

South African patriots and democrats, Congressmen and progressives to consider the urgency of building up a wide and representative peace movement. The democratic leaders of this country have called the people to prepare for the most important gathering ever convened in this country: the Congress of the People to frame the Charter of the people's demands for Freedom. The breadth and vision of this undertaking, its appeal to all sections of our people of all races and colours, the immediate and inspiring response wherever the people have listened to the Call: all these are potent signs that the country is ready to advance to democracy, and that the Congress of the People is indeed, as Moses Kotane has shown, "South Africa's Way Forward."

The Malanites will try to stifle the truth of the Call to the Congress with lies, to strangle the movement of the people with provocations, repressions and violence. They shall not succeed.

They will fail because the movement of the people of South Africa is united, conscious and determined as never before, and because we live in a world where the people are vigilantly on guard for peace. But let us have no illusions. Let us not ask against whom war is being prepared, for whom the bullets are intended. They are meant for us. Only the conscious determined participation of the South African people in defence of peace can avert the massacre that is being plotted. No task before us is more urgent.

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Better Late than Never," they say. Of course it is better not to be late; some of our readers may have begun to fear we were never going to bring out this number.

Well, you've guessed the main reason for the delay, the chronic shortage of funds that has dogged this little magazine since its inception. We are not going to labour this point. We know how many calls there are on all democratic people to give financial support to deserving causes. At the same time we do ask you to consider whether theoretical clarity is not essential for sound construction, and whether a journal of democratic discussion is not indispensable as the freedom movement in this country advances to new, crucial struggles.

We think that "Liberation" has an irreplaceable function to carry out. We plan, in addition to regular publication in future, to add a number of well-known and distinguished writers to our list of contributors. An important article by Mr. Moses Kotane has been prepared for our next issue, in which this brilliant analyst carries forward the theme of economic reforms for the Freedom Charter which he initiated in his widely-discussed pamphlet "South Africa's Way Forward." We plan to print regular features specially written by well-known friends of South Africa abroad.

We ask you to help us realise these plans by donating every month to our printing fund.