

ON NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, AUGUST 9TH 1956, BETWEEN 6 AND 7 AM, WOMEN WERE QUEUED UP IN FRONT OF THE PARLIAMENTS BUILDINGS IN PRETORIA TO PROTEST AGAINST THE PASS LAWS. THEY WERE TRAVELLING BY TRAIN AND CHARTERED BUS. MANY OF THEM HAD THEIR CHILDREN. WORKERS BROUGHT THEIR WHITE EMPLOYERS' CHILDREN ALONG WITH THEM. THEY CAME TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER. BUT AS ONE OF THE WOMEN SAID, "HE REFUSED TO SEE US ... HE JUST RAN AWAY, AWAY FROM US. WE WERE DISAPPOINTED NOT TO SEE HIM. STILL, THE MESSAGE WAS THERE. WE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE."

THE MESSAGE IS STILL ON THE WALL.

