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NO TO WAR! YES - TO FREEDOM!

WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE
U.S.S.R. — OF CHINA — OF THE REST OF AFRICA.
WHY DOES THE S.A. GOVERNMENT TAKE HOSTILE
ACTIONS AGAINST THEM?

Why has the Government suddenly broken off relations with the Soviet Union and told its Consular representatives to go within one month? We are at peace with Russia — not so long ago she was our ally in the grim struggle against Hitler. She has not shown the slightest unfriendliness towards South Africa — on the contrary, she buys millions of pounds worth of South African wool and meat. What possible reason can there be for this rude break with one of the world's Big Four Powers?

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Later in the year, the heads of State of Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States met at Geneva. They too decided that war would be a terrible tragedy for all mankind, and that all countries should live together in peace.

Is the Government helping to carry out the wishes of the people for peace? No: its actions show that it is not.

When he came back from overseas recently, Mr. Erasmus, the Minister of Defence, told Parliament that he and his Government has entered into certain military commitments with the "Western" imperialist powers, to send troops out of South Africa, to the Middle East and elsewhere. He said:

"It was said that Africa was the greatest prize on earth and that it had to be secured for the West. The question was what measures the Western world was prepared to take to retain its hold on Africa."

It is clear that the Government is committing the country to military blocs not to "defend" South Africa—no one wants to attack us — but to help the European powers to retain their hold over the people of Africa by putting down their movements for national freedom from colonialism.

THEY DON'T SPEAK FOR THE PEOPLE

In making these plots and in its unfriendly attitude to most of the outside world, the Nationalist Government does not speak for most of the people of South Africa. It is well-known that the South African Government is not elected by the majority of South Africans — the African, Indian and Coloured people.

The people of South Africa are not responsible for the policy of the Government. We protest against this policy and we repudiate it. We demand that the Government reverse it.

Mr. Louw's lame excuses did not convince anyone in South Africa or anywhere else. How could anyone seriously believe that seven Soviet families are a "menace" to South Africa?

But this is just in line with the general way the Nationalist Government has been behaving towards the outside world. It instructs its representatives to walk out of the General Assembly of the United Nations. It refuses to follow UNO's request to hold discussions with India; and so we have a break with that great country with its 400 million people.

The Government does not "recognise" the Government of China and so there are no relations between South Africa and the 600 million people in the People's Republic of China. And now the Government turns its back on the 200 million people of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

NO HELP TO PEACE

All over the world the cry has gone up from the hearts of the people: "We want peace! Stop the 'cold war!' Stop the atom bomb tests! Give us peace!"

Last year, at Bandung in Indonesia, the representatives of hundreds of millions of people from Africa and Asia met together in a great conference. Leaders of the Government of India, China, Egypt and 26 other countries attended. They decided that the peoples of the world could and should live together in peace, no matter what their social systems and political opinions. They decided that all people should have the right to govern themselves, no matter what their race or colour.

The people of South Africa have no quarrel with the people and the Governments of the Republic of India, the People's Republic of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and other countries with which the Nationalist Government has no relations.

On the contrary, we seek only friendship and peace with these countries. We are grateful for the progressive and humanitarian stand which they have taken at the United Nations Assembly and elsewhere, in favour of the establishment of fundamental human rights and freedoms in the Union of South Africa.

We have no quarrel with our brothers and sisters north of the Limpopo: the people of Africa. We sympathise deeply with their aspirations to govern themselves and to run their own countries, free from domination by European powers.

The Non-European people of South Africa and the European Democrats will not be parties to war plans and aggression against fraternal peoples and countries with whom we have no quarrel.

WE DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT GIVE EFFECT TO THE PEOPLE'S WILL FOR PEACE.

GO BACK INTO UNO!

ENTER INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, INDIA AND OTHER BIG POWERS OF EAST AND WEST!

OBEY THE U.N. CHARTER AND END RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN S.A.!

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