

# NON-EUROPEAN UNITY MOVEMENT.

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To *SECRETARIES*

*of All Non-European and other Progressive Organisations—Political, Educational and Religious. To Trade Unions. To Social, Benefit, and Welfare Societies. To Cultural and Sports Bodies.*

Dear Sir/Madam,

## NOTICE CONVENING THE 6th UNITY CONFERENCE.

Your Organisation is cordially invited to send two delegates to a three-day

### **UNITY CONFERENCE**

to be held in the

**RONDEBOSCH TOWN HALL (Cape Town)**

on the

**29th, 30th and 31st MARCH, 1948**

The recent developments both on the international and the national fields must have opened the eyes of every Non-European oppressed as to where his true interests lie. The permanent state of crisis in the world to-day compels the oppressors to come out openly against all those forces which threaten their existence. To-day there is a re-alignment of forces which makes a clear-cut division between the oppressors on the one hand and on the other all those in Europe, Asia, Africa, who are striving for liberation. Steadily and inexorably the oppressors are moving towards the 3rd World War, a war to the death. They are blatantly whipping up war-fever and openly preparing for the conflict. At U.N.O. the Imperialist Powers made it abundantly clear that they had no intention of abolishing Herrenvolkism in the Colonies and that their vaunted Four Freedoms were not intended for the Colonial peoples.

All this has provided a fillip to the arrogance of the White Herrenvolk in South Africa. In their Parliament they are boastfully proclaiming that they intend to remain the Herrenvolk in South Africa. On the other hand, never did the oppressed peoples all over the world show such a determination to throw off the yoke of oppression. The forces of liberation are on the march. The Javanese, the Burmese, the Greeks, the Chinese, etc., are engaged in a life and death struggle.

Among the Non-Europeans of South Africa, too, the spirit of unrest is growing stronger. The African people have decided to boycott the farcical Elections under the Native Representation Act and are challenging the whole system of trusteeship. The Indians continue to fight the Ghetto Act. The Coloured people are resisting the attempt of the Herrenvolk to cast them off the common Voters' Roll and complete the political and social segregation of the Non-Europeans. It is essential, therefore, for the Non-Europeans to come together and take stock once more of the existing situation and thus prepare themselves for the tasks that lie ahead.

Since the formation of the Non-European Unity Movement there has been a marked change for the better in the attitude of the various sections of the Non-Europeans towards one another. There has been a new outlook and approach to our political position. The N.E.U.M. has supplied us with a positive directive in our struggles. All the Non-Europeans have learnt to look on the N.R.C. (Native Representative Council), the C.A.C. (Coloured Advisory Council), and the A.A.B. (Asiatic Advisory Board) as one and the same thing — nothing more than dummy Councils designed to perpetuate our enslavement. Dummy Councils instead of our rightful place in Parliament.

But we are only at the beginning. We should approach all our problems in the spirit of this new outlook. A grave responsibility rests upon the leaders of the various groups not to let themselves be influenced or stampeded by the rulers. Let the Non-Europeans come together and discuss all their problems in the light of the New Outlook. Send your Delegates to this all-important Conference!

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