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## After the Conference

The Seventh Annual Conference of the Industrial and Commercial Workers' Union (I.C.U.) is now a matter of history—history that will remain green in the memories of all patriotic Non-Europeans of South Africa. If there was one thing that the Conference revealed it was the solidarity of the Native and Coloured working classes of to-day. This unity of spirit is undoubtedly due to the revolting legislation contemplated by the Union Government.

We learn from the daily press reports that the Prime Minister (who is also Minister for Native Affairs) was quite willing that the Native Administration Bill (otherwise known as the Seditious Bill) should go to a Select Committee, but he would not allow any evidence to be taken, as there was no need for it. We have no doubt that the whole of the civilised world will be surprised at this statement, as it reveals the sad lack of justice that the Prime Minister possessed. Here was an instance where a most important—and unjust—law was being passed against the Native peoples of South Africa, yet the Minister who is supposed to represent these people refuses to allow them to give evidence. The world at large will know what to think of such unjust tactics.

In a recent interview with a representative of the "Star," Mr. C. F. Glass, Secretary of the Witwatersrand Tailors' Association, said that during the debate in Parliament on the Seditious Bill, one thing that surprised him was the failure of the Labour members to defend their fellows in the trade union movement who have been attacked by General Hertzog and his colleagues. The Labour Party has not shone in this matter, and if they allowed trade unionists, in the performance of their duties, to be attacked by the Government, they would hear more about it at the next general election. The attitude of the Labour Party on this matter can only be described as one of cowardly silence. It was, however, not too late to mend matters, and he trusted they would realise that the attacks made by the Prime Minister on trade union leaders represented an attack on the whole working class movement. In conclusion, Mr. Glass said that he had nothing to withdraw about the speech he recently made at a mass meeting of the I.C.U., and further, that he would continue to carry on propaganda among any section of the working class.

Although we do not necessarily identify ourselves with all statements made by white or black politicians or trade unionists, we think we can support Mr. Glass in his contention that the Labour Party has shown scant support in fighting against the Seditious Bill. Congratulations, however, have to be extended to Mr. Barlow for the bold stand he made against the onslaught of General Hertzog's generals.

Mr. Marwick (S.A.P., Illovo), a political clown of the first water, attempted to convey to Parliament that this journal had published an article in which a "most insulting reference had been made to the Governor-General." We deny this, and publish the article below in small type, in order to show how readily people like Mr. Marwick are to misrepresent matters.

Here are our comments with regards to Lord Athlone and King Sobhuza, and it was not written by Mr. Kadalie at all:—

Although it is an unpleasant task, we feel it our duty not to ignore the recent conference of Lord Athlone and the Swazis. To our humble mind it seems that the Governor-General was rather too stern with Sobhuza. It is the ardent duty of rulers to discourage and suppress unrest and disloyalty, but we have not reached that stage yet where a ruling Chief could be threatened with deposition just because he persists in seeking redress from what seems to him an injustice. Whether Sobhuza's complaints were frivolous or well-founded, skillful and diplomatic negotiations should be employed by an authority so highly placed as the Governor-General.

We are not aware of serious internal upheavals in Sobhuza's country similar to recent scenes at Serowe or Bambata's "protest" in Natal many years ago, or the memorable "armed protest" of 1914. What then should prompt the Governor-General to be so stern as to humiliate him to the dust under the very eyes of the highest and best of his subjects? Will a wise statesman expect such measures to make for contentment and discipline? We hold no brief for Sobhuza, neither are we very conversant with the internal affairs of his country, other than the fact that ever since he was cast upon the shores of Swaziland incorporated in the Union of South Africa. But that could possibly not have been in His Excellency's mind when he publicly reprimanded Sobhuza. All we can say is that the incident seems to be due to an unfortunate and sorrowful lack of diplomacy.

The last paragraph of the article complained of by Mr. Marwick was culled from "Lansbury's Weekly," and if it did not please Marwick then it does not concern us in the least. But this man Marwick has always been a political coward. When Dr. Abdurhman, according to press reports, said that the Europeans of this country were made up of scum from the slums of Europe and vomited on to the shores of Africa, Marwick was then very quiet. We know why he was so quiet.

## CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS

That this Congress emphatically condemns the Native Administration Bill. It is anti-British and an unjust interference with free speech and the liberty of the subject. We are convinced that Clauses 25 and 26 is a deliberate attempt to prevent the legitimate Trade Union Organisation of the Native Workers. We strongly resent the introduction of a Bill of this nature and applying it only to one section of the community.

The introduction of measures of this nature makes us despair of healthy relationship between White and Black which is so essential for the future welfare of South Africa. We therefore respectfully call upon the Government to withdraw this retrograde undemocratic and criminal manufacturing measure.

Further, that this Congress instruct the National Secretary to forward copies of this resolution to the Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet, and all members of Parliament.

Further, that in the event of this measure becoming law, this Congress instruct the National Council Executive Bureau (or National Secretary) to use every means within its power to resist the operation of the Act, and we hereby pledge ourselves and the members whom we represent to loyally support, carry out and abide by any action we may be called upon to take.

That this Congress respectfully call upon the Government to extend the Wages Act to include domestic and agricultural and all other workers, so that every worker in the Union may earn a wage that will ensure him or her maintaining a decent standard of life. Further, it instructs the National Council to negotiate for a minimum wage of 8s. per day for all adult unskilled workers through the medium of the Wage Board. (Moved and seconded.)

That while the National Council of the I.C.U. welcomes the suggestion for a Non-European Conference arranged to be held at Kimberley in June next, in view of the fact that the Conveners of this Conference have been and are recognised as agents of certain political parties, and as the I.C.U. is essentially a Trade Union Organisation, decides to send an unofficial delegation to Kimberley with a specific purpose to watch that those well-known political agents do not use that Conference for their self interest.

### MAY DAY.

That this Congress of the I.C.U. reaffirms the resolution of the previous Conference that May Day be celebrated by all Branches of the Organisation, with the same breath, it desires to register its willingness of upholding it as a day for demonstrating the International solidarity of Labour and the symbol of class struggle. Further, that the National Council be instructed to arrange ways and means for May Day demonstrations and resolutions.

That the people of Basutoland are very anxious to be organised and are very easy to organise; it is therefore desirable to ask Congress to delegate an Organiser to tour Basutoland. (Adopted.)

That in the opinion of this Congress we consider that the time has arrived when both white and black workers of South Africa join in one national Trade Union Movement with a view to presenting a united front against one common enemy—namely, the arbitrary and unlimited powers of capitalism, and that this resolution be telegraphed to the South African Trade Union Congress now in session at Capetown.

That the deputation appointed to interview the Government with reference to the Pass Laws be instructed to request the Government to appoint a Commission to enquire into the position of the Native Workers in South Africa as recommended by the Wage and Economic Commission. (Carried.)

That this Congress of the Industrial and Commercial Workers' Union of Africa condemns in toto the Native Pass Laws as present in operation in the Union of South Africa as being unjust, iniquitous, brutal and a disgrace to any civilised country.

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This is economically unsound and an act of injustice to the Coloured and Black workers of South Africa which is causing serious unrest throughout the country. Therefore this Congress calls upon the Government to stop this iniquitous policy and to employ their labour, on the sound principles of economic value and physical and mental fitness for the work, irrespective of race or colour. (Carried unanimously.)

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NOTE.—Owing to pressure on our space the National Secretary's Report had to be held over. It is a very important work, therefore we shall publish it in the next issue, with comments.—[Ed.]

## Seventh African Labour

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On behalf of this Union, let me say that I have never met a European like our legal adviser, Mr. Cowley, of the firm of Cowley and Cowley. I look upon him as the greatest gentleman in Durban—and Natal for that matter. When things were looking black and dark cloud loomed the horizon, Mr. Cowley came to our rescue and showed that he was a sincere friend of the black man. I think members and delegates will agree that a man who gives up his livelihood for the protection of an inarticulate people is indeed a brave and true man.

Here in Durban, Natives are in many instances compelled to forego payment of their wages for many months because they have no machinery—barring certain type of greedy lawyer shark—to get the money back. The more we are oppressed, the softer become the hearts of our people in sympathy with the movement. I have heard threatening talks of deportation, am not afraid of that kind of silly talk. I will remain in Durban and agitate for the emancipation of our oppressed race. After this Congress, will tour Natal and Zululand and establish branches in all the important industrial centres. (Applause.) The establishment of I.C.U. branches will not only be my theme—I will consult the best brains of the Zulu and use them in the cause which will be their mutual upliftment.

I was quite surprised when I heard that a ban had been placed on the free movement of Comrade Kadalie last year. I there and then made up my mind that the legality of the ban must be tested. The news that Kadalie had been arrested in this very town, only a few hundred yards away from where I am now standing, came to the Zulus like a stroke of thunder or a flash of lightning. Natives in all parts of the country asked themselves what he had become of the British laws of freedom or free speech? Had Britons become so arrogant as to jump over their own principles, of which they had boasted so much when they said "Britons never will be slaves." Is Kadalie not a British subject? Did he not fight in the Great War, and assist both the British and South African Governments? (Cries of Shame! Where's the Mayor?) I appeal to the north, south, east and west of Africa; we could be these people hollow, because of their injustice.

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"In South Africa," continued Comrade Champion,

the white Labour Party have become such traitors that their doom is sealed unless they are prepared to take the hand of the masses. The higher we oppressed people go, the lower will these traitors sink. I ask them, in the name of freedom and justice, to consider the advisability and wisdom of giving us the hand of comradeship.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

The President, Comrade J. G. Gumbs, now delivered his annual address. It is regretted, however, that through a mistake our representative did not take down the President's speech, as he thought it would be handed to him in written form.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The National Secretary, Comrade Clements Kadalie, now read his annual report, the full text of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

DELEGATES ENTERTAINED TO TEA BY MR. TYEB.

After the National Secretary's report was read, and a few other preliminaries had been gone through, all the delegates were invited to tea by Mr. Tyeb, a well-known and wealthy merchant of Durban.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th.

Congress opened with the singing of the African National Anthem, after which the roll of delegates was called by the National Secretary.

After some preliminary skirmishes, it was agreed that two interpreters be employed. Comrade Mtyali of Maritzburg and Comrade Ramonti of Witbank were therefore voted to be Zulu and Sesuto interpreters respectively.

A FAVOURITE RUB DOWN.

The goffer, the footballer, and the all-round athlete know the value of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is just the thing for a rub down after a hard game.

A letter from the African Peoples Organisation (A.P.O.) and a cable from London were read and adopted, the text of which will be found in another column under all the resolutions and correspondence.

It was, however, decided that although the invitation from the A.P.O. was received in a friendly spirit, the I.C.U. could not actually accept it, but that a non-official delegate would be sent to the conference at Kimberley to watch the proceedings.

Comrade CONAN DOYLE MODIAKOTLA (Kimberley), speaking to the invitation of the A.P.C. for an I.C.U. representative to be sent to the non-European conference to be held at Kimberley in June, said that all those who will attend that gathering are politicians, and the I.C.U. will of necessity need watchdogs to be present.

After the NATIONAL SECRETARY had given the Kimberley officials a good telling-off for identifying, or attempting to identify themselves with this conference without the sanction of the National Council, he moved for the adjournment of the House in order to enable the National Council to prepare the agenda for debate.

A telegram was now read from the Benoni Branch, which reads: "Accept congratulations. Sound the alarm. God bless Africa."

After a letter from the Independent Labour Party was read, the PRESIDENT drew the attention of the House to the importance of the communication, and said that the delegates should feel proud of themselves.

Comrade THOS. MBEKI (Provincial Secretary, Transvaal) moved for the adoption of the letter and impressed upon the delegates that this was the only union that was sympathetic towards the I.C.U.

A letter from the "Hands-off-China" Committee was read, and will be found on another page.

Comrade C. DOYLE MODIAKOTLA (Bloemfontein) moved for the acceptance of the letter as well as resolution attached, pledging moral support. "No matter where we are," said the speaker, "as long as we workers are affected we are in duty bound to give our support."

Comrade R. G. DE NORMAN

(Acting Provincial Secretary, Western Province, Capetown), in supporting the motion of the last speaker, said he was pleased that such a resolution came from the rank and file.

After tea several members of the Rustomjee Club delivered fitting speeches. What tickled our reporter, however, was when a certain European trades unionist referred in unprintable terms to the Mayor of Durban.

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At this juncture Comrade MZAZI (East London) pointed out that members of the public were mixing up with the delegates, and that there was a danger of non-delegates also voting.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT GENEVA.

The NATIONAL SECRETARY said that, since the I.C.U.

was formed in 1917 and since the Bloemfontein Conference of 1920, the Geneva Conference was always regarded as a most important question to us.

At Bloemfontein, and again at Port Elizabeth in 1921, they challenged the attempt to elect the late Mr. Archie Crawford to represent the non-European workers at Geneva.

Comrade DOYLE MODIAKOTLA (Bloemfontein), in supporting the above, said he wished to move a direct motion as he thought it high time to send a representative to Geneva, where there will be no dictation.

Continuing, the NATIONAL SECRETARY said he had other correspondence but he could not read it as their time was very valuable.

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His reason for making this provision was that Geneva is in Switzerland, and if Comrade Kadalie attended only at Geneva Conference he would only come in contact with the Swiss people.

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jumped up and both attempted to address the Congress on irrelevant matters, but the Chairman severely rebuked them.

Comrade ALEX. P. MADUNA (Provincial Secretary, Eastern Province, Port Elizabeth) suggested that the debate be left over till after lunch, so as to amend if necessary and to show the white people that we mean business and that we are not going hurly-scoury over our work.

The motion for adjournment was supported by the National Secretary, and the house adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th, 2.30 p.m.

At the opening of the afternoon session a telegram was read and adopted from Port Elizabeth branch, as follows:—"I.C.U. members in Port Elizabeth wish Congress full success."

Comrade ALEX. P. MADUNA, continuing the debate, said he wished our European friends fully to understand that our objection to be represented by a European delegate was not because he was a white man, but because the white man is selfish, and besides being selfish, knows nothing about the grievances and sufferings of the Natives in this country.

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This was agreed to, and Comrade Keable Mote read out the amended motion, which appears elsewhere.

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was present in the hall Comrade S. M. Pietersen, of the Durban Dock Workers. At the firm with which Mr. Pietersen was associated he had instructed all the non-European workers to join the I.C.U.

At this juncture Comrade KEABLE MOTE (Free State) attempted to challenge the bonafides of Comrade Pietersen, but he was sharply pulled up by the Chairman.

Comrade J. MZAZI (East London), in seconding the motion of the National Secretary, said delegates should be careful what they say. Here we have passed a resolution in favour of the "Hands-off-China" movement, and Comrade Kadalie has been elected to go and place our case before the white workers of Europe.

In reply to this, Comrade Mote asked Mr. Pietersen point blank whether or not he was a Communist—to which Mr. Pietersen replied "No."

At this juncture the National Secretary explained the whole position, and trounced Mote in such a manner that he looked like a naughty boy.

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MATTER OF URGENCY. At this juncture the National Secretary moved...

CONGRESS (continued)

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In no other country in the world can a handful of foreigners rule six million people...

Comrade ANDREW FREDERICKS (Kimberley) said he did not think the latter part of the resolution was essential...

RETRENCHMENT OF NATIVES ON RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS. Comrade CLEMENS KADALIE (National Secretary)...

Comrade ALFRED MNIKA (East London) supported the General Secretary's motion...

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GROUP PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN. At this hour the Congress adjourned for the usual annual photograph...

Comrade THEO. B. LUJIZA (Provincial Secretary, Border and Transkei) said Congress should clearly understand...

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE I.C.U. Being: (a) Its affiliation to the I.F.T.U. at Amsterdam...

Comrade CLEMENS KADALIE (National Secretary) said that the position had already been fully explained...

Comrade THEO. RAMONTI (Branch Secretary, Witbank), in supporting what the National Secretary had just said...

The National Secretary then read a letter from the Independent Labour Party of Great Britain...

Since the Headquarters of the I.C.U. had been removed to Johannesburg, great progress had been made...

Comrade SAM DUNN (Acting General Secretary, Headquarters) moved that, in view of the importance of this matter...

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Comrade SIMON ELIAS (Bloemfontein) said that as far as he was concerned he would say 'Away with Communism' as he did not think that South African Natives knew or cared much about communism...

Comrade R. G. DE NORMAN (Provincial Secretary, Western Province, Capetown) said that as he was not present at the Port Elizabeth Council meeting...

Comrade ITHOLENG (Branch Secretary, Kimberley): It seems as if the National Council did not come to a unanimous agreement at Port Elizabeth.

Comrade CLEMENS KADALIE (National Secretary): At Port Elizabeth the Capetown members of the National Council boycotted us with their absence...

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MAY DAY CELEBRATION IN ALL CENTRES. Comrade THOS. MBEKI (Transvaal) moved that May Day be celebrated in accordance...







Ibazo Lase Fidasi

Mhleli wopepa labasebenzi make nditete malunga noma...

Indawo yokungaba nayayitenga elizweni lenu le Union...

Magnalandini asezigqobokeni naka nenza ntonina? Umlhlan...

Iqaba kude kube namhla utsho kuyisa kasi nakuninakasi.

Liti elam Madoda mudodana, Boma, nani zintombi njengelika...

Inteto Malunga Nabantwana Bokuzalwa Be Afrika

Mhleli we "Workers' Herald": Manditete nkosi yam, kuko...

Yekani noyiswe kunjalonje apo usizi lukona kuyo yonke...

Kute cwaka nama kosikazi mandenze umbuzo. Ka namhla...

Quba mfo ka Kadalie iyabonwa imisebenzi yako...

Ndiyabulela rahleli. J. J. MULE. Roodepoort.

VUKANI

Amadodana Axolele Uruba Isizwe Sihlale Ebukodokeni...

Mhleli wopepa labasebenzi fakela kwa kwelo pepa lesizwe...

Nesike isimanga mhleli zawe Mlesi watunyelwa endaweni...

Ziko zinzindi into nje nifana nabantwana wati wati u Yeru...

Fundani lamazwi. Cingani lamazwi. Yenzani lamazwi...

Ndizokuyeka Mhleli nanko oka Kadalie oshyie ilizwe lokuza...

Umuuzana lo ukwele egula, epetwe yiliva yase Tekwini...

"I Conference I.C.U. Etekwini"

"Ngukade Ebona"

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Ngamhla zi ngu 15th kule nyanga edhlulileyo u April...

Kwati ngolwesine, ngo 3.15 p.m. kuzo kushaye u 7.30 p.m...

Kwabonakala, kulo ipepa labe lungu u "Natal Advertiser" nga...

UMNUMZANA CLEMENTS KADALIE UKWELE.

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Umuuzana lo ukwele egula, epetwe yiliva yase Tekwini. Nosuku lokumka kwake aluzange...

wepepa le se Natal "ILANGA" waye kona impela. Kuteke ngaye nje u 10.15 a.m...

Wa wuvulake umhlangano u Mr. Kadalie, ngamazwi amahle...

Kwaku kona nje esinye "isingqindi" som'lungu owa...

Kuneleko kwa qeda nje uku kuluma yena unom'zane u Mr. Kadalie kwase ku suka um'holi...

dishwa kuhle kweni nkomo ezinamkizane. Mina ngankwa ama gama amaningi impela...

Wancle wahlala panshi nje, kwakusuka u President J. Gumbi, wakuluma impela ama...

Kuteke ngo sonto, enkundleni yetu, sezwa izinkulumbano...

Kuteke sekuza shaya u 2.30 p.m. Kwa kuluma (the jungle of the North) Comrade T. Mbheki...

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