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MOTION FOR RESOLUTION, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 13/10/75



THAT this meeting of the Civil Rights League

NOTING the recent arrests of the Reverend J. Polley and 18 others and their incarceration in terms of Section 6 of the Terrorism Act

AND FURTHER NOTING

that the Act empowers the Police to hold them for questioning without access to family, friends or legal advice, and that there is no judicial supervision of the treatment of detainees

AND BELIEVING

that the vagueness and generality of the crimes specified in the Act and the inclusion of minimum sentences are contrary to the principles of sound legislation

AND FURTHER BELIEVING

that the Act may intimidate the public in the exercise of their political and civil rights

THEREFORE:

condemns this legislation and the action taken under it in the strongest possible terms

calls for the repeal of the Act

and instructs the Committee, meanwhile, to make representations to the Minister of Justice

- \* to set up a judicial tribunal to review detentions within hours of arrest, and to review at regular stages thereafter;
- \* to allow judges to make unscheduled visits to detainees, and permit publication of their reports;
- \* to allow the International Red Cross similar facilities;
- \* when irregularities are revealed by these reports, to face up to them frankly, with full investigation and punishment of offenders.

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