

WARNING TO WOMEN.

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The Story of Persecution.

We have already heard of the introduction of passes for women and their being subject of late to the influx Control in Urban Areas. We have been members of the Government service distributing from house to house leaflets calling upon all women to leave the Urban Areas. We see everyday women queuing up for passes at almost every pass office.

Now let us examine this situation and see if Africa is today being converted into a concentration camp for persecution of both African men and women.

During the United Party require every man can remember how deplorable this episode of the introduction of passes was. In 1952 the Nationalist amended the Pass Laws by including even African women to be victims of pass restrictions, and for the last two or three months we have witnessed with disgraceful pity the implementation of the evil Nationalist measure which we see is actuated by racial prejudice and hatred on the part of the present Government towards the Africans.

BLAUVLEI INCIDENT.

In December last year we saw messages of the Native Affairs Department distributing notices amongst the residents calling them to report to the Pass Officer concerning a permit to reside in the Blauvlei Area. Some of the women went to get these passes. After these women were asked a number of questions they were given passes and told to leave the town. They were told that that same pass they were living being given was not for remaining in the area but for leaving the area for good. The African women were surprised, but this trickery of the Government towards our people.

At this time the ANC prepared a protest and it called an emergency meeting of the women's league whereby the women could protest actively against this tyranny.

They sent a Deputation to Langa Township Administration offices to tell Lodgers that the women were against the passes as they were going to subject them to enslaving conditions and being sent to jail indiscriminately.

The African National Congress made a call to all African women to fight against the passes and there was a good response.

In January under the auspices of the Congress of the People Campaign there was a grand meeting at the Parade Grounds where 1,000 showed how much they were opposed to the introduction of passes for women. Both black and white showed their opposition against it.

In all branches in the Western Cape there sprang up Womens Anti Pass Committees and women joined these Committees very well to prove that theirs is a battle for freedom.

Section 10 of Urban Areas Act says :- A native female can reside in an Urban Area subject to the following conditions :-

1. If she was born in that Particular Area.

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2. If she has stayed in the same Urban area for not less than 15 years then continuously.
3. If she has worked for a European continuously for a period not less than 10 years in the Urban area.

If she is in possession of a written permission by the Native Commissioner or provided her husband is subject to the abovenamed categories.

Those are the African women who are permitted to stay in an Urban Area. However, we say to the women "DEFEAD RD YOU RIGHTS AND YOUR HOUSES No one should agree to follow the Provisions of Section 10 as amended- lumerated above. This law says African women should be sent back to their places of origin, but our question is where are these places when every place today is already over populated."

The Government has already pronounced its intention to chase all Africans from the Western Cape. Why? Because of its various evil apartheid laws which lay down that whites should live alone, Coloureds alone, Indians alone and Africans alone. So our call to every one is "Fellow-Africans, protest against the Group Areas plan and against low wages" The Government does not entertain the idea that an African and a coloured should unite and fight for freedom together. That is why the Government is building the halls at Langa Township in order that African men should be flocked into them. That is why some house have been demolished in such places like Windermere, Blauvlei, Elsie's River, Parl & Worcester.

Fellow Africans unite with the coloureds.

The womens Anti Pass Committee under the auspices of the ANC. is fighting vigorously against the introduction of the passes for women in that in such places like Stellenbosch Blauvlei and Elsie's River there are very strong Committees formed up to fight against this pass. In all these places the women say, "We want houses not passes."

WOMEN DEFEND YOUR FAMILIES. SUPPORT THE CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE. ||

SLAVE EDUCATION ACT.

Fathers and mothers of Africa, everyone in the Union of South Africa understands well that this new type of education is not meant to give our children any education but it only serves to prepare them for a nation of slave workers. It is quite clear that this kind of Education is meant to make our children form labourers and domestic servants. The aims of such an education system is to make our families believe that the European was made by God to be loss over every other African. Therefore, parents we should not take this sort of thing very lightly, I will reduce the African nation into a race of slaves. You should follow the steps of those places which have shown that they do not accept slave Education such as Langa Township, Kensington and Worcester. In these places there are no such things as the Verwoerd School Board.

WE WANT UNIVERSAL EDUCATION. WE DO NOT WANT SLAVE EDUCATION. DONT
ELECT VERWOERDS COMMITTEES. PARENTS DEFEND YOUR FAMILIES. SHOW
YOUR OPPOSITION.

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