

PRESS STATEMENT

The attempt made in the Senate Bill to pack the Senate with members of the Nationalist Party is a long step towards the creation of an autocratic state along the lines built by the Nazis in fascist Germany.

This Bill not only threatens the established rights of the coloured voters which is its declared object; but also creates a permanent Nationalist majority in Parliament which could over ride the will even of that majority of our adult population which alone is entitled to vote. The workers of South Africa cannot be indifferent to these threats to democracy. They are bitterly aware of the anti-labour bias of the Nationalist Government which has raised the cost of living immeasurably and through the Suppression of Communism Act and Native Labour Act (Settlements of Disputes) and numerous other measures shown their hostility to and intolerance of the Trade Union Movement.

We call upon all workers and all sections of the Trade Union Movement to take vigorous and direct action as workers and as citizens against the vicious Senate Bill, which, if passed can only lead to the still further reduction of the workers standard of living and the outlawing of the Trade Union Movement.



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