

The prime task of volunteers is to explain the significance and nature of the COP to the SA pop. COP Volunteers there is over and above all the difficult but essential task of making the white population COP conscious, and of winning the most enlightened and democratic of them for the Congress.

Volunteers then are people of qualities which befit them for this task: and a prime quality is that they should know all about the COP: its history, its aims ^{its nature} and its significance in SA history.

Its history: Never before have all the people of S.A. had an opportunity to make their hopes and desires, their plan for a future SA, known. Elections have been restricted to a small minority of population.

The COP follows on an historic call made by the ANC. The ANC, SAIC, SACOD, SAFCPO are the sponsors of the COP, but the COP itself will be organized and, ^{actually} convened by the people of SA as a whole.

The Congress is to be held probably in December 1954 - but not later than June 1955. A huge number

The ANC in a memorandum outlining the need for a COP has stated:

The nature of the COP: What is the COP.....
What form

Its Historical Signif: First and foremost the COP will be a meeting ... (see call).

And they will write their demands, ^{history} what after the COP, ^{what do you expect to happen, what do we} ^{developments} in our country. The most probable turn of events will be the an increase the severity of Nat. domination, increased military

expenditures. Decreased social services and lower standard of living. Decreased living facilities educational and training facilities. But at the same time increased consciousness on the part of the masses is becoming evident. The workers, the most active and staunchest freedom fighters are becoming steered in the struggle, T.U. organisations are developing. Rural workers and peasants are becoming more politically active. The work towards the COP will organise and educate these classes. So we can confidently look forward to the coming struggle conscious of the growing strength of the workers and the peasants. We know that where the battle is conducted with zeal and enthusiasm, by means of the unity of all democratic forces lead by the ANNC, it will result, even if not always fully satisfactory, as regards material conditions won, in a major advance in SA history by creating more favourable conditions for waging the democratic struggle on a larger, wider and broader scale. This is the profound significance of the COP. It will create conditions for.

What must the Volunteers do then?

How will we prepare for the COP....

Tasks of Volunteers 1, 2, 3, 4.

Volunteers are the shock Brigade;

Why Vol. Not Def. Campaign
 And there is the job of studying and learning more about the life and struggles of the

people, about political tactics and political experience;
and then of passing that on over and over again
to the new, virile people who come forward to
join us in this vast campaign.

They will carry

Organization: Organized into homogeneous
groups: with each 10 or under. Leader
Contact between V. B. & Volunteers. 13
merely implements decisions of Congress
in regards to C.O.P.

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