THE EVACUEES WILL START MOVING unless — the Johannesburg City Council refuses to have anything to do with the scheme. The Minister, and the Board created by the Native Resettlement Bill can do very little if YOUR City Council refuses to help them. The Council represents YOU; it is elected by YOU and gets its powers to act from YOU. If the Minister persists in attempting the removal WITHOUT THE HELP of our City, then at least we, the citizens of Johannesburg, will not have besmirched ourselves by participating in an immoral and inhuman action.

On our City's coat-of-arms are the words "Fortiter et Recte" — "With Courage and Uprightness" — Courage and Uprightness . . . .

—Tell your City Councillor that you did not put him in office to do the Nationalists' dirty work;
—Tell him that you look to him to see that Johannesburg deals with all her citizens COURAGEOUSLY and UPRIGHTLY;
—Ask him what he thinks the consequences of a removal by force will be; remind him that HE BEARS A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY;
—Remind him that NO GOOD CAN EVER COME OF A MORALLY INDEFENSIBLE ACTION;
—TELL HIM TO KEEP HIS HANDS CLEAN!

Please fill in the enclosed form and post it to your Councillor.

If you can, will you also help us to defray the cost of printing this leaflet or help us in some other way?

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Who are they?

They are 58,000 African, Coloured and Indian persons at present living in the Western Areas of Johannesburg: mothers and fathers, labourers and shopkeepers, clerks and teachers. They are not criminals, they are not being evacuated because of enemy action. They are part of Johannesburg’s settled non-European population which has helped to make Johannesburg the richest city in Africa.

What are they leaving behind them?

The children are leaving their schools, their clinics, a swimming bath, three cinemas. This is hard, but it is harder still for their parents, who are parting from a place they have called “home” for ten or twenty or forty years. “Home” had sewerage, running water, electric light; it was on a tarred road, near a good shopping centre, a cheap and speedy transport system, and it was near to their places of work. Now these homes are to be demolished and the occupants are to be deprived of the right to own a home again.

Where are they going to?

They are going to a piece of veldt called Meadowlands, fourteen miles from Johannesburg (served by a transport system already crammed to breaking point). In the Native Resettlement Bill Dr. Verwoed has promised them accommodation. Accommodation presumably means a house—without ownership. But even if it means a house, there are no schools in the veld at Meadowlands, no creches, no shops, no churches. In Orlando, which is EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD and maintained by our City Council, there is no resident doctor, no domestic electricity, no water laid on in 90 per cent. of the homes, not one dairy, and fewer schools and churches than in the Western Areas. If these amenities could not be provided in Orlando in nearly twenty years, how long will it take to provide them on the bare veld at Meadowlands?

Why are they to be moved?

It is said that they must be moved because they are living in intolerable slum conditions. But AT LEAST HALF are in good houses or houses which can be made habitable. The bulldozers are to tear down good and bad houses alike, and this at a time when Johannesburg has 200,000 HOMELESS people. Did any community ever before propose to destroy good houses when it needed 50,000 homes for the homeless? Have you visited Moroka recently or the Orlando Shelters? Visit them and see for yourself how urgently slum clearance is needed there compared with the Western Areas.

Why, then, are these people to be moved? They are to be moved because the Nationalists want the non-European people to be unsettled and rootless, and also, it seems, because Dr. Verwoed wants to exercise dictatorial powers over the people of Johannesburg and their democratically-elected Council. The Native Resettlement Bill which makes provision for the removal also gives Dr. Verwoed full powers to override local authority. These things are allegedly being done to “save white civilization”. Do you really believe that “civilization” can be “saved” by acts which are immoral, undemocratic, and likely to promote racial antagonisms?

What will it cost— and who will pay?

The cost of the removal is estimated at EIGHT MILLION POUNDS, or over £500 per family. The African cannot possibly pay this sum even in exorbitant rentals— nor should he be expected to. The ratepayer will thus have to make a very substantial contribution.
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