

Dear Everyone,

Further Conference material has come to hand from Natal Coastal :-Resolutions :

1. Conference notes the statements by members of the present cabinet that racial discrimination does not exist in South Africa and, in the light of these, asks the Prime Minister why racial discrimination still does exist in :

Voting rights	Issuing of passports.
Residential rights	Family Life.
Land Ownership	Education
Income Tax	Medical facilities
Seeking of employment	Non-racial entertainment (by permits)
Non-racial sport and recreation (by permits) etc.,	
2. Conference notes that it is the right of all aged people in South Africa to receive pensions and that numerous reports have been received of problems in all aspects of the payment of pensions to Africans in Natal. Conference therefore calls for a commission of inquiry into the payment of pensions to African people and in particular to the following :
 - (a) Delays in granting pensions.
 - (b) Payment of discriminatory and inadequate pensions to Africans.
 - (c) Applications of discriminatory and unsuitable means tests to Africans.
 - (d) Delays in the payment of pensions.
 - (e) Systems used for the payment of pensions and the conduct of the officials charged with this task.
 - (f) Indications of corruption in the making of payments.
3. Conference notes that a number of people are still restricted in terms of the Internal Security Act and that an unknown number of people are still detained and are still being detained under this Act, the Terrorism Act and the General Laws Amendment Act and once again calls upon the Minister of Justice to bring to court such evidence as he claims to have against these people and to allow their guilt or innocence to be decided in open court.
Conference also calls on the Minister of the Interior to give reasons why he is daily refusing and removing passports.
4. Conference asks the Minister of Finance to consider spending the gold bonanza on :
 1. Subsidy on essential food.
 2. Removal of General Sales Tax
 3. Establishment of training centres to reduce unemployment and to make the immigration of skilled workers unnecessary.
 4. Subsidy on transport for lower income groups.
 5. Establishment of security of tenure and services to enable people to build their own homes.

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1. Black Trade Unions.
2. Pensions.
3. Housing.

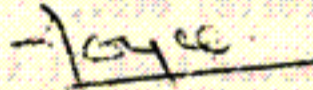
Closed Session :

Our programme leaves Tuesday night, 11th March, free for a closed session should Conference desire this. In any event it will be necessary to have a short closed session with chairmen of Regions to discuss a matter of urgent common interest and concern.

Advice Office Workshop.

Please remember to notify me as soon as possible about your time preference for the workshop.

My love to you all,



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NATIONAL PRESIDENT.