

REPORT OF MEETING BETWEEN CONGRESS
REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE OF THE AFRICAN TENANTS
AND PEASANTS ASSOCIATION HELD AT
4 LAKHANI CHAMBERS ON SATURDAY
11th JANUARY, 1947 AT 2. 45.p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Representing The Congress: Dr. B.T.Chetty, Messrs S.Goordeen,
M.D.Naidoo and K.P.Desai (Arrived
at 2.25.p.m.

Represent the African Tenants
and Peasants Association. Mr.S.Myeza (Secretary) Samson
Nquala (Chairman) G.Duma,
K. Kanyile, W.Albert, J.Ndingazi, M.Keso, and Joseph.

A full discussion took place in the course of which the
following facts were elicited:-

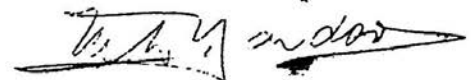
- 1) The African Tenants and Peasants Association was formed in August 1946.
- 2) From a membership of 30 it is now grown to 564.
- 3) Membership is distributed in Booth Road (375), Wiggins Road, Ridge View Road, Second River, Stella Hill, Mercbank and Newlands.
- 4) Representations were made to the Native Affairs Committee of the Durban City Council on the 13th November 1946 (Copy was forwarded to us)
- 5) A letter was written to the Minister of Justice re Night Pass Raids and the occupation of Shanties. (Promised to forward us a copy)
- 6) In the course of discussion the African Tenants and Peasants Association representatives explained that they required from the Natal Indian Congress (a) moral support for their endeavours to improve the condition of African Tenants and Peasants and (b) financial support in order to strengthen their organisation and make possible efficient work.
- 7) Their members pay an entrance fee of 2/- and monthly subscription of 1/-.
- 8) Their Executive meets fortnightly.
- 9) They are planning to have mass meetings as often as possible.
- 10) A large number of their members are also members of the African National Congress and other organisations.
- 11) So far these other organisations have not given any practical support of their activities.

12) Their average monthly income is in the region of £3 to £4.

After the above information had been obtained the representatives of the African Tenants and Peasants Association were informed :-

- (1) That it is not the policy of Congress to subsidise any organisation in its ordinary activities.
- (2) In accordance with its policy Congress was anxious to so conduct its affairs as to contribute towards the growth of confidence between the African and Indian peoples.
- (3) If any organisation, especially an African one, was faced with a struggle or any similar emergency situation Congress would favourably consider giving financial assistance.
- (4) Their representations would be submitted to Congress Executive and a further letter would be addressed to the African Tenants and Peasants Association.

Interview terminated at 3.30.p.m.



M.D.Naidoo.
Jt.Hon.Secretary.