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THE national launching of the United Democratic Front in Cape Town is a massive step forward on the way to our final victory over Botha's vicious regime. Our unity in action is now taking concrete shape and force.

We must consolidate and strengthen this process. Our task now is to bring all democratic forces into our united front, to ensure the success of our united assault on Botha's constitutional plans for a white terrorist dictatorship. Two important areas in which we must intensify our mobilisation are the bantustans and amongst the black working class.

Botha's Constitution Bill confirms that the place of the Africans is in the bantustans — to starve and face the terror of rabid puppets like Sebe and Mphephu. This Bill is part of the grand design of apartheid to keep all Africans stateless chattels in the land of their birth. It will only bring more poverty, starvation, death and repression in the bantustans and squatter camps. One of our most urgent tasks therefore is to take the UDF into the bantustans and rural areas of our country. This can only be done with a combined and determined effort of all the patriotic forces in the UDF.

Another urgent task also facing us is to increase the mobilisation of our workers, both the organised and the unorganised. All democratic trade unions should be brought into our united front. We should not allow

that whites have so far enjoyed in order to prolong his narrow grip on power. Botha is following in the footsteps of his predecessors

Botha's fascist plans. However as we work towards unity on a national level, we should not forget the importance of working

# NO TO APARTHEID



Leaders of the regional UDF's at a press conference. At the historic Cape Town meeting to launch the national UDF, Albertina Sisulu (extreme left), Archie Gumede (3rd from the left) and Oscar Mpetha (extreme right) were elected presidents of the national UDF.

the wrong attitude to prevail that the place of the unions is only on the factory floor, and not in the overall struggle for liberation. The recent SACTU NEC meeting further calls upon all organisations within the UDF to work closely with workers in the TUCSA unions to persuade them that their interest can only be served by disaffiliating and joining the democratic trade unions.

As our victory draws nearer, confusion grows in the enemy camp. Botha is finding that he can no longer count on a united white community to support him and his terrorist regime. More and more whites in our country are realising that Botha is prepared to sacrifice even the mockery of parliamentary democracy

in history, like Hitler, by resorting to total fascism, to open terroristic dictatorship, in a desperate attempt to forestall revolution. This is why even the racist parliament is to become a mere rubber stamp to endorse the repressive programme of the "executive president". It will be clear that the ruling body is not parliament, but the State Security Council, a clandestine body of generals who plot in secret.

More and more democratic whites are coming to our side and it is important that we increase also our mobilisation amongst the white community in general. We must uphold and defend the principle of unity in struggle, regardless of race or colour. For, it is only united action that will frustrate

at local level, to strengthen our mass — based local attack from the enemy, particularly on our leaders. To be able to withstand possible enemy attack, we should consciously prepare a wide cadre base to ensure that for each one of the activists seized by the enemy, ten others take his or her place. This leadership must be rooted deep down amongst the masses of our people, ready to move into action when we need them. Our guiding principle must be mass work, mass organisations, to change tactics at a moment's notice. Let us organise a conquering force — a united front for final victory.

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# MALIBONQWE

## August 9: SA Womens Day

AUGUST 9th is a day of historic importance in our struggle for national liberation. This day is observed all over the world as an international day of solidarity with the struggling women of South Africa and Namibia and as South Africa Women's Day. It is also the anniversary of the historic march to Pretoria in 1956 by an army of 20,000 women protesting against the hated pass laws.

This year to mark this day, commemorative meetings were held throughout the world in support of the oppressed women of South Africa. In one of these meetings, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, Lise Ostergaard, President of the World Conference of the 'United Nation Decade in Support of women, equality, development and peace' stated that the world community is deeply concerned about women living under racist and colonial oppression. She was speaking at the session of the UN special committee against apartheid. Condemning the racist regime for its barbarity, she described apartheid as being incompatible with the principles and aims of the United Nations. She also spoke of the need to eradicate racism.

### REVOLUTIONS

Inside our country, despite intimidation, harassment and arrests by the enemy, women went on to hold meetings throughout the country to observe this day. Patriots like Albertina Sisulu were arrested on the eve of the day to prevent them from taking part in the preparations for August 9 commemorations. True to their fighting tradition women defied all obstacles. In Johannesburg, in one of the meetings, Zinzi Mandela told a huge gathering that South Africa will witness one of the bloodiest revolutions.

Speakers in these meetings recalled with pride August 9th 1956, when Strydom cowardly fled from his office rather than meet 20,000 fighting women. It is such courage and determination that will see us through our

revolution. This is amply demonstrated in our mothers, Mmes Mahlangu, Mosololi, Mogoerane and Motaung who faced the execution of their children with bravery. It is also demonstrated in many more of our heroines of our struggle, some of whom have paid the supreme sacrifice, while more are languishing in Pretoria's dungeons. We must mobilise every oppressed and downtrodden woman to



**YOU'VE STRUCK A ROCK!!! August 9, 1956 Lillian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph bearing thousands of letters, knock on the then Prime Minister's Dr. Strydom's door.**

follow the example of these heroines and carry on the struggle against the triple yoke of oppression.

We as the mothers of the children who are butchered by Botha's henchmen, as workers in an exploitative capitalist economy and comprising more than half the population of our country must move in the forefront of the struggle. The importance of the need for women to organise and be organised has led to the NEC of the African National Congress to call for the observance of 1984 as the Year of the Women.

Saluting the women on this historic day the NEC stated; "It is also in appreciation of the militant struggle of our women that the African National Congress has called for the observance of 1984 as the Year of the Women. This will be marking the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Federation of South African Women, that mighty organising force that united the women of our country across the racial barriers, and carried the women's struggle through the fighting fifties.

"1984 will also be a year when all fighting women of our country will stand

ready to receive with a warm welcome the staunch veteran — Dorothy Nyembe — when the doors of the Kroonstad dungeon opens and release her after serving a full fifteen year sentence for fighting for her people.

### DEMOCRATIC FORCES

"All democratic forces inside our country and internationally must use this occasion to further mobilise for new victories in the struggle against the tyrannical Pretoria regime.

"In preparation for this and for 1984 we urge our

women and people that:

- We must create more powerful mass — based women's organisations
- We must strengthen the participation of women in existing community and women's organisations
- We must organise all revolutionary women into units of the ANC
- We must organise women into units of Umkhonto We Sizwe
- We must fight for the unity in action of all democratic women's organisations and strengthen the patriotic forces of our country who are uniting around the Freedom Charter into a national, united democratic front.

"All democratic forces in our country must use the period now and the year of the women to assess what progress we have made towards achieving these goals, and work out new strategies to achieve them.

"On this occasion we salute all those who support our struggle. Our special greetings go to the women and people of the frontline states, who continue to support us relentlessly in spite of the racists' aggression and destabilisation of their countries. We greet the women and people of Africa and express our gratitude for their continued support for the liberation struggle in our country.

"We salute the women and the people of the socialist countries, who continue to give political, moral and material support to our fighting women and people. We also extend greetings to those democratic forces in capitalist countries who are working for the total isolation of the apartheid regime.

"To our fellow combatants and comrades of SWAPO and PLAN, we pledge to work together towards the destruction of our common enemy within the shortest possible time.

"Finally, we extend our greetings to all fighting women and people of the world, in particular FMLN — FDR in El Salvador, Fretilin in East Timor, the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the Polisario Front".

# The racist lies are bound to backfire—

# the truth will triumph

THE South African racist regime has done everything in its power to try and present the African National Congress as a blood thirsty organisation which has no regard for civilian lives in its conduct of the armed struggle.

This view which the regime wants to project was propounded in the media especially after the May 20 bomb that exploded outside the South African Air Force headquarters in Pretoria. The loud cry that followed was that some of the dead and injured were civilians.

In the selfsame newspapers we read that Colonel so-and-so was killed in the blast and is survived by members of his family. Usually the dead colonel is presented to us as a loving father, an asset to his community. Nothing is ever breathed about his man's involvement in the massacres of Kassinga, Matola and Maseru where our people lost their lives. No newspaper has ever said anything about the children whose fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers have been murdered in cold blood in and out of prison cells.

## SELOUS SCOUTS PLOYS

In many instances now the regime is resorting to the same ploy of the Selous Scouts — which is not surprising because most of them have been absorbed in the apartheid forces of repression — where atrocities are committed and the liberation combatants are blamed. This did not help Smith in the then Rhodesia.

All this is done to discredit the ANC in the eyes of the people. What is always backfiring about such tricks is that the people whom the enemy wants to wear away from the ANC are the oppressed themselves.

During the first week of August a bomb went off at the Johannesburg synagogue. Soon enough the SABC reported that the "ANC in Lesotho had claimed responsibility for the blast". The SABC went on to say that "the organisation claimed responsibility for the blast in support of the PLO's fight against Jews". This prompted the Secretary-General of the ANC, Alfred Nzo, to release the following message:



*The remains of the SAAF Headquarters after the heroic attack by combatants of MK on 20 May!*

"The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) has announced yesterday that a representative of the African National Congress telephoned from Maseru claiming responsibility for the recent bomb attack on the Jewish Synagogue in Pretoria. This supposed ANC representative is further alleged to have claimed the bomb attack was done in support of the struggle of the P.L.O.

"The African National Congress completely rejects this fabrication as a blatant lie. No ANC representative has sent any message to the SABC. Once again the terrorist apartheid regime is seeking justification for the terror campaign it is presently engaged in against the Kingdom of Lesotho. This campaign manifests itself in the unprecedented military, political and economic pressures the Botha regime has decided to apply against Lesotho with the aim of

getting innocent refugees escaping from apartheid terror expelled from the Kingdom of Lesotho.

"The African National Congress once again calls upon the democratic international community to come to the assistance of Lesotho which is being crudely victimised for its loyalty to International Conventions on Refugees."

## CIVILLIAN CASUALTIES

In one interview ANC President Comrade O.R. Tambo was asked about civilian casualties. He said, "The fact is we are not against civilians. We do not include them in our definition of the enemy. The ANC was non-violent for decades in the face of violence against African civilians. What do we mean by a civilian? It really means white civilians. But some will be hit, quite accidentally and

regrettably.....bombs will explode, and one or two people who were not intended to be there will be killed...." This is the situation that the racist regime would like to distort and misrepresent, making the gallant exploits of the People's Army, Umkhonto We Sizwe, seem to be activities of criminals. As of this writing they have tried to link criminal elements to the Pretoria bomb blast, but then, the people have now really begun to see who their real murderers are and will be fooled no more.

Let us reject these lies from the Pretoria murderers. Let us, moreover, support our brave fighters in Umkhonto We Sizwe and ourselves strengthen the people's army by becoming active combatants within its ranks.

**ALUTA CONTINUA  
VICTORY IS CERTAIN!!!**

# World Christian community is on our side

ONCE every 7 years, the World Ecumenical Movement meets in Assembly. This year, the Assembly took place in the picturesque city of Vancouver, Canada, from the 24th of July to the 10th of August. The specific setting was the sprawling campus of the University of British Columbia.

In a sense, it was appropriate that this, the 7th Assembly of the World Council of Churches should take place on university grounds. This is so because necessarily, the WCC had to define its place in a world which is in flux, more dangerous to live in, and in a process of transformation. The 7th Assembly had to find an answer to the question — in such a situation what does the international Christian community have to contribute towards a better world.

The debates that took place at the Assembly, whether of a sacred or a secular nature, whether within the gymnasium which hosted the plenary Session in the many halls which hosted the visitors' programme, or the myriad contacts in the casual meeting places, had necessarily to deal with this question.

## WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION

A voice heard among many others under the iron beams of the gymnasium, spoke of a human process which transforms human beings in the minds of fellow humans into pestilential vermin which must be exterminated at all costs and by all means.

This woman delegate — it was a woman — spoke of how nuclear weapons, as weapons of absolute destruction of humankind, inexorably demand that those who have to be destroyed by these weapons, have themselves to be defined as the absolute enemy, the epitome of evil, the anti-Christ. In short, she argued, to celebrate the gift of life was not merely to denounce nuclear weapons.

## TERRIBLE PURPOSES

It was also to denounce and to make a commitment actively to oppose those who, having invested themselves with the cloak of crusaders



Secretary General Comrade Alfred Buthelezi, led the ANC delegation to the 7th Assembly of the World Council of Churches. The ANC delegation called on the participants to exercise Christian compassion and solidarity in support of the struggling masses of our country.

against an anti-Christ that they had created to justify their own terrible purposes, sought the destruction of humanity under the guise that the destruction would be an act of ecclesiastic purification.

## VICTORY NECESSARY

It was also to make an undertaking to struggle for justice and the upliftment of the millions throughout the world who are afflicted with the curse of destitution, disease and ignorance. Delegates insisted that victory on this front was itself a necessary condition for success in the effort to achieve lasting world peace.

Thus the Assembly put the church firmly among the world forces engaged in struggle for progressive change. Accordingly it discus-

sed and adopted resolutions on burning questions facing the international community, including such issues as justice, peace and disarmament, the role of the transnational corporations, Southern Africa, the Middle East, Central America, and Afghanistan, the position of the indigenous peoples in such countries as Canada, the United States and Australia, the new international economic order and so on.

## COMBAT RACISM

The Assembly confirmed that the WCC's Programme to Combat Racism and the Special Fund to assist the forces fighting against racism should continue. In its resolution on Southern Africa, Assembly called for support for the liberation movements, for the refugees and for the

international isolation of the apartheid regime.

## MISREPORTS

As was to be expected, sections of the international press made efforts to misreport the activities of the Assembly and to distort its purposes. Nowhere was this clearer than in reports that appeared in the South African press which sought to give the false impression that specifically Bishop Manas Buthelezi, President of the SACC and Rev. Dr. Simon Gqubule, Principal of the Federal Theological Seminary, both of whom attended the Assembly, engaged in activities to promote the ANC and its policies.

## SUPPORT STRUGGLE

The fact of the matter is

that the Assembly adopted the positions that it did, clearly moving from deeply-felt religious convictions and strived to speak out from these positions in a manner that would define the world church as one that sides and is at one with those who struggle for freedom from oppression. Naturally, the oppressors and their supporters are not happy with this stand.

**ROLE OF CHRISTIANS**

The results of the 7th Assembly of the World Council of Churches once more pose the question sharply to the Christians of our own country — what is their role in the struggle to destroy the evil system of apartheid! The world Christian community has made its position very clear, that it stands with the masses of our people and their liberation movement in the struggle to bring into being a democratic South Africa.

As the ANC delegation, led by Secretary-General Alfred Nzo, said in its statement to the Assembly:

"We are entitled to call on you to exercise Christian compassion and solidarity, to suffer with us and walk the pilgrim's road to Freedom that we walk."

# Killer Sebe on the rampage

OUR people are being murdered in the Ciskei. This is not new. Our people have been dying like flies in the Ciskei as in other bantustans: malnutrition, starvation, high infant mortality; and all these deaths in these puppet states are dreamt up and planned in the Pretoria drawing rooms by South Africa's white architects of death. This time the people of the Ciskei are being systematically shot to death.

In the weeks following the deepest crisis ever to affect a puppet state like the Ciskei, certain events have taken place that have the power to change the political landscape of racist South Africa.

The bantustans were created to become labour reservoirs from which "white" South Africa could tap an unlimited supply of cheap labour.

Chief Lennox Sebe, the "president" of the Ciskei — as did all those who participate in all these sham institutions of repression — saw a chance of swelling his own coffers. He had not thought that the Ciskei consists of people who can think, who are sick and tired of being used as chattel slaves. Now the whole region is up in flames in a groundswell of unprecedented political activism.

When the people refused to take buses — in which bus company Sebe has a major share — workers were shot; schoolchildren boycotted classes and burnt schools in solidarity with the people who were saying No to dehumanisation, no to exploitation, who were bringing forth the meaning of united action.

The people in the Ciskei have seen that the bantustans are nothing but a colossal trick to deprive them of their citizenship as South Africans.

While many bantustan leaders have somehow taken a more cautious step insofar as the repression of our people is concerned, Sebe has vocally come out as the enemy of the people. He boasted that it was his Intelligence Services that had given data to the murderous

SADF butchers who massacred our people in Maseru in December last year. It was Sebe and his brother who unleashed unprecedented terror on Fort Hare students who had demonstrated against him. He has called trade unions nests for subversives. He was presented a police dog by Zionist Israel — a dog that the Israelis boasted had seen action in Beirut. But then our people will always answer the paid agents of Pretoria with revolutionary fire: "Yesterday, August 26, a unit of Umkhonto We Sizwe carried out an attack in Johannesburg against the so-called Consulate of the Ciskei bantustan. The puppet administration of this bantustan has for some time loudly trumpeted its determination to pursue a policy of repression at the bidding of its Pretoria masters and has actually been involved in acts aimed at the brutal repression of the democratic movement of our country. Our patience with these criminals is exhausted."

Down with bantustans! The struggle continues!



The Orange Free State delegation at the launching of the National UDF; Huge crowds attended the UDF rally.

# **SACTU: bringing nearer people's victory**

THE South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU) has recently concluded its National Executive Committee Extended Meeting. The meeting was held from the 13 to the 17 of August. Among other things, the meeting elected a new NEC of SACTU. This NEC consists of, among others, Comrades Stephen Dlamini (President), Moses Mabhida (Vice President), John Nkadimeng (General Secretary), Kay Moonsamy (National Treasurer) and Thozamile Botha (Administrative Secretary).

The meeting paid tribute to the historic role played by SACTU in its stand against racism in the trade union movement and its crucial contribution to the organisation of workers in democratic industrial unions. It observed that SACTU's commitment to the general struggle against racist exploitation and oppression and its full integration as part of the Congress Alliance, have played an important role in the struggle to mobilise our people against the apartheid regime and to bring the day of our people's victory nearer.

## **ORGANISE INTO UNIONS**

The delegates further agreed that SACTU should further step up its efforts to assist in the organising of the unorganised and strengthening existing trade unions. They welcomed the move towards the formation of a united trade union movement and the decision to establish a Feasibility Committee to reconcile the different approaches to trade union unity.

The meeting called upon the various trade unions engaged in the struggle for unity to ensure that such a United Federation, when formed, should serve the interests of the workers. In this way it would be crucial to encourage general workers unions to transform themselves into industrial unions on the basis of one industry one union as this would stamp out multiplicity of unions, competition and rivalry.

To bring about this trade union unity, the meeting felt that joint campaigns should

be conducted to rally the people to unite around burning issues that affect the workers such as the struggle for higher wages, against house arrest, banning, detention and deportation of leaders and strikers, against retrenchment unemployment and mass removals. This would go hand in hand with the struggle against the racist Constitutional Bill, the "community councils" and other "separate development" institutions, for a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa.

The Meeting was of the opinion that on the basis of the Labour Relations Act, trade unions should be advised not to register, not to participate in the industrial council system or to accept closed shop in agreements which are damaging to the growth of democratic trade unions. It strongly urged that tactical issues should not be elevated to the level of fundamental principle and that different approaches to these questions should not become an obstacle to trade union unity.

## **UNION FEDERATION**

In principle and practice SACTU has worked and fought for the creation of a non-racial trade union movement. SACTU is accordingly aware that the incorporation of black workers into the existing white dominated trade unions would not change the present situation of minority racist control of these unions. It therefore welcomes the action by the African printing workers who resigned from the South African Typographical Union

and joined a union in which they would exercise their democratic rights.

SACTU's Extended NEC resolved that the main task of the black workers is to organise themselves into strong viable unions. In order to ensure that these unions represent the genuine aspirations of the workers, it was further agreed that the principle of democratic majority leadership should apply in the non-racial unions.

It thus urges all workers whose unions are affiliated to TUCSA to examine TUCSA's reactionary and racist policy towards the workers and therefore see to it that their unions disaffiliate from TUCSA.

SACTU sees that the struggles and sacrifices of the working class have forced the racist regime to grant concessions which appear in the Labour Relations Amendment Act of September 1981. It, then, emphasised that similarly through struggle, the working class should force the repeal of reactionary and oppressive features in these Acts.

## **MERCENARY IMMIGRANTS**

The meeting further observed that in view of the staggering level of unemployment and retrenchments in our country, favourable conditions exist for the mobilisation and organisation of the unemployed around issues like campaigning against the recruitment of immigrants who replace black workers, especially from Britain, West Germany and the Polish elements who have flooded into South Africa; establishing of Workers' Councils to expose the conditions of the unemployed and to launch campaigns against evictions and mass removals, to organise marches, rallies, placard demonstrations, etc., to highlight the plight of the unemployed; demanding the training of the unemployed workers and to set up Un-

employment Advice services in different parts of the country to ensure that the unemployed workers are not sent to the bantustans.

Among the most important resolutions around which workers should campaign is one that called on workers to resist recruitment into the racist SADF and its puppet armies in the bantustans. Those already in these racist armies should be encouraged to disrupt and overturn these racist forces because the army of the people of South Africa is Umkhonto We Sizwe.

The plight of the people in the frontline states and the massacres in the Ciskei, were also dealt with. Many other resolutions, all of them aimed at bringing about a South Africa free of apartheid colonialism, were passed. The meeting reaffirmed that united action will always be our rallying cry.

**AN INJUSTICE TO ONE IS AN INJUSTICE TO ALL!!**

**AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL!!**



**No jobs notices everywhere !!  
We have to create Unemployment Advice Services all over.**

# Journalists,

## It is time to act!

IT is becoming clear that journalists in our country, whether they are South Africans or foreign correspondents, can no longer afford to sit "in the middle", hiding behind so-called "professional objectivity".

The revolutionary mass actions of our people and the armed struggle spearheaded by our people's army, Umkhonto We Sizwe is intensifying. The information war, as part of the revolutionary struggle is also sharpening.

General Magnus Malan, racist Minister of Defence, has again attacked South African newspapers — this time for publishing what he termed "blatant lies" which their correspondents in the frontline states are "sucking out their thumbs". In future, he warns, he will not be so "obliging" in sparing the use of the Defence Act to suppress the facts of his mercenaries' bloody exploits in Southern Africa.

General Magnus Malan is clearly afraid that the facts will speak for themselves and will show that it is not guerrilla military bases that are attacked, but defenceless civilians, women and children.

### "OPERATION SHRAPNEL"

The importance of propaganda to back up the regime's desperate military operations in the sub-continent was revealed by the perfectly timed propaganda operation that followed "Operation Shrapnel" — the racists' bombs had barely descended on Mozambique when a statement was in the hands of news people throughout South Africa, local and foreign, claiming that ANC and Frelimo military bases had been the targets.

The facts of course are that it was Mozambican citizens, factory workers, pregnant women and children playing in the streets, who died under a hail of bombs and fire from Malan's Mirage jets.

Malan's venom is of course not only reserved for newspapers who dare to tell some of the bloody truth of what his "glory boys" are up to in the neighbouring independent countries. As our President, Comrade O.R. Tambo has stated, at the centre of the war against independent states in Southern Africa is

a hysterical and frantic campaign against the African National Congress which is today alive in the hearts and minds of the masses and, in a different way, in those of the oppressors themselves.

It is against the background of successful MK actions like the operation against the SAAF Headquarters in Pretoria that journalists, particularly white journalists in our country, are finding that even their kind of objectivity is further compromised by the requirements of the apartheid system. Accordingly, there are today 1. editors who face charges for publishing information on SADF atrocities in Namibia.

### RIGHT TO KNOW

The fact however remains that our country's journalists are today confronted with the reality that the public's "right to know" must include the knowledge of what the fascist army is doing in Southern Africa as a whole — and what the African National Congress is saying, and doing about the future of all South Africans, the future of our country.

For these white journalists as for all thinking white South Africans, it is time to

choose — and act. We must fight for a genuine press freedom, bearing in mind that the press can only be free when South Africans, as a whole, are free and undivided. We must continue to struggle against tyrannical laws like the Protection of Information Act, the Police Amendment Act, the Defence Act and many others that restrict our right to report truthfully and accurately.

We must make it our duty to report about positive moves, as democratic and committed journalists, that the people have made to eradicate the ills and evils of the apartheid society. We must throw in our weight with all democratic organisations, the most important being the extra-parliamentary grouping representing the wishes of the people of South Africa — the United Democratic Front. In doing so we make the people aware of their collective power, their strength in numbers.

### REAL POLITICAL MOTIVES

While it is true that journalists today have to walk through a minefield of restrictive laws before publishing many articles, very often these restrictions on press freedom are used to hide the real political motives for not publishing certain articles.

This has been proved by the enormous growth of the democratic press in our country — the community, student, women's and trade union newspapers — who have shown that by working closely with mass organisations, journalists still have a significant contribution to make in the alternative press. We must strengthen these democratic newspapers, using the journalistic experience and know-how we gain on the established press.

### WAR FOOTING

Without underestimating the important contribution that we can continue to make in the alternative press, it is acknowledged of course that there is much information which is being suppressed and pushed underground. It is vital that this information reaches our people, both black and white. It is urgent therefore that democratic journalists also put in serious efforts to develop and strengthen the underground press of the African National Congress. Our propaganda must be put on a war footing. We should take the initiative — and reproduce all the journals of the African National Congress and distribute them secretly among our people. We should listen to, and tape record the messages of Radio Freedom. We should learn how to produce underground newspapers and pamphlets. We must learn the art of producing leaflet bombs and how to produce tape recorded messages to bring the voice of the African National Congress in all the languages of our people to the public at large.



# Students rise against inferior education

THE recent wave of student boycotts reminiscent of June 16 Soweto uprisings seven years ago, manifest the continuation of the struggle for a popular system of education.

In between the period from June 16, 1976 to today thousands of people have died in the struggle for a free, equal, democratic, non-racial and compulsory system of education. Despite this, Botha and his generals are doing nothing to improve the situation. Rather than remove the cause that has led to these killings, they have unleashed more repression. The enemy seeks to force us back not only into class but also to submission and surrender.

Even though in many parts of the country the demands of the students were partially met, and some have gone back to class, what has been of significance in these boycotts is that they mark a turning point in the nature of student boycotts. The recent boycotts reflect a high level of consciousness. They reflect greater unity between parents, teachers and students. Our wrath is not only directed against 'gutter education' but also the whole system of racial oppression and minority white dictatorship.

The boycott of about 600 students at the Mountview Senior Secondary School and similar boycotts throughout the Cape, were in solidarity with workers boycotting buses owned by the Ciskei puppet administration. The boycott was also for the reinstatement of their expelled colleagues, and for the resignation of the school Principal, a Mr P. Snyders. Even the demand to have Mr Snyders resign is important because it reflects our rejection of the regime's attempt to transform our schools into fortresses of the South African Defence Force by sending gun-toting personnel of the army of repression.

In other parts of the country too — at the Technicon in North Pretoria

Mangosuthu College in Durban, Ibhongwe High School in Dlamini, Progress High School in Pimville, Mndeni Secondary School, University of the North, Medunsa and other places — these boycotts are characterised by greater unity, both in terms of active support by the parents and in mass meetings and demonstrations and independent action by parents in their capacity as workers. The separate education for different races falls in line with the grand design of apartheid policy reflected in Botha's Constitution Bill. Together with the rest of the democratic forces we should struggle for national unity and fight for a non-racial and democratic South Africa

## NATIONAL LIBERATION

Let us work relentlessly in consciously forging and developing these links with our parents and strengthening them. As students, we comprise a component part of the forces involved in the struggle for national liberation led by the working class. We cannot confine our struggle to school issues alone precisely because even this miserable education system is part and parcel of the apartheid political and economic set up in this country. The low quality school buildings are linked to the unequal allocation of funds to children of the oppressed as opposed to those of the oppressor. The inadequate library facilities are linked with the need to confine and limit the thoughts of the oppressed. Many more examples can be put forward.

Parents should be urged to join in the struggle against inferior education, because although students and teachers are directly and immediately involved, parents

are naturally keenly interested in the future of their children and therefore their education. We should all strive for the creation of students, teachers, parents committees for each school. These committees should have a say in the education of the students. Let us go all out in fighting this system that intends to keep us chattels forever. Let us not allow the militarisation of our schools. The enemy is replacing progressive teachers in order to substitute them with its sergeants and corporals.

We have the power to restore the right to call ourselves free, we must move forward and create a South Africa in which the doors of learning and culture shall be opened to all.



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-10.15-10.45 p.m. Friday  
-8.00-8.45 a.m. Friday 35mb sw

**Radio Tanzania**  
9780 KHz 31mb  
-8.15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday  
Friday.  
-8.15 a.m. Tuesday, Saturday

**Radio Madagascar**  
6135 KHz  
-7.00-9.00 a.m. Monday to Saturday  
-7.00-8.00 p.m. Sunday

**Radio Ethiopia**  
9695 KHz 31mb shortwave  
-8.30-10.00 p.m. Daily

**Radio Luanda**  
9535 KHz 31mb shortwave  
-7.30-8.00 Monday to Saturday  
-8.30-9.00 Sunday



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