

80 Harrington St.  
Cape Town.  
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Rev. Z. R. Mahabane,  
Boichoko Parsonage,  
Kroonstad.

Dear Sir,

I do not know ~~how~~ what the position out your way is, but down here people seem to be becoming alert politically. The holiday period has been fruitful in so far as it has given me an opportunity to discuss political matters with visitors from various parts of the Union and I must say that my impression of a growing political alertness is confirmed. People ~~we~~<sup>I</sup> did not know came to look me up because they were hungry for discussion and sought clarification on a number of points. We have been holding a few meetings and giving reports on the decisions of the Convention. The reception has been good. We have planned a series of meetings in the environs of C. Town and the last will be in the second week of February. Thereafter I intend to launch out further afield. The Anti-C.A.D. has decided to send out speakers to cover as much of the Cape Province as possible with a view to organising the Coloured people both for the Anti-C.A.D. and the Unity Conferences. They have appealed to us, the Convention, to do the same.

This brings me to the subject of our last discussion when we met. You will remember that you asked me to come up to the Free State and join you in a tour of the Province for the purpose of organising for the Convention. I said then that I would put the proposition before our local committee. They all feel that it is a chance to take with both hands. If we ever want to survive, if we want to build the Convention and the Unity Movement, the time is now. We must not fail. I have therefore decided to accept your invitation. ~~W~~ I shall be ready to arrive there about the 15th or 16th Feb. Please tell me if that will suit you.

I hope to come up by car, so that we may cover as large an area as possible within the shortest possible time. I would also like to do the Transkei after that, if it is possible to fit it in before Easter. This means therefore that before I leave C. Town I ~~must~~ must have some idea as to how long it would take us to do the Free State, so that if I do the Transkei I can tell them beforehand when I shall be there. That will give them sufficient time to organise their meetings for me.

What I suggest is: 1. That you wire me immediately to tell me if I can come up on the day suggested. 2. That you draw up an iténary with possible dates and possible places and forward that to me. 3. That you write to your various contacts in the different places asking them to arrange meetings on those dates.

\* With a car we should be able to hold many meetings in a very short time. It is important to me to know the date of our last meeting there so that I may be able to plan the next stage.

I am looking forward to this trip with you.

Give my regards to all at home.

Yours sincerely,

I.B.Tabata.