

Seventeen resolutions were passed by the Conference including one which called on Mr Archie Gumede, President of the United Democratic Front, to consider his refusal to meet the President of Inkatha to discuss the need for Black unity.

In another resolution, the Conference called on the Anglican Diocese of Natal to investigate the conduct of the Rev Mcebisi Xundu, the rector of Lamontville.

The motion said the priest had allegedly sown seeds of division among the population of Lamontville and had allegedly, through his conduct and utterances, there has been wanton destruction of property and loss of life in the township.

The National Council of Inkatha said in a resolution that the residents of Lamontville should be given the opportunity to express their opinion on the matter of incorporation into KwaZulu without fear of being intimidated by "lawless dissidents" in that township.

TO FURTHER DEMOCRATIC BLACK POWER

The Conference resolved:

(1) That the South African struggle for liberation is being waged by the Black people of South Africa and that it is the prime responsibility of Blacks to wage the struggle here at home in what ever arenas can be created to oppose apartheid and a Government based on racism.

This Conference believes that not only is the struggle a South African struggle, waged by South Africans in South Africa, but that it is directed by South Africans here in this country.

We further believe that the most efficient means of bringing about radical change in South Africa is democratic opposition and the establishment of strong Black bargaining positions from which radical changes can be negotiated.

We therefore resolve yet again to commit ourselves to bringing about radical change through non-violent

means and to mobilise the people against apartheid and if necessary to mobilise the country's Black consumer power and the power of its Black workers to avoid the need to use violence which the failure of Black Democratic opposition would foreshadow.

TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN INVESTMENT

(2) This Conference believes that desperate poverty leading to hunger, malnutrition and personal, family and community disequilibrium undermines the Black struggle for liberation in this country, and it believes the more people have to gain, the harder they are prepared to struggle.

We therefore resolve to call upon the President and the combined leadership of Inkatha to foster economic development both in the formal and informal sector and to do everything in their power to encourage responsible foreign investment in South Africa.

TO FOSTER BLACK UNITY

(3) This Conference applauds the President of Inkatha for the very con-

certed effort he is making to further black unity in opposition to apartheid. This Conference endorses the views of the President and the membership of Inkatha which relates Black unity to the common acceptance of the multi-strategy approach in which there is a division of labour between Black political organisations.

We call on the President of the United Democratic Front to re-think his response to the invitation from Inkatha's President to discuss the need for Black unity with him, Inkatha and members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly.

TO BACK TRADE UNIONS

(4) This Conference being aware of the fact that the vast majority of its members are peasants and workers, believes that there is a common cause between Inkatha and Black trade unions. We therefore applaud the decision taken by the National Sugar and Refining and Allied Industries Employees' Union to affiliate to Inkatha.

We resolve to call upon the President, Inkatha's leadership and Inkatha's membership to do everything in their power to further the aims and objectives of trade unions affiliated to Inkatha wherever they are compatible with Inkatha's own aims and objectives.

TO ENDORSE ORIGINAL AIMS OF THE ANC

(5) This Conference states its beliefs that not only do Inkatha's aims and objectives endorse the aims and objectives of the founding fathers of the African National Congress, but go further to express the aims and objectives in an idiom that the founding fathers would themselves have adopted in today's circumstances.

We resolve to remain democratically committed to the people of South Africa and to express the political traditions of Black South Africa as they have evolved in the hearts and minds of the masses.

TO PURSUE INKATHA'S BELIEFS

(6) This Conference re-affirms its commitment to the Movement's aims and objectives embodied in the constitution and reflected in Inkatha's Statement of Belief. It expresses the belief that Inkatha serves these objectives for the benefit of all South Africans and is determined to pursue them



as a democratic right.

We resolve to defend its right to serve in the struggle for liberation by pursuing Inkatha's aims and objectives and further resolves not to be intimidated into abandoning its commitments even in the face of death itself.

TO ASSESS DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

(7) This Conference endorses the view that even the maximum development of the country's cash economy will not, for the very foreseeable future, enable people with even the best intentions to banish poverty, ignorance and disease amongst millions of Black South Africans. It further endorses the view that Inkatha as a mass movement must do everything in its power to develop self-help schemes which enable the people to survive unemployment and mass poverty.

We resolve to call upon the KwaZulu Development Corporation to assess the development needs of the poorest of the poor, both in urban and rural situations, in consultation with the Bureau for Community Development and Youth Affairs and with the Inkatha Development Office in order:

- (a) to determine a priority list of development needs;
- (b) to make recommendations about the management of self-help development projects;
- (c) to avoid the wastage of human and material resources;
- (d) to make recommendations to the President about the structuring and control of all of his instruments of development.

TO PROTECT FOREIGN NEIGHBOURS

(8) This Conference believes that it is wrong for Black South Africans involved in the struggle for liberation to undertake ill-considered and foolhardy schemes which necessitate neighbouring States paying the price of their failure.

We resolve to assure President Machel of Mocambique that the struggle for liberation being waged in South Africa will be an Accord between the people of Mocambique and a liberated South Africa.

TO STRENGTHEN THE MOVEMENT

(9) This conference recognises that the magnitude of Inkatha's growth and the massiveness of it as a Black constituency rests on widespread popular support for the President of Inkatha and for aims and objectives which the movement pursues. We also recognise

the need to preserve democracy wherever it is practised and believe that ordinary members at the branch level constitute the real power of Inkatha and that Inkatha's leaders at all levels are the servants of the people.

We therefore resolve to burden the Secretary-General and the Assistant Secretary-General and all members of the Central Committee who initiate branches, with the very real responsibility of informing people at grassroot level that it is their prerogative to replace branch officials when there is consensus among ordinary members and when such consensus is established by a petition signed by a number of ordinary branch members to be determined by the Central Committee, that such changes are in the interests of their branch, the movement and the struggle for liberation.

We further resolve to request the Secretary-General to ensure that each and every branch is informed about the procedure laid down in the constitution.

We request the Central Committee to investigate the advisability of making standing rules and regulations which are explicit, and which provide suitable procedure for ordinary members of the movement in any branch to call for a special branch meeting where the branch committee can be requested to account to members for their behaviour and for decisions they may have taken.

The Central Committee is further requested to include in the rules procedure for advising the Secretary-General of any such special meeting to enable him to send an observer, who shall be a member of the Central Committee to such a meeting.

TO WORK TOWARDS NEGOTIATION

(10) Realising that a negotiated settlement is a recipe for peaceful change in this country, this conference views with concern the wide chasm that exists in the relations between the Prime Minister Mr PW Botha, and the President of Inkatha, but applauds the President's outright rejection of Mr Botha's invitation to lunch before they had met in man-to-man talks to resolve their differences.

TO INVESTIGATE REV. MCEBISI XUNDU

(11) This conference requests the Church of the Province Diocese of

Natal to investigate the conduct of Rev. Mcebisi Xundu, the Rector of Lamontville, who has allegedly sown seeds of division amongst the population of Lamontville and allegedly through his conduct and utterances there has been wanton destruction of property and loss of life.

TO ENCOURAGE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

(12) This conference resolves that the Central Committee should encourage seminars and workshops for leadership training courses.

TO WORK WITH OTHERS

(13) Members of Inkatha should associate themselves with and such membership of organisations whose objectives, policies and strategies are in accord with those of Inkatha.

TO INSPECT BRANCH FINANCES

(14) Members of the Central Committee should first inspect the branch register, bank books and cash books before proceeding to inaugurate new branches. The same procedure should be followed in the case of branch renewals.

TO CONDEMN BLACK VIOLENCE

(15) This conference strongly condemns all types of black on Black confrontation which leads to needless and fruitless loss of or damage to life and property whether these be by:

- (a) Inter-tribal and intra-tribal faction fighting;
- (b) Politically motivated assassinations or assassination attempts.

TO ESTABLISH BULK-BUYING CLUBS

(16) In view of the fact that the General Sales Tax is hitting the underprivileged members of the community, this conference resolves that bulk buying clubs should be established in all branches of Inkatha so as to cushion the effects of GST.

TO COUNTER DISTORTIONS

(17) This conference applauds the action of the President of Inkatha in sending emissaries overseas to correct the distorted utterances of the UDF of the tragic events of October 29 1983 at the University of Zululand and those created by ABRECSA.