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Fort Hare,
Alice, C.P.
9/1/1956.

Mr. O.R. Tambo,
38, Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Tambo,

On my arrival here from Durban on Friday 6th instant I found awaiting me your letter of 30th December in which you notify me of a meeting of the National Executive to be held in Durban on the 14th and 15th instant. I am sorry about this because if I had received your letter while I was in Durban I might have been able to prolong my stay so as to make it possible for me to attend. In the circumstances I am writing to let you know that it will not be possible for me to attend.

In connection with the Agenda for the meeting I can only say that I hope in electing a Deputy President-General you will not consider my name, as owing to my commitments I shall not be able to act. In fact it is doubtful whether I shall be able to attend any of the Executive meetings and I am wondering whether it would not be better for someone else, say Tshumungwa, to take my place until my position changes.

Yours for Africa,

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Prof. Z.K. Matthews
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Fort Hare, Alice
5/12/1956.

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THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

UMBUTHO WESIZWE — LEKHOTLA LA SECHABA

(HEAD OFFICE)

All Communications to be addressed to the Secretary-General

Bewysstuk No.
Gekry by... *Sadie Mankwa*
Deur... *M. Sheen*
Te... *63 Magnesia Gebou*
Datum... *12/1/56*
Verwysings No.

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

PHONE 33-4869
P.O. BOX 9207

18th January, 1956.

The Provincial Secretary,
African National Congress.

Dear Sir,

The National Executive Committee has decided to implement the decision of the national conference to launch a campaign against passes for women in particular and the pass system in general by calling upon all the branches of the African National Congress throughout the country to commence the campaign working closely with all African organisations, and by rallying every African and African organisation against the pass campaign.

The immediate needs of the moment is to conduct an extensive country-wide campaign to educate the masses of the people on the issue of the passes and the intension of the Government to issue reference books to women.

Meetings must be called by branches in every area for all the people as well as special meetings for women which should culminate in women's conferences on regional basis.

A systematic intensive organisation must be undertaken; house to house, yard to yard, location to location, factory to factory, in the towns and like-wise in the country.

All regional women's conferences should take place on the 25th or 26th February.

All branches are hereby directed to give their reports by the 4th March on the progress made on the house to house campaign, local area meetings as well as regional conferences.

All branches or regions are hereby notified that the special conference decided upon will take place on the 31st March to the 1st April, 1956 at Bloemfontein failing which it will be in Johannesburg.

Yours for freedom,

O.R. Tambo
O.R. Tambo.
Secretary-General.
African National Congress.

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The African National Congress

(Umbutho weSizwe—Lekhotla la Sechaba)

Cape Headquarters

All communications to the Provincial Secretary

PHONE:

P.O. Beletwa,
Via Queenstown.
1st February, 1956

My dear Prof ZK.,

Kindly find attached to this note a copy of the Agenda of the Provincial Executive Committee Meeting to be held in Port Elizabeth on the 11th inst. On seeing Dr. Bolewe that other day we decided to have the meeting down in Port Elizabeth and that we move down to these fellows.

Please, Professor, just make your own comments about the following:- Special National Conference; Passes for Women and how to campaign against this measure; Draft Constitution from the Eastern Cape and then your other views about things in general. Let me have your advice about these things before Saturday the 11th and post the letter to my home address as above.

Please oblige me with a crossed cheque to meet the following:-

- ① That £9.3.8, you could not get in December for those 1/- tickets to Christmas Camp
- ② £2 10/- or type writer repairs.

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The African National Congress

(Umbutho weSizwe—Lekhotla la Sechaba)

Cape Headquarters

All communications to the Provincial Secretary

PHONE:

③ £2. 16. 0 for Rev. James's telephone expenditure on Congress work.

④ £2 for my travelling expenses to & fro Bucekstown to meet the President.

In all it will be a cheque of £16. 9. 8. Please post this immediately as it is overdue, especially the repairs on the typewriter & the Inkas Stamps etc.

With best wishes to all,
I am, dear Professor,
Yours for Africa.

Jacob Dlamini

Bewysstu! No. 25(a)
Gekry by Prof. Z.K. Mattheys
Deur. S/Genl. A.D. Nel
Te. Govt House, Alice
Datum 5/12/1956
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Fort Hare.
6/2/56.

Dear T.E.T.,

Thank you for your letter of 1st instant and for the notice convening a meeting of the Cape Executive. I am afraid I cannot promise to be there. As you know my commitments are such that I must keep out of Affairs for the time being. In view of the fact that I shall not be taking an active part in these affairs, I do not know whether it would be wise for me to give my views on any of the matters you are going to discuss. I feel that we are standing on the edge of a precipice and unless our leaders are careful, they will lend themselves and other people in serious trouble. The worst weakness of a leader is that of becoming swollen-headed and thinking that he can do anything with nothing. I fear that some of our leaders are in that state. With our membership as low as it is and our finances what they are, they still think they can do anything. They ought to have learned something from the experience of the A.A.C. Take the topics which you mention in your letter.

(a) Special National Conference. I think this is just a waste of money. We have just had a conference. What is going to be done at the Special Conference which would not have been done at the Bloemfontein conference? The suggested venue - Bloemfontein or Johannesburg - is too far from most centres. The result is that the Conference will be dominated by Transvaal delegates who come from a Province without branches or members. They will force on the country as a whole things which they themselves will not be able to do. Provincial Conferences would have been better and less costly.

(b) Passes for Women. Here again this Campaign is going to be dominated by the Transvaal which is a most unpractical Province. I think we have had too many unsuccessful campaigns because of inadequate preparation and rushing into things without proper planning. Whether we like it or not, nothing will take the place of intensive local organisation for members, faithful members, not just talkers.

(c) Draft Constitution. The danger in this new constitution proposed by the Eastern Cape is the abolition of Provincial conferences. There will be too much centralisation and I am sure it will kill the whole organisation in a few months' (not years') time. It would take one too long to argue this adequately in a letter. This is another Transvaal move intended to hide their deficiencies. They think that in this way they will be able to get hold of the Cape branches with their better financial organisation. They are supported in this by some of our Cape leaders who do not see what is behind this move. But only experience will teach them.

Generally, I think people are too campaign-minded and not enough organisation-minded.

--- I am sending you herewith a cheque for £7.6/- to cover some of the items you mention in your letter. We cannot meet the stamps' item which I think ought to have paid for itself by now. What happened to the stamps? There is still the matter of expenses in connection with the executive meeting you have convened. I do not know how we shall meet that account because.....

because the branches are very slack just now. Perhaps things will pick up as we get nearer the time for the Provincial Conference.

With kind regards,

Yours for Africa,

Enclos.

Bewysala No. 25 (c)
Goby by Prof I.K. Matthews
Dear S/Sgt. A.D. Nel
Te. Mark Dave.
Date 5/12/1956.
Yewysags No.

Son of Africa, (1) (40)

Y.Y. told me of a telephonic conversation with you. He told me that you had decided to boycott the Special Conference by reason of the machinations of certain elements within the National Movement, and which machinations have been exposed to your view. I do not pretend to know what those elements are up to. You yourselves are probably better equipped with information to justify your line of action and your decision as communicated to Y.Y. What interests me at the moment is whether or not your course of action would have the desired results, or whether it would play you into the hands of your opponents or not. Here again, you are probably the best judges, having regard to the facts at your disposal, which we do not have. Nevertheless, it is just as well to pose the other side of the question, even if only tentatively.

The question uppermost in my mind is:— What would be the effect of such boycott? How would it be related to the Bloemfontein decision? It is common knowledge that the Bloemfontein Conference decided to have a Conference convened during the first half of the year, for the purpose of dealing with certain matters which were specifically named, so that the Provincial and local branches of Congress are committed to implementing this resolution, and it appears to me that a boycott will cut across that very decision, and place your group in an invidious position psychologically and politically.

Of course, the opportunists are bent on smuggling in some further matters, which had been expressly put off for the next Conference, namely the Charter, the Programme of 1949 and the Constitution.

The place to challenge the deviations from the Congress decisions is at the Special Conference. It is there where a protest can be registered, a basis established for a link-up with other Africanists, and a foundation laid morally for the routing of the opportunist ~~the~~ elements in the near future. It appears to me (and mind you, I may be wrong) — it appears to me that, in the circumstances it would not be political realism to stay away from the Special Conference no matter what its results turn out to be.

Then there is another aspect to it. Those opposed to your stand may be wanting to put you on the spot, to use colloquial idiom. They may be wanting to create a situation under which the Cape Executive may be held out to the world, as deliberately flouting a conference decision, and as retreating from the struggle. They may be wanting to isolate your group from the masses by misrepresentation. They may be wanting to effect a shift of political leadership to twin pivotal points in the Cape, namely P.E. and Cape Town, as a prelude to the establishment of a Johannesburg-Port Elizabeth-Cape Town axis, in order to constitute such an axis as a base of power or power-centre for a new junta in the so-called "Congress Movement. You may be the stumbling block and the boycott of the Special Conference may facilitate the consummation of this unholy alliance. They may be wanting to create a situation leading to the decisive purge of African Nationalist elements in the National Liberation Movement.

They may be wanting to convert the Special Conference into a decisive battleground, so as

- (i) to achieve the ratification of a new Constitution giving a new Secretariat unlimited power to liquidate all opposition
- (ii) to boost up the Charter on the ruins of a decimated Programme of 1949
- (iii) to give themselves the green light for launching new programmes of adventure and careerism.

It may just be that the boycott of the Special Conference enables these fellows to achieve these things, particularly as your absence might weaken other forces at the Special Conference ~~which~~ might be led to rally round your banner.

The situation calls for the highest degree of political vigilance, ~~and~~ precisely because the questions posed by the developing situation are by no means simple. The critical national struggle for freedom is being carried on in an atmosphere of jockeying for position within the camp of the oppressed. The position or situation thus calls for objective and searching analysis, and for adumbration of lines of action calculated to enhance our position, consolidate our present gains, and lay the basis for dynamic expansion on the basis of African Nationalism, and of the Programme of 1949. Some of the tasks which African Nationalists will

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at NO. 769 E. Sun Boulevard
Great Plains, Canada
V. W. Sings No. 2/294

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be expected to be performed at the Special Conference, if they decide to participate, bear a direct relationship to the proposition immediately above.

The African Nationalists have no reason to oppose the Charter or any other document that has been accepted by the Congress leadership (namely The African Claims) — whatever criticism they may reserve for the future. But the African Nationalists must stand unbendingly in defence of the 1949 Programme, and they must hold this up as the only basis upon which the Charter can be implemented. The African Nationalists must not stand against the Programme of struggle against Women's Passes, and against Bantu Education, but they must insist that those items reserved by Conference for the next annual Conference must be so reserved. And they must register a powerful protest if the Special Conference persists in arrogating to itself the right to fiddle with the Bloemfontein Conference decisions. They must be told they are creating a dangerous precedent, which will rebound to the discredit of the Movement.

Whether this recommendation may be taken into account, the Special Conference itself must provide a base for a principled stand from which to launch a counter-attack on the basis of the 1949 programme.

Now, I.E., mine are only speculations and generalisations. But there may be something in them. You are not bound to follow them. However it is just as well to read them carefully and see what you can do about it.

S.K.

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THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

UMBUTHO WESIZWE — LEKHOTLA LA SECHABA

(HEAD OFFICE)

All Communications to be addressed to the Secretary General

Z.K.M 44.

PHONE 33-4069
P.O. BOX 9207

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

5th March, 1956.

Dear Sir,

You are hereby notified that the meeting of the National Executive will take place on Friday 30th March, 1956, at 4 p.m. at the Congress Offices, 38, Market Street, Johannesburg.

A G E N D A s

1. Minutes.
2. Working Committee Report.
3. Matters relating to special conference.
4. Anti-pass Campaign.
5. Organisation and Finance.
6. The Draft Constitution.

Yours for freedom,

O.R. Tambo
for **O.R. Tambo,**
Secretary-General,
African National Congress.

Bewysstuk No. 11.....
 Gekry by *Prof. Z.K. Matthyys*.....
 Deur. *5/8 sep. A.D. Nel*.....
 Te *Yoga. Prof. Olive (Olive) (Wankhans)*.....
 Datum *5/12/1956*.....
 Versyings No.

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P.O. Box 3206,
Fort Elizabeth.
14th May, 1950.

My Dear P.H.,

I have been noting the great stand you have been making in Natal against those who would put the clock back. I must say I am surprised that the Natal provincial executive has taken no steps to isolate the Ngubane's and others who are making slanderous and damaging allegations against the leadership. Ngubane argues that he is a firm supporter of Chief Luthuli and yet he is doing more than any person to make out that Chief and those working with him are unintelligent beings who are pulled by the nose by Europeans, Indians etc. I think that such people deserve to be exposed to the people. They are busy hobnobbing with Liberals and have in fact left their own organisation and yet have the cheek to criticise us for co-operation with those who accept Congress leadership. There is a lot of talk about the alleged difference between the Freedom Charter and the 1949 programme of action. The people who say these things do not and cannot tell you what they see to be wrong in the Charter. They cannot tell you what this alleged departure from Congress policy is. They never tell anybody that the Committee which drew up the 1949 Programme of Action included Moses Kotane (former Sec. General of the C.I.), Z.K. Matthews (the man who gave us the idea of the Congress of the people and the Freedom Charter in his address to the Cradock conference of the Cape A.N.C. in August 1953), A.P. Mda (who is now inactive) and Selby Msimang (who has run away from the struggle). People like Dr. Xuma and Champion opposed the 1949 programme of action. Today there is so much talk from Msimang, Xuma, Ramoahane, Champion etc. All these were opposed to the 1949 programme of action and left the movement because it was adopted. They too, said it was a "communist document". Then too it was said we are extremists.

At that Conference in 1949 an executive was elected consisting of Sisulu, Kotane, Tloome, Dr. Molema, Gaur Radebe, Dr. Moroka and others. Some were communists, others nationalists, capitalists etc. but they were elected as members of Congress and on no other basis. We are not interested in a man's views as long as he abides by the programme, policy and discipline of Congress in accordance with our constitution and resolutions of our supreme body the National Conference. There is not a single communist who joined Congress after 1949. Men like J.B. Marks, Kotane, Tloome etc. have been leaders of Congress for decades. Today Ngubane and others talk of "Communists" and all that nonsense. Who is oppressing the Africans in Afrika? Who has colonies here in Afrika? Who is murdering Africans in Kenya? Who is extending passes to our women? Who have made us slaves in the land of our birth? Is it communists? And if we are fighting against a ruthless enemy must we refuse allies in advance and tell the world that we are also racialists. What sort of general is that who does not work for allies before going to war? These men are, in my opinion deliberately trying to smash Congress in order to help the "nationalists" to put through their programme of oppression. They are no longer saying a word against the "nationalists". Ngubane's articles since about two years are 99% attacks on Congress and 1% attack on the government. He is just like the Unity Movement which has only now discovered how foolish that policy is. The Nazi beast is now turning against them although they used to attack only Congress. The same will happen with the Ngubane liberals. The enemy will attack them even though they are trying to buy safety by attacking Congress and accusing it of being "Communist".

I believe that you people in Natal must not allow former friendships to prevent you from taking steps to deal with the Ngubane's. The Youth League ought to lead the way by expelling Ngubane or (if he is no longer a member) of dissociating Congress completely from his outrageous lies and slanders. I am sending you old copies of "Isizwe" which deal with these men. Distribute them among your supporters and you might find it useful. You must etc.

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fast by the truth and must not be daunted by the verbal effusions of these men . The press is , of course, going to give them full support at all times . But as long as they are isolated from the people we have them beaten . The Freedom Charter in Zulu must be placed in the hands of all the people in the urban areas and in the reserves . Do not just distribute it in meetings . It must be carried to the people and explained and fought for because the very fact that the ruling class is so mad against it shows that it is true to life and is in the interests of the people . Time is a vital factor in anything we do as these madmen might shove us all in gaol soon . But if we have done our work well of gaining supporters for the Charter we can go to any gaol satisfied that we are winning .

I am trying to get to Durban soon after I finish articles. However we will see . Please pass my greetings to Dlamini who seems to be coming on very well . This meeting in Durban called by Ngcobo was it a A.N.C.Y.L. meeting as the "Golden City Post" reported ? I see Mahlathi is busy with the Sikhwama affair . These fellows are real crooks .

Yours for Afrika,

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The African National Congress

(Umbutho weSizwe—Lekhotla la Sechaba)

Cape Headquarters

All communications to the Provincial Secretary

PHONE:

"Kwesamanala,"
P.O. BOLOTWA,
via Queenstown.
4th June, 1956.

Professor Z.K. Matthews,
Gaga Street,
P.O. ALICE.

My dear Professor,

I wish to confirm our telephonical conversation on Saturday last re Conference preparations. As I said, I wrote to about 12 towns in the country as early as March but they have all replied in the negative. Cradeck was our only hope. But as we had rung up Rev. Calata as well on Saturday, and again on Sunday night, the reply from Cradeck is also in the negative. The last word I got from Rev. Gawe by phone yesterday was that Cradeck too, is a failure. On Sunday night I had respectfully asked Rev. Calata to approach the Town Clerk personally and enquire about the Council's decision. Rev. Calata promised to go and that he would let us know on Monday. Then I left for home. Yesterday Rev. Gawe rang me to give me the Cradeck Council's decision.

Well, Professor, there is no alternative but to go down to Kiskies River for our Conference and the whole matter is taken as a misfortune. I am afraid now the leftists will have the upper hand of us and there will be bound to be radical changes even in the Executive. I am personally worried about such positions as yours - Treasury and the Secretaryship. I am very sorry, Professor, due to many reasons both personal and, to a great extent, the ~~numerous~~ numerous ideas and ideologies I do not agree with in the present trend of events of the Organisation, I do not wish to continue as Secretary. I have had to clash with many fellows and now I am already labelled as a racialist, whilst in actual fact, my platform has always been that of an African Nationalist. I can never pull well with the Trade Unionists; and their activities to take over the Congress leadership and then wreck the organisation in a like manner as it is in the Transvaal and the Western Cape is something that hurts my soul painfully.

Please help me with cash immediately to get the necessary stationery so that I have my report for the year 55/56 done in time. I am sorry, Professor, due to much pressure of work about my own business I have made arrangements with a certain Typist (African Woman) to cut the stencils for me at 3/- per stencil. I shall only have the work duplicated and then piled up accordingly. The whole report will ~~will~~ consist of the following :-

- (2) Presidential Address.
- (1) Minutes of the last Conference.
- (3) Fraternal greetings.
- (4) Report from branches.
- (5) Report about the Special National Conference held in April. and perhaps a few other items. I have not yet started.

Please let me have the cash in time as I shall order the stationery.

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from East London. The estimated items and cash are as follows :-

1. 40 stencils at 1/6 each	13 : 12 : 0.
2. 6 tubes of duplicating ink at 10/6 per tube	15 : 5 : 0.
3. 16 reams of paper (duplicating) at 10/2d per ream	10 : 2 : 0.
4. 1 bottle of correcting fluid at 4/6 each	4 : 0.
5. 100 sheets of dura board as covers at 10/- per 100	10 : 0.
6. 2 boxes of staples at 1/- per box	2 : 0.
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total -	115 : 2 : 2d.

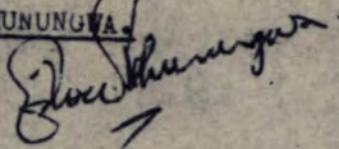
To this amount please add a sum of 17 : 4 : 0 which I shall have to pay to the person I have asked to do the cutting of stencils for me as I personally cannot. All I shall have to do is the writing down of the whole report and the whole setting of it.

I do not know whether it will be possible for you to attend the Conference but, whatever the case may be, please make a good (accurate to the last date) list of all the Branches whose subscriptions have been received by the Provincial Treasurer so that at Conference I am well equipped.

With best wishes to all, allow me to switch off,

Yours for Africa,

T. E. TSHUNUNGWA.



Bewysstuk No. 10

Gekry by Prof. J. K. Matthews

S/Gen. A. D. Nel

Gaga St. Plize (Formal Members)

Datum 5/12/1956

Verwysings No.

NR. 23(a)

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

UMBUTHO WESIZWE — LEKHOTLA LA SECHABA

(HEAD OFFICE)

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Bewysings Kommunikasies te adresseer tot die Sekretaris-Generaal

Gekry by... 1st of Z.K. Matthews

Deur... 5/2004 G.D. Nel

Te... Fort Hare Alice

Datum... 5/12/1956

38, MARKET STREET,
JOHANNESBURG.

Verwysings No... 2nd July, 1956.

PHONE 33-4069
P.O. BOX 9207

Prof. Z.K. Matthews,
P.O. Fort Hare,
A L I C E, C.P.

Dear Sir,

At its meeting held earlier this year the National Executive Committee decided, on a suggestion put forward by the President-General, to appoint a Committee to be known as the "African National Congress Committee of Inquiry" into the education given to the African people in terms of the Bantu Education Act of 1953. It was further decided to appoint you as convenor and Editor-in-Chief of the said Committee, the other members being:-

- Messrs. D.P. Nokwe, G.M. Pitjje and E.Mphahlele (TVL),
- P.V. Mbatha, P.O. Skakane and Dr. Don Mtimkulu (Natal),
- A.P. Mda, and Letlaka (Cape Province),
- L.K. Ntlabathi and two others (to be appointed)(O.F.S.)

The terms of reference are as follows:-

1. To make a comprehensive study of the syllabi in African schools made under the Bantu Education Act of 1953 with a view to determining how these syllabi compare in all respects - contents, time allocation to subjects, school examination and system of promotion etc - with their even numbers (a). in the syllabi in use in African schools before the passing of the Bantu Education Act, 1953; (b). if possible, in European schools.
2. A general study of the new system of Education given to the African people in terms of the Bantu Education Act of 1953.
Note: Each member of the Committee would study the new syllabi and system in comparison with the system invoked in the Province whose educational system for African schools the member has knowledge of.

I trust you will accept the appointment as stated above and shall be pleased to hear from you in this regard. In anticipation of your accepting, the President-General specially requests that you suggest other persons who might be invited to serve on the Committee from each Province, and I believe he would welcome any amendments and/or additions you may wish to make in regard to the terms of reference. Needless to say, the identity of the members will, where necessary, be concealed so as not to expose them to victimisation. In this connection it is suggested that you take special precautions in filing this letter, regard being had to the possibility and probability of raids.

In view of the inconvenience and expense which would be involved in holding meetings of the Committee, the President-General suggests that each member or any group of members who are within easy reach of one another makes his or their own study, and submit his or their work to you as Editor-in-Chief for summarising.

A meeting of the Executive Committee is being held sometime in July, and I should be glad if I could be in a position to inform the said meeting that your Committee has already commenced work.

yours for freedom,

O.R. Tambo
O.R. Tambo,
Secretary-General. ANC.

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Kwesiama HALLA

P.O. Beletara

Vikoenatwen.

5th July 1955.

Bewysstuk No. N.F. 24
Gekry by Nelson Mandela

Dear S.H. Konst. Rossouw
8115 Orlando ~~25~~ ~~for~~ St. J.H.B.

Datum 5/12/55

Whlekhage,

Kindly find enclosed herewith some circulars I have sent out to the Branches of the Cape in connection with the contemplated tour I wish to take at the end of this month. Such a tour will be of tremendous help to the Organisation as it will revive many Branches and run out many things. Not all the Branches may send the £4 but, whatever is that, I hope to get assistance from the Province. Kindly assist me with whatever new suggestions you have lately. I want to use a car for this trip as I want to touch all the Branches.

Re the other personal affair, we could not have any time whilst I was there. I shall be very grateful to receive whatever assistance you can afford as the walls are now very near completion and I have to bring in timber doors, iron etc.

With best wishes for an early reply,
I am, dear Whlekhage,
Yours sincerely,

Gembekile. P.T.O.

N.B. I have sent a letter to Walter and
have used no 7372 Orlando West
addressed it to Mr Pinkie Zwelakhe.
Please check up if he has got it.
My list with psalms names was taken
by the police from my wallet when
they searched me during S. O. P. Conference.

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Bewysstuk No. 23 (b)
Gekry by Prof. L.K. Matthews.....
Deur 5/gedr. A.D. Nel.....
Te Fort Hare, O.V.S.....
Datum 5/12/1956..... UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF FORT HARE,
Verwysings No. P. O. FORT HARE.

NR. 23(b) S.H.

13th July, 1956.

ZKM 56 (a)

Mr. O.R. Tambo,
38 Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Tambo,

Thank you for your letter of July 2, 1956 in which you inform me about the President-General wish to set up a Committee of Inquiry into Bantu Education.

This is to let you know that I am quite prepared to act as Editor-in-Chief of the said Committee.

The terms of reference seem to me to be broad enough except that under (1) I could include comparison not only with European schools but also with Coloured and Indian schools and that under (2) I could add after "Bantu Education Act of 1953" the words, "including the aims, the system of financial and administrative control and the terms and conditions of service of teachers." The more I think about the system of education under review, the more I am satisfied that the underlying philosophy and the administration of it are even more important than the content of the syllabuses etc.

As far as the membership of the Committee is concerned, I think the names suggested are adequate, as long as we give the committee power to co-opt any persons that they might later wish to add to their number. What I should like you to do is to send me the proper addresses of all the suggested members of the committee so that I might be able to communicate with them. I think that most of our work will have to be done by correspondence. Probably the most fruitful way of working will be for each member to set up a local committee of teachers with whom he could meet from time to time to discuss various aspects of Bantu Education and then the committee member could embody the results of such discussions in a report which could later be circulated by me among the members of the Committee for their comments etc. Gradually in that way we could build up an authoritative statement on the position as we find it.

As instructed in your letter it will be necessary for people to proceed circumspectly in this matter, so as not to expose any individuals to possible victimisation. As soon as I have received from you the addresses of the members concerned, I shall endeavour to set things in motion. Having regard to my commitments here, I cannot say how fast the work will proceed, but we shall do the best we can to be able to report some progress by the time we meet in Conference in December.

With kind regards,
Yours for Africa,
J.K.

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Mr. O.R. Tambo,
38 Market Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Tambo,

Thank you for your letter of July 2, 1956 in which you inform me about the President-General wish to set up a Committee of Inquiry into Bantu Education.

This is to let you know that I am quite prepared to act as Editor in Chief of the Said Committee.

With kind regards,
Yours for Africa,

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