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A National Call To All African Women.

We are witnessing in South Africa today, the coming into being of a fascist state. The S.A.P. Force is no longer used for the protection of its citizens, but has become an instrument to enforce the dictatorial laws of the Government. The events that took place in the Western Areas of Johannesburg bears testimony to this fact or despite, the repeated chorus in the daily press, and in Parliament by the ministers concerned, that the people were happy to be removed, the fact remains that they were not. For it took 2,000 Armed Police to enforce the removal of about 200 families, in 2 operations, this is not all the uprooting of people from their century old homes, is underfoot all over the country. Hand in hand with this master plan of creating a vagabond nation out of the African People first, and then the other Non-European ~~communities~~ communities, is the plan to educate our children for ignorance, embodied in the Bantu Education Act.

We African Women like our homes just as good as any other women or perhaps more because, where it would take a newly wed european couple 12 months to get a home it would take an African couple almost their life to get a home which they could rightly call their own.

In view of this threat, to the very existance of the African People, and the other Non-European Communities which is in fact a threat to the whole of democratic S.A., the A.N.C. Women's League Working Committee, calls upon all Non-European Women and democratic European all walks of life to take up their stand in defence of democratic and rights and liberty against the National fascist tyranny.

Mothers and daughters of all nationality are called upon to join the ranks of Liberatory Movement the areas where they live, if there is no Congress in your areas get as many as possible of your friends, and together form a Branch and register it with the nearest Provincial Secretary.

It has always been said, that the role of the women is in the home front, let us fulfil that role now in defence of our homes, and our children For nobody else, but only women who know more about the Sacredness of the home and the ~~task~~ thringing up of the little ones, who are today threatened by Verwoerd's Slave Education. The Secret of building a strong militant organisation, is by taking up local issues that affect the people in the areas where they live. Hence we support the Cape Western Women Anti Pass Committee in its campaign against passes for women. Let us fight as one man until Freedom and Democracy is realized during our life time.

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