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THE TREASON ARRESTS

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CITIZENS OF SOUTH AFRICA!

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140 men and women of all races have been arrested and accused of treason. They have been refused bail and are imprisoned in the Johannesburg Fort. Their case opens on December 19th at the Drill Hall (Opposite Union Grounds.)

They will plead "NOT GUILTY" to the charge of treason.

WHO ARE THE ACCUSED?

These who are accused are well known people in South African public life. They include:

- Chief Albert Luthuli, President-General of the African National Congress.
- Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the South African Indian Congress.
- Mr. R. September, President of the South African Coloured People's Organisation.
- Mr. Peter Beyileveld, President of the South African Congress of Democrats.
- Mr. Leslie Massina, Secretary of the South African Congress of Trade Unions.
- Mrs. Lilian Ngoyi, President, A.N.C. Women's League.
- Mrs. Helen Joseph, National Secretary, Federation of South African Women.
- Mr. Oliver Tambo, Secretary-General of the African National Congress.
- Rev. J. S. Calata, Vice-President Inter-denominational African Ministers' Federation.
- Rev. Douglas Thompson, President of the South African Peace Council.

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They include: a member of Parliament, Mr. Len Lee-Warden, The Acting Principal of Fort Hare University, Professor Z. K. Matthews, they include doctors, housewives, clergymen, trade unionists, workers, businessmen. African, Indian, Coloured and White.

WHO HAS ACCUSED THEM?

The accusers are the frightened men of the Nationalist Government, who fear the democratic faith of the Congress movement, and its call to all South Africans, to work together for liberty — democracy for all.

The accusers are the men who turn the clock back to dark ages with the cry of 'apartheid' to cover their crimes of Group Areas Act, of passes for women, of Bantu Education and of the rape of the Constitution.

The accusers are the men whose only loyalty is to fascism and the police state, where all shall be silenced into obedience and oppression of the Non-White people shall be multiplied and remultiplied.

These are the accusers

WHAT DO THE ACCUSED STAND FOR?

We are not concerned here with any verdict which may be given for or against the accused. That is for the courts to decide on the charges that have been laid and we cannot even comment on the case.

We can however see to it that people are not intimidated or lulled into inactivity because a trial is proceeding against their leaders. We can see to it that they are inspired to greater activity in defence of their rights — to resist oppression, Passes for Women, Group Areas Removals, the I.C. Act.

See what our leaders stand for:

The accused men and women have many faiths and differing social beliefs. But they share one thing in common — they believe in EQUALITY, DEMOCRACY and PEACE.

They have proved through years of work and sacrifice, for the Congress movement, for trade unions, for women's and peace organisations, the sincerity of their beliefs.

They stand for the aims of Congress.

For equal rights and opportunities for all people and an end to colour bars.

For democratic rights and liberties and an end to Nationalist suppression.

For better living — working conditions for all people, and an end to poverty and want.

They are people who have led in the fights against apartheid and racialism, against oppression and discrimination.

They have refused to be terrorised into silence by the open threats, persecution and police raids of the Nationalist Government!

But, on the political plane: it is the people of South Africa who have to judge between the principles of the fascist-minded Government of Strydom, Swart and Verwoerd and Donges, and the noble ideas of the men and women of the Congress movement.

We have confidence and faith in our imprisoned leaders.

We call upon the people of South Africa, White and Black to keep faith with those who have kept faith to them.

STAND UP FOR THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM!

STAND BY OUR ARRESTED LEADERS!

OBSERVE DECEMBER 19th AS A DAY OF DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY!

In Johannesburg rally to the Drill Hall, (Opposite Union Grounds) 19th December, 1956.
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY — demonstrate your support, hold meeting and rallies, on December 19th.

STAND BY OUR LEADERS!

STAND BY CONGRESS!

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