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Ek is 'n Speurdersersant in die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie, verbonde aan die Spesiale Afdeling, te KAAPSTAD.

Op 29 Mei, 1955, ongeveer 3.20 n.m., het ek, vergesel van ander lede van hierdie Afdeling, (S.A.C.P.O.), op die Parade, Kaapstad, bygewoon. Ek het in snelskrif notas gemaak van die toesprake, waarvan 'n oorskrif hieronder volg.

Voor die begin van die vergadering het die Voorsitter, ALEX LA GUMA, aangekondig dat 'n optog, wat na afloop van die vergadering gehou sou word, sal plaasvind voor die begin van die vergadering, op versoek van die Verkeersdepartement. Hy het gesê :

"Please form up behind the banner. Let us show that we are not prepared to go the same road as the African people have gone. We are not prepared for the pass laws or permit system. Form up behind the banners." "Shew your solidarity. Show the Government that the Coloured people are prepared to resist all the time."

Op hierdie stadium was daar ongeveer 1,000 mense teenwoordig - die meerderheid kleurlinge. Die optog, waaraan 164 mense deelgeneem het, het gegaan langs Darling, Adderley, en Kasteelstrate, terug na die Parade. Hierna het die vergadering begin, (ongeveer 3.40 n.m.).

LAGUMA het gesê dat die vergadering byeengeroep was om protes aan te teken teen die Senaat Wetsontwerp, en voortgegaan :

"The fact remains that these people (die Regering) have brought misery to millions of people in this country. And today they want to attempt to introduce a system here in our country - they mean to bludgeon through Parliament a Bill that will keep them there for keeps. They are going to bring in a Bill that will take away the last vestiges of rights that the Coloured people have. I want to remind you friends that in 1936 when they took away the rights of the African people the African people know what happened. They know what happened to the future of their children. They have experienced the pass system and today our coloured people are faced with the same danger. For many years the coloured people has been aloof when the African people have called to them for solidarity in the struggle. And today our words are being borne out. You are going to be put in the same position as the African people have been put. And they have decided to put the African people in an even worse position. It is regrettable that the so-called opposition in Parliament have not turned to the people who are most effected by apartheid - that is the non-European people. Not once have the opposition turned to the non-European people for support. They say the non-Europeans are in danger but they do nothing about it. Our future doesn't lie with these parties in Parliament. Our future lies in our own hands. Without organisation, without unity, you will achieve nothing. They are going to steam-roller everything through Parliament because people will not realise that unity is the solution to their problem. SACPO offers to the coloured people a political home which will lead the way to a better future for the coloured people. So join up and stand with the African people and those decent progressive Europeans who will stand with you. Over there is a car with a notice 'join SACPO'. We have had political organisations in the past and we want to make this the one and only to lead the coloured people. We say it is useless for us to be divided but we must realise that there are people who are not yet prepared to come into the struggle. It is for us who come to these meetings to spread the word, and we will have meetings in future. What

we want is democracy for all. We demand the right for people to be able to vote for themselves and to put their own representatives into Parliament. (applous). Today we are protesting against the taking away of our votes. But more than that we say we want the vote of the coloured people extended. We want the right of our women to vote. We want our own people to be able to sit in Parliament. There can be nothing less than that and the only way to get that is through political organisation."

JOSEPH MOROLONG het gesê:

"Mr. Chairman and friends. I am here on behalf of the A.N.C. All the people on the Parade here this afternoon must know that the Nationalist Party is bringing the country to ruin. Friends and comrades, we must show our solidarity. We know very well that the Nationalist Party represent only 50% of the people of South Africa. I further ask our people to unite through their organisations. The Coloured Peoples Organisation must be supported by the coloured people.. The Government is determined to take steps against you. Now the ANC. says in particular that all democratic organisations must stand together to defeat the Nationalist Party. Now this is the laststep of the Nationalist plan. The United Party will never get into power. It is clear that the Nationalist Party will be in the majority in the Senate forever. The Transvaal and O.F.S. were governed by the 'boors' in the past. Now they see they have power and it is up to us to see that they are defeated. How can these people be removed from the House of Assembly? Now we ask the question 'is that our Parliament?' If we all have the vote the Nationalist Party will never rule. They say the non-European people are not matured. We find that the Nationalist Party have people in Parliament who only know how to cut wool off sheep....Dr. Dönges is a coward. He has no understanding whatsoever. Dr. Malan said at one time 'those kaffirs and those hottentots must be kept in their places'. It is up to us to tell them how we want to be treated."

LA GUMA :

"There is an organisation of Europeans who are all out to co-operate with the non-Europeans for liberation. They stand for full democratic rights for all. They are the only people who are prepared to come on this platform."

ALBIE SACHS, van die "Congress of Democrats" (COD), het gesê :

"I have to thank you for inviting me to take part in this meeting here this afternoon. One cannot help thinking what a wonderful country this South Africa can be. You have riches of scenery and beauty. Yet the most important people in this country - we have people here of whom we can be proud. We have people here from all over the world. We have the people who have no other country, who were born here. They are wonderful people. This is a land of the colour bar, hated and despised overseas. When I go overseas and am asked where I come from and say South Africa, they turn away from me. I come from South Africa and I am proud of my country. What sort of country is it where people live with low wages and rotten living conditions? This is the most wonderful country in the world. South Africa is the country of the colour bar. The Government, instead of helping to improve the country, is making things worse. It is quite obvious that a Bill such as before Parliament today cannot have the support of the majority of the people of South Africa. People afterwards will say that there are dangers inherent in this Bill. There are some things from which we can take courage. It becomes quite clear that only a Government that sees it doesn't have the support of the people will go to the trickery that this Government is going to get apartheid. The Africans have learnt to hate this Government for many many years. This Government is going to lead South Africa to disaster. If we look around the world we see ~~that~~ South Africa is only a small place. Next Tuesday we are going to see a military parada. Strydom is going to take the salute. What sort of miserable Government is this?

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They don't even talk about Christian trusteeship any more. They teach baasskap. We can take heart from the Senate Bill. They have come to the end of their tether. Meetings such as this are being held all over the world... (country?).. We are going to have our own Parliament - the C.O.P. in Johannesburg. There we are going to have delegates from all over the country. We will have a Parliament speaking with the voice of South Africa. This assembly won't be brought together by tricks and fraud. The C.O.P. will be the greatest assembly South Africa has ever known. They will draw up a freedom charter that will mean a new era in South Africa. This will be our answer. The ordinary people will speak and they won't come there in big motor cars. It gives me great heart to see so many people here this afternoon. This is another one of the results of the Government's actions. As long as we have this Government in power no one of any colour can be safe in South Africa. The Government is driving people together - they are stirring up the people. Every time they say something in Parliament they stir up the people. In 1951 they started with one Bill and always the people have fought back and there is no reason why we should be defeated now. We must stop the Government from using tricks and frauds. I would like to pledge the support of the S.A.C.O.D. We stand for decent living conditions. We want a happy future in South Africa. If you have any sacrifices to make we will sacrifice with you. Forward to the C.O.P. Forward to the freedom charter, and down with the Senate Bill."

LA GUMA:

"I repeat once more that the only solution is organisation. Join the SACPO. We of SACPO say our leaders come direct from the people. We are proud that our leaders come direct from the people.

GEORGE PEAKE :

"Africa! Africa! Mayebuye! Mr. Chairman and comrades, we meet this afternoon at a very crucial period in the history of South Africa. This period so crucial in South Africa's history is a period of fear. We meet at a stage when our future is fraught with danger. We are faced with a determined Government - a Government that is using tactics that were used by Hitler and his clique. But then I say the spirit of the people can never be crushed. Friends, it is within our power - we can prevent South Africa from hurtling down the path of ruin. We must say to the Government you have gone too far, now you stop and we take over. What is this Bill about? First it is intended to remove the coloured people from the common roll. Secondly it is intended to entrench the Nationalists in power for all time. With an overwhelming majority in the Senate the Government can remain in power indefinitely. Finally, Nationalists who disagree with nationalism will get out. Then there will be no Government, South Africa will be ruled by dictators. And if we think of Germany and Italy we know what it will be like to live under such a dictatorship. We want to warn the Nationalists that these methods will have the effect of the boomerang and they will go the same way other dictators went. Hitler died on a rubbish heap in Berlin. Mussolini was shot and hung up. That too can happen to dictators in South Africa. They are out to crush us completely. They have not studied the history of the world. It is impossible to keep the people down. They are sitting on a volcano. Friends, amongst the many hated laws - such as the Group Areas Act - the disgraceful blot on the name of South Africa - the mass removal scheme, where Africans were removed from their homes by night in the rain. They say they went willingly, but they had to use 2,000 Police. Then friends, the Suppression of Communism Act. That Act was not designed to deal with communists only, it was meant to deal with you. The Suppression of Communism Act was passed to frighten and shut down your leaders. Friends, they shut down our newspapers and censored our literature. We find the components of the Police state. Who can say the Police state is not here when we are surrounded by Police today ?

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The Police cannot kill the spark that burns in the heart of a person who wants freedom. Mr. Harry Lawrence tells us that the Police state is here. The English speaking people of South Africa - I warn them - your turn will be next. You people who live in Walmer Estate and better parts of Wynberg, your turn will be next. Now comrades what is the alternate to all this. The alternate is not the United Party Government - it died in 1948 when Smuts was buried. Mr. Strydom says that Strauss is a mouse. I say he is a small mouse. Mr. Strydom says he is a lion. I say there are no lions in the towns. We want a Government where everybody can vote and where everybody can go to Parliament." (Hy het na die Arbeiders en Federale Partye verwys as splinter Partye). "We want a Government where all the people will take part in the administration of the country. If people can build towns where they have passed a standard entitling them to franchise, they should vote. In short, friends, I say the vote must be extended to all people and only then will we have a Government that will rule for all the people. I say that the fight to kick the Nationalists out for good is not in Parliament but in places like here on the Parade. How can we defeat the Government in Parliament if we have no vote? The United Party is accepting apartheid but don't have the guts to carry it out. The United Party used to woo the coloured vote. They have now thrown us all together. Today you don't find Africans calling coloured people names - we are all fighting together. Already feverish preparations are being made by different parties in Parliament to defeat the Government at the polls. I say that their elections will always be a farce. How can these elections be democratic? If 3/4 of the people cannot vote? We demand votes for all. Any man who is good enough to work for this country is good enough to have the vote. I want to say to Mr. Strydom: South Africa, because of its strategic position, and because of its uranium, can never remain out of another war, and South Africa will be a target. Can they depend on all the people to defend the country?" (uitroepe "Never - No - Never"). If you fight for the Government you are fighting against yourselves. I am sure there are many men in the crowd here today who marched through the snows of Italy. Gentlemen, when another war comes will you feel that it's right for you to get up and fight for people like that? (applous en uitroepe van 'No'). The S.A.I.C. and A.N.C. have called for a united front of all present to hit the Nationalists. There are people even in the Nationalist Party who are prepared to join the united front, which would at all times be constitutional. We don't want to be branded in the eyes of the world. We want to fight by constitutional means. When we are united we will have freedom in our lifetime. And so as to hit the Nationalists we must make a resolution to fight the Nationalists."

"This is a marvellous response from the people today. This is better than 1939. In 1939 I was also in that march to Parliament. It is all very well for people to come here and listen to speeches. But when we leave here we must not forget what has been said. We must carry the message. The Nationalists only got into power because their organising machine was sound. They frighten everybody with the black bogey. The farmers voted the Nationalists into power. They had a strong organised machine. Every one of the millions of Xosas - when we have such an organisation we can achieve a lot. SACPO in alliance with the SAIC. can do a lot. When the people are on the march no machine guns, no Police, can stop them, and we will have freedom in our lifetime. We thank the Government for uniting the people. With this spirit your children will grow up to be free in South Africa. It depends on you to ensure that the generation that grows up now will praise you and not curse you. I am sure that no sacrifice is too great for the generations to come. Friends, lately there has been a lot of confusion spread amongst the coloured people. I want to talk about the Unity Movement. This movement of well paid teachers - this movement that doesn't lead their people - we want to tell you not to be fooled. They are too

far removed from the struggle of the people to be able to lead the people. They cannot bring about better conditions for the people. I am sure that at the right time they will be dealt with appropriately. Their newspaper is filled weekly with villifications against the SACPO. We say get out of politics and stick to teaching. They talk about boycott. They can't give the people a consistent lead. They are too far removed from the people to understand the misery of the people. You people (Unity Movement) do not know what it is to be unemployed. I say to these people 'join SACPO' - we are prepared to lead you in alliance with the other congresses. Beware also of our false leaders. Mr. Golding has made many blunders in his life - please stick to your teaching and don't interfere. Why should the coloured people make all the sacrifices? Our job is to see that our children do not have to make sacrifices. We are only concerned with freedom in this country. There is a rumbling amongst the people right throughout the country. There is a tremor moving amongst the people. They are beginning to realise that it is only our leadership that can shake off these shackles. This movement can be felt right throughout the hearts of the people. Our struggle is just. The people of China, the people of the liberated countries in Europe show us that we are on the right road. Never let it be said that we didn't go forward in the fight. I am sure friends that where people have 300 years of suffering we are not prepared to go on for another 100 years. We are prepared to take matters in our own hands and won't wait for others to fight for us. C.O.P. is coming. There will be drawn up a charter on which the future of South Africa will be built. When the charter is drawn up every person in Cape Town will know where he stands. Freedom can be ours in a very short while. We want unconditional democracy in South Africa. Friends, in conclusion I must thank you for the heartening call to us. I say forward to freedom, forward to the C.O.P., down with Strydom. Forward to South Africa where every South African has a good home to live in and a living wage. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Africa! Africa! Mayebuye!

LA GUMA :

"In our struggle we don't get fat cheques, we depend on you. That is why now some persons are going round with boxes and you just have to give - turn out your pockets."

LIONEL MORRISON :

"Friends, today we stand on the Parade but in ten years time we will sit in Parliament. How are we going to get into Parliament? You know by fighting. This Government is not prepared to give way. I say in 10 years we will all sit in Parliament, we will all have a say there. Friends, the Senate Bill is before the people today. It's just one of the laws against us. The Senate Bill not only is aimed against us but it also entrenches the Nationalist Party. There is also the Group Areas Act. I can only point to Germany. There the ghettos were used as concentration camps. We are going to land in the same trouble that they landed in other countries. They are trying to take away our education. In 1936 the Africans were taken off the common roll. Then it was pointed out that the coloured people will also be taken off the common roll. With the taking away of the common roll - they will also take away our education. The Bantu Education Act is aimed at enslaving the African people. And I say the coloured people are not going to follow suit. The Bantu Education Act presupposes coloured education. Next we will have Jewish education, and in the end we will see Afrikaner education. They want to bring apartheid in Universities. Today they have closed down Fort Hare. Your children, friends, are going to be taught - not education - they are going to be taught to agree with all the Nationalist tyrannous laws and I say the time is up. The coloured people are not going to be taken off the common voters roll only, but also the coloured education. Once more, friends, I have to warn Dr. du Plessis and the Coloured Affairs Department. If he is going to be part and parcel of putting...

putting the coloured people on a separate education roll, I warn Mr. du Plessis your time is up (applous)."

"Friends, in Johannesburg on the 25-26th we are going to have the same gathering. ~~There~~ your demands are going to be embodied in the freedom charter. What are these demands going to be? Down with the C.A.D. Down with Bantu Education. Why can't we all stand together and fight? Why? Because amongst us here there are many who are supposed to be leaders and are prepared to sell their own mothers and fathers. I say to those people your time will come. When we attain liberation you are going to be in our black books. What happened in Germany is not going to happen here. We are going to achieve here what happened in China. We want men who will be able to get up to Parliament. It is better to stand up on your feet and fight than to go down like a dog."

LA GUMA : het weer 'n beroep gedoen op die aanwesiges om by SACPO aan te sluit. Hy het verder gesê :

"We demand

the vote for our women. We demand the vote for the millions of Africans. In order to obtain these objectives we must have organisation."

ACHMAT ADAMS :

"In Parliament we are told by a group of people that we are uncivilised - that we are not educated enough to enjoy the facilities that they think necessary. What has motivated the Government to take these desperate measures. Is it because they fear the United Party? No. It is because they fear the march of the people. That is why Dr. Malan got out of it. He feared a blood bath. It is not too late to admit that no scientist has yet invented an umbrella that will stop rain from falling. No dictator has yet stopped the march of the people. You must believe in all sincerity that freedom will not be given to you on a platter. The people of Indonesia fought for freedom - they died for it - but their children are free. The people of South Africa will have to make sacrifices. Your brothers went to war because they believed they were fighting for freedom... We must strike a blow now. We must shed these chains. When a rat becomes cornered he bites human beings. You have the rats cornered now. They have to get themselves out of the mess they got themselves into. You find a previous speaker spoke of a man I want to speak about. I want to speak about dr. Plessis. He has formed the C.A.D. Now I said in the beginning that some people think that we are not fit to enjoy the things they feel really belongs to them. Now they have given us the C.A.D. I don't want to live in Sea Point. I am prepared to live in Windermere. When one speaks of du Plessis - I want to say that whenever I speak I speak as a Muslim. We Muslims believe that du Plessis can do something for us" (hier het hy verwoys na 'n Maleise uitstalling wat deur Dr. du Plessis onlangs geopen was).

"Why is the C.A.D. not a success? They get people from the farms to go to Klaasjagersberg. Then they return to the farms to teach the people or they join the Police force. The salvation of the Malay people, of the coloured or the African doesn't lie with these separate groups. du Plessis says we must try and preserve our culture. Now how can your culture help towards your eventual liberation? We are asked to preserve the Malay traditions. How will that help us to our freedom? And so you find that men like du Plessis - I know of people who are morally re-armed (gelag). My answer to these people is to get damned. Leave us alone we will find our own solution. The United Party is fighting to preserve the coloured vote. But can they do it there? No! It must be done here. The United Party are merely trying to use us. If they are at all sincere alright let them say 'we want to preserve the coloured

vote, but we don't want to end there - we want votes for all'. If they say that we will go with them. You have circulating here a map of the Cape Peninsula. In that map it shows you the areas that the coloured people will get. What have we done to deserve this small piece of land. What have we done to deserve that? We have cleared up the bush. Now it is cleared and the coloured people must clear out. Now we must clear up some more and then they take over again. If we help people to clear the bush we must ask are you fit enough to preserve your home. The only way you can preserve your home is to fight for it. The coloured people are prepared to meet the Government step by step. Whatever methods they adopt we will meet them in a similar manner. If we can only realise one thing, that South Africa - all its wealth, all its splendour, all its riches - have been created by these two hands. Black hands made South Africa and black hands will keep it safe for South Africa. The whites say 'we are outnumbered by the blacks and they must take over control sooner or later'. They fear that we will retaliate and that we will hate them the same way as they hate us. But we say no, we are civilised people. One day we will rule this country and we will still say come white South Africa, there is room for all of us. Our demands are just. I ask you, ladies and gentlemen, is it unjust to ask for a place in the sun? Is it unjust to live where you want to? Is it unjust to pick your friends? Is it unjust to voice a grievance? If that is unjust then the whole world is unjust. Men from America and other countries have warned South Africa that they are sitting on a keg of gun powder - can all these people be wrong?"

"You will most likely go from this meeting this afternoon and say I have heard people speaking. When you go from here this afternoon you must be ambassadors. You must speak for freedom - it is nothing new. It has been going on for 300 years. And I say this - many will not agree with me - the people have always marched forward. Let us look back objectively. Three hundred years ago our people were slaves. There was no vote. We have marched forward and we will continue to march forward. We must take whatever action necessary to achieve our goal. People will come to you and say you cannot march. If people like men of the Unity Movement can achieve anything let them achieve it. They have achieved something and that is to sit tight in their jobs. The Unity Movement, a crowd of intellectuals, are behind the people, and the people are in front of them. They are civil servants and that is too much to sacrifice. Let them leave the struggle for freedom to people who are prepared to sacrifice."

"Here is a pledge that I would like to read to you, and I would like you to accept this pledge. Don't accept it like a resolution - accept it as something that you will implement regardless of cost."

"Gathered here today under the banner of the SACPO, we pledge our support, we pledge that we will defend our rights and that we will not be intimidated by any South African dictatorship, to stand together with our white, Indian and African compatriots, we pledge loyalty to the COP; we pledge that we shall rather die on our feet than forever live on our knees."

Hy het toe weer voorgelees en van die gehoor het agterna gesê :

"I pledge that I will defend my rights to live wherever I please and not be intimidated by any South African dictatorship. I pledge to vigilantly guard the liberties and rights that I possess and to struggle for the extension of those rights. I pledge to stand united with our African, Indian and White compatriots in the struggle to liberate this land of my birth from....

from Nationalist tyranny. I will with loyalty support the C.O. WHICH WILL DRAW UP a freedom charter for South Africa to assure the rights of the members. And finally I pledge that I will rather die fighting than forever live on my knees. I dedicate myself to struggle for freedom in my lifetime, and I proclaim my fervent desire for world peace."

"This pledge that we have just taken is a thing that we must carry out. It is not impossible. How big, how strong, is the South African Government? The strength of the Government is concentrated in that House of Parliament. They represent only a certain section of the Nationalist-minded people. Is it so difficult to shift this Government? If India, that was under the British Empire, if India can shift the British, then I say we can shift the Nationalists."

LA GUMA:

"In conclusion I call for three cheers for the COP, for SACPO, and for the struggle for liberation. Africa!"

Om 5.25 n.m. het die vergadering tot 'n einde geloop. 'n Aantal mense het saangedrom om 'n motor kar waar sommige aangesluit het by die SACPO.

Die leiers van die optog was LA GUMA, ALBIE SACHS, en A. HOERZOEK.

(w.g.) S.H. WHITE.
12461 S/Sersant.

Die verklaarder erken dat hy ten volle op hoogte is met die inhoud van hierdie verklaring.

Beëdig voor my te Kaapstad die 2de Junie, 1955.

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S/Sers. S.A. Polisie,
KOMMISSARIS VAN EDE,
MAG. DISTRIK KAAPSTAD.

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Present: Messrs Peake, La Guma, Bayat, Marnitz, Hurzur, Morrison, Mussell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Arising: (a) Mr. Peake reported that the premises under discussion were no longer available. Mr. Hurzur reported that the premises he had had in mind were not suitable for our purpose.

(b) ANC telephone account was not settled yet. Mr September will be contacted for a cheque.

Correspondence:

(a) A letter from the Wellington Branch was read. They expressed willingness to meet expenses of anyone from the Executive should we send a member there at any time. A request for films for a film-show was noted. The legal position concerning such functions to be gone into.

(b) A letter from Mr P.D. Hjul was read. It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Regional Council Meeting.

Organisation:

It was reported that outstanding membership were ready to be sent off.

Mr Peake warned members to be prepared to do lots of intensive work in areas when the Government announced their decisions under the Group Areas Act in connection with the Cape Peninsula.

Finance: It was agreed that an effort be made to collect money from our supporters in the immediate future as SACPO has no funds. Mr. Peake will contact friends for a house to hold a function.

Future Activities:

It was agreed that our friends in Kensington be contacted for help in holding a public meeting in that area.

A. A brahams:

It was agreed that this matter be dealt with at the Regional Council. Mr E. Abrahams to be asked to attend.

Regional Council Meeting:

This meeting will take place on Saturday 30th. Acting Secretary to draw up agenda.

General: It was agreed that Mr Bayat be co-opted onto the Executive. It was agreed that ~~some~~ advertising space ~~xxxxxx~~ in Rally be sold at £1-10/- per quarter of a page. Mr Hurzur to handle.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10 p.m.

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COPY OF NOTES MADE BY S/D/SERGT. ISAAC SHARP OF A MEETING
OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF COLOURED PEOPLES
ORGANISATION MEETING HELD IN THE TRADES HALL ON 21.8.55.

S.A.F.C.S. Trades Hall 21.8.55 2.30pm.

CHAIRMAN : ADAM DANIELS. - said Ladies and Gentlemen.

The large attendance this afternoon prove the importance of this meeting. I am not advocating illegal action but to protect the high handed manner coloureds are subjected to against the law but the manner it is applied. I now declare this meeting open.

H. DU PRET. - I stand here with you. I want the most strongest protest against this Govt. in the past people were quite prepared to be moved about because some of the people could cross the line and become white so they thought nothing will ever happen with some of our people who resembles the Africans and other resembles the whites are these to be regarded as Africans and be subjected to all the laws the African is subjected to. Let us stand with them. We have said here again that the brother workers, friends I feel that the day that our voices be heard some said kaffir beetles. In fact we are kaffir beetles the white man who has kept us down his day has also come. They will have to be identified they will have to seek out the white sister and bring them back to us. Your children will have to be taken out of coloureds schools and from your homes. I feel that it is not very important to contribute tip service let us forget this day that we were there from the time. We can not take this laying down. We should stand firm and unite as never done, let us join S.A.P.C.O. and go out to conquer let us not be backward words let us march on.

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CHAIRMAN. - Now friends I am going to call the next speaker to give you the legal position.

2nd SPEAKER GANIET. - Friends come here on Purely invitation. I dont want that the views express here are the views of the ceuleured people organisation. This subject of clasifica-tion in that you are african and you are a ceuleured. Any body who is an african his standard lowered. We are all african because we live in Africa. No one should object to be called african. We must make this struggle a We must not think that we being ceuleured. We are superier and not co-Operate with africans, will cause strife. There is no prevision in law to apartheid anybody for interegation. People who are classified have the right object fer his clasification. Such persen has the right to appeal and be represented by an attorney or advocate. People are just grabbed and subjected to humiliation this remains the test jews were put to. I say to you that all over the whole people are given self determination in S.A. he is subjected to We cannot divide this from all the other humiliation. A united struggle for a democatic living for everybody in S.A. This has served the people for a joint action this is the questions which we are primary affected by with other organisation. I dont say that we are fighting. to maintain superiority over the african as they are divided ethnic creups. Legislations we affect us in our homes. We have to call a helt later er seener as some today that if our forefathers determination fer fight we would have a better world.

CHAIRMAN - Other national organisations are supporting SACPO.

3rd SPEAKER R. RESHA. - Mr. Chairman and friends. This crucial laws to the ceuleured community in the Tvl. bring to you the solidarity of the A.N.C. you are being forced

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to a position to be sentimental and and the country is being forced into a fascism. The coloureds are not objecting to be classified as Africans because in fact they are Africans but they are objecting to be forced to a race which they are not they are afraid to take the coloureds off the roll but they only say they can do it by reclassified them - African have suffered under the pass laws. The reason for the reclassification is because they want to take coloured off the skilled work and rights to join Trade Unions. Coloured people must fight for their right if they are coloured people so they must decide before they have this These who are going to take the forefront of the fight are going to be called communist and agitators. I think it would be right to be called communist not only this Act but all which represent fascism in this country

CHAIRMAN.- We have what Mr. Resha had said he had made a strong appeal for unity.

4th SPEAKER DR. MOOSA.- said African Mr. Chairman, I have with you this after to bring solidarity from the S. A. Indian Congress. Many of you may not realise but Indians carry some sort of a pass. Which is coloured the TVL. Asiatic certificate they are 2 one is blue with the one can trade but with the other I am can move without a permit. If I want to go on holiday, I must go to the Immigration office if they don't like my face I want get one. The coloured today are forced with classification. The question is not to be a coloured. We must stand against this Govt. or other Govt. and the Coloureds going to allow to be pulled about. This question does not only concerning the coloured people but concern the people of S.A. I was told that the population registration Act is the corner stone of apartheid. This is true. It is going to be said that this

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is the coloured fight but I want to say that this is the fight for everybody. These who say that it is our fight are making the greatest mistake. If we are not going to stand together we will achieve nothing. This Gvt. is not only attacking a section but all sections. Let us come together. I say to coloured people to fight with all the freedom loving people.

CHAIRMAN

I wish to thank Dr. Meesa. I made a mistake Dr. Meesa came from the S.A.I.C. There are coloureds who are afraid to come because they will be kicked out their flats or jobs.

5th MRS. JOSEPH - came from the federation S. A. women and the Congress of Democrats I bring support from S. A. Congress. We have urged people not to take their photos. Not one member of Congress of Dem. have taken their photos. they will have to take by force. We know what happen in Nazi Germany. Coloured people will be thrown out of their jobs and houses and children will be taken out of coloured schools and be poisoned with Bantu Education. Will you stand for that it is the first time I have seen so many coloureds, let us pretest and our pretest will be heard in the outside world. We are the real opposition not the United Party Labour Party. When the time ne power will stand against us let us fight for freedom. Let us fight side by side, unite until liberty is attained.

CHAIRMAN.

The hearts of the Coloured People are with Mrs. Joseph.

6th SPEAKER MR. LEON LEVY

Will couple messages 1.S.A. Congress of T.U. S. A. is offering support and legal action. 2. National Union Laundry and Dyeing Workers. 3. Canning

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Union calling upon SACP. S.A.T.U. to defeat this act.

Supporting any action taken in this matter.

CHAIRMAN - Thanked Mr. Levy for reading messages.

6th SPEAKER - S. LOLLAN. - Ladies and gentlemen. We are here because we are perturbed. I am personally perturbed some people because they did not know what do they went down to the Pass. If we have any organisations if we have any organisation, the the Govt. would not have done this. Dont not-say I have in D'fontein with the coloureds I live at Neerdragesig. or amongst the kaffirs or in Kliptown let us unite these Europeans who dont want us. Will let them get out of Africa. We are the children of the soil. How to take action a voice - "Resolution" - let each one of you present here today. Wherever the coloured live let them tell the church to fight if you go to God and said to Malan or Strijdom has suppressed you. Personally God will say why did you allow them to suppress you. Personally many will say ek is outfighting for your children you are not only fighting the registration Act but ... will go with it.

RESOLUTION. - We here gathered protest officially are subjected evidence to humiliation there future are being destroyed. A system of cast and regementation they are forced to test. Call coloured to demand equal rights for all. Seconded by J. J. Mare..

CHAIRMAN - If there anybody to speak on the resolution will be given 3 minutes.

J. J. MARE. - Speke said many years I told you so they laughed at me let us fight. If say revolution its is just too bad for those who rule us. Ons staan vandag as handjies wat sy stert onder sy bene. One speaker said toing do the people in future.

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LOLLAN - said SACPO. is going.

One women speaker from the floor said that people should pray to God to help because they are fighting people who dont care a thing for a day of Prayer. Dr. Press said I would like to relate a little story which appeared in the people paper one person prayed God said yes it is right to pray but put on your shoulders to which one speaker from the floor urged Unity amonst the people. One speaker from the floor said he is against the organisation who are against SACPO. LIKE THE kleurling volkbond. We are law abiding people but they preveked. ONE SPEAKER said I come from Benoni said he is one who was arrested at Benoni - said we must fight this Govt. let must fight t is Gov. let us net carry these documents I was arrested in Preterria for the Defying Campaign. In Benoni we said we are going to fight this Govt. S. LOLLAN - said that they have net come here to critisize other organisations. YOUNG WOMEN who said she was coming from the L. Party said the Labour Party support them Coleured People said the Labour Party has apposed to any legislation which effects our rights as people.

SPEAKER FROM GERMISTON. - said a member of K.V. bond clasified some children as Africans only as coleured speaker from Krugersderp said in Kruger they are in Werst state said out of 100 coleured went fer classification only 33 survived there is only 2 race in S.A. white and black. If we are net prepared to unity with ether nen white we are deemed.

MISS BOSS. There should be unity amonst us. These who have been classified as natives are these who said their ferefather were european.

SPEAKER FROM KRUGERSDORP. said we must stand together and ~~kill~~ the snake tomerrew the ether race will be effected.

4.45 pm.

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There about 500 Europeans Indian, Native, Coloureds of both sexes.

RESOLUTION. We are gathered at this protest bread winners are driven from their Job questions and Physical examination call upon both white and black to demand for the repeal of the registration Act.

CHAIRMAN SAID. - I am very pleased to say that this resolution have been unanimously.

HAUPT said - Only people who can classified coloureds are coloureds and african the same.

LOLLAN SAID- No person to go to the Pass office nobody is compelled to go there they can get their information they want from the census form we filled. We urged SACPO. to call an emergency coloured organisation to fight the unjust attack on us.

GAMIET SAID - He objects to calling the Coloured Organisation only.

LOLAN - to explain what is to be done to a question raised by Mr. Haupt. We going to appeal but the office is in town. We are aware that there are people outside JHB. that is why we have prepared re nec form.

GAMIET said I want to give a serious warning it has appeared in the Press that Non-European should assist in the classification such persons will be traitors to their own people let them do it themselves.

CHAIRMAN SAID - I am going to say something is going to hurt some people. We have instructed council and also print a circular these things cost money. Give until it hurts come forward to the table.

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ALEX LA GUMA : (Voorsitter):

Speakers out of order.
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"I am sorry for this slight delay, but we have been waiting for our speakers. Now, we have had several meetings here on the Grand Parade, the South African Coloured People's Organisation, the A.N.C., the Congress of Democrats, and we have always stressed that the time would come when the coloured people will have to make a decision to take part in the struggle for democracy in South Africa. We have always said that once the ruling class has finished with the African people they would turn to the other section of the population, and in 1936, when the African people began to feel.. began to feel the oppression... we said.. we said that the coloured people and the Indian people would be next in line, and our words have come true.

"And this year we have discovered that the plans for the oppression and the destruction of the right, the few remaining rights of the coloured people, have come under the axe, and today we stand as a people who have virtually no say in the Government, in the ruling of their country. Two weeks ago, the vote, the Parliamentary rights of the coloured people, were taken away, and today they have no option but to face the undemocratic work than they have ever had before, the franchise, that is, they have to vote for four Europeans, thirty-eight thousand people having to vote for four Europeans in order to be able to take part in the general election in this country. And, now that the Parliamentary rights of the coloured people have been removed, the next step of the Government is to take away, to destroy what rights the coloured people have enjoyed in the Municipalities, in the ruling of their cities, those are the civic rights, the right to vote in the City Council, for the City Council.

"And the Administrator, Olivier, has mentioned, has pointed out a threat, and that is the purpose of the Administrator....

Administrator of the Cape Province to do away with the right of coloured women to take office in the ruling of the town. All this voting shall, and what we have said in the past, I repeat, has come true. And our organisation has always stressed that the only salvation of the coloured people is to fight in line with the African people in the great struggle for democracy in South Africa. We will go on saying it and we will go on organising the coloured people towards these ends. There is no way out for you - your place is beside the African people who have suffered so many years for those things that are now effecting you and that's in store for you.

"There are several speakers here this evening, and I would like you to listen to the first one, a member of the African National Congress, an organisation which is today leading the struggle of the African people for liberating South Africa. Mr. Ntaba. "

M. NTABA : (Van Bantoetaal na Engels vertolk) :

"Good evening friends, I thank you for taking all this trouble to attend this meeting. You have to agree that everybody knows this is for the coloured people. What is happening to the coloured people today is what happened to the African people as far back as 1936. In that time our rights were also pledged away, we lost all our representation in Parliament. That same thing is happening now to the coloured people. What happened exactly after our rights were taken away? We suffered like anything because we had no protection, we were just definitely not there, the Government has not appointed anybody to represent us, knowing straight away that that man must take our side. That's why we have got everything, all sufferings, on our heads today. Even everyone knows here that a human being has got all rights, wherever he stays, wherever he was born....(Stilte terwyk luidsprekers uit werking - gedeelte van toespraak verlore)....Our freedom of movement was taken away and our right to organise. That is what is happening to the coloured people today. Those up-country were supposed to be farmers, breeders. We are not doing that because why,

everything has been taken away, we have got nothing, it is just the same as here. After being oppressed from afar, we came nearer to seek for leading, but now we are being separated from our wives, everything is being done to keep us unhappy.

"All these things are happening now because there is no protection. All the representatives and all rights have been taken away from us. I here appeal to you, coloured people, please get together, unite, come to us, let's unite and fight all the oppressive laws. It is only a few who are doing this over a multitude. I thank you friends." (Applous)

VOORSITTER : LA GUMA : (Engels) :

"The next speaker if from the Congress of Democrats, which is an organisation of European people who have come to realise that those things that are precious to the freedom of people, can not only be shared by white people alone in South Africa, but by non-Europeans too. And so they have allied themselves with the non-European organisations in the struggle for liberation and they have played a great part in the campaign for the Freedom Charter, and are our allies in the struggle for democracy in South Africa. Mr. Bennie Gosschalk".

BENNIE GOSSCHALK : (Engels) :

"Mr. Chairman and friends, I bring greetings to this meeting from the Congress of Democrats. We in the C.O.D. believe that Europeans in this country are being increasingly threatened by the attacks of the Nationalist Government. Ten years ago it was easy to say that it was only the African people who have been threatened. There were the Indians, today it is the turn of the coloureds, and to a lesser extent of the Europeans. We saw, less than a fortnight ago, how the coloured people, by an Act of Parliament, and a fraudulent Parliament at that, have lost their right to vote. All they can do now is vote for four Europeans to represent them. The one right they had from the common roll of this country has been lost.

Less than....

Less than a week later, from the Nationalist controlled Provincial Council, comes a threat to remove coloured women and Indians from the voters roll. Now we believe that all people, whatever their colour, whatever their national group, should have the right to full democracy in this country. We don't believe that you can give rights to one section of the people and keep them from the others. Sooner or later those who haven't got the rights, and today they are three-quarters of the people in this country, will get them. And we believe that those who are fighting for equal rights today, the Africans, the coloureds and the Indians, deserve the support of the rest of the Europeans in this country.

"Now, Europeans in South Africa are supposed to have the higher standard of education, but as far as I can see they are the slowest section of the population to realise that they too are threatened by the Nationalists. Already the Europeans have lost their rights to a passport. Any young Policeman, 18 years, with a standard VI education, can march into our houses and say we are committing treason. They can't even spell the word 'treason'. (applous). The Congress of Democrats appeals to all Europeans in this country to play their part with the other Congresses in going forward to full equality. We say this quite clearly, that the African people, the coloured people, and the Indian people, are entitled to full rights in the Government of this country, now. We don't believe in waiting one year, or five years, or ten years. We don't stipulate educational qualifications. Let me remind you that the Nationalist Cabinet Ministers of this country spent ten years in school. Many of them spent five years in university, but they still haven't got minimum humanitarian standards. (Uitroepe van 'JA' en applous). I think the Nationalists are showing quite clearly that it isn't education that should be a qualification, but one's belief in democracy and one's belief in human rights for all people.

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