

# A vision of the future

Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi spelt out his dream of South Africa being "a winner, not a loser" when he attended the launch of his new book, "South Africa – My Vision" in Bonn, Germany, recently.

**D**r Buthelezi urged his audience, including executives of the Busse Seewald publishing company which published the book in Germany, to encourage multi-party democratic input on the centre-stage of South African politics.

The book has also been published in



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"When I write of there having been enough heartache and enough despair, I mean it. When I write that it is time we moved on, I mean it..."

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"My words, I hope, will emphasise the desperate need for peace and honesty in South Africa today. The need for compromises; the need for burying past differences and for getting on with a job that has to be done. We must, I believe, work together, respect each other and build together..."

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Britain and the United States by Weidenfeld and Nicholson and in South Africa by Jonathan Ball.

"Join me in hope," said Dr Buthelezi. "That is what my book is basically all about."

He asked that the free world encourage diversity of opinion and true freedom of expression in South Africa.

"Don't take sides. Let the people of South Africa freely determine their future. Give them a chance to do so without outsiders weighing the scale in favour of one or another force..."

"Wish for us what you demand for yourselves – because if you don't, and the West tinkers from abroad with outside conceptions of what South Africa wants and needs, I fear for the future."

"I have chosen for the most part to forget the past, to dismiss and reject racist and ideological extremists, and to look to the future optimistically. I have tried to pay tribute to the worth of the ordinary individual and to what we all can do to build, not destroy – of what we have done to prove that we can achieve this."

Dr Buthelezi said it was time everybody looked reality squarely in the eye and discerned who was friend and who was foe of a just society and a lasting multi-party democracy in South Africa.

"I warn again, as I have done in my book, of influences which wittingly or unwittingly will be the enemies of democracy in South and ultimately Southern Africa."

When apartheid went, which it surely would, it would not be the end of the struggle for liberation in South Africa.

"It will herald a new struggle for a new beginning and it will be a life and death struggle for a new kind of survival."

"We will need allies who can look beyond "quick-fix" solutions and who will, without fear or favour, instinctively work for what is right and help people to truly gain what they want in their own hearts and minds...."

Dr Buthelezi said South Africa was at a crucial cross-roads in its history.

"Out of the bloodshed which I condemn; out of the bigotry and division which exists, which I also despise, I believe we can and will still forge something special and something we can all get down on our knees and, in time, thank God for."