

MASS ANTI - REMOVAL CONFERENCE

Draft Resolution

This Mass Conference of delegates representing the people of, the Western Areas, convened under the auspices of the African National Congress and the Transvaal Indian Congress at the Odin Cinema, Sophiatown, on 28th June 1953 :

1. STRONGLY CONDEMNNS the wicked, inhuman and barbaric Verwoerd Plan for the removal of Sophiatown, Martindale, Western Native Township and Newclare as it is of the opinion that it will bring about racial tension and strife.
2. WARNS THE PEOPLE of South Africa that this Plan is not only a threat to the 75,000 non-white residents in the Western Areas but a menace to the entire Non-European population of the country.
3. SOLEMNLY CALLS upon the Government, in the interests of peace and harmony, to withdraw this Plan forthwith.
4. EXPRESSES THE DETERMINATION of the people of the Western Areas to remain in and defend their homes at all costs.
5. PLEDGES the whole-hearted and active support, regardless of consequences, to any plan of action which the Congresses may direct in defence of the homes and land of the people.
6. RESOLVES to undertake an intensive mass campaign for the recruitment of membership for the Congresses.
7. REQUESTS the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress and South African Indian Congress to enlist the support of all sections of the people, both white and non-white, in the struggle for the defence of the Western Areas.

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