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# CALLING INDIAN TENANTS

## NO HOUSES

As more and more residential premises come down to make way for industrial sites and flats for Europeans, more and more Indian families are rendered homeless and without any accommodation whatsoever. WHERE ARE THEY TO GO?

It is a patent fact that the City Council of Johannesburg and Municipal authorities throughout the Transvaal have criminally neglected in providing a single house under Municipal Economic or Sub Economic housing schemes. WHY?

The Indian community is paying rates and taxes in equal proportion to any section of the population but they have received the least of the amenities they are entitled to. WHY?

The answer is simple. The authorities that be do not want the Indian people -- they want to get them out of the country.

The Congress has from time to time submitted practical schemes to house the Indian people but no notice has been taken of them.

## HIGH RENTS AND GOODWILL

The acute shortage of accommodation for the Indian people has given an opportunity to the landlords to shamelessly and immorally exploit helpless Indian tenants. The position has become so serious that many Indian families today are merely working to provide profits to the landlords. The Congress has in the past and continues to appeal to the landlords not to indirectly assist the Government in paving the way to Group Areas.

## AUTHORITIES TAKING ADVANTAGE

The Government has imposed so many fascist restrictions on the freedom of movement and the right of occupation and ownership of Indian people that landlords of Indian tenants are given full and free opportunities to exploit Indians at will. The greater the squeeze on the Indian people the more the Government likes it -- for it forces our people to accept Group Areas and ghettos.

The Government is depending on this to force Group Areas on the Indian people. If the Indian people can be forced to go to Lenz then the Government's task in implementing the Group Areas Act will be so much easier. But residential segregation will not solve our problem. Once we accept Group Areas what shall we do for a living? We shall not be allowed to eke out our existence outside of our own Group Area. Our existing trading and hawking rights will be taken away. Under the Amendment to the Group Areas Act we shall not be allowed to do certain specified kinds of jobs in other areas. Under the Industrial Conciliation Act the Minister of Labour has a right to specify the kind of work each racial group will be able to do. What must we do?

The Transvaal Indian Congress has convened an

All-In Conference on Group Areas

at

GANDHI HALL

on

Saturday, 25th August at 8 p.m. &  
Sunday 26th August at 9.30 a.m.

to discuss the serious situation we are faced with.

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