DEED OF CONSTITUTION

OF

THE BANTU WELFARE TRUST.

WHEREAS by Notarial Deed of Donation and Trust entered into before the Notary Public EDWARD NATHAN on the 28th day of April, 1936, COLONEL JAMES DONALDSON devised a certain gift to the Trustees appointed in such Deed upon the basis that the assets and monies forming the subject of such gift should be dealt with by the Trustees for the benefit of certain Bantu Populations, and

WHEREAS the said Deed of Donation and Trust was amended by Two Deeds of Amendment entered into on the 19th day of January, 1937 and the 24th day of October, 1938 respectively, and

WHEREAS the Trustees appointed under the said Deed of Donation as amended have concurred with the said JAMES DONALDSON that the said Deed of Donation be further amended, and

WHEREAS it has at all times been contemplated that the Trustees may from time to time receive gifts from other persons for the purpose of furthering the interests of that Section of the population of the Union of South Africa commonly called BANTU, and it has appeared that different donors might desire in making their gifts to impose specific conditions in relation to the manner in which such gifts shall be dealt with, and

WHEREAS it has thus been found expedient that the constitution of THE BANTU WELFARE TRUST should be created in a separate instrument defining its scope and purposes and the powers of its Officers, and JAMES DONALDSON together with the Trustees have agreed that upon completion of this Deed, the aforesaid Deed of Donation and Trust as amended shall be annulled and a new Deed of Donation entered into between JAMES DONALDSON and the Trust as constituted by this Deed recording the terms and conditions of his donation.

NOW THEREFORE THESE PRESENTS WITNESS:

1. T H E signatories hereto being JAMES DONALDSON the Donor and the Trustees in being appointed under the above recited Notarial Deed of Donation and Trust as amended, do hereby record that the Association of Persons formerly known as THE BANTU WELFARE TRUST and acting in accordance with the terms of the said Deed of Donation, do hereby amend the terms and conditions upon which their Association is created and do by this Deed constitute themselves into an Association defined by this Deed which Association shall continue to be known as THE BANTU WELFARE TRUST, (hereinafter called THE TRUST) and shall operate in accordance with the provisions hereof as a voluntary Charitable Association for the purpose of benefiting the BANTU.

2. A L L monies and assets at present held by the aforesaid Association of persons pursuant to any such donation shall be vested in THE BANTU WELFARE TRUST as created by this Deed to be dealt with in terms hereof subject always to the terms and conditions of the donation pursuant to which they were received or any modification thereof.

3. A N Y bequests which have devolved upon the aforesaid Association of persons shall likewise fall to be dealt with under this Deed subject to the observance of any due and proper legal form.

4. T H E main purpose of the Trust shall be to give assistance to bodies and/or persons for the advancement of the status, the improvement
of the conditions and the removal of the disabilities now suffered by the
Bantu Population of the Union of South Africa and generally to seek the
benefit and betterment of the said Bantu Population of the Union, and to
this end the Trust shall have the following powers, subject however to the
remaining terms of this Deed:

a). To receive from any person by way of donation or bequest any
money or assets to be used by the Trust in the course of its
activities upon such terms and conditions as the Donor or Testator
may impose and which the Trust may see fit to accept.

b). To acquire ownership of any property whether movable, immovable or
incorporeal.

c). To enter into any type of contract or engagement including Contracts
of Gift and to perform any act including the making of unconditional
gifts which the Trust would be able to enter into or perform if it
were a natural person not under disability, which may in the opinion
of the Officers entering into such contract on behalf of the Trust
be necessary for or incidental or conducive to the attainment of
any of the objects of the Trust or which are likely directly or
indirectly to enhance the value of the services which the Trust can
render towards the advancement of the Bantu Population of the Union
of South Africa.

d). In particular, without limiting the generality of the preceding sub­
clause, to buy, sell, give or receive in exchange, let, hire, donate
or receive by way of donation any property whether movable, immovable
or incorporeal; to borrow, lend or invest funds or monies with or
without security and with or without interest, to open or operate
upon Banking Accounts, Building Society Accounts, and to accept,
make, draw, and give bills of exchange, promissory notes, cheques,
and other negotiable instruments, to engage with or without remuneration
any person or corporation to perform any services or undertakings.

PROVIDED THAT:

(1) The whole of the income howsoever derived by the Trust as also any
capital sums or assets shall not be used otherwise than in furtherance of
the main purpose of the Trust as expressed in this clause or the purposes
necessary for or incidental thereto.

(2) No remuneration shall be paid to any Trustee although the Trust may pay
to any Trustee reasonable sums from time to time designed to cover his out­
of-pocket expenses in the fulfillment of his function as a Trustee.

(3) No payment of money or delivery of assets shall be made by the Trustees
to any person otherwise than for a purpose necessary or incidental to the main
object of the Trust or as may be provided in any instrument of donation or
bequest pursuant to which the Trust may have received or may be entitled to
receive the gift of money or assets.

(5) (a) A L L the Powers of the Trust shall be vested in the Trustees
appointed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this clause,
subject to the right of the Trustees to delegate some of such powers in
terms of the succeeding provisions hereof.

The number of the Trustees shall never be less than five (5), three (3)
of whom shall be Europeans who are interested in the welfare of the aforesaid
Bantu Population, and two (2) of whom shall be members of the Bantu Population
of Africa, it being no bar to Trusteeship that any Bantu Trustee be not a
National of the Union of South Africa provided that he is a National of one
of the African Territories which at the date hereof owes allegiance to the
BRITISH CROWN (not being a territory owing any allegiance by reason of

- Military / .........
Military occupation in the course of the present War). The Trustees for the time being shall have the power to increase their number provided that there shall always be a majority of Europeans amongst the Trustees and that any such increase shall be so devised that the proportion of Europeans to Bantu Trustees shall be as near as may be in the proportion of three to two. The present Trustees under the aforementioned Deed of Donation and Trust as amended are hereby declared to be the following persons who are hereby constituted the first Trustees under this Deed:

JAMES DONALDSON

JOHN DAVID HENKINALT JONES

JAN HENDRIK HOFMEYR

ALEXANDER KERR

GUY HARRY ROBERT EDMUNDS

DAVIDSON DON TENO JARAVU

ABNER M'TIMEKULU

RICHARD VICTOR SELOPE THEMA

(b) JAMES DONALDSON as one of the Trustees shall during his lifetime have the right to nominate an alternate Trustee being a European and upon the death of the said JAMES DONALDSON or upon his ceasing to hold office and not having appointed an alternate, he shall be replaced as Trustee by his son EDWARD JAMES DONALDSON upon whom shall be conferred the same privileges regarding the nomination of an Alternate Trustee as are hereby conferred upon JAMES DONALDSON and upon the death of EDWARD JAMES DONALDSON or upon his ceasing to hold Office as a Trustee without having appointed an Alternate, he shall be replaced as Trustee by his eldest son or other eldest direct descendant either male or female and such descendant shall in turn have the right to nominate his or her successor. Any Trustee succeeding JAMES DONALDSON or his successor under this clause shall have the same privileges regarding nomination of an Alternate as are hereby conferred upon JAMES DONALDSON. The rights to nominate a successor as aforesaid shall continue in perpetuity from successor to successor of the donor. The provisions of this sub-clause shall not be amended without the consent of JAMES DONALDSON or his successor as Trustee in being at the time of proposed amendment.

(c) SUBJECT to the provisions of sub-clauses (a) and (b) hereof, upon the death of any one or more of the said Trustees, the remaining or surviving Trustees may from time to time fill up such vacancy on the decision of the majority of them, but preferably by a unanimous vote, and any Trustee elected after the appointment of the original Trustees may stand possessed of the same powers and authorities as the original Trustees appointed by the said Donor in the first place.

Alternatively, the said Trustees may as soon as possible after their acceptance of their appointment as Trustees and without awaiting the retirement or death of any one of them, nominate by majority vote, or preferably by unanimous vote, one person for each Trustee to fill any vacancy that may occur from time to time.

It shall furthermore be a direction to the said Trustees that upon a vacancy occurring if the vacancy be filled in the manner aforesaid, then they shall replace a European Trustee by a European Trustee, and a Bantu Trustee by a Bantu Trustee.

- (d) Each/......
Each Trustee other than JAMES DONALDSON shall have the right to nominate an Alternate Trustee to act in his stead in his absence, provided that:

(1) No such alternate shall have the right to act as Trustee until he has been approved of in writing by all the Trustees.

(II) Any such Alternate shall be subject to removal in terms of clause 6 hereof and furthermore may be removed and replaced by the Trustee by whom he was nominated.

(III) Any Alternate so replacing a removed Alternate Trustee shall be subject to the conditions of (1) and (II) above.

6. THE Trustees in the exercise of the powers of the Trust for the purpose of entering into any engagement whatsoever or for the purpose of deciding any matters affecting the Trust or its activities, may meet together for the despatch of business and a Resolution passed unanimously by a quorum of the Trustees present shall be deemed to be the decision of the Trust and a certified copy of such Resolution signed by the Chairman of the meeting, shall be prima facie evidence of the decision. Four (4) Trustees shall form a quorum provided that no meeting of Trustees shall be held in the absence of any Trustee unless there shall have been posted to him at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting a Notice that it has been convened. The Trustees may appoint from their number a committee consisting of three (3) Trustees, which committee may meet for the despatch of business and pass Resolutions. Any Resolution passed by a majority of such committee and thereafter approved in writing by all the other Trustees shall be deemed to be a Resolution passed in terms of the preceding provisions of this clause but until so approved shall have no force or effect.

7. THE Trustees may by Resolution passed as aforesaid make any Regulations not inconsistent with this Deed for the conduct of the affairs of the Trust with power from time to time to vary any such regulations. The Trustees shall have power to appoint any Agent to perform any function on behalf of the Trust. The Trustees may by Resolution passed in terms of clause 6 hereof amend or vary from time to time the terms and conditions of this Deed provided that the main object of the Trust shall not be varied except to increase and extend the scope of its activities for the benefit of Bantu or other Africans or populations not included therein by this Deed.

8. THE Trustees may at any meeting by a Resolution of the majority present at such meeting (subject to the condition that such majority shall be not less in number than a majority of all the Trustees) remove from office any of the other Trustees except JAMES DONALDSON or a Trustee appointed under clause 5b hereof. The said JAMES DONALDSON or a Trustee appointed under clause 5b shall not be removed without the authority of the Supreme Court on good cause shown. The provisions of clause 5c (except the first two phrases in such clause) shall apply in relation to any Trustee so removed from office.

THIS DONE AND SIGNED AT JOHANNESBURG on this the day of ___________ in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four (1944), in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

AS WITNESSES:

1. ........................................

2. ........................................

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DAR:
Dear Mrs. Xuma,

You have done some amazing things during the course of this last year. I am beginning to wonder what kind of a person you are. Your trip to the Motsieloaas to find out or shall I say, verify, what they paid to the OldJohns for Jimmy's board was an astonishing piece of work. To tell me about it and then totally disregard my own estimates with regard to my house was even more amazing for a person who was asking a favour of another. You might have gone the whole distance with the Motsieloaas and found out how much they sent Jimmy for pocket money for going to pictures, etc, and what parcels they sent Mrs OldJohn to help out with the little luxuries all children love. Oh, no, you were not going to be bothered with that now that the children were safely out of your hands.

To write an amazed and pained letter because I decided to let Dr. Xuma know how I was faring, and to think it queer that I should have written the letter was another puzzle. I decided to disregard this and never relied to that letter. It required a great deal of self-control to do that. And, now the beret. I have nothing to fear from you Mrs Xuma and would have told you frankly is all the berets had been used. After all if Coocoö and Lesego and Lulane chose to ask for berets without my knowing there's no need to feel unhappy about any mistake I may have made. Coocoö is a very careless, untidy child and I simply was not going to have the added burden of looking after a white beret for her nor for the little ones. Even if I had known it was from you I would have put it away. The big girls may have fitted it on once or twice and hence the soil—but I am beginning to wonder when and where this beret was soiled. I did not notice anything of the sort when I sent it off. I shall give it away to some poor girl. After
all what is a beret costing 4/11, that you should make such a fuss, after all the mothering and running around I did for the benefit of the children for a whole year. I suppose you regarded me as a servant generously paid by you at the rate of £6 a month.

Both of you and Dr. Xuma did not even have the courtesy nor the decency to say a personal "Thanky" when I met you in Kimberley. I wonder you still have the nerve to ask my people to help out with the children again. You seem to take people extremely for granted, as she hated hers.

F. Matthews.
Dear Sir/Madam,

We thank you for your esteemed patronage during our "young years." The steady upward growth of the "Inkundla ya Bantu" has verily been due to your kind support. We have now reached the adolescent stage.

Owing to the growing popularity of this journal coupled with incessant persuasion from several of our readers, we have been obliged to publish it twice a month (fortnightly).

Naturally, the Subscriptions will as from January 1944 be 7/6 per annum, to meet the proportionate initial production costs. Owing to the paper control regulations and rationing, we are unable to print more than a certain number of copies. It is therefore essential that all our issues must be sent to subscribers first.

We hope and trust you will keep up your patronage and to avoid any disappointment please remit your 7/6 (seven shillings and six-pence) per return of post.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

p.p. INKUNDLA YA BANTU.
To Dr. A. B. Xuma,
To G. R. Kugwayo, Esq.
African's Own,
172 Marshall St.,
Johannesburg,

Sir,

I have the honour to make this application as I want to know that I wish to join the African National Congress as I have read several papers and I want you to write and tell me how can I do or how to join fees.

I have no one here in Barberton to tell me how to join and this your address, I am trying to get in touch with you, by Mr. Kugwayo's address, so will you please excuse me for troubling you so much.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours Ob. truch Servant,

J. B. L. Msilimi
FINE B. L. Msilimi
"To Savoy Theatre",
P. O. Box 132
BARBERTON TRANSVAAL
To Dr Luma
38 Hartich Street
Johannesburg

Labour matters - trade unions

Dear Doctor,

I have learnt from a reliable source that Offices are available on the present premises of the Congress. I therefore beg to apply for an Office for the purpose of using it for the interests of the above mentioned union.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully,
C. F. Phoffu,
Secretary.
Mr. Peter Raboroko B.A.,
President,
Transvaal African Students' Association,
Bantu Men's Social Centre,
JOHANNESBURG.

My dear Mr. Raboroko,

Enclosed herewith, please find cheque of £1-1-0 (one guinea), a small personal donation to the T.A.S.A.

I wish to congratulate the students for having decided on this action of unity which lends strength to their activities as an Association, and offers experience in leadership to many of your young people.

Each member of your organisation will be getting valuable experience if he or she assists in establishing the gospel of T.A/S.A. among fellow-students elsewhere.

You, as an organisation, have made great progress in your getting together in establishing the TASA Magazine - a great achievement in itself and many other little things.

We shall watch your development with great interest and sympathy and we shall ever be willing to assist in every way desired, as we believe that an organisation like TASA is a fine training-ground for leadership.

TASA and similar organisations as specialised organisations like Teachers' organisations, Business Associations, are welcome as necessary elements in our attempts towards self-help and we shall do all we can to strengthen them and help them in all their activities.

Accept our congratulations on behalf of the Association in their first anniversary.

(P.T.O.)

6th January, 1944.
With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

PATRON.

6th January, 1964

Mr. Peter Rapotoke P.A.

President,

Transvaal African Student Association

Mr. Moyane's Secretary

JOHANNESBURG

My dear Mr. Rapotoke,

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COMMITTEE ADMINISTERING THE PROVINCE.

The next meeting of the above Committee will be held at the African National Congress Headquarters, Rosenberg's Arcade, 58, Market Street, Johannesburg, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1944, at 3 P.M.

Your presence is earnestly requested.

Yours faithfully,

A. B. Xuma.

AGENDA.


ABX/pd. (6/1/44).
Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd ultimo addressed to the Honourable the Minister of Native Affairs in regard to sentences passed in recent cases of rape and indecent assault.

Owing to his absence in the Middle East and at the Cape, the Minister has not as yet had an opportunity of considering your representations, but I must point out that Judges are not subject to governmental direction and their discretion in passing sentence in cases brought before them is unfettered except for any limitations prescribed by law.

A further communication will be addressed to you in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
President-General
of the African National Congress,
104 End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.
8th January, 4.

The Receiver of Revenue,
P.O. Box 313,
BLOEMFONTEIN.

Sir,

re: PROMOTER'S LICENCE AND ENTERTAINMENT TAX.

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo concerning Promoter's Licence and Entertainment Tax in connection with the performances of Madia Hall Xuma's American Negro Revue at the Community Hall, Location, Bloemfontein, on the 14th and 15th ultimo, I am enclosing herewith a detailed financial statement in connection with these performances.

I regret to say that I did not know that the Committee that had this matter in hand at Bloemfontein had not made the application for exemption to pay Promoter's Licence and Entertainment Tax.

The performances were held in aid of the funds of the African National Congress and, unfortunately for us, the expenditure exceeded the income, as the enclosed Balance Sheet shows, notwithstanding the fact that an item of £6-6-0d. (six guineas) paid out to three of the performers does not appear on this statement.

I would, under the circumstances, most respectfully request for exemption from the above-mentioned taxes.

Thanking you in advance,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

Rev. Tshabangu

[Signature]

[Stamp: ABX/40108]
Dear Sir,

Only last Wednesday did I meet Mr. Hlobi of Standerton in Johannesburg. In the course of our casual conversation I learned from him that he had arranged for a very big meeting for the A.D.P. personnel sometime in November last. He learnt from him that that happened as the result of a very Cold welcome he received at the hands of the President’s Congress.

He informed me he specially requested the D.S. to visit Standerton and that he had 30 members ready with fees paid, but the D.S. told him he would not account to Standerton unless they reported 100 strong and the result of that visit to the A.D.P. was a membership go strong on one day.

Why D.S. wrote to you on this matter is because that formed very queer indeed as you make us understand even if we had 25 he had to go ahead, besides, I happen to know he’s Hlobi in his match - his influence ever go as Standerton is unquestionable - in fact people worship him and to refuse this
formic is much to be regretted. Furthermore, such instances prove a very ready weapon on those who are not official in the least favor in the administration of Congress.

I promised the Minister I would write to the Doctor and that I would advise him accordingly on receipt of Doctor's reply.

I made the Minister change his mind and reconsider the steps they had so far taken and he in turn faithfully promised to recall members of the P. S. P. with view to rescinding decisions they had taken. Whether he meant what he said, he strongly felt this not the time for divisions amongst ourselves and the harder the task of pleasure is removed the better.

With kind regards,

[Signature]

A. Dav-Dladla

[Signature] Acting Secy

[Signature] Writing M.T."
Resolutions on Native Education, 18th January, 1944.

1. CENTRAL CONTROL: For the better co-ordination, maintenance and development of Native Education, the Christian Council of South Africa advocates the establishment of a Union Department of Native Education, under a Director responsible, through the Union Secretary for Education, to the Minister of Education, the Director to be assisted by Regional Superintendents, and advised by an ad hoc Council to which would be appointed Officers of the Government, and other persons specially concerned with native interests and with education, together with representatives of the Missionary Churches engaged in Native Education and of Native Councils.

2. LOCAL CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT: While the Christian Council sees no practicable alternative to the present system of local control and management of Native schools in rural areas, it makes the following suggestions for adoption in areas where the population is considered to be sufficiently advanced to act upon them: (a) Wherever possible the co-operation of the local community should be enlisted by the establishment of a committee to act in association with the manager of a school or group of schools. (b) All schools in urban locations in receipt of government grants should immediately be brought under the co-ordinating control of a Council on which the missions and the Native people would be adequately represented. (c) Wherever possible, for the avoidance of overlapping and the better distribution of resources and services, regional groupings of rural schools under committees of managers, augmented by representatives of local Native Councils or communities, should be encouraged and recognised.

3. FINANCE. The Christian Council of South Africa, acknowledging with gratitude the increase in monies applied to Native Education since 1926, reaffirms its conviction that the system under which these grants have hitherto been made has exhausted its usefulness and that no just allocation of public funds voted for education is possible until the cost of maintaining Native children in school is budgetted for from general revenue upon a basis similar to that which is adopted for the maintenance in school of children of other sections of the population and adequate for all the services now included under the term "School Education".

4. PROVISION OF SCHOOLS: The Christian Council recalls with gratitude the recognition that has been accorded to Christian Missions for their services to Native Education in providing, maintaining and equipping schools and recommends that where any existing or future mission school or institution satisfies the requirements of the Education Department with regard to management, site, fabric, and equipment, it should be eligible for rent and equipment grants.

5. TRAINING OF TEACHERS. The Christian Council of South Africa, recognising that the influence of the teacher is the main factor in any educational system which has for its aim the cultivation of Christian character and the firm establishment of the Christian ethic in the community, strongly recommends: (a) that the training of teachers for native schools continue to be conducted under Christian auspices and (b) that Government Departments and Training Colleges be requested to ensure that religious teaching and methods of imparting religious instruction are adequately represented in the curriculum of each student-teacher in training.
6. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN NON-MISSION SCHOOLS. The Christian Council recommends that where schools or institutions are established or conducted under other than mission supervision, the education authority satisfy itself that sufficient members of the staff are competent to give religious instruction to the pupils, and that such instruction is given.

7. COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE: While recognising that the success of any measure aiming at compulsory attendance of Native children at school is dependent upon the maturity of Native public opinion, the Christian Council believes that in the interests of the children, of the community and of the nation, the time is over-due for such a measure in urban locations and that, when deemed advisable by any Native Local Council, or other Native authority, the same measure should be extended to the rural area under its jurisdiction, as soon as adequate provision can be arranged for.
Dear Dr. Xuma;

Many thanks indeed for your letter of the 12th instant in response to my request.

I have read with interest Resolutions which were adopted by the Conference of the African National Congress at its final session which I did not attend owing to some misunderstanding after the Joint Committees deliberations.

To my mind, there was no need for the Resolution (c) since no decision was taken by the Joint Conference in terms of the Resolution under my name. The African National Congress still maintained its status as hitherto. I am to assure you once more of my active support in identifying my political activities with the Congress.

It is hoped you are now fully restored to health so that you can carry on with the noble work ahead of our Race.

With kindest regards to yourself and to Mrs Xuma.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

General Secretary.
Mr. Pine B.L. Msitsini,  
C/O "Savoy Theatre,"  
P.O. Box 132,  
BARBERTON.

Dear Mr. Msitsini,

I am very grateful to you for your kind letter of the 3rd January concerning membership of the African National Congress. I am happy that so many of our people are anxious to join their National Movement.

Although the new Constitution is not quite ready, I am able to inform you that every African man or woman of 17 years of age who is willing to subscribe to the aims and objects and abides by the Constitution and Regulation of Congress, may become a member. The aims of Congress are "to protect and advance the interest of African people in ALL matters affecting them; (b) to attain the freedom of the African people from ALL discriminatory laws whatsoever; (c) to strive and work for the unity of the African people in every way possible."

The membership fees are 2/6d. annually per member. 20 members in one area constitute the quota for a branch which should appoint officials of the branch.

I shall be glad if you send me 2/6d. in 1d. stamps so that I can send your membership card.

I would also urge you to interest others to join the Congress, as we desire to have branches of Congress in every area so that we can know the grievances and difficulties of our people all over the country through their branches and thus be enabled through the branches and their officials to give advice and assistance on how to tackle the various problems.

Our cause requires every African man and woman to be a member and organiser of Congress so that, as a united people, we can fight our battle in locations, in towns, on the mines, on the farms in the Native (P.T.O.)
Native Reserves and anywhere as a united people.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT GENERAL,

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Beast "Maferin.

Rev. Mr. Matein.

I am very delighted to know for your kind letter of the

congress. I am happy that so many of our people are

concerned to join the national movement.

I am now writing to inform you that every African man or woman of

your concern to join the national movement.

I am very delighted to know for your kind letter of the

congress. I am happy that so many of our people are

concerned to join the national movement.

The membership fees for $5.00 annually are charged.

When sending my letter to the President on

I would also like you to inform others to join

congress as we believe to have been at the same time

everywhere in South Africa and over the whole country to

officials of our people will have the privilege to appear and

present at all matters affecting them.

This is only to inform you of the African people from

the entire very best.

The membership fees are $5.00 annually.

to convince my words in writing to you.

In the case here: every African man and woman as

a member and organizer of congress so that as a united people we can

all participate in order to form an open line of the African on

participate in the struggle.
JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE JOHANNESBURG SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE SUB-COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, JOHANNESBURG, ON THURSDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1944 at 4 p.m.

PRESENT
Hon. J. D. F. Briggs (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Councillor Mrs. J. McPherson
Mrs. J. E. Robertson
Mrs. L. C. Keet
Miss D. Lindeman
Dr. Dexter Taylor.

QUORUM
As a quorum was not present, it was decided to proceed with the business and ask for confirmation of the business transacted at the next meeting of the Committee.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE
RESOLVED
That His Worship the Mayor (Councillor A. S. Holland), Prof. J. L. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ballinger, Miss Scheepers, Mrs. B. Solomon and Messrs. Clarke, Harsoy, Leon, Ballenen, Barnes, Murray, Dr. Gordon Laing and The Rev. Webb be granted leave of absence from this Committee.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
RESOLVED
That the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of December, 1944 be taken as read and confirmed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
Item 1a. Speakers: The Secretary pointed out that a request for a speaker had been received by the Saxonwold Branch of the United Party and that great difficulty had been encountered in trying to get one of the members of the Committee to speak. Mrs. Robertson suggested that members of the Committee be circulated and asked to state whether they are willing to speak and that those replying in favourable terms should be put on the panel of speakers. Miss Lindeman seconded this motion.

RESOLVED
That the secretary circulate to members of the Committee asking them to state whether they were willing to speak at meetings and that those replying favourably be put on the panel of speakers.

Item 1b. Poster Competition.
NOTED

Item 6. Organiser: The Secretary informed the members that a letter had been received from Durban, stating that many applications had been received and that they were now under consideration.

NOTED

3b. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
The chairman read two letters from Durban which recommended that Mr. Knowles and Mrs. Brady be co-opted onto the Committee.

RESOLVED
That Mr. Knowles and Mrs. Brady be co-opted to this Committee and that the Secretary contact them before the next meeting.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.
Item 1. Seasonal Greetings The Circular letter from Durban to all branches was read by the Secretary.

NOTED
Item 3. Slogan Mrs Robertson made enquiries as to how the winning slogan should be selected.

RESOLVED
That members of the Committee be circularised and asked to send in the five slogans which they considered to be the best on the list submitted to them, and that these selections be submitted to the Membership and Publicity Committee for their final choice. The date by which these replies were to be sent in was to be the 1st of February.

Item 3. Correspondence with Pretoria. The Chairman explained the situation in detail and read the full letter from Mr. Watson to Durban. After a short discussion it was decided to contact Mr. Reyburn for further information on the matter and to leave further discussions for the return of Prof. Grey.

RESOLVED
To leave the matter in abeyance until the next meeting and if necessary to convene a special Committee meeting to discuss a definite attitude towards Durban and to find out what was required from all branches, as there was dissatisfaction both here and in Pretoria at the attitude of criticism from Durban.

Item 4. Memorandum from the Bespoke Tailoring Industry.

NOTED

Item 5. Booklet After a short discussion on the necessity of having these booklets available for members of the Committee it was

RESOLVED
to order 50 copies and to have them on the table at the next meeting so that members could buy them if they desired to do so.

Items 6) As these items were of some importance and there was no quorum and the Chairman absent, it was

RESOLVED
to leave these points undecided and attend to them at the next meeting.

Item 11. Authority for Signature. The Secretary applied for authority to endorse cheques and to apply for the monthly bank statement with her own signature.

RESOLVED
That Mr. Murray write to the bank, giving this authority.

Item 12. Office Typewriter. As a typewriter was an absolute necessity, it was

RESOLVED
that the Secretary make enquiries whether a typewriter could be hired for the time being, with the option of buying the same on the authority of the Committee after the next meeting, if and when there was a quorum.

Item 13. Memberships

NOTED

Item 14. Expenditure

RESOLVED
That authority be given for the payment of the accounts as set out in this section of the Administrative Report.

Item 15. Income

NOTED

Item 16. Petty Cash Expenditure

RESOLVED
That the expenditure set out under this heading be confirmed.
Dear Sir/Madam,

We hope you are aware of the fact that the Native workers employed in the Power Industry are on strike, because of low wages and bad conditions of employment. It is now a period of over a year that these 4000 workers employed in this industry have been clamouring for decent wages and better conditions of employment, these demands have been brought before the Government with no avail.

We need not point out to you the serious consequences entailed in the action these workers have undertaken. A small donation from you shall greatly relieve the burden imposed on this organisation, we are also enclosing a statement on our demands and cause of the present dispute, and feel sure that once you have read it, you will be convinced of the justice of our fight.

Yours faithfully,
D. K. Mfili,
SECRETARY.