

BY ACCUSED NO. 1 (to the Court):-

I am president of the Pan-Africanist Congress, elected to that position unanimously at the inaugural convention of the Pan-Africanist Congress held from the 4th to the 6th of April, 1959. All the leaders of the Pan-Africanist Congress were formerly members of the African National Congress, but together with those who held similar views we seceded from the A.N.C., i.e. the African National Congress, in November, 1958. Briefly put, our organisation aims at the complete overthrow of white domination.

BY P.P. (to the Court):-

Your Worship, I don't want to object unnecessarily but the Accused is reading from notes in front of him - I don't know. . .

BY ACCUSED NO. 1 (to the Court):-

I will put that aside, if that's the feeling of the Crown. .

BY P.P. (to the Court):-

I have no objection to his refreshing his memory now and then, Sir, but I don't like him continually referring it to it.

BY ACCUSED NO. 1 (to the Court):-

I said briefly put our organisation aims at the overthrow of white domination and the establishment of a non-racial democracy in South Africa as well as throughout the whole Continent of Africa. It is our contention that South Africa is an integral part of the Continent of Africa

and cannot therefore solve its problems in isolation from and in utter disregard to the rest of the Continent. For that reason therefore, we regard it as our historic role to contribute towards the establishment of the United States of Africa. In the language of our movement that United States of Africa will stretch from Cape to Cairo, Morocco to Madagascar. For the same reason, thinking on a Continental level, we stand for government of the Africans, by the Africans, for the Africans, with everybody who owes his only allegiance to the Continent of Africa and is prepared to accept the democratic rule of an African majority being regarded as an African. Our analysis of the South African situation has lead us to the conclusion that we can best achieve our objectives by clearly defining our ultimate goals and drawing up a programme of action which we shall faithfully pursue instead of reacting to the legislation of the White Parliament as it flows from that Parliament. We decided to bring about the immediate abolition of the Pass Laws because that was the immediate needs of the African people. That was their demand. Before I proceed with the present case, Your Worship, I would like to give a picture of the structure of our organisation. Right at the bottom of the organisation, forming the nucleus so to speak of the organisation, are the general members of the Pan-Africanist Congress, fifteen or more of them constituting a branch. Each branch elects a Branch Executive. A number of branches within a specified area constitute a region and each region elects a Regional Executive. Above the Regional Executive stands the National Executive which is responsible for the implementation of decisions of the National Conference, during the periods of

course when the National Conference is not meeting. From among the members of the National Executive a specified number are elected and they constitute what we call the National Working Committee. Above all these sub-organs stands the National Congress which is the only body that can make policies and the only body that can take decisions on a national level. It meets once a year. At the National Conference then of the Pan-Africanist Congress which met on the 19th and 20th of December, 1955, a resolution was taken that the organisation should take positive and decisive action against the Pass Laws. The actual planning of the campaign and the nature that that campaign should take, these were left solely to the National Executive and because, as I have already explained, the National Executive really is scattered throughout the country, this particular task then devolved upon the National Working Committee. The campaign, Your Worship, in connection with which we are appearing here to-day was first made known on the 18th of March, on a Friday, the 18th of March, 1960. It was made known through me at a Press Conference. Immediately the nature of this campaign and the details of this campaign became known, the Alexandra branch of the Pan Africanist Congress dissociated itself from that campaign through its chairman, Mr. Josias Madzunya, in no uncertain terms. As a result - because of powers split between me and the constitution, I expelled him from the Pan-Africanist Congress. As I've said, then the campaign was made known on the 18th of March. Circulars were printed and distributed to the members of the organisation and on the 21st of March, on Monday, in obedience to a resolution that they had taken the members of the Pan Africanist Congress surrendered themselves at various Police Stations throughout the Country.

(That's all there was of the statement, it looks as if it was longer)

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