

INTENSIFY THE ACADEMIC

The old order in our country is coming to an end.

White minority rule is losing ground. Popular power is rising to its feet, marching on in confidence and with new strength to a new social order. The academic boycott at UCT has dealt a devastating blow to white baaskap, shaking the racist order to its very foundations.

The African National Congress' and Umkhonto we Sizwe's fighting position on UCT campus is:-

- * The ruling white order in general and particularly at UCT is illegitimate in relation to the majority of our people. The existence of freedom for the few is solely due to its non-existence for the many. This system has been imposed on us- it must be abolished without delay.
- * The academic boycott is therefore one of the justified weapons through which popular will asserts itself over the old and dying racist order. We- the down-trodden and unarmed masses have no choice but brave and militant resistance.
- * All the "brave words" about academic freedom and freedom of speech are a vile attempt to impose on us- once more- the will and ideology, traditions and customs, morality and law, of a few white racist exploiters. This claptrap about "genuinely open universities" becomes more disgusting when we consider that our youth and students have not only been denied freedom of speech, but have, for generations, been maimed and massacred. Up to this day our students at black universities are being taught at gunpoint. But when our peoples' limited anger disrupt lectures by a counter-revolutionary academic like O' Brien, the whole white ruling establishment and its press screams in chorus.
- * Racist anger and arrogance has never, and will never, intimidate our people. In fact, the academic boycott should be intensified- at all costs- in all universities.
- * Once more the autocratic university Council has imposed its will on students in an attempt to break the fighting spirit of resistance. The Commission of Enquiry which is an arm of this autocracy is therefore unacceptable. A new peoples. government of UCT should

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be set up. We call on students and academics, black and white, to strategise a common battle plan. All genuine patriots at UCT should campaign to challenge the undemocratic and racist structure of UCT, its employment policy, the lecturing practices and content of courses, the campus "police force", the isolation of UCT from the peoples' organisations and from the needs of South Africa.

- * In the face of mounting pressure to defeat and divide the academic boycott, it is important that all democratic and progressive forces on campus should come together, close ranks, and unite in disciplined action: From O'Brien to a peoples' University of Cape Town. Let us march with one step.
- * The democratic movement in the Western Cape and ultimately in the country as a whole should arise now- in solidarity- and rally around our brothers and sisters at UCT.
- * We are very suspicious of those who bask in the sun of being progressive whilst practically are viciously critical of those who are involved in the academic boycott. Only those engaged in the struggle make mistakes. And only armchair politicians- petty bourgeois sentimentalists- do not make mistakes. These wolves in sheepskins should be exposed.
- * We call on Campus Security to support the academic boycott and the struggle to build a peoples' university. We warn the Campus Security to desist from siding with the reactionaries and to henceforth stop assaulting and maiming our people.

To the academics and students who are valiantly fighting for genuine freedom at UCT, we say the African National Congress is with you.

Let all reactionaries on UCT campus- black and white- tremble at our growing, organised and disciplined might.