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SAMUEL HENDRIK WITTE verklaar :

Ek is 'n Speurdersersant in die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie, verbonde aan die Spesiale Afdeling, te Kaapstad.

Tussen 3.30 en 5.25 n.m. op die 1e Mei, 1955 het ek, vergesel van ander lede van die Mag, 'n vergadering van die "Congress of the People" op die Parade te Kaapstad bygewoon. By die vergadering, wat deur ongeveer 500 persone van alle rasse bygewoon was, was plakkaats en banniere met die volgende opskrifte vertoon :-

- "Equal Education for all";
- "Workers Unite for Freedom";
- "Join Up";
- "Bantu Education is Slave Education";
- "Down With the Slave Labour Bill";
- "Let us speak together of freedom";
- "Congress of the People";
- "We Don't want Colour Locations";
- "Imperialism Breeds War";
- "Apartheid means suffering";
- "Fight Section 10";
- "Workers Unite for Freedom";
- "An Attack on one is an attack on all";
- "Section 10 breaks up families".

Ek het in snelakrif notas gemaak van die toesprake, waarvan 'n oorskrif hieronder volg :-

JOHN MTINI, die Voorsitter, het in Xosa gepraat, vertolk in Engels deur R. SOGIBA, as volg :-

"We are about to start our meeting now. Africa ! Mayebuye ! This meeting is called under the auspices of the people. The main point of this meeting is to make you understand that this is the 1st May. The 1st of May is labour day, won by the unity of the workers. All over the world this is a day so that you, that each and every worker is celebrating it as a day of freedom. I am not referring to South Africa. I am referring to places all over the world where there is freedom. In Russia, China, and all over, there are celebrations. Also here in South Africa the National Congress is celebrating today and to remind all workers of the day. We call all workers to remember this day. This is the day of freedom always. You must remember this day is a freedom day. You must all join your freedom movement. This is a day of solidarity. Now I am going to call on my speakers. My first speaker will be Mrs. Silinga. She will explain the exact danger that is threatening in this native land of ours. When I say native land I mean the land of all of us. Mrs. Silinga."

Daar was toe 'n singery gelei deur Annie Silinga.

ANNIE SILINGA, in Xosa, vertolk deur SOGIBA :

"Mr. Chairman and good people-I thank you very much. Today is May Day - Workers' Day. I thank you all workers. We are all sufferers under race discrimination in South Africa. Only because of segregation here we cannot work in factories like our husbands and build up a South Africa. Now let us come to Section 10. I thank Verwoerd for all he has done. All he has done is to unite the people. Now today in South Africa the womens section of the African race, they are not supposed to be boarders - you know what I mean - like in Langa they lie down on something. At the Administrative offices at Langa you will see long queues of African women. Why ? Now we of the A.N.C. - the women - we just demand that this section 10 be abolished. We demand the doing away of the pass system and doing away of oppression. I thank the Government for

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all they have done - they help to drive the people into our organisation. I tell you today - in Langa you cannot teach the people unity - but now within a short time they all come in. If I tell you - I have been going around and couldn't get anyone to join, but now people are running to join. The ranks of the A.N.C. is growing. Today they thank you for it. They know now that the A.N.C. is an organisation of liberty. I want to tell you one thing, brothers and sisters of Africa - there is a big congress going on in Johannesburg. That is where we are going to build up the unity of South Africa. We want to build up friendship and co-operation in South Africa of all races. "We of the two organisations mentioned in South Africa, we don't want to hear anything of a South African republic. Africa!"

MTINI :

"I am going to call on my next speaker. He is one of the men of the Trade Unions - that is the South African Congress of Trade Unions. Mr. Simpson will speak to you."

SIMPSON :

"Friends, on this May Day, 1955, I greet you all on behalf of the Congress of Trade Unions. The South African Congress of Trade Unions has recently been formed in Johannesburg. Comrades, it is the first time in South Africa that a multi racial Trade Union Congress has been established in South Africa. Therefore comrades, we who are celebrating May Day today have a great deal to celebrate. At last workers of South Africa have come together and have decided that they are going to fight for freedom as well. Friends, all over South Africa the people are preparing for the great Congress of the People. In every town and in every village there are people talking about the Congress of the People. There are people who are talking of things they are wanting in that charter. Comrades, we in the Trade Union movement, we know that we cannot divorce ourselves from the struggle of liberation. In order to gain a better life we have to fight for liberation too. We have to see too that we fight against Bantu Education. And so, comrades, we in the trade union movement have to stand together with all organisations that are fighting for peace and freedom. Friends, this is a great day. May Day is celebrated throughout the world. It is the day when we celebrate our solidarity. In other countries there are hundreds and thousands of people who are marching through the streets. There are people marching with banners - they are people who are also fighting for freedom. All over the world the people are demonstrating. It is a great day of solidarity. In Johannesburg at this very moment there is a great meeting going on just like this. In Durban too, and all over the world. And so, comrades, we are not alone in our struggle. We must pledge ourselves on this day to fight harder for freedom. It is almost five years today since the Suppression of Communism Act was passed. Since that day many leaders of the Congress movement have been banned. Many blows have been dealt to progressive leaders throughout the country, but in spite of it all we have carried on. The reason is of course our irresistible struggle for freedom. The more we are oppressed the more determined we become. Throughout the Transvaal the people have had a great deal of hardship. Everybody knows about the terrible Western Areas Removal Scheme. There the people were removed although they didn't want to go. But the people are carrying on fighting. Here in the Cape you have Section 10 but the people go on fighting, and so, comrades, we go on. And this May Day is a very special day for us. It is a day when we must decide that we are going to bring freedom one step nearer. So comrades, we must celebrate May Day in the right way. The Congress....

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Congress of Trade Unions made a special pledge on this day to carry on its struggle - to organise all trade unions - to work with all other organisations for peace. The SACTU knows that it cannot carry on alone. It is something that everybody must know about. It has no colour bar, and in the second place it is pledged to organise all workers. It is also pledged to fight for peace. We must work harder for peace than we have done before. It is no good saying we want peace, we must work for peace. The working people all over the world must say we want peace. Who is it that go to war and do the fighting? It is the working people who go to fight. And therefore it must be the task of the working people of this world to say they are not going to fight in another war. That is why people all over the world today are demonstrating for peace. They are demanding an end to wars. They are demanding that atomic energy be used for peaceful purposes. The last war cost twenty three thousand million pounds, and the people know how much money is being spent now on armaments. Think of all the money that can be used for hospitals. And yet the money is being used for hydrogen bombs. And so, friends, we, the workers, must demand peace. We must work in the peace movement in South Africa. It is the duty of the working people to insist on peace. We cannot concern ourselves alone with the fight for higher wages and better conditions. We must concern ourselves with anything effecting the workers. And one of the things effecting the workers today is the threat to peace. We must vow to work harder during the current year. We must think of all those people who are resisting Bantu Education. We must think of all the people who are fighting against the pass laws and other repressive laws. So many blows have been dealt to the progressive movement in the last five years the people are inspired to fight for freedom. And so, friends, let us go forward, let us make the C.O.P. a great success. Let us see that from every factory, every street and village, people send delegates. Let people send in their demands for the C.O.P., and on the day of the C.O.P.- when so many thousands of people are there - let the people adopt the freedom charter. And in that freedom charter we shall have our demands for peace, for a better life, for better working conditions. And so friends, on behalf of the S.A.C.T.U. I appeal to you to come forward to the C.O.P. Let us have new hope. Let us work hard for it and let it be a great success. Thank you comrades."

B. TUROK :

"I want money. Once again it is my job to ask you for money. And now we are going to ask the young ladies to go around and we're asking you to give something towards the cost of the meeting. To start the ball rolling I want to tell you that a friend of ours has given £5 to cover the expenses of the meeting."

"I want to talk to you about democracy and I want to talk to you about world peace. Friends, you know that every few months the Government sends some of its ambassadors overseas and these ambassadors always talk about how the native is being uplifted in this country. These ambassadors say that they are speaking for the people of South Africa. But friends, two weeks ago they were saying that they were liars. We had our representatives overseas, number one, MOSES KOTANE (applous). Mr. Moses Kotane was the Secretary of the Communist Party, and also an executive member of the A.N.C. The other delegate of the people of South Africa was Mr. Cachalia, (applous), also an executive member of the A.N.C. These delegates of the people went to Bandung and there they spoke of the true interests of the people of South Africa. They say the people of South Africa want peace and a democratic way of life. And together with the leaders of Red China, with the leaders of India, and the leaders of many other nations our peoples representatives told...."

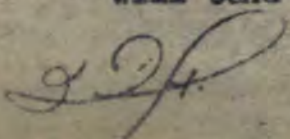
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told them of our way of life in this country. Friends it is necessary that we here show our agreement and our support for Messrs. Kotane and Cachalia. Let us give them a loud hand. (applous). Friends, I don't know how Moses Kotane got out of South Africa. You don't know how they got out of South Africa, and even Strydom doesn't know (applous). One thing is clear to us friends, that all our struggles in this country needs money. So once again we need money. We know and everyone of you know that when you go up North and fight in the South African army you are nothing but a boy who sits in the back. And what is more the people in this country have nothing to gain from a war. Who are we going to fight if we go to war? We're not going to fight against a nazi Germany this time. We're going to fight Russia. We're going to fight against Chu-en-lai of China. Who of you want to fight against China? (applous). We say down with war. Moses Kotane is right - we want peace. You must remember that the fight for freedom and peace is the same thing. We want freedom and we also want peace and the two are the same things. Because with this Government we shall never get peace unless we get freedom. Can you imagine a man like Strydom, who is a lion of the backveld - and I say backveld because in the towns there are no lions - so it is obvious that he is from the backveld - can you imagine that this lion from pampoendorp can want peace? He was born with a gun in one hand and a Bible in the other. Friends, we stand for peace and Strydom stands for war. Peace and freedom are the same. We thank the person who gave us a fiver in the struggle for freedom."

"Friends, we have even said from this platform that this country is a Police state. Mr. Strauss has also nearly said it - only he said it is nearly a Police state." (Hier het hy 'n uittreksel uit die "Argus" voorgelees waarin knr. Strydom sou gesê het dat die witman alleen kan lei as hy die mag in sy hande het - d.w.s. baasskap). Hy het voortgegaan :

"There you are, friends, there you have it. Friends, South Africa is a Police state - there is no doubt about it. We have our locations and we have our oppressive laws by the thousand. I don't know how many sections there are under the Suppression of Communism Act, but I know that every time Parliament sits they bring in new amendments." (Hier het hy weer vir geld gevra).

"Yes this country is a Police state and we are now doing something about it. The people are moving forward with the C.O.P. The C.O.P. will be the biggest thing South Africa has ever seen. One of the things the C.O.P. does is to collect demands of the people. I myself have seen a few people in a pondokkie sitting around a candle and they have written in their demands for the C.O.P. These resolutions are simple and clear. We want freedom - we want a better life and we don't want a Police state. The C.O.P. is a national mover. You see us here in the thousands supporting the C.O.P. and in fact even giving money for the people. I hope you are giving money. Friends, the demands for the freedom charter are pouring into Johannesburg. You no doubt have seen odd stickers here and there - we always put these stickers on the backs of envelopes - these stickers say 'send in your demands for the freedom charter'. Everyone in this country has demands - send them in. Delegates are going to the C.O.P. This same pondokkie that I am talking about where the people were sitting round the candle - they and their neighbours are together collecting money to send a delegate to the C.O.P. I assure you that the delegate they will send will not be a farmer or a big business man. Their delegate....


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delegate will be a coloured person or an African, poor like themselves. Friends, at the C.O.P. you will see many colours - like these people standing around here - only more than those here. There will be thousands and thousands of delegates coming from every location and from the backveld. Mr. Strydom, I want to tell you a secret - while your farmer friends are not looking one of the Congress organisers is going around the farms and speaking to their workers, and every night you hear a little murmur in the veld. Friends, the C.O.P. will have delegates from everywhere. These delegates will have to have money to pay for their train fare, and let me tell you that we have many expenses in the C.O.P. - it is not only the lorry and the loudspeakers and posters and everything - but Mr. Strydom has refused to give us the railway free and we have to pay for these delegates. Two and six for freedom is a better investment than half a million shares in Anglo-American shares. Friends, you must realise that this is going to be the most democratic Congress that South Africa has ever seen. Sometimes I stand outside Parliament at the gates and look at all the big cars coming along and rich people going in. And I think to myself are these the representatives of the people of South Africa? At the conference at Johannesburg in June you will not see these big cars. You will see poor people - the honest people - people who don't use hosepipes on their workers. The C.O.P. is a campaign that we must support - please give your money. If you have given once, give again. The majority of the people of this country are workers and at these democratic meetings you expect to find workers in the majority. And I can assure you that at the C.O.P. the majority of the people will be workers. And so on this May Day we say workers lead us forward. We look forward to the working class. We say lead us forward to the C.O.P. Let us salute the workers of the country. Long live May Day. Africa! Mayebuye! Africa! Mayebuye!"

J.S.P. MOTLHELOA : 'n baie swak spreker, het in Engels gesê :

"The Bantu Education Act of Verwoerd is nothing else than to break the people mentally. According to Dr. Verwoerd the African child must not be taught to think for himself, he must be thought for. According to this Minister our children are no longer going to be taught history and geography. According to them our children at school today are only taught - the girls to scrub the floor, boys to use the (pick-and-shovel) spade and pick. For any educated man there is place for anywhere. Once I am educated I can do a job. I want to know how Dr. Verwoerd is going to do it. We see what he is doing to our schools. Now friends, the African children under Dr. Verwoerd are only allowed to learn what Dr. Verwoerd wants them to learn. He doesn't want the African child to think for himself - the white man must think for him. How is he going to do it? Even a man who is not educated can think for himself. Our women are chased about by the Police for pass laws. How can you respect a man who hates you? Where are our children going to land? Under section 10 our women are not allowed to remain in towns. Where are our children going to? It is not so much that they want to give education. They want to show the other countries that the African children don't want to be educated. That is all. I just want to know how can you expect a man like Verwoerd who was born on a farm to come and tell you what to do in a town (applous). These people all come from farms and they want our children to be educated for the farms. It is up to the people of this country who love freedom to see that tomorrow and the day after we don't have that law. The chief aim of the Bantu Education Act is to transform education into Bantu Education. Under the Bantu Education Act if an African child goes to school....

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school today he must write in his exercise book in pencil. Anything which is in that exercise book must never be rubbed out. The inspectors must go round and see how far they have been educated. We say boycott them because we don't know what was going on. Today we know what is going on. According to Verwoerd if a child goes to school without a pair of shoes on he must be expelled from school. People cannot afford to buy shoes. They are liars when they call this civilisation. For them to call the civilisation white is nothing but to give the impression that the African children in this country are being educated, which is a lie. I know most of the white people in this country are democratic people and would like everybody to be educated. And I want to tell Dr. Verwoerd that this thing of Bantu Education must come to an end. And on behalf of the white people of this country who believe in freedom, I want to tell you that it is a lie that Bantu Education is education. There is no white civilisation in this country. It is a lie...."

ALBIE SACHS : het boodskappe voorgeloes van (a) "Cape Town Peace Council; (b) GREENWOOD NGOTYANA ("who is one of the banned, the honest people in South Africa) - (applous) en (c) BRIAN BUNTING (applous), wie se boodskap geeloes het : "On this May Day people of South Africa are working for the C.O.P. Five years ago the Suppression of Communism Act was passed, but the people's opposition has increased and they have refused to be silenced. May this day bring further proof of our struggle. Full freedom in our lifetime."

SACHS het toe die volgende resolusies voorgeloes :-

- (1) "On this May Day we greet workers throughout the world. We salute those workers who have won their fight for freedom, and we greet those still fighting for freedom";
"We want a better life and friendship between all peoples, Africa !";
- (2) "This gathering of a section of the people of South Africa hereby ratify the stand taken by our representatives MOSES KOTANE and CACHALIA at Bandung. We stand for world peace and condemn the warmongering of the imperialists."; "We demand the withdrawal of American and British troops from Africa and Asia";
- (3) "This meeting condemns the Bantu Education Act, and calls upon all African parents to have their children ready for the boycott of the schools. We support the action taken by Johannesburg parents in refusing to accept Bantu Education";
- (4) "Down with the Group Areas Act - all democrats protest most strongly against this Act".

Die resolusies was eenparig aangeneem.

GEORGE PEAKE : "Mr. Chairman and Comrades,
On May Day, the day of the workers, I bring greetings from S.A.C.P.O. to all people who are prepared to fight for freedom. We give you our pledge to rally under the banner of Congress to fight for freedom for all democratic South Africans. Today, comrades, millions of workers in all corners of the world assemble. But let us not lose sight of the fact, friends, that the workers are the most important people in the world. They gather in their millions to demonstrate their solidarity and unity of the working class. We gather strength in the fact that we have millions of allies all over the...."

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over the world. Comrades, unlike the Nationalists, we have friends all over the world. Comrades, only last week at Bandung, the representatives of 29 nations, comprising the population of more than half the world, pledged their support and sympathy for victims of racial discrimination in South Africa. Comrades, even in the countries which have friendly relations with South Africa, there is mounting anger against the policies of Verwoerd. Last week in the House of Parliament a very significant statement was made by a United Party member of Parliament. He warned the Nationalists that in the event of war the nations of the West would fight on the side of baasskap. Friends, we the millions of oppressed and down-trodden have every reason to be optimistic, because throughout the world there is an awakening of the small man. All the oppressed of the world are moving forward, shaking off the shackles of oppression and misery. Let it never be said that the workers of South Africa shirked their duty in bringing about racial harmony for all. We have it in our power to transform South Africa into a land that every South African can be proud of - a country free of hatred, suspicion and fear. A country where all the people can work together harmoniously for the good of the country, a country where not only white people but also black people can hold office in Parliament. Friends, at this stage in the struggle for liberation no sacrifice is too great. No freedom fighter, no matter how old, is indispensable, and the call goes out to all the young people of South Africa to rally under the colours of Congress. If we stand together we can have freedom in our lifetime. We can earn the praises and not the curses of the generations to come. If South Africa is to become a peaceful country it is essential that the plan to remove thousands of families be defeated. Thousands of our African compatriots are being moved as if they are so many cattle. When Hitler was on his march to power he also deemed it fit to put people into racial ghettos, and in those ghettos he found it easy to destroy them. I see very little difference in the motives of our Government. Comrades, it is a known fact that nothing that an oppressor does is right. Hitler died. In South Africa today we are governed by rulers who during the war praised Hitler. I am sure there are many of these men here on the Parade who were prepared at that time to lay down their lives to defeat Hitler. The Strydoms, Malans, Verwoerds were welcoming a Hitler victory. These rulers of ours today are imitating Hitler. The mass removal of African families - the way they are forcing African women to live without their husbands - is no less than a dastardly crime, like the crimes Hitler committed against the Jews. And they tell us these people moved voluntarily willingly. They moved so willingly and freely that they have to get on to lorries at the point of a rifle. Friends I am convinced that the solidarity and unity of the oppressed will never allow the pernicious plans of the Minister of Native Affairs to create out of our African compatriots a homeless wandering people. It is bound to fail. When we come nearer home - I refer to the coloured people - right before your doorstep is a similar movement. Last week we saw ministers of religion planning how the Peninsula must be carved up. They plan to rob you of your hard won and earned homes. And if ever a man was called to defend it is essential that he fights for his home. They tell us that people must be moved into racial groups, into ghettos, in the interests of racial harmony. Do you think that if people are moved from their hard earned homes that they will live in racial harmony? They will live in bitterness. This whole Group Areas Act is planned robbery. It means you are shifted out of Walmer Estate into the Cape Flats where I suppose there are no lavatories. It means your children are removed from their schools thereby retarding their education. It means a lowering....

a lowering of your living standard because it will cost you more money for travelling. It means that our Moslem friends will be moved from their places of worship. It means complete financial ruin to our Indian businessmen. Surely you are not satisfied with that state of affairs? Present a solid united mass front and nothing can stop your march. Friends it is regrettable that this must be said but I say to them - our brothers who now sit on the fence - because they can sit in white cinemas and have white friends - the time will come when you will be forced to come to us - so come now. Try and forget that your grandfather was an Englishman or Dutchman that there is a better place for you in society. In the eyes of this Government you are black and as blacks you will be oppressed. So I say again - come forward and fight in the ranks where you belong. Comrades we musn't be preturbed by the repressive measures passed by Parliament. The very increasing fury of the oppressors only bring the oppressed to more struggle. Friends, not while there is life can the desire to rid themselves of oppression - never can that be extinguished. We, the millions of down-trodden folk, whose only crime is the fact that we are black, are confident that our struggle will end in ultimate victory. The Hitlers and Mussolinis and other tyrants came and went. I can see no different fate for the Malans, the Strydoms and Verwoerds. (applous). History has proved to us that the rule of the tyrant is all temporary, but when victory of the people is won it is permanent. Friends, it is ridiculous for our rulers to think that a handful of white people...can forever keep away from the millions of blacks the freedom they are entitled to. I say to Mr. Strydom, for heaven's sake...no matter how fierce you behave towards us, time is against you. Your policy of stepping up your oppression and hate will rebound on you. I am sure you don't sleep peacefully. Your sleeping hours must be disturbed by nightmares of suffering black millions, and no man who sits on a precarious throne such as yours can have a contented mind. And we will pester you continuously until we prove to you that you are wrong. Mass organisation is all that is required in South Africa. It is absolutely essential that every man, woman and child that is of the oppressed class realises that he is in the fight. When we have that unity, comrades, we can march forward to freedom. Forward to the C.C.P. comrades, forward to freedom. Africa!

P.S.J. MANANA was toe deur MTINI versoek om die mense te bedank vir hulle opkoms, en het alleen gesê: "I thank you all".

J. White
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Verklaarder erken dat hy ten volle op hoogte is met die inhoud van hierdie verklaring.

Beëdig voor my te Kaapstad die 7e dag van Junie, 1955.

J. Harok 17060 1/5/55.
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COPY OF NOTES MADE BY N/D/CONST. JOEL CAMANE OF A MEETING OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS HELD AT C/O. MORRIS STREET AND VICTORIA ROAD, SOPHIATOWN : 1/5/55.

A.N.C. Meeting - 1.5.55.

Commence 11 am - 2.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN

Gatherings we have opened our meeting. What I now ask are the ears to hear. The A.N.C. is your Govt. This meeting is here to discuss about education today of our children. In this meeting I am not going to attack anybody. I will call my speaker to speak. You must teach your children to come here, who were expelled by Dr. Verwoerd. We want even those who are attending the schools of Dr. Verwoerd. We can see that we are about to defeat the Government. This meeting is called here for parents and children. Let us unite and fight this education so as to get the right education. I will call upon Mr. Molaoa. Sorry is Mr. Nthite to address this meeting.

1st SP. NTHITE.

Chairman, Sons and daughters of Africa. I thank the chairman and sons and daughters of Africa - I thank and salute you. This morning I want to speak to you briefly. I want to say to you this morning the witness of victory to National Party. It does not matter what is going to happen to these two parties but we are not going to withdraw. What is A.N.C. stands for? It is standing for every African. A.N.C. because the unity congress of people. When we realise and see the A.N.C. self defence, we can not count our duties to A.N.C. When people are united to congress they will speak in one word. Only last week the word of united people was heard. Which says boycott. When I say we have boycott schools and parents have withdrew

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children is not to say we have completed our work. We are not strong people to oppose Bantu Education but we must take it strong to ourselves. Our organisation is going forward to freedom. Every woman in South Africa must keep it her duty to defeat B.E. as we did boycott. The duty of every waman boy is to come to A.N.C. and become a youth and fight the struggle against him. By so doing these young people is not to say they help the A.N.C. but help themselves for future. The fact is that in this country the white man is creating his pot. The time has come that we take every boycott and have equality to white men. The time has come to point at man who as a criminal to africans. My fellow Africans I have said all the works which are limited on A.N.C. The Nationalists P. also is on its way to freedom. We see the duty of the Dutch people is only to manufacture the gun and revolver. Sons and daughters of Africa I say to you we must protect this land of our.s The schools of Lutheran and Roman Catholic have gained the children because they are protected by Police day and night. We are going to see that the children in Lutheran and Catholic schools they end this going to schools.

CHAIRMAN

Africans, you heard the speaker. There is only one thing. Africans we must unite. If our people were united about school, Verwoerd would have reasoned. Africans we say children to come and be educated here in square. The European is after something when they change the educ. and they take away the exemption pases from Africans, because not one African should possess property. I call upon Mr. Molaoa.

2nd. SP. - P. MOLAOA

Chairman, Sons and daughters of Africa. I salute you. You all understand almost this B. Educ. that we will come to time when they take everything from us. You

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know today that in Parliament they discuss that Africans should not work same like Europeans. There they introduced the B.E. and the point is that the teachers must loose work. This B.E. is not affecting teachers only but everybody. The aim of N/P is that they must get more slaves. This B.E. is only putting an Africans to remain in one stage. If this Educ. is good why they want to use us as tools. Our children in these schools they go for only four hours and come back. It is surprising in this Educ. what do they get. I see that in B.E. it is the worse educ. than ever. Sons and daughters of if B.E. is good, I have it with you, I see that it is better a person to teach in his house. Why I say so is because I see that it is sending us to concentration Camps. Let ask a question that these camps are they really build for stotsi benefit. We know in 1933 the such camps were introduced. Today we fead the work bureau. Today they send 2,000 Africans to farms as labourers. Today the Govt. is under pretence that he wants to clear the crime by removing stotsi. You see today that Govt. has the private police and yet it is not the Police State. The bigger the crime the more stotsies we have. Africans the liberation is with you. When the Govt. S.A. lose here today and shall bann all the leaders. Sons and Daughters of Africa the A.N.C. is not by itself but is for you and it is depend on you. Sons and Daughters of Africa we can struggle for twenty years rather than to send children these schools. B.E. is only to send you to farm. Without you there can and be no Africa. Sons and daughters of Africa I am not going to waist your. I salute you. I say Mayibuye Africa.

CHAIRMAN.

Africans you think if you were human beings they could take education from you and that you pay for it.

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We are being arrested for pass, liquor and we pay money. I will call upon Mrs. Karai.

3rd SP. KARAI.

Sons and Daughters of Africa. I stand here to speak about people doing their work since 1912 until today. Today I speak here. The removal of Sophiatown. It is surprising to remove people from their origin places. Even Dr. Malan was afraid to remove peoples. He then resigned. The blessless, now patient man I wish him luck to visit Sophiatown. It is through him that Swart should bann our people to bann the public meetings... Today they discussed the B.E. All this happens when we are homeless and he is taking away our children. Today we see that the Dutch people are determined to kill us. This education given to our children is nothing absolutely. They say there must be teachers to teach our children the official languages. We did not say we want any relation with these people. We are being ruled with laws working to Africans only. The time will come and something will take place. Why do these people hate us. It is because the law is with them. That is why they introduce this education because their children are non educated. Let us educate ourselves. The parents want advise from us, the advise is this, no child to accept this educ. but each and every parent to teach her child in house. What we want is this the children must get proper education. These church buildings are built with our own money. why the Government wants our children to lease these buildings and go to other buildings? Africans is only onething we must unite. We must decide not the A.N.C. to decide for us, to build the schools. For under these conditions we must fight. Let us come together Africans. We have many things to which we can build the schools. These children of ours taught themselves

how to speak English but today they must be given this B.E. We must teach ourselves to know that this B.E. is bad, very bad. Here in A.N.C. we talk about men not the traitors. Let us come and understand together and keep our children at homes.

CHAIRMAN.

Africans come together I will now call the last speaker We usually do this before I call the last speaker we ask the collection. This meeting can not do without money. I will call the last speaker.

4th SP. R. RESHA

Chairman, Sons and daughters of Africa. I am not going to be long as it has been said this Afternoon. I want to remind you about the battle against the fascism Gout. You must remember that the Dutch are only to oppress us. That is why our brothers are dying mines. That is why our brothers are wearing sacks in farms of Bethal assaulted with hose pipe being still alive. It is those 1000 of people being arrested yet Africa is still alive. All our determination to believe is that for 300 years being oppressed because the Govt. is bringing this Bantu Education. No what the African people of Brakpan, Germiston to withdraw their children to worry the Govt. The Govt. is worried because African children refused to eat this poison. Dr. Verwoerd the madman of this Govt. said the children who fail to return to school on 25/4/55 then on 30/4/55 they will make some features for those children. The madman says to you that once more tells lies that in both houses of Assembly. He said the withdrawal of children from schools was only the tsotsies. Dr. Verwoerd again lies that all those withdrawal children to return to school on 25/4/55. To show the lies of Dr. Verwoerd to you police to

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stop the children by people and arrest them. We must make sure that the actions of Govt. by arresting people refusing their children to go to school by these ignorant Dutchboys. On monday with the decision of A.N.C. the children did not go to school. The teachers were told to give the numbers of children did not turn up to schools and that the certain number of teachers will be dismissed. The teachers on reply gave the answer that there were very few children in schools. Now the teachers do not know who is going and who is in schools. Now the teachers do not know who is going and who is remaining. It is our duty that every African child must not eat this poison of education. On sake of the teachers who are going to lose their bread I say to the bottom of my heart I am sorry. I should say that I am sorry the children going to lose education is because of you African People. As our duty from tomorrow we must see that no child goes to school. Or if we succeed in getting every child or the teachers then we say to Dr. Verwoerd go to hell I say to those teachers who work as good boys, they must work hard to teach children not to go to school because the other teachers are losing bread. Last week the Roman Catholic Church indicated to me that it was nothing else but Police Station of Newlands. I was ashamed last week to see sisters taking the African children privately to those big gates. but not to heaven to B.E. To Roman Catholic Church and Luthran Chruch I say the days are numbered in South Africa. I will take it to myself that I teach the Roman Catholic children why the Martin Luther left Catholics. Why the Catholic people not allowed to read the bible. I say to you my people in a struggle of freedom, struggle of Bantu Education you must join the A.N.C. You must listen to me, follow me. It is for the leader to know what to do to save the nation. As I stand in this platform not to give my opinion but your opinion. A.N.C. SAYS Forward

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with boycott and away with Bantu Education. A.N.C. never ask you to send your children to Verwoerd schools. Your duty is to be honest to your dear selves and be success in boycott. We must fullfill our promises, and not allow to be dared. It is our duty to educate our people, not B.E. In the face of God we are equal, therefore the education must be Universal. My people if we boycott and succeed Dr. Verwoerd is bound to cach down and give right educ

CHAIRMAN

I want to tell you this the boycott we take here we are together with Western Native Township and Newclare. If the W.N.T. and Newclare do not take this decision I will see that we are not together, but there is one A.N.C. The dutch people call us Communists and they remove our homes. I wish I am a communist. When it comes to the fact the Dutches are communists. We now close this meeting.

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are still living. We told you that you have not used the weapon unity. The day when you will forget that you are Msutu, Xosa Zulu. They tell you that Indians are your enemy are not the Indians working in the sugar plantations like yourselves. Before dealing with anybody first with Malan even before dealing with his Police. Your great leader Marks was scheduled to speak to you But he could not even then There are 10 million Marks. Let those who are listening to us to tell Swart that Freedom marches on nobody can stop it. Unfortunately men like Hodgeson, Braam Fischer, Hilda Watts have disappointed the gvt of Malan because they believe that the Afrikaner people will be free when the majority of the people are oppressed he is fighting against history he that through the unity of the Afrikaner people that he is Prime Minister. he forgets that we also shall be free to the oppressors of this country. We shall fight to the bitter end. We shall fight until the domination by other people is brought to end. We are no longer afraid of the police. Remember that your freedom is via the Cross. As your leader said Chief Luthuli Dr Malan says that your leaders are agitators he say that the whole world which condemns him that it is mad. I see that a copious notes of my speech is made. It is possible that I will before Malan Court and they will appear before the people. Collections taken.

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