Christianity And Communism.

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(By MAS.)

On tre.ting a reflective topic ike this, one would seek for both olerance and forbearance from conservative and interested minds while one would also welcome heir views. I am mindful of the act that the mention of Communism h rrows the feelings of the logged worshippers of the goddess f Capitalism. How else could hey react against Communism which is wholly opposed to selshness, the heir of which is Capitalism?

Communism, which is not Russian generated ill-handled Communism, just as Christianity not the ill-used European Christianity. It is the communal distribution of the intelectual, material, and spiritual wealth of the country applied to the service of the ommunity. Communism abhors nd loathes selfishness and ndividualism. It hates unflinchingly he existence of famine amidst lenty. It upholds the well-being society as opposed to the independent individual well-being. I y again, Communism believes the common usage of the ntellectual, Spiritual, or Material ealth of the country.

To ease affected feelings, ord Capitalist, may I again say at Russianism - for I see your ind faltering surveying the events Russia—is not Communism just Christianity is not Europanisation which, of course, many hard to think of it as synonyous with Christianisation. Communism has a deep sense of community and accordingly a sense God our Father.

From the life of our Lord, we se unmarred public spiritedness, finiteness, social-mindedness, and uncompromising hate for Evil any form. Even a sual study of this August personae reveals to the student of the ief purpose of life, shall I say for e purpose of this subject, the ief concern of the Founder of Christianity was the Welfare of Humanity. His repeated efforts ere to teach men first in deed d then in words the value of a blic-Spirit, the active sense of mmunity. Christianity is an stitution, a Religion founded entially on the Welfare of Community-Humanity, Brotherhood of Mankind, and abundace of life. It is an Institution t shares no room with selfishss just as absence and presence not be together. Christianity s no privacy with Evil. It hors and loathes famine amidst nty. It protects the weak inst the strong.

Mr. Editor may I request your ders to deduce from the above responsibilities of the Christian. ay my treatment of this very portant topic receive a sympatic consideration. Let us forself and reach down to truths. e Communism and Christianity ny way opposed? Remember in that Russianism is not Comnism and that Denominationm is not Christianity.

DLALA ITHANDISA UKUDLA.

Sauce isiza ekuvuleni inhliziyo. lela engcono yokubona ukusebenza esisu uma sisebenza kahle ngeke akuthandi ukudla. Izinhlamvana zi-Chamberlain zesisu nesibindi zolungisisu nesibindi uthande ukudla. Zi-Hakala onke amaKhemisi nasezitolo.

African National Congress

THE ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The General Annual Conference of the African National Congress will be held at Bloemfontein Community Hall, Batho Location from the 16th to the evening of the 19th December, 1937.

The Conference will devote the whole of Dingaan's Day to the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The old leaders of the Congress will be expected to contribute historial speeches and orations, touching reference to the great work which the African National Congress has done for the African people in this country, from the time of its foundation, on the 8th of January 1912, to this day.

I desire to remind all the Provinces of the Union of South Africa that it is their constitutional duty to support the National Congress, each one by contributing the sum of fifty pounds per annum. Every Province is hereby requested to bring its contribution forward and pay same to the Chief Secretary of the Treasury Committee at the conference. The Provincial Officers and the Chairmen of branches should strictly vouch for the correctness of their membership registers when they come to render their financial reports to the Financial Secretary. It is only just that financial members of the Congress alone shall be allowed to vote or to be represented at the General Conference.

The Chiefs are respectfully reminded that they are members of the Upper-House of the National Congress and that as such each Chief is expected to send his own contribution of one pound direct to the Chief Financial Secretary, Mr. S.B. Macheng, P.O. Box 73, Randfontein, West Rand, Transvaal. The membership fees of the Congress belong to the National Executive and not to the Provincial Branches. It is only those Provinces which pay the £50 annual contribution, which get permission to keep membership fees of their members for their own use.

The General Election of officers will take place on the 18th of December. As this is the end of my term of office, all my colleagues have to resign their offices at the same time with me so that the New President-General may be free to nominate his own Executive Officers after the election. I shall not seek re-election unless all the Provinces agree to give me full support as provided for under the constitution of the Congress.

The General conference will pass a vote of condolence with the bereaved widow and children of the late Rev. Elijah Mdolomba the devoted leader of Africa who died recently under harness and for the cause of Africa.

In conclusion I ask all the Chiefs and leaders of our people to attend this important General Conference and to join in these Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

Nkosi Sikelela.
Morena Hlohonolofatsa Afrika.
P. kaI. SEME,
President General A.N.C.
Volksrust, Tvl.

Reply to Mr. Zondi

(To The Editor "Ilanga.")

Sir,—Allow me a little space in your valuable paper to write on what Mr. E.J.D. Zondi, wrote in your issue of Nov. 6. Mr. Zondi in discussing his subject. "What Hampers the Teaching Profession?" says, Teachers are paid inadequate salaries. This is absolutely true. He further said: "Through uneconomic salaries some teachers have fallen into bad companies of drunkards, and in all sorts of misbehaviour, which disgrace the name of teacher."

May it be remembered that in order to be drunk there must be money to acquire liquor. Does it mean that those teachers who may be found in the company of drunkards are under paid? Surely not! Mr. Zondi further says there are people called Tom, Dick and Harry in the street: if there are such persons, it must be remembered that it is his duty as teacher to change those persons' names to better ones, by going to them not with a fat wage, but with the light, which is never acquired by big wuges, but acquired by the CALL of the profession. Jesus says, "Ye are the Light of the world."

A true teacher cannot be found in shame, disgrace, misdeeds, misbehaviour and in company of drunkards, only because he is paid most undesirable salary; why because his call is a true call and built on the Rock which is Christ.

A teacher with a sound education, and ethics should be able, and capable of adjusting himself to difficult situations. Monetary difficulties cannot eradicate MORAL PLANT and consume MORAL STRENGTH. Surely I, as a teacher realisethe fact teachers should be paid a living wake; I cannot understand that MORAL STRENGTH has anything to do with monetary struggles,

Let us not be biassed by our pecuniary struggles, and make excuses for the evils we commit and say, money would have saved me from this, or only if my wages were big, I would not have committed such, or be found in such a company.

The teacher as well as anyone else should receive the consequences of wrong deeds. Moral strength is the only shelter for teachers where to appeal in times of temptations as arrayed before us.

B. C. MSOMI,

OKUSWELEKILE.

Nxa ukukhohlela kuswa ukubanda yazi ukuthi izintunja zomoya zicalekile amakhaza. Okuswelekile wukuba uphuze oka Chamberlain wosi. Uyazi geqa zintunja zomoya, ugeda ukonwayiza nwazo, welaphe. Oka Chamberlain wosi kawunangozi ekuthakweni kwawo. kgissenganeni encane ulungile. UtheiNawa ezitolo nasemaKhemisi.

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A Departmental sub-committee appointod by the Miuister of Rrilways and Harbours is now at work inquiring into the outside rates of wages paid at the various centres to non European employees to asccertain how these rates compare with those paid by the Administration.

On receipt of the committee's report, South Afrrican Trades and Labour Council, which has been informed, the Administration will consider in which cases, if any, and to what extent increase in wages are jusiified.

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