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REJECT RACIST

REFERENDUM !

INTRODUCTION

The racist, white only, Cornell controlled City Council of Pietermaritzburg has decided to hold a referendum which is to ask those White, Coloured and Indian people whose names appear on the Municipal voter's list the following question:

"Should persons of any race be entitled to acquire and/or occupy premises in any part of the City?"

The answer is to be a YES or a NO.

The referendum is to be held on 24 January 1990

OUR ATTITUDE

We reject the idea of this referendum for the following reasons:

1. The decision to hold the referendum is both racist and undemocratic. It is racist because Whites only took the decision. It is undemocratic because the overwhelming majority of the people living and working in Pietermaritzburg had no part in the making of that decision.

2. The referendum itself is racist because it denies the overwhelming majority of the people of this City, namely the African people, to have a say in a matter which vitally affects them.

3. All those who are fighting for a truly democratic South Africa are also committed to the following goal:

There must be no restriction on any person from living in a residential area of that person's choice. All Laws which prevent people from living where they want to, must be SCRAPPED.

4. The above goal constitutes a **BASIC HUMAN RIGHT** which is recognized by civilized nations all over the world.

5. We believe that this country belongs to ALL the people living in it the African, Coloured, Indian and White people. That being so, the question to be asked is:

'Who or What gives this City Council the right to ask ONE section of the community whether that section will allow **ANOTHER** section to live any where in the City?

6. Any person who says that he or she objects to another person living in a certain area for no other reason than on grounds of "race", then the objector is a RACIST.

7. **RACISM** must be outlawed and treated as an abomination. Racists must not be allowed to voice or spread their racism.

8. The referendum gives the racists the opportunity to express their racism. This comes as no surprise since racists designed the referendum.

9. We believe that the whole of South Africa must become **AN OPEN AREA**. We have no doubt that South Africa **WILL** become an open area. Nothing is going to stop that from happening - neither guns or referendums. One thing is certain - racists will not be asked their views or their permission when that day dawns!

CONCLUSION

There are some things In life which are too dear or sacred for us to allow any debate or discussion. One such matter is the right to live where you wish to. We have all suffered under the Group Areas Act and the Land Acts. We know these laws; we hate these laws. Must we now hold a referendum to decide whether we support these laws or not?
How insulting!

We therefore call on the people to reject this racist referendum!

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