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African National Congress & Natal
Indian Congress.

DX 2299/ - DURBAN.

Friday 30th January 1953

### GESTAPO

TACTICS

Yesterday afternoon the South African Police broke up a peaceful meeting of several thousand non-Europeans at UMZABALAZO SQUARE, Durban.

The people had gathered in response to a call from the Natal Indian Congress. They had met to discuss the question of thousands of non-European children who have no schools to go to. There were banners which read "We want Schools", "We want Free and Compulsory Education", "We want higher Teachers! Salaries", "We want playing fields for our children" etc.

### No Permission

But the Durban City Council refused permission for the meeting! Although permission was applied for timeously, late on Wednesday afternoon a short letter was received saying that perimission was refused. Our leaders decided that this persistent and arbitrary refusal of permission to hold meetings cannot go on unchallenged. And the question of schools for our children was paramount. They therefore decided to continue with the meeting, and duly informed the Authorities that it was their intention to make a test case about it.

### An Army of Police

But the authorities thought otherwise. Long before the meeting started, an army of Police, duly fortified with guns and batons, formed a close cordon round the assembled people. The chief of the Durban City Police was there, and the chief of the South African Police was there, too. There was also a troup of policemen in plain clothes.

There was no question of hurling brick-bats or wielding bicycle chains at the meeting - as has been the case at some white meetings. This meeting of ours was an open affair, and our people had gathered there to make a simple demand - SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CHILDREN!

But THOUGH OUR CHILDREN GO WITHOUT SCHOOLS, WE ARE EXPECTED TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES, AND NOT EVEN COMPLAIN ABOUT IT!

### Thousands Turned Avay

When schools opened on Tuesday the 27th January, it is estimated that some 37000 Indian children alone were turned away. And there are thousands upon thousands of African children who have no schools to go to.

At Sastri College, the ONLY Indian boys' Secondary School in Durban, no less than 250 boys were sent away. THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR THEM. In TWENTY-TWO YEARS (Sastri was built in 1930) the Education Department has not thought fit to give us another Secondary School in Durban.

At the Clairwood Infants' School, ONLY some 249 children out of OVER 1200 were admitted. At the Hindu Tamil Government-: Aided School some 200 were turned away. At the Darthell Crescent

Junior Girls' School about 100 girls were turned away. Although officials and members of Congress were at most schools in the Durban area, they were helpless in a situation such as this. But we cannot and must not continue in this manner.

WE HAVE MADE UP OUR MINDS THAT THE AUTHORITIES MUST NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST US IN EDUCATION, AND THAT THERE MUST BE FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION FOR ALL IRRESPECTIVE OF THE COLOUR OF THEIR SKINS!

### Police Intervene

Our meeting had got started, and OUR CHIEF LUTULI spoke to us briefly in his opening remarks. The meeting he explained was non-political. We should remember that facilities existed for at the most only 40% of African children. The other 60% were not even blessed with the meagre facilities which the 40% enjoyed !

Mr.J.N.Singh who was the next speaker said that he saw no reason why the City Council had refused permission for the meeting. Mr.Singh had only spoken for about five minutes when a Police Officer and two plain-clothes policemen stormed the plat-form. The big, burly, policeman in khakhi interrupted Mr.Singh, and said: "Have you permission to hold this meeting?" Mr.Singh said "No". And the plain-clothes man said: "Dr.Naicker, I am arresting you, and you Lutuli..."

Mr. Singh asked the Police officer if he could say something to the people who were at a loss to understand this rude interruption. The officer refused. And coming to the microphone himself, the policeman said to the thousands who were listening to our leaders: "I am warning you that this meeting is illegal. I am warning you to disperse. Otherwise you lay yourself open to criminal action."

Then he got two African policemen to translate his words into Zulu and Sesuto, and an Indian policemen spoke in Tamil. But the people refused to leave, and only after the leaders signalled to them from the platform to go away quietly, did they start to move. But not before they had shouted AFRIKA, and sung their song of freedom — MAYIBUYE AFRIKA. Groups of policemen quickly moved among the crowd, their eyes bulging and their hands itching to "SHOOT FIRST," (as the Minister of Justice has said) at the slightest provocation.

### Leaders Marched Off

Our leaders were rudely grabbed and marched off to a pick-up van, like so many criminals! They were taken to the charge office, their finger-prints etc. were taken, and about a cuarter to seven they were released, but not before they were warned to appear in Court today.

At the meeting, hundreds signed a Petition to the Administrator of Natal demanding schools for their children.

Shortly after his release, Chief Lutuil said: THE AUTHORITIES ARE APPARENTLY VERY MUCH FRIGHTENED BECAUSE THEY DO NOT ALLOW US TO SPEAK EVEN ABOUT A NON-POLITICAL SUBJECT. I REGRET VERY MUCH THE ATTITUDE OF THE DURBAN CITY COUNCIL. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO SPEAK TO OUR PEOPLE. THAT IS OUR DUTY.

Dr. NAICKER said: "I AM HAPPY THAT THERE WAS NO TROUBLE BECAUSE WHEN WE WERE TAKEN TO THE CHARGE OFFICE, WE FOUND SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF POLICEMEN ARMED WITH GUNS AND BATONS."

MR.SINGH said: "WE WILL TEST THE RIGHT OF THE MAYOR TO BAN OUR MEETINGS ARBITRARILY. WE WANT TO RESTORE THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH TO OUR PEOPLE".

(NOTE: THE CASE HAS BEEN REMANDED TO THE 17th FEBRUARY)

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REGGIE CHETTY, B. R. NAIDOO and R.G. DAYAL were Messrs: sentenced today to. 14 days imprisonment in the Durban Magistrate's Court for having defied Apartheid Regulations at the BEREA ROAD STATION.

In a statement to the "FLASH" Mr. Reggie Chetty who is Secretary of the Greyville Branch of the Natal Indian Congress said: -

> "I am only sorry that I will not be able to be present at the NIC Conference which is being held on Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd February, 1953. I am proud to be able to express my opposition to the Malan Government's Apartheid policy."

And this what Mr. Dayal had to say:

"To the Non-European people of Natal my urgent appeal is 'AWAKE' - THE THREAT OF FASCISM is real and the Government is doing everything possible to subjugate our people - AFRIKA".

### ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ORGANISATION ?

IF SO, YOU MUST: -

- Get your organisation to protest against the two 1) Martial Law Bills now before Parliament.
- Send a copy of your protest to: 2)

Dr. D. F. Malan The Hon.the Prime Minister, Parliament House, CAPE TOWN.

and to:

(a) The Natal Mercury - Devonshire Place, Durban. (b) The Natal Daily News, Field Street, Durban.

(c) The Natal Witness, P.M. Burg. (d) The South African Press Association, Trust Building, Gardiner Street - Durban.

(e) The Leader, c/o. Natal Witness, P.M.Burg. (f) The Indian Opinion - D.O. Phoenix - Natal.

(g) The Consumer & Indian Views - 137 Grey Street, Durban.
(h) The Spark - For Congress News - P.O. Box 2948-Johannesburg.

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Abanumzane Reggie Chetty, B. R. Naidoo kanye no R. G. Dayal, bagwetshiwe anje enkantolo izinsuku eziyishumi nane. ngoba bephule umthetho namhlanje enkantolo izinsuku eziyishumi nane, ngoba bephule umphetho wokwahlukanisa bantu nabelungu e Berea Road e Station.

Ekhuluma phambili kwe Mantshi u Mnu. Reggie Chetty ongu Nobala we Greyville Branch ye Natal Indian Congress uthena:-

> " Ngidabuka njena ngoba angiyikuba khona emhlanganweni omkhulu wonyaka we Natal Indian Congress, ozoba se Thekwini ngoMgqibelo nangesonto zingu 22 no 21 ku February, 1953. Ngiyaziqhenya ukuba ngibenethuba lokuba ngikhombise ukuphikisana kwami nemithetho emibi ka Hulumeni ka Dr. Malani yobandlululo"

U Mnu. Dayal yena uthena:-

> " Kubobonke abangemhlophe base Natal ngiphakamisa izwi lokhuthi "Vukani, ingozi yombuso wobudlwangudlwangu iseduze, futhi isobala, futhi u Hulumeni uzama ngamandla onke ukuba agqilaze abantu -AFRIKA"

#### ULILUNGU NJENA LENHLANGANO:-

#### UMA ULILONA ILUNGU KUFANELE UKUBA:

- 1) Ubone ukuthi inhlangano yakho iyaphikisana nemithetho yobudlwangudlwangu manjena ephambili kwephalamende.
- Thumela incwadi yokuphikisana nalemithetho ku:

DR. D. F. Malan, The Hon, the Prime Minister, Parliament House. CAPE TOWN.

### futhi thumelani ku:-

- (a) The Natal Mercury - Devonshire Place, Durben.
- The Natal Daily News, Field Street, Durban. (4)
- The Natal Witness, Pietermaritzburg. (c)
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1ssued by: AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS and NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS 2 Saville Street,

Chief A. J. LUTHULI, President-General, African National Congress, Dr. G.M. Naicker, President, Natal Indian Congress, Messrs J. N. Singh, Denton Mquadi and C.I. Amra appeared before the Magistrate's Court this morning.

The case was adjourned to WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH, 1953 at the request of the Public Presecutor who said that the Mayor of Durban was in Cape Town and therefore was not in a position to present a statement from him.

The charges arose from the meeting which was held at the RED SQUARE on the 29th January to protest against the serious lack of accommodation in non-European Schools.

Those who were present at this meeting will remember the way in which this meeting was broken up by the police.

2.30p.m. Congress Conference SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY: opening at Madressa Hall,

Saville Street (Near Congress Office) by Chief A.J. Luthuli.

2.30.p.m. MASS MEETING at LUTHULI SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY:

SQUARE, Corner Carlisle & Albert

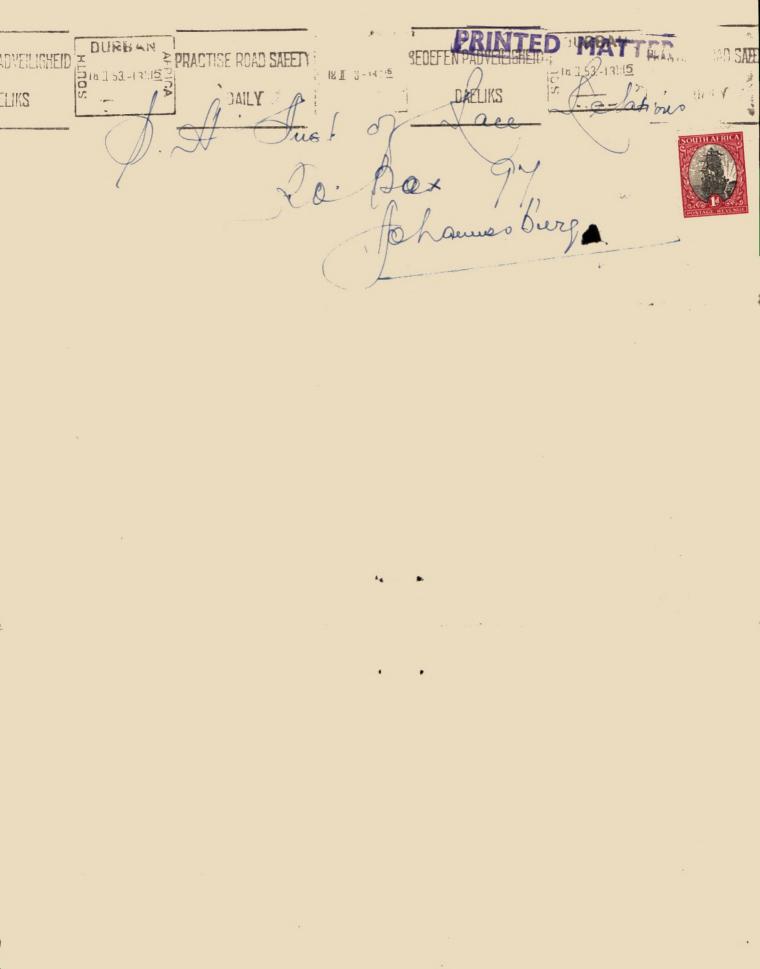
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SUBJECT: COLONIAL YOUTH DAY

Case of Luthuli, Naicker and others WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH:

at "B" Court at 9.a.m.

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NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS
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# YENGWA ARRESTED

MR. M. B. YENGWA, Secretary of the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (Natal) was arrested together with the following Congress members under the Curfew Regulations last night:

2 MAR 1953

Misses: Treasa Camede Elizabeth Bulose Dorotny Nyembe Idha Majola

Messrs Mina Mkize

Rogers Kumalo Peter Mbatha Francis Mtembu Bekizandhla Messrs:

Hezikia Sibiya Napthal Zondi Joseph Kumalo Johannes Langa Petros Wahlovu Richard Kumalo

They were all sentenced to 14 days imprisonment this morning. Mr. Yengwa in a statement to the "FLASH" said "These hateful Pass Laws are a nuisance and I am not prepared to tolerate them any longer."

# NFNF ARRESTED

Mr. ASHMON NENE known popularly as the Lion of "TWO STICKS" - BOOTH ROAD was arrested at the Berea Road Station for refusing to leave the "EUROPEANS ONLY" waiting room.

He said: "I am a son of this land why should nt I sit where I like?"

## MIKE TAKEN BY POLICE

At a meeting of the A.N.C. Youth League and Natal Indian Youth Congress yesterday, at Luthuli Square, the police took away the mike set. The meeting continued, however, without a mike. The Youth have to be congratulated for their persistence and courage.

The meeting was called in order to protest against Colonial oppression. All over the world on the 22nd February meetings were held to protest. Colonial Youth Day is organised by the World Federation of Democratic Youth.

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# UBANJIWE UMNU MBYENGWA!

U Mnunzane M.B. Yengwa umbhali we African Nathonal Congress e Natal ubenjiwe kanye namalungu ke Congress ashiwo ngasezansi: babanjelwe ukuhamba ngo nayini.

A ... Nankoke lamaqawe:Misses: Treasa Gamedo
Elizabeth Bulose
Dorothy Nyembe
Idha Majola.

Messrs: Abraham Duma
Mina Mkize
Rodgers Kumalo
Peter Mbatha
Francis Mthembu
Bekizandla Kuzwayo

Messrs: Hezekia Sibiya Napthal Zondi Joseph Kunalo Johannes Langa Petros Ndlovu Richard Kumalo.

Bagwetshvelwe namhla ekuseni izinsuku ezingu 14.

### UBANJIWE OMNU NENE

U Mnumzane Ashmod Nene ngelobuqawe owaziwa ngokuthiwa yibhubesi lase "Two Stick e Booth Road. Ubanjwe e Berea Hoad Station ngokuhlala endlini yokulindela engayabelungu kuphela. Kute lapho amapoyisa efuna ukumkipha nje ngamandla ethi kahambe wati "Qa angiyindawo! Ngiyindodana yase Afrika. Ngingehlale ngani lapha ngithanda kona na? Naye u Nene uziyele engajutshwe muntu. Udedelwe kwathiwa uzothunyelwa isamaniso.

UMBOBHO WOKUKULU MA UTHATHWE NGAMA PHOYISA!

Emhlanganweni wentshwa i-African National Congress Youth League ne- Natal Indian Youth Congress e Lutuli Square, Anaphoyisa athathe umbhobho nokukhuluma. Umhlangano uqhubekile noko noma umbhobho usuthathiwe.

Siyayibonga intsha ngokuqulusela kwayo nangesibindi sayo.

UMNUMZANE YENGW UYAKULUMA.

Imnumzane Yengwa uthe kumhleli we Flash "Limithethu yama Pasi mibi, angisenakuyimeb neza"

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MASS CONFERENCE CALLS FOR MILITANT STRUGGLE AGAINST SWART BILLS

MOST REPRESENTATIVE CONFERENCE IN THE HISTORY OF THE TRANSVAAL

GREAT RALLIES IN OTHER CENTRES OF THE UNION

The mass provincial conference held at the Trades Hall, Johannesburg, to protest against the Swart Bills, was a historic success. This most representative conference to be held in the Transvaal was attended by 874 delegates, representing 366,633 organised people of the Transvaal. Delegates came from 37 branches of the African National Congress (Transvaal), 15 branches of the Transvaal Indian Congress, from 19 trade unions, 187 factories, 23 churches, 14 public meetings, 5 mass organisations, 7 student organisations, 9 youth organisations, 12 women's organisations, 11 sporting bodies, 8 advisory boards, 64 other organisations.

### REV. HUDDLESTON'S FIGHTING LEAD IN OPENING CONFERENCE

The Rev. Huddleston opened the conference in a fighting and truly Christian-like spirit. He said: "Firstly as a citizen of South Africa it seems to be my duty to protest against the legislation new passing so swiftly before Parliament, for it seems to be absolutely cortain that such legislation will make citizenship meaningless. But I am especially glad to protest here in your company. Whilst for years Europeans in South Africa have accepted a situation in which the rights of the Non-European peoples have been whittled away, where indeed such rights existed, today the wheel has come full circle. By these two most vicious bills, all those absolutely elementary democratic rights such as freedem of speech, the rule of law, the invicability of person, - all these are at the mercy of the Government of the day". Referring to what happened in Germany during the Nazi regime, he said: "But I can remember, as I suppose most of us can, what happened in Germany to the Christian Churches; those early years of the Nazi revolution. Again and again it was urged that things have not yet reached the limit of endurance; we must wait until they have'. Yet as each fresh encreachment on human rights was made, as each withdrawal was made also - so it became more and more impossible to denounce injustice and tyranny. Until in the end with these glerious exceptions such as Cardinal Faultaber and Paster Niemeller, the veice of the church itself in Germany was silenced. When in fact it was most necessary, most vital to speak with one voice and to denounce the horrors, that had befallen their country, Christian leaders were also shackled. It has been, if I am not mistaken, the teaching of the Christian Church, throughout the ages, that when Government degenerates into tyranny its laws cease to be binding upon its sub jects. The only question at issue is at what point does tyranny begin." Referring to the provisions of the Bill he said: "This is a very long step indeed towards tyranny". "Carry through with all determination your declared aims in this great struggle without allowing the hideous strength of racialism to speil your efforts."

Mr. O. Tambo analysed the implications of the Bill in detail, pointing out how every individual would be affected by the drastic provisions of the Bills.

In a statemanlike discourse on the progress of our struggle, Mr. Nana Sita said: "No amount of terrorism can kill the awakened soul of the Non-European people."

"Success comes to those who persevere. The future belongs to those who struggle. Let us march forward, believing in the rightecusness of our cause, with courage, with determination and faith in God. We march forward."

Mr. D. Thecme cutlined the political situation, and Mr. Y. Cachalia called upon delegates to organise for action.

### THE PEOPLE SPEAK. CALL UPON NATIONAL EXECUTIVES TO CONSIDER A NATIONAL STOPPAGE OF WORK.

The draft resolution, which was amended by a request to the National Executive Committees of the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress to consider a National Stoppage of Work, drew animated discuss-"It viewed with gravest concern the serious situation created by the introduction in Parliament of the Public Safety Bill and the Criminal Laws Amendment Bill", after a preamble analysing the implications of the Bills; resolved to organise more and more people in the towns and country-side, to express the determination and will of the people to oppose and expose the in-human exploitation of the majority of the people of South Africa. It enjoin-ed upon all organisations, political, religious, sporting, cultural, educational, trade unions and Congresses, to strengthen themselves, and pledged to defend their organisations and leaders, and to prepare the masses of the people for a major effort to halt this new enslaught launched by the Nationalists on the people of South Africa. The conference further resolved that it is convinced that the only effective method of fighting these barbaric measures introduced by the Minister of Justice, Mr. Swart, is by a National Stoppage of Work. Conference therefore requested the National Executive Committees of the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress to consider the desirability of the Congresses taking such action as soon as possible on a specific date. Conference furthermore "calls upon the people to intensify the Defiance Campaign."

### APPRECIATION OF STAND OF NATIVE REPRESENTATIVES AND LABOUR PARTY IN PARLIAMENT

Conference expressed its gratitude to the Labour Party group and the Native Representatives in Parliament "who gallantly fought against the two fascist Bills."

### CHIEF LUTHULI TO SPEAK AT COLONIAL YOUTH DAY RALLY AT NO. 2 SQUARE ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP

Chief Luthuli, President - General of the African National Congress, is billed at a Youth Rally at Alexandra Township, at 9.30 am. on Sunday the 22nd February, 1953. Bring as many people as possible to give him a hearty welcome. This will be his first appearance in the Transvaal.

#### GREAT RALLIES IN OTHER CENTRES OF THE UNION

Great rallies were held at Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfentein and Durban, where the people showed total opposition to these new bills.

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GHETTO PLANS

16 MAR 1953 For Durban 1/2 Fow CGPC)

THE LAND TENURE ADVISORY BOARD Formed under the GROUP AREAS ACT is holding a PUBLIC HEARING on the race zoning plans for Durban as presented by the Durban City Council and other bodies. The Board will hear evidence on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY of this week in No.3 Committee Room, City Hall. Our Two Congresses will appear before the Board.

### RESERVOIR HILLS.

The Chief area to be considered by the Board is Reservoir Hill an area which the Council wishes to zone for Indians. While the Council plans make this area an 'Indian Area' they contemplate uprooting over 60,000 Indians from their present homes, and over 80,000 Africans from the areas now occupied by them.

### OUR STAND.

Both the Natal Indian Congress and the African National Congress (Natal) have made representation to the Tenure Board on the plans now before it. The saliant features of the protests of the two Congresses are:-

- (a) Total opposition to the Group Areas Act and the principle of apartheid underlying this measure.
- (b) Total opposition to all zoning plans based on apartheid. The Congresses say that the Group Areas Act is an unjust law and no just plans can be made to implement it.
- (c) A request to the Tenure Board to ask the Government to repeal the Act.

### "NO UPROOTING"

The Congresses say: "NO UPROOFING" OF ANY PEOPLE", and they refuse to submit any alternative plans to the Board. It is a welcome sign that there are other bodies which are taking up the same attitude. Because we hold this viewpoint we are against any European being uprooted in Reservoir Hill or anywhere else just as we are against any Indian, African or Coloured being uprooted.

### YOUR TASK.

If you agree with the Congresses then you must lodge your protest with the Board. Contact the Congress offices, 2nd Floor, Room 17 Lakhani Chambers, 2 Saville Street for further particulars.

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