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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CULTURAL BOYCOTT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The following resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress will be submitted to the 11th Annual General Meeting to be held at the Duncan Hall on Sunday 17th June, 1956:-

The effectiveness of a cultural boycott of South Africa as part of a universal move to isolate this country and bring about pressure to bear in the fight against racial discrimination was discussed at length by the Executive Committee of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress.

The Committee welcomed with gratitude the spontaneous initiatives taken by several overseas artists and by the British Musicians Union which contribute in some measure towards this aim. It expressed its belief that similar action taken by more and more artists with a view to enveloping the cultural world in a universal boycott, would:-

- (a) serve to impress upon racialist South Africans that in their Herrenvolk policies they stand isolated from the rest of the civilised world;
- (b) give rise to greater political consciousness among European South Africans and will contribute to bring about more sympathy and support for the national liberation movement;
- (c) leave an indelible political impact on increasing number of non-White people and constantly re-assure them of the tremendous support they enjoy in their struggle for freedom.

While declaring its attitude in favour of an international cultural boycott of South Africa, the Executive Committee believed that such an aim cannot be effectively furthered in the absence of a precise policy of the National organisations on the question.

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Therefore, in its aim to initiate discussion and flowing from it a national policy, the Executive Committee calls upon the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress to declare its attitude in favour of an international cultural boycott of South Africa.

It further calls upon the Annual General Meeting to resolve to do all in its power to secure a similar decision by the South African Indian Congress.

(Sgd) *Scappin*

for EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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FREE DISSEMINATION

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The Transvaal Indian Youth Congress welcomes the assembly for world peace on May 2nd in Helsinki by the Bureau of the World Council of Peace.

Through the World Peace Council, the people have created serious set-backs for the colonialists and war-mongers by raising their voices to ban the A & H Bombs.

This assembly meets at a time when the guns have been given back to the German militarists who twice in the last 40 years brought untold misery and destruction; when the American Government illegally occupies the island of Taiwan in order to unleash war against the peace loving peoples of Asia. Therefore it is imperative that the ^{Countries} Council of the World send their representatives to the Peace Assembly.

It is only through a powerful world-wide peace movement, the people can prevent heavy armament taxes, military bases in foreign countries, stop the growth of racialism and secure their rights.

In times of war it is the youth who are the cannon fodder for the warmongers. Our schools, universities, play-grounds are destroyed, the necessary conditions for progress are brought to a standstill.

It is still possible to wreck the crazy war plans. We in South Africa will popularise the World Peace Assembly and will do our utmost to make the South African Peace Council's Peace Week an tremendous success.

(Sgd) *Kaapje*
FOR TRANSVAAL INDIAN YOUTH CONGRESS.

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PRESS RELEASE 1:-

Issued by the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at a joint-meeting of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress, and the South African -China Friendship Society, held on the 30th September, 1956, at the Congress Hall, Johannesburg, to mark the 7th anniversary of the foundation of the Peoples' Republic of China, and the Suez Crisis, respectively:-

CHINA.

"This meeting held at the Congress Hall, Johannesburg, on the 30th September, 1956 warmly congratulates the Chinese people on the 7th Anniversary of the foundation of the Peoples' Republic of China. Their rapid advance in all fields of endeavour sets as a glaring example to all the peoples of the world; especially those who are suffering under the iron heel of imperialism and oppression. We in South Africa are particularly thankful for the friendship and moral support given to the just struggles of our people, and the liberatory struggles in the various parts of the world by the People's Republic of China.

"We condemn the imperialists for having prevented this country of over 600,000,000 people from taking her rightful seat in the Councils of the United Nations and we fully support the admission of the People's Republic of China to this organization.

"Finally the progress of the Chinese people under the chairmanship and guidance of Mao Tse-tung and other leaders will beyond any doubt be a great spur to the other peoples of the world who are struggling against colonialism, oppression and exploitation.

"The Chinese people have also shown the oppressed people of the world that no insurmountable obstacle can stand in the way of progress when a people are determined to fight for freedom and equality".

EGYPT.

"This meeting held at the Congress Hall, Johannesburg, expressed its solidarity with the

people of Egypt in their stand on the nationalisation of the Suez Canal Company. We congratulate the Government of Egypt for having justly claimed that the Suez Canal which runs through Egypt was built by Egyptians, should therefore, belong to the Egyptian people, and the revenue obtained should be used for the benefit of Egypt. We further condemn the sabre-rattling of the Imperialist powers as we feel that this is inimical to world peace. We know however, that peace and prosperity belongs to the Egyptian people, as indeed it belongs to all the people of the world. With the rapidly growing forces of peace, and the decay of Imperialism we are confident that the struggle of the Egyptian people against the forces of reaction will inevitably succeed. And we know that this victory will also set as an inspiration and a spur to the peoples of Africa who are fighting against oppression."

37, West Street,
LONDON.

30th September, 1956.



(Sgd.) E. Mulla & E. K. ...

Joint-Honorary Secretaries,
Bengal Indian Youth Congress.

Issued by the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress.

The Executive Committee of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress sends its warm fraternal greetings to the youth and people of Egypt for their glorious struggle against imperialist machinations to maintain a foothold on Egypt's sovereign soil.

The eyes of freedom-loving people the world over have been focussed on Egypt for the past months, when President Nasser rightly announced the nationalisation of the Suez Canal, oppressed South Africans acclaimed the news as a great step forward in their own struggle against white domination and enslavement. The events in Egypt cannot but be of great inspiration to us.

For too long have the colonial powers mercilessly plundered the people of Africa of their wealth, land and resources. For too long have they with contempt for human life and values trampled upon basic rights of peoples.

The nationalisation of the Suez Canal is a sign of the times. The African giant has awoken from his enforced slumber and is breaking the shackles that bound him. Everywhere the struggle is on. In Algeria, on the Copperbelt, in the French colonies of Africa we are witnessing the dying class of imperialism.

In South Africa itself the oppressed people are rapidly getting into step with the march of events. Here too the struggle against Herrenvolkism is taking great strides.

The Transvaal Indian Youth Congress hails these great events. We pledge our solidarity with the struggling peoples of Africa. We join with the peace-loving people of the world in warning the imperialists that no amount of military action will defeat the forward march of the forces of freedom.

37, West Street,
Johannesburg.
28th, September, 1956.

[Signature] for
M. Moll & M. Moll
Joint- Literary Secretaries.

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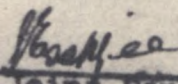

PRESS RELEASE.

The Transvaal Indian Youth Congress has joined in a world wide protest movement against the German Federal Republic for its undemocratic and illegal imprisonment of the leaders of the Free German Youth of Western Germany, an organisation which has come under heavy attacks for its consistent and bold stand against the American inspired Nazi rearmament programme.

In a letter of protest to President Adenauer, the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress says, " It is with great distress and indignation that we have learnt of the imprisonment of Jupp Augenfort, President of the Free German Youth and Wolfgang Sieffert, another outstanding member.

"We consider the arrest and imprisonment of these young people for periods of five and four years solitary confinement respectively on completely false and baseless accusations, as a blatant misuse of justice.

"On behalf of the Indian youth of the Transvaal we vigorously protest against this unjust and illegal sentence and demand the immediate release of Jupp Augenfort and Wolfgang Sieffert whose only 'crime' has been that they opposed the rearming the Nazis and fought for peace".

(Sgd)  
Joint Hon. Secretaries
TRANSVAAL INDIAN YOUTH CONGRESS

The Transvaal Indian Youth Congress,
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PRESS RELEASE.

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The 10th Annual General Meeting of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress held on the 15th May, 1955, at the Duncan Hall, Johannesburg, was one of the most successful yet held with a total number of 200 delegates of which 30 were young women.

The meeting was officially opened by Dr. N.M. Padyachee, a senior vice-president of the Natal Indian Congress, on behalf of Dr. G.M. Naicker who is banned under the Suppression of Communism Act from attending any gatherings and also from leaving the magisterial district of Durban.

In his message to the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress, Dr. Naicker said, "I regard your invitation as conferring a great honour on me and on the South African Indian Congress which I represent. It is an honour firstly because despite my ban, the young men and women of the Transvaal have thought it fit to ask me to address them even though I do so in absentia. Secondly, you honour the South African Indian Congress and its official policy by your gesture. If the organised youth of any community accept and endorse the policy of that Community's national organisation, then that national organisation has reason to be proud and to claim that the future not only lies with the youth of today but equally with the policy of freedom which it has endorsed and accepted."

"There is not a single non-European in the Union who is against freedom, but millions remain unaligned behind our banner of freedom. It is our task to materialise that force in an organised and disciplined manner and to this end we must direct our energies. We have already overcome the first stumbling block in achieving this task. The Indian people are today legitimately proud of their Congresses. A long period of internal organisational struggle has resulted in the elimination of the opportunistic and reactionary leadership which had dominated the Indian political scene almost from the time of Mahatma Gandhi's departure from South Africa."

Dr. Naicker concluded by saying, "The present form of organisation too must eventually disappear when the struggle for liberation advances and as we near our goal. I visualise a day when there will be no need for separate Congresses for Africans, Indians, Europeans and Coloured peoples but one single Congress for all who believe in freedom."

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In his opening remarks the Chairman, Mr. Ebrahim Moola, said, "The year since our last meeting has seen naked, brutal fascism on the offensive. The implementation of the various laws passed by the 1954 session of the herrenvolk Parliament, together with the bills before the present session has given the finishing touches to a duplicate of a new Nazi Germany.

"With us, the fascist state has, perhaps not come as suddenly and as blatantly as in Germany. So that even today, there are many South Africans who have not yet wakened to the reality of its existence. Even in the South Africa of today, we still find the dreamers, the idealists, the unrealistic super optimists, who are sleeping away with the comforting thought 'Alles al reg kom."

The fact is, fellow young people, that step by step, since 1949 the Nationalists have been carefully following Hitler's text-books. Take any law passed by the Malan or Strijdom regime, and we are sure to find its counterpart in the history of Germany, 1933."

In giving an example of how the Indian youth were being made pawns of Nationalist rule, the Chairman said, "The most recent example was the taking away of the school from the Indian children at Booysens and the attempt to force them to a school built in Lenasia. Yet, barely two years ago, people would have never believed that the Nationalists would be capable of such a cowardly attack against innocent children."

Messages of greetings came from the 80 Million strong World Federation of Democratic Youth, South African Indian Congress, African National Congress Youth League, Transvaal Peace Council, and many prominent individuals, among them, Mr. C.W.M. Gell, Mr. Lee Warden, M.P., and Mr. Manilal Gandhi.

Papers were presented on Sports by Mr. J. Ehana, Education and Culture by Mr. D. Manga, followed by lively discussions of very high and youthful standards.

The Joint-Secretaries presented Reports which covered organisational, national and international situations.

The following resolutions were passed:-

- 1. International situation.
- 2. Sports.
- 3. Bantu Education.
- 4. Fort Hare.

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5. Education and Culture.
6. Women in the struggle for liberation.

Dr. Y.M. Dadoo was re-elected President of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress and Messrs. A.M. Kathrada and Paul Joseph were unanimously re-elected to the leadership despite the banning orders imposed upon them by the Minister of Justice, Mr.C.R. Swart.

Signed

Transvaal Indian Youth Congress.

20th May, 1955.

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