

THE REMOVAL OF SOBANTU VILLAGE. (P.M.BURG).

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In a meeting of the Working Committee of the African National Congress (Natal) held on the 16th. inst., the following resolution was passed :

The African National Congress (Natal) registers a very strong protest against the contemplated removal of Sobantu Village under cover of the Group Areas Act, as was indicated by the Secretary of Native Affairs in a directive to the P.M.Burg Council. It is inconceivable to think of removing or resiting Sobantu Village, which was fast becoming a model Township in the Union. We are also alarmed at the decision of the Native Affairs Department, which was also directed to the P.M.Burg Council, instructing it to drop the or abandon the home ownership scheme in Sobantu. This scheme was very much appreciated and welcomed by Africans, who today find themselves without security of tenure in urban areas, and yet being indispensable in the development of these areas. The inhabitants of Sobantu are an integral part of P.M.Burg.

The African National Congress will give its fullest support to the P.M.Burg Council in all its endeavours to retain Sobantu as a permanent model Township in the Union. We also regret that the Minister of Native Affairs should have taken a step without consulting Africans, who have been given rosy promises of "handling their own affairs in their own areas". We therefore implore the residents of Sobantu to give their fullest support to the P.M.Burg Council in its noble work to retain Sobantu as their permanent home.

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WORKING COMMITTEE.

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