PROVINCIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE. CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE. The Secretary, Congress of the People,

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1. Please circulate xxx all organisations to withdraw all Collection cards. Money to be banked with the national Account.

- 2. New collection cards to be issued with a date stamp and to be ret returned within 4 weeks.
- 3.All organisations through their branches and regions to allocate a certain percentage of their income to the Provincial fund.
- 4. The National Account to provibde us with balance sheet of moneys credited to our a/c.
 - 5. All organizations make themselves responsible for money raising campaigns at once within the next month. Provincial Finance campaign.
 - 6.Please arrange with all organizations volenteers who will be going out to establish regions to take collection cards with them and bring in at least £1.0.0. per card.

This money is to be banked with the National Treasurer, and credited to us. Provincial Finance Committee.

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BULLETIN

OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE DEFIANCE OF UNJUST LAWS

THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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9th Movember, 1954.

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In view of the precarious financial position of the provincial consistes of the Congress of the People, a finance committee comprising from a representative of all sponsoring organisations was elected to consider and report on how best funds could be collected to run the campaign in the Transveal.

The finance Committee recommended and the Provincial Committee approved the following:-

- i. That every volunteer collect al per month.
- ii. The four spensering organisations contribute an amount to be fixed by the Provincial Committee each month.

I have also been directed by the Committee to request you to allow mombers of our finance committee to address your executive.

Forward to the Congress of the Feeple.

Yourn fraternally,

P.Mathole Abmed E.Patel

SHORETARIES.

THE PASSIVE RESISTER WEEKLY INDIAN NEWSPAPER

18 Barkly Arcade, 38 Market Street, Johannesburg . P.O.Box 2948 Phone 33-9075

PEOPLE CONFERENCE. CONGRESS OF THE www.tok No.... SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS. African National Congress (Tvl.) Transvaal Indian Congress. S.A.Congress of Democrats. (Jhb.) S.A. Coloured Peoples Organisation (Witwatters Dear Friend, WE CALL THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, BLACK AND WHITE - LET US SPEAK TOGETHER OF FREEDOM AT THE CONGRESS OF

THE PEOPLE.

WHAT IS THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE?

As a result of the historical call made by the African National Congress at its conference in Queenstown, the National Executives of the African National Congress, the South African Indian Congress, the South African Congress of Democrats and the South African Coloured Peoples Organisation have decided to call on the people of South Africa to come together in a great assembly, The Congress of the People. Never before have the mass of South African citizens been summoned together to proclaim their desires and aspirations in a single declaration - A CHARTER OF FREEDOM.

The drawing up and adopting of such a charter of freedom is the purpose for which the Congress of the People has been called. Never in South African history have the ordinary people of this country been enabled to take part in deciding their own fate and future. Elections have been restricted to a small minority of the population; franchise rights, particularly in recent times, have been threatened and curtailed. There is a need to hear the voice of the ordinary citizen of this land, proclaiming to the world his demand for freedom.

The Congress of the People will not be just another meeting or another conference. It will be a mass assembly of delegates elected by pacple of ealf races in every town, village, farm, factory, mine and kraal. It will be the biggest single gathering of spokesmen ever known in this country. The representatives of the people who come to the Congress will consider the detailed demands of the people, which have been sent in for incorporation in the Freedom Charter, and will embody them into a declaration. This Freedom Charter will be the South African peoples' declaration of human rights, which every civilised South African will work to uphold and carry into practice.

> As the first stage in this great campaign it has been decided to hold conferences in every province on Sunday 25th July 1954, in order to explain fully the purpose and aims of the Congress of the People and to elect a full provincial committee.
> Weoof the Transvaal are holding our conference on the above date at 10a.m. at the Trades Hall, Kerk Street, Johannesburg. We invite your organisation to send four delegates to attend the Conference to launch the Congress of the People. Enclosed please find credential forms.

> > Yours sincerely,

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Bewysstuk No.

Gekry by Jengu Macepi

Dour Soffan Wome P.O. Box 2948,

Te Sumo a Sy hame JOHANNESBURG.

16th March, 1955.

Verwysings No. 446.

Dear

I am writing to remind you of an important event taking place in June this year. As you probably know people will be congregating in their thousands in Johannesburg to attend the Congress of the People, where cur delegates will be able to express the grievances we have and also plan the sort of life we would like to live. This plan will be known as the Freedom Charter.

Do try and arrange for groups of people to meet, discuss the Congress of the People and elect delegates to it, and to send in their demands - demands showing how they want things in their lives improved. Demands must be posted to the Transvaal Provincial Committee for the Congress, P.O. Box 2948, Johannesburg.

I received a letter such as I am writing to you here from another friend of mine. He asked me to make sure that I would in turn write to two of my friends so that the message would be carried far and wide over our land. Will you please write such a letter to two of your friends, and ask them in turn to write to two of their friends? You must regard this as a duty to your people, so be sure not to fail them.

Forward to a Peoples' South Africa!

Yours sincerely,

MM77 1-7 John Steet
Selby Johannesburg
26th April: 1955

Gongress of the People 26 Barkly Arcade 38 Market Street Johannesburg.

H: Suggestions for Successful Assembly:

with reference to the above matter which appeared in your last news bulletin, I and to put forward the following singgestions to your Entertainment's planming committee, if they have not yet been suggested this will be in addition to the singing programmes, and if time will permit, I wish to suggest any of the following (a) Mock treat (b) Mock wedding (e) a play depicting Verwoord as a god of the Africans. for which actors chosen from the four sponsoring liberatory movements will be required. If the

suggestions are accepted I am willing to write the scripts in short about the stories of the play chosen. I also wish to suggest children of between 8-124 ans grouped in (10-20) to sing thus. Africans sing an Indian song and vice versa turopean sing an agrican or badian or chinese song and vice varsa. I am in a position to make a start herearth at the newly started A.N.C. School in alexandra, if my branch will authorise me. Lastly I wish to suggest that a certain Me charles manning who composed a song about South Morca with words by Melideon Ross of the S. A. B.C. the songes in English, Afrikans and sesoths, be contacted, with a view of ender conducting, the choirs as he did, which took part in the Mendi Memorial Competions in Jebruary that year at the B.M. E. C. if those choirs can be persuaded to join us in our great assembly. or any other chair that could be ready to learn the song. Mr. Dan Iwala of Bank Spoils could be of much church use in Bringing those choirs together as he mendi was in charge of the said function. both he

and the Charles Manning seemed very progressive judging from their talks on that day. So could they be approached? (By the way I also bot part in those competitions with one of the Chors which uncidentally wow the first trophy in las competition) I hope by the above suggestions we shall be able to attract and influence many more people who are still setting on the fence of despair whilst our country is suffering moral and political evocion and decay Awanting your well considered comments and suggestions.

1 am,

yours in the Struggle.

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H. N.C. menter. Alex. he: Funds of Suggest each "branch" should be

demanded to send a donation of not less than \$10. delegates to send to for each delegate coming. not loter than the end of may.

MUSTALL PROTERCIAL COMMERCE THE 141 340 May, 1959. Dear Priend. we analyse herewith a cimular in commotion with a Conference which is to be held on Saturday, Fist May at the frades Hall, at 1 p.m. A copy has been seen to each of the branches of your enganization. is drawing ment, it is of great importance that this preliminary conference be a escoons. For this reason we appeal to you to do everything possible to ensure that every branch of your organization is represented, and that this preliminary conference is publicised as which as possible. Delegates to C.D.F.1 He that the necessary arrangements each be made for the Compress of the People, it has been decided that the names of delegates be handed to this countities by not later than the lish June. Sould you please inform your branches of this decision? Yours fraternally. Para SHO TANT

Bewysstuk No Gekry by .. CONGRESS JOHAN TESBUDGHAREGION. Verwysings No. STARATION Phone: 33-9193 Juhannesburg. P.O.Box 2948 6th May, 1955. TO ALL BRANCH OFFICIALS, VOLUNT VOLUNTEERS AND Dear Comrade, The great Congress of the People will be held in Kliptown on Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26th. It is only eight weeks to go! In the time we must rouse the whole Johannesburg region so that at least one thousand (1,000) delegates represent this region at the Congress of the People. Right away, starting from today, demands must be gathered in from the people for the Freedom Charter; and at the same time delegates must be elected. We must organise for this tramendous job NOW: This task is an immediate and important practical day-to-day issue. The Congress of the People is not something remote. To explain and Congress the campaign; collection of demands and election of delegates discuss the campaign; collection of demands and election of delegates a conference will be held on Saturday May 14th at 2.00 p.m. at the affices of the Transvaal Indian Congress, 37 West Street, Jo'burg. What has to be done? That is the Congress of the People? AGENDA: -Tho can send delegates to the Congress of the 3) People? How are delegates to be chosen? 42 hat are deligates to do? 5) Who is to pay their food and travelling? What is money cannot be raised? How do delegates get credential cards?
That is to be done with semands for the Freedom 7) 8) 9) Charter? Who is to organise all this?

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Every active Congress worker must attend.

". delegate from every suburb throughout the country".

FORWARD TO THE CONGRESS OF THE PROPLE!

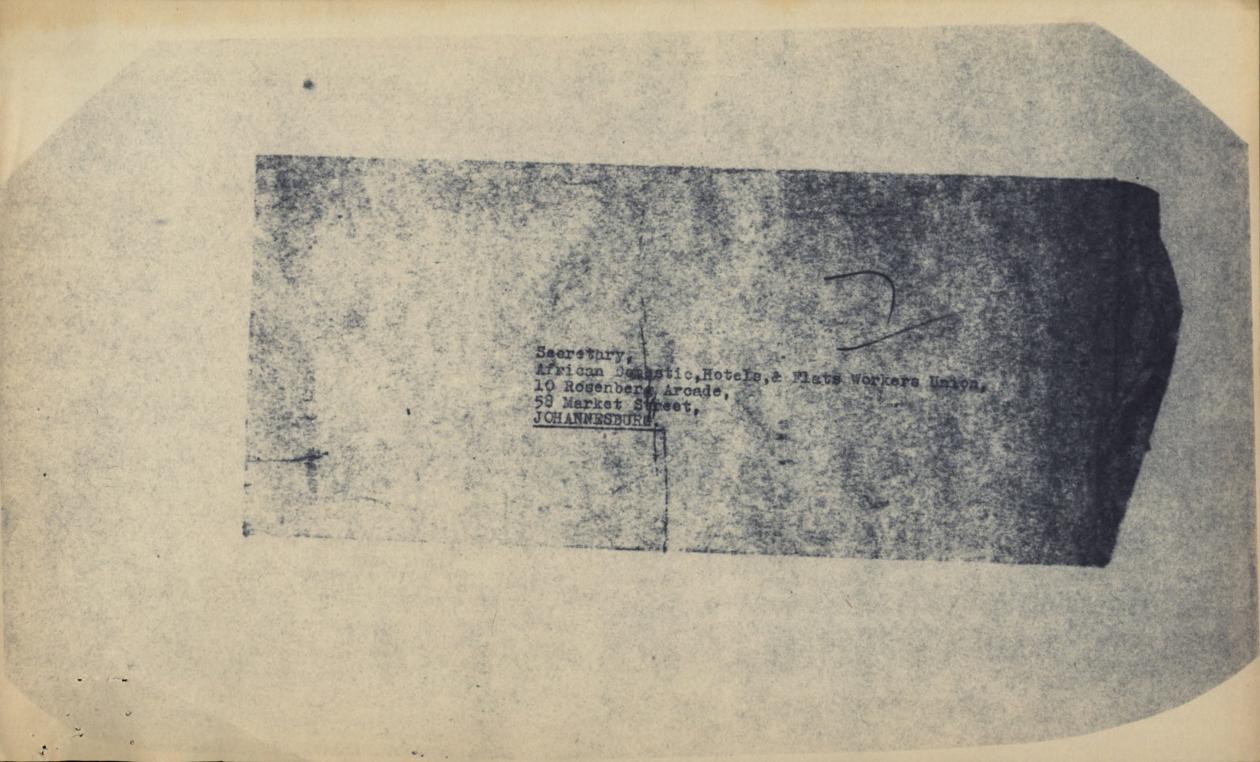
LET US SPEAK OF FREEDOM!

Hoping to ses you on Saturday 14th May, 1955

at 2.00 p.m. at the Congress offices, 37 est Street, Juhannesburg.

Yours fraternally,

Baakjee Matlou Secretaries JOH. WESBURG REGION



CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE. Transvaal Provincial Committee. Sponsored by: African National Congress S.A. Indian Congress, S.a. Congress of Democrats, S.a. Coloured Peoples' Org.

P.O. Box 11045 Johannesburg.

May, 1955.

Dear Friend,

You are cordially invited to a conference to be held at

No. 3 TR.DES .LL 30 Kerk Street, Johannesburg.

on

SATURDAY, 21st May, 1955. at 1 p.m.

TO DISCUSS OUR WORK FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE.

We need your criticism!
We must redouble our efforts! We need your ideas! We Need your help! WE NEED YOU!

The great assembly of the people will take place in the Johannesburg District in June. It is of the greatest importance that every village, farm, factory, workshop and township and every trade union, sports club, church and congress branch should be fully represented and the Voice of the People must be heard demanding:

- § . to right to skilled work away with the industrial colour bar and slave labour laws;
- the right to move freely both inside and outside our country -a way with pass laws and passport restrictions;
- the right to live and own homes wherever we wish away with locations, ghettos. group areas and removal schemes;
- the right to equal and free education away with "Bantu" education;
- full and equal democratic rights votes for all.

Come to the Conference on the 21st May, to discuss these matters and arrangements for the Congress of the People.

BRING A REPORT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR ORGANISATION AND AREA.

LET US SPEAK OF FREEDOM!

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Change of Burgland of 15th June, 1955.

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Dear Friend, Paten.....

The Congress of the People will take place on Saturday, June 25th, and Sunday 26th. It will take place at Kliptown, Johannesburg.

WHAT HAS TO BE DONE?

Right away, starting from to-day, demands must be gathered in from the people for the Freedom Charter; and at the SALE TIME DELECTED MUST BE ELECTED!

WHO CAN SEND DELECTES TO THE CONCRESS OF THE PEOPLE?

in the same block or street or township; or they should work together in the same factory or office or shop.

HOW LRE DELEGATES TO BE CHOSEN?

By a vote of the people wio came together in a meeting in a house, factory, in a hall or wherever they many meet, where they can talk over and agree on what they want in the Freedom Charter and what their spokesman to the Congress of the People must say.

CREDENTIAL CARDS.

Congress of the People of tills and I is to be retained by the delegate.

ELECT YOUR DELEGATE NOW!

SEED IN YOUR DELINDS FOR THE FREEDOM CHARLERS

YOUR FACTORY LUST BE REPRESENTED.

FORWARD TO THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLEY

for the Secretariat.

P.O. Box 11045, JOHANNESBURG. 26th July, 1955.

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Dear Friend,

We enclose herewith a copy of the Freedom Charter and Resolution adopted at the Congress of the People.

The Congress of the People was the most representative and the greatest gethering ever to be held in South Africa. It, for the first time, laid the basis for uniting all democratic elements round a common programme and gave rise to a new spirit amongst large sections of our people. Coming at a time when the struggle gainst the Nationalist Government, had suffered a number of set-backs, the Congress of the People has had the effect of consolidation organisational forces of the Liberatory Movement and of giving it the perspective of further advance in the struggle. There can be no doubt that every delegate who attended the mass assumbly left it with renewee vigour and a heightened confidence in the peoples' ability to defend themselves, and to hit back despte the transndous obstacles placed in their way by the Government.

We urge you to do everything you can to spread the message of the Freedom Charter and the Congress of the People in your area. Hold report back meetings and speak to your friends and workmates. Tell them of the great spirit in which the Freedom Charter was adopted, and the enthusuasm with which the delegates undertook to spread the message of the Charter to every corner of the land.

In the meantime the four congresses (the African National Congress, South African Indian Congress, South African Congress of Democrats and the South African Coloured Peoples Organisation) are

holding a joint meeting at the end of this month to discuss and draw up hans for the purpose of making the Charter known to the people. We will inform you of their decisions in due course.

It has been suggested that delegates to the dongress of the People might hav had personal property taken from them by the police during the raid on the Congress of the People. If you would like us to act on your behalf to try and recover such property, please fill in the form at the end of this letter and send it to us.

THE FREEDOM CHARTER BE MADE KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE LAND!

MAYIBUYE AFRIKA!

With our greetings of Peace and Freedom.

Yours for a free South Africa, for NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL CONGRESS OF THE

Congress of the People, P.O. Box 11045, JOHANNESBURG.	Denr. MB nun illi	
FULL NAME:	Te . 32 - 11th alle H. January	
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I hereby authorise you to act on my behalf, and to claim from the police authorities all personal belongings which were taken from me during the Congress of the People on Sunday June 26th 1955. Among the things taken from me were:-

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CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE

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Mr. Z. Ntseke, 25 Gerty Street, Sophiatown, Johannesburg.

Dear Son of Africa,

Once again I have the pleasure to write you in connection with our struggle . This time I wish to ask you to do me this favour of passing this little sum of money to Mr. Mathole, who already knows about it. It is donated as shown above. I would to ask you to erase Rev. Blaxall's name immediately because he has asked me not put him on the list and I put him on the list only that my books should be straight. I have long asked Mr. Mathole to tell me whether to post this money and he had suggested that he would send someone to come down to fetch it. I have also worried their office no instructions have reached me so far and I am taking this opportunity of posting it to you. This is the people's money I cannot help keeping any longer. I am sure Mr. Mathole will agree with me, when I say he has neglected me. I have the writ right to say so even when I know he is a busy man.

Yes, Mr. Mathole, this is what a blind community could give.

I shall be very pleased to receive a note acknowledging the receipt of this money as soon as it hasereched reached your hands.

Yours in the struggle

Motsamai K. Mpho.

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