Campaign of Defiance against Unjust Laws

"The Defiance Campaign"

The Defiance Campaign against Unjust Laws was launched on 26 June 1952 by the ANC together with the South African Indian Congress. More than 8,500 volunteers or 'defiers' were imprisoned for peacefully refusing to obey apartheid laws. The campaign, which carried on into 1953, attracted thousands into political activity.

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- The Defiance Campaign Recalled. Paper by M.P. Naicker, from "Notes and Documents", No. 11/72, June 1972. Published in connection with the twentieth anniversary of Defiance Campaign in 1972.
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