

# RACE CLASSIFICATION

## National Press Statement

BY THE BLACK SASH

**T**HE Black Sash has always been opposed to the principle embodied in the law dealing with race classification. This law leads to untold misery among thousands of people either affected by it or who live in fear of being classified into another racial group.

The Government have told us that apartheid laws are a matter of principle. When, however, the need for expediency arises, the so-called principle, stringently observed in our country, goes by the board. The rules have been waived to placate the Japanese customer.

The case won by a South African citizen, Mr. David Song, has led to the situation where a man legally married to a woman of his own race is now presumably vulnerable under another odious racial law. Such are the ridiculous anomalies which stem from the immoral principle embodied in race classification.

Although we now have another amendment before Parliament, it would be a clever man who could draft an amendment to the Population Registration Act of 1950 to ensure that South African citizens remain in their colour-tight compartments and yet allow foreign customers to be always White.

## DANGEROUS CORNERS

The Population Registration Act has been called the cornerstone of apartheid. But so many other Acts are looked upon as the cornerstone of apartheid that apartheid has many corners and most of them are dangerous corners.

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