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All Communications to be addressed to the Secretary-General

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38, MARKET STREET,
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CIRCULAR LETTER TO PROVINCES.

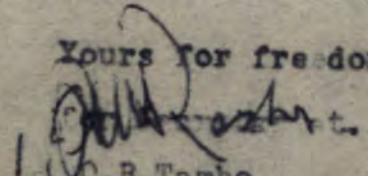
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Dear Sir,

The Congress of the People came to an end on the 26th June, having produced the FREEDOM CHARTER - the real thing for which the people had gathered. It follows therefore, that the most important issue is the placing of the Charter before the people as the only document of their own making.

This historic document expressing the aspirations of men and women of our land, must be brought to the knowledge of and endorsed by every man, woman and child in the country. It should be hanged in the homes of all Congress members, followers and sympathisers.

The ten slogans which appear as headings of the chapters of the Charter should be used as daily slogans in addition to those already in use. All Congress branches are hereby directed to wind up their C.O.P. work. But all contacts made during this campaign should be transformed into suitable machinery for the purpose of popularising THE FREEDOM CHARTER. This means that the Congresses either jointly or separately, depending on the conditions in each given area, must now carry on the campaign of educating the people about the FREEDOM CHARTER. Branches are further directed to arrange report-back meetings in their respective areas immediately.

Although C.O.P. was the largest and most unique gathering in the history of South Africa, yet it is clear that had we all done our best more would have been achieved. Since we are now entering a new phase of our struggle, it becomes necessary to examine our achievements and failures. We should like to have comments from all Congress Committees from the time the campaign began to the 26th June. We should like to have an objective report, and a frank and honest criticism of the whole campaign by the 23rd July, 1955.

Yours for freedom,


O.R. Tambo

Acting Secretary-General

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PHONE 33-4069
P.O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

11th May, 1955.

Chief A.J. Luthuli,
President-General, A.N.C.,
Groutville Mission Station,
P.O. GROUTVILLE.

Dear Sir,

In view of the fact that we have a very short time to prepare for the Congress of the People, the Secretariat has drafted the enclosed statement as a call to the Nation by you. We hope it will meet your approval.

On Saturday, at 10 a.m., one of us will speak to you over the phone to get your approval or otherwise in this regard.

Yours for the Struggle,

O.R. Tambo.
Acting Secretary-General,
African National Congress.

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P.O. Box 9297,
JOHANNESBURG.

12th May, 1955.

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TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES.

Dear friend,

We are happy to inform you that the President-General has improved in his health and is now out of the hospital. We, however, wish to inform you that it is the considered opinion of the President's physicians that he should have to rest at least for a year. That means that he can only undertake light duties. We appeal to all the Provinces and Branches to give their best co-operation so as not to strain the health of the President-General further than it is. In other words, anything that is not clear must be brought to the notice of the Administrative Officer who will do his very best to the utmost of his ability.

No unauthorised Press Statements must be made except by the President-General or his deputy, the Secretary-General subject to the supervision of the National Executive or the Working Committee. Times are bad and the press is not making the situation better. They are attempting to exploit the situation in order to weaken the African National Congress. It is regrettable that the National Executive, owing to its members scattered about has not been able to meet in time. The arrangements, however, have now been made for its meeting on the 21st May, 1955, after which a statement shall be issued.

Yours for freedom,

A. H. S. Schuman
for Secretary.

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The Secretary,
 African National Congress,
 4a Kort Street,
 JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Deposit of publications at the S.A. Public Library
 under the Copyright Act of 1916, as amended.

Your attention is urgently drawn to the fact that three claim notices have been sent to you on the dates noted below for the deposit of AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS - Annual reports to date at this library in terms of the above Act, an extract from which is enclosed.

No reply has yet been received from you. Please note that, failing a satisfactory reply on or before 1st June 1955 the matter will be reported to the Trustees of this library for such legal action as they may decide.

Yours faithfully,

J. van der Merwe
 SECRETARY & LIBRARIAN

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PHONE 33-4069
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38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

24th May, 1955.

TO ALL PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES.

Dear Sir,

We enclose herewith a statement issued by the National Executive Committee which must serve as a directive and a definite policy on the Bantu Education struggle decided upon by the African National Congress conference in Durban, December 1954. For further information on any matter that may not be quite clear to you, communicate with us without any further delay. We would like to see a struggle against the Bantu Education, boycott of schools by children and schools committees intensified.

Yours for freedom.

P. Madue
for Secretariat.

ANC. KwaZulu
S/S Mallet
Johannesburg
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25th May, 1955.

Dear Tembie,

Our journey to the Rand was a pleasant one indeed. The Bantu World came out with a front page criticising me for having refused to give them the statement against the decision of the N.E.C. The question is, who told them about the decision of the N.E.C? In their Thursday's issue they published only the phases and nothing else. To morrow I will send you the cuttings of the Bantu World to see for yourself the role the Bantu World is playing in our struggle.

In regard to the tour I wish to say that it is the wish of our chaps that I and you should go to the Transkei on the 21st June and hold a meeting there on the C.O.P. It is also felt that you are the only person who could in the meantime get each district represented at the meeting in Umtata on the 21st if it can be arranged. This I leave to you but I feel as the others do that if you can put time to it it will water-false.

Now I am sure I don't know what the position is going to be about my fare to these areas. But I will also leave that to your great powers of administration. What I will try and do here is to get a loan of whatever money is required for the fare. My suggestion would be, if that does conflict ~~xxx~~ with the arrangements you are making, that each area I get to must give me a sum of money which could be determined by you and I will in turn hand the money over to you when we meet in P.F. And thus will enable you to pay whatever monies will be due to me. I am arranging similarly with the O.P.S.

Well I am sure I will be very pleased to hear from you before I leave here and I will be leaving on the night of the ~~fourth~~ 4th June. I will also write to you as soon as I know what ~~xxx~~ amount of money is ~~xx~~ require for this trip. I will leave also the question of informing the branches to you. The decision however is that of mass meetings in all these areas as I am going to visit. Should you wish me to do other things for you ~~and~~ I would only be too glad to do them. If you suspect I will be in some difficulty in certain areas, please notify me accordingly and give any information that is necessary in that regard.

The Campaign for the Congress of the People is gaining ~~more~~ momentum here and according to the suggested programme you are playing a very important role during the conference. I still cannot understand why important positions should be given to small boys whilst we, old boys in the game, are still there.

Yours for freedom

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PHONE 33-4069
P.O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

26th May, 1955.

The Editor,
S.A.P.A.
JOHANNESBURG.

Sir,

Please find herewith enclosed a statement on the Senate Bill issued by the African National Congress.

Yours truly,

O.R. Tambo.
Acting Secretary-General.
African National Congress.

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S/S Maellie
Johannesburg
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PHONE 33-4069
P. O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.
27th May, 1955

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES.

Dear Sir,

The National Executive decided to appoint representatives to visit various regions in the country. The itinerary is as follows:-

1. Bloemfontein - 5th June.
2. Kimberly - 7th "
3. Cape Town - 11th & 12th June.
4. Port Elizabeth - 18th & 19th June.
5. East London - 20th June.
6. Queenstown - 21st "

Each province shall be responsible for the travelling expense and accomodation for this trip. The purpose of the visit is to intensify the Bantu Education Campaign, to look into the organisational problems of the African National Congress and also to step up the arrangements for the Congress of the People. Mass meetings therefore will have to be arrnged.

Yours for freedom,

For Secretariat.

ANC Kanton
 S/S Malle
 Johannesburg
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P.O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

27th May, 1955.

Dr. S.M. Molema,
P.O. Box II,
KIMBERLY.

Dear Son of Africa,

We wish to inform you that Mr. A. Gwentshe who was last year deported from East London to Bushbuckridge - Eastern Transvaal, has now been transferred to the farm- Frenchdale - in the district of Mafeking.

We have no alternative but to place him completely under good care, and we have no doubt whatever that you will do everything possible to make him reasonably happy.

Thanking in anticipation.

Yours for freedom,

for Secretariat.

ANC. Kani
S/S Maller
Johannesburg
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P.O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

1st June, 1955.

The Secretariat,
African National Congress,
N A T A L.

Dear Sons of African,

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I have written to the Congress of the People which speaks for itself.

I am sure you will do all in your power to see that you give the matter your best attention.

Yours for freedom,

for Secretariat.

TO: ANC Kaituma
FROM: S/S Maller
Johannesburg
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PHONE 33-4069
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38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

1st June, 1955.

Dear Son of Africa,

I have no time to discuss the serious situation which arose at Fort Hare, but can assure you that we are taking off our jackets in the issue.

I just want to say that you must move heaven and earth in the building of the African National Congress branch and in making arrangements for the Congress of the People delegates. The position doesn't seem to be happy in the Transkei. We must take this Congress of the People affair as the starting point. I am quite confident that you will do all in your power. Please let me receive a letter by next week from you, explaining exactly what you are doing and what we must expect from you.

Yours for freedom,

for Secretariat.

ANC Kanton
S/S Mallet
Johannesburg
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38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

1st June, 1955.

The Secretariat,
Congress of the People,
NATAL.

Dear Friends,

In making arrangements for the Congress of the People delegation, make sure that all the districts in Zululand are represented. Such a step will have far-reaching effects to the Natal people who are here; quite apart from the effect it will have to the people of Natal and Zululand when the report after the Congress of the People is given. This matter deserve your serious attention.

Yours for freedom,

for Secretariat.

ANC. Kantas
S/S Mallet
Johannesburg
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THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, THE SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONGRESS,
THE CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS, THE SOUTH AFRICAN COLOURED PEOPLE'S
ORGANISATION. P.O. BOX 9207,

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JOHANNESBURG.

1st June, 1955.

His Worship, The Mayor,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the undersigned organisations, we wish to make application for your permission to convene a public meeting in the Municipal area, to supplement the meeting called by you at the City Hall Steps on Wednesday last.

The meeting convened by you confined its attention to arousing the European citizens of Johannesburg, to voicing their protest at the Senate Amendment Bill now before Parliament. That Bill is, in our opinion, Sir, the concern not only of European citizens who have the vote, but of all who live in this country, and whose children will continue to live in the dark period to which Nationalist policy is leading. The Bill is more than a threat to subvert the spirit of the South African Act. It is a patent demonstration of the Government's reckless determination to deprive the Non-European people of this country of every vestige of right, and to fetter them with an unrelieved dictatorship. It is a clear indication of the Government's intention to pursue this objective regardless of the fact that to do so entails the inevitable destruction also of the long established democratic rights and privileges of the European population.

In the circumstances, therefore, our four organisations - The African National Congress, The South African Indian Congress, The South African Congress of Democrats and the South African Coloured People's Organisation - feel impelled to take urgent steps to awaken the Non-European citizen of this town, no less than the European, to the need for active, vocal protest at this latest act of the Government, and to urge them to stand together in their defence of the few liberties still left to them.

We wish, therefore, on behalf of the four bodies to make formal application to you for permission to hold a mass public protest meeting at the Newtown Market Square, on Saturday the 11th June, 1955, at 12 P.M. We trust that, in the interest of the overwhelming majority of South Africans who oppose and resent the Senate Amendment Bill, you will see your way clear to grant such permission without delay.

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Bewysstuk No.....
Gekry by..... O. R. TAMBO
Dear..... S/S Jambur
Te..... 25 Fox St.
Datum..... 27/9/55

Yours faithfully,

~~For African National Congress~~

His Worship, The Mayor,
JOHANNESBURG.

1st June, 1955.

For - THE S.A. INDIAN CONGRESS,

For - THE S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS,

For - THE S.A. COLOURED PEOPLE'S
ORGANISATION.

Eal. b. A.

(55)
P.O. Box 9207,

JOHANNESBURG.

2nd June, 1955.

My dear Chief,

It is almost unbelievable to learn that you have so improved as to be exactly the same giant you were before. There can be no doubt that the spirit of resistance in you is because of the role you destined to play in the liberatory struggle. The sons and daughters of Africa want you to lead them, to liberate them. There are times when things appear to be a bit gloomy, when every body appears to be going the wrong way; but even in such a situation, truth always prevails. I am becoming daily confident in winning the struggle for freedom; every problem however insoluble it may seem, serves to sharpen me and I simply refuse to be disillusioned.

I learn from the members of the Executive that you were rather disturbed and so was the Executive by the departure of Moses without at least intimating to you that such a trip was contemplated. I was just wondering as to whether you may not have forgotten that I specifically came down to Groutville and spent the night with you on this matter in particular and the newspaper proposition; that his visit to Groutville was because of your suggestion that you would like to see him before he leaves on this aspect was also fulfilled. I was, however, surprised that no discussion took place between himself and yourself on the intended trip. After his departure someone was sent to Professor Matthews to inform him and always to apologies for not having done so before the trip was taken. My colleagues here are shocked and surprised when they learned of this and I was therefore placed in an awkward position because I was in fact sent by them to consult with and obtain your specific consent. I'll be happy if we could understand each other on these points.

Yours for freedom,

Son of Africa.

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PHONE 33-4069
P.O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

3rd June, 1955.

Dr. W.Z. Conce,
P.O. Box 13,
UMZIMKULU.

Dear Sir,

I notice in the minutes that the Cape Province claims that the National head office owes them money. I think it is not satisfactory for Provinces just to make a statement that they are being some money. As far as we are concerned here, we do not remember that there is any money which we owe to the Cape Province. Could you kindly ascertain from Dr. Bokve as to what exactly is the position. I will assist you as far as the Transvaal is concerned in obtaining the exact position. I think the Orange Free State must give us an account of its financial affairs. May I suggest further that your plans of raising funds by means of banquets or parties in the big cities must begin immediately after the Congress of the People; for instance in the middle of July. If you could draw your plans accordingly, I think something may come of it.

Yours for freedom,

B. Marshall

Acting Secretary-General. A.N.C.

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PHONE 33-4069
P.O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

4th June, 1955.

TO ALL PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES.

Dear Sir,

We enclose a statement on passes by the Acting Secretary-General, which must serve as a directive to your branches. We further want to point out that whilst we do not want to separate the question of Pass Laws from other issues, we must nevertheless attack it by all the power we have. You are directed to hold meetings and protest against these Pass Laws and fight them by other means which are suggested in the statement.

Yours for freedom,

for Secretariat.

ANC Kanton
S/S Maelle
Johannesburg
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38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

4th June, 1955.

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Yours for freedom,

M. Asule

for Secretariat.

P.S. This statement must be translated and distributed throughout the country, and it should be read in meetings.

Delivered to
Colony by *ANC Kantor*
Date *S/S Maithe*
To *C. K. M. M. M.*
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PHONE 33-4069
P.O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

7th June, 1955.

TO ALL PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES.

Dear Sir,

Re: REPORTS.

We wish to refer you to our letter of the 4th March, 1955, in which we requested each province to submit a full report of its activities by not later than the 4th April, 1955, in terms of the decision of the Annual Conference as contained in the National Executive Report (p.14, Sec.d. 1954).

We further wish to direct your attention to the serious matter of correspondence with the head office. Letters are not given the attention they deserve and more often than not letters go unreplied.

Unless reports are submitted to the head office regularly and correspondence attended to promptly, the organisation will always lack the requisite efficiency without which the effectiveness of our struggle will be seriously hampered.

Yours for freedom,

Administrative Secretary. A.N.C.

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PHONE 33-4069
P.O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.
10 June, 1955.

**The Secretary,
3378, Mtinkulu Street,
Bochabala Location,
BLOEMFONTEIN.**

Dear Sir,

We are sending you an organiser to visit various parts of the Orange Free State for a final round-up in preparation for the Congress of the People and to explain the position about the Bantu Education. We are confident that you will make his trip successful and that you will give every possible co-operation and assistance. Remember that the Congress of the People is to draw up a Freedom Charter which must be a unifying factor first to the African people as well as to the other racial groups. We already notice that this unity is taking shape. We hope that the Orange Free State will also utilise it so as to strengthen their unity, whatever the differences might have been in the past.

Yours For Freedom,

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O.R. Tambo,
Secretary-General, A.N.C.

To: ANC Kaniem
Dear S/S Maitland
To: Johannesburg
Date: 27/9/55
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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Barkly Aroade,
38 Market Street,
Johannesburg.

18th June 1955.

13 *[Signature]*

TO ALL BRANCHES OF THE A.N.C.

Dear Friends,

All branches of the African National Congress are urgently directed to instruct Volunteers to the Congress of the People, to be present at a meeting, to be held on Wednesday 22nd June 1955, at 5.30 p.m. at the Transvaal Indian Congress office, 37 West Street, corner Market street.

The meeting will be held to discuss preparations for the Congress of the People and specifically the duties of Volunteers as outlined in the accompanying document. Those present at this meeting are directed to specify the number of volunteers in their area who will be able to do duties under the various sections specified on the attached circular. Special attention should be paid to groups one and five, which must be organised before the Congress of the People takes place. Please say how many volunteers will be available for these two groups.

FORWARD TO FREEDOM!

FORWARD TO THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE!

MAYIBUYE AFRIKA!

E. J. Mochéle
President, African National Congress.

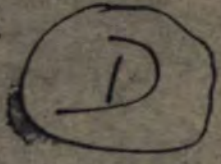
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All Communication to the Secretary-General



PHONE 33-4069
P.O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

21st June, 1955.

TO MEMBERS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE A.N.C.

Dear Sir,

This is to notify you that an urgent meeting of the Working Committee will be held at the A.N.C. Offices on Wednesday, June 22nd, 1955, at 5 p.m. Among matters to be discussed is the Freedom Charter. Please attend the meeting at all costs.

Yours for Freedom,

Alfred Hutchinson

Administrative Secretary,

African National Congress.

Sent by EP MORETSELE
Dear S/S MOELLER
To COP KLIPTOWN
Date 20/6/1955
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 Dui 8/10st Janhert
 Te 25 Fox Street
 Datum 27/9/55
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P.O. Box 9207
atlas

29th June, 1955.

The Treasurer - General, A.N. C.,
 P.O. Box 13,
 UMZIMKULU,
 EAST GRIQUALAND.

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 Dear Sir,

My attention has this day been specially drawn to the fact that the account of the A.N.C. with the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited (Ferreirastown Branch) was some considerable while ago - I believe in 1952 - overdrawn to the extent of £100.0.0., which amount has not been repaid to the Bank.

I have discussed this matter with the Manager of the Bank, who was most considerate and co-operative, and I feel, as do other members of the Working Committee, that some firm arrangements must now be made for a settlement of this liability.

I should therefore be pleased if you would let me know whether, having regard to the present state of your books, your department could make any undertaking to the Bank who, I may mention, are anxious to receive some communication from us in this matter.

Yours in the National ^{Course} Course,

Acting Secretary-General, A.N.C.

TRANSVAAL INDIAN YOUTH CONGRESS

37 West Street,

~~4 KORT STREET,~~
JOHANNESBURG

5th July, 1955.

The Secretariat,
African National Congress, (Transvaal),
38 Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Comrades,

I have been instructed by my Executive to bring to your attention a very serious incident which occurred at the C.O.P. on Saturday, 25th June, 1955 at approximately 4 p.m.

Our Secretary, Mr. Suliman Essakjee was assaulted by Mr. Robert Resha.

To give you a brief outline of what took place before the assault. A female volunteer from S.A.C.P.O. stopped a certain person as he was entering and asked for a delegate's card. Mr. Resha took this person in and when this volunteer protested, pushed her aside, and slapped her. Mr. Essakjee standing nearby protested that it was incorrect for Mr. Resha to have acted as he did in view of the fact that the S.A.C.P.O. member was an official volunteer and a female at that. Mr. Resha ignored the protestations and violently struck Mr. Essakjee.

My Executive views the above incident with great concern as Mr. Resha has :-

1. Violated the disciplinary code in having admitted a person without first reporting him at the credentials table.
2. Assaulted an important member and official of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress. If there were any differences, these could have been settled in a peaceful manner later on, and if Mr. Essakjee had acted incorrectly he could have been reported to the Youth Congress for disciplinary action.
3. Acted in a reprehensible manner in public in his official capacity as Secretary of the A.N.C. (Tvl)

We would like your Executive to go into the matter and demand an official apology from Mr. Resha.

Yours in the struggle!

E. Moolah
CHAIRMAN.

M. Moolah
JOINT SECRETARY.

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