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PRESS RELEASE.

On behalf of the four national bodies who work for democratic rights and equal opportunity for all South Africans—the African National Congress, South African Indian Congress, South African Congress of Democrats and South African Coloured Peoples' Organisation, we call the attention of the whole country to the profound racial clash which the Nationalist Government is about to provoke, by the forcible removal of over 58,000 people from their traditional establishment ed homes in Johannesburg's Western Areas.

Never has the injustice and inhumanity of Apartheid been more clearly demonstrated when ~~the~~ in the declaration, even in the face of over-whelming opposition from the citizens, black- white and at the cost if need be of violence, blood shed and over-riding of the local elect authority.

We observe the gratification the tremendous campaign conducted by Europeans <sup>no</sup> less than non-Europeans to shift the Government from its reckless bloodthirsty and reactionary ~~firm~~ course. Yet the Government remains determined to carry out its plans, as a test case of Apartheid regardless of the consequences for the lives and happiness of our people.

There can only be one answer from us, our campaign of opposition to the removal scheme must be increased ten-fold and extended throughout the country. For us too, the Western Areas Scheme is a test case. The Government must be made to retreat by the united strength and determination of South Africans of all races. The Western Areas must be the Waterloo

of the inane racialism of Dr Verwoerd and his cabinet.

We call therefore, for a great nation-wide campaign to rouse the people against Apartheid and to prepare them for decisive steps to defeat it and root it out from the seat of power. Our campaign will fight Apartheid in all its guises, in the Bantu Education Act's attack on education, and in the Industrial Conciliation Act's dismemberment of Trade Unions, in the Group Areas Act's plunder of non-European citizens and in the Coloured Vote Act's threats of heavier discriminations. But the centre of our campaign will be the threat to the Western Areas, since this is the battle field the Nationalists have on which to prove their un-restrained might and on which to inflict unforgattable defeat ~~on~~ men who believe in human rights and liberties.

We call on the citizens of South Africa to take part in the campaign we have lodged. We call for 50,000 South Africans to volunteer for active, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ intensive work in our campaign, mobilising a spirit of resistance to Apartheid and carrying to every corner of the country the message that we must stand and fight till Apartheid is defeated. Our volunteers must raise to new heights, greater even than during the defiance campaign, the spirit of our people of all races to win the freedom by their own efforts. Our volunteers must carry throughout the country the message of the coming Congress of the People, and must gather in the demands of our people, for the Freedom Charter.

which will be adopted at that Congress of the People. Our volunteers must meet the reckless violence and reliance on force of the Nationalist Government with discipline, a refusal to be provoked, but a determination to carry on their struggle till our liberty is won.

Our Provincial Organisations have already set up the machinery for our Volunteer Corps. We call upon those who love liberty: Let us have 50,000 Volunteers, now, to beat Verwoerd! Let us prepare to go forward together, to freedom.

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Chief Albert J. Luthuli.

Johannesburg.  
29th June, 1954.

PRESS STATEMENT:

R.H. Joint Executive of ANC, SAIC, S.A. Indian Congress, S.A. Congress of Democrats, S.A. Coloured People's Organisation.

UNION WIDE POLICE RAIDS.

The Union-wide police raids of September 27 and 28, which invaded the privacy of hundreds of citizens of all races in their homes, offices and schools are a most serious manifestation of the growth of the police state in our midst. It dare not be allowed to pass without the strongest protest by the people.

Like the whole series of police raids which have continued since the beginning of 1954, and which culminated in the encirclement of that gathering, the Congress of the People by masses of armed police, these raids purport to be an "investigation" of alledged treason and sedition and the like. In fact the raids are intended as acts of intimidation, and to ~~restrict~~ restrict the legal right of the people to carry on legitimate opposition to the Nationalist Party government. Any legal prosecution following these raids can only, we are convinced, be a deliberate "frame up" designed to frighten the public, and to prolong the rule of the Nationalists on the pretext of some fanciful "plot" for an uprising by the Congress movement.

There is no such plot. Indeed, the talk of "sedition" and "treason", of "black uprisings" and "communist bogeys" are in fact a propaganda trap, designed to cover up the real danger to the country -- the sinister conspiracy of the Nationalists and the Broederbond to set up a Fascist Republic.

We warn the country not to be deceived by this trap. The democratic people of South Africa will not be intimidated by such means. We reaffirm our determination to continue with redoubled energy our struggle to impliment the noble demands embodied in the Freedom Charter, which has become the rallying-point and inspiration for all who work for a free and democratic South Africa in which all will be secure from arbitrary raids and infringements of their rights.

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28th September, 1955.  
JOHANNESBURG.

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THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS,  
SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONGRESS, SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS, and S.A.COLOURED PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION.

APPEAL TO YOU. .....

This is an appeal to every single individual in South Africa who wishes to see a peaceful, happy future for their children. This is an appeal to those who long to see an end to the terrible threat of war, who want to see the world transformed by the peaceful use of atomic energy and not destroyed by Atomic and Hydrogen bombs.

Seven hundred million people throughout the world signed the VIENNA APPEAL, -demanding the banning of the Atom and Hydrogen bombs- issued by the World Peace Council. Of these, 30,000 signatures came from our country South Africa. This appeal has already helped to create a new world atmosphere in which better relations have been established between the Big Powers.

The collection of signatures For the appeal will close in South Africa on the 16th October, 1955, and this must be made a great day in South Africa's fight for peace. Make a special effort now, to close the appeal with a magnificent flood of signatures.

We appeal to every branch and every member of our organisations to sign the appeal, and to collect signatures. Take this form out! Do this simple task for the sake of World Peace.

Set aside Sunday, the 16th October, 1955, for collecting thousands of signatures.

..... TO SIGN FOR WORLD PEACE.

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