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C.S. Ramohanoë Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Transvaal African Congress,  
140, 6th Avenue,  
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JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Ramohanoë,

I did not say that I was opposed to a conference of Non-European people.

I did say that the Transvaal African Congress, if the reports is correct that it is one of the Convenors of the conference, acted unwisely and unconstitutionally in becoming a co-convenor of the proposed conference.

As I told my colleague, Dr. Dadoo - the Secretary/Convenor, that it would have been better if the meeting were called by a group of Non-European Leaders of thought in the Transvaal without committing their organisations.

You, after discussing the matter with your Executive, should have consulted the National Congress for instructions as to the proper attitude and action to take since this conference affects Policy and Programme of Action.

Therefore, in your withdrawal, you have no right to blame the President-General; but yourself for having taken this ill-advised st without paying due regard to your Executive and the National body.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL  
AFRICAN NATIONAL  
CONGRESS.

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