

MEMORANDUM TO THE MINISTER OF PLURAL RELATIONS FROM THE
CONGRESS OF THE CISKEI NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY HELD
AT NTABAKANDODA, ZWELITSHA AS FROM 13 - 15 APRIL 1979

The Congress of the C N I P held at Ntabakandoda attended by 21 000 Ciskeians and decided unanimously to send a memorandum to the Minister of Plural Relations and Development as an expression of its demands on the Republic of South Africa.

1(a) The Congress strongly condemns the Development Trust and Land Act, of 1936 and its method of application. The land allocated to the Ciskeian Black State must be handed over directly to the Homeland. As long as the Republican government does not accede to this urgent demand the policy of Separate Development is meaningless. In the event of failure to comply with this burning issue the Republican Government must expect direct confrontation.

1(b) Consolidation of Land

As a result of the iniquitous 1913 Land Act, the division of land is unreasonable and disproportionate, since 18 million Blacks have been allocated 13% of the available land as against 1% to Coloureds and Asiatics and 86% to only 4 million Whites.

On the basis of the above statistics the Congress vehemently deplores this unChristian and evil division of land among the population groups of South Africa. This Act perpetuates white supremacy over the Black mass and strains race relations. The Congress unanimously resolved that the Republican Government repeals this ungodly act unconditionally and forthwith.

As a result of this Act the Ciskeian government finds it difficult to resettle its subjects who are displaced which results in undesirable squatting leading to the prosecution of its citizens.

2. Ciskeian Boundaries:

The Congress demands the immediate restoration of the historic boundaries of the Ciskei stretching from the Great Fish to the Kei rivers and from the Stormberg Mountains to the Indian Ocean.

The present so-called "White Corridor" which is deliberately left for espionage practices to the advantage of the whites, must disappear. All races living in this area will be regarded as Ciskeian citizens because the Ciskei believes strongly in a happy multi-racial society divorced from foreign ideologies. The Ciskei believes in peace and prosperity for all. The corridor will always be a symbol of confrontation and suspicion do not see its need in international politics. The corridor is also a ridiculous exercise as it is bigger than the entire consolidated Ciskei.

3. The development of the Ciskei

The budget allocated for the general development of the Ciskei Black State is insufficient. In order to accelerate development more funds should be made available. Old projects cannot be continued and new ones cannot be instituted because of the meagre amount. With the recent announcement of improvements of salaries, the Ciskeian Government will be hard-pressed to meet its obligation towards its civil servants. The Congress frowns on the idea that the Ciskeian Government should run to Pretoria every year with a cap in hand in order to get additional funds. It would appear that there is only one partner who is active (Ciskei) the Republican Government is ~~as~~ A

sleeping partner whereas Homelands concept means sincerity of both partners.

The Ciskei National Development Corporation: LOANS

The CNDC which is a corporation aimed at the development of the Ciskei is not controlled by our government. It operates solely on an agency basis. As far as Congress is concerned the CNDC is not a development corporation but a money-making monopolistic concern furthering its own ends filling the coffers of Pretoria and creating jobs for pals. To illustrate this point, in townships such as Mdantsane, Zwelitsha, Sada and Dimbaza where CNDC has assisted by giving loans, its interest rates are too high and not accessible to the average Ciskeian. The Congress demands a 22¹/₂% interest rate on loans from the CNDC having regard to the fact that it is for the development of the Ciskei. It is with broken hearts we see that the CNDC has failed lamentably in agricultural schemes, hence there is no meal for a day for the average Ciskeian, (flickering signs of chaos and destruction from hungry uncontradable crowds. Action now).

(a) Health services:

The Congress finds it very strange that people are penalised for identifying themselves as Ciskeians. The Congress condemned in strongest terms the unsumpathetic practise exercised by the Frontier Hospital in Queenstown which is 25 km away and refuses to accommodate patients from Hewu, Zweledinga and Thornhill because they happen to originate from the Ciskei. The result is that many Ciskeians have died on their way to Mdantsane's, Cecilia Makiwane Hospital which is more than 200 km away. It is necessary to

mention Grey Hospital in King William's Town and Frere Hospital in East London where Ciskeians are not attended to even if they are on the verge of dying. A Ciskeian official in the offices of the Ciskeian Embassy in Port Elizabeth could not be conveyed by an ambulance although she was seriously ill because the ambulance unfortunately was for whites only. What grieves the responsible Ciskeian is the wider gap which is created between a Black and White when the enemy is watching joyfully. These unChristian, diabolical and ungodly malpractices are deplored by Ciskeians in unmistakable terms as they will lead to confrontation and worsening race relations.

(b) Job Reservation:

The Congress resolved that the time had now come for special and urgent attention to be given to this thorny and disturbing issue. Ciskeian citizens are scattered all over the Republic and the country takes a keen interest in the affairs of its people wherever they are. We, therefore, feel that industry must employ more of our people since it leans heavily on our patronage. To cite a few instances in King William's Town, East London, and Port Elizabeth the chain stores like Checkers, O.K. PEP, JINX etc employ Coloureds as cashiers and shop-assistants in preference to the many Blacks who support these concerns.

If there is a failure to meet this demand in the foreseeable future Ciskeians will be compelled to withdraw from buying from these stores, starvation is not something new to us. Whilst the whites are moving Blacks from Duncan Village to Mdantsane they are giving way to the ever favoured coloureds in the Ciskei where a Coloured Township Breidbach is developed. If the concept of separate Development is meaningful the Ciskeians question the Republican Government for accommodating the Coloureds in the Ciskei whereas in terms of the same policy the Western Cape is a Coloured preferential area.

Congress challenges and deplores this unChristian application practice of double standards. The Congress doubts whether the Republican Government is sincere in its policy of Separate Development. The Congress concluded that the Republican Government has no set policy which it follows to the letter in this regard. . What a golden chance lost!

Influx control regulations in terms of the Urban Areas consolidation Act No.25 of 1945.

- (i) . . The mobility of Blacks is theoretically allowed by Administration Boards but there are restrictions which make the Act futile and impractical. The regional boundaries force the Black man to sell his labour in a limited area. The Congress felt that the whole system is a trick. The Congress demands the immediate unconditional abolition of the Influx Control Regulations in order that Ciskeians may sell their labour wherever they wish as do all other racial groups in South Africa.
- (ii) The influx control regulations clearly stipulate that a man in the Urban Areas cannot marry a woman from non-prescribed areas and Homelands. The Congress feels it is against the ethics of a free human society since a man should have freedom of choice for his life-partner as is the case with the other racial groups. If the Republic of South Africa introduces any changes and looks for acceptance to the free world, this ungodly practise must be eliminated immediately. Nearer home the wrath of the youth will sweep the parents aside but it will be a boomerang to white survival.
- (iii) This act also affects farm labourers who are a constant labour pool in non-prescribed areas and are not allowed to work in prescribed urban areas. In terms of the act a non-prescribed area is an area set aside in the rural areas and white owned

farms where Blacks provide cheap labour as farm labourers. The head of the family works for the farmer. The owner of the farm takes control of the whole family to work for him. The father is John (boy) the sacredness of a happy family life is seen as pastures for whites only. There are quoted instances where young and school-going children are compelled to join the farmers labour force. If these unfortunate young persons disagree or the parents protest, the farmer instantly dismisses the whole family. If they leave the farm the hated Influx Control regulations is a monster debarring their entry into the prescribed urban area. The Ciskeian government on the other hand is unable to give these people decent homes because of the shortage of land and the meagre budget at their disposal. Several times the budget of the Ciskei small as it is solves the problems of the Republican government e.g. Ndevana settlement and great numbers of scholars who run away to the Ciskei to get their education in fear of future riots.

- (iv) Concerning contract labourers, the yearly contract is too short for any man to gain proficiency or make a decent living since he has to be repatriated at the end of that period without gaining any experience and efficiency by mastering the techniques in his newly acquired job. This is one of the causes of inflation because he loses his experience, because his skills are wasted and a new man has to be trained. The social evils attached are marriages that are on the rocks and poor moral behaviour of men divorced from their homes by the evil act.

The congress demands extension of contracts to a period of at least three years as well as married quarters for the labourers to allow regular visits

by their spouses as is the case with the blessed whites of South Africa and also as is the case in Switzerland and Canada etc. (Germany) From time immemorial Blacks who have directly or indirectly contributed to the wealth and welfare of the Republic of South Africa have been subjected mercilessly to the suppressive, inhuman and racial discriminatory laws by virtue of the black pigmentation of their skins.

Congress demands that Ciskeians be treated with human dignity, respect and the integrity they deserve, as is the case with the other racial groups. Preferential treatment is an unforgivable sin in the eyes of the Almighty.

The Chief Minister reported to Congress the progress made on the consolidation of the Ciskei by the inclusion into its territory of farms which have already been bought but are not handed over to the Ciskei or placed under direct control of the Ciskeian government. It was a shock to Congress and a tense atmosphere prevailed when it learnt of the indifferent and disappointing attitude of the Deputy Minister of Plural Relations and Development who in spite of repeated negotiations deliberately and blatantly refused to co-operate. This sinister attitude is disturbing the nation and his unwarranted action has forced congress to advocate a direct confrontation on this matter. To avoid such an unpleasant eventuality the Deputy Minister responsible for land matters must know that the Chief Minister is our mouthpiece. Congress mandated the Chief Minister to have no more dealings with the present Deputy Minister on land matters but to deal directly with the Minister himself, however the Chief Minister made an appeal to the Congress to give the Deputy Minister another chance. It is needless to say that he had to take time to cool down and convince the congress.

Proclamation R293 of 1962

Since the Ciskei is a self-governing territory the congress strongly rejects to the townships within its jurisdiction being governed under Proclamation R293 of 1962 which is in fact a duplication of the iniquitous Urban Areas Consolidation Act No.25 of 1945.

In townships like Mdantsane the management should be directly under the council which is a local authority.

The Congress resolved unanimously that these townships within the jurisdiction of the Ciskei must be controlled directly by the Ciskei.

The practice that the township should be administered by seconded officials who receive instructions from Pretoria should cease. We as the Congress of the CNIP demand a clear policy because nothing will be accepted by the Ciskeians except direct handover and control by our government.

The Congress from a report received from Ciskeians in the Eastern Cape particularly Port Elizabeth where the development of Black townships was previously handled by the Administration Board's work force, learnt with surprise that building contractors are now employing Coloured personnel on building projects. This situation reflects unfavourably on the community councils.

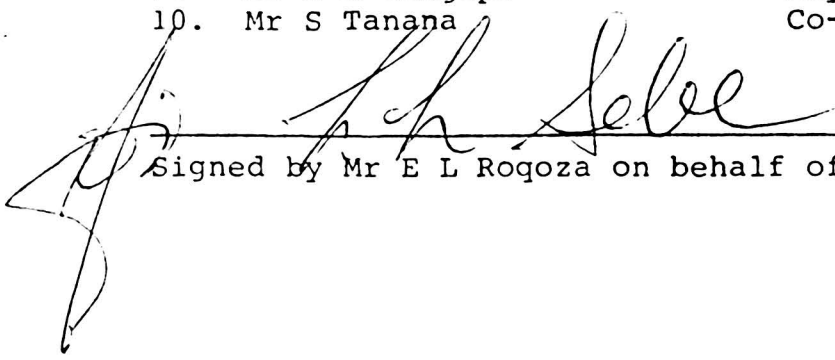
It is therefore felt that the coloured population is being allowed an unfair advantage to the detriment of the Blacks in that they are allowed in all areas as workmen whilst our Ciskeians in urban areas and in Port Elizabeth in particular are only allowed to operate as artisans in their own area. This is even more alarming now that unemployment is rife. We therefore feel that a directive from Plural Relations

and community Development must be issued to the Administration Boards to allow only Black men in their areas. The Congress demands a policy stimulating the creation of maximum job opportunities by the effective relaxation of job reservation and colour discrimination in industry. The Congress and removal of all legal and conventional restrictions for upward mobility for all sections of the populations and has resolved that the time has now come for special and urgent attention to be given to this thorny and disturbing issue of the principle of adopting of job rating and equal pay for equal work for all men irrespective of their colour. The Congress was rudely shocked to learn that salaries of Ministers and M P's in particular are lower than those of teachers. This makes a mockery of whole Homeland concept and further more the intellectuals feel it is done deliberately in order to mark time (ja-baas) in order that illeterate people should come in who will be thankful for the half a loaf, hence the youth call everybody a stooge because how can a man live up to his status with chicken mash salary.

It is not intended to be taken as confrontation but as an answer to our mutual problems and solutions in the time we live.

Compiled by the Commission especially appointed by Congress to draw a memorandum for submission to the Chief Minister to forward to Commissioner General for onward transmission to Minister of Plural Relation.

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