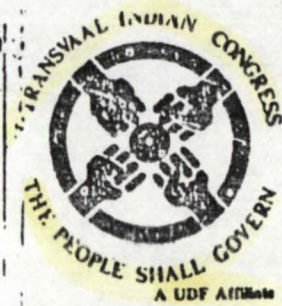


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WOMEN UNITE!



National Women's Day August 9



WOMEN AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION

Dear Friend

Twenty eight years ago today, women from all over the country united to demonstrate to the world that South African women were not prepared to sit back and allow the evils of apartheid to take root and grow. Twenty thousand women, of all racial groups, showed once and for all that women would refuse to accept the oppressive system. We all know of and remember their courageous march to Pretoria to show their hatred for the Pass Laws.

Now we have the New Constitution, which does no more than to give Apartheid a new face. Are we going to allow ourselves to be duped into accepting this farce? As mothers, wives, sisters and friends, going to sit back and allow our loved ones to defend that evil and ugly thing called Apartheid - that which goes against our moral and religious beliefs? Can we find it in our hearts to condone Apartheid, in any form?

Apartheid has brought us nothing but heartache. High rents increased GST, no houses, forced removals, inadequate and inferior education - These plagues us constantly - New Deal or not, these will not leave us.

We have to show our opposition to this - to share our problems with one another. We have to unite, as mothers, sisters, wives and friends - we are the backbone and strength of our community. We cannot sit back and allow conscription and all the other evils. We have to make a stand;

Women against the constitution is a group of women who want to share their thoughts and problems with other women. We would like to extend an invitation to you and your friends to join us on Thursday evening, 9 August 1984, for a few hours of poetry, songs and discussions.

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours in the struggle
Women against the Constitution.

WOMEN AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION

extend an invitation to

Date: Thursday, 9 August 1984

Time 8pm

Venue Jiswa Centre, Suikerbos Street
Lenasia.

Refreshments will be served.

We cannot pay the high rent

We cannot pay the increased GST

Our children have to go to gutter schools

There are no creches for our children

We do not want our children to die for apartheid

Let us share our problems

Let us solve them together

Women, Unite --

... fight for our rights

Women's Charter

(This document was drawn up in 1956 at a meeting of the Women's Federation of South Africa.)

We, the women of South Africa, wives and mothers, working women and housewives, Africans, Indians, European and Coloured, hereby declare our aim of striving for the removal of all laws, regulations, conventions and customs that discriminate against us as women, and that deprive us in any way of our inherent right to the advantages, responsibilities and opportunities and opportunities that society offers to any one section of the population.

We women do not form a society separate from the men. There is only one society, and it is made up of both women and men. As women we share the problems and anxieties of our men, and join hands with them to remove social evils and obstacles to progress. Within this common society, however, are laws and practices that discriminate against women. While we struggle against the social evils that affect men and women alike, we are determined to struggle no less purposefully against the things that work to the disadvantage of our sex.

This organisation is formed for the purpose of uniting women in common action for the removal of all political, legal, economic and social disabilities. We shall strive for the following :

- * The right to vote without restriction or discrimination
- * For the development of every child through free compulsory education for all, for the protection of mother and child
- * The right to full employment opportunities
- * Equal rights with men in relation to property, marriage and children
- * For the removal of all laws that restrict free movement or the right of free association
- * To build and strengthen women's sections in the national

within the scope of

liberation movement

* To co-operate with all other organisations that have

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