

PO BOX 214

Witbank

21 thOctober 1943.

labour matters

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Dr. Xuma,

Dear Sir.

A Complaint has been brought to me by Isaac Mahlabane who has been given a trek pass by the owner of the farm in which he has been staying, their contract was, Isaac Mahlabane had to work 4 Months on the farm each year. He was, allowed 2 morgens of land to plough. His family was not under the contract. He has been given the trek pass because his wife refuses to work for the farmer.

I accompanied this Isaac to the Commissioners Office where i was told by the assistant Native Commissioner not to bring people to him, He says that he represents the people so there is no need for me to bring the people to him. My question then is this, if the people come to me what must i do? I must I just leave things like that,

I should further like to hear from you sir, what we must do when we are Complaining against such things.

J. M. Mose

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (TRANSVAAL PROVINCE)

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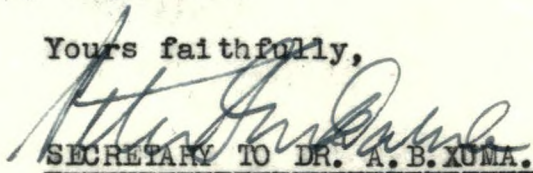
October 22nd., 1943.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ADMINISTER THE TRANSVAAL PROVINCE:-

I have been instructed to inform you that a meeting of the Committee administering the Transvaal Province will be held at the residence of Dr. A.B.Xuma, 85 Toby Street, Sophiatown, on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th at 2.30 p.m.

Your attendance is earnestly requested.

Yours faithfully,


SECRETARY TO DR. A. B. XUMA.

ABX. 431023a

23rd October, 3.

The Editor,
"Ilanga Lase Natal"
P.O.Box 2159,
DURHAM.

Dear Editor,

Rev. J. A. Calata,)
P. O. Cradock, C. P.)

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We hope you will find this letter space in your valuable columns and that you will further encourage this National effort by ~~emphasising~~ on the letter in this or your next issue.

Yours for African Freedom,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX/pd.

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P.O. Box 26,
UMTATA, C.P.

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Gere-Browne Training School,
Barkly Road,
Kimberley.

23/10/43

A.N.C.
Dr. A. B. Xuma,
104, End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Doctor,

In reply to your letter of the 21st, for which I thank you, I have to inform you that in connection with the proposed show by Mrs Xuma, our Committee in Kimberley finds the 13th Dec. the only most suitable date, and to make the show more profitable, we decided to have an additional day for the convenience of European and Community in town and suggested the 12th Dec. (Sunday) if the City Hall is procurable.

We have been earnestly waiting for the sanction of these dates from your end.

In view of the many activities taking place here during that time, it would not be wisdom for us to make any alterations. The 17th and 18th Dec. would definitely not be suitable dates here as the National Council of African Women Conference will then be in session and many of us will be away in Bloemfontein for the Congress Convention.

My Committee and helpers is composed entirely of N.C.A.W. ladies and Congressmen and these people will be far too busy then to cope with the necessary arrangements of a show of its kind.

We specially suggested the 12th and 13th Dec. to convenience members of the east in case they have to proceed to Bloemfontein as it was intimated.

I trust this clears the position on our side and hope that it will be possible for you to comply with our suggestion.

An early reply will greatly oblige,

Yours sincerely,

A. B. F. M.



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TELEGRAMS & CABLES "UBUNTU"

JOHANNESBURG

23rd October, 1943.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
104, End Street,
Doornfontein,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

We enclose cheque for £100.0.0. being a further grant made to the African National Congress by the Trustees at their Meeting on 1st October, 1943.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Horace Kanyo

Hon. Treasurers.

Tamp

with £4 00 cash

Received from Dr Xuma
£104 in all R G Baloyi

10/11/43

Enclosure:

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Dear Dr. Kinn.

Here is the final draft
of the circular we are sending out.

I do hope we shall have your
full support.

Please let us know if you would
like to take the matter over at any time.

Yours very sincerely,

Michael Scott.

Very many people have expressed the
hope that you would address the Conference.

CAMPAIN COMMITTEE CONFERENCE FOR
" RIGHT AND JUSTICE "

Phone: 33-9901

51, Shakespeare House,
Commissioner Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

October 23rd 1943.

CHAIRMAN: The Very Reverend Dean Palmer,
VICE-CHAIRMEN: Senator H. Basner. Mr. D. Gosani, Sec. Non-European
Trade Union Council,

TREASURER: Reverend J. B. Webb, The Central Methodist Hall,

JOINT HON. SECRETARIES: Reverend G.M.Scott,
R. H. Fleet, Hon. Secretary, Johannesburg
Local Committee of the S.A.Trades & Labour
Council,

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: Mr. D. Molteno, M.P. Advocate-V.C.Berrange,
Mr. W.G.Ballinger, Friends of Africa,
Dr. Y. Dadoo, Non-European United Front,
Mr. M. Perumal, Witwatersrand Liquor & Catering
Trades Employees' Union,
Mr. H. Nkadimeng, Sec. Transvaal African Municipal
Workers' Union,
Mr. E. S. Sachs, Gen.Sec. Garment Workers' Union,
Mr. S. Nikin, Executive Member Non-European Trade
Union Council,
Rev. B.L.Sigamoney, Non-European Soldiers' League,
Mr. E. Mofutsanyana, Executive Member African
National Congress,
Dr. Joseph Gillman,
Miss Ruth Heyman, Legal Aid Bureau.

Dear Sir,

A Conference was held in Johannesburg on October 9th 1943 of 220 delegates representing more than a hundred organisations of widely different character and outlook - Churches, Trade Unions, Political Parties and various social bodies - under the Chairmanship of the Very Reverend Dean Palmer.

At this Conference the unanimous desire was expressed to formulate a programme representing those common aims which all who participated in the Conference were agreed could only be achieved by unified effort on the part of all similar organisations throughout the country which are actively in sympathy with them.

A Working Committee was elected by the Conference for the purpose of drafting such a programme as a provisional basis for agreement and has issued the following statement :-

"The affirmation of the right of all sections of the community to participate in the application of the principles of the Atlantic Charter carried with it on the part of all those making the affirmation the obligation to devise measures and means to secure "Freedom from want and freedom from fear" for all peoples and races. Among such measures and means would be for example

- A. Provision for fuller representation of Non-Europeans within the legislative framework of the Constitution;
- B. The abolition of all oppressive and discriminatory legislation on grounds of race, colour or sex;
- C. The provision of land for the landless people of South Africa, giving them also full opportunity of acquiring individual ownership, and the establishment of agriculture on a sound economic and scientific basis.

The Committee moreover believes that the common aspirations not only of all men of good will but of a great many such organisations as those represented at the Conference which elected it can be expressed in terms of the following points which it deems consistent with the practical application of the Atlantic Charter :-

- (1) Provision to be made for a minimum wage of 40/- per week for all unskilled work in trade and industry, and the equivalent of 40/- per week in cash and kind for all agricultural labourers and domestic servants, with adequate safeguards against reduction of wages wherever a higher scale is or may be established.
- (2) The abolition of racial discrimination in all Industrial Legislation. The amendment of the definition of the word "employee" in the Industrial Conciliation Act so as to include Africans as employees.
- (3) Free and compulsory primary education for all children in South Africa. Secondary, technical and University education on the basis of merit.
- (4) The provision of adequate medical services, hospital accommodation and clinical treatment for all men, women and children, irrespective of race, colour or class.
- (5) The provision of adequate housing accommodation for all people in South Africa at rents reasonably proportionate to their income, and the introduction of a system of price control and rationing of essential commodities.
- (6) The provision by the State of adequate social services and benefits for all persons, irrespective of their race and colour who, by reason of old age, sickness, unemployment, destitution, etc., are in need.
- (7) The provision by the State of adequate funds for Scientific Research into the prevention and cure of diseases prevalent amongst all sections of the community.

All Churches, Trade Unions, Political, Social and other bodies who are prepared to actively co-operate in their own spheres in a Nation-wide Campaign to secure a Charter of Right and Justice for all peoples and races on the basis of such a programme as that outlined above, are invited to communicate immediately with this Working Committee at 31, Shakespeare House, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.

A national delegate conference will be held in Johannesburg on December 4th and 5th, 1943 in the Darragh Hall, Plein Street, Johannesburg, for the purpose of accepting a common programme and for the election of a fully representative Working Committee to plan this Campaign and to co-ordinate the work in connection with it.

Requests have already been received from Cape Town and other centres for similar conference to be convened in support of this movement towards more unified effort on the part of the progressive forces in this country.

Yours faithfully,

signed W. A. Palmer, Dean of Johannesburg
CHAIRMAN.

signed Reverend Michael Scott,

" R. H. Fleet.
JOINT HON. SECRETARIES.

ABX 431024

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ADMINISTERING THE TRANSVAAL PROVINCE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS HELD AT 85, TOBY STREET, SOPHIATOWN, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th 1943, AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A.B. Xuma (President-General, A.N.C., and Officer Administering the Transvaal Province of the A.N.C.) chair; Messrs. R.G. Baloyi (Treasurer-General, A.N.C.) R.V. Selope-Thema (Speaker A.N.C.) E.P. Moretsele; G. Makabeni; C.P. Ramohanoe; J.B. Marks; P. Chuene; and D. Gumede.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Dr. P. Ka I. Seme and Mr. S. Maloka.

WELCOME: Dr. Xuma, in opening the meeting, welcomed those present and thanked them for accepting to serve on the Committee. He appreciated the cooperation received from all the leaders of the Transvaal African Congress. In appointing the Committee, Dr. Xuma went on to explain, he had included men from distant areas as well, in the hope that they would serve as organisers of their areas, and be in close touch with the affairs of Congress by being able to receive minutes etc of this Committee. This meeting had been called firstly, to let the Committee members get acquainted; secondly, to plan and take such steps as would be necessary to make the work of the Committee effective; and in the third place, to consider the attitude the Congress (Transvaal) should adopt towards the newly-formed African Democratic Party and its leaders who, as members of the Transvaal African Congress, could be dealt with by this Committee.

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CHAIR: Dr. Xuma then called upon Mr. Thema, as Speaker, to take the Chair. Mr. Thema declined in Dr. Xuma's favour.

Mr. Thema then expressed his loyalty to the Committee and the cause for which it had been set up. He urged members to be loyal and to abide by decisions arrived at by the majority members of the Committee. The members had to lay a strong foundation of cooperation and loyalty which would be carried on and accorded to the Provincial President when elected. He stressed the necessity for consultations. Speaking on the African Democratic Party, Mr. Thema said the leaders of the Party seemed to be a group of dictators who appeared to be out to sow seeds of discord among the African people. In concluding, he urged the Committee to work on the ideas planned and not to weaken in their task.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE: Mr. R.G. Baloyi asked that a Mr. D. Gumede whom he described as a capable leader of Congress, and whose nomination to the Committee had been urged by the Alexandra Township branch, be co-opted.

The Chairman deplored the fact that Mr. Baloyi had brought Mr. Gumede to the meeting without first having obtained the Committee's approval. As the matter was to be discussed at a subsequent meeting, no decision about Mr. Gumede's appointment to the Committee would be made. However, he could, as a Member of the Congress, remain during this meeting.

Mr. Moretsele wished to know who had accepted to serve on the Committee. The Chairman reported that he had not heard from Messrs. Mdatyulwa and Skota. Mr. Mothle, owing to pressure of his business, had declined to serve; the rest had consented.

OFFICE PREMISES: Mr. Moretsele then said that he felt that office premises for Congress should be obtained without delay. This would help in the organisational work. He also requested that a Secretary to run the office be appointed. The Chairman pointed out that negotiations were afoot for the obtaining of offices. Two places, one at Rosenberg's Arcade and the other at No 156a Marshall Street, had been inspected. The latter was more favoured being near many African activity centres and also near where many Africans worked. This Committee could accept the principle of opening an office there.

The Chairman / ...

The Chairman went on to say that the question of an appointment at the office had been in his mind. He felt it unwise to appoint a Secretary; but that a man who would be an attendant with no Executive powers should be appointed. He felt that such a man should be one not interested in politics. He had thought of a certain Mr. Mafethe for the position.

The matter of an attendant at the office was not one for discussion yet. After a lengthy discussion on the office premises, it was agreed to accept the office at 156a Marshall Street, on principle.

Mr. Makabeni asked what Congress's attitude would be about subletting to a trade Union organisation he thought would need offices.

OBJECTION:

He was assured there would be no objection to such a scheme. At this juncture Mr. Baloyi complained that certain matters were not getting the full attention of the meeting. First he did not know what decision had been arrived at about Mr. Gumede's appointment onto the Committee; and Second he had heard of the decision about an appointment of a Secretary for the office.

Both the Chairman and Mr. Thema explained that in the first instance, it had been agreed to discuss the matter when ~~its~~ co-option of other persons on the Committee was being considered. The second point was as yet ~~not~~ for discussion. Mr. Baloyi begged to withdraw his objection, as, he said, he had not understood.

SECRETARY OF COMMITTEE: Mr. Thema felt that a Secretary for this Committee should be appointed.

The Chairman said that, as the National Executive was administering the province either its Secretary or Assistant Secretary would have acted as Secretary for this Committee. It was not necessary now to make an appointment for the position of Assistant Secretary-General, as the Conference was not far off. A record of the proceedings could be kept by any member requested so to do.

Mr. Marks felt as Mr. Thema that a Secretary should be appointed, as he would be a live-wire, an organiser, and would help to guide the Committee in its functions. Political affiliations did not matter, as all Africans rallied around Congress and their National political home.

Mr. Moretsele supported the views expressed. As it appeared that this appointment would be full-time, the Chairman asked from what sources would the Secretary's salary be paid.

Mr. Moretsele thought the Transvaal province could take up the matter and the Secretary could bring in more money by organising effectively.

Mr. Makabeni proposed that a sub-Committee be appointed to go into the necessity of making this appointment; the details in connection with such an appointment; and the drawing up of a programme of action.

Mr. Marks seconded.

The following were appointed members of the Sub-Committee: - AGREED.
Messrs. R.V. Selope-Thema (Convenor) R.G. Baloyi and G. Makabeni. The Sub-Committee was asked to consider, and report its conclusions, on the following: -

- (1) Appointment of a Secretary; and his duties;
- (2) Office-clerk - principle of appointment;
- (3) Recommendations for such positions;
- (4) Financial sources - payment of salaries;

This sub-Committee agreed to meet on Thursday, October 28th at Mr. Makabeni's office. It was agreed that this Sub-Committee report at the next meeting of the Committee.

GENERAL/....

GENERAL:

Mr. Moretsele reported that progress was being made at both Springs and Witbank in organisational work. Organisers at these areas had asked for credentials.

Noted.

The Chairman said he would ask at a later date that the principle of the Congress organising Trade Unions were such were non-existent be considered.

Noted.

Mr. Baloyi reported of meeting held in sympathy of Senator Basner concerning his arrest. He wished to what the attitude of Congress was, as it appeared leaders of Congress were losing an opportunity of "shining" at these meetings and demonstrations. Mr. Marks felt the case should not be viewed on the strength of what other organisations and leaders were doing. It should be dealt with on its merits.

Mr. Chuene felt that the case was for the cause of the African and that being so, should be given support.

The Chairman asked what could be done and how best it could be done.

After some discussion, the Chairman explained that Congress did not want to interfere in a case that was being tried, as this might be construed as being an interference with the course of justice. Congress was not aware of the charge preferred against Senator Basner, until it had seen press reports of his arrest. As a movement, Congress could do nothing; but individuals could act as ~~was~~ they wished in their personal capacity and under their own responsibility. Congress, however, ~~would~~ after the case, would take any steps it thought fit in the interests of the African people.

The meeting unanimously accepted this attitude and endorsed it.

The chairman then read a statement prepared for the press in connection with the African Democratic Party and the attitude of Congress towards the party.

On the proposal of Mr. Chuene, the Committee decided to take what steps it thought fit on its own. The Statement made by the National would be published by the National; but the province would decide what action to take against the leaders of the African Democratic Party as members of Congress and would issue a statement.

It was agreed that the discussion take place at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: It was agreed to hold the meeting on 1/11/43, at the

~~There being no further business this~~ Bantu Men's Social Centre, at 8 p.m.

Therebeing no further business, this meeting terminated at 6.30p.m

Confirmed:

Date _____

Chairman _____

A.N.C. (Top) ABX. 431025a

Gold Fields Hospital
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Kearsnaal
25th October 1943

Dr A.B. Xuma
African Congress
President-General.
104, Bond St. Johannesburg
S.W.

Little drops of water, little grains of sand
Make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land.

Whether these poetical sentiments make sense or not
~~or not~~ - in the depth of their meaning they cannot but create a
profound impression of truth.

Since it is the little, small and insignificant things we
constantly see before us that make the great and greater
things that astound and astonish us, so it will be the
atoms of Africanity that will recreate a bigger and
~~big~~ better Congress through your transcendent and
spiritually inspired leadership.

We atoms who have been blown hither and thither by
the gusts and gales of exploitation and reaction now, like the
"prodigal son" want to serve and suffer under the leadership of our
own people. Much as we regret the suspension of Kearsnaal
Congress we know that only good will result from
this apparent evil.

Out here there is no branch of Congress. Neither does
Congress appear to be interested in Natives (Natures) Africans!!!
So in breaking the ice, I want to be a member of Congress,
the African National Congress, if Venerable Congress
will accept me. I am giving preliminary particulars
of myself on the next page. In conclusion I would
apologise to you, Sir, for whatever inconvenience I am guilty
of doing you through this letter. S. Solomon Modise

Application for Membership
African National Congress
Union of South African and British
Protectorates.

Name: Soli Solomon Modise

Age: 32 years. Married. Wife and two children.
Employed at Gold Fields Hospital, Sunnottar
by the Sub Nigel Ltd as Hospital Reception Clerk,
Certificated Hospital Orderly. Member of the Pelman
Institute. Certificated First Aider. Total Hospital
experience 9 years. Same Hospital as above.

District of Domicile: Johannesburg. (Alexandra Township)

Qualification for right to become member of Congress:
African of aboriginal physiognomy and origin
plus gross poverty and minus financial resources
but able to pay Congress Subscriptions and
attend statutory meetings when and where possible

Soli Solomon Modise

Gold Fields Hospital
P.O. Sunnottar
Transvaal

637, Batho Location,
 Bloemfontein,
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The President General,
 African National Congress,
 Johannesburg.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I have not written for a very long time, but better late than never. I did not feel I should trouble you unless I had something to report. We have had a very thin time of it here in Bloemfontein, death playing havoc with the families of some of our leading congress people. For quite some time try hard as I did I could not get either the local committee or the Provincial com. to come together. When the National Secretary passed through Bloemfontein we had just had our first meeting - and that a skeleton one $\frac{1}{2}$ for a long time. The meeting we had with him was also very small indeed but he gave us the inspiration which we needed so much.

The National Secretary must have, by now, informed you of my appointment, at my own request, as Organising Secretary for the O.F.S. Your approval, however, has not yet reached me and the Provincial Executive. I have, nevertheless, already started to move. I have approached the local Teachers' Association with some good results and have managed to put in two joint committee meetings.

I write straight from a committee meeting with a section of the Teachers' Association whom we have asked to help organise the entertainment side of our work and also to take up the business of giving Mrs Xuma's play all the publicity it deserves. Mr Kabane is convener of this committee. Please let us know as soon as possible what actually Mrs Xuma would like us to prepare for her. We are trying our best to get two nights for the show, i.e. the 14th and 15th. The 14th is our date all right, it is the 15th we are trying to get. Our heartiest congratulations on the success this now famous play has been, and again on the general financial position of the Congress. I know how anxious you have been about the finances of the Congress and with that anxiety partly removed you will be able to attend to the business of general organisation better.

I have been authorised to request the Treasurer-General to reimburse us with the sum of six guineas owing to us by the mother body and I must ask your assistance in this matter. The money is earmarked for organisation and we have a heavy programme of entertainments and Teas to raise funds apart from the fact that I am due to visit Kroonstad, Theunissen and Dewetsdorp in November. Can you manage ~~RS~~ a Sunday in Kroonstad? I should be most grateful for a visit by you to Bloemfontein on or about the first Sunday in December. Please don't say no.

How sad of movements like the Democratic Party! A united front doesn't seem to have any value to some people. Anyway we have only to close our ranks and talk and dream Congress and all will be well.

Greetings to you and yours,

Yours in the service of Africa,

..... *J. M. G. P. J.*

ABX. 431025c

25/10/43
25th October,

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The Editor,
"Inkundla Ya Bantu",
Verulam Press,
C/r. Garden Street and Oakford Rd.,
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Divide and Rule.

The African people of South Africa are approaching the most critical period in their history of struggle for freedom and citizenship. This crisis is drawing nearer as an integral part of the coming world crisis in which the destiny of humanity for decades to come may well be decided. Almost the whole world is busily engaged planning, devising ways and means for the post-war Reconstruction. Many valuable suggestions have been contributed for the public consideration by outstanding economists and the world's leading politicians like the Beveridge Report which contains the social security, Atlantic Charter etc. with a view of arriving at a solution on the existing problems in social life, economics and politics for a New better world; while the Africans are mud-flinging at each other, straining every nerve clamouring for high official positions and dividing the masses for personal distinction, forgetting that by so doing, they are weakening the voice of the people at a most critical time when there is a crying need for one powerful organization.

The Policy of divide and rule has been proved, beyond doubt, to be unequalled in disciplining the subject race, therefore, it is a grave mistake for our leaders to divide the masses when unity is absolutely indispensable. I strongly maintain that the time has not come for our people to be divided into political parties before we are recognised citizens of South Africa. And, in view of the most threatening conditions in our Union Government Native Policy and the approaching post-war Reconstruction I propose:-

- (1) That the President-General, Provincial presidents of the African Congress and the Members of the Representative Council must publicly define their policy for the post-war Reconstruction.
- (2) Our leaders must sink their petty differences and dissolve all mushroom political organizations which do not serve any useful purpose for one powerful organization The African Congress.
- (3) The I. C. U. must concentrate on trade unions and see that every African worker is a Member and represented.
- (4) The Presidents must institute an exhaustive campaign for membership and sought the cooperation of chiefs, Ministers, Teachers, Churches and the Masses.
- (5) African women must be encouraged to take up membership of 1/- per Annum.
- (6) Congress must open a co-ordination office which will establish connection between the Officials and the Paramount-chiefs, chiefs, Ministers, Teachers, Churches and the Masses.
- (7) Congress must apply for the License for the beer hall or claim the profits from the Municipality Native Affairs Department as revenue to run Congress.
- (8) All deliberations of the Annual General Meeting and Balance sheet must be published in the South African press for the public.

Dear,

yours very sincerely,
Fredrickson

October 27, 1943.

Dr. A.B. Xuma, M.D., D.P.H.,
President-General A.N.C.
Officer Administering the T.A.N.C.,
104, End Street,
Jamesburg.

Dear Doctor,

Greetings:

Your letter of October 11th. inviting me to serve on a Committee set up to administer the affairs of Congress in the Transvaal for six months under the leadership of the President General, got here during my absence and could not receive prompt attention. When I received the letter I had already seen the Bantu World issue in which the personnel of the Committee appeared, my name included.

Further, when this invitation came, I had already accepted the post of Organizer for the African Democratic Party in the Western Transvaal. Believing as I do, however, that the A.D.P.'s official assurance is true that it is not hostile to Congress and is in fact working within the framework of the National Movement, I accept your invitation readily and with a very clear conscience.

I am in no way muddled nor will I get any Congress members muddled in any issue, for I believe, as every one does, that the supreme task before us is the unity of our people in readiness for a world that will emerge from the ashes and miseries of the world now in flames.

We shall do all in our power to assist you in fulfilling the terrific responsibility which the Nation has called upon you to bear at this most vital period in the nation's history.

Yours Sincerely,
Jas. J. Udatyulwa.

ABX. 4310276

Robinson Deep, Limited.

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27/10/43

MINE OFFICE.

MEMO.

TO Mr. A. B. Kuma

3092 J

President: General,
104 End Street,
Dorchester.

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed my
article send to the Aficom press
for publication. I am expressing my
opinion on the present disagreement
among our leaders and also
ventilating my suggestions on the
approaching post-war reconstruction
which requires united front and
leaders with a vision.

Yours very sincerely,

27th October, 1943.

Arvey Kuma

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

ABX. 431028a
(Transvaal Province)

28/10/43

COMMITTEE ADMINISTERING THE TRANSVAAL PROVINCE.

Notice of Meeting.

The next meeting of the above-mentioned Committee will be held at the BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1st., 1943, at 8 P.M.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

A. B. XUMA.

PRESIDENT-GENERAL, and OFFICER ADMINIS-
TERING THE TRANSVAAL AFRICAN CONGRESS.

104, End Street,
DOORNFOOTEN.
28/10/43.

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Room No. 502 Second Floor,
New Magistrates' Courts,
JOHANNESBURG.
28th October, 1943.

Health - General

Sir,

National Health Services Commission.

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the memorandum submitted on behalf of the African National Congress, and to inform you that copies thereof have been distributed to the members of the Commission for their information and consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

SECRETARY: NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES
COMMISSION.

Dr. A.B. Xuma M.D.
President General,
African National Congress,
JOHANNESBURG.

Politics General

DAUGHTERS OF AFRICA ASSOCIATION TRANSVAAL PROVINCE

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5 Thirteenth Avenue,
Alexandra Township,
Johannesburg.

28th October, 1943.

Dr. Xuma, President,
The African National Congress of South Africa,
85 Toby Street,
Sophiatown,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear President,

Oh how I regret the one fact, and that is, The African National Congress takes place in December each year, the same time the Daughters of Africa Association is holding its Conferences; this making it impossible for the Daughters Committee to procure the services of the President whenever needed nationally.

The Daughters' Association is about to celebrate its First Triennial Conference this coming December 1943, and I must confess, I loathe the knowledge that we cannot have you no matter how imperative, for you are always previously engaged nationally. The inevitable fact that you can never be with us at any of our Conferences, no matter how important, is always distasteful to my mind, and I think it is high time some solution to this problem must be found.

Never-the-less the Daughters do not for once doubt your spirit of co-operation and fraternity, and I like to think you will today, of all days, do all in your power to both encourage and to influence the members of the Organisation you represent to come out in great numbers to participate in the Daughters National Parade which is to be celebrated on the 19th December, 1943 as you will notice by the enclosed Invitation.

In the event of your being unable to attend by reason of previous engagements, my Association have the Deputy President as your substitute. the first day of the Conference and on that National Day. *will be 19 lead to*

Let me hope the Daughters will not be disappointed this time.

Do let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Most truly yours,
C.L.Tshabalala, General Organiser.

C. L. Tshabalala

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