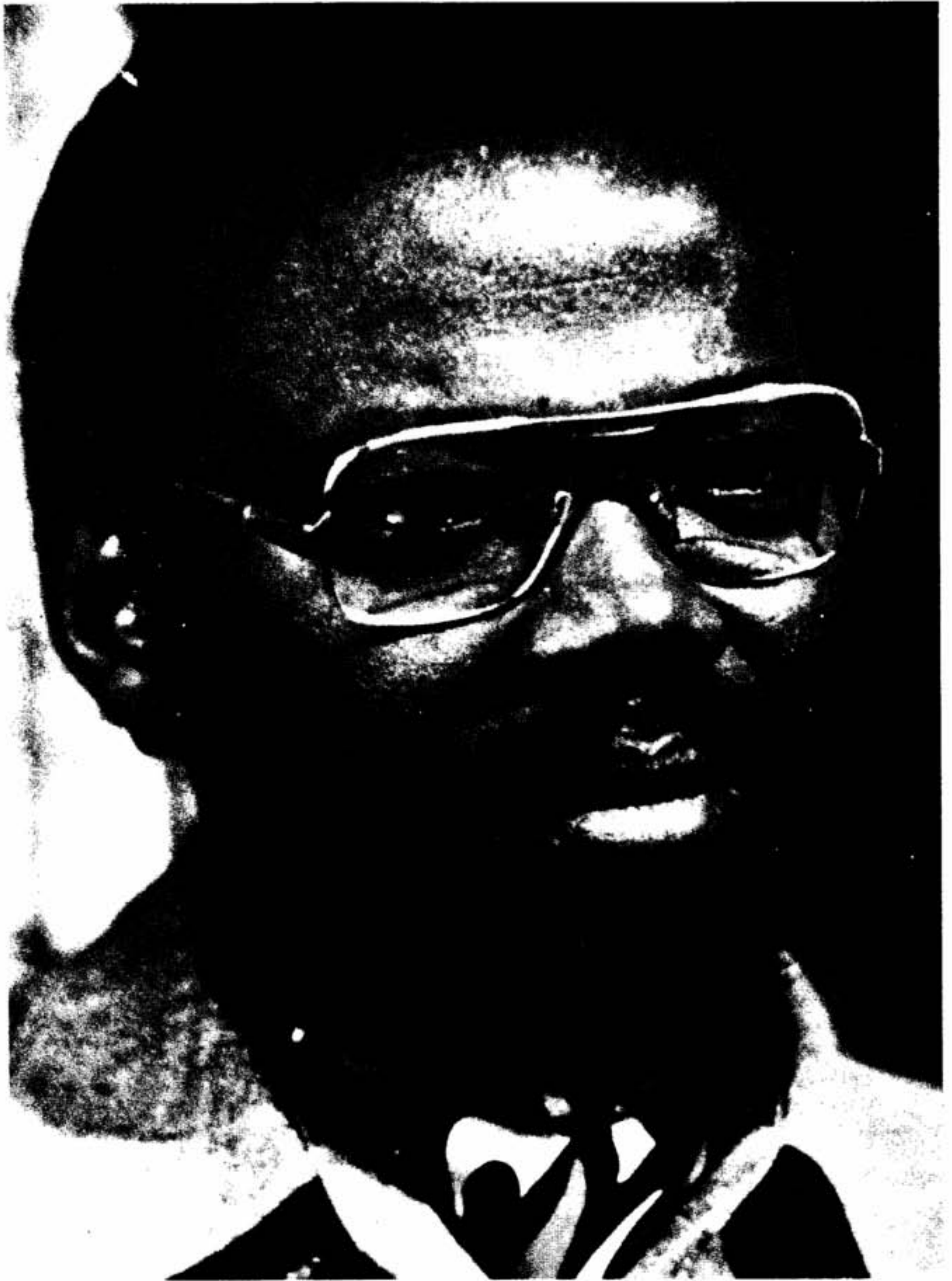


ONGOYE UNIVERSITY INCIDENT ORCHESTRATED



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IDEOLOGICAL PARTY POLITICAL FUNCTION.

It is my duty to South Africa to put the events which took place at the University of Zululand on Saturday 29th October in their proper perspective. What actually happened can be easily recounted. We have declared this year to be the year of King Cetshwayo and as one of the greatest sons of the African soil, the King who was the victim of the final onslaught against the Zulu nation by the full might of the British army, deserves to be commemorated by all who hold our traditions dear. Commemo-

ration meetings have been held all over, and it was therefore natural and acceptable that the branch of the Inkatha Youth Brigade at the University of Zululand wanted to hold their own commemoration function on the university campus. The function was not an ideological function or a party political function, it was a cultural event.

THIS PARTICULAR MEETING WAS A CULTURAL MEETING.

I am not saying that the Inkatha Branch of the Youth Brigade on the campus are not entitled to hold an Inkatha meeting there if they so desire. I am emphasising that this particular meeting was a cultural meeting, and I had no hesitation in responding positively to a request by the students asking me to address them at this function.

RECTOR AND THE STAFF KNEW ABOUT IT

During these negotiations and discussions about dates and the preliminary discussions about the meeting, we heard no objections to the function taking place on the campus. It was widely known that the meeting was to be held. The rector knew about it, members of staff knew about it and the student body knew about it. I emphasise this point, because it underlines the fact that opposition to the event which finally surfaced only a few days before it was to take

place, was an orchestrated and calculated bit of nasty politics.

MR J.S. MAPHALALA'S OFFICE NEARLY BURNT

I was surprised by press reports of student opposition to the event taking place and I was shocked by the incident on the 28th October when students tried to burn down the office of Mr J.S. Maphalala, a member of the Inkatha Central Committee who teaches at the University. Quite clearly on the day before the event was to take place a clique amongst the students attempted to create the kind of chaos which would prevent the function taking place. Again, I am emphasising that aggression directed against a cultural event was not of our making.

PROFESSOR NKABINDE THREATENED WITH DEATH.

On Friday, the 28th October police intervened and in clashes with some students tear gas was used and this shows the extent to which disruption had been attempted. Only days before the meeting I was informed that anonymous circulars were being passed around on the University campus objecting to my visit, and threatening Professor Nkabinde with death if I did not stay away. Again, aggression, the use of violence and threats of death emerged as an attempt to disrupt our plans and to send us running away with our tails between our legs.

STUDENTS PLANNING TO MURDER CHIEF BUTHELEZI.

I also received a message from someone whose daughter is a student at the University of Zululand warning me that students were planning to murder me if I visited the University. My information was that Mr. Hertzog Dube, a local resident of the Dlangezwa area, was spreading the word that if I visited the University, there would be violence. We know Mr. Dube; he is a nasty piece of work. He once tried to incite members of

the Mkhwanazi tribe at Dlangezwa to attack my Minister of Justice, the Hon. C.J. Mtetwa, and my Minister of Agriculture, The Hon. Chief L.C. Dlamini. Mr Dube was also suspected of being involved when the Mkhwanazi tribesmen hacked their chief to death with pangas. Again, Mr. Dube's involvement indicates that the planned use of violence on the campus was orchestrated. The violence which erupted on Saturday morning was not of our making.

“GATSHA IS A DOG, GATSHA IS SHIT”

With a cultural event such as the one Inkatha students planned at the University, it is natural for young people to travel from great distances to attend the functions. The members of the Inkatha Youth Brigade began arriving on Friday and they continued arriving throughout the night, and filled with patriotism and the exuberance of youth, filled with pride at being part of a commemoration of our great King Cetshwayo, they marched around the campus singing patriotic songs and expressing the joys of youth. I can imagine the deep sense of shock that they experienced when cliques of students began abusing me within their hearing. These cliques of mischief makers who had been plotting the violence that erupted deliberately goaded the Inkatha youth gathering on the campus by singing derogatory songs and saying “Gatsha is a dog, Gatsha is shit.” One can understand their sense of shock and dismay when they heard this kind of abuse and when students were singing these kind of derogatory songs about me and Inkatha. The shock and dismay turned to anger when they were actually stoned and beer bottles filled with water were thrown. **I deplore violence and I have always tried to lead our youth into democratic and non-violent behaviour.**

Our youth are the sons and daughters of a warrior nation, and they had gone to the University to commemorate one of the greatest warriors in Zulu history, and the simple facts of the matter are that this violence so carefully plotted, so carefully orchestrated and so cunningly executed produced the inevitable counter-violence. Those are the facts of the matter.

EVENTS ORCHESTRATED OVER A DECADE.

The events early on Saturday morning must be seen in the perspective of being just another act in a long sequence of events orchestrated by some people over more than a decade. During the long years of abuse, Inkatha has held its peace in the face of terrible provocation, and it is tragic that so many appear to believe that our refusal to put into practice the political philosophy of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth can be traced to our cowardice. These elements who have denigrated me and Inkatha over the years perhaps believe that we have fallen victim to their vicious propaganda and actually apologise for our beliefs.

WE ALL DEEPLY REGRET THE VIOLENCE OCCURRED ON SATURDAY.

I know the background to the formation of COSAS. It was formed as a front organisation for the ANC's mission in exile. It is not representative of Black youth and South Africa will yet be witness to the fact that Inkatha youth rank amongst the country's most determined freedom fighters, and that the metal in their hearts, the deep commitment they have in the struggle for liberation, is not the commitment of cowardice. On Saturday our youth did no more than defend my honour and the honour of His Majesty the King. In any circumstances it is tragic for youth to be involved in violence. We all deeply regret the violence which occurred on Saturday. Our youth were faced with violence and would have been maimed and perhaps even killed if they could not fend for themselves. We hope that it is now abundantly clear that they can in fact do so.

INKATHA YOUTH NEED NO PROTECTION

It is a malicious lie to say that I was going to import knobkerrie wielding

and assegai-thrusting hostel dwellers to protect the youth on the Campus. Inkatha youth need no protection as the events on Saturday clearly showed. I must warn South Africa that if the kind of provocation continues, which we experienced on Saturday, Inkatha youth will demonstrate their strength and their prowess. We in Inkatha fervently believe in what we are doing. We are committed to the struggle for liberation and we see the issues that are confronting us as life and death issues. The struggle for liberation in South Africa is about noble things and we will not be intimidated into abandoning our deeply felt commitments.

DENIGRATION OF INKATHA IS THE DENIGRATION OF THE PEOPLE.

Inkatha's membership now having passed the 750,000 mark and climbing ever upwards indicates the extent to which Inkatha is a mass movement of the people. The denigration of Inkatha is the denigration of the people and South African surrogates of those who fled the struggle here to seek an easy way out in exile will learn

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sooner or later where the power of the people resides. It is not now the time for us to pay apologetic lip service to the high ideals of Inkatha. The people's anger is rising and the fervour with which we pursue our objectives will deepen.

I HOLD OUR THE HAND OF INKATHA FRIENDSHIP TO EVERY FORCE.

I can say this simply and clearly because while I am saying this I am holding out the hand of Inkatha friendship to every force acting to eradicate the scourge of apartheid in our midst and working to establish a new and just South Africa. I reiterate our fundamental belief that the struggle for liberation is a national struggle in which we must follow many strategies. Different approaches in the struggle are essential and we in Inkatha will respect and support any genuine move to bring about the end of racist oppression in this country.

TO LABEL ME AS A SELL-OUT MUST NOW CEASE.

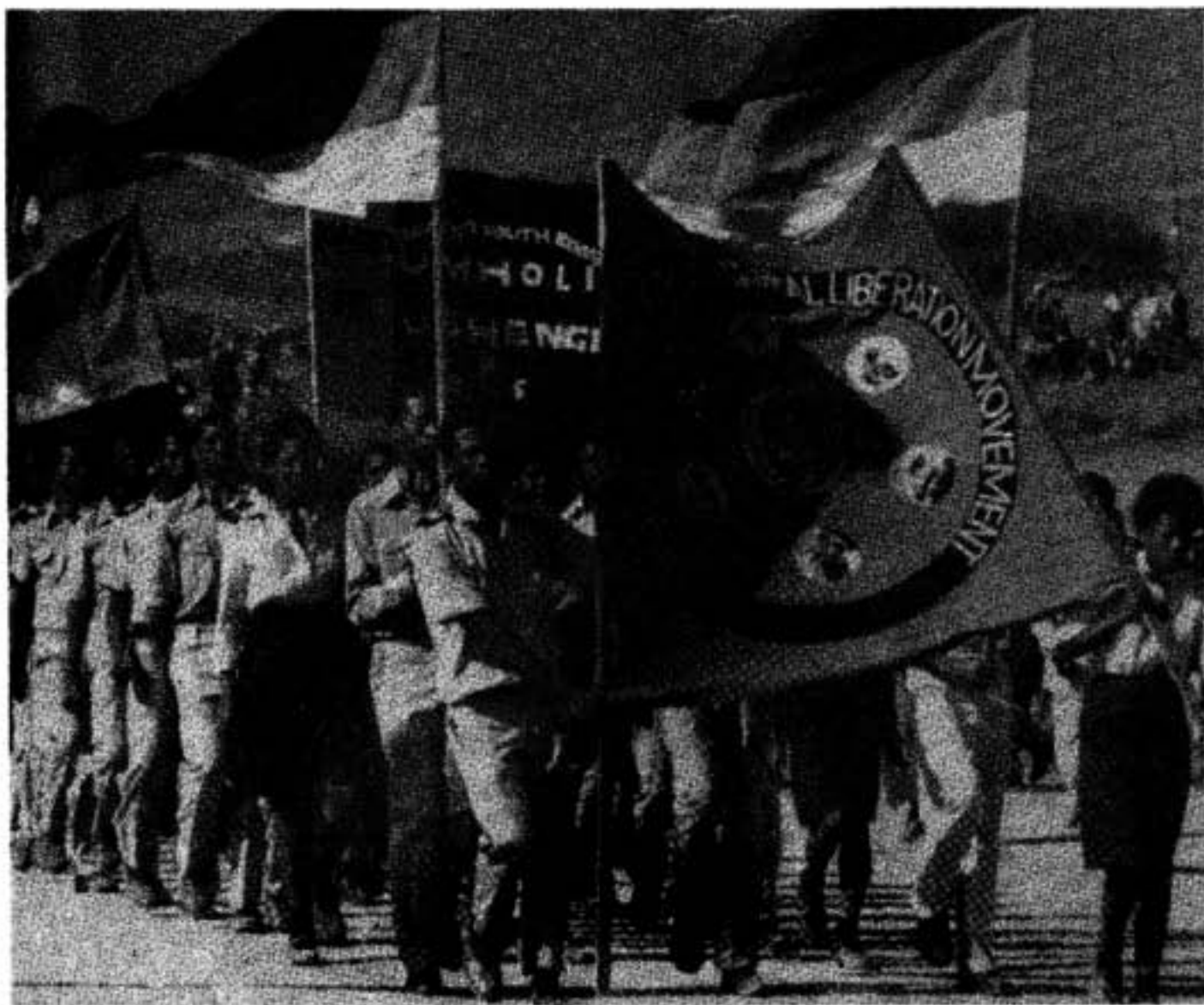
The abuse of me must now cease. Continuing to label me as a sell-out is going to have ugly repercussions. All my political life I have

opposed apartheid with every power at my disposal and over the years of my political involvement, I have built up a Black political force unparalleled in the history of the country. While other leaders have come and gone because they could either not stand the pace or they adopted stupid strategies and tactics which led to defeat, I have not only survived more than 20 tumultuous years in the hurly-burly of politics, but for over two decades my leadership has not wavered, and the political forces I command have increased to make my leadership the most effective in the country. This is the judgment of ordinary South Africans and that is why my support runs into millions who pledge themselves to follow my leadership. This referendum campaign has again demonstrated just how few Black leaders there are who have any national significance. I had to lead the Black viewpoint single-handedly. What other Black leader has done anything about the referendum at the national level? To label me as a sell-out now as I turn to face the toughest set of political circumstances which Black South Africa has ever faced is a dangerous thing to do for

any body or organisation. The mood of the people will not tolerate it. Lies and distortions about my leadership and the denigration of my followers will not deter us. Our commitment to the eternal values of liberty, justice and peace will lead us to wage the battle against apartheid across a wide range of fronts. Those who attempt to create no-go areas for us in the country are siding with the draconian forces of oppression which for decades have done their damndest to destroy the forces of liberation.

TWO KOMBIS FILLED WITH STUDENTS ARRIVED FROM WITWATERSRAND.

The University of Zululand as a State institution controlled by the Department of Education and Training is outside the jurisdiction of KwaZulu, but it is a place in South Africa and we as Africans are free to go there. We are aware of the forces which are trying to make it a no-go place for us; we are more informed than people think. We are informed on how divisive Black forces are attempting to make it their own stamping ground. We are aware, for example, that two kombis filled with students from the Witwatersrand arrived at the University of Zululand during the last couple of days to orchestrate the whole tragic events on Friday and Saturday. This kind of orchestration has been attempted many times in the past. We know the role people like Tom Manthata and Dr. Diliza Mji, the President of SASO from the University of Natal have played in the University of Zululand. In the student body there is no spontaneous opposition to me by students and we know that the cliques there who agitate for violent opposition to me represent an unholy partnership between BOSS and the ANC mission in exile acting through their nominees and surrogates. We know that in part the strategy that has been adopted has been one in which attempts are being made to destroy the integrity of the University and to undermine



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authority there; and we know that some members of staff such as Mr Ndlovu, Professor Ernest Mchunu and Mr Mutloane, leave no stone unturned to orchestrate opposition to me and participate in the degeneration of campus discipline.

CALL FOR A FULL COUNCIL MEETING.

The events of Saturday clearly indicated to me that I must take up my responsibility as Chancellor of the University and to call for a full Council meeting where the whole tragic state of affairs at the University must be discussed. As a democrat I believe opposition in politics is essential for the well-being of the nation. I welcome opposition because without it we do not think as sharply as we would otherwise have to do, and I particularly welcome opposition at a University where young people should be learning how to think for themselves and form their own opinions about politics and the State. But, opposition is only opposition if it is honest and democratic. Opposition which is not honest and democratic is merely a divisive force which shames the nation.

DAGGA AND SHEBEENS IN THE CAMPUS.

My information is that we face a degenerating situation at the University of Zululand. There are some residents there who are no longer students but remain on to

play their political roles. My information is that dagga is freely available on the campus and that shebeens are run by these characters. Forces trying to take over the campus from without and using a small clique of students within the campus undermine the University's authority wherever they can. My information is that there are only seven security officers at the campus and they are unable to ensure orderly and disciplined behaviour. I am informed that female students leave the hostels at night at the peril of being accosted and even raped.

WE LIVE AND DIE AS SOUTH AFRICANS, NOT A ROOTLESS RABBLE.

The proceedings on Saturday as a cultural event involved the Zulu nation in a particular way. While King Chetshwayo was in every sense of the word a true South African he is one of our founding ancestors in this part of the country, and we have a right to honour him publicly. We as Zulus think it despicable that people from other parts of the country with different ethnic origins see fit to desecrate the memory of our King by the kind of campaigns which we saw in evidence on Friday and Saturday. Those who attempt to engender ethnic conflicts in this country must be warned that here in KwaZulu all are welcome, but few will survive

our wrath if they desecrate our hallowed memories. The valour of our forefathers made them the first South Africans and we live and die as South Africans, but we are not a rootless rabble, we are people with a heritage and a dignity and we will not tolerate people from other ethnic backgrounds who do nothing about the terrible circumstances, the betrayals of justice and democracy in the places where they come from. And yet they carry out campaigns of denigration and villification against me, while I fight the apartheid regime single-handed every day of the week, which they would never try in areas from which they originally came.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAS BEEN SHAMED.

We deplore the kind of political hooliganism which was evidenced by those few who tried to turn a peaceful cultural event into an explosive political situation. Those who were responsible for organising the violence which erupted have for ever to bear the burden of guilt for those who died and were seriously injured. His Majesty the King has been shamed; I have been shamed; the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly has been shamed; and Inkatha has been shamed; the people of KwaZulu have been shamed and Black South Africa has been shamed by this disgraceful behaviour and the time has surely come when we must call a halt to treachery in our midst.

TRAGEDY OF NGOYE UNIVERSITY

By M.J. Bhengu



President of Inkatha with the members of the Youth Brigade

The black on black confrontation that took place at the University of Zululand on Saturday 29th October 1983 last month between Inkatha Youth and the students of the University of Zululand is indeed a tragedy of our political lifetime. It was a political battle resulting from divergence of political ideologies. Prof. A.C. Nkabinde, Rector and vice-Chancellor of the University of Zululand was correct when he said: "I think that political