

UDF STATEMENT ON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES [CALL]

In preparation for Management Committee elections on Wednesday 7 September, people are being flooded with pamphlets extolling the virtues and victories of the 'candidates'. Once more a series of promises are being made to so-called voters. Some 'candidates' are even claiming to stand on a ticket against apartheid, against Group Areas and against the Constitutional Bill.

To the UDF, this is laughable. Management Committees were set up to further Apartheid. They were established in order to strip people of their municipal vote. They were established to give 'coloured' and Indian group areas a say. Much more than this, these Management Committees are intended to form the basis of the separate local authorities in terms of the new dispensation.

The Management Committees have no powers. The achievements which they claim are in fact the hard-won victories of the civic organisations.

Fortunately, the people have shown disinterest in the Management Committees. So much so that percentage polls in most areas have been ^{scandalously} miserably low. This lack of interest results once again in these