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21st. February, 6.

S.B. Lollan.

The Secretary,
S.A.C.P.O.,
PORT ELIZABETH.

Dear Friend,

A mass conference against the introduction of passes to African women is being organised by the Transvaal Region of the Federation of S.A. Women, on the 10th and 11th March, 1956, at the Trades Hall, 30 Kerk St., Johannesburg.

As this conference will not only deal with passes but all other issues that confront and hamper the progress of women generally, we request Miss Lillian Diedericks to preside at this very important and historic conference. Plans for the maximum participation are being made.

As our financial position is very precarious, we are unable to send any money for travelling expenses, and trust that you will make arrangements, if possible, to send Miss Diedericks up.

A letter from Mrs Helen Joseph, the Secretary of the Federation of S.A. Women (Tvl), will follow soon and will give some details of the conference and our difficulties.

Trusting that our request will be met favourably.

With our greetings for peace and friendship,

Yours for Freedom,

S. Williams.
Organiser: S.A.C.P.O (Tvl. Reg.)

Secretary,
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President H.
JMB.

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Federation of South African Women,
(Transvaal Region),
P.O. Box 10876,
JOHANNESBURG

29th February, 1956.

Dear Friend,

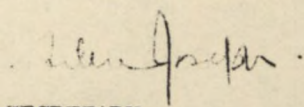
On Sunday, March 11th, a Mass Conference of women of all races, convened by the Federation of South African Women, will be held in the Trades Hall, Kerk Street, Johannesburg, commencing at 10 a.m.

This Conference has been called primarily to mobilise women of all races into the struggle against the extension of pass laws to African women. The Federation of South African Women has pledged itself to give active support to this campaign, for we are deeply concerned with this threat to subject African women to the humiliations and hardships of the pass system which will break up families, expose African children to suffering and destroy the freedom of movement of African women.

Your organisation is cordially invited to send delegates to this important conference on a matter so vital to all women, no matter of what race, for this threat to African womanhood is an insult to human dignity.

I enclose a few leaflets for distribution amongst your members in the confidence that their interest will be aroused and that they will join their fellowwomen in this struggle against the oppressive racial legislation which threatens to destroy our land.

Yours fraternally,
HELEN JOSEPH


HON. SECRETARY.

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SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS

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JOHANNESBURG.
15th March, 1956.

Mrs. Helen Joseph,
The Secretary,
The Federation of S.A. Women,
Johannesburg.

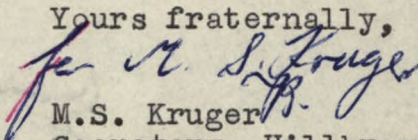
Dear Mrs. Joseph,

I have been asked by the Hillbrow Branch to congratulate your organisation on the magnificent conference which was held on Sunday, 11th March.

Members of the branch who were present will long remember the enthusiastic moving scenes at the Conference, and it is sincerely hoped that the deliberations taken at the meeting will be implemented speedily and successfully.

We in the Hillbrow Branch are particularly proud of your contribution to the organisation of this great conference. We know how much of your energy, spirit and time was devoted to making this meeting possible, and we know full well that its success was your just reward.

Yours fraternally,


M.S. Kruger
Secretary, Hillbrow Branch.

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JOHANNESBURG.

16th March, 1956.

Mrs. Helen Joseph,
The Secretary,
The Federation of South African Women,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mrs. Joseph,

Your absence from the National Executive Committee on Monday night was keenly felt when the Conference of the Women's Federation was discussed.

Our meeting was fired by the solidarity, courage and determination expressed by the hundreds of women present on Sunday, and the admiration expressed for the great work your organisation is doing was warm indeed.

To you personally we wish to pay a special tribute. Because you have your roots with the people of South Africa you are able to make the tremendous sacrifices demanded from you in the undertaking of gigantic tasks such as the organisation of this conference. Your great heart and imagination are assets which enrich the struggle.

Yours sincerely,

Yetta Barlett
National Secretary.

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FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN (TRANSVAAL REGION)

P.O. Box 10876
Johannesburg.

5th April 1956

The Secretary,
Transvaal Indian Youth Congress,
Johannesburg.

Dear Friend,

The Executive Committees of the Transvaal Region of the Federation of South African Women, and of the African National Congress Women's League, have asked me to write to you on their behalf to express our sincere and deep appreciation of the magnificent assistance given by members of your League in undertaking the enormous task of catering for the Women's Conference on March 11th.

We record our gratitude to your members for relieving our Committee of this responsibility and thus freeing them for participation in this vitally important Conference; we congratulate them on their achievement of catering for nearly 2,000 when we had only expected 1,000. We feel that this spontaneous, willing and cheerful cooperation is a hallmark of the Indian Youth Congress, and contributes immeasurably to the progress of the liberation movement.

The women of the Transvaal thank the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress!

Freedom in our lifetime.

Helen Joseph, Hon. Secretary,
Federation of S.A. Women, Tvl. Region.

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