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Editor's Voice



A CRY, A SMILE, A REVOLUTIONARY DANCE

“Fly away my heart don't despair
The world is full of joy (and perhaps sorrow)
You cry, you smile, then you dance

Even though sometimes it's a drag
To toil without a gain
You cry, you smile, then you dance”

(Judith Sephuma; A Cry, a Smile, a Dance: 2001)

Leaving the ranks of the Young Communist League, to continue with revolutionary and mass (internationalist) activism through our Party, is a distinct honour for any young revolutionary activist. I wish to convey to all those who were with me through the cries, the smiles and the revolutionary dances, my fraternal greetings and expression of my profound gratitude for your comradely treatment over the years. Sincere thanks to all of you.

We, Young Communists have always been particularly careful in dealing with tough questions, with which required prolonged participation in the struggle for socialism. I have over the years, worked hand in hand with strong, articulate and competent young cadres, whom were better positioned to lead this gigantic Young Communist League; but instead they chose to be

led and applied the true discipline of communists and made collective leadership our compass. We all committed to performing our duties and tasks with the utmost sincerity, of course not withstanding a few challenges and moments of awkwardness. To these cadres of the revolution, I wish to say that, I have never had the slightest doubt in your strengths and ability to carry out the tasks of building the YCLSA.

As we part ways....we indeed reflect on the cries, the smiles and the revolutionary dances we had.

While others rebuked us and left us in the trenches, the few of us considered it our duty to remain steadfast and build elements for, momentum towards and capacity for Socialism In Our Lifetime.

To the leadership of the YCLSA and its membership, a great honour of continuing to be part of epoch making moments fighting against capitalism which has made our convictions inevitable, indeed has befallen you. I know perfectly well that if the youth continues to be organised, prepared and made conscious, we will be able to overcome the conjunctural challenges facing our Youth and build a better inheritance.

While we understand that our collective efforts will not usher Socialism over-night, we are equally aware that it *can* bring hope and propel the struggle for a socialist South Africa. Such a revolution would not, in itself, be socialism. But it would give a great impetus to the toiling masses of youth in our communities, districts, province, country and the world... And this Vintage point young reds you shall continue to build on our cries, our smile's and the Revolutionary Dance!!!

Cde Kabelo Mohibidu

SACP 2ND Deputy Provincial Secretary



The National Secretary of the YCL SA: Cde Mluleki Dlelanga

The Young Communist League of South Africa concluded its historic and watershed 4th National Congress which began on the 10th December 2014 in Cape Town, Western Cape. The Congress was held under the theme *'Intensifying Youth Mobilisation for Socialism'* at the University of the Western Cape. More than 1000 young communists drawn from all levels of the organisation representing more than 86 000 members of the YCLSA descended to the University of the Western Cape to evaluate the progress made since the 3rd National Congress in Mafikeng, and the 2nd National Council held in Kimberly the previous year, mapping out a way forward for the next four years.

The Congress also elected a new National Committee that will implement the resolutions taken at this congress and the Programme of Action emanating therefrom (full list of members follow below). YCLSA delegates have shamed their detractors by exhibiting iron discipline and ensuring that the Congress is united. We are more than elated that those who expected this Congress to be like the one we had in 2010 in Mafikeng are left eating a humble pie. The YCLSA came out of this Congress united and with a common goal of putting together building blocks for socialism.

The newly elected National Secretary Cde. Mluleki Dlelanga saluted Cde Buti Manamela and the collective that led the YCLSA diligently since the re-establishment in 2003. He further said "as the newly-elected leadership collective, we particularly salute comrade Buti for his sterling

made to the organisation over the past 11 years. We inherit a vibrant, dynamic and revolutionary YCLSA that is occupied with the task of building a socialist state in South Africa. Armed with the resolutions taken at this Congress we are going to hit the ground running with the aim of bringing betterment to the lives of working class youth.

Chief amongst the Resolutions and immediate tasks that this Congress took are the following:

- Support the ANC in winning overwhelming in the upcoming 2016 Local Government Elections.
- To participate more actively in social media spheres to win the battle of ideas.
- To strengthen branches and district structures across the country.
- To intensify our struggle with PYA partners chief being SASCO for access to free education for all.
- Calling for a review of the Youth Employment Accord and will continue to dismiss the Youth Wage Subsidy
- The issue of the radical second phase of our revolution.
- Intensify our solidarity with all oppressed people including the people of Swaziland, Cuba, Western Sahara and Palestine
- To cascade the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel (BDS) campaign to all branches and support its campaigns including Israeli Apartheid Week and BoycottWoolworths campaign
- Invigorate YCL's participation in Friends of Cuba Society (FOCUS)



AN OVERVIEW OF THE 4TH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE YCLSA

- The Congress has elected the following leaders to lead the YCLSA for the next four years:
- Mluleki Dlelanga National Secretary
- Isaac Luthuli Deputy National Secretary
- Yershen Pillay National Chairperson
- Joyce Tsipa National Chairperson
- Masello Senne National Treasurer



The following comrades were elected as members of the National Committee: Richard Mmabolo; Bongani June Mwale; Bram Hanekom; Kgauhelo Lesoka; Kenny Motshegoa; Sandile Kgosieng; Nhlakanipho Zuma; Muhammed Desai; Nqobile Gumede; Mahlatsi Dibolelo; Sabelo Mgotywa; Mabuse Mpe; Precious Banda; Bronwyn Mdletshe; Keseabetswe Nkate; Patrick Stuurman; Khalipha Melani; Annelise Freyser; Vuyisa Khonjeni; and Xolelwa Busika

We will remain a fighting force, a shock force and soldiers for socialism, as Cde Chris Hani said "The struggle for socialism is about basic things"

- As long as there is justice for the rich and injustice for the poor, aluta continua.
- As long as our people are indebted by exploitative banks and loan shacks, aluta continua

- As long as there are workers who work in a shoe factory but go to work bare foot, aluta continua.
- As long there is extreme divide between the rich and the poor, aluta continua.
- As long the majority of youth are not employed, aluta continua.
- As long as there is a sizeable number of young people go to bed without food, aluta continua.
- As long as there is no free, qualitative and compulsory education, aluta continua.
- The membership of the YCLSA has faith in this leadership and trusts it to lead the organisation with discipline and commitment to grow the YCLSA both qualitatively and quantitatively. Going forward we will redouble our efforts in the struggle for a socialist South Africa. We will not tire until there is attainment of socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat.
- We are the YCLSA, we are alive and we want socialism in our lifetime.



The NC Province delegation to the YCLSA National Congress



5th Provincial Congress of the South African Communist Party in the Northern Cape, 13th –

15th March 2015



The Chairperson of the Party in the NC: Cde Maruping Lekwene

In his opening remarks, the Provincial Chair Party, Cde. Maruping Lekwene welcomed all delegates present at the 5th Provincial Congress of the SACP. He further outlined the importance of the Congress as per the SACP constitutional prescripts that gives significance to convene the Congress as the highest decision making platform in the life of the Party within the province. The Chairperson further made a reflection to the delegates attending the 5th Provincial Congress and emphasized on the need for discipline and commitment, particularly as it relates to adhering to time. The aims and objectives of this congress are clearly outlined within the Party Constitution as adopted during the 13th National Congress in 2012, but also it is a time to reflect and report on the work done by this 4th PEC Collective since our last congress in 2011. We must also assess the state of the organization and the political climate including all balance of forces in the context of the international, continental and local environment.

Comrades, we must realise that the lack of

dynamic. It gives an impression of communists asking for favours every time they want to make a contribution. The reality facing the Party today, however, is that of communists who are not even members of the ANC. Historically all communists were members of the **ANC**. On the other hand not all ANC members were members of the Communist Party. This complicates relations when there are serious local disagreements. The situation is compounded by comrades who switch to the Party for purposes of seeking to use it as an avenue for pursuing battles lost in the ANC. Our ability to influence and advance our agenda will be determined by our immersion in the structures and programmes of our alliance partners. Such a framework will determine the extent to which we can influence the outcomes of both the July COSATU & Party Congress. The Communist Party must refine its strategy of engagement in public discourse. What has always differentiated the Party and its cadres from all others is its ideological scientific analysis. We are now challenged to provide that scientific analysis to the crises facing our democratic dispensation and liberation discourse. Our detractors must find it difficult, as was before, to contest our solid argument about the ills of society and the causes thereto. Our Party must not be associated with street fights. If there is any street fight our Party is aligned to, it must be the daily struggles of the working class and the advance of socialism. I am calling on delegates to make the party proud. I declare this, the 5th Congress of the South African Communist Party in the Province, open. Thank you!!!



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MESSAGE OF SUPPORT BY THE YCLSA

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT BY COSATU

The historical task and responsibility that the SACP has played and must continue to play in improving the lives of our people by linking it with to the Congress theme, Building Working Class Hegemony in All Key Sites of Struggle”. He further made an observation on the importance that schools play in the transformation agenda as key sites of struggle/power and encouraged the Party to be active in the transformation of schools particularly ex-model c schools through the School Governing Bodies. We congratulate SANCO on hosting successful Provincial Congresses in September 2014. We welcome the newly elected leaders and commit to work together with them in building a stronger alliance.

We call on the ANC to take harsher measures against councillors who allow municipal officials to plunge municipalities into crises as a result of corrupt activities. We support workers, especially SAMWU members and members of our communities who rise and protest against failing municipalities in demand of service delivery; however we condemn all acts of destruction of government property as counterproductive actions that seek to set our communities back. The federation is concerned at the absence of political programmes, especially in Frances Baard Region in the wake of a concerted counter revolutionary onslaught by the DA and EFF. The PEC supports demands for the removal of the statues of colonial masters like Cecil John Rhodes and call on Sol Plaatjie Municipality to act voluntarily before they are forced to.

COSATU Provincial Secretary Cde. Anele Gxoyiya

Former NC Provincial Secretary: Cde. Kabelo Mohibidu delivering the message of support to the 5th Congress of the Party

In his address he reflected on the worrying quarterly labour force survey reports released on youth unemployment just a few days before the 5th Provincial Congress of the Party. Linked to this is the gruesome onslaught that is brought about by the neo-liberal and anti-majoritarian media, both in print and electronic media.

He made an observation that all this is an attempt to create a false narrative that says that the ANC-Led Alliance and its government are failing the youth of the country. He emphasized the continued lies peddled by some within this within the mainstream media that further want to drive a wedge between the SACP and the YCLSA. The Secretary made it clear that the YCLSA would never define itself outside of the SACP and its collective, for we are the YCLSA of the SACP. The YCLSA wished the Party a successful Congress and called for robust and frank deliberations within the Party Discipline and culture.





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MESSAGE OF SUPPORT BY THE ANC



The NC Provincial Secretary of the ANC delivering the message of support to the 5th Congress of the Party

The Provincial Secretary of the ANC, cde Zamani Saul delivered the message of support on behalf of the ANC in the province. He acknowledged the growing and frank relations between the ANC and the SACP in the Province. The ANC's principled call for mature engagement across the Alliance, and our unqualified support for the message delivered by President Zuma to the January 8th Statement, now run the danger of being misinterpreted in some quarters. We call on all Alliance members to defend the resolutions of the ANC's 52nd National Conference, including the important ANC resolution on the transformation of the mining sector. Let us defend the Freedom Charter's noble principles and not be cajoled (by threats of non-deployment) into seemingly radical calls that are designed to advance narrow sectoral interests. Without fear or favour, let us take forward all five key pillars of our shared Alliance election manifesto. In particular, and without fear or favour, let us take forward the struggle against corruption.

Let us defend the multi-class unity of our Alliance, on the basis of our principled and common programmes of action. Together, as South Africans, faced with climbing crisis levels of unemployment, inequality, poverty and HIV/AIDS pandemic, we cannot afford to be endlessly diverted by side-shows and theatrical attempts at disruption. As the ANC we are committed to building a nation that openly and frankly debates its own challenges but in doing this let us all respect basic human rules of human engagement like respect, civility and humility.

Delegates at Party Congress





15th March 2015



KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE SACP



The 2nd Deputy General Secretary of the SACP: Cde. Solly Mapaila delivering the keynote address.

The 2nd Deputy General Secretary of the SACP, cde Solly Mapaila congratulated the leadership collective of the Party in the Province for both the quantitative and qualitative growth in membership. He further congratulated Party leadership for the election campaign that ensured a significant victory for the ANC during the 2014 National General Elections. He placed emphasize on all party members being revolutionary activists to assist the struggle for a socialist South Africa through picking up and addressing challenges faced by the working class and the poor.

The 2nd DGS emphasized the Party must build stronger relations with the workers as it is important for the future, this relationship shouldn't be a leader-membership relationship. We need to build revolutionary consciousness amongst all members to ensure that the relationship between the leadership, cadreship and the rank and file is strengthened and able to lead the struggle.

We have to defend all developmental institutions and buildings which are being destroyed during the so called, "community protests".



Part of this means that as the Party, we must set the agenda on social media, including facebook, twitter and all other sites, particularly the community radio stations We must further ensure that all our parastatals are located within our developmental agenda. The 2nd Deputy General Secretary wished the 5th Provincial Congress well and expressed the gratitude of the entire 13th Central Committee of the Party on the work being done in the province by the party.

Cde Mapaila could not complete his address without posing questions for constructive self-criticism on the part of Cosatu and the NUM. "What would Kotane and Marks say about the state of Cosatu today? What particularly would JB Marks, who organised and led the African Mineworkers' Union, say about the state of the NUM today and what happened in the Rustenburg platinum belt?"

DGS called on the delegates to think deeper about these two questions and the tasks consequently arising from the serious enquiry which they must be accorded. He said that "you cannot undermine your own organisation and then expect to lead it. If leaders believed that their organisation was undermining them then they should leave; no individual is above the collective organisation and its collective leadership", DGS affirms, to the applause of the delegates who thanked him with resounding revolutionary song "Asina Valo".



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DECLARATION OF THE 5th SACP NC PROVINCIAL CONGRESS



The Provincial Secretary of the SACP in the NC: Cde. Norman Shushu

We the 240 delegates to the Congress representing 5613 members in the Province, met over the past three days to take assess the state of the organization and political climate internationally, continentally as well as local. We are drawn from 84 SACP branches across the length and breadth of our Province and from the ranks of the Young Communist League of South Africa in the Province.

Our Congress occurs in the midst of an ongoing changes in the character of the international context which did not end, and is still going on today in various fronts – economic, political and even in military affairs. In fact the many developments that take place internationally are as a result of Western imperialist forces "defending" their hegemony - which is now facing multiple challenges and a threat of decline as a result of the reconfigurations taking place in the international balance of power. It is a crisis that underlines the

imperative of abolishing capitalism and replacing it with socialism, a system based on meeting social needs and on a sustainable relationship with nature. One of our strategic weaknesses in the Province lies in our crisis-levels of persisting triple challenges of inequality, unemployment and poverty. Despite the major advances benefitting the working class and poor in the last 20 years of our democratic breakthrough, the hard fact is that we are hardily succeeding in addressing these interrelated challenges. This is a direct result of a failure to transform our economy and its external links. The Congress resolved that what we need is a paradigm shift. This means embarking on a second, more radical phase of the transformation of our economy. Based on the fundamental principle of skills revolution for economic transformation.

Without addressing the problems of crisis-levels of inequality, unemployment, poverty, their root causes, transforming and developing our economy and productive forces as rapidly as possible, we will not succeed in altering the character of the skewed provincial economy. In fact, we will be susceptible to potentially negative changes and deliberate sabotage in the Provincial balance of forces. It is in this context that the 5th Congress reviewed progress made by the SACP in Province over the past three years in advancing the struggle in all key sites of power as outlined by SARS to build working class hegemony in all this key sites of power. The consolidation and acceleration of this strategic agenda remains a key imperative over the coming three years.



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YCLSA 3RD CONGRESS OPENING ADDRESS



The Provincial Chair of the YCLSA in the NC: Cde. Sivuyile Ntamehlo

On behalf of the 3rd Provincial Congress Provincial committee allow me to greet and to welcome all young communists from the length and breadth of our province to our 4th Provincial Congress in the name of Socialism.

First and foremost let me take this opportunity to acknowledge the fact that the years that I have been a member of the YCL were years of continuous learning, I have personally regarded every gathering of the YCL as a political school, there is a lot that I have learned and thanks to the support I enjoyed from all of you comrades. In this journey I have realised that to be in a leadership position in our YCL and the party is indeed a very rare opportunity of which one must not take it for granted but only to appreciate, I thank you comrades for allowing me to serve in the YCL and its structures for so many years. Indeed comrades this was not a process without its own challenges but through collective work we could overcome all those challenges.

Today more than ever I know that our revolution needs cadres capable of carrying out effective ideological work and not a mechanical repetition of slogans. I know today that our struggle need members and leaders who reason with sound arguments, without considering themselves the absolute owners of the truth; who know how to listen even if they don't like what some people say; who are capable of examining other peoples' views with an open mind, which does not exclude the need to energetically refute with sound arguments those views considered unacceptable. In all that I once more thank the YCL and the leadership of the party for all the guidance given to us all these years. There are many young people in the province with the necessary disposition and capacity to be members and even leaders of the YCL, our challenge is that we should go out and recruit them, train them and gradually assign them greater responsibilities.



It is worth noting with appreciation that our congress comes a month after the SACP held a very successful 5th Provincial Congress, thanks to the leadership of our party in the province and also thanks to many young communists who were part of the provincial congress of our party who



also had meaning full contributions in the commissions.

The SACP is our mother body, (we are not equivalent to the party), we owe our existence to the South African Communist Party, we are subjected to the ideological articulation and political vision of the SACP however as an integral part of the party we have a duty to ensure that the needs and demands of young people find expression in the resolutions and policies of the South African Communist Party. Comrades, I am noting with purpose that the Congress of our party is our political school and this is where we must enjoy our political guidance, it is where we should also learn however translate our learning to what we do in our daily tasks as the YCL. Indeed it was a congress that was conducted in a disciplined manner and that is what we would want to see in this 4th YCL Provincial Congress, high discipline and high morale.



As the South African Communist Party says, "that his example must be emulated by our revolutionary youth as they study and analyse the current conditions of our struggle and take resolute and militant action to advance the Second, More Radical Phase of our Democratic Transition. A transition rooted in the Freedom Charter. A transition in the revolutionary tradition of Chris Hani. Let us emulate the spirit of discipline and self-discipline set by the example of Chris Hani in his revolutionary life and times. Hani expressed his views without fear or favour, yet he respected the principle of democratic centralism.

In conclusion, in our province there are many young people who are unemployed and suffer from class inequalities and poverty. Many young people have no access to skills development opportunities such as apprenticeships and learnerships. Our major task in this congress is to reflect on the conditions facing young people in province and develop policy responses to the challenges and opportunities they face.

Let us continue to find relevance by taking up issues affecting young people under the banner of our YCL. While we do that we must also be careful not to confuse radicalism or militancy with recklessness.

On behalf of the 3rd Provincial Congress Provincial Committee I declare this congress open. Kealeboga! Matla! AmaNdlala!



We are comrades at the same time MEETING WHEN WE CELEBRATE this month the life of our former General Secretary comrade Chris Hani.



3rd Congress Political Overview



The Provincial Secretary of the YCLSA in the NC presenting the Political Report

As we mark the 21 anniversary of the brutal murder of our late SACP General Secretary cde Chris Hani, the YCLSA in the Province wants to dedicate this Political Report to him- a communist to the end; a revolutionary; a national liberation fighter and an Umkhonto We Sizwe combatant. Chris Hani dedicated his whole life to the people's struggle- the liberation of mankind. He fought against national oppression, gender oppression and economic exploitation in all their dimensions, including his absolute commitment to the struggle against capitalism. It is through the undying fighting spirit of Chris Hani, and many of those who led the YCL before us and who sought to engage in the daunting task of building socialism in their lifetime and through that, this Young Communist League of South Africa was re-launched in December 2003, with over 500 learners, students, young workers, young professionals, unemployed youth and youth from towns and villages, who met at the Vaal University

of Technology, under the theme: Crush Capitalism! Build Socialism Now!

The 4th Congress of the YCLSA in the Province takes place in the mist of complex political struggles in the world, plagued by deadlocks and turbulences against the pursued of world order, peace and justice for humanity. The imperialist offence by the US in the Middle East through its proxy programme of War on Terror and in Africa with its pseudo development programmes of US Aids continue to dominate both international and continental balance of forces. This political report seeks to assess and spur a debate around both the scientific and contemporary challenges i.e. (socio-political, geo-economic) facing the young people in South Africans. This Provincial Congress should objectively appraise and reflect on the key sites of youth struggles in the Province and in the country. It is therefore critical to assess the political climate so that we identify the possibilities and constraints to implement a new paradigm to change the systemic structure of colonial and racial capital. As a Young Communist, we stand at the confluence of new opportunities to advance the NDR and the struggle for socialism in South Africa and the world.





Pre and Post -YCLSA 4th National Congress

The 4th National Congress of the YCLSA, organised, co-ordinated and convened under the theme 'Intensifying Youth Mobilisation for Socialism', took place at the time when our national liberation movement, the ANC, engaged in a process of intensifying our national democratic revolution by shifting our transition from the colonial and apartheid legacy onto a second, more radical phase. In particular, the National Congress paid attention to the building and strengthen of the Progressive Youth Movement. This means that the Congress was not only about the Young Communist League and its members, but also about the role of the Progressive Youth Alliance in building, shaping and producing capable leadership for the alliance. It was also about the task to mobilize, and organize, learn and activism of the South African youth as a whole.

There are a number of important challenges in the mobilization of our youth as identified by the Congress, especially by the YCLSA. Firstly, decisive action is required to confront the financialization

of political and organisational processes that is threatening to liquidate the progressive youth movement in our country. The buying of youth structures (and all of our organisations) by moneyed interests is a new tendency that we need to defeat, and we expect this Congress to raise this matter very sharply and come up with concrete programmes to confront and defeat this. Of course, we will ultimately fail to defeat this phenomena unless we intensify the struggle against capitalism, as the root of corruption is in the capitalist system itself.

Related to the above task is the necessity for the YCL to prioritise the recruitment of young workers, especially those in the trade union movement. It is clear that the new battlefield in our revolution is increasingly going to be the soul of our youth, especially given the fact that most of our young people today never directly experienced apartheid oppression and the type of super exploitation of the working class associated with colonialism of a special type. Even the types of ideological aberrations we are beginning to see within the ranks of the trade union movement, especially inside the ranks of COSATU, maybe associated with this reality. The YCLSA in the Province, working together with the SACP, must pay particular and special attention to the recruitment, organisation and ideological development of young workers.

The above tasks are closely associated with the task of building a progressive youth movement that is characterized by disciplined militancy, and not the anarchy and hooliganism that gets paraded as militancy today. Delegates at the congress conducted themselves in the manner in which the Party line expects them to behave which is a conduct that lay the foundation for a disciplined YCL that must carry itself with respect so that it can be respected by, and also attract, the rest of our youth and other young





formations into its fold. The Young Communist League must develop leadership and play a consistent activist role with and on the youth to confront the many challenges facing them. Among others we need to prioritise the immediate problems and challenges facing young people, including unemployment, poverty and inequality; education and skills training; health, including confronting the HIV epidemic; fighting crime and corruption; and driving youth development in all its facets.

It is for such reasons that this Congress should help develop the youth content, context as well as the strategic and organisational tasks arising out of that task. In other words what kind of youth programmes and priorities should characterize the second, more radical, phase of our transition? Therefore, this Congress will be seized with this question, guided by the SACP's discussion document, "Going to the Root". It should therefore, be believe that, a second more radical phase of our transition strengthens the national democratic revolution as a foundation for a transition to socialism. In this task and challenge the YCLSA must continue to be guided by the SACP's 13th Congress Programme, "The South African Road to Socialism", whose main call is that of building working class hegemony in all key sites of power and terrains of struggle. These key sites of power include the community, the workplace, the economy, the state, ideological sphere as well as in the environment. Our programme especially identify the organisation of the youth in all its locations as a primary terrain of struggle. It is therefore important for the entirety of the YCL membership to internalize closely the SACP's programme.

Youth Unemployment, Poverty and Inequalities in the Northern Cape

The socio-economic circumstances of youth in South Africa in 2012 demand a very innovative short to mid-term and mid to long term plan, if we are to benefit from the demographic dividend. Of the 25% narrow unemployment rate, SA youth contributes about 70% towards the unemployed population. Census 2011 estimates the population of Northern Cape to be about 1, 1 million. Our people live in a geographical space bigger than any other province in this country, about a third of South Africa and just bigger than Germany as a country. The province has a huge potential, with abundant mineral resources and fertile agricultural land which can produce wheat, maize, various kinds of fruit, cotton and now malt. This province should be able to eliminate poverty here and in that regard also contribute to other provinces as well.

Like the rest of South Africa, youth constitutes a large proportion of total population Northern Cape, estimated by the Provincial Administration to be about 36% (396 000). Like many other parts of South Africa, this group is also characterised by high numbers of people who did not complete their basic education, a high rate of unemployment, and poor health related quality of life including a life expectancy (arguably, attributable to the scourge of HIV/AIDS and associated communicable diseases such as TB which is rife in this province). In an ideal world, or at least in economics and demography textbooks, a large youth population should benefit the growth of the economy, a conundrum which South Africa will have to address before reaping the rewards of a demographic dividend is SA Youth is not adequately prepared to be employed or to employ others as entrepreneurs and small/medium business owners.





The Statistics South Africa's Social profile (Statistics SA, 2011) which is based on the General Household Surveys from 2002-2011 profiles youth and their livelihoods. According to this report young people aged 15 to 24 are more likely to be unemployed with young women being the worst affected. In the 2011 StatsSA Report and indeed in the embargoed South African Status of Youth Report, this group constitutes a large proportion of the youth population. Households headed by youth aged 15 to 24 are more likely to experience poor living conditions, low income and unemployment. It is estimated that almost half of these households do not have an employed member¹. In this province, as it is in other areas in South Africa, alcohol and other substance abuse makes these socio-economic challenges of youth even more complicated.

Statistics South Africa in 2011 estimated that out of about 10 million young people between the ages of 15 to 24, about 34% were not in an educational institution or in employment. Young women and young Africans were more likely to be affected by these challenges than other categories of youth. The high rate of unemployment amongst youth in general is well documented (estimated at about 72% of the unemployed). The economy has a limited capacity to absorb labour, it is estimated that the South

African economy needs to grow at the rate of about 7% per annum in the next fifteen years to make a major impact on unemployment levels (CDE, 2010), the current economic growth rate is almost below this percentage by half. This means that concerted efforts to employ and facilitate that youth become employers (entrepreneurs and small/medium business owners) should be the strategic focus of every project in this country.

Youth Solidarity

During the year 2013, we have learned with disappointment and regret the return of some of the South African medical students studying in Cuba. Apparently their protest was a complaint against their monthly stipend of \$200 (R1 813) as being low, but rather to be increased to \$500 (R5000). What is worse about the protest against this monthly stipend is that these very same students are provided three (3) meals per day and free accommodation covered by the South Africa as a gesture from our democratic government.

While a significant number of hundreds of poor young people in South Africa and millions globally aspire to become doctors, yet do not have the opportunity to study medicine, Cuban's has one of the premier health care systems in the world, studying medicine in that country is indeed an honour but others do not see the value of such a lifetime opportunity. The YCLSA in NC viewed these students sense of entitlement as being unreasonable and unappreciative. They lack patriotism and they are ungrateful since theirs supposed to be studying because government covers everything from tuition, books, additional classes / tutors, accommodation, food and internet access.

The major challenges facing our democratic government is, i.e. the socio economic contradictions of poverty, disease and underdevelopment. Moreover, as a country we



are confronted by a quadruple burden of diseases such as HIV and TB, high maternal and child mortality rate, non-communicable diseases and increasing statistics of violence and injuries. South Africa has a shortage of doctors and with limited places for students who are studying medicine, every medical student should realise the role they play in securing the future of South Africa's health. Meanwhile South Africans are faced by a state of struggling health sector with a serious shortage of professional medical doctors, the DA makes inflammatory allegations about the state of affairs of the affected community of students. The retrogressive liberal DA will never appreciate the significant contribution by the Cuban revolution in building the foundations of our human capital, with a specific emphasis on the health sector.



We further wish to salute the Young Communist League of Cuba (also known as (Unión de Jóvenes Comunistas, UJC) on its 48th anniversary of establishment. As the YCLSA heads towards our 91st anniversary we continue to be inspired by the YCL of Cuba. It is through this ally of ours that we seek to emulate in our struggle for socialism. Guided by their slogan "study, work and rifle" the YCL of Cuba has proven that socialism does not come on a silver platter and while strong global forces continue to exploit the working class, we, as young people with vision and energy must increase our efforts to fight for it. We are also inspired to increase our involvement in our internationalist campaigns and fight for an end to the economic blockade of Cuba, hence we have recently witnessed the release and the freedom for the Cuban Five.

Keynote Address to NC Provincial Congress by the National Secretary of the YCLSA: Cde. Mlu Dlelanga



The YCLSA has a bigger task of developing more conscious young people who will mobilise the general masses to condemn the xenophobic attacks and lumpen proletariat opportunists. This is the most challenging period in the history of SA as our interaction with the international communities is a shameful one. The movement is under attack, enemies of the revolution are attacking and dividing the people's camp. We must tell the truth of what is happening in COSATU even if its painful some time. The Party long ago warned us about the new tendency in COSATU perpetuated by NUMSA calling themselves the only communist. Numsa leadership click wanted to change the leadership style to neo-liberal (American) style whereby those who don't have money must be subjected to the moneyed. For example, unions which don't have money are supported by NUMSA to fight against the movement and move out of COSATU. All living individuals are prone to selling out. It can never happen that you are part of a collective as a leader, however, on the other hand you define yourself outside the collective and call meetings with the media and enemies of the revolution. All those who have sold out, including Vavi, must tell



the masses that indeed they have sold the revolution out. They want to replace the SACP with EFF, replace the ANC with UDF, replace the YCL with youth desk, replace SASCO and COSAS with some student forums.

Young people must develop a consciousness and avoid being bought with money in advancing political views. Ascending to positions do not bring about economic perks. Leaders of the YCL must remain poor if needs be and never become rich at the expense of the poor.

Chris Hani was a GS of the Party, Commander of MK, Leader of the people in distinction. Chris Hani understood that he cannot define himself outside the collective, henceforth even if he led the armed wing of the movement and decision was taken to uplift the arm struggle, he owned to the decision of the movement to stop the armed struggle. He was a fighter of the people, not the fighter of/for himself. Unlike the Economic Freedom Fighters who are prepared to kill for themselves not for the people. Economic freedom of themselves to fill their stomachs and not that of the people. All of those who joined eff are tenderpreneurs who still want to fight for economic freedom of their own to have the same money that they used to have through illegal means while they were still in the movement. In parliament the political fund of the eff is used to pay for the tax bill of their fighter not employees of eff. They don't speak about empowering the youth or education and skills development, they only speak about empowering themselves through nationalization and land grab. Eff isn't an organization but a spaza shop of factory faults. Just like floid shivambu expelled by YCL and Malema expelled by ANCYL.

The theme of intensifying youth mobilisation for socialism, how should that happen. Use technology to reach to young people and communicate socialism to them, mobilise young

people through facebook and twitter to rally behind the banner of YCL which will lead them to socialism. YCLSA is a preparatory school which seeks to mobilise young people to thresh out their contradictions and challenges facing them. Rhodes must fall and Chris Hani must ascend because Rhodes represented colonialism and capitalism, and Hani represented Socialism. Those apartheid statues must be removed and stored rather than destroyed and erect our heroes and heroines statues.



Thanks to Cde KB Mohibidu for his dedication and commitment, his understanding and ideological outlook, and generally for building the YCL in the Province, in the country and internationally. He moves away from leadership as a result of age and never narrowly engaged into tribal politics, but had a clear ideological understanding. Cde KB still has the responsibility to guide and nurture the YCL in his graduation into the Party. The ones that are coming to lead must not chop and change everything because it belongs now to the past, but rather drink from the fountain of ideological knowledge and experience of the collective that was led by Cde Buti Manamela and Cde KB Mohibidu. The YCL must not be afraid but must face and confront challenges confronting the young people head on, because if we don't do so, young people will be rough on us in not addressing their challenges.

AMADLALI



Address by the Former National Secretary of the YCLSA Cde. Buti Manamela to the NC Provincial Congress of the YCLSA



Cde delegates, key to my message centres around the following three issues that the YCL must get to unpack at all levels of the organization, be it at the National, Provincial, District and or Branch level:

Firstly, that we are a 21 year old democratic country and whatever happened in Namibia and Zimbabwe in so far as land grabs beyond their 20 years of democratic dispensation was by no mistake. Land grabs as orchestrated by the EFF lumpen proletariat, the recent xenophobic attacks are some of the questions to be posed towards the 1994 deal on whatever is working or not. It is exactly during this epoch moment of our history that we as YCL must question ourselves how far are we in arriving or in pursuit of socialism in our lifetime. The YCL said in 2005 that the Party need define its radicalness to state power. The young people out there are asking similar question through their expression of frustrations by

destroying colonial and apartheid statues etc. It's us the YCL who must lead the question of what is happening.

Secondly, since the last four years, we as the YCL committed to pay attention to political education and we did very little coming to such key area of our Programme of Action. Problems of personality cults in COSATU are as a result of our doings. When the Party stops investing in political education it will of course be felt in fraternal organisations such as COSATU, hence its fragmentation this day. And when the YCL do not intensify its political education, it will of course be felt in the PYA, hence its disbandment this day. That is why the national conference of the ANCYL had to be postponed because the ANCYL was not politically ready to get to conference. So our political program and education towards our branches and our partners is a mammoth one.

Thirdly, attacks on foreign nationals are a disgusting act because the youth are in the main a sector that is mobilised to execute this inhumane act against fellow Africans. In confronting this act we should get to the question of how, why and for whose benefit or interest is it executed. Lumpen proletariat is busy with social disorder and the division of people's camp – the division of African child and nation. These foreign nationals that we attack in our communities as young people, they bring along skills such as entrepreneurship, artisanship's, engineering and so on. Do we want to kill and finish them off till these skills in our communities by our own African brothers have been wiped off? Should we do that, they time we have finished foreign nationals or these African brothers off and there's none to attack, we will engage into civil war and kill each other along the lines of tribe, language, colour, clan, place of origin and so on. So the reason for these are attacks are baseless and have no reasoning, and can never be condoned.



YCLSA NC 4th Provincial Congress Declaration



The Newly Elected YCLSA 4th PC of the NC

We the 200 delegates to the 4th Provincial Congress of the Young Communist League of South Africa (YCLSA) in the Northern Cape, convened in Phatsimang College, Galeshewe Township - Kimberley, from the 17 – 19th April 2015, under the theme “Intensifying Youth Mobilisation for Socialism”.

Proud and impressed by the growth, increased unity and cohesion of the YCLSA in our province, resoluteness on revolutionary discipline, by the interest that young people continue to show on our organisation and struggle for communism.

Impressed by the increased number of females in the ranks of our organisation, both within the general membership and in all levels of the leadership which we believe augurs well in advancing the struggles for against patriarchy to which we are committed. We believe the growing interest shown by young people on the YCLSA is underpinned by the political activism that the organisation has adopted, ideological clarity and comes against the failures of the neoliberal policies, GEAR, ASGISA, World Bank and IMF

imposed on and dictated over developing countries, and now against the tendencies such the new tendency, demagoguery, populism and anarchy.

Aware of the challenges that are facing young people in our Province, country and the world, in particular in Africa, we reaffirm our solidarity to the working classes and young people, especially young girls in Nigeria, Libya, Cuba and Palestine, who are being oppressed by imperialist forces, Swaziland, who are oppressed by the absolute monarchy and everywhere in the world where injustice is committed. We reaffirm our fight against afrophobia.

We have joined forces with other progressive organisations, institutions that champion educational programmes and campaign against the attack of foreign nationals. We further commit ourselves to fight against any form of oppression and exploitation. We will also continue to make a call and work to ensure that young people undertake sex education to avoid sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS and avoid unplanned and teenage pregnancies. In this regard we reaffirm the relevance of our campaigns on free circumcision, sanitary towels and responsible, protective sexual lifestyle. Branches of the YCLSA will also intensify the distribution of health packs for young woman and encourage all man to undergo circumcisions at their nearest clinics and hospitals.

We recommit ourselves to wage a relentless struggle towards realising the YCLSA’s Ten Youth Demands through fighting for the banning of Labour Brokers, making education fashionable, skills development for young people, accessible and quality health care, fight against corruption and capitalist exploitation including its conditions and consequences such as unemployment, inequality and poverty.



We further declare that the 4th YCLSA Provincial Congress will further build the organisation which will grow strength to strength; and continue to make a positive contribution towards the building of the SACP, Progressive Youth Alliance and the broader democratic movement. We shall advance political education and ideological training under the guidance of upper organs of the organisation as part of our measures to build a qualitatively strong and enlightened organisation and responses to the embarrassment we observe on the part of some of the youth formations that are suffering from the poverty of philosophy and absolute lack of engagement in the theoretical struggle.

To take our programme forward, the 4th Provincial Congress of Northern Cape have elected, uncontested, the Provincial Committee of twenty members inclusive of the following Cde's as Office Bearers.

- Lebogang Olyn: Provincial Secretary
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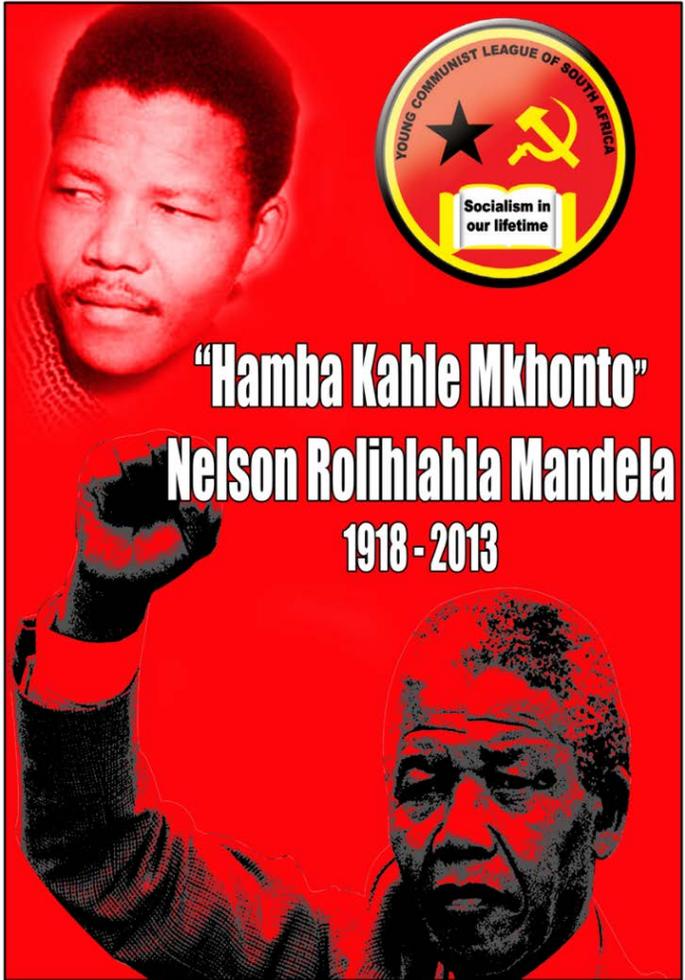
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