

NEHAWU pays Tribute to ANC on its

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Years of Selfless Struggle



NEHAWU joins multitudes of our compatriots and countless others across the world in congratulating the African National Congress as it celebrates its hundredth anniversary on the 8th January 2012. A century of uninterrupted struggle for national emancipation is a monumental achievement of which the overwhelming masses of our people, Africa and diaspora are justly proud.

Indeed, from its founding the ANC was established to forge African unity in the struggle for the total liberation of the continent as delegates from all over South Africa and the subcontinent descended on Waaihoek, in Mangaung. These included workers, farmers, peasants, professionals, journalists, traders, churchmen, chiefs, members of the African royalty, poets, musicians and authors.

As it justifiably stands tall today with an experience second to none and yet conscious of the immense challenges that lie ahead, the ANC has vindicated the yearnings of all of its martyrs, heroes and heroines, not least the clarion call of one of its founders Pixley ka Isaka Seme who foretold the establishment of the ANC when he said:

“The brighter day is rising upon Africa... Yes, the regeneration of Africa belongs to this new and powerful period. The African people... possess a common fundamental sentiment which is everywhere manifest, crystallising itself into one common controlling idea... The regeneration of Africa means that a new and unique civilisation is soon to be added to the world.”

We too as NEHAWU, like many of the revolutionary and progressive formations in the broader mass democratic movement in our country, were founded with a time-tested inspiration from the visionary forebears of the ANC, the great patriots such as John Langalibalele Dube, Pixley ka Izaka Seme, Sol Plaatje, Sam Makgatho, Walter Rubusana, Charlotte Maxeke, Thomas Maphikela and Edward Tsewu.

On this historic moment in our revolution, in which our members are keenly playing an active role in the centenary celebrations, NEHAWU also wishes to pay tribute to many of the ANC leaders that have sterlingly taken the baton from these founding patriots and helped to build it into this revolutionary giant. Without undermining the revolutionary role played by the masses our people and numerous cadres of our movement, it is fitting to particularly mention a distinguished few of the ANC leadership that have earned its highest award of honour, Isithwalandwe / Seaparankoe such as Albert Luthuli, Father Trevor Huddleston, Yusuf Dadoo, Moses Mauane Kotane, Govan Mbeki, Bishop Ambrose Reeves, Lilian Ngoy Oliver Reginald Tambo, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Helen Joseph, Ahmed Kathrada, Harry Gwala, Elias Motsoaledi, Andrew Mlangeni, Raymond Mhlaba, Wilton Mkwai, Joe Slovo, Ray Alexander Simons and Chris Hani. This collective and many others shall remain our lodestars of revolutionary patriotism and commitment to national liberation.

Halala ANC! Halala ANC!