

KWAZULU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CALLS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL MORATORIUM

HUMAN DIGNITY

Believing that God created all men to be free and to have inalienable rights and believing that all forms of human association should be judged against the universally accepted principles which value human dignity, equality between men before God and before the law, freedom of movement in the land of their birth, freedom of association, freedom of speech, freedom of worship, and the freedom to participate on an equal basis in the government of their country, the Members of this House assert their right to the universally acclaimed freedoms which have been distilled out of mankind's experience over many centuries.

WHITE RACIST POWER

And believing that the Members of this House and the people of KwaZulu are free to exercise their rights as South Africans, we declare South Africa to be one country, with one people, with but a single destiny. We further declare the policy of apartheid to be contrary to the intentions of God for mankind, and we call upon all freedom-loving men and women in South Africa to reject

the objectives of the present Government to fragment South African in favour of White racist power.

BOUND BY CONSCIENCE

Bound by our conscience and our duty to KwaZulu and South Africa, we reject the new constitution in part and in whole.

- We reject the new constitution because it has not been approved by the majority of the people of South Africa.
- We reject it because it entrenches racism as a fundamental organising principle of the State.
- We reject it because it constitutionalises the National Party's ideology of apartheid;
- We reject it because it will harden political attitudes, polarise our society and does irreparable harm to the process of negotiation which alone can ensure the creation of a better South Africa through democratic and non-violent means.

We declare that if the new constitution is forced on the country, we can not regard ourselves bound by it and we will

commit ourselves to the reconstitution of the South African State with every means at our disposal.

CONSTITUTION IMPOSED

We reject the new constitution with a sense of foreboding of what will transpire if our voice of reason and responsibility is not heard. We fear that the imposition of this new constitution on South Africa by force will escalate the use of violence for political purposes which we have done all in our power to avoid and will continue to resist, and in our rejection, we as democrats, undertake to consult with our people and lead them so that they may satisfy their aspirations in ways and means in which the people themselves shall determine.

NEGOTIATED FUTURE

We support the Honourable the Chief Minister's call on the Prime Minister, even at this late hour, to call for a moratorium on constitutional development until a formula for a negotiated future has been found. And we call on the people of South Africa to demand a National Convention where the people of South Africa can meet to determine jointly their future.

AZASO PAMPHLET — SCURRILOUS

MEMBERSHIP OF INKATHA — 750,000 MARK

The membership of Inkatha has long since passed the 750,000 mark and Inkatha is a mass movement of the people themselves driving towards victory in the struggle for liberation. It is a colossus of South African politics and the membership of Inkatha in Soweto alone far outnumbers the total membership of AZASO.

TRAGIC EVENTS

When therefore I am confronted



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President of Inkatha

with the scurrilous bit of writing in the AZASO pamphlet under the heading "Massacre at Ngoye" I would normally have thrown it in the waste paper bin with the contempt it deserves. Unfortunately, even despicable things, even things that crawl and creep, can sometimes cause death. I believe that the tragic events which claimed the lives of Inkatha youth and the lives of students at the University of Zululand were brought about by despicable forces which show division among the people.

LUDICROUS SPECTACLE

AZASO with its small number of weedy followers has the temerity and the audacity to accuse me of causing disunity. My brothers and sisters in watching them do so, we see the ludicrous spectacle of a handful of misguided youth telling virtually a whole nation that they the nation cause disunity. Every insult hurled at me is an insult hurled at the Black people of South Africa.

I believe the time has come for every Black parent in this country to take note of the terrible dangers for them all which will follow AZASO's wanton gambling with the deaths of their children.

AZASO — NO HOLY BASE

Black South Africa knows that no single one of us escape the all-pervading net of apartheid. Every African carries the hated pass; every African is subject to influx control laws and now every African, whether he is in an urban area or in a so-called homeland area, is denationalised by apartheid. Soweto is as much a deliberate creation of the National Party's policies as are the so-called homelands. Wherever an African finds himself or herself, they are joined to every other African in suffering by the horrors of apartheid. AZASO has no holy base from which to operate. The struggle for liberation takes place wherever the people live; it takes place in the cities, in the towns, in the villages and in the countryside.

"MASSACRE AT NGOYE"

This pamphlet which I am bringing to your attention headed "Massacre at Ngoye" blames Inkatha for the evils of White racist politics because AZASO itself is too cowardly to admit they they have no effective opposition to offer Black South Africa against apartheid. They are so afraid of tackling apartheid and White baaskap that they turn to snapping at our heels like some cowardly curs. If AZASO thought we were a soft target, they will by now have begun to realise their mistake. And my brothers

and sisters, if they have not yet learnt the errors of their ways and corrected the stupidity of their thinking, they will find that the Inkatha lion has up to now only growled ever so softly. We have not bared our fangs, and I pray to God that AZASO never makes us do so.

AZASO LACKS INTEGRITY

What AZASO lacks in honour, in integrity, and in patriotism, they make up in lies and deceit. In this pamphlet they say and I quote, my brothers and sisters, they say: "The Inkatha (ammabutho) were wielding spears, pangas, guns and kierries. Students had to defend themselves by throwing stones and the amabutho retreated." If we had done the things we are accused of doing at the University of Zululand, no single member of AZASO would be alive to tell the tale.

PAMPHLET

In this pamphlet they paint the picture of students not knowing what was happening, going about their business in the hostels, when we attacked them, axed them down, stabbed them with assegais and clobbered them with kieries. They say we butchered children in their showers; we butchered children sleeping and butchered children on the toilets. The hideousness of the attack they accuse us of, the terrible depths they sink to in the evil distortions they make in this pamphlet can simply not be allowed to persist. Every man, woman and child amongst us with any sense of honour, and any sense of commitment in the struggle for liberation, must now turn to deal with AZASO.

BLACK UNITY

These cowards who have no courage to attack apartheid, who are too lily-livered to confront the country's White racist regime turn to attack us because they have mistaken our commitment to non-violence and to Black unity, and they think that they can attack us with impunity.

A PUPPET

This pamphlet calls me a mongrel, a dog, a bantustan rubber stamp leader. This pamphlet calls me a puppet. They say I confuse and mislead the people into infighting, to exhaust the energies of the people. Calling me by my pet name, they accuse me of preaching non-violence and using violence against Black people. They champion Chief Maphumulo and say we used violence against him because he refused to become an Inkatha member. And they accuse me of regarding anybody who fights injustice in this country as my enemy. They categorise me with people like Chief Sebe; they say I am responsible with Chief Sebe for shooting people and banning trade unions. They say I do not struggle for the people, I only struggle for my own honour. And they say I wrongly use names of the people heroes like King Cetshwayo, King Shaka, King Sekhukhuni and King Hintsa. But they don't even have enough breeding and enough decency to put the title King before these great names. In the same way as they call me by my pet name, this pamphlet simply refers to Shaka, Cetshwayo, Sekhukhuni and Hintsa as though they are the equals of these great Kings.

In their condemnation of me and Inkatha they associate themselves with NUSAS, UDF, Diakonia, and the Natal Indian Congress.

SCUM OF SOUTH AFRICAN YOUTH

I ask you, do you agree with these insults? I ask you, my brothers and sisters, will you tolerate the continuation of these insults? I ask you these questions not simply as rhetorical questions. I am actually asking you what you, the people of South Africa, are going to do about this band of uncouth, lying, deceiving, plotting, scum of South African youth. I am asking you, how we deal with scum organisations like this. Do you want me to leave them to flourish right under our feet? To sharpen their knives amidst us? To corrupt our youth?

And to pour out such a stream of vitriol, lies and denigration that the whole world looks askance at you and abhors you? Do we allow the nation to be abhorred because of the underhand treachery of a small number of youth who have sunk to such low depths? You say

"No" to my questions. You say we cannot tolerate them. You say we must deal with them. Well then, let us deal with them at every opportunity and let us do so with valour and with honour. Our youth died and our people died at the University of Zululand and at

Lamontville. Our righteous indignation has now risen and we can never rest until we purge the student bodies of our youth of the poisonous deceivers who want to lead them to the sacrificial alters of their distorted minds.

RESOLUTIONS ON ONGOYE UNIVERSITY INCIDENT



KwaZulu Legislative Assembly

The KwaZulu Legislative Assembly debated the issue and adopted the following motion:

"As a direct consequence of the tragic events of the last weekend at the University of Zululand where lives were lost and serious injuries sustained and also:

Having regard to repeated episodes of violence directed against KwaZulu leaders and citizens,

This Legislative Assembly moves that the advisability be considered that the Central Government Minister of Education and Training be approached as a matter of the utmost urgency with a request that a commission of enquiry led

by a judge be instituted to, among other things:-

Inquire into and report on and make recommendations on:-

1. The causes and course of the violence that took place on the campus of the University of Zululand on Saturday 29th October 1983.
2. The predilection for violence on the part of the students of the University of Zululand.
3. The ability or lack of same on the part of the authorities of the University of Zululand to establish and maintain discipline and security at the University.

4. The need or otherwise of determining and fixing a well-defined catchment area for the University of Zululand and accepting only a fixed and limited number of students from outside this catchment area.

The House agreed.