

In a Govt-Gazette published a few days before New Year the Nationalist Govt announced the introduction of separate racial Registers for South African Nurses as from the 1st of January, 1958. What a New Year present the People of South Africa are getting from the Nationalist Government.

Instead of bringing about and announcing joyous tidings of advancing bonds of brotherhood, amongst the Nurses; instead of announcing the provision of better education and training facilities to meet the increasing demands on our skills to cure and nurse disease for the relief of human suffering, the Nationalist Govt shamelessly sows seeds of racial conflict, it promulgates a law for the lowering of educational and training standards. It clears the stage on the one hand for the humiliation of Non-White patients to have no confidence in the ability of Non-White Nurses to nurse them effectively. On the other hand it fosters arrogance and inefficiency in White Nurses so that they will nurse Non-White patients indifferently. In either case the Non-White patient suffers, while both the Non-White and White nurses do not stand to gain; The South African public will depend on nursing services by nurses who have received inferior and distorted training, and whose attitude towards their patients will be sour and unprofessional.

PASSES AN ADDED INSULT:

For the African Nurse the nationalist Govt goes further and insults them to accept the injury. They are directed to take out the pass to get themselves discriminated against by being placed on a separate register so that they can be singled out for Nurse-Maid training. The Nationalist Government has met with the most determined resistance to passes from the ordinary African Women. It now turns round to compel African Women in the Nursing profession to accept the pass if they want to take Mid-wifery or general training. This dirty trick could only be conceived in the mean minds of Nationalist racially inspired planners.

The African Women in the nursing profession are on trial. They may not be allowed to do Mid-Wifery if they do not take out a pass so that the details of the pass may feature in the register.

On the other hand if they take out the passes they must be prepared for night raids by unknown men in police Uniforms. They must be prepared to be thrown into pick-up Vans in their night dresses; they must know that there is no privacy for them; that they will be rudely awakened anytime of the night and be ordered to strip in the ^{presence} of unknown men as happened in Humewood Hotels a few months back. They will have to put up with rude and humiliatery remarks in the Native Affairs Offices and the Labour Bureau. They will be stopped by the police and the flying squads and be searched in any way for passes in the name of law.

UGLY CHOICE FACES NURSES:

It is an ugly choice. On the one hand it is a Nurse maid Mid-Wifery Certificate plus a pass and all the evils that accompany it. On the other hand it is no Certificate but pass plus no freedom and the ^{loss of} dignity and respect to which every woman is entitled.

All freedom-Loving women have pledged themselves to resist the introduction of the pass and are prepared to endure hardships in the process. One Hundred and twenty served two months jail sentences at Uitenhage because they refused to carry the pass. Half a dozen babies were born in jail, but their mothers preferred to endure the hardships to submitting to pressure to carry passes.

Women of 80 years are serving six months in jail sentences in the Transvaal because they have refused to carry the pass. They are enduring hardships to protect the dignity of a woman. But such hardships like labour pains is temporary and is a prelude to a long period of freedom from hardship.

WOMEN ARE REFUSING TO CARRY PASSES.

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NURSES! BEWARE!

Be on the alert and make no mistake. The South African Nursing Council has become the stooge of the Government. It works hand in hand as the Government's agent, to see that passes are issued by force to Nurses.

The issuing of passes to Nurses is no longer a professional affair but a Political one, and has to be dealt with as such by each and every nurse.

If becoming a member of the Nursing profession one has to carry a pass, then to hell with the profession. Away with passes. Down with the South African Nursing Council and its satellites.

Long live the struggle of women in their anti-pass resistance movement. Remember the women who marched to Pretoria, on August 9th, 1956, to tell the Government they will never, never carry passes.

Remember the women of Zoerust, Winburg, Nelspruit, Lichtenburg, Pietersburg, Rustenburg, Baberton, Venterspost, Boons, Standerton, Heidelberg, Balfour, Driefontein, Potgietersrust, Sekukuniland and Dewilad. Women as old as our grandmothers, have resisted the passes even if it meant them losing their pensions and Medical attention, their posts, houses, and their lands, and being torn away from their offspring.

What about you? Nurses, the cream of our African Nation, the most enlightened, the understanding, the able bodied, both mentally and spiritually.

There are no two ways about to Freedom.
Accept passes and be enslaved for ever.

Fight hard and keep the anti-pass movement alive and strong and thus achieve
Freedom for all.



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WHERE'S YOUR PASS - NURSE?

WHY SHOULD NURSES CARRY PASSES?

Nurses are now being told that they must first be able to produce their identity number before being registered as nurses. In other words, the government will deprive nurses of their profession and their livelihood if they refuse to carry passes.

So in future, a midwife going to help a woman in childbirth must think of one thing first - if she has her pass with her! A nurse going on duty to the hospital must only remember if her pass is in order!

The government wants to force nurses to carry passes, hoping that if they do, women generally will not resist the pass laws so much. BUT THE NURSES HAVE NOT MEEKLY ACCEPTED THE BADGE OF SLAVERY! Nurses in the hospitals are putting up a gallant fight against passes.

THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN AND THE A.N.C. WOMEN'S LEAGUE call on women of South Africa to give strongest support to the nurses' struggle. We must assist the nurses - we must show our support and unity with them.

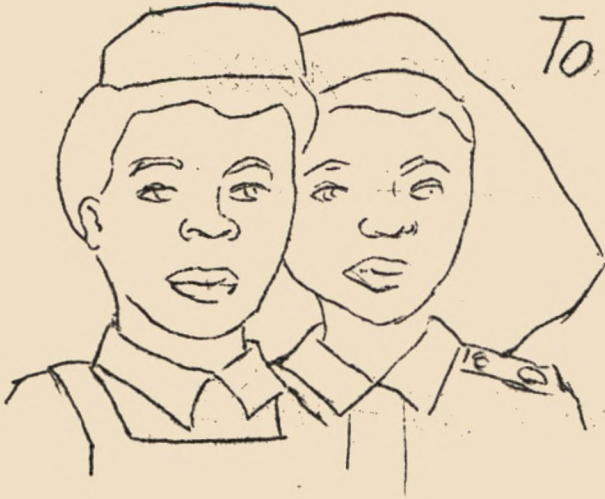
WOMEN - GO TO THE HOSPITALS! DEMAND TO SEE THE MATRONS! Tell them to stop trying to force passes on nurses. Protest to the South African Nursing Council. Let them know that women everywhere support the nurses and stand with them. Tell them that you will not allow your daughters to become nurses if they must carry passes.

We are inspired by the struggle against passes that is being carried on in Zeerust and Lichtenburg. The people have to stand up against threats, terrorism - even murder. But still they are not prepared to accept passes.

If ~~nurses~~ carry passes it will be easier to force passes on women everywhere. Therefore we support the nurses, with all our strength, and back their fight.

PASSES MEAN PRISON - PASSES MEAN DEATH.

WE WOMEN DON'T WANT PASSES - AWAY WITH PASSES
FOR NURSES!



To the NURSES OF SOUTH AFRICA

WHY SHOULD NURSES CARRY PASSES? Why should nurses wear the badge of slavery? What must a midwife think of first when going to attend a woman in labour - of whether she has her pass with her! What must a nurse remember above all when going on duty to the hospital - whether her pass is in order!

WHY HAS THE GOVERNMENT CHOSEN THE NURSING PROFESSION AS THE FIRST ON WHICH TO FORCE PASSES? Because they know that if nurses

agree to carry passes, then it will be much easier to make all other women carry passes.

THAT IS WHY WE WOMEN SUPPORT THE NURSES' STRUGGLE AGAINST PASSES! We understand very well that you nurses now lead women's resistance against passes. If you reject the hated pass, our struggle against passes is made stronger.

WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA SUPPORT THE NURSES - AND WE FIGHT WITH YOU! We are inspired by your resistance to the disgraceful attempts to force passes on nurses in hospitals. We stand with you - you have our strongest support. We will never agree to allow our daughters to be subject to the dangers of carrying passes.

WE WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA SAY - CARRY ON, NURSES! You have the backing of millions in your struggle against passes. Don't give in! Passes mean prisons, passes mean death.

WE WOMEN DON'T WANT PASSES —
AWAY WITH PASSES FOR NURSES!

THEY WILL STOP YOU AND SAY — WHERE'S YOUR PASS, NURSE!

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W E D O N ' T W A N T P A S S E S .

THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW GIVING PASSES TO AFRICAN WOMEN IN JOHANNESBURG AS FROM TO-DAY.

REMEMBER: 20,000 WOMEN TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER IN PRETORIA "WE DONT WANT PASSES".

REMEMBER: JOHANNESBURG WOMEN TOLD THE NATIVE COMMISSIONER AND THE CITY COUNCIL "WE DONT WANT PASSES".

REMEMBER: THE STRUGGLE OF THE WOMEN IN ZEERUST AND SEKUKUNILAND.

CAN YOU BETRAY THEM ?

REMEMBER: JOHANNESBURG IS THE HEART OF THE STRUGGLE FOR F R E E D O M.

YOU WILL BE JAIL BIRDS.

IF YOU TAKE PASSES, YOU WILL BE PRISONERS ALL YOUR LIVES. LIKE YOUR HUSBANDS, YOUR BROTHERS, YOUR SONS, YOU WILL BE TURNED INTO ANIMALS, YOU WILL BE HUNTED AND HOUNDED BY THE POLISE AT HOME, AND IN THE STREETE, YOU WILL BE ARRESTED IN YOUR HOMES AT DEAD OF NIGHT, CHILDEREN LEFT ALONE.

B E G I N N O W :-

A BITTER STRUGGLE AGAINST PASSES.

UNITE AND DEMONSTRATE YOUR OPPOSITION TO PASSES.

YOUR MOTHERS DEFEATED THE PASSES BEFORE.

NO LAW COMPLES YOU TO TAKE PASSES.

M A S S M E E T I N G .

A MASS MEETING OF ALL WOMEN, DOMESTIC WORKERS, FACTORY WORKERS, HOUSE WIVES, TEACHERS AND NURSES WILL BE HELD AT THE CONGRESS SQUARE, C/R VICTORIA RD., AND MORRIS ST., SOPHIATOWN, JHB.
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