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DECLARATION OF BELIEFS.

We, South Africans of both language groups, declare our belief that the great opportunities which await our Country can only successfully be realised on the basis of what is right and just for all sections of our population; that no group is superior or inferior to another merely on the grounds of race or colour; that every South African regardless of race, colour or religion, has an inalienable right to respect of his personal dignity as a human being; and that everything possible should be done to improve relationships between different sections of our population, within the framework of a civilised, stable, well-run and prosperous society.

We accordingly subscribe to the following :-

1. We are conscious of the need to examine many aspects of present racial relationships in the light of the important changes which have taken place in the last two decades within South Africa and also throughout the whole world.
2. We believe that thinking South Africans in general earnestly desire to do what is in the best interests of all our people, but that divisions between Afrikaans-speaking and English-speaking White South Africans are, at the present time, making it difficult or even impossible for men of goodwill to give effective attention to our many problems. It would, therefore, appear that there is an urgent need at the present time to bring about a far greater degree of unity, understanding and co-operation between the two White language groups, so that the welfare of the whole nation may receive undivided thought and attention.
3. Having taken part in the referendum according to our own individual convictions, we believe that, the result of the referendum having been announced, the people of South Africa should now willingly accept the decision of the majority of voters and proceed to establish a Republic, having the existing form of democratic constitution, and desiring to maintain the present Commonwealth relationship.

- 4). We believe that the constitutional issue should be settled as quickly as possible so that no time be lost in giving effective and undivided attention to colour and racial issues, and to other matters of fundamental importance to our Country.
- 5). We realise that White South Africans are today more than ever before being challenged to meet the spiritual, material and political needs of all racial groups; we believe that this challenge should be accepted in a spirit of humility and understanding and that our responsibilities should be carried out in such a way as to maintain the basic Western character of our society, the stability of our civilised state and the orderly and peaceful social constitutional and economic progress of our country.
- 6). We urge that effective action, within the framework of these principles, be taken to improve continually the position of all South Africans of all races.
- 7). We believe that all attempts should be made to establish a friendly and constructive relationship with the other countries on the African continent; that South Africa has a major contribution to make in the orderly and progressive social, economic, and political development of these countries; and that our human and material resources should be harnessed to the task, together with other African countries, of serving the best interests of the continent.
- 8). We support the firm alignment of South Africa with the Western world, and with the principles of Western democracy as opposed to Communism, as well as the maintenance of good relations with all friendly countries.
- 9). Support of this Declaration is in no way intended to affect or be in conflict with membership of or loyalty to any political party.

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