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ANTI-SEGREGATION COUNCIL

The Indian people should oppose the proposed Licensing Board because :—

- (1) Pegging Act is not repealed but temporarily shelved.
- (2) (a) Pegging Act applies only to Durban.
(b) Licensing Board applicable to whole of Natal.
- (3) (a) Pegging Act was passed by the Union Government, which cannot ignore world opinion.
(b) Licensing Board Provincial affair only, therefore Indian people will be denied the right of rousing international opinion against discriminations.
- (4) Pegging Act came into being because of—
 - (a) the reaction of the vested interests—European speculators, who wanted to cut down the Indian competition and not because of inter-mingling of races, as proved by the last Broome Commission.
 - (b) Licensing Board will be a death blow—temporarily—to these vested interests, hence they will not sit quietly. They will be further aggravated as soon as the Board functions and Indians begin to speculate.
This will eventually result in :
 - (i) Further agitation by the same vested interests against the Indian mercantile class and attempts will be made to push the entire Indian community into ghettos and locations.
 - (ii) General Smuts and the Government, who are dependent on the European vote, have to pander to them and bring the Pegging Act back from the shelf. There are all chances that this will happen, for in spite of all talk about "civic rights" and franchise for Indians, there are no signs that this will be given.
- (5) (a) The Natal Government passed laws in 1870 that it shall grant crown lands equal in value to the cost of passage to those Indians who were invited to come to Natal to make it the "Garden Colony."
(b) The British Government gave assurance to Indian settlers that in the Colony (Natal) they shall be free men in all respects and that they shall not be treated differently in any way from any other citizens.
(c) It is against the principles of the Atlantic Charter and the inherent rights of man.

WE DEMAND—

- (1) **Abrogation of the Pretoria Agreement and withdrawal of the proposed Licensing Board.**
- (2) **Repeal of Pegging Act.**
- (3) **Full Franchise for All Indians.**
- (4) **Repeal of all discriminatory laws.**

Licensing Board to-day means segregation to-morrow and ghettos and locations on the day after.

If right to live is taken away to-day, then what guarantee have we that our right to trade will not be taken away to-morrow?

Demand the repeal of the Pegging Act and the withdrawal of Licensing Board.

JOIN THE ANTI-SEGREGATION COUNCIL.

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