1. Meeting was opened at 1 a.m. by Professor Z.K. Matthews.

2. PRESENT: Messrs Mayekiso, Tahunungwa, Foley, Matomela, Ngotyana and Rev Gawe. Also Mrs Matomela.

As it was supposed to be a Joint Meeting of the Sponsoring Organisations for the Congress of the People Miss Jasnon of the S.A.C.P.O. was present. Also present were the following members of the Cradock Branch Executive of ANC who were allowed to remain in the meeting—Messrs Notwala, Ngalo, Njokweni, Ngesi, Matiwane, and Mrs J.A. Calata and Mrs Mtale.

3. APOLOGIES: Rev Gawe apologised on behalf of Mr Mashibini of Queens-town who had failed to turn up because of ill health. Mr Mayekiso apologised for Messrs Jack and Tshume of P.E. Professor Z.K. for Dr R.T. Bokwe.

4. MINUTES: Minutes of the last meeting were read and passed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM: Re Other Sponsoring Organisations: Mr G.S. Ngotyana of Cape Town submitted a letter of apologies for failing to attend from both SACOD and SACPPO. This was accepted. This letter was pregnant with many good suggestions in co-operation with the welfare of the campaign. The contents of the letter were discussed and the following points were decided upon—

(i) Formation of a Provincial Action Council.
(ii) Formation of a Regional Action Council.

It was decided that for purposes of good administration and the maintenance of Provincial Loyalty, the Regional Action Councils should always report to the Provincial Action Council whatever matters they sent direct to the N.A.C. Head Office. The N.A.C. in turn should do likewise.

6. RELATIONSHIP OF COP WITH THE SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS: The National Organiser in reply to a question put forward by Professor Z.K. Matthews clearly defined the position of COP which is not an organisation but a Campaign. The COP National Action Council is a Machinery that has been created by the Sponsoring Organisations to carry on the Campaign and that the N.A.C. is responsible to the Sponsoring Organisations.

7. OTHER INVITED BODIES: The position of Speakers from other Organisations which have not yet accepted sponsorship is that they will never be given the opportunity of being official speakers on any platform until such time they have been registered as Co-Sponsors.

8. REGIONS OF THE CAPE: Since the Cape is such a vast province, it was decided to zone it up into the following Regions—Western Province; South Western; Eastern Province; Border; Midlands; Transkei; North Eastern; North Western Cape.

9. PERSONAL OF THE FAC: It was decided that the Provincial Action Council will be composed of two representatives for each Sponsoring Organisation from each region on a basis. The Regions will appoint their own representatives to the FAC.

10. FIRST MEETING OF THE FAC: It was decided that the first meeting of the FAC will be held on the 10th October, 1954 at George. The question of its finance was left to the FAC.

11. REPRESENTATION OF THE ANC: It was decided that the ANC Provincial Executive will be represented by the President and one of the Secretaries in the FAC. Any other member of the provincial executive of ANC will be regarded as an ex-officio member of the FAC.

12. REGIONAL CONFERENCES: It was decided that Regions will see to their own Regional Conferences for COP.
13. A REPRESENTATIVE OF SACP: Miss Jassen who was attentively listening to all the deliberations associated herself with all the decisions of the meeting and further reported that in the Eastern Province Coloureds were getting organized and would soon be in the swing with us.

PURELY A.N.C. MATTERS.

Professor Matthews raised very unpleasant matters pertaining to Rev. J.A. Calata. He told the Amy meeting that Rev. Calata was receiving frequent persecution from the Gov. because of his activities in Congress. At that particular moment the Gov. had written to Rev. Calata ordering him to restore to the Gov. a certificate he had owned since 1926 as an authorised Marriage Officer. The Executive decided to contest this act of injustice legally on the grounds that Rev. Calata belongs to an Organisation that has not been declared illegal and that he has not violated any regulations governing the conduct of marriages. Advocate D.E. Molteno was recommended for this legal action. It was further decided that Rev. Calata should continue as the Acting President of the Cape until such time the Gov. decided to cut him off by a ban. As soon as Rev. Calata is banned, Rev. Gawe will take up the Acting Presidency.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Correspondence from the Head Office had notified the Provinces about the venue of the National Conference—Durban. Branches to be notified and asked to send a strong delegation. Further more Branches to be asked to send in their resolutions which they would like submitted to the Head Office. The letter from the Head Office also referred to the Provinces paying in to the National Treasury their due subscriptions.

GROUP AREAS ACT: LAND TENURE BOARD: In view of the Gov. minister laws now being in force, Branches are to be notified about the Land Tenure Board that is going round the country zoning the country for the purpose of implementing this act. As soon as our people notice this, they should protest.

RENTS, STOCK MATES ETC.: These matters were also discussed and were left to the Branches to handle in their respective locations and protest against their introduction.

A.N.C. OFFICE: Mr. Mayekiso reported that an Office had been found in New Brighton and a Full time Clerk already employed at the basic salary of 45 p.m.

MR MAYEKISO’S CASE: In view of Mr. Mayekiso’s case it was decided that some contribution from the Provincial Treasury be made.

REPORT ON UMTATA: Mr. T. S. Tehunungwa gave a good report about the developments in Umtata.

GENERAL: When all other matters were discussed the President thanked all the members present and further thanked them for their keen participation in all the deliberations. The meeting came to a close at 5.15 a.m.

BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT.
The A.N.C. Committee meeting met at Ntloko on 26/1/55. Mr S. Mngubo opened the meeting with a prayer and a hymn. Branches present were:


Geto: L. Simeni.

Kemokulu Jaji: J. Mjekweni.

Amxogo: X. Mondo.

Ngalale: J. Mphakela.


Wobeda: B. Woji, L. Bontshela.

Woodlands: S. Mxakaza.
The secretary read minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted. Mphahlwa suggested that the committee consisting of four members should be invited to a meeting that would be held on Wednesday, and the volunteers should be rounded up and they should carry on with their work, $1 from Lujiko for travelling expenses to Durban.

A committee about the Tombstone matter was appointed as follows, Mphahlwa, Mmotsoa, Fukweni, which could see Mpetshu and that he must be present at Lujiko on Monday morning. The money from Lujiko was handed over to X.Monde to keep together with the $5 which was now $6. The balance must be brought to the next meeting on Wednesday.

I, the undersigned certify that this is a true extract copy of minutes found in possession of S.Nongubu at Peddie and they are translated from Xosa to English by me.

Grahamstown
25/4/57
AGENDA.

11th February, 1956.

1. Minutes of the last Executive Meeting.


3. Instructions from Head Office re Passes for Women.

4. Special National Conference to be held on the 31st March – 1st April in Bloemfontein or Johannesburg.

5. Draft Constitution by the Eastern Cape.


7. General.
The Executive Committee was opened by Mr. Felley on 1st March 1956 at Vuma's place "L" Street Tantyi Location O-town. Minutes were not read as this was a special meeting with Peddie People. Mr. Vuma opened the meeting with a prayer. Mr. Felley gave reasons why there was such a meeting and invited discussants and speakers to express their views. Mr. Kabe (Secretary) introduced the Grahamstown members to the meeting. Members: Felley, S.Kabe, J.Jabe, J.Myako, Vuma, T.Qqola, J.Jadali.

Mr. Myako introduced the members from Peddie as follows:

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Mr. Felley gave his report about the Albany Region A.N.C. which has been established and has been accepted by the Provincial Executive but a letter has not yet been received to give us powers that we must establish it, this shall combine all the places surrounding Grahamstown such as: O-town, Port Alfred, Alicevale, Sendlards, "applied, Rheebok. East, The Provincial Executive agrees that Peddie must be in this Region. This region is not governed by the Cape Eastern Region. The Provincial Executive agreed that the branches should work together. Mr. Felley then promised them to Copy the decision of the Conference held in Bloemfontein.

Mr. Myako (Peddie) thanked the words said in the meeting and also said that they asked to branch off from the Dammar Border Region because they deal with the communications, and he wished for the copy to handed to them.

Mr. Myako (Peddie) mentioned about the letters which are being opened at the Post Office. Mr. Felley advised that the letters must be addressed on the envelope with another person's name and the letter inside written the owners name.

Mr. Seqokomase welcomed the news about the copy and that such a copy who have some effect in connection the re-organisation at their place. Mr. Seqokomase advised that the copy must be addressed to one Branch and the other branches would receive it that one. He was seconded by Mr. Myako who said it was the correct procedure to avoid the opening of letters.

Mr. Myako (Peddie) advised that the letters should be registered and by doing so they will safe.

Mr. Myako suggested that the copies should be sent to him and he shall then take them to Mr. Mpongob, the meeting agreed.

Mr. Felley said that he would write to the Provincial Secretary Mr. Thamunungwa who will write to the Branches in the Regions and also a letter that will instruct us that we must work together through the letter has not been received yet. When things go on correctly then the Regional meeting will be convened.

Mr. Myako addressed the meeting about the current conference which was held in Bloemfontein on 16th to 18th December 1955 and he promised to send them copies of the discussions.

Mr. Myako (Peddie) seconded by Mr. Myako (Peddie) said words of thanks:

Mr. Myako (Peddie) thanked the speech made by the Peddie members. Mr. Myako (Peddie) said that if you give me a plan to run, I will also second Mr. Myako (Peddie). Mr. Myako (Peddie) wanted to know how they could make a plan to get one million Volunteers mentioned in the Freedom Charter.

Mr. Myako (Peddie) wanted to know whether they would go to Peddie two of their schools did not take the action of boycott but the others are closed as a result of boycott.

Mr. Gqola said that one million in all volunteers are required.

Mr. Felley in answer to what Mr. Myako had said about the volunteers he said there is a board which works together with Committee which decides them to convene a meeting, where they are instructed to organise with the Congress. The Congress at other places trains them. Mr. Felley further stated that this would be a motion in the next Regional Conference which will be in April.
Signed by S.S. Kaba (Secretary)

I hereby certify that the above Minutes of the 1st March 1956 of the Regional Conference held at the City of Tantyu, Location and farm, have been read and approved by the undersigned, and that a copy of the minutes was read in English by me on 8/10/56.

Graham town
8/10/56