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TODAY, the throb of the African drum of freedom is echoing from north to south in this vast continent of Africa. The colonial peoples of the continent are rising against the imperialist tyrannies that have subjugated them for innumerable decades. The early tremors of the demand for national freedom and independence by the peoples of Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Rhodesias and South Africa is cracking the withered and out-moded imperialist demogogy. The African giant is rising and this once "dark continent" is seeing light-----of freedom. Every democrat is certain that the dawning of a new world in this continent is imminent.

CRISES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The peoples of South Africa, like their brothers and sisters across the continent, are not asleep. They realise that they are facing one of the most dangerous crises in their history. Since the advent of the Nationalist Government, a few years ago, they have witnessed the whittling away of the last vestiges of democracy and freedom. They have witnessed the imposition on them of a fascist dictatorship with barbaric ruthlessness and without regard to life and human values cherished by all freedom loving peoples.

PEOPLES NATIONAL MOVEMENT.

The Non-European peoples of this country, together with many European democrats, have not been found wanting in courage and determination. They have fought back every fascist attack on the peoples' rights. Under the wise and brave leadership of the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress, (the two major political organisations of the Non-European peoples in the country,) the people have valiantly borne the brunt of the Malanazi attacks. It is because this leadership has been steeled in the political battles against fascist odds that it to-day enjoys the tremendous confi-

dence of the millions of the oppressed peoples of this country. It is this great progressive leadership, in its endeavour to protect what little political rights we enjoy, that it has become the most powerful bastion against fascist Nationalist aggression. It is this leadership also, the only mass progressive leadership in the country, which in its determination to erase apartheid from the lives of the oppressed through non-violent means, has formed itself as the most powerful vanguard and spearhead in the battle for freedom.

THE DEFIANCE CAMPAIGN.

June 26th, 1952, has been the most historic day in the lives of the peoples of South Africa. It was the beginning of the campaign for the defiance of unjust laws in the form of non-violent passive resistance. This campaign was an expression of the total opposition of the Non-European peoples to such laws as:

THE GROUP AREAS ACT

The aim of this Act is mainly to create ghettos for the purpose of dividing the peoples of South Africa, particularly the Non-Europeans, into exclusive and mutually antagonistic groups. In so far as the Indian people are concerned it will facilitate the daylight robbery by the white ruling class of Indian homes, property, shops and land won by years of toil and sweat. It will establish reservoir of cheap Non-European labour and allow for more ruthless exploitation of the masses.

The PASS LAWS

The pass laws in this country are the worst in the world. The African is restricted in his movement from place to place and he is thus prevented from selling his labour to the highest bidder. He has to face Curfew regulations, Poll Tax regulations, Service Contracts and numerous other regulations. He is continually tormented and humiliated by police raids

conducted in search of these documents. It is these inhuman laws together with poverty which make the African today ready to sacrifice his very life in the fight for freedom.

SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT

Under the Act the Government is empowered to take repressive measures against the peoples liberatory movement. The Act defines "Communism" very widely as can be seen from the fact that leaders of the Defiance Campaign have recently been sentenced under the Act for "furthering the aims of Communism." Any organisation can be banned and its members listed and subjected to restrictions. Newspapers can also be banned and individuals can be eliminated from political activity. All in all, this Act makes it safe for the Government not only to remain in power for all times but allows it to destroy all political opponents and thereby establish a true fascist Republic of South Africa.

A NEW ERA

The Non-European people expressed opposition not only to these laws but other apartheid laws that are enslaving the people. June 26th was the inauguration of a new and important era of mass political consciousness and mass struggle, especially among the African people who form the majority in the country.

"A F R I K A"

The call of freedom "AFRIKA" has been ringing throughout the length and breadth of the country; from cities to the towns, from villages to the vast expanse of the countryside and the impoverished Reserves. The campaign for defiance of unjust laws has given hope to millions and has convinced them that, together, in active political struggle, the oppressor can be shaken to the very foundations. That together, they form an invincible army which can surmount any obstacle in its path to freedom. That

together, they can easily break the chains of oppression, asunder, and realise the establishment of a free and democratic world.

STANDARD BEARERS OF FREEDOM.

We salute the 8,500 gallant African, Indian, Coloured and European Passive Resisters who, from all the corners of the Union, rallied under the flag of the peoples' organisations. Their unwavering courage and unselfish sacrifice in the fight against apartheid have inspired us in this land and won the support and admiration of all the progressive peoples the world over.

FASCIST POLICE TERROR.

But the successes that the peoples movement has achieved in the last six months of the campaign have not been without suffering and sacrifice. The Nationalist Government, drunk with absolute power, in its endeavour to maintain white baaskapism resorted to fascist methods and techniques to smash the progressive peoples movement. Disillusioned by the discovery that the leadership of the national organisations is able to muster the support of the Non-European peoples for the anti-violent political battle against unjust laws, the fascist demogues ran wild with police raids, police incitement and terror, police spies and instigators and police proclamations. This wild stampede of fascist measures only added fuel to the burning desire of the masses for freedom. This mad hysterical rush by the rulers and the calmness and discipline of the people and their leaders is reminiscent of the heroic struggles of the oppressed peoples of the East and other colonial countries in their fight against imperialism, where lives had to be lost and blood had to be shed for the attainment of national freedom.

NO GOING BACK !

The last six months have unmistakably demonstrated to the Nationalists that the African shall never go back to tribalism, nor the Indian to indentured labour, nor

the Coloured ever to remain a mere 'appendix to the white' overlords, nor even the democratic European continue as a servile warder for the fascists.

NATIONALIST ALLIES.

In thier dilemma the Nationalists have sought for help among all enemies of the people and have attempted to split the newly formed unity of the Non-European people and their allies among freedom loving Europeans. They have planted police spies and agent-provocateurs among the people who, posing as their friends, tried to confuse them and retard the struggle to smash white domination. These tactics make the struggle hard, but through our vigilance and willingness to sacrifice we can defeat them all. We may lose a battle here and there but we shall never lose the political war for freedom for all.

MORE FASCIST OPPRESSION.

The Nationalists, not satisfied with the undemocratic laws and proclamations that they have passed during their rule for the last four years, not satisfied with the help of the re-actionary jingoes and quislings, are now preparing to pass more fascist laws in the coming session of Parliament. They are making the final bid to kill the national movement, the national progressive organisations and the vibrant progressive leadership. They are trying to make the already voiceless and suppressed Non-European communities, a people without leaders and without organisations of the people.

WE MUST FIGHT BACK !

Such an act on the part of the servants of the Broederbond must not be allowed to go unchallenged. The time has come for every democrat of every section of the people, every lover of freedom, everyone who is interested in the future of his family, friends and his people, to step forward N O W and help to stop these fascist nazi onslaughts. The hour is critical. Every ..

Nationalist measure against the people must be fought and defeated for the vile intentions of the Nationalists can only bring turmoil and ruin to the Non-Europeans in this country. Every reactionary jingo and disrupter must be exposed and fought as an enemy.

HOW CAN WE DO THIS ?

The African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress, the peoples organisations have a progressive policy. They have a far-sighted leadership. **THEY HAVE A PLAN** that will undoubtedly blaze the path of freedom. But they cannot effect the plan successfully without the full, unstinted and practical support of the people. It becomes the duty of every man and women who hates the poverty, sickness and the unbearable conditions that come from racial discrimination, to join the Congress **N O W**. We all must become members of this vast army of liberation and do our share to create a united, free, democratic and prosperous South Africa in which man's inhumanity to man has been eliminated forever.

JOIN THE CONGRESS NOW !

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The call for you to play your/is now made ! You cannot fail to do your duty. The branch of the Natal Indian Congress in your area must be strengthened. With more and more active members the plan can be effected to the fullest and success in this fight for freedom will undoubtedly be assured. Become one of the thousands of gallant fighters for freedom who are today courageously bearing the torch of the peoples liberty, in the ranks of the Congress. Add to the glory of the struggle of the oppressed millions who are surging **FORWARD TO VICTORY !**

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NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS
(Founded by Mahatma Gan-
-dhi in 1894)

The Secretary,
GREYVILLE BRANCH,
P. O. Box 2299,
Durban.

Dear Sir,

I wish to join the Natal Indian Congress
and promise to abide by its constitution and carry
out faithfully its policy and programme.

I am herewith enclosing 1/- being entrance
fee.

A F R I K A

Yours faithfully,

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(Signature)

Full Name.....

Address.....

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Where employed (firm).....

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24th May, 1950.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE:

Dear Friend,

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

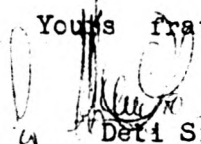
WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING 28th
INSTANT 10. A.M.

Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, the President of the Transvaal Indian Congress, who will be in Durban over the week-end, will address the Working Committee meeting on Sunday the 28th May 1950. The meeting will commence at 10 a.m. sharp so that members could be released in time to attend the joint mass meeting at the Red Square in the afternoon, which will be addressed by Dr. J. S. Mroka, President-General of the African National Congress.

Because of the large attendance that is expected the meeting will be held at the MADRESSA ANJUMAN HALL (PINE STREET, DURBAN) instead of the Congress as previously advised.

You must attend without fail.

Yours fraternally,


Detti Singh,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

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44 Indian families have been served with notices of expropriation by the S. A. R. & H. Administration. They live out at Reunion, one and a half miles out from Isipingo. The notices do not state the purpose for which the Administration requires their land. Speculation is rife as the area is situated at some considerable distance from the nearest Railway Station or the nearby aerodrome. The people are anxious that their fears should be allayed and that they be informed of the bona-fide purpose for which the land is required.

At a mass meeting held at Isipingo on Monday, the 12th instant, the people affected decided to ask the Isipingo Branch of the Natal Indian Congress to take up the matter with the authorities to whom they have submitted the following proposals:

The Administration

- (a) advises them why the land is wanted;
- (b) acquires for them an equal area of land in the vicinity (such land is available);
- (c) demolishes and re-erects their homes on the new sites (this was done at Merebank);

It is stated that if the Administration accepts the above proposals, they have decided that they will make no claim for compensation. The Isipingo Branch of the Natal Indian Congress is now dealing with the matter.

A number of Indians at Merebank also have been served notices of expropriation by the Railways Administration. It is not known whether this has any relation to the Reunion expropriation. The Merebank Indian ratepayers Association is meeting on Sunday, the 15th instant to consider the position and advise the people.

The threat of expropriation which gave birth to the Joint Council of Action has now been renewed at Sydenham. A number of Indians have been served with expropriation notices and more are expected to be served with them. Indian residents are extremely agitated. All those who have been affected so far are determined to resist. Further report will be wired on Monday.

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