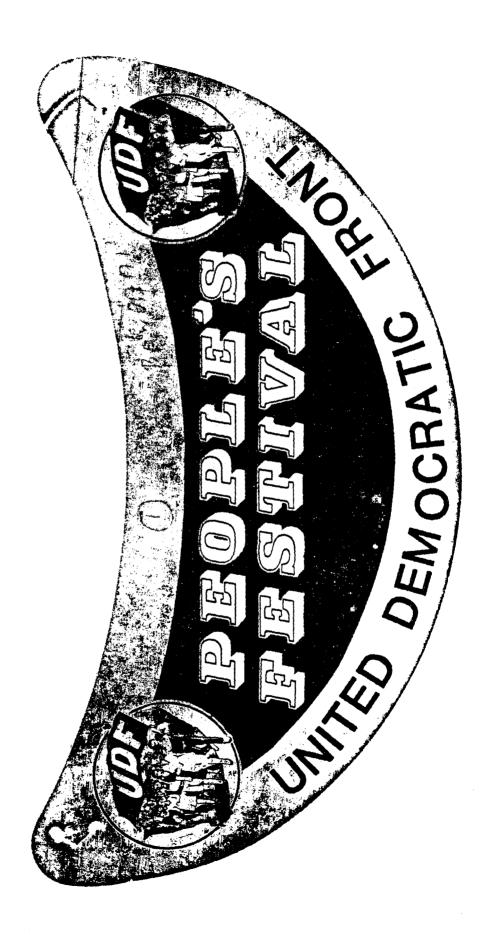
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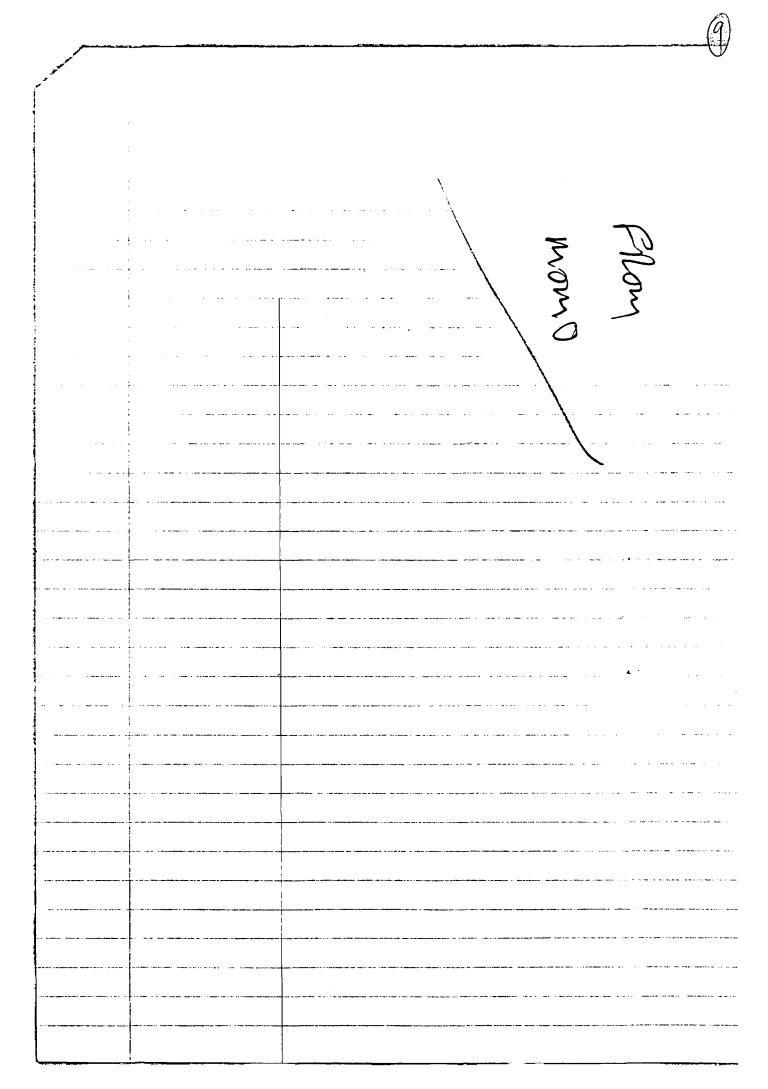
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STAND BY OUR LEADERS NAME : Rev Frank Chikane

DATE OF BIRTH : 3 / 3 / 51

PLACE OF BIRTH : Johannesburg

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS : 310 Zone 7

Pimville Soweto 1808

POSTAL ADDRESS : P.O. Box 126

Kwa-Xuma

1868

TELEPHONE : 938 - 4052 (011)

MARITAL STATUS : Married

No. OF CHILDREN : 2 Boys (Aluta - 4 years of age; Otlile - 6 months)

WORK SITUATION

I have been working since 1982 as the General Secretary of the Institute of Contextual Ideology (I.C.I.), an ecumenical organisation facilitating the process of contextualization of theology in Southern Africa.

PREVIOUS PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

I was ordained as a paster by the Apostolic Faith Mission of Africa and pastored a congregation of the said church in Kagiso, Krugersdorp, from 1976 to 1981.

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- Deputy President of the Soweto Civic Association
- Pat Vice-President of the United Democratic Front (Transvaal Region)

NAME : Paul David

DATE OF BIRTH : 26 / 8 / 40

PLACE OF BIRTH : Pietermaritzburg

Residential Address : 4a Glenaire Avenue

Verulam

Natal

POSTAL ADDRESS : P.O. Box 920

Verulam

4340

MARITAL STATUS : Married

No. OF CHILDREN : 3 girls (Jolene - 15yrs; Jazmin - 13yrs and

Lisa (11yrs)

SCHOOL MATRICULATED : Verulam High School

PROFESSION : Attorney

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1) Stanger ratepayers Association

2) Verulam Civic Association

3) Verulam Housing Action Committee

4) Durban Housing Action Committee

SPORT INVOLVEMENT

Played soccer and cricket.

1) Sivan's Football Club

2) Southern Natal Soccer Board

3) South African Soccer Federation

4) Natal Cricket board

5) Lower Tuge a Football Association

6) Natal Council of Sport (President)

7) South African Council of Sport (Delegate)

8) Verulam Football Association (Patron)

9) Verulam Sports Ground Association

10) Stanger Recreation Ground Association

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- Natal Indian Youth Congress (Secretary 1959)
- Natal Indian Congress member since 1971
- United Democratic Front since 1983
- Release Mandela Committee since 1980

RESPONSES OF STATE TO POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- Home raided and searched in 1970
- Interrogated in office 1976 (Harry Gwala's trial)
- Detained 7 weeks in 1980 during schools boycott
- Arrested (High Treason) 1984 following sit-in for several weeks in British Consulate, Durban)

NAME : Thozamile Gqweta

DATE OF BIRTH : 2 / 1 / 52

PLACE OF BIRTH : East London

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS : 1182 NU 15 Mdantsane 5219

MARITAL STATUS : Single

QUALIFICATIONS : Std. 10

PROFESSION : Trade Unionist

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

My first community activity was as secretary of the non-racial Mdantsane Rugby Union, an affiliate of the non-racial South African Rugby Union from 1977 to 1979 and that was my first involvement in what I can call "sports politics"

At the same time I was working as a furniture salesman. I was exposed to the unique problems of African workers in particular among whom I was working. Topping the list was job insecurity. My customers, the majority of whom were factory workers, were experiencing a very high rate of dismissals for reasons ranging from being sick, in spite of the fact that one might have produced a medical certificate confirming the sickness within the stipulated 3 days period and like arriving late for work, etc. These workers were experiencing arbitrary dismissal for reasons not of their own creation but because of social prejudices inherent in our society.

This is what urged me to see trade unionism the one and only solution that would protect these workers. In 1978 I joined the then Black Allied Workers Union (BAWU) for purposes of facilitating the above intention. In March 1979 we changed BAWU into the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU) which adopted a non-racial policy.

This led to my first conflict with the security police. Most unfortunately as a result of the introduction of the so-called independant homeland government, I was made a citizen of one of these which is called the Ciskei. Therefore I have been subjected to a string of detentions by both the South African and Ciskei security police ever since. This is my 9th detention by these governments since 1980. I have been charged with things ranging from incitement, contravention of the Terrorism Act and High Treason. All these charges, however, were later withdrawn without my having been brought to trial.

Apart from my trade union work I serve on the United Democratic Front's National Executive Committee representing Border Region.

NAME : Archibald Jacob Gumede

ADDRESS : 3521 - 40th Avenue Clermont, Clernaville

DATE OF BIRTH : 1 / 3 / 1914

PLACE OF BIRTH : New Scotland in Pietermaritzburg

MARITAL STATUS : Married

No. of CHILDREN : 5 sons and 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren

PARENTS: His father, James, once President of the African

National Congress greatly influenced Archie

politically

EDUCATION : Schooled at Lovedale College in Alice and finally

matriculated at the South African Native College.

He then pursued a medical career but he soon abandoned it after his father J. . Gumede, who was then President of the ANC, toured the Eastern Blc countries, so Archie could not finance his studies. After this he enrolled with the University of South Africa for an

attorney's Admission Diploma. He started his practice

in the early 60's as an attorney and conveyancer until his detention in October 1985. His office had to be closed in March 1985 due to financial ruin incurred by his detention and subsequent

refusal of bail.

PROFESSION : As an attorney he was a member of the Democratic

Lawyers Association in Durban, and was elected in 1979 to be its President. During the British Consulate sit—in in 1985 he was awarded by the International Democratic Lawyers Association

as its Honorary Vice-President.

RELIGION : He was deacon of the Presbyterian Church when

still in Pietermaritzburg. Later he joined the United Congregational Church of South Africa (U.C.C.S.A.) on his arrival in Clermont, Durban in the early 70's. As a member of this church he has moved from being a Preacher to a Deacon. He has served as a member of the Diakonia Council (an Ecumenical Church Agency) representing the

U.C.C.S.A. up to the time of his detention.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

He played a leading role in community politics as an executive member of the Isolumuzi Clermont Residents Association, and the Joint Commuters Committee formed during the bus boycott which hit Clermont, Lamontville, Chestervalle and St. Wendolins in December 1982 but which continued in Lamontville up to 1985.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

A member of a politically active family of J.T. Gumede - once President of the ANC but later ousted for his leanings towards the Socialist countries. Through the influence of his father, Archie joined the ANC Youth League while it was involved in the Defiance Campaign in the 50's.

In 1980, Archie was a key member in the formation of the Release Mandela Committee. A central figure in the anti-election campaign conducted by the Anti-South African Indian Council Committee. He was very instrumental in the formation of the United Democratic Front. He was elected as UDF (Natal Region) President and subsequently national Co-President.

STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

Archie was charged in the mamoth 1956 Treason Trial, but was acquited along with 155 others.

He was detained during the 1963 State of Emergency. After his release he continued to play a supportive role in politics. He was detained in August 1984. After the Durban British Consulate sit—in he was charged with High Treason in March 1985.

NAME

Essop Essak Jassat

DATE OF BIRTH

: 5 / 10 / 32

PLACE OF BIRTH

: Vrededorp, Johannesburg

MARITAL STATUS

: Married to Shireen born Patel

No. OF CHILDREN

Three. Son Aadil - 19yrs. of age, daughters Yamna -

12yrs of age and Zaheera - 11yrs of age

EDUCATION

Primary school education at the Newtown Indian School.

Completed matric at the Johannesburg Indian
High School in 1951. B.Sc. majoring in Zoology
and Botany at the University of Witwatersrand
in 1954. M.B. B.Ch - University of Witwatersrand
in 1960. M.F.G.P.(S.A.) (Member of the Faculty
of General Practice of the College of Medicine

of South Africa) in 1974.

PROFESSION

Having completed internship at the Baragwanath Hospital at the end of 1961, I started private general practice at 13 Bree Street, Fordsburg, Johannesburg at the beginning of 1962. I have been practising the above address ever since. Acted as a part time Casualty Officer at Baragwanath Hospital in 1962-1964. Also had a

part-time practice in Germiston and Muldersdrift, Randfontein which had to be closed down in February 1964 as a result of a banning order restricting me to the Magisterial District

area of Johannesburg.

ADDRESS

Flat 41

Crown Heights 71 Crown Road Fordsburg

2092

EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES

- 1. Chairman of the Students Liberal Association at Medical School 1956 1960
- 2. Member of the Students Medical Council 1959

Member of the Students Representative Council - 1959

- 4. Member of the Editorial Committee of Medical Students newspaper 1959-1960
- 5. Represented University of the Witwatersrand at the National union of South African Students Congress in 1959.
- 6. Committee member of the Witwatersrand Indian Students Bursury Committee 1952-19

7. Chairperson of the Medical Students Health Committee.

MEDICAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Witwatersrand Clinical Study Group since 1972. This group consists of black General Practioners who meet on a weekly basis to proceed with continuing medical education.
- 2. Executive member of the Southern Transvaal region of the General Practioners Group of the College of Medicine of S. Africa from 1974 to date.
- 3. Executive member of the National Medical and Dental Association (NAMDA)-presented opening address to its 1st Congress in December 1983.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

- 1. Executive Committee member of the Johannesburg Indian Social Welfare Association (JISWA) since 1974.
- 2. Chairperson of the board of Management of JISWA from 1980 to date.
- 3. Member of the Board of Management of JISWA SChool for the Mentally Retarded from 1980 to date and also a member of the Board of Management of JISWA Nursery School from 1984 to date.
- 4. Member of the board of Management of The Central Islamic Trust (A Muslim Welfare and Religious body in the Transvaal) from 1982 to date.
- 5. Chairperson of the Witwatersrand Education Committee from 1976 to dateproviding scholarships to African students.
- 6. Trustee of the Witwatersrand University bursary Committee from 1976 to date.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

- 1. Member of the Transvaal Youth Congress from 1949 to 1960. Chairman of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress 1955 to 1960.
- 2. Executive committee member of the Transvaal Indian Congress from 1955 to 1960
- 3. Elected chairperson of thr transvaal Anti South African Indian Council Committee in June 1981.
- 4. Elected president of resuscitated Transvaal Indian Congress on 1st May 1983.
- 5. Elected Patron of the UDF at its launch in 1983.

STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

- 1. Detained under 90 day Act in 1964 at Marshall Square .
- 2. Banned from 1964 to 1969 and again from 1969 to 1974. Served 10 days for failing to comply with the banning order in 1965. Forgot to report to the police. Lost the case in the appellate division in Bloemfontein.
- 3. Detained on the 21st August 1984 under Section 28 of the Internal Security Act. Was then charged with Treason and then transferred to the Durban Central Prison where I am at the present moment.

NAME : Samuel Bhekuyise Kikine

DATE OF BIRTH : 5 / 8 / 48

MARITAL STATUS : Married

No. OF CHILDREN : 2 girls and 1 boy 2 years - 20 years [2 children adopted]

PROFESSION : Trade Unionist employed by the South African Allied

Workers Union (SAAWU)

STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

- Detained on numerous occassions without trial during the period 1975 to 1985

- Detained August 1984 - Section 28 of the Internal Security Act - Notice set aside by an order of the National Provincial Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa (7 September 1984)

- Detained 19 February 1985 and charged with Treason.

NAME : Ismail Jacobus Mohamed

DATE OF BIRTH : 27 / 7 / 30

PLACE OF BIRTH : Barkly East, Cape Province, South Africa

ADDRESS : 11 Wanderers Avenue

Newclare Johannesburg

2092

MARITAL STATUS : Married

No. of CHILDREN : 5 - Elaine 24yrs, Andrew 23yrs, Ivor 13yrs,

Ingrid 11yrs.

EDUCATION : Matriculated at Eurafrican Training Centre

and Secondary School (1949)

UNIVERSITY : University of the Witwatersrand B.Sc. (Majors:

Mathematics and Physics) 1953. B.Sc. (Hons) in Mathematics (First Class) 1954. M.Sc.

in Mathematics (Group Theory) 1959

University of London: Ph.D. in Mathematics

(Algebra) 1960

OCCUPATION : Associate Professor of Mathematics; University

of Witwatersrand

PREVIOUS POSITIONS : Assistant Lecturer (University of Wales 1959/60,

University of London (QMC) 1960/61)

Lecturer (University of Witwatersrand 1961/63, 1977, Birbede College, University of London, 1964)

MEMBERSHIP PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Member : London Mathematical Society

American Mathematical Society

AWARDS: Shell Postgraduate Bursary 1954

Shell Postgraduate Scholorship 1957/59

Australian National University Sponsorship to attend Second International

Conference in Group Theory, Canberra 1973.

PUBLICATIONS

Research Publications in:

- Journal of Algebra
- Journal of the London Mathematical Society
- Proceeding of the London Mathematical Society
- Mathematics Annulen
- South African Mathematics Society
- Collarquin of the University of Cape Town
- Springer Proceedings Second International Conference Theory of Groups

COMMUNITY AND POLITICAL WORK

- Chairperson of the Dorcas Creche, Western Township, Johannesburg 1979/81
- Member of Western Purpose Multipurpose Centre Project of Johannesburg Child Welfare 1984/85
- Chairperson; Transvall adhoc Anti-President's Council Committee 1983
 Transvall Anti-President's Council Committee 1983/84/85
- Member of Council: Transvaal Indian Congress

RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

- In detention under Section 10 (now Section 28) of the Internal Security Act, September 1976 to December 1976
- Son fled South Africa in July 1980 after arrests during school boycotts and other harrassments as well as harrassments and arrests and detention of sisters
- House searched on 19/3/85 and was arrested on a charge of Treason along with 15 other. Appeared in Durban Court 21/3/85. Attorney-General of Natal issued certificate in terms of Section 30 of Internal Security Act prohibiting court to grant bail pending case.

NAME : Aubrey Dundubela Mokoena

DATE OF BIRTH : 12 / 4 / 48

PLACE OF BIRTH : Johannesburg

ADDRESS : 534 Letsatsi Street

Orlando East

Soweto

P.O. Orlando

1804

Johannesburg South Africa

MARITAL STATUS : Married

No. OF CHILDREN : 1 son aged 5½ years.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS : B.A. - University of South Africa, 1975

Higher Education Diploma - University of S.A. 1978

Bachelor of Education - University of S.A. - 1982

Management Development Programme UNISA - Continuing

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

1. Christian and member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (Africa). Holds positions of Choir Master and Trustee

2. Trustee of the African Independent Church Association.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 1. Worked for Black Community Programme from January 1974 to October 1977 as Project Director for the Transvaal Province. Stated an Adult Education Programme in 1974 in Soweto. This Project was disallowed by the Government after it had attracted more than 2000 adults.
- 2. Started Home Industries to alleviate unemployment and incullate spirit of self-reliance.
- 3. Started a mobile Health Clinic for Soweto and Winterveldt(informal housing near Pretoria) after the 1976 upheaval.
- 4. Formed a literacy project in 1981 called Black Translations and Literary Services. The aim of the project is to eradicate illiteracy and promote communication.
- 5. Formed a Community Development Agency in 1982 called Human Resources Development Programmes which is currently planning a clinic in Winterveldt.
- 6. Just started a mobile laboratory for schools in Soweto to temporarily alleviate the shortage of such facilities.

OCCUPATION

Marketing Director of DTZ Construction Company - building houses in Soweto.

N.B. I was a teacher for 4 years before being discharged from teaching by the Government.

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- 1. Co-founder member of South African Students Organisation (SASO)
- 2. Student Representative Coucnil President at Turfloop University in 1972.
- 3. Secretary of the Black Parents Association after the 1976 uprising.
- 4. Currently publicity secretary of the Release Mandela Campaign (Transvaal)
- 5. Currently member of the National Executive Committee of the UDF.

STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

- 1. Detained from 11.11.74 until 25.06.75 following the Pro-FRELIMO Rally jointly organised by SASO and the Black Peoples Convention.
- 2. Detained from 13.8.76 to 0.4.77 following 1976 upheavals
- 3. Detained from 19.10.77 to 17.11.78 under the Preventative Detention Section of the Internal Security Act.
- 4. Banned from 17.11.78 to 30.6.83
- 5. Detained from 21.8.84 to 10.12.84 under Section 28 of the Internal Security

 Act Preventative Detention.
- 6. Arrested in detention on 10.12.84 and charged with Treason

NAME : Mooroogiah Jayarajapathy Naidoo (M.J.)

DATE OF BIRTH : 20 / 04 / 31

PLACE OF BRITH : Mount Edgecomb, Natal

ADDRESS : RESIDENTIAL: 38 Daintree Avenue

Asherville

4091 Durban

POSTAL : P.O. Box 48021

Qualbert

4078

MARITAL STATUS : Married

No. OF CHILDREN : 4 (2 boys and 2 girls: Ravi - 14; Melaney - 17;

Kamille - 21; Jay - 25)

(2 grandchildren)

SCHOOL MATRICULATED : Sastri College, Durban

TERTIARY EDUCATION : University of Natal, Durban

<u>Profession</u>: Attorney

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

* La Merqy Ratepayers Association (President)

* Tongaat Civic Association (Vice-President)

* Durban Housing Action Committee

* Support Housing Action Committee

* Natal Commuters Association

* Gandhi Memorial Trust (Trustee)

EDUCATION INVOLVEMENT

- President - Students Representative Council , University of Natal, Durban and Joint Board (1956 - 1957)

- 1980 Boycotts

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- N.I.C. President (1973 1978); Vice-President (since 1978); N.I.C. member since 1945
- Anti-Republic Festival Committee (Chairman 1981)
- Anti South African Indian Council Committee (Chairman 1980/81)
- Democratic Lawyers Association

STATE RESPONSES TO ACTIVITIES

- * Detained in 1980 (During schools boycott)
- * Banned in 1982
- * Arrested November 1983 (City Hall Demonstration)
- * Detained August 1984 to date (except for several weeks during the Durban British Consulate sit-in)

NAME : Isaac Duze Ngcobo

DATE OF BIRTH : 1947

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS : Inanda Mission, Inanda, Natal

POSTAL ADDRESS : P.O. Box 43548

Inanda 4310 Natal

MARITAL STATUS : Married

No. OF CHILDREN : 3 girls and 2 boys - 15 months to 15 yrs of age)

PROFESSION : Trade Unionist employed by the South African Allied

Workers Union (SAAWU)

STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

Detained on several occassions previously but released without charge notable:

- August 1984

- February 1985 (charged with Treason)

NAME : Sisa Njekelana

DATE OF BIRTH : 10 / 8 / 55

PLACE OF BIRTH : Kieskamma Hoek - "Ciskei"

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS : E 112 Zone 5

Mdantsane

POSTAL ADDRESS : c/o P.O. Box 7002

East London

5200

MARITAL STATUS : Single

OCCUPATION : General Secretary of the South African Allied Workers

Union (SAAWU), based at the Head Office in East

London.

ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

I joined SAAWU early in 1979 whilst working at Tek Corporation (formerly known as SATV Manufacturing Company), in East London. I was fired in July 1980 because of my links with SAAWU as well as for recruiting union members within the Company. At the company I was elected as Chairman of the Workers Committee in 1980 and thereafter was elected as Branch Chairman of the East London Branch in the same year.

In 1981 I was elected to position of Vice President of SAAWU which position I held until 1984 when I was elected as General Secretary. Since being fired from my job in 1980 I have served the Union as a full-time official.

I am a member of the Management Committee of the Community Education and Information Resource Centre serving trade unions and community organisations based in Johannesburg.

STATE RESPONSE TO POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

Prior to my current detention, I have been previously detained on seven (7) occassions from 1980 for ranging periods of time. I was detained 3 times by Ciskei Police and 4 times by the South African Security police.

Most notable detentions include:

- * Late 1980 I was detained for 39 on the eve of the so-called "referendum" for Ciskei independence:
- * Late 1981 detained for 5 months during the massive country-wide clampdown and charged with high treason in 1982 but charges were later withdrawn.
- * 1983 detained for 3 months during the bus boycott in Ciskei.

NAME : Curtis Nkondo

DATE OF BIRTH : 1 / 2 / 28

PLACE OF BIRTH : Johannesburg

ADDRESS : 99 Atonberg Drive

Eldorado Park Ext. 2

Kliptown

1812

Johannesburg

MARITAL STATUS : Married to Rose Irene

No. OF CHILDREN : 3 sons and 1 daughter

PROFESSION : Teacher

EDUCATION INVOLVEMENT

My teaching career started in 1953 when I joined the staff of the Pimville High School where I specialised in the teaching of History and Geography.

Later, I joined the staff of the Orlando High School under Mr. T.W. Kambule. I specialised in the teaching of English to Matric pupils. I also conducted drama and poetry reading lessons.

Throughout my teaching career I took a keen interest in debates and sporting activities. Between 1975 and 1979 I was secretary of the Orlando Pirates Football Club.

In 1975 I was appointed Principal of the Lamula Secondary School at Meadowlands. I had a running battle with the inspectorate because of my refusal to use Afrikaans as the medium of instruction. In 1977, I piloted the resignation of high school teachers in Soweto. As a consequence, I was elected Chairperson of the Soweto Teachers' Action Committee. In September of that year I was suspended from teaching and barred from entering any school premises under the Department of Bantu Education.

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

In 1979 I was elected as President of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation (AZAPO). In 1980 the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) requested me to address the English speaking universities on The Release Mandela Campaign and the Schools Boycotts. In May 1983 I was elected as Vice-President of the United Democratic Front (UDF), in the Transvaal, and President of the National

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT CONTD

Between 1976 and 1984 I addressed several meetings throughout the country. I also helped in the formation of the Congress of South African Students (COSAS). the Azanian Students Organisation (AZASO), the Soweto Youth Congress (SOYCO) and Civic Associations especially in the Vaal area. In 1980 I was appointed honorary vice-President of the National Union of South African Students. STATE RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES

In September 1977 I was suspended from teaching and barred from entering any school premises under the Department of Bantu Education.

On the 19 October 1977 I was detained for 7½ months at the Modderbee Prison under Section 10 of the Internal Security Act.

Two days after I was relaesed I was again detained at the Ermelo Police Station under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act. I was held in solitary confinement for about 4 months.

In April 1980 I was detained at the Mondeor Police Station in Johannesburg under Section 6 Terrorism Act. After a month I was released and served with a three year banning order.

On the 21 August 1984 I was detained at the Johannesburg Prison under Section 28 of the Internal Security Act. On the 10 December 1984 I was charged with Treason and was transferred to the Central Prison in Durban. I have so far been in detention for almost 7 months.

NAME : Mewa Ramgobin

<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> : 10 / 11 / 32

PLACE OF BIRTH : Inanda

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS : 15 Lenina Drive. Verulam, 4340, Natal

MARI<u>TAL STATUS</u> : Married

No. OF CHILDREN : 5 (2 boys and 3 girls, 22 - 14 years of age)

UNIVERSITY/IES : Universities of Natal and South Africa

QUALIFICATIONS : B.A.; B.A. (HONS)

PROFESSION : Insurance Broker / Consultant

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

a) Student Representative Council President: University of Natal - Black Section

b) Organising Secretary : Phoenix Settlement Trust

C) Secretary: Mahatma Gandhi Clinic Committee

d) Trustee: Phoenix Settlement

e) Chairman: Committee for Clemency (1971)

f) Chairman: Ad-hoc Committee for Revival of Natal Indian Congress

g) National Co-Treasurer: United Democratic Front

h) Executive Member: Release Mandela Committee, Natal.

STATE RESPONSES TO ACTIVITIES

(i) Banned in 1965. Banning order expired November 1970

(ii) Re-banned and house-arrested from September 1971 - July 1983

(iii) Arrested November 1983 (City Hall Demonstration)

(iv) Detained - August 1984 to date. (except for several weeks during the Durban British Consulate sit-in)

NAME : Chanderdeo Sewpersadh ("George)

BORN : 7 / 10 / 36

PLACE OF BIRTH : Durban

MARITAL STATUS : Single

ADDRESS : RESIDENTIAL: 199 Battersea Avenue

Reservoir Hills

4091 Durban

BUSINESS: 23 Moss Street

4340 Verulam

EDUCATION : B.A. (LAW) , L.L.B. - University of Natal, Durban

PROFESSION : Attorney

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

a) Durban Housing Action Committee

b) Chatsworth Housing Action Committee

c) Reduce Rents Campaign 1980

d) Sell Economic-Houses at Cost Campaign (Chatsworth)

e) Cato Manor (demanding housing and an end to evictions)

f) Anti-Local Affairs Committee Campaigns

g) Democratic Lawyers Association (D.L.A.)

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- Joined Natal Indian Congress (N.I.C.) - 1956

- N.I.C. President since revival in 1971

- Release Mandela Committee member

- Anti-South African Indian Council Campaign committee member

- Vice-President - United Democratic Front (Natal Region)

STATE RESPONSES TO ACTIVITIES

- Banned twice - 1973 to 1978 and from 1981 to 1983

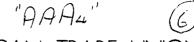
- Detained - 1980 (during schools boycott for seven weeks)

- Arrested - November 1983 (City Hall Demonstration)

- Detained - August 1984 to date (except for several weeks during Durban

STATE RESPONSES TO ACTIVITIES

- Banned twice 1973 to 1978 and from 1981 to 1983
- Detained 1980 (during schools boycott for seven weeks)
- Arrested November 1983 (City Hall Demonstration)
- Detained August 1984 to date (except for several weeks during the Durban British Consulate sit-in)





FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNION!

2 Central Court 125 Gale Street DURBAN

12 April 1985

The Secretary
United Democratic Front
20 St Andrews Street
DURBAN

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Dear Brothers

With reference to your recent undated letter.

We would welcome a meeting to discuss what you refer to as our misunderstanding of your position in relation to workers and May Day. More particularly we wish to discuss matters raised in our letter which you fail to address.

We have heard nothing from the May Day Committee to which you refer. If a direct formal approach were made we are open to discussing plans.

Yours faithfully

FOSATU

WATY TALKS UNIONS MAY DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MAWBEY (Convenor

Enclosws: Our previous letters

2 Central Court 125 Gale Street DURBAN

13 March 1985

The Secretary
UDF Natal Office
20 St Andrews Street

DURBAN

Dear Brother

MAY DAY / WORKERS CONFERENCE 16/3/85

Our Affiliates in the Natal Region have received pamphlets advising that the UDF is commencing a Natal wide Conference to plan May Day Celebrations to which Trade Unions and other groupings are invited.

The pamphlets also request Organisations to forward details of leading workers so that invitations can be sent to them.

Furthermore UDF activists have visited certain factories organised by FOSATU Unions distributing these pamphlets and attempting to get particulars of the ShopSteward Office Bearers without even consulting the Unions concerned.

As we believe the UDF is fully aware that the FOSATU Unions together with other progressive Unions e.g. GWU, AFCWU and CCAWUSA decided on May Day last year to organise a major

campaign/..../

2 Central Court 125 Gale Street DURBAN

26 March 1985

The Secretary
UDF Natal Office
20 St Andrews Street
DURBAN

Dear Brothers

MAY DAY CAMPAIGN

Further to FOSATU's letter of 13 March 1985 we have met as Unions involved in the Unity Talks.

We re-iterate our criticism of the manner in which you have approached the issue of May Day. In particular your devisive attempt to approach individual Unions who as you well know have progressed for along the road to greater workers unity. This is even more evident in your approach to individual FOSATU affiliates without reference to FOSATU and to Shop Stewards of individual Unions at their factories in an attempt to by-pass the democratic structures of these Unions.

We have re-affirmed our commitment to campaign for the attainment of May Day as a holiday in honour of the workers and their struggle against exploitation.

Accordingly we will be planning our Campaign for celebrations on 1st May 1985. We consider such Campaign to be a task best left to workers organisations.

Yours fraternally

UNITY TALKS UNIONS

JOHN MAWBEY (Convenor of Planning Committee)

campaign for May 1st 1985, we have great difficulty understanding why this is not been respected and why the UDF is seeking to initiate its own campaign for these workers' celebrations.

We must also emphasize that our Affiliate Unions are extremely unhappy that UDF activists have attempted to contact their stewards without consulting the Unions themselves. This we feel indicates a lack of respect for our Affiliates and is of major concern to us.

In the light of the afore-going, we advise that we have decided to convene a Special Meeting (to which we have invited AFCWU, GWU, CCAWUSA etc) on 21st March to discuss these matters and we will communicate the decisions of this Meeting to yourselves as soon as possible thereafter.

Yours faithfully

NATAL REGIONAL FOSATU

JOHN MAWBEY (Regional Secretary)

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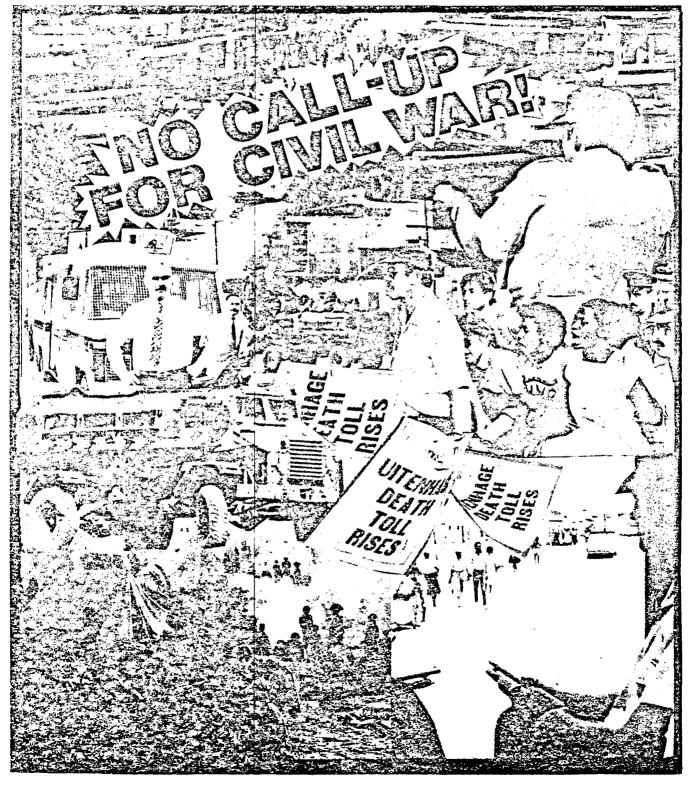
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NEWS BRIEFS

DURBAN MAN'S DRAMATIC TOKEN OF **DEFIANCE!**

The number of young South Africans questioning compulsory national service has increased over the past few years, as demonstrated by the number of conscientious objectors, the growing fall for an end to conscription, and the hundreds of religious objectors who applied to the Board in 1984. Durban man Tony Lange, recently engaged in an "act of defiance" with a difference.

At the end of a three-week camp - dufing which he was granted "non-combatant" status - Tony received his pay of 'about R300.00". After intense reflections, Tony decide that he "could not accept blood money". After paying for, a haircut, he symbolically "tore the money in half and threw it to the ground." Asked to comment on what he had done. Tony smiled shyly and replied that "my action said it

"VUISWYS": iron fist brandished by SADF

The SADF recently engaged in the biggest conventional warfare training exercise yet held in SWA Namibia. The revealingly-named 'Vuiswys' (Fist-showing) exercise was also the first time that tanks were used in a SWA/Namibia 'war game'.

Held in mid-January over two days, 'Vuiswys' involved simulated attacks on 'enemy' positions using air strikes. mortar and artillery barrages, Ratel and infantry charges, and a mock tank battle.

An SADF spokesman, commenting on the 'Vuiswys' exercise, said that it "tested the preparation of the conventional forces to cope with terrorist incursions," made during the rainy season.

However, foreign observers have reacted with concern to the manoeuvres, questioning the need for a conventional warfare exercise in what is a "counter-insurgency war" against SWAPO's armed wing, Plan. Observers expressed fears that an invasion of Angola was imminent, despite last year's Lusaka agreement.

'Pay now - steal later' 'Theft or suspected theft' was the reason given for the SADF's unaccounted for loss of nearly R100 000 during the last financial year.

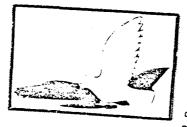
The thefts were largely facilitated by 'poor internal control' according to a recent report by the Auditor-General. The uncharacteristic report also pointed to the large amounts of public money apparently stolen by government employees across the bureaucratic board

Charges against Archbishop Hurley, President of the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference, were dropped the day before he was to appear in court earlier this year.

Archbishop Hurley was charged with having "unlawfully published untrue matters in regard to the activities of

According to the Archbishop, "a lot of dirt would have come out during the

Latest reports indicate that the Archbishop may sue the state for malicious prosecution. The implications of this are that the information the Archbishop has on alleged Koevoet atrocities will be revealed in court.



More than 7 500 national servicemen failed to report for duty in January this year. Replying to a question in Parliament, Minister of Defence Magnus Malan said that 7 589 of this year's January intake failed to report compared with 1 596 for the whole of last year. When 'Objector' asked SADF Liaison Officer Brigadier Bosman to comment on the increase he said the 1984 and 1985 statistics were said the 1984 and 1985 statistics were not comparable. The figures released in parliament for January 1985 include a large number of students and scholars scholars. who will be granted deferment in due

TECHNICALITY KEYKIEVE.
Charges of failing to report for a police camp have been dropped against Mark LEGAL REPRIEVE. Mark, a Wits medical student and member of the Nusas Health Directive, was to Nell. of the Musas Realth Directive, was to have appeared in a Durban court on 20 After lengthy discussions between his February 1985. After lengthy discussions between his lawyer and the state prosecutor, the charges were dropped, apparently because the length technicality. Action is likely to charges were dropped, apparently occause of a legal technicality. Action is likely to be taken if Mark fails to report for

another camp.

Cape Town Support Conscientious Group (COSG) participated Objectors a panel discussion theme 'Strategies for opposing apartheid', hosted by the PFP national congress which was held in Cape Town. Youth represented represented were the Black Sash, the organisations Civil Rights League and NUSAS. Black

COSG representative, Pete argued SADF makes nonsense of talk about Hathorn, opposing apartheid. congress adopted demanding military conscription. an immediate resolution end

> DOCTOR CHARGED. Allegedly encouraging a national service man to desert is the charge which faces a Johannesburg doctor.

The first person to be charged under Section 121 (c) of the Defence Act, the doctor is appearing in court after allegedly writing a letter to the serviceman urging him to avoid going to the Namibian operational area. evidence against the doctor is the soldier's father. Giving

SADF: Befriending the Students?

Two soldiers visited a high school in Inanda last month tp speak to std 9 and 10 girls. The soldiers, one white and one black, wore t-shirts depicting two clasped hands - black and white

They showed slides of the SADF assisting black people in education, health, law and agriculture. The first question asked, however, was, "what are you people really trying to do?"

Another girl asked, "But weren't you responsible for shooting the children in Soweto?" The soldier replied that it was the police When he was corrected by a teacher, he explained that there were different units within the SADF: Some were riot squads which dealt with agitators, but others were there to help the people.

The soldiers offered to take the girls on a five day nature camp with all expenses paid. In a staff meeting, a teacher suggested that although the camp would have no explicit political content, it was nevertheless part of the SADF's campaign to win the hearts and minds of the students.

The teachers voted overwhelmingly to reject the camp.

In the six months ended December 67 attempted 67 attempted 1984, there had been suicides in the suicides and ten actual suicides Malan in SADF, according to Magnus Malan in seply to a question in parliament.

NEUSA watches SADF

At a NEUSA (National Education Union of South Africa) general meeting held on the 23rd February in Durban, it was decided to form a NEUSA militarization interest group.

The group will monitor SADF activities in the schools. It will also attempt to raise the awareness of the NEUSA general body and other teachers around the militarization of education.

Any information about SADF involvement in schools should be sent to NEUSA c/o Objector newspaper.



All over the world, 1985 is being celebrated as International Year of the Youth, (IYY), with the theme of 'Peace, Participation and Development'.

The United Nations designated 1985 as Youth Year with the aim of promoting 'an exchange of ideas leading to the de development of bonds of friendship, cooperation and understanding among the young people of the world who share a commitment to democracy.'

The United Nations - in envisaging a year pf youth action - has structured the campaign into governmental and non-governmental bodies. The South African government, while declaring 1985 as National Youth Year, will not be able to participate at an international level. The United Democratic Front has been invited to officially represent South Africa as a non-governmental body.

IYY activities for 1985 have been planned throughout the country. The End Conscription Committees (ECC's) have seen the International Youth Year as one of their main focusses in 1985, with the emphasis on 'Peace' in strife-torn South Africa and Namibia.

The South African government along with the SADF and the SAP are taking up the IYY with meetings, parades and prayer meetings involving mainly white scholars, soldiers and policemen. The government's campaign was recently launched with a lunch and press-conference in Cape Town for about 30 scholars and

attendant government officials and journalists.

IYY committees have been set up nationally by the non-governmental bodies - the UDF, ECC and the SACC - to coordinate activities. The Western Cape IYY committee has planned a regional launch of the campaign on March 29 and 30, to include a cultural evening as well as speakers from various organisations.

The UDF and the South African Council of Churches (SACC) also have activites lined up for the rest of the year. The IYY campaigns by these bodies will peak in the middle



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EDITORIAL



Each year on 21 March, we mourn the people of Sharpeville gunned down by the police during an unarmed protest. 25 years later to the day, police gunned down unarmed people at Uitenhage who were mourning those already killed in recent protests. We salute the brave people of Kwanobuhle and Langa and mourn their dead with them.

The events at Uitenhage are not isolated. They are part of a continuous pattern of brutal repression. The actions of the police and army in Soweto, the Vaal townships, Cradock, Soweto - to name a few recent examples - show up 'reform' as a mask for repression. They also show the increasing co-operation between the police and army, working in increasingly similar ways.

Mr Botha - what has been 'reformed' since the days of Verwoerd and Sharpeville? People living in desperate poverty must bear the burden of constantly rising prices - food, sales tax, housing and transport prices. The army's massive growth draws billions of rands a year which could be used to stop the poverty, not to build weapons with which to silence the resistance of the people.

1985 is International Year of the Youth: Peace, Participation and Development. Yet in our country, children do heavy work; children starve in the homelands and townships. Children have been killed, wounded and gone missing in the Eastern Cape and elsewhere. Children have been shot in the streets by police; while other children are prepared for military training. In the light of the latest police violence, we applaud the stand taken recently by the young policeman, Mark Nel, to discontinue his 'service' in the policeforce.

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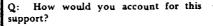
Press reported 17 killed by police at Uitenhage last Thursday. PE Hospital authorities gave the figure of 43 dead on arrival. The estimates have jumped by scores since then. When the inconsistencies are this great, all we are certain of is we will never see published the true events surrounding the killing of innocent people in our country.

ORGANIZING

Q: Laurie, you were appointed national organiser of the ECC in January this year. What does the job entail?

A: The job involves facilitating co-ordination between the ECC's nationally, spending time in each region working with the ECC and its affiliates, doing a little research and collecting resources on conscription and militarisation and helping prepare for the ECC Festival in July.

We felt the need for a national organiser because of the rapid growth of the ECC's. This is happening because of the tremendous support for our activities - concerts, drama, public meetings, pamphlet distributions, pickets etc - from every sector of the white community that we've appealed to: the 'counter culture' youth; students; schoolchildren and their parents.



A: One reason is the energy and commitment of our members and the creativity of our activities. These are attractive to the people we're trying to reach.

The most important reason though relates to the issues we're concerned with. An extremely large number of people throughout the world find war abhorrent and care deeply about peace. This is particularly true in South Africa because of what is specific about our situation: young white men are forced to take up arms against fellow South Africans and Namibians in defence of a system that causes unbelievable suffering.

The vast majority of whites enjoy the fruits of their privileged position. Even those who are unhappy about this do little to change it. Yet serving in the SADF is something that many young people simply find intolerable because of what it represents and the role that it plays.

Conscription is also the only aspect of apartheid that is a real imposition for the white community. National service involves taking young men from their normal lives for a total of four years and subjecting them to an authoritarian structure of discipline and conditioning that is dehumanising. There is the prospect of their getting shot and the equally grim prospect of their having to shoot others.

People are only prepared to make this kind of sacrifice if they believe it is worth it. The support demonstrated for ECC, and also the fact that over 7 000 national servicemen failed to report for duty in January this year, are an indication of the large numbers who feel it isn't worth it.



Q: What is the significance of the support you've generated?

A: The phenomenal support from withir the white community contributes to the non-racial character of the broader struggle for a democratic society. It shows that the conflict in South Africa is not simply between blacks and whites but between democrats and non-democrats.

The support also puts pressure on the state because it comes from sectors within the ruling group that are articulate and visible - students, academics, human rights and religious groups and the churches. The formation of the Board for Religious Objection is an example of the state acknowledging and trying to deal with this pressure.

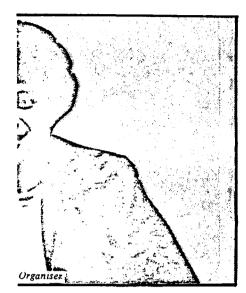
Q: Do you think that this pressure will ever be great enough to actually end conscription?

A: Look, we do sometimes get very excited about the progress we're making but we have to be realistic. For as long as apartheid remains it will be resisted and the state will attempt to suppress the resistance by violent means. The invasion of the SADF into the townships at the end of last year made clear how integral the army is to this process.

So when we call for an end to conscription and for a just peace in our land we must know that these will only be realised when apartheid is dismantled, when the real leaders of South Africa are free to take their rightful place and when all South Africans can live as equals.

Nevertheless, I think that if our support continues to grow as it did last year we will be able to win important concess-

to stop the call-up:



ions e.g. the right to object to national service on moral and ethical grounds and not only on religious grounds as is the situation at present.

Q: You've spoken quite a lot about working in the white community. Does ECC limit itself to this constituency?

A: Not at all. Our campaign is fundamentally non-racial and many of our affiliates work in black communities. In all regions ECC works closely with the UDF and other black groupings. ECC's have representatives on UDF committees and on the Churches International Year of the Youth committees. UDF and black church leaders speak regularly on our platforms.

We recognise though that to some extent we have to work separately and differently in the white and black communities because of the different conditions that prevail in each and because the issues of conscription and militarisation obviously don't affect them in the same way.

Q:The ECC's exist as fronts which are comprised of about 40-50 affiliated organisations. What is the basis of unity amongst these organisations?

In South Africa we're living in a state of civil war, where the degree of violence is great, and growing, and where some of us - the young men - are called up and forced to participate in this violence.

It is this situation which has drawn together the organisations that make up ECC. They have in common the following beliefs: that in Southern Africa the SADF is an aggressive and not a defence force; that in South Africa the SADF acts in defence of apartheid which is the root cause of violence; that the so-called enemy is not an external foreign aggress-

or but the South African people; and that young men should have the right not to be part of the army.

Q: This year many progressive organisations are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Freedom Charter which was drawn up in 1955 under the auspices of the Congress Alliance - the African National Congress, Coloured Peoples Congress, South African Indian Congress and white democrats in the Congress of Democrats. What is ECC's position on the Charter?

A: Some organisations in ECC regard the Charter as the most democratic document ever drawn up in our country and as the bluegrint for a non-racial and democratic South Africa. However, ECC, as a broad front, cannot actually endorse the Charter.

The final demand of the Charter, 'There shall be peace and friendship', is of course of special relevance to us and reflects the spirit of the ECC. We fully support the sub-clauses of this demand, which include: 'South Africa shall be a fully independent state which respects the rights and sovereignty of all nations; South Africa shall strive to maintain world peace and the settlement of all international disputes by negotiation - not war; peace and friendship amongst all our people shall be secured by upholding the equal rights opportunities and status of all.'

Q: Are there plans to set up ECC's in other regions?

A: An ECC has just been formed in Port Elizabeth. A group of about 30 interested people from various organisations came together to talk about the End Conscription Campaign and decided unanimously that it should be taken up in PE. This decision will be discussed in the organisations that could affiliate to ECC, which will then be formally constituted. Already there are some exciting plans and ideas for action.

There are a good number of people in Pietermaritzburg who are keen to get involved in the campaign and we should be able to set one up within the next few months.

Q: You can't wait to tell us about your Festival!

A: Right! The Festival is planned for the second or third weekend of July in Joburg. On the one level we will have high profile speakers so that the Festival makes a powerful statement on conscription and militarisation - a statement which will be heard by a really large number of people in South Africa

and internationally. We've invited Beyers Naude, Sheena Duncan, Bishop Tutu, Archbishop Hurley and UDF and ECC speakers.

On another level we want to organise a whole variety of different activities drama, seminars, workshops, videos etc that will be exciting and informative for people who participate in the Festival. We're only at the stage of brainstorming these activities but some of the ideas so far are to focus on Namibia Southern Africa post Nkomati, militarisation of education, South Africa's nuclear capacity, women and the military, nuclear arms buildup, the Board for Religious Objection, the South African Peace Movement in the 1950s, Bantustan armies, the hearts and minds campaign of the SADF. non-violent forms of action the Peace Movement internationally ... I've run out of breath!

Q: Go on.

A: What I've covered so far sounds a bit academic and 'heavy'. We really want to create a festival atmosphere - many of these areas will be explored through videos and drama. The ECC's in Durban and Cape Town have drama groups, there's the play National Madness which we would like performed, and we want to end the Festival with a big anti-war concert.

We also want to strengthen ECC and its affiliates through the Festival. So organisations will be asked to prepare stalls where they can display their media and to take responsibility for certain slots.

We think that the Festival can make a really significant contribution to the growth of the peace movement in South Africa and internationally.



'CONFUSION OVER JEHOVAH'S WITNESS OBJECTORS CLEARED UP'

Confusion surrounds recent press reports of Jehovah's Witnesses being sentenced to lengthy terms in DB for refusing to report for alternative service. This apparent anomaly, has aroused fears that the recently implemented alternative service system - restricted to religious pacifists - was break... + down.

In February, inumber of Jehovah's Withesses were sentenced to inilitary prison refusing to report for alternative service.

Peter Clayton and James Dobson, both from George, and James Cleghorn, from Cape Town, were convicted and sentenced to 6 years in detention barracks.

Twenty-six year old Neal Hudson, an M Sc graduate from Pietermaritzburg, was sentenced to 3 months on the same charge.

The sentencing of these and other Witnesses gave rise to confusion in some circles, as the 1983 Defence Act amendment - which provides for alternative service for religious pacifists - was specifically designed to cater for the large numbers of Witness objectors.

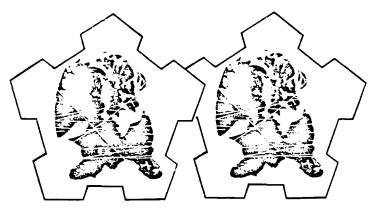
This seemingly anomalous situation was clarified by Mr Piet Wentzel, a Council member of the Watchtower Society Jehovah's Witnesses, who said that Witnesses believe they "should give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar".

"But thy do not believe they owe part of their lives to Caesar. If, on the other hand, their freedom is taken away from them by a court of law and they were prisoners, even on parole, they are forced to do what the law demands and that is community service," he stated.

This means that Witnesses apply for alternative service to the Board for Religious Objection, which accepts their applications as a matter of course. These objectors then routinely refuse to report for alternative service, and are sentenced to detention barracks for such refusal, and automatically paroled into alternative service.

So far about 200 Jehovah's Witnesses have been classified as religious objectors, and 8 Witnesses are known to have started alternative service after going through the complicated procedures outlined above.

These objectors have been posted to Government office: ranging from the Manpower Department and the Department of Education, to the Johannesburg deeds office.



Many objectors recognised by the Board for Religious Objection last year were given details of their community service posting by the Department of Manpower in March.

"I have been waiting for more than six months since I was recognised," one such objector said. "I have six years to work off so it is something of a relief."

He mentioned that he and most of the others he had heard of, had been allocated to jobs appropriate to their qualifications and in their city of residence.

"Things seem to have worked out quite well. Teachers are staying as teachers. I've heard of an engineer who has been posted to the city council as an engineer. There is a dentist who has been left in his existing job which does not even fall directly under the government." he continued.

He had heard though of a social worker posted to a deeds office.

"It is important that the conscientious objector movement reasserts its rejection of the structure of community service both because it excludes the majority of objectors and because of its punitive length." he concluded.

Objectors doing community service will receive a monthly R250.00 living allowance and their transport to work will be paid, in addition to the national service pay of R5.19 a day for non-professionals and R10.38 a day for professionals. Teachers seem to have been excluded from the category of "professional".

The delay in allocating community service was apparently because of a report on conditions of service only became available in 1985 and because of some confusion caused by Jehovah's Witnesses refusing to do community service unless sentenced to it by a court.

MY ENEMY'S BROTHER? YES!

We have agreed to meet here. Would he come? Anxiety briefly constricted my belly. Why? Perhaps be cause of fear for the unknown, of what

would take place between us and of what the outcome would be. I had never met my enemy like this before. Musketry lessons during basics nad taught me how to kill him, not how to talk to him Somehow it seemed much more difficult doing it this way....

He approached with steady paces across the grass, greeting me with outstretched hand and open smile. A bright, kaftan-tupe shirt hung loosely about his shoulders. Corduroy trousers gave way to open sandals which kicked up small clouds of dust as he walked.

We talked about our families and our home towns. And then on to more serious things. His years of detention without ever being charged for an offence: why he had to leave. his longing to return and live as a free person in the land of his birth: the last resort to secure liberation having now been reached. These things I could only try to imagine. for they had not found a place in my personal experience.

But as the sun started casting our shadows long across the grass we found more and more in common: a burning desire for a nonracial Sout Africa, where all will be equal before the law, where all will be treated as having equal worth and dignity, where all

will have the opportunity to elect the government of their chioce where removals will cease and people will choose to live next to whom they wish and marry whom they love without fear of prosecution, where education will be equal and resources will be shared more fairly.

Yes, we shared a lot of common ground and reached out to a common vision for the future. But most fundamentally common between us, we discovered, was that we both worshipped the same God, and we both shared in the fellowship of the

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS...

Since 1984, advice bureaus have been established in all the major centres of South Africa. Here the different advice bureaus talk about their experiences.

CAPE TOWN - ADVICE BUREAU ON MILITARY CONSCRIPTION (ABMC)

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Some people come to us with very clear ideas about what they need to know, while others are confused and in need of guidance.

Our ten counsellors offer no magic solutions; they do not promise cures. They know that each conscript has to face the dilemma about his military service. They do byelieve, however, that there is a role the Bureau can play in helping people come to a well considered and independent decision.

As a counsellor put it, "It's amazing how just giving the guy the facts and a chance to discuss it all with someone who's prepared to listen, really does help."

Of course there is more to the service than that. The Bureau can offer practical help if you want to apily to the Board of Religious Objectors and can refer you to lawyers, psychologists or a minister of your religion, all of whom have specialized in the field of conscription.

The most urgent task facing the Bureau now is to inform people of its existence, thereby beginning to offer its services to a wider range of people.

GRAHAMSTOWN ADVICE BUREAU (GRACONS)

The Grahamstown Advice Centre on National Service (Gracons) is beginning to establish itself as an important reference point for dealing with conscription related matters affecting the Grahamstown Community.

Gracons rose to prominence last year around the 'Dad's Army' call-up in the Eastern Cape and has since continued to receive numerous queries about citizenship and immigrants, national service and conscientious objection.

Church of the Province of Southern Africa.

With the red sky turning to grey and for the first time feeling chill in the air we wished God's blessing and on each other and exchanged the traditional handshake of Africa. Then he was gone....

That afternoon something I had sensed for a while became a discovery as personal and humanly real as the blood that pumped red in his and my veins, as the blood that bled red on Calvary's tree for his and my reconciliation. The answer

which I feared all along was true: my enemy is indeed my brother. And I am my brother's keeper.

I cannot therefore bear a weapon which points to his destruction, nor wear the uniform which mocks his oppression. Rather, I must take the first step to bind myself to his suffering, and commit myself to his - and my-liberation.

This is the least I can do in response to my brother who found me under the shady tree on a hot African summer's afternoon.

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Gracons has been meeting regularly with several groups (teachers, lecturers and students) who have decided not to register for commandoes. They are also in contact with people who plan to object to national service and camps in the future.

Gracons' main priority for 1985 is to draw together a larger group to coordinate the activities of the Advice Bureau, and to set up a permanent office in town. Their longer term aim is to work towards becoming a more directly support oriented group, with an emphasis on nonviolence.

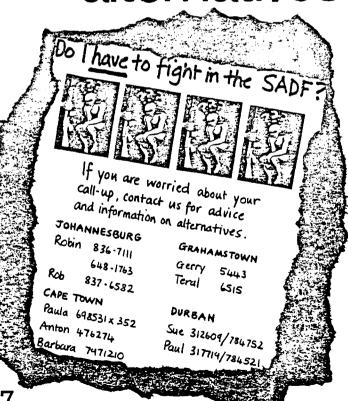
JOHANNESBURG - ADVICE BUREAU FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS (ABCO)

The Advice Bureau for Conscientious Objectors (ABCO) consists of five experienced councillors, and its prime

concern is to help people clarify their position with regard to military service, and to provide information about some of the alternatives facing the conscript. ABCO has developed links with legal Resources Centres in Johannesburg.

ABCO has developed as a subgroup of the Johannesburg Conscientious Objectors Support Group (COSG) early last year. In the spirit of this support, ABCO aims to provide a service for conscripts in a dilemma about the South African war. As a COSG subgroup, it has closely monitored developments of the Board for Religious Objection, and defence legislation and continues to seek avenues for making this information available.

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The DYNAMICS state their case

I'm writing to you as a member of, and spokesperson for the band "The Dynamics" which left South Africa in November in the wake of recent legislation concerning the conscription of aliens into the South African Defence Force

On October 11, three members of the band. Steven, Howells, Kevin Solan, and Jimmy Florence automatically became South African citizens and simultaneously became eligible for service in the SADF - a call up which would have taken away 3 of the band's members, i.e. 60% of its contribution to music and entertainment. Because

- The fact that every one of us opppses the ideals of the SADF and its supporters
- that our saxophonist. Winston Nyaunda, being "officially" a Tswana, is forced to suffer the humiliation of himself and his family being confined by law to living in Bophuthatswana, although he was born in Johannesburg.
- the real limitations with which highlidren are faced in apartheid South Africa in terms of safety, security, education and equal opportunities, the band decided unanimously to endeavour to escape these drawbacks by seeking residence in the United Kingdom.

Some of our problems were to pursue us however. After long and drawn out trekking back, and forth between various offices of the Department of Internal Affairs and the Bophuthatswana Consulate, and after sending off numerous applications to the above. Winston eventually received a "passport" which failed to gain him access to the U.K. He was deported and to replace his "passport" with the real thing.

The reason, apparently, for his having been refused entry into the U.K. was that in his travel document his nationality was given as "stateless", which makes one wonder why the South African Department of Internal bothered to provide him with any kind of travel document at all. Certainly, it has caused us all an unwarranted amount of exasperation and expense. He is the only member of the band that is a South African, being forced to become South African citizens for the sole purpose of qualifying them for army service, strikes an unjust, racialistic note to say the least.

THE DYNAMICS
Steve, Harvey, Jimmy, Winston & Kevin

Lambeth Miners Support Committee



This most recent episode has cost the band dearly in air tickets, wasted money and wasted time, but if it should mean that less blood is spilt and more consciences are aroused, we would consider the price to be small indeed.

THE CASE FOR A BLACK ARMBAND

When I appeared before the Board for Religious Objection on the last day of its 1984 sitting I bore a black arm-band on my left arm.

I wish to share the reasons for this with your readers in the the hope that those who have similar sentiments to myself will find it a useful action to adopt.

A preliminary comment first: I believe that the legitimacy and validity of the Board and its terms of reference must be seriously questioned and hence logically, and ideally. I should refuse to even appear before the Board.

However, because of the enormous costs involved in such a step I decided to appear and register my protest at a symbolic level only.

As I prepared for the hearing my understanding of the meaning of the armband expanded to include mourning as well. So on the day the armband symbolised four things, briefly as follows:

- A symbol of mourning for the state of world-wide militarization, superpowers nuclear capacity to destroy the world, etc.;
- a symbol of mourning for the escalating state of militarization in South Africa, including blatant use of the SADF in townships, etc.;
- 3.) a symbol of protest at having to appear before a Board to justify one's reasons for refusing to participate in violence. It should rather be the reverse, with those wishing to participate in the SADF having to give their reasons.
- 4.) a symbol of protest at the terms of reference of the Board, which discriminates against Just War doctrinists and non-religious pacifists, and at the same time a symbol of mourning/ identification with these people for whom the cost is too great to appear before the Board.

The symbolism of the black armband can be expanded further. It is a simple, inexpensive and powerful vehicle for expressing serious moral protest.

I wait with interest to see whether I was the last, or only the first, to carry the armband to Bloemfontein!

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Recommendation for funding

The South African Allied Workers Union (Saawu) is a worker organisation that organises the workers in the Transvaal, Eastern Cape, Western Cape and Natal for better working conditions, higher wages, shorter working hours and for the improvement of the general standard of living for the workers and their families.

Since its inception in 1979, SAAWU has fought many struggles for the workers for the realisation of the afore-mentioned aims. In the execution of its duties, SAAWU has been and still remains the constant victim of repression of both the State and employers' machinery in the form of detentions of its membership and the leadership (note the fact that its President, Thozamile Gqweta and General Secretary, Sisa Njikelana are presently in detention facing charges of high treason with 14 other opponents of apartheid), and its banning in the Ciskei and Bophuthatwana by the stooges of the S.A. Government.

Despite all this harrasment, SAAWU has grown from all strength to strength, when it had 2 branches in 1980 to 18 branches in 1985 operative in 3 provinces of the country.

It is therefore highly recommended that a workers' organisation like SAAWU should be assisted in all possible ways to facilitate and consolidate its growth, so as to bring closer the day when the workers of our country can be in a position to resume full responsibility for their own lives.

SAAWU is also one of the trade unions that has not only sought to unite the workers who are its membership but it has also actively participated in endeavours with other like-minded workers' organisations in uniting workers in our country accross union affiliation. It has also sought and established closer working relations with other organisations which are struggling for the eradication of racial discrimination, unjust laws and all other evils that are manifestations of the apartheid system. This is indicated by SAAWU's immediate affiliation to the United Democratic Front when the latter was formed in mid-1983.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours truly

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UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT

UDF UNITES! APARTHEID DIVIDES!



NATIONAL OFFICE

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TO: All regional Secretaries

FROM: National Office - Popo Molefe

DATE: 16 April 1985

Comrades

RE: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Please be informed that the NEC meeting will take place on $4-5~{\rm May}~1985$ in East London

The agenda is as follows:

- 1. Assessment of the NGC.
- 2. Finance
- 3. Recommendations form the NGC to the NEC (List attached)
- 4 Progamme of action Citizenship
 - BLA Tri camaral parliament
 - Education crisis.
 - Cost of living
 - Treason trial and political prisoners.
 - National housing conference
 - New Zealand Rugby Tour
- 5. Head office
 - Administrative staff: At present no administrative staff is employed and the administrative side of Head Office is very chaotic. It is proposed that two persons be employed, an experienced receptionist/ typist and an administrator.
 - Bigger office prmises : Enquiries are being made
 - National Officers: The job descriptions of the Publicity and the National Secretaries need to be evaluated. Also, their contact with and relationship to regions.

- National Organiser : This post must be defined and requirements for the position must be determined.

6. General.

The NEC is scheduled to start at 10am and NEC members are asked to ensure that their travel arrangements are such that they will be punctual.

Yours in struggle

Popo Molefe General Secretary

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REPORT ON REPRESSION IN GALESHEWE,

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During the 1980 school boycotts, five students were charged and convicted under the terrorism act. They were sentenced to ten years imprisonment. Towards the end of 1984 the Appeal Court confirmed the conviction but reduced the sentence to five years imprisonment. This factor, as it will appear later on in the report, was one of the main factors in the unrest.

On the 30th Janaury 1985 the students decided at a mass meeting held at St. Bonaface to boycott classes in solidarity with these five students. The boycott was to last for two weeks. On that day thirty-three students were arrested and detained. Twenty of the them were charged and fined R50,00 each and the remaining thirteen were released. Of the twenty that were charged, the majority of them were either expelled or suspended from classes. This led to a further boycott on or about the 7th February 1985.

On the 26th February 1985 one hundred students were detained and charged with the offence of trespassing on school premises. The female students were fined R10,00 each and the male students received seven cuts each. None of the above persons are represented in Court.

On the 20th March 1985, a shop belonging to the mayor and buint trucks belonging to a furniture company were burned and the buses in the township were stoned. This led to the appearance

of 19 people in Court on the following day were charged with public violence. This case has been remanded to the 22nd April 1985 all the accused in this matter are represented by Priscilla Jana.

On the 21st March 1985 the students marched to commemorate the Sharpeville shootings. Thirteen students were detained and charged. All the accused are presently in custody and the case has been remanded to the 3rd June 1985.

On the 26th March 1985, nine students were arrested and charged with public violence. They are presently in custody.

On the 30th March 1985, soldiers were deployed in the township. They were withdrawn on the 1st April 1985. On the 1st April 1985 the house of the school inspector and the deputy mayor was burned. Some students were charged with the offence of public violence in connection with this.

On the 9th April 1985 two bakery vans and a truck belonging to a Coca-Cola company were looted. The soldiers were redeployed in the townships they were about two hundred in number and heavily armed.

On the 10th April 1985 the high schools and secondary schools were closed after the Easter holiday. On the 11th April 1985

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Thomas Morebudi, four teen years of age was shot dead.

Circumstances surrounding his shooting are still not very clear. Initially the police refused the mother permission to identify the body. On the 14th April 1985 I spoke to the mother of Thomas Morebudi and attended on the Security Police at Kimberley to enquire about the post-mortem and inquest. On the same day I also attended on the Kimberley hospital to visit two scholars Patrick Diedricks and Leon Nkoane. When I reached the hospital I was informed that Patrick Diedricks was removed a few minutes earlier by the Security Police.

The casualty least thus far is that three people have lost their lives and approximately one hundred people have been assaulted. The three deceased persons, two of them have been buried in mysterious circumstances. According to reports it is alleged that the Security police had entered into a certain agreement with the parents to have these children buried. I tried to speak to the parents of the deceased childred but from report it appears that they would not be interested in re-opening this case.

STUDENTS' GRIEVANCES

- 1. Democratic SRC's.
- 2. Shortage of text books.
- 3. Abolition of corporal punishment.

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- 4. Putting a stop to sexual harassment of female students by teachers.
- 5. Extra recreational facilities for St. Bonaface High School.
- 6. Those who failed matric should be allowed to attend classes and write the exams on the following year.

An important factor is that there is a great degree of confusion as to which students are being represented legally and those students that are not being represented. According to report from students some have already appeard in Court without legal representation.

ATTITUDE OF CHURCHES

The general consensus is that the churches are reluctant to help the students. According to reports it appears that the Community Councillors are applying tremendous pressure on the churches. It is suggested that the SACC get in touch with the church ministers in the area to resolve this problem.

REACTION OF PARENTS

In the main, parents are very angry with the present situation in the township. Their anger is further aggravated by the presents of soldiers. It appears that the parents are on the side of students. But a lack of a parents organisation does

not afford the parents an opportunity of expressing their support.

PEOPLE DETAINED LAST WEEK

- 1. Christopher Swazi
 124 Amakhuzane Street
 BORN: 18th February 1968
 MOTHER: Rebecca Swazi
- 2. Michael Mabote
 6963 Mathibe Street
 BORN: 15th October 1968
 MOTHER: Louisa Mabote
- 3. Nathaniel Mosikare
 105 Adamnomakola Street
 BORN: 9th March 1965
 MOTHER: Miriam Mosikare
- 4. Maria Leonard
 28 Gaborone Street
 BORN: 2nd November 1967
 MOTHER: Maggy Leonard
- 5. Norman Letlhage
 6771 Adamnomakola Street
 BORN: 2nd February 1966
 MOTHER: Dorothy Letlhage
- 6. Lorraine Douman
 87 Adamnomakola Street
 BORN:
 GRANDMOTHER: Maria Seleka
- 7. Patrick Selebogo
 7965 Mcetwa Street
 BORN: 5th September 1969
 MOTHER: Emily Selebogo
- 8. George Seinolo
 7755 Gaitsewe Street
 BORN: 1st March 1968
 MOTHER: Pauline Seinolo

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9. Plus one other person not known.

A whole lot of people are appearing in Court without legal representation and it is also not clear who represent who.

There is tremendous organisational work to be done.

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MINUTES OF THE FIRST NATIONAL GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT HELD ON THE 6th and 7th APRIL 1985 at AZAADVILLE, TRANSVAAL.

SATURDAY: 6th APRIL 1985

Regions Present:

Transvaal (including Transvaal rural areas); Natal; Border; Western Cape (including Western Cape rural areas); Eastern Cape Orange Free State and Northern Cape.

Session One:

1.1 Opening Address

By President Oscar Mpetha.

Comrade Mpetha welcomed all delegates and thanked them for attending the conference. He expressed sadness at the fact that the other Presidents, Comrades Archie Gumede & Albertina Sisulu and our other NEC members and comrades are sitting in jail and cannot share his joy in attending the first National General Council of the UDF.

Comrade Mpetha stated that the crises which the South African Government had experienced on 24th August had intensified through the clear rejection of the "New Deal" and the current struggles being waged against it. He also saluted those whose lives were taken in these struggles, those who are in detention and in jail.

Comrade Mpetha reiterated that the Apartheid Regime and their puppets had to take responsibility for the state of civil war in which our country is gripped. He warned that our peoples anger is increasing because their legitimate demands are being met with naked violence from Botha and his junior partners. Also, that these wanton acts of murder, harassment, detention and imprisonment will not deter our people in their march to freedom.

comrade Mpetha delegated each delegate with the responsibility to participate fully in discussions and to conduct themselves in such a way that the NGC will lay the basis for a programme

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of action which will give life to our NGC theme:

This would ensure yet another step towards a South Africa

where THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN!

1.2 Standing Rules:

The following standing rules were accepted as guidelines for the NGC :-

a) Regions will have the following numbers of votes:

Transvaal - 43 votes

Natal - 50 votes

W. Cape - 56 votes

Border - 28 votes

E. Cape - 28 votes

N. Cape - 11 votes

OFS - 15 votes

The NEC will be empowered to review this. However, consensus will be seeked as far as possible.

- b) A person will be allowed to speak only once on a topic.

 The mover and seconder of a motion will be allowed the right to reply.
- c) In the event of a debate, equal time will be allowed for the different points of view.
- d) Delegates were to use English as far as possible but they should feel free to use any other language.

1.3 Keynote Address:

The keynote address was delivered by Comrade Curnick Ndlovu. Comrade Ndlovu is listed and his speech may not be quoted.

The chairperson thanked Comrade Ndlovu. The NGC agreed that delegates will only ask questions on matters which they wished to seek greater clarity on and that indepth discussion of the keynote address and secretarial report should take place in the different commissions which will allow for greater participation.

Comrade Ndlovu was asked to explain:-

- a) the task of the national democratic forces in organising the African majority for national liberation;
- b) the balance of forces in the rural areas.

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Point (b) was referred to the commission on rural areas and Bantustans.

In response to Point (a), Comrade Ndlovu explained that the African people formed the overwhelming majority of our nation and that they suffered the most oppression and exploitation in our country. For these reasons, the struggles of the African masses had to be central feature of our struggle for liberation. The explanation was accepted.

1.4 Secretarial Report:

By Comrade Popo Molefe.

(Copies were distributed at the NGC).

Clarification was sought on the following:-

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- a) Whether late responses to rapid intensification of mass struggles displayed a weakness within the UDF.

 This was referred to the commission on the organisational aspects of the Front.
- that to develop.

 Comrade Molefe explained that this referred to democratic organisations operating outside the framework of the government. He stressed the need for these to become the organisations of the people through which they could determine their own lives.
- Comrade Molefe explained that Senator Kennedy's visit had not been a UDF campaign and was therefore not evaluated in his report. It was agreed that we need to develop a clear approach to matters like these.

 The matter was referred to the commission dealing with UDF's International Relations.
- d) How the UDF's ability to reach our people was affected by the fact some trade unions were not affiliated to the UDF.

 This was referred to the commission on the UDF & The Working Class.

How to deal with assualts on UDF members and supporters by community councillers in Natal.

This was referred to the commission on repression.

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f. It was pointed out that 189 women had been arrested in New Crossroads in the Cape during a campaign against rent increases and that more than 20 people had died in the Crossroads struggle against Forced Removals.

Comrade Molefe agreed that this was a serious omission and apologised.

The NGC Adjourned for lunch at 1.30.

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Session Two:

- 2.1 NGC re-convened at 3.00 pm and broke up into seven (7) commissions:
 - i) The Education Crises
 - ii) Repression
 - iii) Tri-Cameral Parliament & Black Local Authorities
 - iv) The organisational aspects of the UDF
 - v) Labour & Working Class issues
 - vi) International Relations
 - vii) Bantustans, Rural areas & Forced Removals.

2.2 Reports of Commissions:

2.2.1. International Relations

- -The broadest possible consultation should take place.
- The UDF should initiate and maintain such relations in so far as it advances the struggle against Apartheid
- The UDF needs to retain its anti-imperialist character in such relations
- Further discussion was needed on the strategies and tactics we need to employ.

2.2.2. The Education Crises

- Crucial issues identified were the struggle for democratic representation for students which had to be linked to social & political representation; poor conditions at educational institutions, victimisation of progressive teachers and students
- The role of the UDF was to form co-ordinating structures for students, parents and teachers in all

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- regions. Such structures should not have arbitrary decision-making powers.
- The UDF should popularise the Education Charter campaign and encourage its affiliates to participate in it.
- We should also oppose the use of the SADF in our schools
- More attention should be given to organising teachers

2.2.3 Organisational Aspects of the UDF

- A need existed for on-going, national co-ordinated training programmes. This would sharpen the analytical skills of our members and enable and assist us to develop adequate strategies. It will also contribute to a common understanding and minimise conflict.
- REC and NEC activities and portfolios needed to be streamlined to ensure more efficient functioning.
- Specific portfolios will ensure even participation and avoid over extension
- A permanent national working committee needs to be formed to ensure an even understanding within the Front.
- In order to atrenghten organisations, care had to be taken to involve all organisations in our programmes. Resources had to be made available in weak areas. The process of strenghtening has to work both ways. Organisations must take responsibility for strenghtening themselves and the Front through campaigns. Organisations must take more initiative in terms of UDF campaigns and their participation within it.
- High profile activities were necessary, but should not become a substitute for building solid organisation.
- In terms of our programme of action, we need to have a clear strategy to draw in non-affiliates; Our demands should be clear in each campaign and our theme and its implications must be internalised.
- A code of conduct can ensure discipline and build greater maturity and comradeship.

2.2.4 B.L.A, and Tri-cameral Parliament

- Very little time was spent on discussing the tricameral parliament



Gains made in these campaigns (particularly the anti-BLA) were that these structures were totally discredited and people's political awarenesswas raised.

Democratic local organisations were recognised as Gains made in these campaigns (particularly the representing the people.

- Repression and lack of venues in the townships presents some problems in developing organisations as alternatives In terms of our programme of action we need to develop a better understanding of community organisation to cater for the political and social needs of our people (eg : Advice Offices).
- 27/8/87 and suthorities must be forced to lisse with the demoratic organisations. democratic organisations.
 - Political rights of the African people must become a central focus of the UDF work
 - A resolution condemning the Informal Black Forum must be drawn up
 - It is almost certain that sections of the Immorality Act and the Mixed Marraiges will be scrapped in an attempt to give credibility to the tri-cameral parliament. The scrapping of these laws will not improve the quality of life of our people, nor will it grant them full political participation
 - A peoples' judicial commission should be established to record the crimes of collaborators
 - Whites must be encouraged to join the extra-parliamentary struggle.

2.2.5 Repression

- State repression is increasing and is both subtle (eg: evictions, loss of jobs, misinformation, banning meetings) and naked (eg: shootings, community councillors, vigilantes) to kill extra-parliamentary forcesso that their puppets can operate freely.
- In response to repression we need to: draw more people and organisations into our activities; information and advice centres should be set up to counter disinformation; International pressure must be intensified through constant contact and information; supporters of apartheid must be pressurised and exposed;

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activists should be more disciplined and security conscious; Education and development of leadership must take place; Organisations must be strenghtened and broadened and deepened to survive a total clampdown on the UDF; Regionalism and sectarianism must be overcome; activities must be more wide-spread; People must be educated about their legal rights and affidavits on repression must be drawn up.

- Repression must become an issue around which we mobilise and organise our people
- We must demand the unconditional release of all detainees and educate people about the laws under which people are cahrged.

2.2.6 Labour & Working Class Issues

- Our programmes must address the issues facing the working class
- Many workers are not part of the progressive trade unions. This placed a particular responsibility on community organisations. Attention must be paid to the struggles of unemployed workers (eg: UIF; the improvement of benefits, bulk buying schemes; etc).
- Education on the South African economy and related matters like unemployment, must take place within the UDF
- We need to develop a clear definition of working class leadership
- We must encourage the participation of people without formal education and skills, particulary in affiliated trade unions
- UDF must encourage the formation of one Trade Union Federation in South Africa.
- A labour sub-committee should be formed to deepen relations with affiliated and non-affiliated trade unions

2.2.7 Bantustans, Rural Areas & Forced Removals

- Vast sections of the rural areas are Bantustans
- Lack of resources, severe repression and ethnic divisions are serious problems

- UDF should embark on a national anti-Bantustan campaign to promote national unity against ethnic divisions
- The link between Bantustans, pass laws and influx control must be stressed
- Serious attempts must be made to reach out to migrant workers
- The campaign against forced removals must be waged more systematically
- UDF volunteers and organisers must move into areas facing forced removals and help to build democratic organisation
- we must develop better working relationships with and an understanding of all organisations operating in such areas.
- Training for rural organisers must take place
- Women form the majority in rural areas and must be organised
- Experiences must be shared amongst communities.

 A UDF anti-Forced Removals committee; Projects and
 Advice Offices needs to be considered.
- Education on how to resist state repression must take
- We must ensure that more information about events in rural areas can be made available
- The church in such areas must become more involved

 The formation of Ministers Fraternals must be
 encouraged.

2.3 Paper on the Cost of Living:

By Comrade Amanda Kwadi.

Comrade Kwadi pointed out that many of the struggles which are currently being waged by our people were related to the rising cost of living. She predicted an ever-increasing in the Cost of Living and emphasised that it was a priority for the UDF and its affiliates.

Comrade Kwadi also outlined how the high cost of Apartheid is forced onto our people i.e. through price increases (eg:petrol) and by cutting subsidies (eg: on bread).

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The NGC was urged to find practical ways of linking current struggles into a Cost of Living campaign which will link economic struggles to political demands.

Conference adjourned for Supper at 6.45 pm.

2.4 NGC re-convened at 9.00 pm.

Regions went into caucus to discuss:-

- i) Reports from commissions
- ii) Resolutions in accordance with such reports
- iii) Programme of Action
 - iv) Recommendations to in-coming NEC

Draft resolutions committee consisting of one rep. per region; as well as a committee to look at proposed amendments to the national working principles, was set up.

SUNDAY: 7th APRIL 1985

Session Three:

Regional caucuses continued. NGC was re-convened at 12.30 pm.

3.1 Resolutions

The resolutions committee submitted draft resolutions as amended by regional caucuses.

Clarification was sought on:-

- i) UDF membership & service in the SADF. NGC agreed that persons serving in the SADF will not be allowed to be an office bearer of the Front, no, serve in any official capacity in it.
- ii) The entire content of the resolution on women. The resolution was read.

Resolutions on the following aspects were unaamously accepted:

Detentions and the Treason Trial, Banning of the UDF and affiliates in the Bantustans, UDF's international relations, Trade Unions, Unemployment, Forced Removals, Rural Areas, Militarisation, Women, Black Local Authorities, Tri-Cameral Parliment & Black Forum, Citizenship, Imperialism, USA Imperialism, International

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Year of the Youth, Education, Namibia and New Zealand Rugby Tour.

(The full text of these resolutions are in the NGC booklet sent to all regions).

Regions submitted recommendations for a Programme of Action. This is to be finalised at the first NEC Meeting.

Gopies of the draft amended Working Principles were submitted to regions.

NGC Adjourned for Lunch at 1.20pm; and was resumed at 2.45 pm.

3.2 Amendments to National Working Principles

The draft amended working principles were read.

Clarification was sought on :-

- i) The motivation that NGC meets every two years. It was explained that NGC can meet more frequently if necessary.
- ii) The necessity for a National Working Committee. It was explained that this would facilitate broader discussion and understanding in our ranks.
- iii) The position of National Organiser.

 NGC agreed that this position should be more clearly defined by the NEC and therefore not included in the National Working Principles.

Acceptance of the National Working Principles as amended at the NGC on 7th April 1985 was moved by Transvaal and seconded by Natal. This was unanimously accepted by NGC.

(Copy of these National Working Principles is included in the NGC Booklet).

3.3 Financial Report:

By Comrade Trevor Manuel (Acting National Treasurer).

Comrade Manuel reported that it was impossible to submit an audited financial report because both national treasurers were imprisoned facing charges of treason.

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The Security police had also confiscated National, as well as some regional, financial records.

NGC accepted the explanation and agreed that our lawyers be instructed to demnad the return of all UDF documentation from the security police. Comrade Manuel was given permission to comment on the general administration of Finances within the Front. The following points were made:-

- The question of finances is a delicate one for all political organisations. Proper administration and accountability is of utmost importance
- Financial self-sufficiency would safe-guard our organisations and operations in the long run. Reliance on funds from Head Office minimised affiliate control over finances.

In terms of a future financial strategy, proper budgets will facilitate planned use of funds and undercut the tendency to overspend.

Acceptance of the financial report was moved by Border and seconded by Transvaal.

The report was unanimously accepted by NGC.

Session Four:

4.1 Elections for National Executive Committee

Comrades Laloo Chibba and Eric Molobe were called upon to act as electoral officers.

The out-going NEC was thanked for their outstanding contribution to the Front since its inception.

The following comrades were unanimously elected to Office:

National Presidents (Non- NEC Positions)

- 1. Comrade Albertina Sisulu
- 2. Comrade Archie Gumede

National Executive Committee

Executive Chairperson : Curnick Ndlovu
General Secretary : Popo Molefe
Publicity Secretary : Mosiuoa Lekota
Treasurer : Azhar Cachalia
Other Members : Steve Tshwete

- : Zoli Malindi
- : Mcebisi Xundu
- : Edgar Ngoyi
- : Makhenkesi Stofile
- : Yunus Mohammed
- : Trevor Manuel
- : Mohammed Valli
- : Derrick Swartz
- : Jomo Khasu
- : Titus Mofolo
- : Oliver Mohapi

4.2 Statement from the NGC

A draft statement was read out by Comrade Lekota. After some discussion, the amended copy (included in NGC booklet) was adopted.

4.3 Acceptance Speech:

By Chairperson, Comrade Ndlovu.

On behalf of the newly elected NEC, Comrade Ndlovu thanked the NGC for the trust they had shown in those elected. He stressed that the UDF was facing tough challenges and that the NEC could only provide strong leadership with the assistance of all affiliates. He wished regions well in the implementation of a programme of action which will encompass our theme.

4.4 Vote of Thanks:

Heartfelt thanks was expressed for the contributions to the smooth running of the NGC made by the following comrades:

- The outgoing NEC
- Delegates
- Azaadville Community
- St. Mary's Cathedral
- Mr Carrim, the caretaker of the Azaadville community Centre
- Mr Saloojee, the cook
- caterers and volunteers from the Transvaal region.
- 4.5 The NGC was closed at 4.35 pm with the singing of the National Anthem

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY
UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT
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re: TRAVELLING CASH VOUCHERS

Thanks for the allowance received on the 24th March, (cheque no. 000363), and regional grant, (cheque no. 000345), both dated 27th March 1985.

Please receive from me vouchers for the month of February for travelling. You'll notice that the vouchers cover the period between the 1st - 17th February, whereas the petty cash slips cover the whole month.

The period beyond 17th February was financed by the regional office to which the vouchers have been forwarded for purposes of proper accounting.

In February I submitted vouchers for January amounting to R192.00 and received from the head office R108.00 with a commitment that the balance would be paid off at the end of February. (Copy of the letter to that effect not at disposal now).

I hereby wish to remind the head office of the commitment.

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 - 6.5 National Working Committee
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 - Regional General Councils 6.7
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Vice Recipent : (NEC)
The National Executive Committee shall consist of:-7.2.1.

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 b. National Publicity Secretary P. LEKOTA
 c. National General Secretary AZAR CHACHALIA
 d. National Treasurer Pologo Melufa
 e. One secretary from each REC.
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UDF - IYY NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE(S. A.)

WORKING DOCUMENT (which emerged as a result of IYY-national co-ordinators meeting held at Khotso House, Johannesburg)

16 March 1985

Introduction: This document has been drafted with the precise aim of giving direction to the progressive youth organisations in South Africa when taking on the United Nations initiative on the INternational Youth year. By now we all know that the United Nation's General Assembly declared 1985 the International Youth Year on the 7th Dec 1979. In this conference two major political forces opposed to the South African government were represented. These are the South West African People's Organisation (Swapo) of Namibia and the African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa.according to documents from the United Nations IYY-Desk. whe shall realise that a working document is like a policy of an organisation which gives clear direction to the membership in their daily activities pursuance of the organisation's atms and objectives. It serves as a guiding principle to any action or campaign to be taken. It gives clarity and uniformity to practice and theory. In short, it makes it possible for our ideas and beliefs to be carried out in action without any contradiction. Therefore, in taking on the International Youth Year under the theme of Participation Development and Peace, we find this theme suited to South African conditions in terms of our understanding of it and relating it to action.

We live in a South African society that is torn apart by the division of its people into workers and the bosses and again into a white minority privileged group and the deprived African majority including other groups. The bosses are merely interested in the labour of all working SOuth Africans who produce profit for them, irrespective of colour or creed; while at the same time the majority of the oppressed people in the country have no political, economic, social and other rights in the country of their birth.

We hereby submit as young South Africans and declare for the World to know that the struggle for total self-determination of our people is

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at the same time the struggle to do away with control of workers by the bosses. We further emphasise that we cannot destroy the system of exploitation without the liberation of the oppressed majority, in fact these two are inter-twined. We therefore understand our struggle to be addressing itself to national liberation as well as class exploitation.

Theme of the United Nations on the International Youth Year: Participation Development and Peace. We young people of South Africa submit that this is what we understand of the theme, as related to our situation.

Participation: The South African government has forcefully removed and dumped the majority of the African people in Bantustans, where there is no basic industry to supply people with work, where the land is dry and cannot be ploughed and where there is death and disease because of famine and unemployment; the Black Local Authorities Act was devised by the National Party as a local and municipal government for urban blacks. This community council structure is responsible for high rents, high electricity bills etc in our townships; the tri-came ral Parliament/the Presidents Council is government manouvre to co-opt a section of our oppressed people to defend apartheid at the border. All these government structures have been rejected unanimously by our people through various campaigns waged in the past.

We therefore submit that by Participation we understand:

- i The right to vote and full participation in the political, economic, social and educational decision making machinery of our country.
- ii. The right to Participate in social, cultural, sporting and political activities and mix freely across the colour line without restraints from the Group Areas Act.
- iii. The right to Participate in the activities of the progressive youth organisations locally and internationally.
- iv. The right to Participate in organising the youths in our townships.
- v. To Participate in building and launching youth organisations locally and nationally.
- vi. To Participate in the United Nations initiative of the International Youth Year through activities and campaigns.

<u>Development</u>: Bantu Education now called Department of Education and Training, limits the scope of the African child and stifles his or her talents; the Job Reservation Act; blocks all job opportunities to the oppressed majority; the projection of western culture in our schools and SABC TV undermines and suppresses our own people's culture; the

seperate Amenities Act provides for few facilities of lower quality and no theatres and cultural youth centres in our townships.

Therefore we submit that:

- i. The SOuth African government is deliberately denying to Develop the talents and skills of its young people through the enforcement of an inferior education system in order to further the policy of apartheid.
- ii. Job discrimination negates the notion of Developing an equitable and skilled working force amongst young people.
- iii. The development of our culture, particularly poetry, music and drama could be accelerated with access to theatres youth centres and other facilities in our townships.
- iv. Another impediment to our cultural Development is the banning of our songs, poems and plays which express our true feelings by the South African censorship Board.
- v. The youths and students of this country shall continue to strive for a free, compulsory, dynamic and non-racial Education system which will open the doors of learning and culture to all young South Africans irrespective of colour or creed.

Peace: The deployment of riot squad police and the SADF in our townships to kill young people; the Internal Security Act empowering the security police to keep a political detainee in prison independently without trial; the President's Council and Black Local Authorities Act to extend the base of apartheid; the banning and imprisonment of our leaders and other political prisoners is certainly not the way towards achieving Peace in South Africa.

We therefore submit that the conditions which would herald Peace in South Africa are:

- i. The unconditional release of our recognised leadership and other political prisoners and detainees.
- ii. The unbanning of all banned political organisations in the country.
- iii. The unbanning of all banned political activists in the country.
- iv. The unconditional return of all political exiles and leaders including banished political activists.
- v. The withdrawal and future curbing of riot squad police and SADF deployment from our townships.
- vi. The suspension of the Republic of South AfricanConstitution and all apartheid laws.
- vii. And to engage in dialogue with the authentic and recognised leadership of our people now imprisoned and exiled.

Youth

We appreciate the United Nations' definition of Youth, but we South African youths define ourselves differently. Firstly, our youth organisations consist of young workers, young married couples, the unemployed, students and other culturally and politically motivated young people. We do not define youth in terms of age, although certain constitutions stipulate between the ages of 15 and 35. It is commitment to and involvement in the cause of youth that is primary. Devotion towards the achievement of the aims and objectives of young people in the country, like organising and strengthening youth organisations, is what makes one a youth. This includes both rural and urban youths.

Brief UN General Strategy on IYY

The generalstrategy of the UN in adopting the International Year of the Youth was to promote youth participation in social, economic, cultural and political development, according to the <u>UN Quarterly</u> <u>Bulletin</u> no. 1-2, 1983.

It divided the TYY programme into three phases.

First phase: 1983-1984

Formation of national coordination structures throughout the world. Second phase: 1985

Planning long-term objectives and implementation of IYY activities throughout the World.

Third phase: 1986-1995

Evaluation of policies, strategies, plans and programmes of action.

Our strategic approach to IYY

We have already made our point clear that we do not see IYY activities as separate from the way we have been engaging ourselves in the task of mobilising, drganising and consolidating our youth members and structures.

A. General Objectives

- 1. To contribute to the dismantling of the apartheid system which has also been declared a heresy by the international world.
- 2. To continue to contribute to the struggle for liberation and the creation of a just, peaceful and equal society.

B. Objective Conditions

1. Security police harrassment and state repression of our youth activists and organisations.

- 2. Lack of recreational facilities particularly theatres and community youth centres where young people could carry out there cultural activities.
- 3. Poor coordination regionally and nationally because of lack of finances and resources.
- 4. Lack of politically developed youth activists on the youth front regionally and nationally.
- 5. Low level of political awareness amongst young people in other social, cultural and religious youth groups in the country.

C. Subjective Conditions

- 1. To make representation to the UN and the international world to highlight state repression of youth initiatives in the country.
- 2. To challenge state repression in the courts of law through our legal representatives
- 3. To consciously develop and train youths to achieve a higher political understanding of their situation.
- 4. To strive and make representations to acquire finance and resources.
- 5. To build a politically developed leadership on the youth front, regionally and nationally.

D Specific Objectives

- 1. To undermine the state's initiative on IYY and project the Freedom Charter, the Education Charter and the United Democratic Front (UDF).
- 2. To mobilise and organise the youth through IYY activities.
- 3. To build youth leadership and strengthen our organisations.
- 4. To build cohesion and communication regionally and nationally.
- 5. To forge international relations with friendly countries, antiapartheid groups and youth organisations.
- 6. To secure material gains for the youth organisations during the International Youth Year.
- 7. To promote unity among young people and youth organisations, both in the urban and rural areas.

E Strategic Approach

- 1. To counter the South African government's initiative on IYY by spearheading youth activity in our townships.
- 2. To challenge the state from exercising its influence ideologically on young people both regionally and nationally.
- 3. To intensify regional campaigns of IYY.

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This meeting of more than 300 committed and enthusiastic delegates, representing millions of people throughout the country on this Easter weekend in Azaadville is ample proof and eloquent testimony to the strength and resilience of the UDF as a mass organisation.

Meeting in the context of state repression unparalleded in the past twenty five years and on the basis of overwhelming popular support throughout the country, the UDF continues to represent and articulate the genuine needs and demands of all democratic South Africans.

There is still time for the racist minority regime to consult with the authentic leaders of the people, with the sole objective of making the necessary arrangements for the speedy and effective dismantling of the apartheid state and the transfer of power to the people.

The precondition for the achievement of peace in this country is the removal of the evil apartheid system. That is why we say that our struggle for liberation is a struggle for peace.

Not one more drop of blood need be shed; Not one more family need live in misery and starve; No man or woman need go without work; Not one more family need go without shelter;

if these conditions are met.

The state and its agents are engaged in the wholesale letting of blood in the townships, billions of rands are spent maintaining apartheid structures; while subsidies for essential food are reduced or withdrawn, raised GST pays for SADF aggressions. Instead of homes at affordable rent, adequate recreational facilities, equal, democratic education, the people experience ever increased misery and oppression.

We also meet at a time of unequalled world-wide support from ordinary men and women, organisations in all countries committed to the elimination of racism, and of most governments throughout the world. Against this massive show of international solidarity, the right wing Reagan/Thatcher/Kohl axis and their allies continue to bolster the apartheid regime.

Oppressed and democratic South Africans demand that these imperialist powers support the forces of justice and democracy. They must abandon their traditional role in backing the oppressive and undemocratic governments purely for motives of greed and profit. Their international duty is to support the just struggle of the South African people for peace, justice and freedom.

We take the opportunity during this period of grave crises, when the progressive forces are being threatened on all fronts, to remind those individuals and organisations who use different methods and strategies from our own, to desist from attacking the UDF and fragmenting the ranks of the oppressed by employing empty rhetoric and unworkable programmes.

We call on them to be mindful that the state is arming its agents, seeking to strengthen its support and broaden its base by coopting the Hendrickses, Rajbansis, the Sebes and the Buthelezis, and it

therefore becomes the historic duty of all who oppose apartheid to foster unity.

We have analysed our weaknesses and recognised our shortcomings. We are fully resolved in the coming years to increase the effectiveness and democratic content of our organisations, to raise the quality of our activists and leadership, to translate our living experiences amongst the people during struggle into viable programmes and to transcend the constraints of regional differences.

We recognise the need to encourage the increased and dynamic participation of progressive trade unions within our Front and to build the UDF so that it accurately reflects the centrality and leadership of the African masses in our struggle.

Finally we pledge to organise the masses of our people to effectively challenge the apartheid state by fustrating its efforts, preventing its advance, forcing its retreat and if possible to cut off all its lines of retreat.

We therefore make the following immediate demands as the beginning of a process of transition from the prevailing oppressive and exploitative order to a democratic state:

- 1. the immediate scrapping of the 1913 and 1936 Land Acts and all Group Areas Laws, and an end to any form of forced removals
- 2. the dissolution of the bantustans and the ending of the migratory labour system
- 3. the scrapping of the tri-cameral parliament and all other puppet bodies created under the Black Local Authorities Act and other instruments of racist rule
- 4. a unified and democratic education system
- 5. the repeal of the pass laws and all other restrictions on freedom of movement
- 6. the right of workers to freely organise in trade unions, to collectively bargain and the right to strike without being penalised, the right to security or employment, housing, social welfare, pensions and maternity benefits, as laid down in the United Nations Human Rights Covenants and the Charters of the Internations Labour Organisation
- 7. the release of all political prisoners, the unbanning of the banned, the lifting of all restrictions on freedom of speech and assembly
- 8. the disbanding of the SADF, Koevoet, the SAP and all other repressive apparatuses
- the scrapping of all barbaric 'security' laws which violate the fundamental freedoms set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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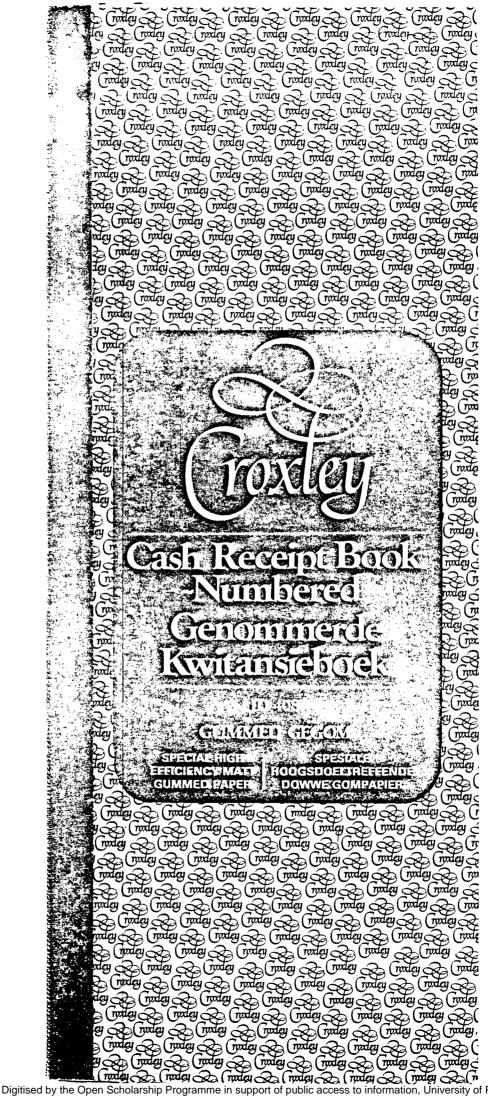
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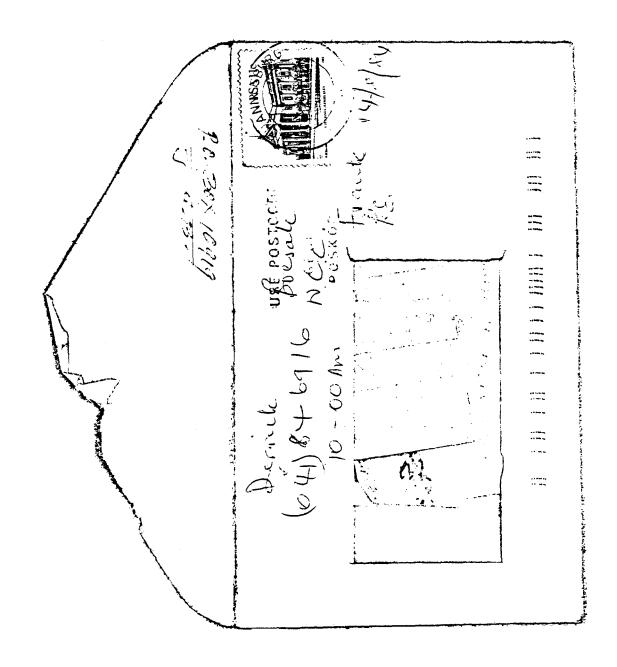
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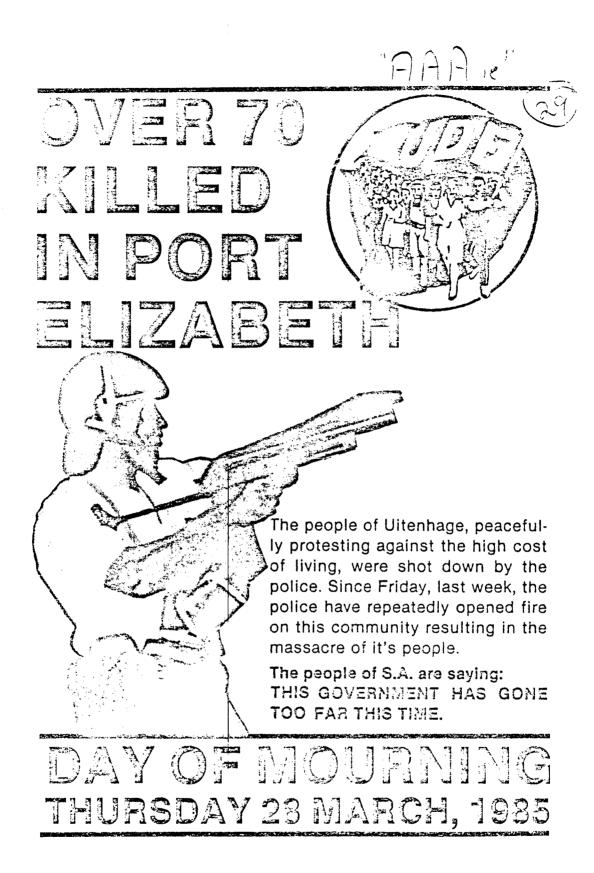


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A STORY OF TERROR

Innocent people in Uitenhage were ruthlessly gunned down simply because they protested against the ever-increasing cost of living.

The Port Elizabeth Black Community Organisation (PEBCO) called on the people to unite against these increases by organising a weekend of protest.

Together with PEBCO the people decided they will stay away from thecity centres for the weekend (16 and 17 March) and stayaway from work on Monday, 18 March.

The stayaway was 100% successful but the peaceful nature of theprotest was brought to an end when police shot down the people. By Monday they had already killed 13 people and wounded many more.

On Thursday, exactly 25 years since 69 people were gunned down by police in Sharpville, the police once again opened fire. They shot down people who were peacefully marching to bury 6 of their friends who had been killed in the weekend.

But this time they went too far. Using rifles they killed 17 people and wounded hundreds.

APARTHEID IS VIOLENCE

The history of apartheid has been a history of violence against ourpeople:

- In Sharpville, on 21 March 1969, 69 people were gunned down and 187 were injured.
- In Soweto in 1976, 1000's were massacred and injured.
- Again in 1980, during the education boycotts, students in many parts of the country were mercilessly shot down.
- In the Vaal Triangle, last year hundreds were killed.

And today, once again apartheid is responsible for spilling the blood of yet anothe 43 people in Uitenhage.

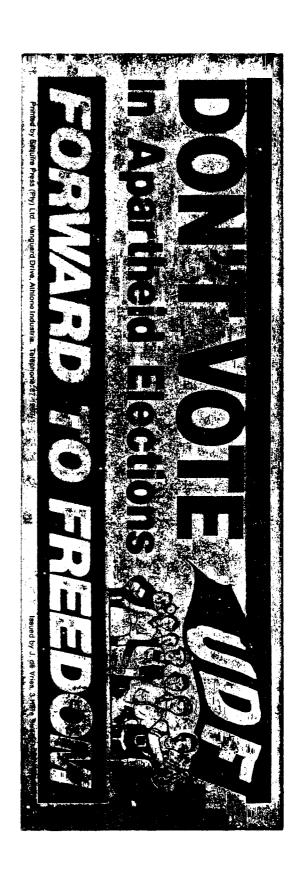
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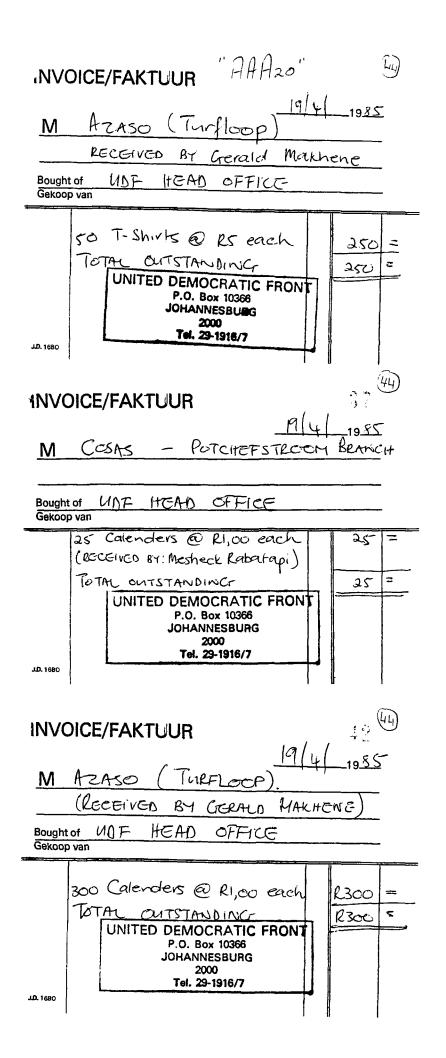
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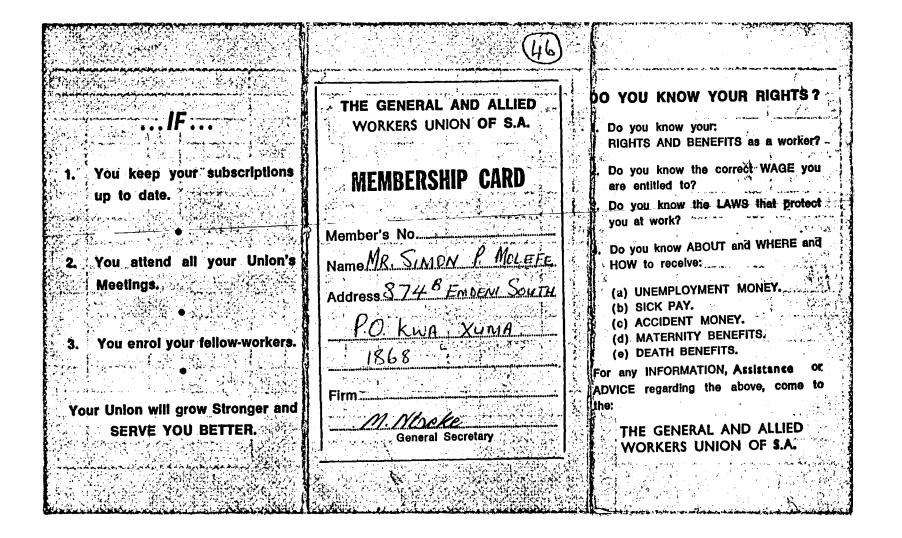
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END THIS VIOLENCE!

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