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THE LUTULI MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

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The Lutuli Memorial Foundation has now established its administrative offices at the above address, which have been made available to us at a very low rental due to the generosity of the Student Christian Movement of Great Britain.

The Foundation acknowledges the severe loss it suffered due to the unfortunate illness of the Director, Mr. M.B. Yengwa, but in so doing would stress that we have now overcome the problems and the Foundation is now firmly established and recognised as an international agency.

We held our first official function on July 23rd. 1971, to mark the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the death of the late Chief Lutuli. The attached list of acceptances to our invitation indicates the encouraging response we received. This response has been followed by positive action in that the African tour to be undertaken by Dr. Pascal Ngakane, has been planned with the support and encouragement of the countries involved.

A great deal of our initial work has been involved with establishing the Foundation and results of this are shown by the following requests for meetings with the Foundation.

- a) The International University Exchange Fund
- b) S.I.D.A.
- c) The Africa Education Trust
- d) Mr. Howard Trumbell (who is to work in Botswana)
- e) Mr. Abebe (The Ethiopian Embassy)
- f) The Canadian High Commission
- g) The American Embassy
- h) The Finnish Embassy
- i) The High Commissions of Botswana and Swaziland
- j) The West German Embassy
- k) The High Commissions of Zambia and Tanzania.

Dr. Conco, the Chairman, undertook a visit to the United States earlier this year and established the American Committee who are embarking upon an intensive drive on our behalf during the summer vacation to fund-raise and establish scholarships.

American Committee

- a) Professor C.J. Mbata (Chairman)
- b) Dr. Ben Magubane
- c) Mr. Fred Dube (Secretary)

The Foundation has, besides its Trustees an Executive Council responsible for the day to day decisions - it is comprised of:-

- a) Dr. Pascal Ngakane
- b) Mr. Livingstone Ngqobongwana
- c) Mr. P.V. Mbata
- d) Mr. George Mbele

Representative in Addis Ababa

Mr. Ayelo Gulte.

The Foundation will also work in close co-operation with the



Education Sub-Committee of the A.N.C. in London.

### PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

#### Research Centre

The Foundation will establish in London a Research Centre to which will be linked the Lutuli Memorial Library. We have managed to ascertain the whereabouts of many of the papers and documents of the late Chief Lutuli as well as those of other notable leaders. Assurances have been given to the Foundation that as soon as we have suitable premises these will be handed over to us.

The theory and practice of racial segregation, which South Africa presents to the world today has never been fully or scientifically examined. It is the aim of the Foundation to carry out this examination and to offer facilities to scholars throughout the world to do so. At the same time we shall preserve our heritage and seek out the flaws in the barrier of apartheid, the barrier of the South African past which opposes the thrust of the future.

A tentative offer of accommodation has been received from the Methodist Church and we await the results of a meeting of their elders to confirm this offer. Here again we shall be in a position of receiving accommodation at a low rental by the generous contribution of the Methodist Church.

The Foundation has embarked upon a fund-raising drive for this work in order that we may employ the necessary qualified staff to undertake such an important task.

Under this heading the Foundation is to make a film on the late Chief Lutuli. A script has been prepared by Lionel Ngakane, which has been accepted by the Foundation, the Lutuli family the Defence and Aid Fund and the A.N.C. All the material necessary to go into production has been gathered together, including film sequences of the major meetings at which Chief spoke, the Nobel Peace Prize Award, the Kennedy visit and the funeral.

It is aimed to have the film available for the 60th. anniversary of the A.N.C., January 1972. The cost of producing this film is £7,000. The Lutuli Memorial Foundation is making an urgent appeal for this project in order that we may proceed with production.

#### Education Project

It is evident from the many and various discussions we have had with other agencies and organisations similarly involved that all are turning their programmes towards work inside South Africa. It is the aim of the Foundation to co-operate in this work and in some case to initiate programmes of self-help on our own behalf.

Apart from this aspect of our work we are fully engaged in placing students in universities and other academic institutions for the purpose of training our young men and women. Work has gone ahead on this and there is strong evidence that we shall receive scholarships as well as becoming a clearing house for students seeking scholarships through other international agencies. We have established a firm and positive relationship with the I.U.E.F. and look forward to clearing up some of the difficulties which have previously been encountered in obtaining scholarships and placing students. We believe that



with the administrative services at our command we shall be able to prevent some of the problems and confusion which has previously arisen. Various reports and discussions have also produced strong evidence that there is an international agreement on the need to improve the facilities at the United Nations in regard to the allocation of scholarships. The Foundation is taking part in formulating a concerted policy and we hope that we shall see results in the next year.

It is, however essential that the Foundation receives applications for scholarships not later than March of the year that the student intends to take up a place for study, so that we may present our requirements at an early stage.

### Library Project

The Foundation will, apart from the major Memorial Library establish smaller libraries at major centres throughout the world, beginning in Africa. These libraries will be a small, comprehensive selection of books which reflect the true nature of the history and the struggle in South Africa. They will be placed in either public libraries or other institutions where there is free access by the public. We shall invite other sympathetic organisations to use this facility to display their publications. It is our aim, by establishing such libraries to bring to the people the information we wish to get over and thereby contribute to countering the massive propaganda machine of the South African Government.

### Emergency Fund

The Foundation, will, in no way take over a role of welfare provision, but, having said that, we are increasingly faced with the problem of providing immediate aid to our people. This is due to the fact that the agencies engaged in this work are overwhelmed by the demand, and are, at times unable to help. Discussions are taking place to establish the boundaries, with those other agencies involved in this work. We do however, foresee that if scholarships are given as Tuition only, as has been indicated in some cases, the Foundation will have to provide maintenance from its own resources.

Included in this programme there is a project to erect a tombstone to the late Chief Lutuli, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of his death, July 1972. This will also serve to focus attention on the 60th. anniversary of the ANC. The Foundation is engaged in raising a sum of £750 for this.

### Conclusion

The Trustees and the Council of the Foundation are satisfied by the work done so far and the achievement attained in the field of establishing ourselves as a recognised international organisation. We do however, not wish to rest on our achievements and see the future bringing many and varied problems. The challenge of establishing the Foundation will be met by its officers and staff, but it will also require the full and unwavering support of all our people who hold to the ideals and work of our great leader, the late Chief Lutuli.

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