

## **CONCLUSION**

We are living in a history making period. The oppressed people are on the march to liberation. Unity of the oppressed is our **PRIORITY NUMBER ONE!** The ruling class will do everything in its power to break that unity. It will do so through its army of agents – paid and unpaid. These agents come in all shapes and forms. And always disguised. Some will pose as educationists, others as civil defence organisers and others still as holy men. Increasingly these agents will ply their filthy trade by using every trick in the book to divide us.

The various sections of the oppressed must learn to trust each other. It is only in an atmosphere of trust and confidence that true unity can thrive and flourish. As a first step we must be on guard 24 hours a day against the mischief-making of the Deedats of this country.

# **CITY PRESS - MISCHIEF-MAKER: - An attempt to sow division between the Unity Movement and Azapo**

Newspapers, radio and television play a powerful role in society, not just as the disseminators of news, but also as moulders of public opinion. In S.A. the Press, radio and television are all controlled by the ruling class, and frequently play sinister games in the spreading of news and ideas. Depending on circumstances, they are able to project people, organisations, individuals and events in a special way, which, while not outright lies, are biased to one extent or another. In this way, they influence and shape people's thinking because of the manner in which news is presented. It is with this background in mind that we have to view a feature article in "City Press", (owned by the Afrikaner Nationalist establishment, Nasionale Pers) on 11 May 1986, on the name "Azania" for South Africa.

The one article, by historian, Makhaola Bolofo, for the Unity Movement in exile, traces the history of the word "Azania," and comes to the conclusion that "Azania" is an unsuitable name for S.A. because it has "imperialist, colonialist and slavery connotations". "City Press" drops the bombshell that the Unity Movement has suggested an alternative name to "Azania," namely, "Maluti". Right next to this article is the Azapo viewpoint expressed in an article taken from "Frank Talk" by George Wauchope. It in turn makes a case for the use of the word "Azania" to describe S.A., and ends by saying that to some people "Maluti" is artificial and arbitrary. We say that "City Press" has now taken on the role of mischief-maker, amongst its other functions. We, in the Unity Movement have never taken a decision on a name for South Africa. Worse is to follow. Upon enquiry we have discovered that the Unity Movement in exile has also never taken a decision to call or suggest that S.A. be called "Maluti". Indeed, "Maluti" is as strange and "artificial" to members of the Unity Movement as it is to George Wauchope!

If "City Press" is trying to drive a wedge between adherents of the Unity Movement and Azapo we would like to set the record straight and clear. We have always treated Azapo as a sister organisation of the oppressed and exploited, in the liberatory struggle, and our relationship with Azapo has been a friendly and warm one. We may differ on aspects of our struggle, or aspects of the Black Consciousness philosophy, or its stand on a particular matter, but at no time whatsoever was the name "Azania" an issue. Indeed, some of us may have reservations about the word, but it is very clear that no-one is going to fight over it. What is significant is that "City Press" is being mischievous in trying to drive a wedge between the two organisations by pretending that a major dispute exists on the issue of the name for S.A. A casual reader, not informed of the truth, would indeed believe that Azapo and ourselves are at loggerheads over the name "Azania". Nothing can be further from the truth. Let us be on guard against the divisive tactics of the ruling class and its agents. Our attitude is that a free and democratic S.A. will choose its own name. At the appropriate time the Nation will decide. It is not our wish to enter into a self-defeating arguments with our brothers in struggle. **City Press, take heed ! !**