

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

THE UNITED NATIONS.

This Conference of the South African Indian Congress notes with very serious misgivings that:

W H E R E A S three successive sessions of the United Nations General Assembly have discussed, and recommended methods by means of which the racially discriminatory treatment of South Africans of Indian origin may be ended and their status brought in conformity with the United Nations Charter and declaration of Human Rights

A N D W H E R E A S The Government of the Union of South Africa has not only blankly refused to comply with the United Nations resolutions but has added more hardships and humiliations by enacting a further series of racial laws as embodied in the Population Registration Act, the Mixed Marriages Act, the Intercourse Act, and the Group Areas Act, ^{Suppression of Communism Act,} all of which are designed to degrade, to humiliate and to add further disabilities upon all disfranchised non-white South Africans including those of Indian origin

A N D W H E R E A S the preaching and practising of the doctrine of race superiority by the Union Government as enunciated in the above and other legislations is causing resentment, unrest and racial strife which are calculated ultimately ^{to} have serious repercussions within and without the borders of South Africa;

This Conference, therefore, representing South Africans of Indian origin, urgently appeals to the United Nations that in order :-

- (a) To prevent racial conflagration which may have far reaching consequences for the peace and security of the world,
- (b) To prevent further impairment of friendly relations between member states,
- (c) To inspire faith and confidence in the principles and purposes for which the United Nations stands,
- (d) To make the Charter a reality,
- (e) To encourage and promote the democratic ways of life

(f) To impress upon member states that the decision of the United Nations shall be treated with respect.

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Enshrined.
(g) To preserve the prestige of the General Assembly of the United Nations, it emphatically ~~and~~ denounce at its current session the disregard shown to its resolutions, by a member state, and take immediate, appropriate and effective steps to end within the Union of South Africa the pernicious doctrine of race superiority and the practise of race discrimination and for the application forthwith of the basic human rights ~~and~~ introduced in the Declaration of Human Rights for all its nationals irrespective of race.

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Whereas the Defiance Campaign has proved beyond all doubts our firm belief that lasting and fruitful co-operation among the different sections of the oppressed people of this country can only be forged along the path of an active political struggle for freedom; and

Whereas the campaign has brought political consciousness to vast masses of the people and made them realise that their freedom can only be won by themselves through great sacrifices;

And Whereas an increasing number of European democrats have been made to understand that the only way to serve democracy is for them to throw their active lot with the cause of the non-Europeans and that some of them have already defied Unjust Laws.

This Conference : (a) Views the great struggle of the Non-European peoples for democratic rights and liberties with great pride, faith and hope.

(b) Expresses its sincere gratitude to the over 8,000 gallant men and women who participated in the Defiance Campaign.

(c) Resolves to give its unwavering support to any opposition to unjust and undemocratic laws in the struggle for full freedom and democracy for all in S.A.

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