



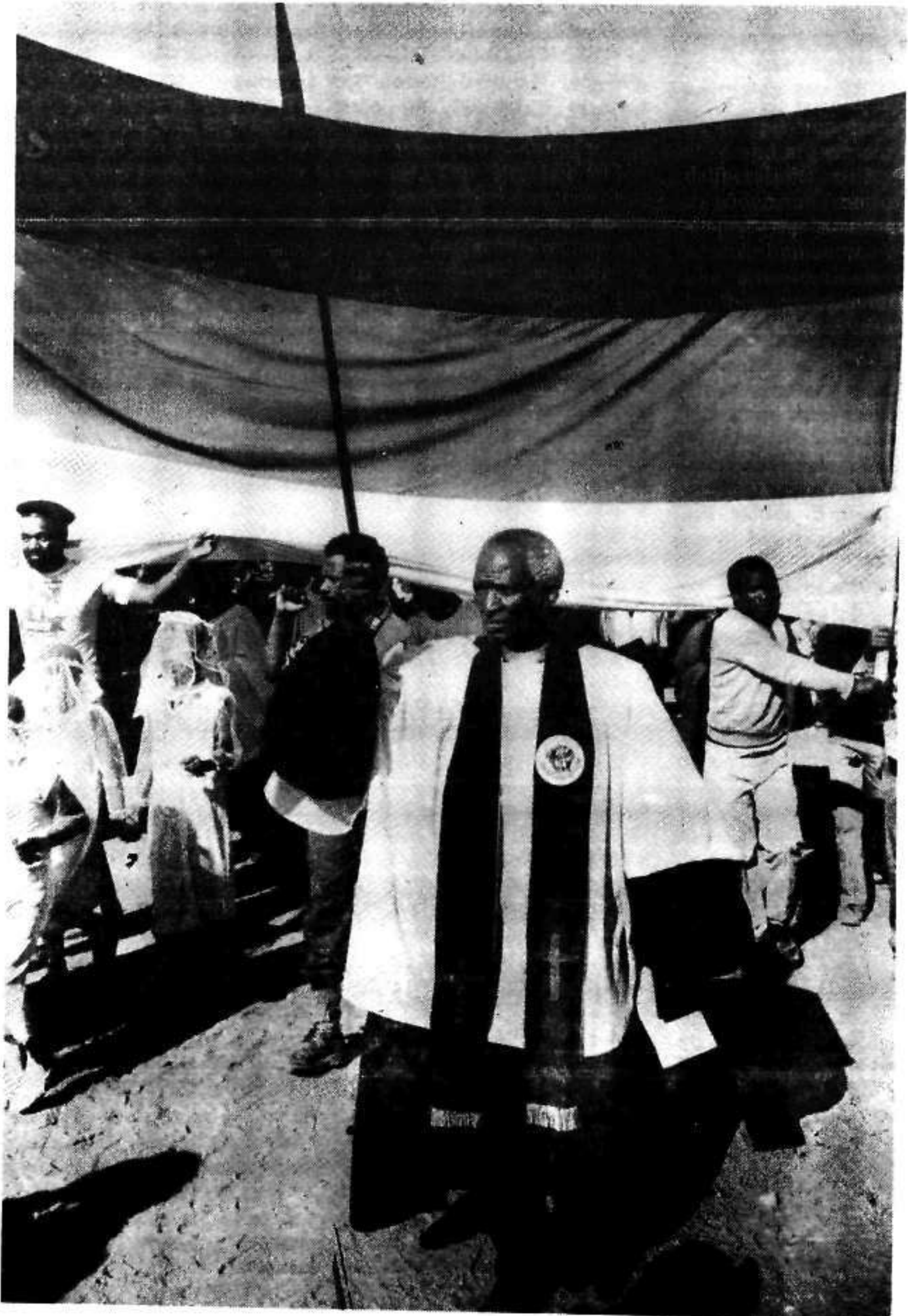
An Eulogy To The Late Rev. Marawu

THIS is the obituary the ANC department of religious affairs could not read at the funeral of Rev. Marawu. It

will surely be ready in a free, democratic and non-racial South Africa.

Comrade Rev. Marawu

passed away on the 13th November 1987 in Groote Schuur hospital, Cape Town and was buried on the 28th





November. His untimely death was due to over exposure to cold and the lack of proper medical care while detained under the state of emergency and kept at the notorious Victory Verster Maximum Prison in Paarl.

Comrade Rev's, as he was known amongst the comrades started political involvement in the fifties with the ANC where he was a member of the volunteers group in Nyanga under the leadership of comrade Oscar Mpetha who together with our leader, comrade Nelson Mandela, were imprisoned at first state of emergency in 1960. It also resulted in Rev. having difficulties to find employment. Whenever employed the racist made sure that he was sacked. This led him to become a minister. It remained a question whether Rev. had time for his congregation.

At the time of Rev's death, he worked as an organizer for the General Workers Union and also for The Ecumenical Action Movement (TEAM). During the launch of the UDF in 1983 he was appointed as one

of its patrons. Rev. had spent all his life in the struggle. He was an untiring freedom fighter and a jack of all trades. He worked with the youth, students, women, religious groupings and workers. Also well known as an interpreter at political and religious meetings he would at times become more of a speaker and give political content to speeches which lacked it. To the youth he always stressed the importance of discipline and hatred for the enemy. He maintained that people should fight back heroically whenever they are in the hands of the racist police. He would say "Use every piece of furniture or anything you could lay your hands on and hit back". Cowards and sell-outs he stressed should be dealt with accordingly by the masses.

Rev. is no more but his revolutionary ideas and noble works live. You have taught us how to fight the enemy. You have instilled in us that revolutionary hatred for the enemy and the need to continue to fight till the end. Your death came at a time when we have intensified our commitment in bringing

about freedom in our lifetime. At a time when the roots of apartheid are showing their decaying effect. At a time when sunrays are showing the sparkling light of freedom.

Was it not you who saw the birth of our glorious army-Umkhonto We Sizwe? Was it not you witnessing how they dished out vicious blows to the enemy? Yes! it was you who had witnessed the incarceration of our leadership to the notorious Robben Island. Rev. you have died a happy man you have witnessed the escalation of our armed struggle and the overall participation of our people in the struggle.

Time has come to say farewell Comrade Rev. The spear that you carried heroically in your lifetime had been sharpened and is carried with determination by all of us. Your courage and strength are in the hearts and minds of young and old. Your desires and wishes will be fulfilled.

Your death shall be avenged. . . .

Hamba Kahle Qhawe
Lamaqhawe.
Mayihlome!

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- fer of power to the people;
- Severance of all political economic and cultural links with the apartheid regime of South Africa;
- Ensure strict observance and enforcement of the UN Security Council arms embargo against racist South Africa;
- Urge member churches of the WCC and all countries to withdraw investments

- from South Africa;
- Encourage member churches of the WCC to contact and cooperate with one another at regional and local levels with the purpose of enhancing and strengthening the Programme to Combat Racism;
- The education and activation of every Christian throughout the world to

- raise their level of personal and collective involvement in the struggle to eradicate racism;
 - Encouragement of the Church in South Africa to be fully involved in all aspects of the struggle against apartheid, for a democratic South Africa.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God."