

THE RESOLUTION.

Following is the full text of the resolution adopted unanimously by the Mass Meeting:

That this mass meeting of the citizens of Cape Town, called by the Civil Rights League, resolves:

1. To oppose every bill, whatsoever its pretext, introduced by the Government, which menaces the established rights of the citizen;
 2. To prevent the Executive from invading the domains of the legislature and the judiciary, in other words, to prevent the establishment in South Africa of a police State;
 3. In particular to oppose the Unlawful Organizations Bill because:
 - (a) It clothes the Government with dictatorial and tyrannous powers;
 - (b) It denies effective recourse to the courts and menaces the Rule of Law;
 - (c) It empowers the Government of the day to use the machinery of the Criminal Law against any of its political opponents.
 - (d) It empowers the Government arbitrarily to ban the presence in the Legislature of its potential critics, despite a mandate of the electorate to the contrary.
 - (e) It gives power to the Government to crush all lawful assembly and independent opinion.
 - (f) It thus paves the way for the creation of the police state.
 4. To appeal to:
 - (a) All members of Parliament including those supporting the Government.
 - (b) All freedomloving public leaders in South Africa.
 - (c) The churches and all other religious bodies.
 - (d) All citizens who cherish democracy,

to see the Unlawful Organizations Bill in its true light as a grave and alarming threat to the fundamental rights of all citizens including themselves, and accordingly to fight it vigorously and achieve its defeat.
 5. This mass meeting of the citizens of Cape Town calls on all the Civil Rights League to take all steps for the purpose of organizing a nation-wide campaign to maintain, preserve, and promote the democratic way of life in South Africa.
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