle.

In the first place it has called upon individuals and organisations who are working for freedom to assist in sending a telegram to the Minister of Native Affairs on the 11th of this month. We are not naive enough to expect that this telegram will stop the removal, but we hope through this telegram to make the Government aware of the fact that a large body of Europeans is opposed to this Removal Scheme. We hope through this communication to make a large number of Europeans aware of the fact that the Non-Europeans are opposed to being moved, and we want to make the people cognisant of the fact that if there is any trouble arising out of this action of the government, then the onus for that must be placed where it belongs, it must be placed on the shoulders of the government, and not on the shoulders of the Non-Europeans.

In the second place we are going to hold an exhibition of photographs for a period of about 10 days. That photographs will show the conditions both in Sophiatown and Meadowlands. It will show the Europeans that the removal scheme is not a slum clearance scheme, and that it will cause a lot of hostility which is unnecessary.

On the whole the committee feels that the best way it can do its job is to take its lead from the people and the leaders of the Western Areas. And because of this we hope that you will tell us what we must do on the 12th and after the 12th to assist you

in opposing this scheme. I assure you that when we have heard from you, we will do what we can do carry out your orders, thank you".

CHAIRMAN : "At this stage I am going to give you orders. I have heard encouraging speeches. We Africans know that there are Europeans who stand with us. These Europeans know that they can roam about Sophiatown without fear. They are not carrying any arms for their protection. It is only frightened men who carry arms in Sophiatown. People who are not frightened can come to Sophiatown every time of the night or day. They are safe here, and, Congress does not fight the Government because it is white, but because of the funny things the Government does. If we had a black Government in this country, and it does things which Congress does not like, Congress will fight them too.

The kind of South Africa which we envisage will be ruled by people qualified to do so, whether he be black or white. If a man is a white man and he is qualified to serve the country, by all means he can do so.

You know Hitler started by fighting small nations, he was quite mad, but he had the majority of people in Germany behind him ; he afterwards tried to fight the world and today he is well in hand. But to show you that the white people in this country are more mad than what Hitler was, they have the minority of the people behind them.

Now, I am going to give you orders, and I expect every man to respect my orders. I am going to ask you to give me money. The money will go to Congress, I will not even touch it, though my children might not have food. I have no right to steal Congress's money. We have no criminals in Congress. Do not throw the money, that is very bad manners. Please do it in a dignified way. Let me see you give the money ! Open up your pockets, please, I want lots of money from you this morning.

(Collection of money takes place.)

Our next speaker will be Mr. Robert Resha".

ROBERT RESHA : "Afrika ! Afrika ! Mayebye !

Mr. Chairman, sons and daughters of Africa. I am going to make a declaration to you from this platform today. The removal of the people from the Western Areas, a scheme not approved by you, is at hand. It is a matter of a few days before the first people will, like a head of cattle, be moved to Meadowlands.

Mr. Prinsloo, Mis-Information Officer of the Native Affairs Department has refused to specify the exact date on which we will be moved. Despite the fact that people got notices informing them that they..../9

that they will have to move on the 12th., there are now rumours that some people will be moved before the 12th. This is so because Mr. Prinsloo's lies are beginning to turn against him.

The Government tells us that the people of Sophiatown are keen to go to Meadowlands. Now, why must you give notice to people to go to Meadowlands on the 12th., if they are ready to go today? That is the question. The people whom Mr. Prinsloo (are) talking about who are ready to go must exist in his dreams when he dreams about removal. To show you further how he lies; the Government has decided to tell the Africans that those who want to be removed will be protected. Why must the Africans be protected if they are keen to go?

Every day we leave our homes in Sophiatown to go to town, and every day we leave town and come to Sophiatown, and never have we asked the protection of the Government. We want to do these things! If a person wants to do a thing why must he be protected? We know in this country that the people who need protection from the Police (meaning that they are being assaulted by the Police.), are the people arrested by the Police. Every day our people go to the Wemmer Barracks to the municipal office there to go and ask for houses - and they don't need protection. The Government does not protect these people Why?

But suppose there were a few traitors who went to the Government and asked for protection when they move to Meadowlands. And I want to warn you now that if you run away from the rain to go home, then you will also run away on the day of the removal. I will not stop; and I will be there on that day! The question I want to ask to these men, these Government men who ask for protection is: 'Will they go and live there with these who ask for protection in Meadowlands?' 'Who will protect them there?' And I want to tell Mr Piet Grobler through his agents here today that the African people does not want his protection, if they want protection, they will go to the African National Congress.

But I want to be a good democrat. I want to practise democracy. I want to give a chance to Mr. Grobler. Do you want his protection? (Audience shouts - No!) I hope my friend there is writing this down in capital letters, this no!

Friends, as we are meeting here today, we are meeting on the eve of a dark day, and on the eve of darker days to come. To ask the removal of our people from their homes means the brutal robbery of our homes and property. Shameless robbery! To ask the removal of the Western Areas, is to ask that the entire African population be rendered homeless in the land of their birth. To ask the removal means the breaking down of family life. To ask the removal means the driving of the African people into cheap labour camps like Meadowlands.

from where it will be easy to distribute us to farmers in Rustenburg and Ermelo.

Friends, I want you to realise that not all of us can go into Meadowlands. Some of our mothers, who, forced by circumstances, cannot make a livelihood otherwise than by selling liquor, they will not be able to make a living in Meadowlands. The removal of the Western Areas is simply because the Government wants to see you starve. They don't want you to be in a position to be able to feed your own children.

Those of our mothers who have given birth to us, and for one reason or the other can't show a certificate ; we will not be able to go into Meadowlands. Those of my young brothers who for no reason of their own cannot get a job in Johannesburg, will not be allowed to go into Meadowlands. They will have no place. Labour camps are already being erected so that when your fathers and mothers go to Meadowlands, you will be taken to labour camps.

Under the Removal Scheme Dr. Verwoerd has instructed that the African people shall live in groups. You must be divided. Yes, my friends, in Meadowlands, for the first time in your life it is expected that you must agree to be divided. You will be divided into Xosas, Baclas, etc., Then will happen what happened in Newclare and then the Police will come and they will mow you down. There will be fights amongst the different factions and the Europeans will sit back and rule this country, which don't belong to them and never will.

In meadowlands you will be expected to pay the same rent which last year we fought against in Newclare - and won ! In other words, Dr. Verwoerd, driving up and down South Africa, came to the conclusion that the only place where you can find a Judas Iscariot, was in Sophiatown.

Friends, if you say (No!), then you must mean it, and if you say No ! then I am inclined to believe that you mean it. Then you must agree that the Removal of the Western Areas means that it will be decided once and for all whether South Africa will remain a white man's country or whether it is going to be a country where everybody can live. Yes !

The Government will have lorries on the day of the removal, so, if the Africans fight, they will have to fight Africans, their own people. That is what they want to do. Big rascals ! You will have to fight the African drivers of the lorries.

Friends, I want you to consider the removal of our people seriously because it is not going to be a small matter. Those Dutchmen whom you see standing there, they are here to work, and they must be paid to come here and write down what we say, and they must see to it that the Africans are kept in their places for all times.

That one that came here to write, he does not do it because he loves writing, but ; if we are arrested, he will be there.

I stand here today, not to ask you to defend me against these small boys, I can do that myself, you know that. 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 a 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 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 ignorant police boys.

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 ?

At this stage I am going to make a declaration which I want the Police to write down because it is going to happen. This meeting was called for that special purpose. Today we want men and women who will show by their actions that they are not prepared to leave Sophiatown. I want to read to you the leaflet which called you to this meeting. (Read a leaflet in a native language.) Here is another leaflet which called the youth to this meeting. It reads thus : (Reads a leaflet in poor Afrikaans, containing inter alia, the following sentences. ("Ons hoop die kongres roep ons. Ons sal nie dark nie, etc.)

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 every time. As from tomorrow I want the women to

spread this instruction. In the churches, in the streets, in your homes, everywhere I want you to spread this instruction ; for the cause of the struggle. I want you, my mothers, only to say one word....., invite God in your prayers to be with us, for if God is with us, we shall win.

I want to call on you men. From tomorrow for twelve days I want no man who calls himself a man to go to the Beer Hall. No man must go to the Beer Hall. Friends, I do not call upon you to cease drinking, I am calling upon you to stay away from the Beer Hall merely for twelve days, until the 13th. If we are absent from the Beer Hall for that period, then the Government will know that now the Africans have decided to fight. We are not going to the Beer Hall - say so openly and fearlessly. I am not a Policeman, I am talking like an ordinary man to you ; you know that if you have taken a decision and you go to the Beer Hall, you forget all about that decision. You cannot look forward. So I call upon you to stay away from the Beer Hall for the next twelve days.

Now, I want to call on the youth, the soldiers. You are the only people in the country capable of building up this country. For how many years now is it a simple thing in Sophiatown to see twelve young men arrested for playing dice ? In the last few months you have seen young men arrested everywhere by the Police. It is quite a common thing to see mothers being raped in Sophiatown on the corners of the streets. Today it is quite common to see hundreds of people going to bioscope. Today, sons and daughters, I want to ask you, plead with you - that as from tomorrow, these things which I have mentioned, will cease. The Police know that they are helpless to stop the crime here in Sophiatown. They know our mothers are being raped every day. They know there is nothing they can do ! I am asking you now, just for twelve days, to see that these things cease. I speak to you this afternoon in the name of our freedom. Please honour this declaration ! Please !

If you don't do that you will in fact show the Dutchmen that they can do with you what they like. You must show that the removal is uppermost in your minds. In other words, my friends, I am putting myself before you today as against Mr. Grobler.. Grobler says he is going to protect you. I say you are quite able to protect yourselves. Now, it is our duty to show Grobler that we believe in ourselves. If you don't do that, my friends, then you must know that you are handing South Africa over to our enemies. Let us prove before we die that South Africa and Sophiatown have given birth to something else than colour.

I want all young men as from Monday on to meet on that open space on the corner of Victoira- and Meyer Streets. That they must

do every day. I am not asking you to boycott bioscopes, but I am asking you to boycott pleasure for this period. I want every youth to do some work in Sophiatown from 7.30 at night. That's all. If you are soldiers you must be trained. The Police will be well-trained. As they are standing there, they are undergoing training. They know how to use their weapons. I expect a lot of flying squads tomorrow on this corner because the Police would like to see whether you are going to answer the call, whether you will head the instructions I gave to you.

(To policemen conversing with members of audience) Some of you come to our meetings to hold another meeting. You have come to listen not to hold another speech. This must stop. It is going to stop very soon. We want you to listen to us. They are only small boys. We know who they are and what they are.

May I appeal to you now friends, to head the instructions which I gave to you this afternoon. There are many things which we want to do in order to make sure that Sophiatown will not be removed, but then we must know that the men and women of Sophiatown will carry out instructions.

What is going to take place in Sophiatown? What is going to take place will only be known to the youth of South Africa, the soldiers. The youth will be at that corner at 7 o'clock. We are going to work".

(Speaker continued in a native language for about three minutes only.)

CHAIRMAN : "Afrika! Afrika ! (Spoke a couple of sentences in a native language, not interpreted into English.)

There are rogues here in Sophiatown going to the Indians and the Chinese and telling them that they will talk to the Government to allow them to put up business places in Meadowlands after the Africans have been shifted there. You, remember, when Malan got into power there were people saying that now the Afrikaners will help the Africans and that soon they will be rich Africans. Some Africans, in fact fell for this intrigue. I say to the Chinese and the Indians that their salvation lie with the Congresses, they must not listen to pimps and spies who will never help them.

We have got no criminals in Congress, we have no such people going around deceiving the Indians and Chinese. These people who preach that the Government will help in all sorts of places like the Beer Halls, they do so in order to bamboozle you, so that you will find yourselves right inside Meadowlands without knowing it. They are the people who tell you that if you go to Meadowlands you will have four-roomed houses and a lavatory of your own on which you can

, I nearly said, the whole day long. Even if you have a private tap and lavatory, you cannot use it the whole day long. It is not everybody who will go to Meadowlands, if you are not employed by a white man, you will not be allowed to go into Meadowlands. Only servants of the white people go to Meadowlands. But you will be send elsewhere, so , you will have to defend your rights here in Sophiatown.

Mr. Resha told you that some of you will not be allowed to go to Meadowlands, you will be send to the farms to work for nothing. That is why they had a little office at No. 14 Toby Street, they must check up on you. When you are in Meadowlands you will at all times be at the mercy of the Superintendent, and you must work for all times for if you are unemployed for two months, you go to the farms where you are exploited.

We are defending the principle, the right to own your own site and build your own home. That you can stay where you like amongst your friends, whether they be Xosas, Hottentots, etc., Some people mention the goodwill that you have to pay to landlords here in Sophiatown, but they forgot the goodwill the Africans have paid to the white men in this country.

You must be serious. There are some things in life more important than life itself. There are such things in life. If you do not obey the orders of your leaders, what is your worth? If I say report there, and in between there are seven hundred flying squads, it does not matter you must report there.

Other people believe in prayer, the Afrikaner people believe in prayer, but they pray the wrong way. We must pray that they must not fear us, so that we can live happy. The Afrikaner must not forget that they set us an example by liberating themselves from the English. We were looking on at the time.

Lastly, I wish to make this announcement, at 36 Annandale Street.....

The ladies will now take over with prayer. It is not the end of the meeting. All women must come forward.

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TO ALL THE ANC. BRANCHES : CAPE PROVINCE.

Sons & Daughters of Africa,

I would like to bring to your notice the

following points :-

MY COMPLAINT CONCERNING "THE TRUTH" YOUR PAPER.

It is painful to see that you do not respond to the call to support your paper. You should understand that we are in this campaign against this new type of education. When we are stressing that children should be withdrawn from the schools as from 1st April, 1955. Since it is very difficult to hold public meetings, the Provincial Executive told you that every member should have a copy of "The Truth" in order to be well-informed as to what is happening. It is wise for members and supporters of the organisation to know everything before tackling our enemies. Who have too much to say on this issue. "The Truth" has all the plans that should be put into operation. Everyone should have a copy. This newsletter is educated to us all, Why do you not, therefore, support it? I have told you during the beginning of the year that there will be a separate issue of "The Truth" dealing with Education but you have not shown any response. This "The Truth" is filling my office. What should I do, fellow Africans then, when there was such a lot of expence for nothing? How will you speak to the people of your areas when you are not armed? How will we succeed in our campaign of withdrawing our children from the schools when we, the very members of Congress itself, are showing signs of Laziness? Every member should get a copy of "The Truth" dealing with Education.

I, as an editor, of course, know very well that your monies support papers which have nothing to do with our people. Is it not a shame for you to support foreign papers and therefore, is your baby "The Truth" crying "Support Me Congressites. I speak only the Truth. I should be read even by Non-Congressites and they shall get the Truth" I want to send a copy of "THE TRUTH" to each branch so that you may read. But it is difficult to send anything to you on credit because everything has been payed cash for. There is no money here in the offive because you have not even sent the subscriphious to the Treasurer and the paper cannot go on on credit. Send in your tickes for the support of our paper. Branch Executive Committees should co-operate now and get "The Truth".

So says the editor.

NOTE- IMPORTANT POINTS.

- (1) The separte subscription of 2/- per member of Congress for our leaders relief fund should be forward to Dr. Nokwe at your earliest.
- (2) Because of the Anti Bantu Education Act Campaign and Congress of the People Campaign it has become urgently necessary that each member should contribute 1/- to be sent ...2/-

to be sent to Dr. Bokwe as early as possible together with our de-
ported leaders Relief Fund making a total of 3/-. Things are bad

- (3). Renew your membership for this year fellow Africans.
- (4) You should send in your Annual Reports from Branches and forward the names of your Executive Committee members.
- (5). Secretaries should kindly reply to correspondence from the Headquarters. There are branches who do not write to me at all. I am going to report this to the Provincial President because I dont know the reason why. This is the last letter to them and to their branch Secretaries I say, " IF A SECRETARY CANNOT REPLY HE MUST GET OUT OF THE WAY OF OTHERS WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK."

L.E. TSHUNUNGWA.

For. Prov. SECRETARIAT.

Translated from Xosa on 2.12.55. by Solomon DUNGA.

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COPY OF NOTES MADE BY N/D/SGT. JOHAN TABETA AT A
MEETING OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, HELD AT
MOROKA (JABAVU) ON 6. 2. 1955.

Sunday 6-2-55 11.30 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.

A.N.C. Meeting held in Ncwane Sq. Moroka East.

E. Malele Chairman following speakers.

J. Ngwenya.

Manele.

Mtshabela
I. Mtshabela.

Siyape.

J. Langene.

B. Motsegare.

J. Poo.

Malele on his opening said :

We are all meet here in such a bad time special S.Town. Their houses been taken away by Nationalist Govt. your children Educ. taken by Verwoerd Your youngsters sold to Farmers for 5/- the time has come that we must unite before I call speaker I shall call upon Rev. Malinga. Some of you don't know Malinga is an old Minister of A.N.C. is also old Minister Squarters 1947 he used to pray for Moroka & Jabavu in his pray he will also put our chief Lutuli who is in hospital at Durban since last week. I will call Malinga to pray for us in our struggle.

Malinga sang and pray for A.N.C. also Lutuli who is Hospital in Durban . Natal.

J. Ngwenya said :

Chairman I thank for these few minutes you gave me to speak of Moroka I am sorry to see no people of Moroka in such bad time at Moroka we were told that we will be here at Moroka for 5 years & after 5 years City Council will give us place to build our ^{own} houses City-C was

City C was also told that he has not right to increase our Rents at Moroka 1948 I am the ^{one} ~~only~~ of those who went to Bloemfontein Courts City C agreed to give us 50 x 100 to build houses till now no place look at Moroka people staying like animals today City Council removing people from Sophiatown who have houses I think you all heard that on 12th Feb. 55 Sophiatown people will be removed to Meadowlands White people always want African to be in difficulties at Meadowlands if your Husband died you will be chased out in the house Some people I am glad to go to Meadowland because I will get a house. Without unite we shall do nothing its long enough since white people been playing fool with us everyday they called us Kaffirs we don't know what's going to happened at Sophiatown this Government is ever been bad to us if you fight for your rights you are called Communist I know on 12th Feb. 55 the Dutch will be so pleased to shoot people at Sophiatown. I wish they can give Sophiatown people a chance to pray before they shoot them this is a time that member of the A. N.C. & Vigilance should discuss something about Moroka after discussing the matter will be brought to you/
~~the~~ people about this Moroka you must all remember that Sophiatown is just a Testing place if we let it go then every place which is belongs to a African will be taken away. The time has come that we must show the Government who we are at Meadowland people shall pay rent of £2.0.0. to £4.0.0. if that happened there it will happened here at Moroka .

Manele :

Said Friends I am so pleased to be with you here this morning after such long time I know some of you knows me some not I been away to Bethal.

~~to Bethal.~~ I been thinking today this Square will be full with people I been at Bethal where your Sons are ill Treated by Dutchs Farmers I appeal to you mothers to wake up. Some time we been talking about Hitler ^{that} ~~tant~~ he will get lost and go to Hell to day Government is taking rights of Sophiatown people. Ngwenya spoke about Moroka that we were given 5 yrs till today City Council & Government are just the same Friends you remember Trams were running at Western N.T.S. the Trams were stopped by natives of W.N.T.Ship why can't we stop Sophiatown being moved by City Council & Government I think on 12th Feb. 1955 no children shall go to school we shall demonstrate to Sophiatown.

Mrs. I. Mkanela said :

I am sorry as I see no Mothers in this meeting this is a time for we mothers to wake up and fight for our children I appeal to those mothers who are not members of the A.N.C. I been in ^{the} ~~this~~ A.N.C. for some time but no mother attended the meeting even the Government informers I appeal to them to join A.N.C. if our Husbands doing work we must help them today our children are given Bantu Education our houses are only sand & sacks Malen do not want us to build houses with Bricks we can run our own schools we have teachers Doctors Ministers amongst ourselves why should we worry about Government teachers & Doctors so ^{our} ~~our~~ children should not go to Bantu Education because its only a poison for our children.

Siyape said :

I greet you all I am going to speak ¹⁹⁵³ about passes you all remember during 1953 Government introduced passes to native women at O.F.S.

~~De. S.~~ One of the women was shoot dead by the Police this dirty book called Pass refernce have all bad laws inside if you not working you must leave Town within 3 days these reference book send about 400 natives to the Farms a day I appeal to you all to take A.N.C. member card be a member of A.N.C. that is only organisa-tion which opposed Nationalist Party of Malan.

J. Langene Said:

I wpuld ask this meeting to allow me to speak English language Friend Bantu Ed is something for this Government Since this morning I heard speakers talk about Bantu Ed. to day you can do nothing with - out Education thats why this Verwoerd Government want to take it away from your children first of all let me challenge Ministers what have they done about Bantu E. if your Children Education taken away what are you going to do ? why does not Teachers & Minister come to tell you what you must do its because they are afraid they bee a promised money by Government . Wake up Afri-cans our paradise is this Education this Bantu Educa-tion is only oppressing us let us remember Moses ^{Moses & Nowe} ~~nowe~~ ~~days~~ People were saying Moses & Nowe are mad. Govern-ment can not stop people to Freedom we must boy Cott all these laws of Nationalist Government. Strydom is a young boy we shall meet him in cross roads today Lutuli is in Jail because is been banned the day of the Treators like Tabete and others will come Africans you must un-ite & Fight together against the bad laws of this country.

B. Motsegere said :

People I must die for my people to day Government is getting all these young boys from Farms to Join the Police Force so they can Kill Sophiatown

Sophiatown on 12th Feb. 1955 but our youngsters are only playing dices drinking beer robbing people so on while Government recruiting young Dutchmen for Killing our people on 12th Feb. 1955 No children shall go to school on 1st April 1955. if Verwoerd want to send our children to school he can send young Dutch men to school if A.N.C. Call parents to meeting they donot come you remember resolution passed by A.N.C. that U.T.C. Tobacco not to be used but still today some shops are selling it we met here to talk about Bantu Ed. removal of Western, U.T.C. tobacco if Government used force we don't know what will happened Freedom will achieved about June or July 1955 A.N.C. is a Free Organisation like Nationalist Party but A.N.C. opposed Nationalist Party.

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J. POO Said :

I am the chief Volunter I am bringing a message we want more VolunTERS all the work will be done by the VolunTERS even in Churches beer Halls Hospitals VolunTERS will do the work Some say why A.N.C. do not Fight.? I want to tell you this these VolunTERS are not to fight but VolunTES got big Job in the day of removal of Sophiatown that is a place where they are going to work each and every house in Moroka says that ~~xxxx~~ Sophiatown is not moving at all I will tell VolunTERS what they must do on 12th Feb. 1955 and I wont tell them here because Tabete & his gang are here More work will be done by VolunTERS on June this year when Freedom achieved Nationalist Party only fight for white people from here go to every house and organise for VolunTERS We need more VolunTERS to do the work. Afrika.

SIGNED: Johan Tabete.

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