

DON'T BE TRICKED!!

THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO MAKE THE COLOURED PEOPLE
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WHAT THIS WILL MEAN TO THE COLOURED PEOPLE

The Government is trying to take away even those few rights that the Coloured people have today. If the government gets away with this the Coloureds stand to lose their jobs and the right to do skilled and semi-skilled work; to be evicted from their homes in Coloured townships, to be forced to remove their children from the schools they attend today.

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WHAT EXACTLY ARE THE POWERS OF OFFICIALS?

Under the Population Registration Act the Director of Census or officials acting for him can ask Coloured people to supply evidence in support of their entry on a census form that they are Coloured.

Officials may not force you to leave your work for questioning; or to report to any office for questioning at any stipulated time; or to be examined physically; or to answer questions.

They may not force you to take out a pass.

You have the right to object to being questioned, and to demand the authority under which officials are examining you. If you are detained for questioning or are forced to answer questions you can take your case to court.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL

If you have been re-classified already you have the right of appeal. You may appeal at any time and need not pay any deposit. You must appeal through the Director of Census, Pretoria, to a Board set up under the Act. If you are not satisfied with the Board's decision you may appeal to the Supreme Court.

Rumours are being spread that the Coloured people must report for classification before a certain date. This is not true. There is no obligation on you to report for questioning.

WHAT YOU MUST DO!

1. Tell all your friends these facts about their rights.
2. Don't panic and rush for examination as you are not compelled to do so.
3. Help the S.A. Coloured People's Organisation to set up committees to protect the rights of the Coloured people, to call public meetings to explain the position.

Contact SACPO at 37 West Street (Phone 33-9193) if you need more advice, or help in lodging an appeal against your classification.

The Coloured people must realise that to fight against Nationalist oppression and apartheid they must unite with other sections of the Non-European people. If a pass is bad for the Coloureds it is bad for the Africans too! **UNITE FOR FREEDOM FOR ALL!**

The S.A. Coloured People's Organisation is your organisation. It stands for the unity of all the Coloured people against attacks on their rights. Our Future is at stake! Prepare to organise for your rights and liberties or you will lose them!

Join SACPO today to fight for your rights!

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BE ON GUARD!!!

Using the Population Registration Act, Government officials are questioning Coloured people about their parentage, where they were born, and whom they associate with. On the basis of these and other questions, officials are deciding that persons who have lived all their lives as Coloureds are now to be classified as Africans, and made to take out Pass Reference Books and pay poll tax.

Raids to round-up Coloured people in the streets were also conducted and G.G. vans roved Coloured townships in search of victims.

THE S.A. COLOURED PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION LED THE PROTEST AGAINST THEM, AND AS A RESULT THE AUTHORITIES WERE FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR METHODS OF TRYING COLOURED PEOPLE TO SUBMIT TO CLASSIFICATION.

DON'T BE TRICKED.

The Government is trying to trick the Coloured people into submitting to classification. Pressure is being brought on employers to get their employees to agree to report for classification at certain times. The Education Department is forcing students for classification.

THERE IS NO AUTHORITY TO FORCE YOU TO SUBMIT TO QUESTIONING AT ANY TIME OR PLACE. The Education Department or any employer has no right to ask you to go for classification, only when the identity cards have been issued can they ask for your identity card.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!!!

The Population Register has to be compiled from the census forms of the last census. The Director of Census or officials acting for him, (and not the education department nor the employer) may ask any individual to supply evidence in support of his or her entry on a form. The person required to supply such evidence does commit an offence if he does not supply the evidence, but the Act does not allow the Director of Census to demand that he should give the evidence in any particular way or at any particular time or date. Evidence can be supplied to the Director in writing, instead of verbally, and at the convenience of the individual.

Officials may not intercept you in the street to make you submit to questioning. They may not force you to leave your work for questioning; or to report at any office at a set time; or to submit to physical examination or be cross-examined.

They may not force you to take out a pass.

These, in general, are your rights. If you need assistance in your case, contact the local office of the S.A. Coloured People's Organisation.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL.

No official decision is final. If You have been re-classified, you have the right of appeal. You may appeal at any time, and need not pay any deposit. You must appeal through the Director of Census, Pretoria, to a Board set up under the Act. Appeals must be leded in duplicate. If you are not satisfied with the Board's decision you may appeal to the Supreme Court.

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"Race classification" is part of the evil scheme of Apartheid, and the Nation-lists will use it only to degrade you further, to divide the forces of the Non-European people fighting for their rights. The Population Registration Act will earmark us for all time as inferiors. The Government would like to see the Coloureds also carrying passes. They are threatening our last few remaining rights; our right to do skilled labour, to be apprenticed; our right to vote in the Cape. Classification threatens our security, our homes in Coloured townships, our childrens' schools.

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UNITE FOR FREEDOM!

We reject racism, class and race division. We are all members of the HUMAN RACE! The Coloured people must realise that to fight against Nationalist oppression and apartheid they must unite all sections of the non-European people. If a pass is bad for the Coloured people, it is bad for the Africans too. UNITE FOR FREEDOM FOR ALL!

YOU HAVE A JOB TO DO?

1. Tell all your friends about their rights.
2. Don't panic and rush to be classified because you are not compelled to do so.
3. Join the South African Coloured People's Organisation and help to set up committees of the Coloured people to fight for their rights. Help organise public meetings to explain your people's rights.
4. If you need advice, or help with an appeal, contact the S.A. Coloured Peoples Organisation at 37 West Street, Johannesburg, Phone 33-2193.
5. If you are not yet a member, join today! SACPO is your organisation. It stands for the unity of the Coloured people against attacks on their rights. Our future is at stake! Prepare to organise for your rights and liberties or you will lose them!

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ALL PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED TO COME TOMOROW, WED. 17-8-55 at 5.30 p.m.
and MASS PROTEST MEETING, SUN. 21/8/55 at 9.30 a.m. at the TRADES HALL, KERK ST.
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