

LITERACY PROGRAMME IN KWAZULU

By Mr B. Majola

Portacamp (Pty) Ltd have exposed a social conscience by supplying the KwaZulu Government with seven specially equipped caravans.

These caravans are vital to a literacy training programme which will soon be implemented in KwaZulu in response to a recent directive by the Honorable Chief Minister, Prince M.G. Buthelezi.

The high level of illiteracy in the adult population of Black South Africa not only threatens stability and progress, but is a major stumbling block to mobilising people to mount self-help schemes in areas of education, health, community and economic development. The factors together with the current prolonged drought and economic downturn have made the literacy programme a major priority in KwaZulu.

The programme will be run by the KwaZulu Bureau for Community Development and Youth Affairs.

"Our joy at hearing about the combined effort of Lonrho's National Airways and Portocamp's magnificent decision to assist us with the provision of seven custom-built caravans is difficult to describe. On every front, KwaZulu is desperately short of funds for even essential services", said Dr M.G. Buthelezi, Chief Minister of KwaZulu.

Chief Buthelezi was informing the members of the Legislative Assem-



bly who gathered during the election of new members of the Legislative Assembly held at Ulundi on Tuesday 25 October 1983, that "Literacy training teams will go out from Ulundi to communities scattered over the countryside and they will establish literacy training centres.

We envisage that our team of twenty teachers will move into an area where each teacher will conduct two sessions per day with two different groups of 40 illiterate people.

Being illiterate is not stupid; he said. Illiterate people grapple with their circumstances and they talk about their circumstances in sophisticated analytical ways. He said, "literacy training unlocks the wisdom of the people; it spreads the benefit of that wisdom, it generates responsibility in society

and it has a far wider effect than enhancing the prospects of job advancement. In this country we face essentially human problem, a problem of human relationships, and I see the literacy training programme of KwaZulu as the great garner of human's wisdom, the reaper of collective purpose and the booster of our people's resolve to pull themselves up by their own boot strings".

Mobility was essential, and the caravans will enable the task force to set up and teach in poverty stricken areas sprawling squatter camps and in rural and urban communities.

Conceived as a community self-help programme, the literacy unit will move into an area and initiate a programme, involving the whole community i.e. local and tribal authorities, church groups and Inkatha branches.

SHAKAVILLE SAVED-FORCE REMOVALS

By Mr D. Makhonya

We live in a schizoid society. Our view of the world around us is a fragmented, distorted one. We see only part of what is going on and recognise even less.

The lack of information on removals is a reflection not on individual

journalists or newspapers, but on the degree to which information is controlled and suppressed by the State. The extent of population removals in this country has been deliberately hidden from the public. Access to relocation areas

and often to threatened communities is forbidden and may be policed. On February 11th 1983 in the debate on forced removals in Parliament, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Koornhof said "I am on record as