African National Congress Deputation: Catering for Non-European Railway Passengers.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

With reference to the representations which the deputation from your Congress made to the Honourable the Minister of Native Affairs at Cape Town during the recent Parliamentary session, I have to inform you that the request made by the deputation in regard to better catering facilities for non-European railway passengers has been sympathetically considered by the Railway Administration, and it is hoped with the introduction of a new service of meals, which took effect from the beginning of April, dining car employees will be in a position to pay more attention to the requirements of non-European railway passengers.

In addition to this, arrangements were recently made for the service of light meals and refreshments to first and second class non-European passengers accommodated in the Reserved saloons, and I am informed that since the introduction of these arrangements very few complaints have been received in regard to unsatisfactory catering services to non-European passengers.

Arrangements have also been made to ensure the service of refreshments to non-European passengers travelling third class.

It may be mentioned that cards in both official languages, informing non-Europeans in Reserved saloons that the service of refreshments will be attended to by the bedding boys, to whom orders should be given, are now pasted in such Reserved saloons and collected afterwards for redistribution on the trains.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. A.B. Xuma.

SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS.
African National Congress Deputation.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I am in receipt of your letter of 3rd June and I have discussed the resolution regarding trade unions with Colonel Reitz, who desires me to say that he hopes it will be possible to issue an official statement on the matter soon.

The people must, however, be patient in these matters. The Department is doing all it can to improve the conditions of the Natives, but you will appreciate that we must progress step by step.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
President-General of the African National Congress,
85 Toby Street,
Sophiatown,
JOHANNESBURG.
Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 3rd instant and for the Report which you returned under cover thereof.

Yours faithfully,

C. E. Nixon

SECRETARY: C.P.O.
MINERS' PHTHISIS COMMISSION.
6th June, 1942.

The Secretary For Public Health,
Department of Public Health,
P.O.Box 386,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th May, 1942, I am able to state that I left Sophiatown, Johannesburg at 8.45 a.m. and returned back to Johannesburg at 3 p.m. on the 18th December, 1941.

I had no other business to attend to in Pretoria.

The distance travelled was 77 miles on a Graham motor car, 25.35 Horse Power.

Yours faithfully,

ABX/pd.
Dear President,

Your letter enclosing the cheque for £5-19/- has been forwarded to me at Port Elizabeth where I am at present attending the Synod of the Church of the Province.

From last Thursday I have been very much with first the Church Conference in which I was elected Secretary, and then from Sunday with the Synod in which I am assistant Secretary.

I have gone a little further into the matter of the Easter Conference of the Cape and Western African Congresses where the said amalgamation was effected.

Mr. Nikiwe maintains that the conference was unconstitutio

al because among the two branches represented none had paid its membership fees. He maintains that it was just a matter of Mr. Pendla appointing Mr. Oliphant the Speaker and Malangabi the Treasurer and so on and no business of any kind was transacted beyond that except the announcement that Mr. Haubenheimer was now going to take the place of Mr. Russel in contesting the forthcoming elections in the name of the Congress.

In Port Elizabeth I am told that there has never been a meeting since we were here, and even the branch that existed is practically dead.

The abolition of Excursions is going to be a difficulty. It is going to be difficult for delegates to attend conferences I wonder what you think we should do.

It would not be a bad idea to call only the Executive but I surmise this would be opposed. The Provinces would require their full share of the December Conference. Please let me know what you propose.

I had a long talk with Mr. Godlo who spent a day at Cradock the other day. He feels that until after the election are over in the Cape there can be no Congress, for Pendla has no following and the people desire to lie low until they are called for an election of officers.

I am very unhappy about the position of the Congress in the Cape.

Remember me to Mrs. Xuma and family.

Yours for Africa,

[Signature]

Secretary General
11th June, 1942.

D.L.Smit Esq.,
Secretary for Native Affairs,
Z.A.S.M. House,
PRETORIA.

Dear Mr. Smit,

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
DEPUTATION.
re: CATERING FACILITIES FOR
FOR NON-EUROPEANS S.A.R.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th June, 1942 informing us about the steps taken since we made representations on this subject, on March 4th.

I am sure all Non-Europeans will be pleased to enjoy the improved catering facilities as suggested.

This should tend to make it a pleasure for a Non-European to travel by rail instead of being haunted with the fear of going long journeys without food or being insulted for asking for it.

My Congress and the African people in general do appreciate the great efforts the Minister and you have made since the deputation sat as well as the amount of progress made since that date.

It indicates sympathy, cooperation, understanding and sincerity on the part of the Minister and yourself towards the aspirations of the African people.

I am convinced that when you have had time to carry on negotiations begun, great relief will have been brought to the African community and their confidence in the Government increased.

Yours sincerely,

ABX/pd.
11th June, 1942.

The Right Rev. The Bishop of Johannesburg,
Bishop's House,
Crescent Drive,
Westcliff,
JOHANNESBURG.

My Lordship,

I have pleasure in sending you a copy of my pamphlet "Kaffir Beer", with my compliments.

Yours sincerely,

ABX/pd.
FROM THE BISHOP OF JOHANNESBURG,
BISHOP'S HOUSE,
WESTCLIFF,
JOHANNESBURG.

June 12th 1942

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I was delighted to receive your letter and the pamphlet, "Reise nach Afrika," which I have noted with much interest.

Yours very sincerely,

+ [Signature]
Dr. A.B. Xuma,
104 End Street,
Doornfontein,
Johannesburg.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I am reporting to you the result of my handling of the Paramount Chief of Swaziland's petition, because it was you who approached me in this matter in the first instance.

I had only a month in England and was frantically busy during that time so that I was not able to do much about it myself, but I think I have left it in the hands of people more competent to deal with it than I am. On my first day in London I contacted Professor McMillan and discussed it in full with him. He undertook to pass it on to all those people whom you mentioned as being possibly helpful. Professor McMillan himself was much interested in the matter and from his account, in discussions which I had with him, he assured me that your friends in London were taking a very lively interest in it. Professor McMillan's copy will be forwarded to the Bishop of Southampton, Bishop Karney, who is working in with the Anti Slavery people. The second copy is in the hands of Sir Allan Pim who will consult with Miss Marjorie Perham, with Mr. Crouch-Jones and with Mr. Grenidge.

I have no doubt that the Paramount Chief has been communicated with from London and so I don't wish to make any sort of attempt at a memorandum. The feeling of most of them over there seems to be, however, that you are in a strong position and have a very good case in regard to the land question. They feel, however, that the powers, status and appointment of the Paramount Chief and his officers is not as intimately bound up with the land question as the petition suggests.

You may treat this as a personal note or as an informal report to be handed on to the Paramount Chief and his legal advisors - whichever you choose. If you wish to discuss it with me, I hope you will do so soon— I may be leaving the country again; if I do go overseas again and there is anything further I can do for the Swazi people, I shall be very glad to do it. Next time I hope to have more time in London.

Yours sincerely,

T.W.B. Osborn.

Department of Physiology.
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FOURTH AVENUE,
FLORIDA,
Transvaal.

ABX. 420615

15. A. S. Xuma.

85 D'Ayletts,
Sophiatown,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir. Xuma,

I am writing to let you know that I am not seeking re-election to the Senate, and that my wife has decided to stand if nominated.

I have taken my decision only after much anxious thought, and because I am convinced that it is my duty to devote myself to the work of the Institute; hence my relations to the problems arising from our conditions and to the possibilities of a fuller life for the non-European people after the war. I have taken this decision in the strong support of some of my friends in the Institute.

I have been proud to represent the African people, and I have sincerely not grumbled in doing so. I have the Senate a stronger body than when I went in, and I believe that I have contributed my share to that higher status. The needs of the African people have been presented in a more frequent and more effectively than before. And it has been most gratifying to me to see the African National Congress taking a more prominent part in expressing the needs and aspirations of the African people: more power to your elbows!

My wife, if elected, will
take into the Senate a wealth of personal
knowledge of Native land survey
conditions as well as educational and social
betterment.

Whether we are in the Senate
or out of it, my wife and I hope to continue
to serve the best interests of the country along
the lines we have followed these many years.

I wish you every success as
President of the Congress, and believe that under
your leadership it can be more and more
effective.

My wife joins me in
very kind regards to Mrs. Honda and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
17th June, 1942.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
104 End Street,
Johannesburg.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY.
COUNCIL OF NON EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS.

You have no doubt been advised by the Council of Non-European Trade Unions that you have been appointed a member of a Commission to investigate the differences of Non-European Trade Unions in Johannesburg.

I have been appointed Chairman of the Commission and I am sure that you will agree with me that it is desirable that the Commission should start its work with the least possible delay.

I am writing to all members of the Commission enquiring the time and place which would be most suitable for the conducting of the Enquiry.

Will you please advise me as soon as possible of your wishes in the matter.

The members of the Commission are:

Mr. Julius Lewin.
Dr. A.B. Xuma,
Miss Msomi.
Mr. George Carr.

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of the Constitution of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

E.S. Sachs.
The Secretary,
Croyman Conv. Clinic
J.P. Wilkesforce Halt.
Ecklon.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I received your letter of the 12th. with thanks.

I passed General Nursing in October 1939; No. 3201. Midwifery in October 1940; No. 3321.

I once worked at Holy Cross Hospital before I was registered in Midwifery for six months under Dr. Bremu and Sister Cibby (the Matron) and again after I was fully qualified in both General and Midwifery, I worked in Bredveld Location, Transvaal from Jan. 1941 – Jan. 1942; Under Mr. Scott (the M.O.H. of Bredveld) and Mrs. Reed (the Health Visitor).

When you write to me again use c/o W. F. Kellgren, Elliot Road, P.O. Muntata where my home is.

I am a single and belong to a Zogo tribe. I can speak English, Kosa, Zulu and little Sesoto.

I cannot produce any testimonial, recent as I have been out of work since February this year due to Enteric Fever. I would like to have that testimonial back please.

Yours obediently,

W. F. Rawana,

"Corona",
P.O. Lonedale.
17/6/42
SECOND NOTICE:

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEGAL AID

Please note that the above Conference will open at 9.30 A.M. on SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, 1942.

The Conference will be held in ROOM 142 on the FIRST FLOOR, MAIN BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, MILNER PARK, JOHANNESBURG.

A. Lynn Saffery
SECRETARY

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

1. Notice convening Conference

2. Welcome to Delegates by President of the Institute
   (Professor R.F. Alfred Hoernle)

3. The Chairman of Conference (Advocate H.J.B. Vieyra) will outline the historical development of Legal Aid and will explain the purpose of the Conference

4. Consideration of Memorandum dealing with Methods of Work (herewith)

5. Consideration of Report on Development of Legal Aid Work throughout the Union (herewith)

6. Consideration of question whether or not a National Organisation should be established

7. Consideration of Draft Constitution
   (to be circulated later)

8. General

17th June, 1942.
JM.
18th June, 1942.

Mr. A.Z. Tshiwula,
P.O. Box 3127,
PORT ELIZABETH.

My dear Mr. Tshiwula,

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant advising me about your success in establishing a Cooperative. I hope your efforts will be met with continued success.

As you may, perhaps, not know, it might interest you to hear that on the 4th March, 1942, a strong deputation from the National Congress saw the Government, and, among other things, pressed for the recognition of African Trade Unions. We were promised the recognition of our Trade Unions, exclusive of Mines, under the Industrial Conciliation Act.

We also achieved something concerning the Pass Laws, Native Education, Catering for Non-Europeans on the Railways and certain aspects in Social Welfare.

The National Congress is achieving a great deal just now; but I am most unhappy about the activities of the Cape African Congress which appears to be more interested in using the Congress as the bait for rich men who desire to stand for election than for building up the organisation. I believe that we achieve nothing through any representative, rich or poor, able or unable, unless the Africans themselves are a well organised force.

There is no salvation for us except through our own efforts and our own organisations.

I wish, confidentially, you could make suggestions about how to go about re-building the Congress in the Cape Province.

You are among many who have written me anxiously about the future of the Congress in the Cape.

I hope the people who have the welfare of our race will stand firm and do all they can to build up Congress in the province, as that is our only salvation, no matter whether we are workers, teachers or what not.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,
My dear Dr. Xuma,

I have been instructed to send you copy of the enclosed minute and to direct your attention to Clause 4 of the recommendations.

The Trust will have from three to four hundred pounds a year for disposal among Africans and other Non-Europeans in Southern Africa. It is a strict condition of the deed of trust that the disposal of funds is for Africans and Non-Europeans only. Another condition is that it shall carry the present educational commitments of the donor, Mrs. Whitehead. It should, however, not be assumed that the allocation of funds will be confined solely toward the furthering of the education of Africans and other deserving Non-Europeans. Each case for assistance from the Trust will be considered on its merits.

It is in regard to consideration of the applications that the Trustees desire your assistance and advice.

In brief it is proposed that once a year applications for assistance from the Trust will be invited. Copies of these applications will be circulated to the Trustees and their African advisers. The Trustees will consider the applications in relation to the advice tendered by their advisers.
I hope you will consent to serve.

At reply at your earliest convenience will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mr. Q. Ballinger
18th June, 1942.

Dr. T. W. E. Osborn,
Physiology Department,
Medical School,
University of the Witwatersrand,
Hospital Hill,
Johannesburg/

My dear Dr. Osborn,

I am glad to welcome you back home and I am sure you had many interesting experiences.

I am grateful for the brief but comprehensive report on the efforts made on behalf of Swaziland. I shall transmit the information to the Paramount Chief and, I am sure, he will appreciate what you did.

I hope it will be possible for us to see each other before you leave the country again, as I am anxious to know a little more about your new plans and the experiences of your recent trip overseas.

I am enclosing herewith my personal cheque, in final settlement of Peter's account for which he is grateful.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

ABX/pd.
19th June, 1942.

The Publications Officer,
S.A.Institute of Race Relations,
P.O.Box 97,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith, please find copy of the article you requested me to write on certain aspects about the Representation of Natives Act.

Yours faithfully,

ABX/pd.
Mr. W.O. Ballinger,
P.O. Box 4113,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mr. Ballinger,

Yours of the 18th June, 1942, enclosing the minutes of the Non-European Progressive Trust is to hand.

I read your request for my acting as an Adviser to the Trustees with interest; but find myself unable to make up my mind as there is no sufficient information passed on to us, proposed Advisers, about the existing or proposed Trust.

I would, therefore, like to be informed about (1) the approximate Capital and Income of the Trust; (2) the conditions of the Donor, and (3) whether the proposed Advisers could not qualify for membership of the Trustee Board.

I am asking the last question because it appears to me that the present arrangement puts the advisers in a most difficult and invidious position; whereas, as Trustees, they would be merely sharing the decision as members of the Board.

Replies to these questions would assist me in giving what help I can to the work of the Trust which I hope will render valuable service to the Africanspeople in particular and Non-Europeans in general.

Yours sincerely,

ABX/pd.