

Women struggle

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Women have started to ~~real~~ realise the need to liberate themselves as early as 1931, when a call was made to get themselves organised. The slogan was "Organise! Don't let your menfolk keep you back"

Organisations which took part then were CHILD WELFARE The LEAGUE of Women's Voter, The women of S.A. INDIAN CONGRESS, THE ANC. WOMEN'S LEAGUE and FedSAW.

We saw in 1956 women organising meetings in major towns and cities to discuss one of the major burning issues of the time Passes for African women. This was on 8 March, The International women's day just to correct certain organisations that have confused the dates.

We all know that the meeting in Johannesburg resolved to go and see the then S.A. Prime Minister and this meeting took place on this very day. When 20,000 witnessed their leader petitioned the same regime that is determined to divide our people further with its new constitution today.

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You all know as well as I do that none of these demands have been met. Hence the need to intensify our struggle, our methods to strengthen our organization. To enter the new terrains that were closed to women then.

Your presence in this institution proved beyond reasonable doubts that the call that was made by those heroic predecessors is beginning to bear fruits. We cannot only ~~begin~~ ^{take} it to its logical conclusion if we can ~~begin~~ continue to ~~open new~~ cover new grounds which are inherent to the slogan that has seen ~~over~~ 20,000 women saying enough is enough.

We should today take the pains of tracing those of our kind that are left in destitutes at the barren countryside to bring up little one without the much needed hand of their husbands.

We should continue to challenge the validity of of this government to erase 1936 land act that has put ~~that~~ ^{large group} ~~part~~ of our people in these

inhuman condition that has been denounced world
over

Side by side with our male comrade we should
much together and expose the condition that has
been imposed on our less fortunate workers that has
made this country to be what it is today in
the horrors and compounds.

We should not forget our folks who virtually
spent the rest of the lives making coffee, wives
those who raise us by the ^{barrel of a} gun by making their beds
dressing their children cleaning their houses and by
so doing just. Justifying the myth that they
are superior women when we carry the task that
has been realised by those our mothers in 1931
When we go out to Organise.

When we organise those women sector of our
people let us not leave those who have been recruit
ed as step labourers in the industry of commerce
Over the last decade we saw the capitalist
used women to patch men who were becoming

more "uncontrollable" by demanded fair wages better working conditions and safety at their places of employment.

When we organize we should not leave the housewives who have been treated as part of the furniture by their beloved ones when love began to sour.

We should organize them because they are ~~the~~ ^{the} architect of our tomorrow.

They are the architects without ^{whom} our places ~~can~~ ^{can} be saved. We will forever live in fear of one another. We cannot contain the anger and frustration of larger section of our community, the youths. They are the only people who can direct this anger and frustration toward the total liberation of all our people.

They are the teachers

They are the teachers who cannot remove these wrong perception of values that had seen the like of Rajbansi & Hendricks

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