

# ANTI-ELECTION BOYCOTT

A decision to boycott classes was taken by B.S.M. and endorsed by NUSAS at a mass meeting on Friday 17. Students felt these days should be days of protest against the government's new constitution in solidarity with the nationwide drive, youth, women, church and other organisations who reject this so-called "New Deal".

## NEW DEAL REJECTED

They reject this New Deal because:

- \* Whites remain in assured control.
- \* The Group Areas Act and other unjust laws remain unchanged.
- \* The exorbitant cost of implementing the new constitution will worsen the growing economic crisis with the majority of the population having to bear the brunt of the recession in the form of low wages, high rents, medical care and transport.
- \* The African People are completely excluded.
- \* Despite the lack of real power, the "Coloured" and Indian people will have to take the responsibility for unjust laws made against Africans.
- \* The so-called power-sharing will, according to the government, involve "Coloured" and Indian men being conscripted into the SADF to defend Apartheid.
- \* Unequal education remains unchanged.
- \* Violent police and army action will continue forced removals, shack demolition, detention, baton-charging of students, etc.

A boycott is neither illegal nor violent. Boycott is a legitimate expression of peoples rejection of a racist and illegitimate constitution that will only exacerbate the conflict in our community.

We call on Rhodes students to actively participate in this protest, and show their rejection of this fraudulent "New Deal". The challenge facing us as students is to involve ourselves in the process of change, both now and in the future.

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