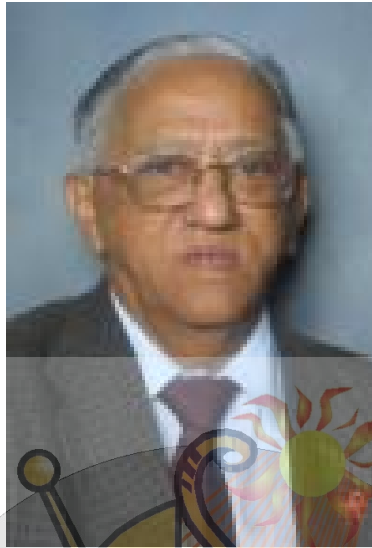


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pledge to untiringly work for the total needs and aspirations of all Lenasia. No effort will be spared in attempting to improve and expedite the provision and creation of amenities and opportunities, which have been denied us, as a result of the unequal and unjust system of racial compartmentalization. We will purposefully strive towards equality in education, economic development, employment opportunities and human dignity; so that every resident will enjoy the basic amenities required for decent living, recreation and social security. We will valiantly guard against, being unwittingly, used as pawns in the relentless attempts to keep the voice of our people in continued silence; and to alienate us from the just cause of the exploited and the discriminated. We will not remain quiet in the face of the humiliating injustices already heaped on people; nor will we submit to considerations of race, caste, religion or social position to interfere in our pursuit of justice and fair-play. We will not stoop to the level of mindless men who may use prejudice as a form of weapon; and position as means of profit and self-aggrandizement. We stand for honesty, integrity and selflessness in public life. Cleek and dagger affairs, detrimental to the cause of the people, will not be allowed to prosper. We will stand in the breach to lessen the burdens already imposed on a voiceless and powerless minority. We hope ours to be a movement that will once more place us in the mainstream of the positive restoration of moral standards, which is bound to engulf the hitherte monolithic white power structure.

We will at all times be accessible to the people and will not hesitate to lay bare the inequalities suffered by our fellow-men. We will not be used as tools and so perpetuate the continued neglect of our requirements, disrespect for our dignity and disregard for our legitimate rights. These assaults will not go unchallenged and we will bid defiance to any attempts that will further endanger the safety, security and rights of the people.

We will challenge and call to account the facade of consultation, which is massively keeled in favour of state bureaucracy and white paternalism, with scant regard for the sufferings and indignity, its policies causes its victims. To this end we will seek to join forces and plan a common cause with others, who suffer under the burdensome yoke discrimination and denial. This is our message to our people and we are certain they share our sentiments.

In antessence we will strive to take our rightful place in the stream of a multiracial society, where merit, equal opportunities and human dignity will overshadow the incompassionate immorality of racial discrimination; and hope that the laws of God will once again reign supreme over the selfish greed of puny men.

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