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RESOLUTION
passed by
the NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

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The National Executive Committee of the African National Congress congratulates the Fédération of South African Women and the African National Congress Women's League for the successful demonstrations against the passes conducted by them throughout the country and salutes the African women on their courageous and determined stand against the extension of of his notorious and evil system. That they reject the pass laws is demonstrated by the fact that 50,000 women who came from both urban and rural areas took part in demonstrations in local areas and in the historic Pretoria protest of August, 9th.

(a) The Pass System is the basis of oppression and exploitation in South Africa. It is in recognition of this fact, and because of the extension of the system to women that the African National Congress has chosen pass laws as an issue for a major national campaign, a campaign to be conducted on the basis of the resolution passed at the April Special conference.

(b) In this struggle the N.E.C. reiterates its call for greater unity amongst the African people and the broadest possible alliance embracing not only the Congress movement, but also other democrats.

(c) ~~The N.E.C. regrets that men, who are even more~~ affected by the pass laws play the role of spectators while women were vigorously campaigning against the system. Men are called upon to enter this major campaign unreservedly. The tendency of regarding this

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protests and struggle against pass laws and pass raids must be embarked upon by men and women jointly throughout the country.

- (d) Section 10 of the Native Urban areas Act and Efflux Control in the rural areas, should be made the pivot of the campaign and the people be made aware that Section 10 is part of the pass system and the most inhuman and vicious form of restriction which affects both men and women equally.
- (e) The mobilisation of the entire country against the system should be undertaken forthwith, every man and woman, in every city, dorp or village, should be drawn into the struggle. This is the immediate and urgent task of us all.
- (f) To consolidate our achievement; every woman of the 50,000 women, who participated in the demonstrations and everyone who has signed the Freedom Charter, should be made an active worker, by mobilising others into the struggle against passes.
- (g) To broaden our struggle, so that it unites all sections of the people. Broad Anti-pass committees under the guidance of Congress should be formed with Congressites and those who have already joined the struggle against passes as the nucleus.

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