Dear Friend,

No doubt you have already heard or read about the National Convention for Peace which we are organising in Johannesburg at the end of this month.

To the Convention we have invited many individuals and organisations to come together in a great assembly to discuss the great need for peace in our country and the whole world.

We believe that peace is near and dear to the hearts of all men and women who long to see an end to suffering and poverty, and end to the strain of the Cold War and the threats of being destroyed in a new and terrible war.

The Convention will discuss these all important questions and we take this opportunity of extending an invitation to you as a lover of peace and harmony among all people, to attend and participate in the work of the Convention.

The National Convention will commence on Saturday October 27th at 2 o'clock and continue until Sunday October 28th, 1956. It will be held at THE GANDHI HALL, 50 FOX STREET, JOHANNESBURG. We sincerely hope that you will make every effort to attend. In the event of your not being available the preparatory Committee which is organising the Convention will appreciate it if you would send a message of support to the above address.

With Peace greetings,

Yours fraternally,

LEON LEVY
CHAIRMAN, PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR A NATIONAL PEACE CONVENTION.

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Dear Friend,

This is to advise you that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of our Council will be held on the 4th October 1956 at the above address at 5.30 p.m. sharp. As work of very great importance will be discussed, please make every effort to attend.

With Peace Greetings,
Yours Fraternally,

Peace
DEON LEVY,
SECRETARY,
Dear Rev. Thompson,

Enclosed please find ticket to Cape Town, insurance ticket, bedding ticket and 30/- for meal tickets and expenses. The Cape Town Peace Council has expressed its delight that you are coming to open their Convention.

The themes for their Convention are the same as for the National Convention, namely:

1. AFRICA NEEDS PEACE
2. SOUTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST
3. SECURITY THROUGH DISARMAMENT
4. CLOSER CULTURAL LINKS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD
5. URANIUM FOR A HAPPY LIFE.

Members of the Cape Town Peace Council will meet you at Cape Town station on Saturday afternoon at 3.20 p.m.

I enclose a copy of our Press statement. We have since heard that there are three additional sponsors from the Cape - Reverend Father D.P. Gardner of the Society of St. John the Evangelist.

Mr. Alec Bell,
Mr. Charles Mussared.

With Peace Greetings and wishing you a pleasant journey and a successful Convention,

Yours fraternally,

[Signature]

Chairman: Preparatory Committee.
Dear Friend,

The 22nd Conference of the South African Indian Congress will be held at the Gandhi Hall, Johannesburg on 19th, 20th and 21st October, 1956, to consider grave issues facing the Indian people.

The recent proclamation of Group Areas in Johannesburg, affecting a quarter of the Indian population of the Transvaal, means the uprooting of long established homes and businesses and robbing of property worth millions of pounds. This inhuman and barbaric onslaught is the first logical outcome of the Group Areas Act — its process on a countrywide scale will culminate in the uprooting of millions of Non Whites bringing in its train dire consequences and impoverishment and will have the effect of relegating them to a status of perpetual subservience. It is bound to plunge the country into the throes of upheavals and racial strife on a magnitude unknown before.

The Conference of the South African Indian Congress will be meeting to discuss and devise ways and means, in co-operation with democratic organisations of the people, to bring a halt to the tide of fascism which is sweeping our land.

We have been heartened by the unflinching support and solidarity that you have expressed in the past and therefore approach you once again to send a message of greetings to our Conference.

In thanking you we send you the best wishes of the South African Indian Congress.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Dr) H. K. Moosa

D. U. Mistry

Joint Hon. Secretaries.

South African Indian Congress.
myself as a member of your
cooperation of peace-lovers.
Blessed are the peace-makers for
they shall be called, sons of God;
DAYS OVER FEUD JESUS CHRIST.
I shall not be present or
send a representative to the Peace
convention; but, I send you the
above message, with my prayer
for the convention's success.

Yours for His Peace,
A. B. Montgomery
Dear Friends,

We apologise for the delay in replying to your letter and telegrams, due to the fact that we have been seeking to arrange for someone to represent the World Council at your National Peace Convention on October 27-28. We are very sorry indeed to have to tell you that in spite of all our efforts it has not been possible to find anyone.

A number of members of the World Council and the Bureau were approached, but unsuccessfully, since none of them, although they would have liked to go, are free during the period in question.

At the same time we have, as you asked us, informed national committees that you would greatly appreciate messages of greetings to the Peace Convention, such expressions of support prior to and during our gatherings being of value to our entire movement. We are therefore hopeful that many national committees and personalities will respond to our request.

Your last letter of October 4 confirms our impression that the conference on the 14th and the Convention on the 27th are the result of much consistent work. The list of people who have agreed to sponsor the Convention and the many organisations sending representatives show its undoubted importance.

Since, as we said above, we are unfortunately unable to send a representative, the Secretariat will send you a message of greetings.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
For the Secretariat of the World Council of Peace

K. Saionji
Secretary
NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

Friend,

This is to advise you that the next meeting of the Committee of Council will be held on the 1st... at the above address at 8:00 pm sharp. A work of very great importance will be discussed, please every effort to attend.

With Peace Greetings,

Yours Fraternally,

Leon Levy.

Secretary.
NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

Dear Friend,

This is to advise you that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of our Council will be held on the 2nd Dec., 1956 at the above address at 8 p.m. sharp. As work of very great importance will be discussed, please make every effort to attend.

With Peace Greetings,

Yours Fraternally,

Leon Levy,
Secretary.
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True interests of all South Africans and preservation thereof,

- Council now advocates at Commonwealth Conference
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- United States policy "preventive" war for East service
- with it, the grave danger world will be plunged into
- "diastrome atomic war stop
- (Late) Recognition of China and negotiation with her is

essential for solution Formosa issue and all international

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**South African Peace Council**

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Dear Friend,

I have to note the contents of your letter dated April 22nd. Perhaps the following information will clarify the position in regard to the points you have raised.

(a) Part-time assistant.

The part-time assistant is engaged on the basis of mornings only (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) He works Mondays to Saturdays inclusive and his salary is fixed at £15 per month. It should be pointed out that although he is engaged for the mornings only, he often works voluntarily a good deal of overtime.

There are a hard and fast duties which he has to carry out except to collect each month donations from certain people. Apart from this, he carries out all tasks assigned to him by the Secretariat. It is clear that he should be available also to the Transvaal Peace Council and there is no reason why he should not carry out a task given to him by the Transvaal Secretary. Naturally, if your Council wishes to make use of his services, then a contribution towards his salary is expected. It is not proposed to pay any fixed proportion of time, if the Transvaal Council wishes to make use...
of his services, that he should devote to your Council or the S.A.P.C.
The principle is simply that he should carry out all work allocated to him.

(b) Office

Our new office is in Somerset House is rented on a monthly basis at the rate of £5 per month.

We propose that the Transvaal Council should also make use of this office and contribute towards the rental.

(c) Finance

A banking account is being opened this week.
The S.A.P.Council is in a very bad financial position. In spite of continuous appeals to Durban and Cape Town, no money has been forthcoming from the Council there.

From regular donations, we have an income of about £15 per month. The figure we are aiming at is at least £40 per month and your assistance in this direction would be appreciated.

The Treasurer has been instructed to put the books in order and work out exactly what our financial position is, particularly in relation to your Council. I can report that at present, apart from salaries and rent, the South African Peace Council owes approximately £140.

I hope this clears up the position.

Yours sincerely,

H. Wolpe, Secretary.
Dear

In recent months the widespread support given by the most diverse circles to the idea of settling international differences by negotiation, and the growing public support in favour of a meeting of the Five Great Powers have brought hopes of a relaxation of international tension.

Support for the negotiated settlement of all outstanding problems has come from leading statesmen. For example, on May 11th 1953 Sir Winston Churchill stated: "I must make it plain that in spite of all the uncertainties and confusion in which world affairs are plunged I believe a conference on the highest level should take place between the leading powers without long delay." On March 15th 1953 Mr Malenkov said: "At the present time there is not a single controversial or unsettled question which could not be solved by peaceful means on the basis of mutual agreement of the interested countries. This goes for our relations with all states, including also our relations with the United States of America." In April, President Eisenhower made an important speech: "We seek, throughout Asia as throughout the world, a peace that is true and total. Out of this can grow a still wider task - the achieving of just political settlements for the other serious and specific issues between the free world and the Soviet Union. None of these issues great or small, is insoluble - given only the will to respect the rights of all nations." In June, President Auriol stated: "I have said before the United Nations Assembly that if, ... responsible statesmen were to meet face to face in order to declare themselves on specific questions with a will, confirmed by their actions, to lead to clear, sincere and lasting solutions in order to save the peoples from hate, fear and poverty, France would joyfully welcome their undertaking and support their efforts." Similar attitudes have been expressed by Chou En-Lai, Pandit Nehru, Pope Pius XII, Adlai Stevenson, Sir Hartley Shawcross and many others.

Yet agreement is proving difficult on many questions of vital importance to the peace of the world.

The World Peace Council, which has conducted campaigns for the outlawing of the Atom Bomb, the settlement of international differences by negotiation and not by recourse to war and for a Big Five Agreement, believes that there is an urgent need today for renewed efforts for the peaceful settlement of international problems still in dispute.
The World Council urges that a way be found to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, to ensure the participation of the Government of the Peoples' Republic of China in the solution of international problems; and agreement reached on the German question.

For these reasons the World Council of Peace has proposed a meeting of all organisations and individuals who desire a relaxation of international tension. The Council, aware of the fact that many people, who do not have contact with it, are becoming increasingly interested in finding a solution to the problems which maintain international tension, suggests that this meeting take place in May 1954. In its letter to us the Council states: "In its desire to remove any obstacles which might hinder the participation of personalities or organisations likely to take part in such a meeting, the World Council has refrained from laying down any rules. The World Council's point of view on the main international issues is expressed in its General Resolution (attached), but the World Council does not subjugate the holding of the meeting to acceptance of its point of view."

We enclose certain relevant material, which we hope will be of interest to you.

We trust that, in the interests of world peace, you will support the calling of the world meeting proposed by the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. D. C. Thompson
CHAIRMAN.
The Chairman,
South African Peace Council,
P.O. Box 10528,
Johannesburg.

I support the proposal of the World Peace Council to call a meeting of all individuals and organisations who desire a relaxation on international tension and I am interested in receiving further material in this connection.

Signed: ____________________________

I am interested in receiving further material in connection with the proposed meeting of all organisations and individuals who desire a relaxation of international tension.

Signed: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

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