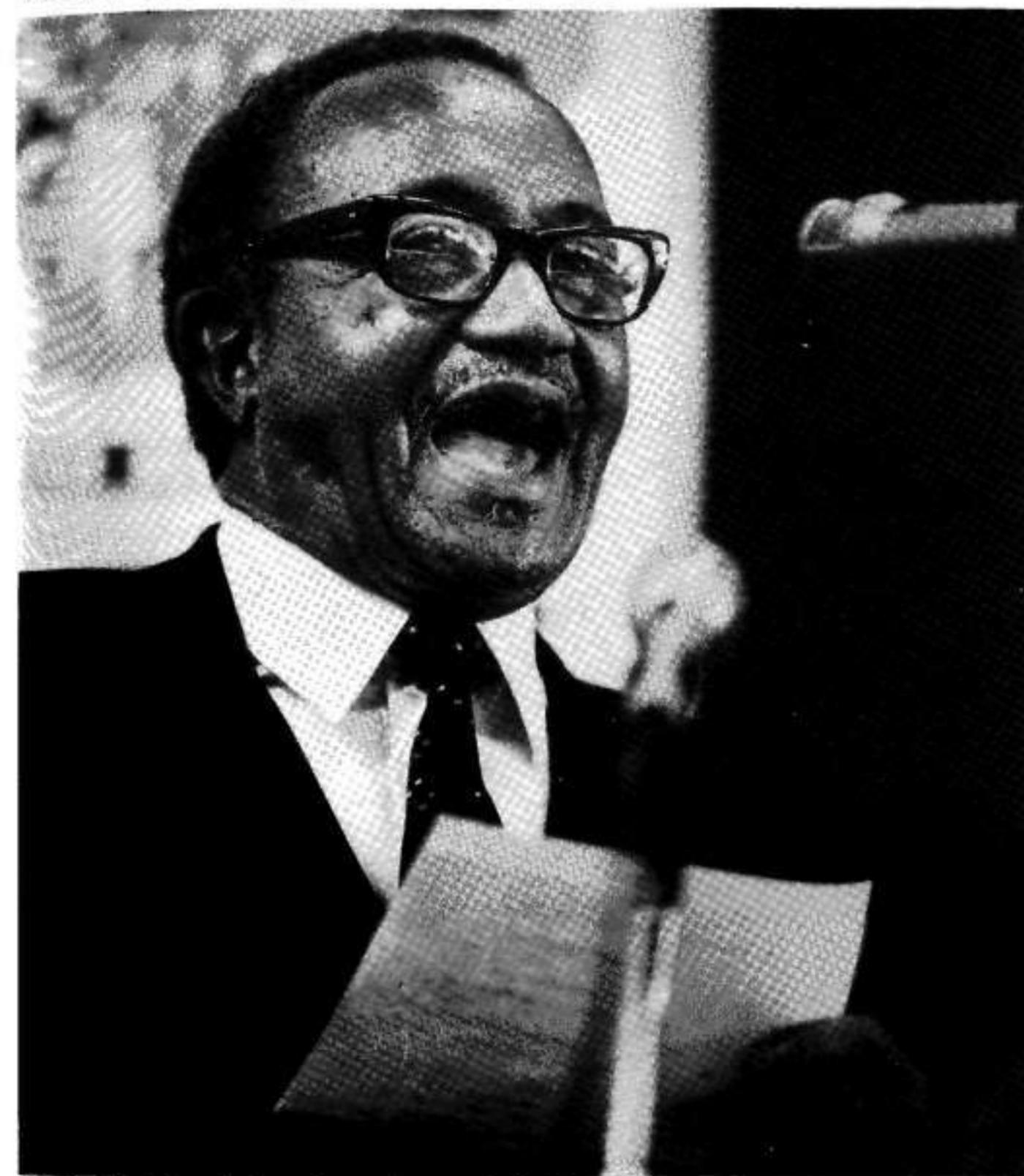


CHURCH APPEAL FOR INKATHA AND UDF TO TALK



Mr Archie Gumede, President of the United Democratic Front.

DIAKONIA News, a religious magazine representing eight major churches in the Durban area, has appealed to Inkatha and the United Democratic Front to come to an agreement through talks.

The magazine said Inkatha and the UDF appeared to be "locked in a destructive rivalry" and this had led to serious conflict over the past nine months.

"Are the seeds being sown for a Black civil war — a conflict which could stretch far into South Africa's future?" it asked.

Clarion Call reports that early this

year the President of Inkatha invited the President and National executive of the UDF to Ulundi to address the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly.

He did so because all 65 elected members of the Assembly won their seats on Inkatha "tickets" in a general election.

The entire KwaZulu Cabinet forms the executive of Inkatha. In effect, the KwaZulu Government is Inkatha.

It has vowed never to accept "independence" and to oppose the South African Government's apartheid regime. For this reason Inkatha enjoys the support of nearly one million paid

up members.

However, Mr Gumede replied in a letter to Chief Buthelezi that he and his executive could not address the Assembly as "... such a body cannot by any stretch of the imagination be viewed as democratic."

Mr Gumede went on to say that the UDF could not "risk" putting itself in jeopardy by going to Ulundi.

Association with the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly had "... the potential of compromising the UDF..."

Mr Gumede went on to say: "We must hasten to add that this is not directed against you and your colleagues in your personal capacities..."

When the UDF was formed it issued a statement saying it was prepared to affiliate to most bodies "... except Inkatha." This was after Chief Buthelezi welcomed its arrival and wished it well in the struggle.

Chief Buthelezi, in a letter to Mr Gumede, said he believed every Black organisation was democratically entitled to criticize other organisations and to propound their own policies and campaign for their acceptance by the general public.

Party political campaigning, however, betrayed the struggle for liberation when the campaigns sunk to low levels of lying and deceit.

Chief Buthelezi said he took particular exception to untruthful and defamatory pamphlets about Inkatha which were distributed by the UDF.

At numerous public meetings throughout the country, Chief Buthelezi, in discussing the UDF, has called for Black unity and a multi-strategy approach in Black politics.

"None of us (Black organisations) are perfect," he said recently in Durban.

"We all make mistakes... but let us agree to fight apartheid collectively instead of each other.

"We may all differ on strategy but let us be united in our struggle for freedom and stop tearing at each other which is what the South African Government wants..."

"Whites must look with glee at what is going on between Black political groups."

Chief Buthelezi told Clarion Call: "I think it is disgusting when Blacks start squabbling with Blacks, when Blacks start killing Blacks..."

"We are all together the oppressed of this land... never before in the history of this country has there been a greater need for black brother to stand with Black brother..."