



EXTRACTS FROM

COMRADE PRESIDENT

O.R. TAMBO'S ADDRESS

"HE DIED SPEAR IN HAND"

We are gathered here to pay homage to an outstanding leader of the African liberatory struggle, a comrade and friend who devoted most of his life in the service of his people, a communist of world prominence. A dedicated and convinced internationalist who has played an effective role in the anti-imperialist movement for world peace and security and for social progress of mankind.

He turned his abundant talents and inexhaustible energies to the arena of political action, to the struggle to resolve the fundamental question of political power and social justice in our country. With characteristic singleness of purpose, he pursued the question of struggle of all down-trodden to its logical conclusion. He worked tirelessly to get the Indian people to see the solution to their problem within the context of a broader national struggle involving Africans, so-called Coloureds and progressive whites.

It would be wrong to conceive Comrade Dadoo only as a leader of the Indian community of our population. He was one of the foremost national leaders of our country, of the stature of Chief Luthuli, Moses Kotane, J.B. Marks, Bram Fischer, Nelson Mandela and others. Equally it would be wrong to see him only in the context of political giants, for "Doc" was at home with the younger generation of comrades like Solomon Mahlangu, Simon Mogoerane and other youth militants, some of whom, like Mahlangu have already paid the supreme sacrifice for the just cause of our entire people. This accessibility flowed from his friendly nature and simple disposition.

His contribution as a member of the Revolutionary Council of the African National Congress cannot possibly be overstated. As chairman I make this vehemently without the slightest hesitation, without any reservation whatsoever. At the time of his death, Comrade Dadoo was serving as one of the vice-chairman of the ANC Politico-Military Council and has a distinct share in the escalating advances being scored by our struggle today. We can truly say of him: **He died spear in hand - like a true warrior.**

We owe it to stalwarts like him that today our vanguard liberation movement, the African National Congress, enjoys high international prestige as a genuine spokesman and leader of our people. It is against this background that Mota, characteristically devoted and dedicated his life to the revolutionary cause. Confident as ever of our inevitable victory he gave us all his farewell message: **The struggle must go on.**

We assure you Comrade Yusuf, the struggle will go on. Victory shall be ours. This grievous occasion brings us together less to mourn your tragic departure than to close ranks and advance united, to the completion of your unfinished task. We pledge this in the name of all the leaders of our movement including those incarcerated in enemy prisons. The entire fighting people, our country, our allies, and fellow combatants, our youth and Mk; the peoples of Southern Africa fighting in defence of their independence and sovereignty against Pretoria; our friends - the friends and supporters of our struggle. To his family and relations we express our sincerest condolences. The memory and example of Yusuf Mota Dadoo will continue to inspire us till final victory and beyond.

TSAMAEA HANTLE NGOANESO – QHAWE LAMAQHAWE, SEAPARANKOE!

»WE ARE INSPIRED...»

– LINDA LEWUSHANE

(MONCADA DETACHMENT)

To us young militants of the African National Congress and combatants of our people's army, Umkhonto we Sizwe, and young fighting women, the memory of Doctor Yusuf Dadoo will always be a living symbol of our people's unity in the struggle for liberation. His call for unity has now spread inside our country.

Our leader has left us at a crucial time when our people are mobilising their forces to fight against the enemy's desperate attempts to divide and dominate us. We are inspired to witness how our people are grasping the lesson of Doctor Dadoo's life of striving for unity in action. We cannot fail to see that the sacrifices which our people's leaders like Doc have been making as far back as the 30's when the Non-European United Front was created, through the days of the 1947 *Dadoo-Xuma-Naicker Pact*, the 1952 Defiance Campaign against unjust laws are the foundation on which our people are building their unity today.

We fully realise that our goal of freedom will be won only when our people are united in action against our common enemy, the racist Pretoria regime.

We Mk combatants pledge that the spear which you died holding firmly will never fall. We have already seized it.

What you believed in, a new and peaceful South Africa; a world free from all forms of exploitation of man by man is what some young combatants of our army like Linda Jobane (Gordon Dikebu) have already died for.

He, (Linda) a young ANC and SACP militant fell in a single-handed battle against the racist enemy on the 21st of November, 1980. He is lovingly known in our ranks as the *Lion of Chiawelo*.

We Mk combatants assure you Doctor Dadoo that we will never rest until victory is ours.

AMANDLA! MAATLA!