

our task, all of us, it our task from tomorrow onwards to build up towards a total boycott, a total boycott which is going to force the Government of this country, which is going to force the authorities that be in this country, to recognise the non-European people of Cape Town as human beings, and I think it is about time that we ourselves did something. I've met many people, particularly people who are leaders of organisations. A gentleman turned round and said to me us, representatives of SACPO, 'Oh ! I suppose its all very well for you people to suggest this and that and the next thing, but the people are not ready'. My own impression, and the impression and the opinion of our organisation, is that it is not the people who aren't prepared for action, but it is the leaders who have stood back. It is the leaders who have continually failed to lead the people into action. It is the leaders who must take the responsibility for many of the set-backs which have been suffered by the non-European people in this country. The people have always in my opinion, been waiting for the leaders. Our own organisation - it is young, it is true - but obviously as you can see it is an organisation which is prepared to take the cudgels in both hands, and which is prepared to lead the people together, which is prepared to lead the people now towards some form of action. Friends, I have been asked now exactly what do we do from tomorrow. I have indicated that we have prepared the pickets, for picketing of those bus stops, those bus routes which are effected, but, as for the people who are here this afternoon, and as for all your friends whom you will meet between this afternoon and tomorrow, we anticipate that all of us here will not use the buses as from tomorrow. As far as SACPO's Executive is concerned, as far as our Executive is concerned, you can rest assured that we don't own cars, so it won't be an easy task for us ourselves. The Executive of SACPO is a working ~~committee~~ executive, it is an executive of working men and women and we will have to walk with everybody else. From tomorrow we appeal to you not to use any of the buses of the Golden Arrow Bus Service and of the City Tramways. We do not expect a one hundred....

hundred percent boycott from tomorrow. Let that be quite clear. I should think that there are many people who are present here this afternoon, but there are so many more who have not heard of the boycott, perhaps many who haven't heard of the production of apartheid. They will only realise that apartheid is being introduced when they go along to the bus stop tomorrow morning. But its going to be our task and it is going to be your task, all of us, the task of all of us, to see that the idea spreads, that the idea spreads to all the people from tomorrow onwards. It is going to be the task of various other organisations to call meetings in their respective areas, appeal to churches to hold special services, to appeal to organisations wherever possible, to organise transport and, above all, we are going to appeal to you people this afternoon immediately after the meeting to come up to this platform, to come up to this lorry, and join the South African Coloured People's Organisation. It is useless my friends, it is useless having one public meeting after another, it is useless for protesting against one issue after another. It is pointless grumbling at home with your wife or your children about this form of apartheid or that form of apartheid. It is pointless going to church and just complaining about one thing or another. It is pointless doing all these things unless we are organised, because without organisation you are in a position to do absolutely nothing. The Nationalist Party which managed to get into power is perhaps one of the best organised parties in this country, and I see no reason why the non-European people, who get the boot every time, shouldn't see to it that they too are organised, and we'll invite you, all of you here who are present here this afternoon, to join our organisation, to assist us in establishing branches all over the Cape Peninsula, branches which will see to it, that will implement the decision which we've come to this afternoon. This is only, as I've explained, the beginning, my friends. From now onwards our real hard task begins. We've got a bright future in this country, a future which need not be as dark as the Nationalists are trying to print it. You know

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it just ~~ju~~ as well as I do that we live in a country ruled by a set of chaps in Parliament who have something wrong up here. They are madmen, politically, and it is our task to see to it that this country is put on its proper feet, is put on a proper footing. These chaps may be politically insane, just like Hitler, just like Mussolini, and it is the task, it is the job of the people who are most patriotic in this country, and we are the true patriots of this country, a man is not only a patriot when he goes to war but a man is also a patriot when he keeps on fighting for the improvement of conditions in his own country, for the improvement of the lot of all the people of the country. And it is going to be the task of all of us to see that that is done. And I appeal to you to see that you come up to this platform immediately after the meeting and assist us :

(a) by joining our organisation;

(b) by offering your assistance to do whatever you are best/able to do in the campaign to organise the boycott.

"As many of you as possible must please come up to this platform immediately after this meeting so that we can see what can be done together with you to organise this boycott. Our slogan should be : 'each man, each woman, a volunteer to organise the boycott'. We, friends, have a tremendous responsibility. We want to organise this boycott but it is only one step, it is only ~~a step~~ it is only organising one section against one section - one part of apartheid, but, for the future of South Africa, let me say this, that we are not at all racialistic. We do not believe in any form of discrimination between white and non-white. We do not believe that we should start looking upon a man as a Jew, as a Boer, as a Hotnot, as a Rooinek, as a Slams, as a Kaffir. We believe that we can build a South Africa in total opposition to men like Schoeman, who refer from public platforms to the 'Hotnots', 'Kafirs' and 'Koelies'. We believe that we can build a new South Africa, a South Africa in which all people can still participate in its building up. a South Africa in which there can be a future for all the children....

children, a future for white children, a future for black children, a future for brown children, a future in which there shall be love and real affection for your country, a future in which we shall all work in a unified manner towards a new South Africa, towards a South Africa which shall be free, towards a South Africa which you will all love. Thank you Mr. Chairman." (Applous).

ALEX LA GUMA : (Engels) :

"Friends, I see that there are many people who have come forward this afternoon to offer their cars to give boycotters a lift. Now is there any among you who also have cars, please come forward and offer your services and transport for boycotters. From tomorrow morning we have decided that you will no longer use the buses on any other route whether there is apartheid on that route or not. On no bus of the City Tramways or the Golden Arrow Bus Service will you ride, and for a while at the beginning it might be a little difficult for you, because you will have sore feet and you will be tired, but as soon as we build up our organisation, as soon as we have collected all the people who have motor cars, they will organise transport along the various routes, and then a lot of your troubles will be over, but, we repeat, it is up to you to be prepared to make that sacrifice. You can do it. It depends on you.

"Now in conclusion, I call once more for volunteers to come up to the platform to offer their services, and I expect this whole meeting to surround the platform here in a few minutes time. Are we going to ride the buses tomorrow? ('No. No. No') Good. Well that is all for this afternoon, and our organisation proceeds with our further meetings, we'll have further meetings in different areas, we'll keep in contact with you and our organisation will at all times be in the lead of this campaign.

"Thank you very much for coming here and listening to our speeches, and now, come forward to offer your help. Thank you.

Come along....

Come along, come forward, come forward, let them come up, anybody that's got cars. The Special Branch can keep their cars. Anybody else here with a car please come forward, and those of you who are prepared to volunteer your services, come forward. Those of you who are prepared to join our organisation, step up to the platform please."

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SOUTH AFRICAN COLOURED PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION

PREAMBLE:

The coloured people, decendants of the original inhabitants, imported slaves, and white colonists, have, over the three hundred years of their history, no less than any other section of the population, contributed to the development of the social and economic and cultural life of South Africa, and can therefore lay just claim to their rightful heritage - freedom in the land of their birth.

Contrary to the idea that the emancipation of slaves in 1834 brought freedom to the coloured people, history has shown that the emancipation had only made possible the imposition of the form of servitude far more subtle, deadly and dangerous than that experienced by their ancestors in pre-emancipation days.

When in 1834 the chains of chattel slavery were struck from their limbs, our people stepped forward upon the path towards their rightful heritage. Today we face only disillusionment, poverty and discrimination. Their stifling atmosphere of slavery still pervades our people and our environment.

The mine owners, big farmers, industrial capitalists and foreign imperialists, who comprise with the ruling class, order to facilitate the exploitation of the working masses and to prevent the development of competition from among the non-European peoples have employed the classic method of divide and rule, instituting a system of colour oppression and racial prejudice in South Africa, based upon the fictitious superiority of white people and the so-called inferiority of non-whites. Within the social structure, the coloured people have a place. The ruling class do not intend to permit us to rise to equality without white complicity. Laws bar our access to economic upliftment, trade and commerce. Colour prejudice strangles our aspirations to culture. Inferior education stifles the future of our children, herded into slums and crushed by poverty, prematurely aged prey to germs and diseases.

Taxation without representation in the governing and administrative bodies of the country, systematic deprivation of the franchise and other rights previously held in the Cape, and denial of ordinary citizenship rights in other provinces, as well as an intolerable burden of oppression and exploitation which is daily being added to, is the lot of the coloured people.

Without bread, franchise and equality of opportunity, there can be no freedom. After a century we must still fight for the freedom which could rightly have been ours since 1834. Our non-white brothers are little worse off than we are. Pass laws and slave education strangle their desire for progress. Laws deny recognition of their trade unions. Robbed of land, franchise and all human rights, herded into location and ghettos, denied the right to free trade and commerce to travel freely, they are inflicted with the stigma of inferiority and burdened with every form of oppression.

The oppressors, controlling the political and economic life of South Africa, shows no sign of conceding any democratic rights within the present framework of society to the non-European peoples. There is no indication of them acceding to the just demands of the people. Instead they are continually burdening the people of South Africa with new oppressive laws.

The South African Coloured People's Organisation is of the opinion that the continued oppression of the coloured people is no longer tolerable; that it is no longer desirable to limit themselves to passive acquiescence under the increasing burden of discrimination and oppression; that a determined struggle in alliance with other oppressed and progressive people must be carried out.

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in the Freedom Charter adopted at the congress of the people at Kliptown, Johannesburg, on June 25th and 26th, 1955.

The South African Coloured People's organisation pledges itself to work unwavering until the changes set out in the Freedom Charter have been won.

1. NAME:

The name of the organisation shall be the the South African Coloured People's Organisation. (S.A.C.P.O.)

2. AIMS AND OBJECTS OF SACPO.

- (a) To organise and unite and lead the Coloured people of South Africa in the struggle for attainment of democratic rights proclaimed in the Freedom Charter.
- (b) To co-operate with and seek co-operation of all other organisations who are in agreement with, or are not in conflict with its programme.
- (c) In pursuance of democratic aims set out in its programme, to contest, and rally the coloured people against, any attack upon their political, right economic, and social rights;
- (d) To support all other sections of South African people in their struggle against oppression.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of SACPO shall be open to all who subscribe to its programme and constitution.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing, having regard for the specific character and task of SACPO, no European shall hold position in the governing bodies of the organisation.

4. CONSTITUTION OF SACPO.

SACPO shall consist of and be constituted as follows:

- (a) A National Executive Committee.
- (b) Regional Executive Committee.
- (c) Regional Councils.
- (d) Branches.

5. NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

- (a) A National conference of Sacpo shall be held annually and shall take place in Cape Town or its vicinity, by a time to be

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ided by the National Executive Committee.

(a) The National conference shall be composed of.

(1) All members of the National Executive Committees

(2) All officials of the Regional Committees.

(3) One member for every member and /or part of ten, who are fully paid up.

(6) NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) Shall be elected at each National conference and serve for the period between conferences.

(b) Shall consist of the National chairman, *President & Vice* General Secretary, National Treasurer, all of whom shall reside in *joint in Transvaal* Cape Town or in its immediate vicinity. *15 members.*

(c) Shall carry out the decision of the National conference and administer the affairs of Sacco generally.

(d) Shall meet regularly, *at least once a month, & a year* ~~at least once a month~~ *work committee*

(e) Shall send regular monthly reports to all regions.

(f) Shall call meetings ~~off~~ of representatives of all regions whenever deemed necessary, or upon request from $\frac{1}{4}$ of the number of regions; a quorum of such meetings to be NEC members plus at least one representative from the majority of regions

(g) Shall discuss and decide policy of Sacco in between National conference.

(h) Shall have power to investigate all affairs of Sacco, including membership, branches committee and their finances, and for the purpose to demand delivery, and take possession of any relevant books, accounts and other documents;

(i) Shall be responsible for the organisations of branches into regions

(j) Shall report to the National conference. The written report to be circulated to all regions two months prior to the National conference.

(k) May employ full time ~~unpaid~~ ~~functions~~ ~~functionaries~~ if necessary and possible, at a salary and conditions to be decided by the National Executive committee.

(l) May hire premises, offices etc, whenever deemed necessary.

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(e) A financial statement of each regional Executive Committee shall be submitted monthly to the National Executive Committee.

(f) A financial statement for the year shall be submitted to each regional Annual Conference by the Regional Executive Committee.

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(h) All financial statements must be signed by the officials of the relevant bodies.

(i) All cheques for disbursement of funds shall be signed by the Chairman or Secretary and the Treasurer of the relevant bodies.

(j) Two auditors shall be appointed annually by the National Executive Committee, Regional Executive Committee shall to audit their accounts.

(k) The National Executive Committee shall have power to levy all regions in proportion to their financial status, whenever deemed necessary.

(ll) GENERAL REGULATIONS

(a) Membership fee to S.A.C.P.O. shall be 1/- thereafter a subscription of at least 6d per month shall be paid by all members.

(b) Copies of the Programme and Constitution shall be sold at 3d each.

(c) All members shall be issued with a membership card, and payment of subscriptions recorded there-on.

(d) Only bona-fide members of S.A.C.P.O. shall be eligible for election or appointment to any post, provided no charge of mis-conduct can be proved against them.

(e) Office requisites, books, stationery etc for the administration of a Branch must be obtained from the appropriate regional Executive Committee and shall remain the property of SACPO.

(f) All cases of alleged mis-conduct or violations of the Constitution shall be handled by the appropriate regional Executive Committee.

(g) Appeals against decisions made by the regional Executive Committee under (f) may be brought to the national Executive Committee and thereafter to the National Conference.

(h) The decisions of a regional Executive Committee under (f) shall stand until such time as the National Executive Committee or thereafter the National Conference decides finally.

12. STANDING ORDERS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

(a) Examination of Credentials;

(b) Presentation of Report of the National Executive Committee;

(c) Business to be proceeded with according to Agenda;

(d) Speakers shall stand up when addressing the chair;

(e) The period of time for debate shall be at the discretion of the Chairman;

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- (h) A motion once carried shall not be debated unless a motion to that effect is carried by a two-thirds majority of those present.
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- (m) All branches shall have notice of conference and shall be supplied of copies of all documents relevant to conference, at least one month in advance so as to ensure their close consideration prior to conference.
- (n) Delegates fare to conference and other allowances shall be paid by the Executive Committee of the regions which they represent.

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A. The Head-office of SACPO shall be in Cape Town or its suburbs, and shall be administered by the National Executive Committee.

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==== Banner (S.A.C.P.O.)

MOWBRAY TOWN HALL
18/4/55 of the S.A.C.P.O.
(Mowbray Branch] 8/30 p.m.

present 30-35 Col. mostly males.

Meeting called to form Mowbray Group (Branch)
of S.A.C.P.O.

HOZAK :

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen. First of all I would like to welcome you all here this evening at the call of the S.A.C.P.O. Also I would like to welcome some of our old members of the movement, i.e. the members of the C.I.D. at this meeting.

You can see for yourselves, friends, where South Africa is going. Where people are gathered here this evening to discuss their homes and where to live, members of the C.I.D. are present to spy on the people to see if something is going on. But I can assure everybody that our movement is one of discipline. I can boast about it. Secondly, as you know, we had a meeting here before and we spoke on the Group Areas Act. But I want to touch on another issue today. There are people who are trying to suppress our movement - like the Non-European Unity Movement. They want to tear their brothers to pieces. They don't want to stand with us in the common fight. They don't want to give the people political training. These people are going around telling the people that we are asking for areas. On our pamphlet it is clearly stated that we are against the principle of the Group Areas Act. We want to approach the Board for the purpose of protesting against this vicious Act. Now they go around and make fools of themselves. They are sabotaging the movement. I want to warn you against these.....

~~We~~ We of the S.A.C.P.O. can be proud of the work we have put in for the non-Europeans of this country.

A while ago some of our African friends were discharged from their work in Durban. A boycott was called and it was not a month when this same company was brought to its knees and had to give in to the workers (referring to United Tobacco Co). That shows that we can do something if we stand together. If we stand together we can cripple a mighty company like the U.T.C. We have got the intellect amongst us, but on account of the oppressive laws in this country our talent has sort of been locked up and we cannot make use of it. Our own brothers are going around sabotaging the movement.

The first step this Government took when they came into power was to bring in segregation on trains. These same people came out and the T.A.R.C. (Trains Apartheid Resistance Committee) was formed. That was in order to test the unity of the Non-European people in the Cape Peninsula. People came out in their thousands. But on the eve of the struggle these people backed out. If these people hadn't backed out at that time we would have stopped the Government and the Government would have feared us. We would not have these immoral Acts that we have in this country. At the time when the Government started moving against us our own brothers sabotaged us and the Government carried on. They can shoot us down but we will still attend meetings. Even the whole of the Police force cannot stop the ~~majesty~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~ spirit of the people. Whether they have 20,000 or 20,000,000 policemen to stop us we will not be stopped. We are not asking the Government to do us a favour. Why

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should we not have the same privileges in this country as the Europeans. We have a one-way traffic and that is the way forward to freedom. It makes no difference what your colour is, we're all human beings. I would like each and everybody in this hall tonight to convey the message of the S.A.C.P.O., the A.N.C., the C.O.D., & Indian Congress. This is the only organisation which you can rely on. We as a coloured group, isolated, cannot do anything on our own. Don't think for a moment that because an African carries a pass that you are any better than him. The African has lost his vote - now they're going to take away your vote. You as a hottentot must just be able to work in the kitchen and no more. We can do marvels in this country if we all stand together. I don't say we must blow up the Houses of Parliament or the power stations. No! We're human beings - we're going to fight in a legal, in a non-violent, manner. We have proved it since the struggle has started that non-violence pays. We have proved ourselves to be the most law-abiding citizens of this country. After having all these oppressions pushed down our throats we have fought the Government in a most sporting manner. We are proud of the fact that we have fought in a non-violent manner, and we shall carry on the fight to the bitter end, for the future of our children.

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8.45 PEAKE : " Mowbray, ~~is~~ one of the areas in the front line as far as the Group Areas Act is concerned. There is a lot of work to be done. We are looked upon as a free and easy people - the coloured people. There is a great need for all our organisational work in educating them, so that there should be no need for our children to curse us.

The G.A.A. (Group Areas Act) - this whole ghetto Act is unjust. Nobody can deny it. How can an Act that is unjust be applied justly. The architects of this Act and the people who support this Act, tell us that it is essential to separate the races because when different races live in close proximity to each other it fosters race hatred. If ever there was a lie this is. There must be other reasons for the implementation of the G.A.A. What is going to occur with the implementation of this Act. There is a lot of red tape in the provision of housing for the under-privileged people. We only have to go to W/mere (Windermere), Cook's Bush, and so on, to see the sore spots - to see brothers of us reduced to inhuman standards. Thousands of people who are living under such conditions are being shifted to undeveloped areas. Would it not be better to improve the housing conditions of the people. No consideration has been given to the feelings of the people whom this Government intends moving. The facilities provided for N.E. (non-European) people are inferior to those provided for the Eur. people. There are no amenities. People will prey on their brothers if we should be moved to those areas. Let us take the money involved in the moving to these areas. Lots of people in Mowbray own their own properties. Lots of people live under conditions that they are proud of. They want to improve their homes. If we are sure we will be shifted to an area where there will be ownership of property that can be developed things would be different. Take transport. Transport is already strained to its full. You hardly find a bus or train in the morning that is not full. That is not the fault of the Government. But if people are being reshuffled will transport be provided? You will have to travel through unsheltered areas. You will have to pay increased fares. The income of the N.E. people is so meagre that they cannot afford the extra costs. Perhaps the most important effect of the Act is the

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effect it has on the education of our children. If our children are shifted to areas where schools are not yet provided, what is going to happen to our children at that stage. When will these schools be provided for them in these areas. Our children are the parents of the children of tomorrow.

This Act has been designed not for the upliftment of the N.E. The Act has been beneficial to the whites but certainly not to the non-whites. White people will take over the business. The Ghetto Act is criminal - nobody can refute it. The whole act is unjust and you must admit it can never be carried out justly. Now what have we done about this. Instead of us coming together and facing the common enemy we are bickering about amongst ourselves and playing right into the hands of the people who oppress us. Where people are divided they are inevitably ruined. We have to be the backbone in organising our people. The spirit of people who fight a just and noble cause can never be dampened. This whole Act is being implemented under the guise of racial harmony. This Act has been designed to keep the N.E. people divided - where people will be shut up into water-tight compartments. They are setting up camps of black racialists. We must prevent that Africa should be split up into race pockets. The press is gradual - many of us are lulled into a sense of false security. Little things with far reaching repercussions are being placed on the Statute book almost unnoticed. This plan to completely destroy the economic and social life of the non-whites must be brought to a stop. This can only be done by organised leadership.

I can say without hesitation, friends, that it is the policy of S.A.C.P.O. to educate people politically and lead them in the interests of racial peace and harmony for everybody in South Africa. The Ghetto Act is a master plan for apartheid. The blueprint has been set and from that apartheid will be built up.

We have to build up mass agitation and mass opposition to the plans of certain Local Authorities who are in favour of imposing ghettos. We must show that there will be no compromise. We must show that we have helped to build up this country to what it is today. If we have been good enough to build up this country we are also good enough to enjoy the fruits of our labours. No person shall apply for a group area at the expense of another race. The Act can only be successfully implemented if some stooges are prepared to accept it in principle. Let us show all-out opposition to the Act in toto. We have to organise as we have never organised before, through the length and breadth of the Pen. (Peninsula), to explain to the people what is behind this Act. When we have an organisation of the people we can speak with authority. We all have the same ideas and we can speak together. The Boards will find it easy to play one section against the other. I feel friends, that right through history we have seen that the battle of people who fight to be liberated from a life of inferiority is a just battle. If this battle has been just from time immemorial, it applies now. Here is a time when every person should rally to the cause. It is your duty to protect your wife and children."

9/10. R. SEPTEMBER :

"SACPO established when our Parliamentary vote was before the public eye. We linked up with the A.N.C. and the S.A.I.C. We have attempted to build up an organisation something similar to the A.N.C. and S.A.I.C. - an organisation which is going to take up the cudgels on behalf of the people. SACPO will take up all issues affecting the people. We see for example that this Government - that Local Authorities - is now on the verge of introducing a new form of apd. (apartheid), namely bus apd. into the Cape Peninsula. They have started on one road, namely Cape Town....

Cape Town to Stikland. At later stages they intend applying bus apartheid on other routes as well. I have seen bus apd. in operation in Natal, in the Tvl. (Transvaal) and in P.E. (Port Elizabeth). I have seen the 3 back seats being for the n.Ers. I have seen N.Ers. left standing because these 3 back seats upstairs were full. They are going to attempt to introduce this sort of nonsense into the C.P. (Cape Peninsula) as well. It is our job to see what we can do about this. They are also going to attempt in the near future to take away completely our Parliamentary vote, and also our Municipal vote and our right to send N.E. people to the Council. They will also provide us with some special type of Bantu education. Fortunately we know that the African people, particularly on the W.W.R. (Witwatersrand), are resisting this B.Ed. (Bantu Education) - this slave education as I prefer to call it. In addition they are going to change the I.Con.Act (Industrial Conciliation Act) - a change that will split our T.U's. (Trade Unions) from top to bottom on the colour issue. They are going to attempt to introduce a far greater measure of Government control over T.U's, more than under Hitlerism in Germany. Certain jobs will be given to whites and whites only. We know that our fellows, since the time of slavery, have built some of the finest buildings in Cape Town. We also know that during the period of depression - and a depression will no doubt come - but we know that it is going to be during that period that that law is going to come. The Minister of Labour will have the right to say that certain trades will no longer be carried on by non-Europeans, where people will be thrown out on to the streets. It is an attempt to tell you that apd. is a first class thing.

Group Areas has been dealt with sufficiently, but I just want to say this. SACPO is not going to negotiate. It will have no truck with any individual who is going to have anything to do with zoning. We are going to stand ~~in~~ 4 square behind any individual who opposes apartheid in principle. If you ask for one area to be declared an area for one race you are going to deprive another race of his area. These areas will lead to locations & so on to passes the same as the Africans are experiencing. Don't think that the mere fact that you are making representations will safeguard your home. Anyone who tells you that is leading you up the garden path. Just as the Africans are being shifted from the W.Areas in Jhbg - and they are going to shift 65,000 people. They shifted 150 people by using 2,000 policemen. It seems to me that they were not willing to shift. These people must have been in the mood to say 'I am sorry but I think that I have a right as a human being to live where I want to. We have to build up this organisation because we have a common object. When once you decide what sort of S.A. you want it is organisation you want. That is the way the N.P. (Nationalist Party) went about it. We say that the col. people - incl. all n.Ers. in the C.P., - on our own we could put up a pretty good show. I remember in 1951 there was a strike. It was the first time the non-Eur. people came out on a political strike.

Linked with our organisation is the S.A.I.C., the A.N.C., and the few democratic-minded Europeans - together with what we call the Congress Movement. We want to stand shoulder to shoulder in fighting for S.A. I say for the benefit of the C.I.D., I don't mean fighting with arms. You can't tell a man how he is to defend his rights. That is the way we intend to protect ourselves - by building up a strong organisation. We want to build a new South Africa in which we can enjoy what we like to enjoy. We would like our children to be Drs. (doctors) and so on - not only kitchen boys. We want them to become heads of the land too, if we are successful. We are prepared to extend our hand to any brother and every sister in order to build up a happy S.A. ""

9/35 Questions invited. Q. We have had too many splinter orgs. Hitler founded Quisling orgs. & in the same way the Govt. of this country want splinter orgs.. "" ""

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 By *W. J. J. J.*
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Dear Member,

It is generally agreed that the formation of S.A.C.P.O. is the fulfilment of a long-felt need. You agreed to its formation, and we now call upon you to tangibly support your convictions. S.A.C.P.O. belongs to you and it is your duty now to work. Enclosed you will find Membership forms. It will be your job to SIGN UP MEMBERS, TO CALL MEETINGS, TO FORM BRANCHES. By the next meeting progress will be expected especially from Executive Members. An Organization is not built on goodwill and promises. There are thousands and thousands of prospective members round about you. Get stuck into your task and regard it as a Duty you owe to yourself.

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S.A.C.P.O. needs you.

You need S.A.C.P.O.

So get to work.

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