
EDITORIAL

INKATHA & THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT

The relations between INKATHA and the United Democratic front are indeed strained to the extreme.

The United Democratic Front has, with some sad limitations, attempted to establish a platform on which it should be possible to override party political loyalty and organisational loyalty. It has in it the promise of the kind of development of which Black South Africans could possibly dream. Right from the inception of the UDF, it adopted arrogant and divisive tactics when it stated that it will consider all applications for applications for affiliation to it, except of Inkatha.

The UDF is a conglomerate of affiliated organisations and its decision-making process amounts to flying straws in the air to see which way the wind is blowing. Therefore the UDF cannot make decisions on behalf of people and at best it can only attempt to sum up the views and stances of other independent organisations.

On the other side, INKATHA is a movement deeply rooted

in the will of the people through its mass membership. The principles of democracy are fundamentally important, and through democratic mechanisms Inkatha's policies are through the same democratic mechanisms determined by the people themselves. Inkatha has clear-cut policies and its executive operates within the mandates of the movement's policy and are held accountable to the people annually as we meet in our General Conferences.

The jaundiced and arrogant attitude of UDF towards INKATHA has recently been displayed in a letter written by Mr Archie Gumede, President of the UDF to Dr M.G. Buthelezi, President of INKATHA, wherein *inter alia*, he states that he cannot accept the invitation by Chief Buthelezi to address "the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly cannot by any stretch of imagination be viewed as democratic" — and that the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly is "an instrument of coercion", and that Chief

Buthelezi and all those involved in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly "daily keep institutions of oppression serviced to grind the defenceless masses under the yoke of oppression".

It is in this context that we see the UDF as arrogant and jaundiced towards INKATHA. What Mr A. Gumede says to Chief Buthelezi and Inkatha members is indeed a slur, and it must be treated with the contempt it deserves. He must be reminded that this goes to the entire Zulu Nation. Chief Buthelezi was extending a hand of friendship, strictly because he believes in Black unity, but the UDF's reaction makes one wonder what is happening in our Black politics. For sure history will give us the proper judgement but what is sad is that the day of liberation is prolonged.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF INKATHA, WE SAY: LEAD US SHENGE TO THOSE GREEN PASTURES!

We will follow you, and to your call, we will not waiver.