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1st. May, 1937.

Dear Sir,

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the All African Convention will be held at Bloemfontein on the 2nd day of JULY, 1937 at 10 a.m.

It is desirable that members of the Executive Committee should make a special effort to attend as it is proposed to invite all elected members of Parliament, Senate, Provincial Council and Union Representative Council to attend for the purpose of agreement on a common policy. As this will be a one day session, the Executive will be asked to consider the question of organisation and finance.

You are requested to obtain in advance an undertaking from the candidates in your Province that they would attend this meeting if successful at the Polls.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and advise whether or not you will attend. Members must raise travelling expenses etc. from their respective Provinces.

Yours faithfully,

H. selby Msimang,

GENERAL SECRETARY.

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Dr ABXams

Bro

your letter to hand
 & contents well mastered. I accept
 your suggestions with pleasure,
 I knew this case would trouble
 your mind as it has done every
 body's, but still take it mainly
 I don't like to go into this
 matter a bit - as you have heard
 all about it - from George, I
 just have to thank you for
 the offer you have made trying
 to quell the fire, Doctor I can
 not allow any recompense from
 you, let's let the matter stand
 as father proposes, yes doctor
 I am rich when I know that
 your heart is wholly on me &
 my children, you are always
 doing good for my children &
 can't let you worry about this any
 more I must loose these cattle knowing
 that I have not been trying ^{to hurt}

my father but have been trying
to show him the standing benefit
for which my conscience does & will
never prick me in any way lets
take it as a bad job for harmonys
sake. I would my father were dealing
with this matter unaided & I know
we would soon come to good
terms I know his nature Oh
I know it. Do dont worry any
more God has helped me
I'll put this right bravely
so rest your mind now. I wish
you a pleasant & happy journey
dont forget before going to
let me know who I should
refer to for money for the house
try to be clear so that I may not
annoy your agents with kind
regards I am your brother
Ben X

ABx 370504a

4th May, 1937.

The Manager,
Barclay's Bank D.C. & O.,
Commissioner Street East Branch,
Johannesburg.

Sir,

Re - ESTATE DATE MRS. A.B.XUMA.

I am required to produce a bank certificate to the Master to show that I had a credit balance of L647: 8: 0d. on April 29th., 1934 when my wife died.

I shall be much obliged if you will be good enough to send me a certificate to this effect.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours faithfully,

personal

ABX 370504⁶

4th May, 1937.

My dear Doctor,

I am glad that only money and the car, and not yourself, are gone. Both things can be made or recovered, but not you.

I called at your office; but you were out at the time. Do look me up during your next trip, as I am leaving for my trip overseas on the 17th of May.

With best regards to you and your family,

Yours very sincerely,

ABX*pd.

Dr. S.M.Molema,

P.O.Box 11,

MAFEKENG.

Race Relations

ABX 370504c

4th May, 1937.

My dear Arthur,

I am glad of your great interest in my projected visit to America. It shows how much practical interest you and many friends over there have in Africa and her peoples.

You state in your last letter that I have not made clear our needs. I may say that they are legion. I am, however, interested in a few things more particularly, namely; (1) the establishment of a fully equipped library in the only school of University standing that caters to our people in South Africa; (2) funds for scholarships to assist some of our young men who have had training in the above mentioned Institution, to spend a year or two abroad to broaden their outlook and to prepare for greater service among our people, (b) to afford scholarships for the study of Medicine and Surgery overseas to some of our selected young men who have neither means nor place or opportunity for study Medicine and Surgery in South Africa; (3) we also need funds to encourage research by some of our trained young men. The available funds from America ~~and elsewhere~~ are granted chiefly, to Whites; (4) there is also a need for a press controlled by African Leaders for propaganda purposes.

All these points and many others will come up for discussion and be cleared, when we meet each other.

I shall communicate with you as soon as I arrive in New York City, about June 10th.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you again,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

ABX*pd.

Mr. George Arthur,
Y.M.C.A., 3763 Wabash Avenue,
CHICAGO, U.S.A.

ABX 370504 d

4th May, 1937.

Mr. Z.K. Matthews M.A., LL.B.,
Fort Hare Native College,
ALICE, C.P.

Dear Mr. Matthews,

I would be glad to receive, if possible, the communication and the enclosures received from Dr. Carter Woodson, before the 10th inst., as I would like to confer on this matter with our friend, Dr. Molema, on or about the 10th inst., when he is expected in Johannesburg.

Best wishes to you and yours,

Yours very sincerely,

ABX:pd.

ABX 370505a

5th May, 1937.

My dear Roy,

I received your last letter and was glad to hear from you again.

I am glad to get your offer to assist me in coming in contact with people that may be of assistance to me in working out problems of mutual interest. However, my itinerary is not yet well laid out, as much depends upon certain developments that take place after I arrive in New York City.

I, nevertheless, am of opinion that one of the useful things I can do would be to attend your ~~Annual~~ Annual Conference of the N.A.A.C.P., ~~at Detroit~~. I hope to go to Chicago and the twin cities either before or after that meeting.

I shall leave Gibraltar on June 4th, on board the Italian liner s.s. "CONTE DE SAVDIA", arriving in New York City on or about June 10th. You may get the exact date by enquiring at the Company's offices.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Roy Wilkins,
69, 5th Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

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5th May, 1937

P.O.BOX 30
CAPE TOWN

A.B. Xuma, Esq.,
104, End Street,
Doornfontein,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your order for a copy of the book Educational Adaptations in a Changing Society, and also for the Postal Order to the amount of 6/-.

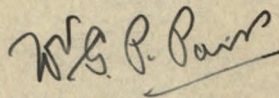
We are sorry to inform you, however, that we are unable to find your name on the registered list of members and we are therefore not allowed to supply a copy at the special reduced price until we receive satisfactory evidence that you actually were a member.

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reduced rate unless the name appears on their list, and for this reason we must refer the matter back to you.

In any case, will you please note that the price of 6/- nett is for cash across the counter and does not include postage which is 1/- extra, so that if you send us your badge of membership at the Conference, please send us at the same time a further 1/-, and on receipt and if we find that everything is in order, we will at once send a copy of the work on to you.

Yours faithfully,



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E. Ntubozuko,
Berlin, C.P.

ABX 370506

6th May 1937.

Dr. A. B. Xhuma,
Sophiatown, Jburg.

Dear Sir, -

I learned from the Jburg papers that you are soon to recross the ocean for further studies. I wish you bon voyage to & fro. Please don't delay more than necessary as your presence in the Union is so much needed, - of course you do not know as much as that.

On going over, Sir, please send me the MS. on "Uwaluko" as I want to print & publish it this year. On your arrival next year it will already be a booklet. I got so many MS. that I shall be able to give you any one you need; but that one must be published this year.

By the end of this month I am publishing through the "Lovedale Press" a poem on "Hintsa", about 300 lines, price 1/- including postage. You will remember that this is the poem that won the May Esther Bedford Prize Competition last year.

Yours very faithfully,

S. E. Kune Mqhayi

ABX 370507a

Dr. J. M. Molema

PHONE 27 P.O. BOX 11

HOURS:

10 A.M. — 12.30 P.M.

2 P.M. — 4 P.M.

SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS:

10 A.M. — 12 NOON

Mafeking,
C.P.

7th May 1937

My Dear Colleague

Thanks very much for your letter just received. Things that are happening seem to be pages from some fiction and to think the perpetrators can get off with paltry fines of £5! Look here - please do not take after me - my history is too bad - my notoriety a veritable terror

I shall come and have a chat with you at 10 o'clock

on Sunday and hope your
parents will give you a
brief respite.

With them

Goodbye & good

wishes

Yours very truly

Richardson

Fort Hare,
Alice, C.P.
7/5/37.

Education - General

Dear Dr Xuma,

Thank you for your letter. I gather from it that you are about to leave for overseas. I hope you will have a very pleasant one there and bring us many good things including a new "makoti".

With regard to the letterheads etc for the "Bantu Academy" I really think it would not be advisable to print any note-papers for the simple reason that we have not yet got the Society in proper working order. What you can do in trying to get assistance for us is simply to point out the fact of the great necessity for such an organisation and the genuine desire in many quarters for its establishment. The assistance we should like is both financial and organisational. I hope you will bring or send us constitutions, copies of programmes etc which we might use as a basis for our organisation. What we need more than anything else is a fund for research work on Native problems undertaken by Bantu students. I am trying to persuade the College here to establish such a fund and we have already set aside a small sum of money to form the nucleus of such a fund. If we could have this raised to something respectable, I think we should have made a good beginning. But the fund will have to be primarily under the control of a body such as the African Academy properly constituted. These are my views on this matter in brief. I want to train a certain number of very promising students here in research methods and they are willing to undergo the training, but the problem is to find the small sums of money necessary for financing their research projects. Please keep in touch with us when you are overseas.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely
J. K. Matthews

P. T. O

P.S. With regard to Dr Woodson's communication of which I had already received a copy from him when your letter arrived I need hardly say that I am in full sympathy with their object & would be prepared to do anything in my power to help the movement forward when I get to be a little freer. Just now I am rather deeply immersed in a consideration of the Report from East Africa Commission and I shall not be able to do anything serious until that is over. In fact I may be going overseas myself sometime this year in connection with report, although that matter is not yet definitely settled. I hope you & Dr. Molena when you meet will consider this matter fully and let me have the benefit of your deliberations in due course.

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ABx 370512a
12th May, 1937.

Mrs. Evelyn Riley Nicholson,
812 Summit Avenue,
Mount Vernon,
IOWA, U.S.A.

Dear Mother,

I have just received your letter of the 12th April for which I thank you.

I am hoping indeed to have the pleasure of seeing you again, and telling you of our problems in Southern Africa.

I shall arrive in New York City about the 11th of June, and will remain there until the first week of September, when I shall cross over to London to do some research work there.

I note with regret Bishop's condition; but God alone knows why these things be.

Till we meet again,

Yours very sincerely,

ABX*pd.

ABX 37 05126

12th May, 1937.

Dr. R.R.Moton,
Tuskegee Institution,
TUSKEGEE, Alabama.

My dear Dr. Moton,

It is quite a long time since you heard from me.

I have undergone many experiences, both pleasant and unpleasant. Among other things, I lost my wife, leaving me with two children, a girl and a boy who, I am glad to say, are growing very well.

I anticipate the pleasure of seeing you soon, as I have to arrive in America about the 11th of June. I shall make every effort to see you in order to discuss with you the needs of my people in this country, as well as consulting you on devising ways and means of carrying out a programme which I have in mind and which I shall present to you, should I be afforded the opportunity.

I am for ever indebted ~~and~~ America and Americans, both Black and White for what they have done ~~for~~ me.

I believe that I would be in a position to do something for my people if I had means. I wish to uphold the Standards of American Institutions of which I am a product.

I shall tell you, when we meet of our hopes and despairs.

I can be got in touch with, either through Roy Wilkins of the Crisis or Max Yergan of the International Committee of African Affairs.

Yours very sincerely,

ABX*pd.

ABX 370512 c

12th May, 1937.

Dr. Cater Woodson,
Howard University,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Woodson,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of recent date enclosing circulars re the Study of Negro history and life.

I can hardly mention how deeply interested I am in such an undertaking. As a matter of fact; but for lack of funds, I should have completed the organisation of what we have named the "African Society" or Acedemy, whose aims and objects are, primarily, to study African life, history and present conditions, by Africans themselves.

Almost all research funds that are available locally, or from your country have, perhaps naturally, fallen into the hands of the white section, thus leaving the African in a helpless position, so far as carrying out any serious or protracted study of some of the many problems that solicit solution.

I anticipate the pleasure of meeting you and discussing this question of ~~Mutal~~ mutual interest with you and others, during my contemplated visit to America.

I shall be arriving in New York City about the middle of June, as I sail from Cape Town on May 21st., and remain in the States until the first week in September.

You can get in touch with me either through Roy Wilkins of the Crisis, or Max Yergan of the International Committee of African Affairs.

Yours very sincerely,

ABX*pd.

Personal matters.

ABX 370513a

13th May, 1937.

Dear Mr. Pim,

Enclosed herewith please find General Power of Attorney, through which you will act on my behalf, as arranged.

I am glad to say that since talking to you recently, I have settled to cancel the bond on my home. I am also leaving funds, at the bank, to meet my Insurance premiums, during the coming year.

I am also arranging for a sum of one hundred Pounds (Sterling) to be paid in, through my Attorneys - Messrs. Mc.Ewan, Fearnhead and Pinkerton.

I am making financial arrangements for my home, by depositing certain monies at the Post Office.

Because I failed to wind up the Estate of my late wife previously, I am leaving the Title Deeds of my home and my Insurance Policies, with my attorney. They are attending to the winding up of the Estate, and I have had to appoint Mr. W.Fearnhead as my Executor dative in this transaction.

I have made financial provisions to meet the amount that may be required by the Master.

Please phone me and give me an appointment, any day before I entrain on Tuesday night.

Yours sincerely,

ABX*pd.

W. Pim Esq.,
107 Exploration Buildings,
Commissioner Street,
Johannesburg.

Personal matter

ABX 3705136.

13th May, 1937.

Dear Mr. Hardy,

I am entraining Tuesday night, the 18th inst., and I would be pleased, if you could see your way clear, to give me an appointment to make final arrangements with me, before my departure.

Phoning ~~the~~ appointment, at least two hours before the time you will be able to see me, would be sufficient notice.

Yours Sincerely,

ABX*pd.

Mr. John L. Hardy,
107 Exploration Buildings,
Commissioner Street,
Johannesburg.

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