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WHY HAS THE A.N.C. BEEN BANNED?

YOU CAN'T MAKE PEOPLE LIKE PASSES.

NO AMOUNT OF POLICE INTIMIDATION, DEPORTATION OF LEADERS OR EVEN THE BANNING OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WILL MAKE PEOPLE ACCEPT PASSES — TO THEM, THE MARK OF SLAVERY !

Verwoerd's action in banning the African National Congress in certain Reserve areas is directly related to the tense situation existing in these areas.

In Zeerust, police intimidation and brutality have driven thousands of refugees into Bechuanaland, but opposition to the extension of passes to the women continues. Verwoerd seems to think that by banning the A.N.C. he will finally wipe out this opposition.

Similarly, in Sekhukuniland, another of the areas affected by the ban, the people are incensed by the deportation of their chief. Verwoerd does not realise that as long as there are grievances, as long as a people feels that it is being unjustly treated, so long will they continue to protest, regardless of whether their organisation is banned or not. The African National Congress has always stood for multi-racial harmony in South Africa. The proclamation banning it must be condemned by all civilised people.

WE CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE PROCLAMATION AND THE BAN ON THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

WE URGE A SUSPENSION OF THE ISSUE OF PASSES TO WOMEN.