

Dear Comrade,

Now that the ^{great} Congress of the People has ended and the historical Freedom Charter taken birth it is ~~now~~ our bounden duty to make known the various articles of the Freedom Charter to the people of South Africa. The Freedom Charter has given voice to the aspirations & desires ^{of the} oppressed millions of the country and has laid the foundation of the basic demands & aspirations of all peoples of our country.

It behoves us, therefore, as noble volunteers on the road to freedom to carry the message of the F Charter to the people and work, not to rest, till the Freedom Charter is implemented.

We are proud to say, that the major part of this task rests on the shoulders of the Freedom Volunteers who in the past year, in one way or the other, contributed ^{with sacrifice & energy} ~~unselfishly~~ ^{appreciably} to make the C.A.P. such a success. All brave volunteers will not rest so easily on the struggle for the implementation of the F.C.

Therefore, like in Durban, have certain definite tasks to do and the Coastal Region Consultative Council looks with confidence to every volunteer to do his duty in the ~~most~~ ^{all possible ways} ~~best possible ways~~.

Every Area Action Committee will have to be activated. Political propaganda to be increased. Greater discipline from every volunteer. More political education for volunteers. This is the gist of the job before us.

Therefore it will be your ^{duty} ~~job~~ to call or arrange a meeting of ~~the~~ ^{the} AAC ~~within~~ ^{before} the 18th of September and the ~~date~~ ^{conference} ~~to be notified~~ ^{to be notified} of the date. Members of the CRCC will address the AAC and the plan of work explained.

The preliminary directives to launch out our local campaign are enclosed herewith. See that

FIRST
~~1st~~
 ASSIGNMENT

2nd
 Assignment

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every volunteer gets a copy.

Third
Assignment

There will be a meeting of ^{Volunteers} ~~all officials~~ at the
Congress office on the 8th of September at 5:30 p.m.
Head Office officials will address the meeting.

So, With full confidence that these
3 assignments you will fulfill honourably.

We are,
Yours

Yours fraternally,

~~John W.~~

for ~~CHC~~
~~CHC~~
Organizing Committee
CHC.

- A) The AAC shall comprise of volunteers who shall elect:
 - i) Chairman; (ii) Secretary (iii) Treasurer; (iv) Volunteer in Chief; (v) Literature Secretary and (vi) Propaganda Secretary (if the need arises)
- B) The Secretary shall be the convenor of the AAC.
- C) All Volunteers must submit to the decisions of the AAC to which they belong, the minority shall submit to the majority.
- D) Volunteer discipline shall and must be strictly observed and the AAC decisions carried out unconditionally.
- E) The election of AAC officials shall be conducted either by secret ballot or open vote ~~from a list of candidates~~ with a guarantee that the volunteers shall have the right to criticise any candidate and change any candidate ~~on the list~~.
standing for election
- F) Proper records must be kept by all AAC officials and such records checked by the AAC from time to time.
- G) Every AAC must meet weekly.
- H) Political Area Work must be done weekly.
- I) Sale of political literature and the distribution of of political propaganda must be organised regularly.
- J) The AAC shall strive to bring about the highest form of discipline among its volunteers, promote initiative for leadership of the oppressed masses, strengthen every volunteer with political theory ~~and practice~~ and thereby build inspired and progressive champions of Freedom.

CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE.

AREA ACTION COMMITTEE

c/o P.O. Box
2299,
DURBAN.

The great Congress of the People will assemble in Johannesburg on the 25th and 26th June, 1955. At this unique Assembly delegates from all over South Africa, representing various thoughts and opinions will put forward their respective demands, discuss their different problems and draw up a Freedom Charter for all the People of South Africa.

Whether you are a worker, farmer, teacher, shopkeeper, hawker, miner, business, student, etc., conditions in our country affect you and your family directly. There are many laws and customs in our beloved land, South Africa, which are designed to keep the majority of our people down.

IF YOU HAD THE POWER, AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE LONG), TO MAKE LAWS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- 1) Industrial Colour Bar: The detested colour bar keeps the majority of our youth jobless; skilled jobs are NOT for blackmen.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- 2) Provincial Carriers: Indians born in one Province could not move to other provinces, even to seek employment?

DOES IT AFFECT YOU ? WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- 3) Residential And Business Restrictions: Under the land laws, people are not permitted because of their colour to live and do business where they may wish.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- 4) No Taxation without Representation: We pay equal taxes and rates, but are not allowed a voice in Parliament, Provincial Council, City Councils, etc.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- 5) Universal Education For All: The barbaric Bantu Education, Christian National Education and Religious Educations are imposed on the people, yet thousands and thousands of our children do not see the inside of a class-room in their lifetime.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- 6) Freedom of Movement: Passports to proceed overseas are refused arbitrarily. Africans could not seek work in towns due to the harsh provisions of the Urban Areas Act, which restricts their right to sell their labour to whom and where they may choose.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- 7) Civic Amenities: We lack proper roads, sanitation, lighting, playgrounds and sport fields.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- 8) High Rents and Housing Shortage: People are forced to live in crowded rooms and shanties for which they pay exorbitant rents.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER DEMANDS, PLEASE STATE BELOW
FOR DISCUSSION AND INCLUSION IN THE FREEDOM CHARTER.

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