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# CONGRESS

calls on the Indian people to

**Stop Rajbansi, Salaam Mayet & Reddy  
NOW!**

Don't allow Rajbansi's National People's Party,  
Reddy's Solidarity and Salaam Mayet's Independent  
Alliance to . . .

- speak for us and say yes to the constitution
- force our children to go to the army and die for Apartheid on our borders

**ATTEND  
MASS MEETING**  
to say NO! to the Constitution and Military  
Conscription for our people

**at Lenasia Civic Centre  
on Wed. 8th Feb. 1984 at 8 p.m.**



**PATRICK LEKOTA**  
Ex-Robben Islander  
UDF Publicity Secr.



**MEWA RAMGOBIN**  
Banned for 17 years  
Natal Indian Congr.



**FIROZ CACHALIA**  
Banned for 2 years  
TVL Indian Congress



**PREMA NAIDOO**  
Jailed for 1 year  
TVL Indian Congress

Buses will depart for the meeting from  
LAUDIUM - Jewel Street Mosque parking lot - 6.45 p.m. • ACTONVILLE - Actonville Stadium - 6.45 p.m. • LENASIA EXT. 10 - on the main road - 7.30 p.m.



# THE NEW CONSTITUTION IS JUST ANOTHER GOVERNMENT TRAP



- The government wants Indians and Coloureds to sit in Parliament with whites, but not on equal terms.
- Whites, Coloureds and Indians will be separated into different chambers
- Africans are denied citizenship and condemned to the Bantustans
- For every four whites in Parliament, there will be only two coloureds and one Indian
- P.W. Botha's Nationalist Party will be in the majority. They will still make the laws
- Indians and Coloureds in Parliament will not be able to change anything.

## IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION, APARTHEID WILL STAY

- Unjust and discriminatory laws like the Group Areas Act will remain.
- The whites will force us to send all our children to the borders to die for Apartheid.
- High rents, housing shortages, low wages, poor living conditions, unequal education and corruption will remain.
- Autonomy for our townships will mean higher taxation, higher service charges and less services.
- Indians and Coloureds in Parliament will be party to laws against African people who are left out.
- The problems of South Africa will get worse, with no possibility of peace in our lifetime.



THROUGH THE CONSTITUTION, THE GOVERNMENT SAYS IT IS GIVING US THE VOTE. WHITES WILL STILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY. THE CONSTITUTION CHANGES NOTHING...



## ... yet Rajbansi's National People's Party, Reddy's Solidarity and Salaam Mayet's group want the Indian people to accept the new constitution and military conscription.

People like Rajbansi, Reddy, Lambat, Salaam Mayet, Dinky and Dennis Pillay, Abu Khan, Dasoo, Abramjee, Arbee have a history of collaboration with Apartheid. They participate on institutions like the President's Council, SAIC, Management and Consultative Committees against the wishes of our people. Now they want us to accept the new constitution. Anyone accepting the new constitution is giving the government the right to force Indians to join the white army. They want our children to die for Apartheid on our borders.

The Botha government cannot survive on its own. P.W. Botha has said that Indians and Coloureds will be conscripted into the army once they participate in the tri-cameral Parliament. His government gives priority to buying guns rather than providing housing. They have increased GST because they want to spend even more money on defence. They refuse to realise that this country's problems cannot be solved by the barrel of a gun. They refuse to use peaceful means to solve this country's problems. They refuse to call up a National Convention where all the true leaders of the people can draw up a new constitution for this country.

Military conscription is a 'general affair' in terms of the new constitution. If the Indian and Coloured chambers of Parliament refuse to accept military conscription, this matter will then be referred to the President's Council. The President's Council can overrule the decision of the Indian and Coloured chambers. Botha's Nationalist Party will have an absolute majority on the President's Council, so it will force Indians and Coloureds to accept military conscription.

Those who accept the constitution to give it a 'fair trial' or to 'work from within' will then be forced to accept conscription even if they oppose it. This is the price we will have to pay if we participate under the new constitution. All Indian males will have to do military duty from the age of 18 to 55 years. The Reddys, Rajbansis and Salaam Mayets want military conscription. In 1975, when Reddy was chairman of the SAIC Executive, he made the following statement:(alongside)

## REDDY CALLS FOR CONSCRIPTION

DURBAN. — Mr J N Reddy, the executive chairman of the Indian Council, said yesterday that he would like to see Indians being drafted for compulsory military training in the same way as Whites.

Mr Reddy, who is regarded as "Prime Minister" of South Africa's 750 000 Indians, said this when asked what role the Indian community could play now that the country was being threatened by "communist imperialism" on its borders.

"The Indian community has taken part in the World Wars and, before that, in some form or the other we have served the country. I think when the occasion arises again for us to serve the nation, we will be willing to do so.

"One thing that must be made clear is that the Indian community wants to serve in the forces.

"But it is of utmost importance that if our men are to fight, then they must be properly equip-

ped and given the opportunity of larger involvement in civilian or military defence.

"We can achieve this if our lads are drafted for compulsory military training after they matriculate, just like the White youths," he said.

Mr Reddy said Indians in the South African Police Force had served on the border and in Rhodesia and they had already made their mark.

"Therefore there shouldn't be any reason why Indians would not be able to prove themselves if given compulsory military training.

"If military training cannot be made compulsory, I hope more and more Indians would be allowed into the defence forces. But we will push for compulsory military training if the Indian community asks for this", he said. — Sapa

ARTICLE IN THE CAPE TIMES  
of 27 December 1975

## Rajbansi, Reddy and Salaam Mayet are mistaken. WE WILL NEVER ACCEPT APARTHEID CONSTITUTIONS & MILITARY CONSCRIPTION



**The Transvaal Indian Congress was revived on 1  
May 1983 to unite our people against the  
Apartheid Constitution & Military Conscription**

In 1906, the TIC succeeded in stopping the government from imposing compulsory carrying of pass books by our people.

In 1946, the TIC successfully organised against the Pegging and Ghetto Bills. We rejected the token 3 seats in Parliament because we wanted equal rights for all.

In 1955, we were part of the Congress of the People where the Freedom Charter was adopted.

In 1981, 92% of our people stayed away from the SAIC elections.

Today the TIC will continue to provide leadership to our people against the new constitution.

**THE TIME HAS COME ...**

**for us to stand united and with one voice say NO to the new constitution and all forms of Apartheid.**

**IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR FUTURE AND OUR CHILDREN THAT WE DO THIS NOW!!**

**WE MUST UNITE AND FIGHT FOR A SOUTH AFRICA IN WHICH:**

- the government shall be elected by all the people.
- there shall be decent housing and all shall earn a living wage.
- there shall be equal education and opportunities
- there shall be peace and justice and all people will live in harmony.

**EVERY BODY HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS STRUGGLE  
YOU TOO CAN PLAY A ROLE BY JOINING THE TIC AND  
HELPING THE UDF**

**If you can help in any way please contact;**

**The secretary, TIC, Box 25063, Ferreirstown 2048 or Ismail at 852-1268**

**UNITY IS STRENGTH**

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