

TAKE NOTE: Two mighty blows have been struck against the Verwoerd Government.

THE COMMONWEALTH HAS VOTED THEM UNFIT FOR DEMOCRATIC COMPANY!

THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE CALLED FOR THE STRONGEST INTERNATIONAL ACTION!

TAKE NOTE: Despite these blows, the Verwoerd Government plans to intensify apartheid and to introduce a Nationalist Republic on May 31st.

THE REPUBLIC IS APPROVED BY ONLY HALF THE WHITE MINORITY OF 3 MILLION!

IT IS OPPOSED BY THE WHOLE NON-WHITE MAJORITY OF 12 MILLION!

TAKE NOTE: On March 26th, at Pietermaritzburg, 1400 elected spokesmen of the african people, speaking in the name of the nation unanimously said:

NO TO ANY WHITE REPUBLIC BASED UPON NON-WHITE SUFFERING AND OPPRESSION.

DEMANDED A NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALL RACES TO DRAW A DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION.

TAKE NOTE: The Verwoerd Government is proceeding without regard to this demand of the majority of the people or of the condemnation of the world.

IT IS PREPARING TO FORCE A NATIONALIST REPUBLIC ON THE WHOLE POPULATION.

IT IS RELYING ONLY ON ARMED FORCES, BACKED BY ITS PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY.

THE VERWOERD GOVERNMENT HAS CHOSEN MAY 31st AS ITS REPUBLIC DAY!
MAY 31 IS THE DAY OF CHALLENGE!

VERWOERD AND HIS PARTY AGAINST THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE!
WE TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE

In the name of the African people and with the authority of the Pietermaritzburg Conference which appointed us, we solemnly declare that:

WE SHALL FIGHT APARTHEID EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

Extract from letter of Nelson Mandela to Fund.

We were greatly inspired by the dynamic message contained in your telegram sent through the Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg. We were also informed of your very kind offer of assistance in other directions, for which we are most grateful.

A few years ago, you launched a massive campaign in Britain to mobilise assistance for South African freedom fighters who were facing a charge of treason. In the course of that campaign, Christian Action emerged as one of our strongest and most reliable allies in the fight for a democratic South Africa; a South Africa free from the evils of racial discrimination and oppression.

Your stand in connection with the present trial is in conformity with belief in democratic values with which Christian Action is associated.

Finally, I ask you to accept this note as a very firm, warm and hearty handshake from me.

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