# SOUTH AFRICAN TREASON TRIAL APPEAL

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The 156 accused: 61 of whom have just been released. The trial is entering its second year.

#### WATFORD AND DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES in conjunction with CHRISTIAN ACTION

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All the 156 people pictured overleaf have two things in common: all are resolute opponents of Apartheid, and they have been charged with High Treason—an offence which carries the death penalty.

They include 6 doctors, 6 lawyers, 3 Christian Ministers, 5 journalists, 15 trade union officials, 11 school and university teachers and an M.P., besides mothers of small children, clerks, labourers, businessmen, architects, factory workers and many others. The prosecution recently withdrew the allegations against 61, after nearly a year on trial, but they have been ruined and need rehabilitation urgently.

The case against them is based on the "Freedom Charter" adopted openly by 3,000 delegates in 1955. It peacefully advocated democracy, brotherhood, justice, and equal rights and opportunities for all men.

The trial enters its second year. Most of the victims—who must attend Court daily—have lost their jobs. Without the help of others, they and their families would starve. They must also be defended adequately.

At least £150,000 is needed for their defence and subsistence.

CHRISTIAN ACTION has undertaken to raise £50,000 in Britain.

WE are oppealing locally for at least £500.

The appeal will be opened on Thursday, January 16th, at 8.0 p.m. in Watford Parish Church by

### **REVD. MICHAEL SCOTT**

-known throughout the world for his courageous stand against racial discrimination and persecution.

- Please come to the meeting, bringing your friends.
- Ask for literature and make the appeal known.
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## **REMEMBER—OUR TARGET £500**

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