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Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter dated the 14th.Inst., in reply to mine of the 17th.Ultimo.I am glad that you have explained yourself in this matter clearly because all the time you were not clear to me about the Youth League which is a parallel organisation as far as it exists.

You misrepresent my attitude about this organisation.I never said that people must not join the Congress because they are officials of the Youth League. My whole attitude is that there is no need to organise a separate organisation to run parallel with the Congress,so that the officials of the Congress may work under the influence of that organisation.That organisation to have allegiance to its own Executive Committee with its own officials who must constantly fight the officials of the Congress.

This attitude is quite different from that quoted by you of the late Dr.Dube.I never wanted the I.C.U.to work parallel to the Congress.Our members were free to join their Congress respective branches,which policy I advocate up to date. You as the Provincial Secretary should work through the established branches to get more members of those branches.You should not allow yourself to be influenced by people who have not been refused by any branch the membership card.What you have done is to help the people to organise parallel branches under the name of the Youth League and to send to you money in the lump sum so that they should establish themselves into branches.That is wrong. I cannot agree to this.I am very happy because I knew Dr.Dube well as I know you. Since I made a promise in June not to open my mouth I have abided by my promise. I am not jealous of anybody's success if any;but my advices as a leader are well known.If Congress in its National outlook will look to the Youth League to help it to organise Chiefs,followers and all men both in Urban Areas and rural Areas I regret it.I warned every one. I warned Dr.Xuma and I have warned Dr.Moroka and you know my attitude.

In your letter you conclude by writing that Chief W.S. Kumalo's inquiry arising out of his participation in the campaign for Protest Day was postponed to the 18th.October.This is the first time I learn about Chief Kumalo's Inquiry. You have not informed me about this nor has he done so.

You say an appeal for funds is being made and you hope I will support it. Who is making this appeal for funds? Is it Chief Kumalo or yourself? I do not claim anything but this goes to show that my leadership in this Natal Congress has become a farce,since the advent of the African National Congress Youth League.

You know I hate to be likened to Dr.Dube in my methods. I know my methods are different.To show you that my methods are different,I did not disturb you from going ahead with the policy on a one day's protest.I did not disturb you with your using the Youth League offices and Youth League officials well knowing my attitude.In any case there must be halt somewhere.You remember

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