

Archbishop's Conference calls for Day of Dedication

A LARGE and representative gathering of organisations and individuals met in Cape Town on 1st August at a conference called by the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev. Joost de Blank. More than 150 individuals and representatives of nearly 30 organisations attended the conference, which was addressed by the Archbishop, Dr. O. D. Wollheim, Mr. Justice A. van de Sandt Centlivres, Mr. D. Molteno, and Mr. L. Marquard. The conference passed the following resolution:

● This Conference recognises that over the past fifty years of the Union's history there has been important development in many fields, but considers that the Union has thus far failed to achieve social justice and a minimum standard of living consistent with the barest essentials of health and decency for the vast majority of our people, and has further, to a large extent, destroyed civil liberty.

● This Conference, therefore, records its considered view that the history of the first fifty years of Union does not warrant the observance of 31st May, 1960, as an occasion for celebration, but rather for solemn dedication to the task of improving on the Union's achievements and rectifying its mistakes, so as to render the next fifty years better and happier than the first.

● Consequently, this Conference calls upon all organisations represented here, all individuals attending, and all others who share the convictions just expressed to observe 31st May, 1960, as a day of dedication to the task of achieving the following objectives:

- (a) The ridding of our land of the scourge of poverty and the achievement for all South Africans of a minimum living wage, social security and equality of economic opportunity;
- (b) The enjoyment by all South Africans of those civil liberties that, throughout the civilised world, are regarded as inalienable human rights;
- (c) A reform of the South African Constitution, as

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—Courtesy:
Cape Times.



agreed by a new National Convention, truly representative of all races of our people, which will guarantee to individuals the above-mentioned liberties and rights, will grant political representation to men and women irrespective of race, and will protect each racial community from domination; and

RESOLVES to appoint a Continuation Committee for the purpose of making recommendations on the form which the observance of fifty years of Union shall take, making the appropriate arrangements in regard thereto and planning further steps in a campaign to achieve the aforementioned objectives.

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A continuation committee was elected consisting of Dr. J. de Blank, Mr. L. Marquard, Dr. O. D. Wollheim, Mr. Thomas Ngwenya, Mr. R. September, Mr. Justice A. van de Sandt Centlivres, Mr. D. Molteno, Dr. R. E. van der Ross, Mrs. E. Stott and Mrs. W. F. Grant.

All the secretarial work and arrangements for the conference were undertaken by the Black Sash (Cape Western region) at the request of the Archbishop.

An Ill Omen

African churches are springing up like mushrooms these days. These churches claim that Christianity as practised by White South Africa is bad. They say to be baptised by a European priest is an ill omen for the baptised in the next world.

—Imvo Zabantsundu.