

IT WAS AGREED: To grant £100.

(i) P. Moloko.

An application for assistance to study art.

IT WAS AGREED: That samples of Mr. Moloko's art be submitted to Mr. Hendricks for an opinion on its merit.

(j) St. Margaret's Hostel:

An appeal for £350 towards the cost of a new building.

IT WAS AGREED: That copies of his appeal be circulated to the Trustees.

(k) P.E. Non-European Commercial School:

An appeal for funds. Mr. Rheinallt Jones felt that the Trust should press for Technical Colleges to provide commercial training for Africans, and that ventures for private profit should not be supported.

IT WAS AGREED: To make further enquiries.

(l) M. Maseko:

An application for assistance in studying singing and voice training.

IT WAS AGREED: That an audition be arranged for Mr. Maseko on his next visit to Johannesburg.

(m) Dr. B.W. Vilakazi:

An application for assistance to do research work in compiling vernacular readers for African Schools.

Mr. Rheinallt Jones was making further enquiries about this project and would report back.

NOTED.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

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DATE:

CONFIRMED:

SIGNED:

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Bantu Welfare Trust

30th April 46.

Colonel Donaldson Presentation Address.

c/o Dr. Zuma,  
Eind Street,  
Johannesburg.

Dr. to Mrs. A. Flynn,  
P.O. Box 5656.  
Johannesburg.

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To Illuminated address for  
presentation to Col. Donaldson - 25 guineas.

28 April 42

Colonel Donaldson Presentation Address

c/o Dr. Sauer,  
1st Street,  
Johannesburg

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Dr. to The O. F. ...  
P.O. Box 555  
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To Illustrated address for  
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First Floor,  
MAIN HOUSE,  
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JOHANNESBURG.

W.F. 37.

4th May, 1946.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,  
104 End St.,  
Doornfontein,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

re: Housing Conference  
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It is the intention of my Organisation to convene a National Conference to discuss all aspects of sub-economic housing, with particular reference to the housing of Non-European ex-volunteers.

The Minister of Native Affairs, the Hon.P. van der Byl, has expressed his willingness to open the Conference, and it is hoped that the Minister of Health will also be present. Thursday, July 11th, has been fixed as a tentative date.

The S.A. Legion of the B.E.S.L. have been requested to act as joint convenors.

My Organisation invites you to attend the Conference and requests you to prepare an address on "The Effect of Bad Housing on the Health of the African People", to last approximately twenty minutes.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

*Royan Bee*

ASSISTANT NATIONAL SECRETARY.

ABX 460506a

*Polite - Geard*

ABX/ARM.

6th May, 46.

The Provincial President,  
African National Congress (Natal),  
19, Old Dutch Road,  
DURBAN.

Dear Sir,

RE: ORGANISATION OF THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF  
THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS  
6666 IN NATAL

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I would like to have it made clear that this step is not intended to undermine any women's organisations that are now functioning in Natal or elsewhere. It is merely to recognise that the African National Congress cannot progress far as men's organisation only, that the women may be encouraged, as in Churches, etc. if they are given an opportunity to have own section in the African National Congress and to meet with men's organisations at Mass Meetings and Annual Conferences.

What would be desirable when we visit Natal would be to meet people to whom this idea has been explained as there is no intention to force any except to accept the willing who will be prepared to work on this national mass liberation movement.

It would be an important task for us to have to face some of these ladies who have been mentioned elsewhere in the Press and try to convert them and cause them to abandon the organisation of their love.

It is, however, our hope that they will see their to make the African Women's League their home from the national point of view.

Anyway it would be a pleasure to us to come not to bring about the conception or birth of the baby but to baptise it and leave it in the safe hand of the Province for its upbringing in consultation with the Headquarters.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

APX 4605066

A. N. C.  
(Natal)

ABX/ARM.

6th May, 1946.

The Provincial Secretary,  
African National Congress (Natal),  
P. O. Box 416,  
PIETERMARITZBURG.

My dear Mr. Msimang,

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks,  
all the valuable communications you have sent me  
including the MSS.

I have not found time to give them  
the attention they merit and I must postpone the  
discussion on them until I visit Natal.

I must, however, take this opportunity  
to congratulate you and the Province for the progress  
you are making in the organisation of the Congress.  
I am sure you are likely to lead the Provinces if you  
maintain your present start.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX 460506c

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6th May, 1946.

CONFIDENTIAL.

The Provincial President,  
African National Congress (Natal),  
19, Old Dutch Road,  
DURBAN.

My dear Provincial President,

RE: APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FROM THE BANTU WELFARE TRUST

I thank you for your information on the above subject.

I do not know exactly about the organisation you refer to mentioned by Mr. P.R. Mosaka. I, however, know that Col. Donaldson himself is quite interested about the formation of a co-operative society at Orlando and I am sure when a proper scheme is worked out there will be funds voted for that scheme.

Further Mr. Museleku of the Bantu Co-Operative Council has applied for funds. We are investigating the matter through Mr. Graham. (Strictly confidential).

I would, however, not advise you to put in any application to the Trust along the lines you have suggested as I have already certain schemes under consideration and would give you the details during my proposed visit to your Province.

I hope by that time that there will have been certain developments of a more definite nature.

We did not hold the meeting as it would not be proper to have no representation from Natal.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*ABX Xuma*  
PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

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A.N.C.  
(Natal)

ABX/ARM.

6th May, 1946.

Mr. Jordan K. Ngubane,  
86, Beatrice Street,  
DURBAN.

My dear Mr. Ngubane,


I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, your kind letter of the 18th March, 1946. I read the document with deep interest and appreciation of its worth.

The failure to reply earlier was pressure of other work private and otherwise.

I have been working under great difficulties recently in my private as well as my public activities.

I proposed to postpone any detailed discussion of your proposals except to say that it is a worthwhile contribution which I hope to discuss with you when I am in Natal at the end of the month.

Yours sincerely,

  
PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

ABX 460506e

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Greetings! Please receive enclosed another copy of the general power of attorney with the signature of my name put to cope with that title, we took it to be Benjamin as this one is, & thus made the mistake which gave me a slight pinch of buying another 5/- stamp, however to put right. All well season favourable. I hope the rain will accompany your wheat crop. I beg to remain  
I am truly yrs  
Ben Xuma

ABX-46050 6f

Telegraphic Address:  
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UNION OF  
SOUTH AFRICA.



UNIE VAN  
SUID-AFRIKA.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
DEPARTEMENT VAN NATURELLESAKE,

P.O. Box } 384,  
Postbus }

PRETORIA,

No. 383/400.

A.N.C.

- 6 MAY 1946

Sir,

Administration of Rents Act : Sophiatown,  
Martindale and Newclare.

With reference to your representations on behalf of property owners of Sophiatown at your interview with Mr. Mears here on the 4th December, 1945, concerning difficulties arising from the application of the Rents Act, I have to inform you that the matter was taken up with the Chairman of the Johannesburg Western Rent Board, who has now replied in the terms set out in the paragraphs that follow:

(a) Uniformity in Application of the Act.

The great majority of cases from the abovementioned areas dealt with by the Board arise out of the investigations of inspectors appointed in terms of the Rents Act, whose instructions are to proceed house by house and street by street until the whole area has been covered. The Chairman states that he is satisfied that no differentiation has been made between Native and Indian-owned houses, but if any specific cases can be quoted he will take them up. Any apparent differentiation is probably due to the great preponderance of Native owners in that part of the area already dealt with.

(b) Retrospective Reduction of Rents.

When the Act was first introduced it was the practice for orders to be made in strict compliance with section 7(1)(b). More recently, however, in order that the lessor should not be made to suffer from any delay on the part of the Board due to pressure of work, advantage has been taken of the permissive provisions of Section 7(1) to make the order retrospective only to the first day of the month in which the order was made unless the Lessor is himself the cause of the delay. For instance, the lessor is not infrequently tardy in supplying essential information such as valuation, rates, taxes and costs of upkeep. In such cases the Board uses its discretion and may make the order date back to the date of complaint, or any date between that and date of hearing.

(c) Reduction of Rent below Commitments of Lessor.

This is an aspect of ownership which cannot concern the Rent Board, the function of which is to determine a reasonable rent in each case under consideration. It has often been found in hearing Native cases that as much as 10% interest is being paid on bonds. Such a rate is quite uneconomic but there is little that the Rent Board can do beyond encouraging publicity being given to the facts. It is probable that in many cases the landlords could obtain relief by borrowing money from reputable Building Societies on reasonable terms and redeeming the existing more onerous loans.

(d) Restriction of Sub-leasing.

This matter is not one which falls under the cognisance of the Rent Board. The difficulties which you described in this regard are appreciated, but this matter is largely bound up with

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the general shortage of accommodation in Johannesburg and some time will probably pass before there can be any big scale relief of overcrowding in the abovementioned townships. Lessors drawing up new leases can of course protect themselves by inserting therein suitable provisions prohibiting sub-letting.

Yours faithfully,

*J. Heald*

SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,  
President-General  
African National Congress,  
104 End Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

A. H. C. / MSX. 4605069  
P.O. Box 187  
Queensdown  
6-5-46.

Dr. F. B. Kuma  
104 Lind Street.  
Dorrington

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge  
with thanks 7 copies of  
the A.N.C. Constitution

I shall report  
progress in due course.  
I shall be pleased if you  
could forward the Queensdown  
Branch with your official  
receipt book soon after  
our next meeting which is  
Tuesday night. I shall forward  
my cheque for £8/-  
Thanking you  
Yours faithfully  
A. H. C.

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Ds. A.B. Kuma

104 Lind. Street.  
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ABX 460507a

A. H. C.

Delmas Amalgamated School

P. O. Box 12

Delmas.

7<sup>th</sup> May 1946.

Dr A B Xhuma  
14, End Street  
Doomfontein.

Dear sir,

I am writing a book  
of English poems entitled: THE CRY OF AFRICA  
Among other patriotic poems, I have a poem  
on the late Rev John L. Dube Ph.D and one  
on THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

I wished, most kindly  
to interview you on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. by  
mid-day in connection with same - if it  
would be permissible for me.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am, sir

Yours respectfully,  
L. M. S. Ngcwabe,

ABX. 4605074

A. N. C

ABX/ARM.

7th May, 1946.

The Secretaries,  
Bantu Welfare Trust,  
P. O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sirs,

In pursuance of the decision of the Trustees sometime ago that as President-General of the African National Congress I should draw up a scheme for the organisation for the consideration of the Trustees, I beg to state that I have gone into the question of the best approach to the organisation of Congress and have found that in recognition of geographical and cultural problems it is most advisable that we must have at least four (4) organisers to cover the four (4) Provinces. These organisers will be directly under the control and responsible to the President-General and his National Executive for mor effective control and centralization.

The estimated salary will be about £200 for each organiser per annum.

I, therefore, wish to apply for £1,000 (One thousand pounds) a year, guaranteed for three (3) years, without providing for an organiser for the women's section, as well as travelling expenses and an office staff to assist our present Secretary-Bookkeeper.

Hoping that our application will receive favourable consideration of your Trustees.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.



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DRAFT.

The Secretaries,  
Bantu Welfare Trust,  
P. O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sirs,

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DRAFT.

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Bantu Welfare Trust,  
P. O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

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Undated,

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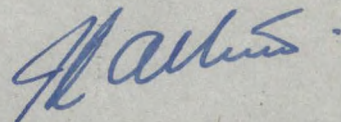
The President General,  
African National Congress,  
85 Toby Street,  
SOPHIATOWN.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I have pleasure in informing you that the Trustees have agreed to make a grant of £1,000 to your Congress for one year. The Trustees will be pleased to receive, at the end of the period, a full report on how this grant has assisted the Congress.

As the Trust is busy realising some of its assets, the grant will not be paid immediately. I suggest that you keep in touch with our Treasurers in this matter.

Yours faithfully,



For - BANTU WELFARE TRUST.  
S.A. INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS?  
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*Race Relations* Box 460508  
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A meeting of the Committee of AFRICAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING SERVICES will be held on Monday 15th April 1946 at 10 a.m. in Room 142, Main Block, University of the Witwatersrand.

J.R. ALTMAN  
ACTING SECRETARY

A G E N D A

1. To consider the final form of recommendations to be made to the Executive Committee of the Institute.
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Health - General

FROM:

ROTOLO XABA, B.A.

L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (EDIN.)  
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P.O. BOX 25.

WILLOWVALE,  
TRANSKEI

TELEPHONE 13.

9th May, 1946.

Dr. B. A. Xuma  
104, End St. Johannesburg,  
Transvaal.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I am writing to ask if you could please give me some information and points about: - "The place of native laws, and customs in Medical Practise."

I have been asked to read a paper on the above mentioned subject at meeting of our Transkei Division Medical Association in the near future.

So I would like to get different views from different parts of the country so as to master the subject.

I would be pleased same in about a month's time, knowing how full your hands must be.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours faithfully,  
R. J. Xaba.

*A. W. G. Champion, M.R.C.*

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PHONE 22247.

*19, Old Dutch Road,*

*Durban, Natal.*

*9th May, 1946.*

*A.N.C.  
(Natal)*

Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
President General: A.N.C.,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter now enclosed for your final disposal. I generally return such letters of confidential nature to ensure secrecy.

I have today written Mrs. Xuma to let us know her date of her arrival. Do not forget that you come here to accompany her. I was very much thankful for this letter which you have sent to me on Organisation of the Women's League of the African National Congress. I cannot see that you have tried to follow what others think is a matter of a controversial nature. I do not think there is any controversy. I have made it very clear that we are not new comers, that we want to inspire women with a new political life in the history of South African Bantu. We are not fighting any other social organisation for women. Ours is a political one. I know of no other political organisation here that we may be called upon to oppose.

In coming down here, my honoured President, be sure we shall give you a unanimous vote of confidence. My only regret is that I am not well. It may be that I shall have completely recovered by the end of the month. We have arranged public meetings in the form of a Conference on the 30 & 31 May. Please do come at least at 9 a.m., 30th, or late on the 29th May. If possible we would like to keep /you until (P.T.O.)

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