

MOTION PASSED AT THE ARCHBISHOP'S CONFERENCE. 1st August, 1959.

This Conference recognises that over the past 50 years of the Union's history there has been important development in many fields, but considers that the Union has thus far failed to achieve social justice and a minimum standard of living consistent with the barest essentials of health and decency for the vast majority of our people, and has further, to a large extent, destroyed civil liberty.

This Conference, therefore, records its considered view that the history of the first 50 years of Union does not warrant the observance of 31st May, 1960, as an occasion for celebration, but rather for solemn dedication to the task of improving on the Union's achievements and rectifying its mistakes, so as to render the next 50 years better and happier than the first.

Consequently, this Conference calls upon all organisations represented here, all individuals attending, and all others who share the convictions just expressed to observe 31st May, 1960, as a day of dedication to the task of achieving the following objectives:

- (a) the ridding of our land of the scourge of poverty and the achievement for all South Africans of a minimum living wage, social security and equality of economic opportunity;
- (b) the enjoyment by all South Africans of those civil liberties that, throughout the civilised world, are regarded as inalienable human rights;
- (c) a reform of the South African Constitution, as agreed by a new National Convention, truly representative of all races of our people, which will guarantee to individuals the above-mentioned liberties and rights, will grant political representation to men and women irrespective of race, and will protect each racial community from domination;

and resolves to appoint a Continuation Committee for the purpose of making recommendations on the form which the observance of 50 years of Union shall take, making the appropriate arrangements in regard thereto and planning further steps in a campaign to achieve the aforementioned objectives.