

CENTRAL COMMITTEE STATEMENT**»WE PLEDGE TO FULFILL HIS LAST WISH
TO CARRY ON THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM».**

The Central Committee of the South African Communist Party regrets to announce the death on September 19 of its national chairman, Dr Yusuf Mohamed Dadoo, a major leader of the national liberation movement, at the age of 74.

The oppressed peoples of South Africa, and in particular the working class, as well as the international communist movement, have lost the services of an outstanding leader who devoted his entire life to the cause of national liberation, socialism and world peace.

Whilst still in his 20's he found himself in the leadership of campaigns to unite the Indian, African and Coloured people in the fight against white domination. He joined the Communist Party of South Africa in 1939 and found in Marxism-Leninism the theoretical foundation for his life-long struggle to the cause of proletarian internationalism.

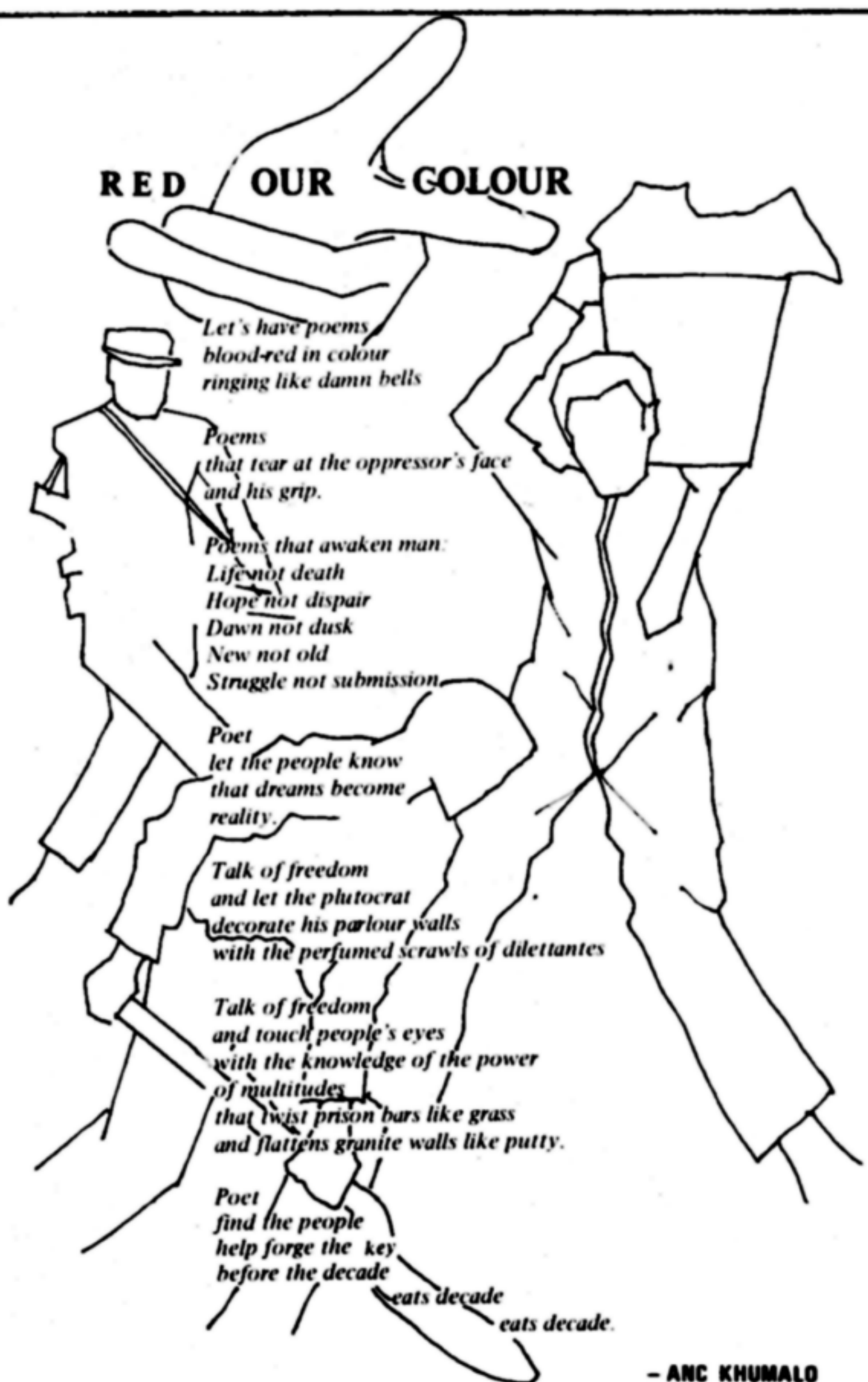
Yusuf Dadoo was inspired above all by his great humanity and love of people. As the foremost leader of the Indian people in their resistance to the apartheid laws, he worked tirelessly for unity of action with the African majority whose liberation he saw clearly opening the way for true freedom and democracy for all South Africans irrespective of race, creed or colour. He was a life-long friend of the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries, whose unity he regarded as indispensable for the defeat of imperialism, the establishment and preservation of the independence of nations, and the defence of world peace.

Yusuf Dadoo, on the last day of his life, made a declaration in which he summed up the three motivating ideas of struggle which had guided him throughout his life:

"Firstly, the generation of the militancy of political struggle among the Indian people in the period after my return from London; secondly, as part of this process, the growth of consciousness for the urgent need for unity with the majority of the oppressed, the African people, which led to the unity in action of all oppressed and democratic forces; and thirdly, the development of class consciousness as an integral part, in fact the key, to creating a free, socialist South Africa."

But there were other factors which raised Comrade Dadoo to the greatest heights of leadership, and they were his enormous courage and determination, loyalty to his ideals and his comrades, party and people, and to the Soviet Union as the main bastion of revolutionary power and world transformation. Comrade Dadoo went to jail many times in his life. He never flinched and he never wavered. He was ready to give his life at any time. He was prepared for any sacrifice and indeed made many sacrifices for the cause he held most dear - the liberation of mankind. In his last moments he called on all his comrades to carry on where he was being forced to leave off and expressed his complete confidence in final victory.

We South African communists mourn the departure of our comrade chairman, a great leader and friend. We shall remember him with love. We shall never forget his example, We shall try to live up to the high standards of dedication, discipline and drive he has set. We pledge to fulfill his last wish to carry on the struggle for freedom and socialism in South Africa - for freedom, socialism and peace in the whole world. Like him we are convinced of final victory.



RED OUR COLOUR

*Let's have poems
blood-red in colour
ringing like damn bells*

*Poems
that tear at the oppressor's face
and his grip.*

*Poems that awaken man:
Life not death
Hope not despair
Dawn not dusk
New not old
Struggle not submission*

*Poet
let the people know
that dreams become
reality.*

*Talk of freedom
and let the plutocrat
decorate his parlour walls
with the perfumed scrawls of dilettantes*

*Talk of freedom
and touch people's eyes
with the knowledge of the power
of multitudes
that twist prison bars like grass
and flattens granite walls like putty.*

*Poet
find the people
help forge the key
before the decade*

*eats decade
eats decade.*

- ANC KHUMALO