



MAYIBUY

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

JOURNAL OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

MAYIBUYE No. 8

1988 - YEAR OF UNITED ACTION FOR PEOPLE'S POWER

IN THIS ISSUE: INTERVIEW; EDITORIAL; ANC STATEMENTS; LEAFLET ON BLACK SOLDIERS

BOTHA AND HIS GENERALS ARE ENEMIES OF ALL OUR PEOPLE

"As loyal South Africans, we wish to contribute to the building of a peaceful and just society. The SADF violently maintains and propagates a fundamentally unjust and oppressive system. We cannot make a contribution to justice and peace and at the same time be part of the SADF." This bold statement was announced simultaneously at different points by a group of 143 young white South Africans who have come to realise that the SADF together with its creator, the apartheid regime, are the anti-thesis of peace and justice in South Africa.

The racist regime has responded by banning the End Conscription Campaign. Long term imprisonments have been imposed on those who have refused to be part of the SADF. The fascist military police are hunting them down. Many more find themselves in detention barracks spread all over the country.

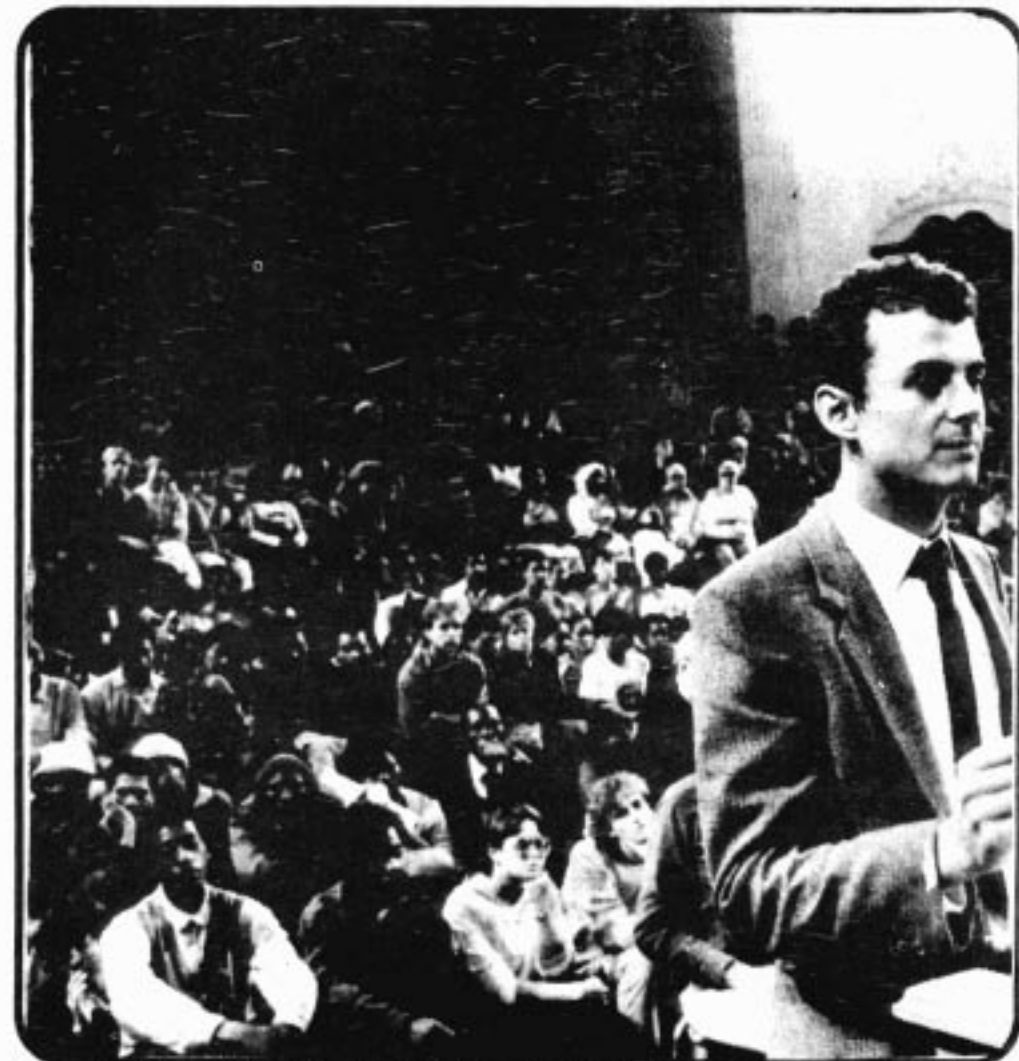
The racist regime has clearly demonstrated that it is the enemy of all South Africans - black and white. There was a time in South Africa when it could pretend that it is the defender of all the white people in our country: But today, as the democratic movement is confronting on all fronts, Botha and his generals have begun to panic and show their wrath even against the white community which is beginning to question the logic of apartheid.

There has always been a sizeable number of white patriots in our country who have found common cause with the oppressed majority. By their actions they have won a noble place in the history of our struggle. But the present wave of rejection of apartheid by a growing number of people within the white community is unprecedented. It is the product of our struggle which has unmasked the Botha regime as a fascist dictatorship. Botha and his generals hope to reverse this wave of revulsion against apartheid by banning the End Conscription Campaign and all those who oppose them. What the regime fails to understand is that it can ban people and organisations but it cannot ban people's ideas. It banned the ANC in 1961 but the ANC lives on and is growing.

These young patriots have exposed the brutality of the regime even against those who are supposed to defend apartheid. Some of these patriots have been officers in the

SADF and therefore know from their practical experience how it is like to be in the SADF. They are asking themselves one simple question: "Why die in defence of an evil system?"

There are those forces in our country who claim to oppose



apartheid but yet support military conscription, claiming that every country has a right to defend itself. But the question is, to defend itself against whom? There has never been a country in our region that has shot even a single bullet against South Africa. On the contrary, thousands of the peoples of our region have been killed and maimed by the SADF. Within the borders of South Africa itself the SADF and the fascist South African Police have carried out countless massacres against our people. Therefore apartheid is the source of all violence in the region. To defend military conscription under the conditions of apartheid is to be party

CONTINUED BACK PAGE

EDITORIAL

FOREVER in our history the events in the black townships from September 1984, will mark a turning point in the history of our struggle. With our eventful history of our struggle, we reached a new and irreversible point - we were not going to stand by and see the regime trying to trample underfoot our successes in the struggle! We were going to dare and defy the regime and the puppets it wanted to impose on us.

What was it that brought to us such resolution and determination to cast all fear of the regime and its armed forces to the wind and go all out to fight the regime that has mercilessly ruled our country? It was not that the regime was showing signs of being more tolerant to our demands. Rather, at that period in time we were witnessing the beginning of the present situation, when the regime would make the presence of its armed forces a permanent feature of our township life. And, that was a time when the propaganda put out by the regime about the invincibility of its armed forces was still widely believed.

The reasons, therefore, that brought our death-defying people to the streets day after day in spite of the presence of the enemy armed forces, are to be found in the importance the people attached to the success they had achieved in weakening the apartheid structures of rule through their boycott of the local authority and the tri-cameral parliamentary elections. They were not going to stand by and watch the regime reduce the boycott victory into an ineffective exercise while the regime continued to implement its plans.

As we face similar situations today, with the added restrictions on campaigning against the elections, the same challenge stands before us. **WE NOT ONLY HAVE TO ENSURE THE TOTAL BOYCOTT OF THE BOGUS ELECTIONS BUT HAVE TO ENSURE THAT BOTHA DOES NOT IGNORE OUR VICTORY.** We have once risen to the occasion before and can also do that on this occasion.

An added challenge that faces us is that in defeating Botha and not allowing him to go on with his plans, we would not only be destroying the local structures of apartheid rule but his schemes at a higher level where he wants to install the puppets who will be "elected" by that misguided tiny minority that may turn out at the polls. That is why to the racist regime the October elections are of a life and death nature. The future of their political schemes is wrapped around the elections package.

In that same way, the immediate future of our struggle revolves around our success in boycotting the sham elections. Under severe restrictions we have already organised extensively for a boycott. But to succeed, we need to go even further and act with the spirit of daring and rebellion we have displayed on numerous occasions.

The enemy has its hands full and all its eggs in one basket. For it to reach its destination it relies on us not to tilt its basket. **THAT** we can only do if we spare some effort in our attacks on the regime and its puppets; if we consider some sacrifices too big to make; if through laxity and lack of vigilance we allow certain so-called leaders to mislead certain people to vote and so on.

As we said at the beginning of 1984, we must act as strategists and go for the enemy where it is weakest and most vulnerable - in those apartheid structures where it relies on the participation of part of the oppressed community to continue oppressing us. Our successes in 1983 and 1984 paved the way to the country being rendered ungovernable and the apartheid structures becoming clearly unworkable.

It is with the aim of regaining that lost governability of the country and the workability of its apartheid structures that the intense repression has been unleashed and the bogus elections called. We have the power to ensure that the regime does not regain these two essential parts of its existence, and, in fact through the failure of the elections and our refusal to have the puppets imposed on us, accelerate our march to people's power.

NO PARTICIPATION IN THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS!

ORGANISE THROUGH ACTION AND ACT THROUGH ORGANISATION!

UDF - FIVE YEARS IN THE FOREFRONT

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS: 19th AUGUST, 1988

The African National Congress extends its revolutionary greetings to the United Democratic Front on the occasion of the 5th Anniversary of its foundation. We salute the leadership, activists and millions of patriots united under the banner of this giant and noble creation of the South African people.

Over the years, the UDF has grown to become the largest ever coalition of democratic forces in the history of our struggle. Because of its commitment to active struggle for the attainment of a free, non-racial and democratic South Africa, the Front has captured the imagination of millions of South Africans as a decisive component of the liberation forces in our country.

In struggle, the UDF has inspired the emergence of democratic formations both at grassroots and national levels among various sectors of the struggling people. The Front itself has gained in width and in depth from these organisations, including the democratic trade union movement. It is these organisations which have played an important role in precipitating consistent mass resistance against apartheid and the attendant all-round crisis afflicting the South African regime.

The adoption of the Freedom Charter by the UDF, COSATU and other democratic forces constitutes one of the most important landmarks in the history of our struggle. At the same time, the theme of united action emblazoned on the battle-standards of the UDF and its allies has laid the apartheid for the expansion of the social and political base of the anti-apartheid movement within our country, and for the broadest possible unity in action against the racist ruling clique.

The Pretoria regime's concerted campaign of terror to behead the mass-democratic movement and dislocate the organisations and struggles of the masses, the kangaroo trials, banings, hangings, military occupation of black residential areas and suppression of the media - all these have failed to blot out the name of the UDF and other democratic forces. Neither has the regime succeeded in its attempt to cow the people into submission and recapture the strategic initiative.

Instead, the struggling people have been spurred on to adopt forms of organisation and action suitable for these conditions. In spite of massive repression under the state of emergency, the democratic struggle continues to intensify and the crisis of Botha's clique continues to deepen. Apartheid policies under whatever guise are rejected by an increasing number of South Africans, including forces from the ranks of the ruling bloc and the white community in general. Botha and his murderous clique stand isolated by

the overwhelming majority of our people as the enemy of all South Africans.

Internationally, anti-apartheid forces continue to extend their ranks and to act in unity against the crime of apartheid. In Southern Africa, the forces of peace and social progress have made giant strides towards securing peace for the People's Republic of Angola and independence for Namibia on the basis of Resolution 435 of the United Nations Security Council.

The occasion of the 5th Anniversary of the UDF brings into sharper focus the great challenges we face on all fronts of struggle. In particular, the African National Congress calls on all anti-apartheid and peace-loving forces:

***TO DEFEND THE UDF, THE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC ORGANISATIONS, AND TO INTENSIFY THE FIGHT AGAINST REPRESSION.**

***TO UNITE IN ACTION ON THE BASIS OF OUR COMMON DESIRE TO CREATE A FUTURE FREE OF RACISM, OPPRESSION AND WAR.**

***TO INTENSIFY THE CAMPAIGN FOR A MASSIVE BOYCOTT OF THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS AND TO STRIKE A BLOW AGAINST THESE AND OTHER APARTHEID STRUCTURES AND INSTITUTIONS.**

***TO HEIGHTEN OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE THE UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF NELSON MANDELA AND OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DETAINEES, AND TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THOSE ON DEATH ROW.**

***TO WORK EVEN HARDER FOR THE ALL-ROUND ISOLATION OF APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA, AND FOR INCREASED SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY TO THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA AND THE REST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.**

ON OUR PART, THE LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ANC AND THE PEOPLE'S ARMY, UMKHONTO WE SIZWE PLEDGE TO SPARE NO EFFORT OF ENSURE THAT THE IDEALS ENshrined IN THE FREEDOM CHARTER ARE REALISED SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

UNITE IN ACTION FOR PEOPLE'S POWER !!!
AMANDLA !!! MAATLA !!!

BANNED OR NOT BANNED

THE

UDF LIVES ON !

THE WORKERS AND THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS

INTERVIEW WITH COMRADE RONNIE PRESS, MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS (SACTU)

QUESTION:

Comrade Ronnie, we are running up towards the October elections which are of fundamental importance in the struggle of our people against the apartheid regime. Of course, many of our people, including workers, have vowed to engage in an active boycott of these elections. What should be the role of the democratic trade union movement both at the factory floor and community levels in ensuring the active participation of the workers in the boycott?

ANSWER:

Firstly, the workers of our country are not separate from our people. Their lives are bound and tied up with the people of our country and therefore they must participate in all the activities of the people because the oppressive laws that affect their families affect the workers too, and their concerns cannot end at the factory floor. Their concerns extend into the whole community. So, therefore the trade union movement must be part of the whole struggle against these elections. I think it is very significant that the people who are refusing to pay rent in Soweto are in fact supported by the municipal workers who say, "No, you cannot expect us to penalise our mothers and fathers for not paying rent by asking us to cut off their electricity." This is a unity of the people and that unity must be extended to the boycott of the elections.

These elections are to elect mayors and stooges of the government who will then oppress the workers of SOWETO and say to them, "you must oppress your parents. You must cut off their electricity."

We cannot divide the people. The people are united. We cannot have these stooges elected to any positions in SOWETO. They cannot represent the people. They can only represent the government and its forces. Therefore we say even to those who want to stand, do not stand for elections because if you stand you are losing the loyalty of the people and you will suffer for it.

QUESTION:

Can you elaborate more on the question of co-operation between the workers and the communities?

ANSWER:

I think that we must realise that the struggle of the people is one, i.e. we must overthrow this monster of apartheid. Therefore it is necessary for workers to partake as far as they possibly can in the political struggle. This has always been the specific role of SACTU, i.e. to create a unity between the political and economic struggles and to show that the workers are supporters of the Freedom Charter and the ANC. We therefore believe that there cannot be a separation of these two.

There may be some people who believe in the trade union movement that they can separate the economic struggle from the political struggle. But the bosses do realise that these cannot be separated. The bosses know very well that their taxes go to the state to oppress and pay the army to kill our people. How can we then say, we as workers, separate politics from economics? The bosses do not separate the two. We cannot do such a thing.

QUESTION:

There are still some trade unions which are not affiliated to COSATU but are opposed to the October elections. What should be the task of both SACTU and COSATU to ensure



that these trade unions mobilise their members against these elections, taking into account the experience of the three-day strike in June?

ANSWER:

I think the three-day general strike in June proved once again that unity is strength. If we can unify all the work people with the same idea, then we are all powerful. The fore it is necessary to choose this idea of a boycott and build unity out of it.

We have some differences with some trade unions but not with COSATU because on this issue COSATU and SACTU think alike. But other trade unions do not think like us for example on the question of the Freedom Charter and the liberation struggle. But they agree about boycotting the October elections. If they agree with us about this, let us create unity around that. They will learn the other things. When you want to act in unity, you talk to each other, you discuss with each other. And, in discussions, they will begin to learn that they should be one trade union federation in our country. We cannot build such a thing if we fight with other trade unions. We can build such a thing if we talk to other trade unions and persuade them and their workers that we should all be in one federation, COSATU, in our country.

Therefore this is an opportunity to once again bring people together. There is nothing the bosses fear more than the

CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

unity of the workers and there is nothing the apartheid state fears more than the unity of the people. Now, we must create unity around this particular issue and then take that unity further later on.

QUESTION:

If I understand you well, you are saying that the October elections provide the opportunity for the trade unions to rally the people around the boycott of the elections even those that may not be in COSATU at the present moment?

ANSWER:

Yes, I think that we must not take an exclusive attitude that only those that are in COSATU have right ideas. That is not true. The ordinary people believe that the election of the stooges is going to oppress them further. We must build on that.

The ordinary workers also believe that and we must build on that. We must create unity. The only way you can create unity is by action, unity in action. This is a slogan of the ANC and we in SACTU also believe in the same slogan. Unity in action can create a force which can stop people from even thinking of going to such elections.

QUESTION:

The racist regime has restricted COSATU from participating in any campaign it considers political, and has cracked down on many trade union activists. What is the present state of organisation of the democratic trade union movement inside the country and do you think that it will be equal to the task of mobilising the entire work-force against these elections?

ANSWER:

Nearly two-million workers in South Africa are now in trade unions and over a million of them are in COSATU. It is the most massive organised trade union force in the history of our country. There is nothing that can stop workers when they are united and I believe that the South African working class, led by COSATU, can overthrow even the state, let alone these elections, if it is united together with the political forces of our country.

There is nothing that can stop us. But, of course, it is a struggle which is difficult and hard. I am absolutely convinced that we have the strength to do this and we have the strength to mobilise the people. But we must use this strength not just to mobilise the African people but also to mobilise the Indian and Coloured workers. We must even mobilise whites if we can. We must tell them and prove to them that these elections are not going to help them. I think there is a possibility of creating such a united front of the people and these elections will succeed in showing Botha that there is nobody amongst the people who is prepared to support him.

Those stooges who stand up and claim that they are going to be a force which is going to cooperate with apartheid or which is going to form a new government where they would cooperate with Botha, the Buthelezi of this world, have no

standing. We are not worried about them because we know that they are not the political leadership of the people. But this must not stop us from mobilising. We must go to every worker in the factories, we must meet them on the trains, we must talk to them on the streets and say to them: "Do not go to the elections; do not vote." To those shopkeepers where we buy our goods we must say to them that we are not going to buy from them if they go to the elections because we do not believe in those elections. They must not vote. We must bring pressure of the people on them. We must say with our power that they must join us in boycotting the elections and I am convinced that we have such power.

COSATU LAUNCHED DURBAN 1.12.85



"The struggle on the shop floor cannot be separated from the wider political issues."
Cyril Ramaphosa

What is important is that we mobilise everybody. We must make sure that the machinery of the trade union movement is used. We must not allow people who have authority in leading positions and who do not believe in the boycott of the elections to persuade anybody to vote. We must tell them that they are elected by us, the workers, and must do what we the workers tell them to do and we tell them that we are not going to vote in these elections and they must tell other people not to vote.

QUESTION:

In the light of the present situation inside the country i.e. massive repression and the clampdown on the organisations of the people, what specific forms of struggle do you think our workers should adopt to ensure the success of the active boycott of these elections?

ANSWER:

Our people have proved time and again that the state of emergency and the clampdown cannot stop them from thinking and acting. The strikes that occurred on June 16th and the three-day stay-away against the anti-labour laws proved that the workers can mobilise.

The question of "legal" and "illegal" action has never stopped us. We, the people, are enforcing the law i.e. the law of the people. What the government is doing is illegal. It is oppressing us, which is illegal. It can continue with repression but it cannot stop us from acting. We have proved this.

How do we act? we know all the methods. There are methods of distributing leaflets, methods of talking to people on the trains and in the factories. There are all sorts of ways and means in which this can be done. We must continue finding those ways. We must continue finding the links between the above-ground organisations and the underground organisations of the ANC. We must continue to find the linkage between MK, ANC, SACP and SACTU. All these linkages must be brought together so that we create a massive unity.

I think we must also talk to "abafundisi". We must talk to the people in the churches because the churches are behind us. When they preach from the pulpit we as workers must say to them: "Please, when you preach next Sunday, tell the people that the workers say that we must not participate in these elections."

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

If we can persuade workers in our trade unions and factories to go on strike that day, fine let us do so. If we can force the boss that no one should be allowed to go to these elections and that he himself, is not going to go to the elections, that will be fine.

We must use every means in order to mobilise the people. Sometimes we must use means which the government does not like. That is not new to us. If we have to use boycott, persuasion or our economic power as workers we will use it because these elections are vital to the regime. It wants to prove that it has some influence amongst the people. We must prove that the regime has no influence among the people. This will be a blow against apartheid.

QUESTION:

There are a number of laws that are being passed inside the country like the new Labour Relations Amendment Bill. Can you briefly elaborate on this?

ANSWER:

What the state and the employers have found is that they cannot destroy the trade union movement. They have realised that we are too strong. What they are trying to do is to white-wash us. They are trying to eat away at our heart slowly. They are trying to absorb us as they absorbed the white workers into the state. They are trying to say to us we cannot go on strike because if we go on strike we will have to pay the bosses because we shall have caused them to incur losses. But we have no money and if they want to arrest us and put us all in jail, we will all go to jail and let the employer run his factory by himself. He cannot do that.

We must use our united strength. They are trying to tell us that if there is a strike in the mines then the other workers cannot go on strike in unity with those workers. That is not for us. They are our brothers and if they are striking and they need our help, we must help them. We cannot believe in these funny laws. Therefore we say to the workers and the state: "Look, we are not going to build a trade union movement in our country which is a tame dog and which runs at the bark of the bosses. That might be good enough for the workers in Britain, America and West Germany, but it is not good enough for the African workers. The African workers are tired of running. They are standing up and fighting.

How can we become part of the state? We are not going to become part of this thing where we sit down nicely with the bosses and we are refused to strike. It is not possible. We must also remember that even in the heart of capitalism, in America and Britain, the workers still go on strike. The worker still disobey those laws of Margaret Thatcher which say there should not be secondary packaging and which say the union funds can be sequestered. The workers still go on strike.

We have learnt a lesson that even the new laws will not stop us from acting because we are not just an ordinary trade union movement. We are a revolutionary trade union movement which is part of the struggle to overthrow apartheid. We are not a trade union movement which is just a little thing, trying to secure better working conditions and better wages. Of course, we want that, but we want freedom even more.

BLACK SOLDIER, POLICEMAN!**Now is****The Time to Choose!****STOP KILLING YOUR OWN PEOPLE!****Brother soldier, policeman!**

*The people of South Africa are on the march to freedom. Botha and his clique admit they are in crisis.

*The people and their army, Umkhonto we Sizwe, are delivering telling blows for the destruction of apartheid, for people's democracy.

*The world is united in its condemnation of apartheid. Even Botha's friends can no more stand in the open in his defence.

The fate of the oppressors is sealed

**This is your Time
to Choose!**

Brother soldier, policeman!

*You are being used to keep in power the owners of factories, mines, banks and farms who live by sucking the blood of your people. They have put you in uniform because they are few and we are many.

*Those who hire you live in comfort and enjoy many privileges. Your lot are the bantustans and landlessness, ghettos and passes, Group Areas and dummy parliaments, compounds and hostels.

*Within the army and police you are subjected to harsh treatment. Your living conditions are far below those of your white masters. Your wages are low and your food unbearable. Yours is to carry out the hardest and most dangerous tasks, to serve as a shield for the racists.

*The 'law and order' you are called upon to defend is the law of suffering and pain for your kith and kin, the order of unending slavery for the black people.

You have a role to play in bringing an end to the unjust system

**Now is your Time
to Choose!**

Brother soldier, policeman!

*You have been told that you are defending the people. But are you not drowning your children, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, relatives and fellow blacks in blood?

*You have been told you are fending for your family. But are you not living in shame, rejected and isolated by your own people? Haven't many of your colleagues and family perished at the hands of the oppressed people?

*You have been told the racists are superior and invincible. But is the regime not starting to crumble; has it not failed to protect you? The racists care less about you because they see you as kaffirs, coolies and hotnots at their beck and call, cannon-fodder to be sacrificed in the townships and in Namibia.

You can liberate yourself from this shameful life and become part of the people once more

**Choose now before it's
Too Late!**

Brother soldier, policeman!

*You can and must join the fight for freedom:

#refuse to shoot your own people; point your guns at the enemies of freedom.

#join the mass and armed actions of the people.

*you can and must strike a blow for freedom wherever you are:

#give them information about enemy plans and actions.

#take action against the officers and commanders, sabotage equipment and logistics, disrupt transport, communications and energy.

*You can and must become part of the organised fighting contingent:

*organise your friends into small units to carry out these and other actions.

*form small circles to discuss the politics of liberation and spread the voice of freedom.

*the ANC and MK are among the people; organise those around you and come in large numbers into the ranks of the people's movement.

Start now!!! Take a Small Step Forward!!!

JOIN THE PEOPLE! STRIKE A BLOW FOR FREEDOM!

THE ANC CONCURS WITH THE FRONTLINE STATES

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS RECENTLY MET TO EXAMINE:

- (A) THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND
- (B) THE CONDUCT OF ARMED STRUGGLE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS

The National Executive committee welcomed the progress made in the negotiations aimed at securing the withdrawal of South African troops from the People's Republic of Angola and the achievement of independence for Namibia on the basis of Resolution 435 of the United Nations Security Council. The agreement reached thus far is a victory for the peoples of Angola and the rest of Southern Africa and for the progressive mankind. It is a product of the struggles and sacrifices of the peoples of the subcontinent and their international supporters. Similarly, the prospect for a just resolution of the conflict in the south western part of Africa depends on the efforts of all progressive forces to ensure that the Pretoria regime does not renege on the agreement reached or place obstacles in the path of future progress. In this regard, the African National Congress concurs with the positions of the Frontline States as reflected in the Resolutions adopted at their most recent summit in Luanda, People's Republic of Angola.

The National Executive Committee further re-affirmed the centrality of the armed struggle in the National Democratic Revolution and the need to further escalate armed actions and transform our offensive into a generalised people's war. It noted that there has been a significant and welcome escalation of this offensive in keeping with our perspectives.

However, the National Executive Committee also expressed concern at the recent spate of attacks on civilian targets. Some of these attacks have been carried out by cadres of the People's Army, Umkhonto We Sizwe, inspired by anger at the regime's campaign of terror against the oppressed and democratic forces both within and outside South Africa. In certain instances, operational circumstances resulted in unintended casualties.

Yet it has come to our notice that agents of the Pretoria regime have been detailed to carry out a number of bomb attacks deliberately to sow confusion among the people of South Africa and the international community and to discredit the African National Congress.

The ANC hereby underscores that it is contrary to our policy to select targets whose sole objective is to strike at civilians. Our morality as revolutionaries dictates that we respect the values underpinning the humane conduct of war. Any other course of action would also play into the hands of the enemy.

The National Executive Committee also welcomed the decision by scores of young white South Africans to refuse to serve in the racist South African Army. This courageous action further underlines the crisis facing the militarist ruling clique and reinforces the efforts of all peace-loving South Africans for a future free of racism, oppression and war.

The National Executive Committee accordingly calls on all the people of our country to intensify the revolutionary offensive in accordance with our Movement's perspectives as enshrined in the Freedom Charter. We call on the international community to intensify the campaign for the all-round isolation of apartheid South Africa and further to muster increased support for the struggling people of South Africa, Namibia and the sub-continent.

to the crimes of apartheid. We would want to appeal to the conscience of those forces, who on the one hand claim to oppose apartheid while on the other defend military conscription in the SADF, to reassess their political positions.

The struggle against military conscription is not the struggle of the white youth alone. It is the struggle of all those who love peace and justice in our region. We would want to single out white parents whose children are sent to die across the borders of our country and are turned into butchers of their own countrymen in the black townships. They have a special task because their children are being turned into deformed beasts. They must actively engage themselves in the campaign against military conscription. They cannot acquiesce when a whole generation is physically and mentally destroyed.

The religious community has a right and a duty to spread the gospel of peace and justice by defending all those who refuse to be conscripted into the murderous SADF. We cannot fold our hands when the devils sitting in the National Security Council are turning our country into a wasteland.

The entire democratic movement must take up more vigorously the campaign against military conscription. We have gained more experience in the campaigns we have embarked on. We must use this experience to defeat the aims of Botha and his generals to conscript our children.

We are encouraged by the resolve of the End Conscription Campaign to continue the fight against military conscription. Those people who still find themselves in the SADF must begin to organise themselves into small discussion units with an aim of encouraging more and more conscripts to desert the ranks of the SADF. They must sabotage enemy weaponry, means of communication and plans of the fascist generals. Let Botha and his generals not have a word over our lives.

To resist military conscription is only a first step in the correct direction. While the apartheid regime still exists there will always be attempts to conscript our people into the fascist army. Our struggle against military conscription must be viewed as an integral part of our general offensive against the apartheid regime. By strengthening our broad anti-apartheid coalition we shall have taken a giant step towards the destruction of apartheid and the building of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa.

**HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE
OF THE ANC
PASS MAYIBUYE ON**

- *Give to you friends and family;
- *Drop it in a nearby postbox or yard;
- *Stick it onto a public wall or bus shelter at night; and
- *Discuss the issues raised with the people you meet and friends.

BE CAREFUL ! !

**LISTEN TO:
RADIO FREEDOM**

**Voice of the African National Congress and
Umkhonto we Sizwe, the People's Army.**

Radio Luanda

short wave: 25 m band. 11955
19H30 Monday to Saturday
20H30 Sunday

Radio Lusaka

short wave: 31 m. band. 9505 KHz
19H00 Daily
Wednesday: 22H15
Thursday: 21H30
Friday: 22H15
Sunday: 08H00, 11880 KHz

Radio Madagascar

short wave: 49 m. band. 6135 KHz
Daily: 19H00

Radio Ethiopia

short wave: 31m. band. 9595 KHz
21H30 Daily

Radio Tanzania

short wave: 31m. band. 9750 KHz
Monday: 20H15
Wednesday: 20H15
Friday: 20H15
Tuesday: 06H15
Thursday: 06H15
Saturday: 06H15

**JOIN THE CAMPAIGN
TO SAVE THE
54 PATRIOTS
INCLUDING THE
SHARPEVILLE SIX
FROM PRETORIA'S
HANGMAN!**