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U.D.F. WEST RAND RALLY

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BLACK CHRISTMAS AND ANTI REPRESSION



This year 1984 we have witnessed so much misery and pain. Thousands of students were thrown out of their school's because they dared to ask to have a say in the running of school affairs through SRC'S.

Thousands of workers have been kicked out of their jobs for demanding a decent wage so that they might have a decent living.

Our mothers are unable to feed their families because of the ever rising cost of living. children in the town ships have no food and those in the rural areas are dying of starvation.

THOUSANDS OF OUR PEOPLE - OUR FATHERS, MOTHERS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, AND OUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP IN JAIL THIS YEAR FOR THEY DARED TO ASK FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR US.

HUNDREDS WERE SHOT, MAIMED AND KILLED AND THEY WERE NOT GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A DECENT BURIAL.

In the midst of this PAIN and SUFFERING what is there to celebrate? What is there to ENJOY? What is there to PICNIC about?

AMONG US

LET THOSE WHO LOVE THEIR COUNTRY AND OUR
PEOPLE COME AND PLEDGE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE
WHO HAVE SHED TEARS !!!

COME TO THE RALLY

DATE: 16 DECEMBER 1984

VENUE: KAGISO 2

ST. BARTHOLOMEWS

ANGLICAN CHURCH

TIME: 12 NOON.

- SPEAKERS ON THIS DAY WILL BE:-
- 1.) ALAN BOESAK
 - 2.) SAMSON NDOU
 - 3.) SISTER BANARD
 - 4.) AMANDA KWADI
 - 5.) CASSIM SALOJEE

AND KHUVANGANO CULTURAL GROUP WILL PRESENT POETRY.

WE SAY THERE IS NO EASY WAY TO FREEDOM.....

AMANDLA NGAWETHU !!! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE !!!

Issued By: UDF WEST RAND AREA COMMITTEE



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REPORT ON THE MEETING TO DISCUSS BLACK CHRISTMAS

The meeting started off with reports from different organizations. This included a report from the UDF committee. The meeting agreed to go ahead with the call for Black Christmas.

The meeting was then thrown open for discussion and the first point of discussion was the slogan "BLACK CHRISTMAS". A few people felt that the slogan was not a good one. The chairman stated that FOSATU did not mind if the slogan was changed but emphasized that what the period symbolized was more important than the slogan used to describe it. A point was made that "Black Christmas" was an appropriate slogan and that it symbolized the call. A vote was called for and the majority voted in favour of the usage of the slogan "Black Christmas".

A proposal was then made that the proposals made by the UDF committee in their report, be accepted. It was suggested that the report be read out again and each proposal be discussed.

The first proposal discussed was that of pamphlets.

An addition to the proposal was that a standard pamphlet be distributed. This was accepted.

The black Christmas card was then presented to the meeting as the next proposal. This was also accepted.

The proposal of calling on organizations to call mass meetings to explain & popularize Black Christmas was then put forward. An addition to the proposal was that organizations should try to gauge the feeling of the masses on the issue of Black Christmas at these meetings.

The proposal of placard demos came up next. A point was made that some areas might not have the resources to stage placard demos. The meeting then accepted the proposal that placard demos be staged where possible.

The chairman then requested that the list of items to be boycotted, as drawn up by the UDF committee, be read out and discussed one by one.

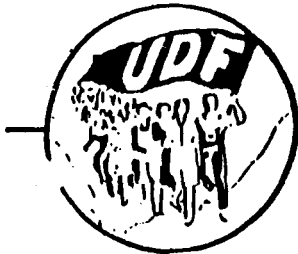
After the first two items, viz. Christmas cards & furniture were discussed and accepted, a point was made that instead of making a call

highlighting specific items, a broad call should be made. An addition to that proposal was that after gauging the feeling of the people at the mass meetings, specific ^{issues} points can be brought up. This was accepted.

A committee with a representative from each area, was then elected. Their duties will be to co-ordinate the distribution of pamphlets, cards, etc. & also to co-ordinate placard demos & mass meetings.

This committee will meet on Wednesday (28-11-84)





UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT

DECEMBER 1984

UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT DECLARATION ON "BLACK CHRISTMAS 1984"

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BLACK CHRISTMAS.

We find no reason to celebrate when:

- (1) During the past year many have lost loved ones at the hands of our rulers, when their only "crime" was a desire to be allowed a place in the sun.
- (2) An unjust, immoral "New Constitution" has been foisted upon the people, their protestations notwithstanding.
- (3) The increase in the cost of living has caused more hardship, suffering and starvation. There is no end in sight.
- (4) Massive retrenchments have caused despondency and an air of hopelessness in many homes.
- (5) The use of the SADF in the townships is a declaration of civil war in our country.
- (6) While white matriculants are looking forward to careers as leaders in Commerce, Industry and the Civil Service, hundreds of thousands of their fellow students face a bleak future. Most of them have not even written their inferior tests. To blame them would be to offer simplistic solutions.
- (7) Many of our country's popular leaders are either banned, banished, detained, imprisoned and at a time of peace and goodwill for all mankind, their families will experience neither.

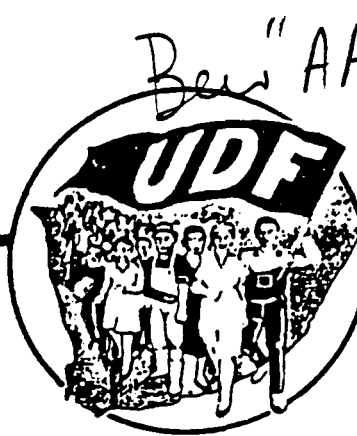
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VERY IDEAL FOR WHICH JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN.**

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PRESS STATEMENT ON BLACK CHRISTMAS

Background:

The UDF had, together with a number of organisations decided to call for a 'Black Christmas.' We see it both as appropriate and necessary at this juncture to give an explicit form and content to this call.

The Call:

The UDF appeals to our people to observe the 'Black Christmas' between 16th and 26th December. Within this period, we ask the following of our people:-

1. Avoid all unnecessary expenditure on luxuries and surplus goods.
2. Avoid arrangement of or participation in functions, normally associated with the 'festive period.'

However, there are some functions which appear to be unavoidable e.g family gatherings & cultural gatherings which may have been arranged a long time ago. We want to make an appeal to those involved in these gatherings to observe a silence of at least 10 minutes to note the events now taking place in our country.

The UDF also wishes to appeal to churches to make a special note of detainees, the unemployed, those who gave their lives to the struggle and those dying of hunger in the Bantustans, in their prayers on Xmas day.

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Further, we wish to state that our intentions with the call for a Black Christmas are to impose self-sacrifices in order to strengthen the solidarity and the unity of our people. It is therefore an attempt to win people onto the side of those committed to change. In view of this, voluntary participation is imperative and coercion would be counter-productive. Our appeal is for this spirit to mark the way in which we celebrate the 'Black Christmas.'



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- v) The use of the SADF in the townships is a declaration of civil war in our country.*
- vi) While white matriculants are looking forward to careers as leaders in Commerce , Industry and the Civil Service, hundreds of thousands of their fellow students face a bleak future. Most of them have not even written their inferior tests. To blame them would be to offer simplistic solutions.*
- vii) Many of our country 's popular leaders are either banned, banished, detained, imprisoned and at a time of peace and goodwill for all mankind their families will experience neither.*

Surely, such circumstances militate against and nullify the very ideal for which Jesus Christ was born.



Ben "AAS"

RE: BLACK CHRISTMAS

Following the recent wave of unrests throughout our country, the UDF together with a number of organisations decided to call for a "Black Christmas." The period to be observed as such is the 16th to 26th of December.

The UDF appeals to the people of South Africa to refrain from merr-making in demonstration of solidarity with the families of those killed, maimed, detained, standing trial for their beliefs and those who lost their jobs. Above all, the UDF views as an important period calling for the greatest possible unity of the peace and justice loving South Africans.

The UDF wants to make clear the fact that it is not calling on the people not to buy. It rather calls on the people not to buy surplus foods and to avoid unnecessary expenditures or luxuries. Simultaneously the UDF discourages acts of coercion. The response must be seen as purely voluntary.

We appeal to all the churches to observe the 10 minutes of silence. We think this will assist in strengthening the solidarity of our people and give an added strength to those in detention and their families.

We attach for your perusal a memorandum giving a background and perspective to the Black Christmas. Please ask your member-churches to read the memo to the congregants so as to acquaint them with the reasons for the Black Christmas

Looking forward to your support.

Yours sincerely

POPO MOLEFE
GENERAL SECRETARY





BLACK CHRISTMAS HA HONA SE THABISANG

HARE HOPOLENG

Beu AA 7"

- * BA LOKETSWENG DITERONKONG
- * BA LAHLEHETSWENG KE MESEBETSI
- * BA BOLAWANG KE TLALA DIBANTUSTANS
- * BA BOLAWANG KE MASOLE LE MAPONESA

1984 ebile selemo sa tshebedisano mmoho. Setjhaba kaofela se oile sa kopana sa lwantshana le mmuso wa kgetholo le palamente ya kgetholo. Ma-APRIKA a hanana le dipusonyana tsa bo Tshabalala, Manyosi le Mahlatsi. Mme ba sa tswela pele ka ho hana di BANTUSTAN. Ho hana hona ho bakile hore batho ba bolawe. ba kwallewe diteronkong, mme ba bangata ba lahlehetswe ke mesebetsi.

Baithuti ha ba ngola dihlahlobo tsa bona. Molato re o bea ho Bantu Education le Departmen of Education and Training eo e etelletswe pele ke Viljoen. Rente, dibese, motlakase, di nste di duletse ho nyoloha letsatsi ka leng. Bophelo ka tlase ho mmuso wa Botha bo boima ele ka nnete. Tsena kaofela re ka se di emele, re utliwile ho lekane.

Re ka thaba jwang ha dikete-kete tsa batho ba rona ba le mahlokong le mathateng, ba halopeha? Re ka thaba jwang ka CHRISTMAS le NEW YEAR ha re wetswe ke koduwo ya leru le letsho? Ha re hopoleng bao ba le diteronkong, bao ba hlokang mesebetsi le bao ba bolawang ke tala dibantustans. Ha re kopeng dikereke tsa rona ho ka boloka metsotso e leshome (10) ka CHRISTMAS le NEW YEAR'S DAY ho rapella bao ba shweleng.

Selemo se secha se tlang, e tla ba selemo sa mathata a utlwisang bohloko. Megolo (wages) e tla reka ha nye-nyane. Ka moo heel re tshwanetse ra boloka disente tse re nang le tsona, re se ke ra senya dichelete ka ho reka dintho tse e seng tsa bohlokwa haholo.

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HO LEMALA HA A LE MONG KE TEMALO YA RONA KAOFELA

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BLACK CHRISTMAS

THERE IS NOTHING TO REJOICE ABOUT

LET US REMEMBER

- * THOSE THAT ARE LOCKED UP IN JAILS.
- * THOSE THAT LOST THEIR JOBS
- * THOSE DYING OF HUNGER IN THE HOMELANDS
- * THOSE DYING DAILY OF BEING SHOT BY POLICE AND THE ARMY.

THIS IS THE YEAR OF THE STRUGGLE, THE YEAR IN WHICH WE SAW APARTHEID BEING BRAVELY DEFEATED.

THE INDIANS AND COLONIALS SHOWED US SOMETHING WORTH BEING. THEY ALTOGETHER AGREED TO BE BOTHA'S PUPPETS. ONLY RAJBANSI AND HENDRIKSE AGREED TO BE PUPPETS OF THE APARTHEID REGIME. THE AFRICANS REFUSED OUTRIGHT. THE LITTLE KINGDOMS OF THEREBHADI AND TSHABALALA ~~OF THE~~ ^{OF THE} COMMUNITY COUNCILS, THE JOKE ABOUT HOMELANDS, WE DO NOT AGREE WITH. THIS HAS CAUSED THE POLICE TO LOCK UP IN JAILS MANY OF THOSE THAT LOVE PEACE AND HARMONY. AS WE TALK, THEY HAVE EVEN BEEN FIRED FROM WORK.

MANY STUDENTS DID NOT WRITE EXAMS, THE DULLLY EDUCATION, THE BANTU EDUCATION IS THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS TROUBLE WE ACCUSE VILJOEN OF ALL THIS, THE RENTS, BUSFARE, ELECTRICITY ALL THIS HAS GONE SKY HIGH, THE OPPRESSION UNDER THIS GOVERNMENT IS UNBEARABLE, WE CAN NOT CARRY THE BURDEN ANY LONGER.

HOW THEN CAN WE CELEBRATE X-MAS AND NEW YEAR, HOW CAN WE REJOICE WHEN OUR FELLOW AFRICANS ARE IN JAILS, BEING KILLED LIKE FLIES, DAILY, HOW CAN WE BE HAPPY WHEN WE ARE OUT OF EMPLOYMENT, AND DYING OF HUNGER IN HOMELANDS?

- LET US REQUEST OUR CHURCHES TO HOLD PRAYERS OF ABOUT 10 MINUTES ON X-MAS DAY
- BEND OUR KNEES AND REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED SOLDIERS.
- LET US SAVE THE LITTLE MONEY WE HAVE, LET US NOT SPEND IT BY BUYING THINGS THAT ARE NOT NECESSITIES.
- LET US NOT GET DRUNK ON X-MAS DAYS.
- LET US THINK, THINK CAREFULLY HOW WE CAN INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE IN THE COMING YEAR.

EAST Rand U.D.F Area Committee, FEDSAM, T.I.C., B.L.Y ERAPO.

SABWU, COSAS UMABOSA, B.M.L. RATANDA CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

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BLACK CHRISTMAS AKUKHO ESINGAKUTHAKASELA ASIKHUMBULE

- * LABO ABAKHIYELWE EMAJELE
- * LABO ABALAHLEKELWE YIMISEBENZI
- * LABO ABABULAWA YINDLALA EZABELWENI
- * LABO ABABULAWA BEDUTSHULWA MIHLA LE
- * NGAMAPHOYISA NAMASOTSHA

Lonyaka ngunyaka wemizabalazo. Unyaka esibone ngawo ubuqhawe nobuqotho empini yokunqoba ubandlululo. AmaINDIA namaKHAJADI basibonise into yamehlo. Bale baphetha ukuba yizincekwana zika P.W. Botha. URajibansi no Hendrikse kuphela abavume ukuba yizincelebane zombuso wobandlululo. Ama AFRIKA abhoke ama ngezinyawo. Imibuswana yo THEBEHHADI no TSHABALALA yama Community Councils, inhlekisa yomaziphathe bezabelo, asihambisani nayo. Lokhu-ke kudala ukuba amaphoyisa agqume iningo lalabo abathanda ukuthula noxolo emajele. Sikhuluma nje baxoshwe nasemisebenzini imbala.

Iningi labafundi alihlolwanga. Imfundo-mbumbulo, iBANTU EDUCATION yiyo-le engumdali walomonakalo. UViljoen uyena esimbeke icala. Ama-rente, imalai yokukhokhela amabhasi, intela kagesi, konke lokhu kwenyuke ngendlela ebahezakayo. Incindezelo ngaphansi kwalombuso ngumilo ogedlisa amazinyo. Lomthwalo onje singewubekezele.

Singawugubha kanjani-ke lokhisimuzi noNyake omusha? Singajabula sithokoze Kanjani Abakithi eMzansi AFRIKA begqunywe emajele, bebulawa okwezimpukane - imihla namalanga? Umoya wethu ungakhululeka kanjani silahlekelwa yimisebenzi, sibulawa yindlala ezabelweni?

- Asicele amasonto ukuba abambe umthandazo ongaba yimizuzu eyishumi ngosuku lukaKHISIMUZI.
- Masigobe amadolo sikhumbule amaqhawe angasekho;
- Asonge imadlana esinayo. Asingayichithi ngokuthenga izinto ezingesona isidingo,
- Asithenge lokho esikidingayo.
- Asingadakwa ngezinsuku zikakhisimuzi.
- Asidle amathambo engqondo, sicabangisise ukuba umzabalazo singawuthukisa ngayiphi indlela onyakeni ozayo.

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UKULIMALA KOYEDWA UKULIMALA KWETHU SONKE**

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BLACK CHRISTMAS
THERE IS NOTHING TO REJOICE ABOUT

LET US REMEMBER

- * Those that are locked up in Jails.
- * Those that lost their jobs.
- * Those dying of hunger in the Homelands.
- * Those dying daily of being shot by Police and the Army.

This is the year of the struggle, the year in which we saw apartheid being bravely defeated.

The Indians and Coloureds showed us something worth seeing. They altogether refused to be Botha's Puppets. Only Rajbansi and Hendrikse agreed to be Puppets of the Apartheid Regime. The Africans refused outright. The little kingdoms of Thebehadi and Tshabalala of the Community Councils, the joke about the Homelands, we do not agree with. This has caused the Police to lock up in jails many of those that loves peace and harmony. As we talk they have even been fired from work.

Many students did not write exams, the dummy education. The Bantu education is the cause of all this trouble. We accuse Viljoen of all this, the rents, busfare, electricity all this has gone sky high. The oppression under this Government is unbearable, we can not carry the burden any longer.

How then can we celebrate X-mas and New Year. How can we rejoice when our fellow Africans are in jails. Being killed like flies, daily. How can we be happy when we are out of employment, and dying of hunger in the Homelands?

- Let us request our churches to hold prayers of about 10 minutes on X-mas day.
- Bend our knees and remember our Departed Soldiers.

- Let us save the little money we have,
Let us not spend it by buying things that
are not necessities.
- Let us not get drunk^N_A on X-mas days.
- Let us think, think carefully how we can intensify
the struggle in the coming year.

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EAST RAND UDF AREA COMMITTEE, FEDSAW, TIC, ERAPO,
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BLACK CHRISTMAS NOTHING TO CELEBRATE

REMEMBER

- * THOSE DETAINED * THOSE WITHOUT JOBS**
- * THOSE DYING OF HUNGER IN THE HOMELANDS**
- * THOSE BEING KILLED BY POLICE AND SOLDIERS**

1984 has been a year of UNITED ACTION. A year of heroic struggles against APARTHEID:

- The INDIAN and COLOURED people have rejected BOTHAS APARTHEID parliament. They have no intention of becoming junior partners of P.W. Botha.
- The AFRICAN people said and continue to say NO to community councils and NO to Bantustans.

The result has been: many of our people are being detained and imprisoned and many more have lost their jobs.

STUDENTS have not written their examinations. Bantu education is to blame and the Department of Education and Training led by Viljoen stands accused.

RENTS, BUS FARES and ELECTRICITY are going up. Life under Botha's government is not tolerable. Enough is indeed enough. This is not acceptable to us.

How can we be happy when millions of our people are suffering?
How can we celebrate during this CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR?

Let us instead remember those who are in jail, those without jobs and those dying of hunger in the homelands.

The year ahead, the new year, will be a year of more difficulties. Our wages and salary will buy less. Let us therefore save the few cents we have and not spend our money on luxury and extravagances. Buy only that which you really need in your local area. Don't buy from businesses supporting Community Councillors and the Tri-Cameral Parliament.

Finally, Let us be sober during the FESTIVE SEASON. Let us reflect on how we are going to strengthen the struggle in the New Year.

The organisations of the people:- the UDF, Fosatu, Gawu, Mgwusa, Saawu, Soweto Civic Association, RMC, Soyco, Fedsaw, TIC, LYL, Anti-PC and many others believes that

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MASS MEETING
EMHLANGANWENI**

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ON / NGE

Sunday 16th December

AT / NGO

2.00 p.m.

Speakers:

**ALAN BOESAK
SAMSON NDOU**

**NO TO SADF INVASION!
GA RE BATLE MASOLE!
MASOTSHA PHUMANI NIPHELE!**