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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

104 End Street,
Doornfontein,
JOHANNESBURG,
21/9/46.

Emergency Conference Of All Africans.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The recent adjournment of the Natives' Representatives Council, which has met with general approval among the Africans, as a protest against the deteriorating Herrenvolk Government Native Policy and the disregard by the Government of their Representations and those of African Organisations and their leaders has created a national political crisis and has put an individual personal responsibility on all Africans, men and women to rise to action and do their part in national interest.

You are, therefore, invited to attend an emergency National Conference of all Africans at Bloemfontein on Sunday and Monday 6th and 7th October 1946 respectively.

Men and women workers, Teachers, ministers of religions and their members, lawyers, Doctors, Chiefs and anyothers who can arrange to attend at such short notice are urged to be present. Africans of all description or outlook are cordially invited as an answer to the call and to unity to come and give their views as to the next step the people and Council in view of the present situation should take to establish their claim to full citizenship and the rights appertaining thereto.

The Council has taken the initiative to call public attention to the farcial position of the Native Representatives Council. To leave them now to decide and to take the next step alone without full mandate, full support and full share of responsibility by their African leaders, organisations and the rest of the eight million Africans will not only lead to confusion—but worse than that—it will lead to a betrayal of national unity as well as the betrayal of the national cause itself.

None of us, at this juncture, can stand out as armchair critics of either the Council or of one another. We must meet and play our full part in a plan for our national freedom. We owe it to ourselves, our children, to our people, and to the future peace between white and black in South Africa.

The South African Native Policy is a portent of dangerous race and colour conflicts which we must do our full part to prevent.

Members of the Native Representative Council will attend. Come and hear them give their report. They want to hear your views on the work of the Council.

Attend the Conference by all means at your disposal. Come by car, taxi, or train. If no booking is possible come third class. For goodness sake come anyhow.

The cause of freedom of Africans in South Africa demands that all African men and women with self respect and race pride wherever they are must rise and meet this crisis at the Conference and in their respective areas.

If you cannot attend the Conference send us your views, your support, and your encouragement. If you fail to do any of these you will have betrayed no one except yourself and the cause of freedom for your people.

Yours for the freedom of the African,

A. B. XUMA,

President-General

African National Congress.