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YOUTH CONFERENCE PROPOSALS.1. DATE.

It is proposed that youth Conferences should be held in Durban, Cape Town, Eastern Province and Johannesburg on Sunday 24th October, 1954.

2. SLOGANS.

In order to attract the widest sections of the youth it is suggested that the conferences should be organised around three points:

Education - including the Bantu Education Act.
Recreation
Employment.

In each ~~provincial~~ region the organising of the conference must be linked with the specific local problems which may be relevant.

3. ORGANISING THE CONFERENCES.

- a. A statement announcing the convening of the conferences should be issued by the committee. Such a statement must give a brief background to the three aspects, raise the slogans and relate the conferences to the preparations for the Congress of the People. The statement must be sent to the organisations etc.
- b. Member organisations should be asked to instruct their provincial bodies to constitute joint committees, including other organisations, for the purpose of organising the conferences. Such committees should wherever possible continue to exist permanent co-ordinating committees after the conference.

It is suggested that the following organisations in each area should form the basis of the conference organising committees:-

<u>TRANSVAAL.</u>	T.I.Y.C., A.N.C.Y.L., C.C.D. (Youth Section) S.L.A., High School Committee.
<u>DURBAN.</u>	N.I.Y.C., A.N.C.Y.L., U.N.N.E.
<u>EASTERN PROV.</u>	A.N.C.Y.L., Fort Hare.
<u>CAPE TOWN.</u>	A.N.C.Y.L., M.Y.S.

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The above are suggested only as the initiating organisations but other youth organisations and observers from suitable adult organisations must be drawn in

PUBLICITY AND PROPOGANDA.

Preliminary suggestions are:-

- i. Folders dealing with the three aspects.
- ii. Posters.
- iii. Bulletin - to be sent to youth organisations and selected individuals giving information on the three aspects and news of conference preparations at all centres.

The bulletin should be designed as to form the basis for a permanent youth newspaper, to be published by the Committee after the conferences.

- iv. Conference badges.

D. MEETINGS.

Meetings to popularise the conferences must be held on a large scale. These meetings must be organised in a youthful way and must include singing, dancing, gay banners, bands as well as speeches. Such meetings should be held in the schools among the pupils, with the members of the sports clubs and teams, with the members of cultural clubs and in the areas where the youth live.

Such meetings must serve the purpose not only of popularising the conference but must provide the opportunity of establishing a permanent organisation among the youth. Thus the pupils at the schools must be asked to elect at their meeting a conference organising committee which could afterwards serve as the basis for an organisation in the schools. Similarly at the meetings in the areas not only must the conference be discussed but a conference organising committee elected. Such a committee could serve as the basis for future A.N.C.L.L. or I.Y.C. branches etc as the case may be.

All these meetings should be asked to put forward their demands and to elect delegates to the conferences.

E. W.F.D.Y. REPRESENTATIVE.

It is suggested that this would be an opportune time to invite a representative of the W.F.D.Y to visit our country and tour each of the provinces thus helping both the preparation for the conferences as well as having discussions on the general problems of youth work.

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The preparations for the conference should be used as the opportunity for conducting campaigns on the three aspects of youth demands. For example, meetings, petitions or demonstrations could be organised regarding the need for a sportsfield in an area. A deputation accompanied by demonstrators and a band should visit the local authority and demand that a sportsfield be built. If the demand is refused then the youth should be organised to actually build such a sportsfield themselves. Thus the failure of the authorities to provide the needs of youth could be made in a striking way which must inevitably not only arouse interest in the conference but also win tremendous support for the youth organisation working in the area. Similar campaigns could be run on ~~xxx~~ other issues.

Also such a campaign could be run on the need for youth club houses and these could actually be established and serve as the headquarters of the youth organisation in the area.

G. The committee should provide each province with detailed suggestions as well as any technical aid they may require.

4. WHAT THE CONFERENCE CAN ACHIEVE.

- a. It can lay the basis for the preparatory work among the youth in regard to the Congress of the People.
- b. It can provide the basis for permanent youth co-ordinating committees in a number of centres.
- c. It can provide the basis for the establishment of youth clubs as branches ~~of~~ of the youth organisations and can thus help build the youth movement.
- d. It can show the path toward the correct type of youth work.

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