



Nelson Mandela

75 YEARS OF THE ANC

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Oliver Tambo

The Bureau for Information and the SABC have recently bombarded the people of South Africa with distortions and untruths about the ANC. On the occasion of the ANC's 75th Anniversary we demand of the government:

LET THE ANC SPEAK FOR ITSELF

«The African National Congress was formed in 1912 to defend the rights of the African people which had been seriously curtailed by the South African Act ... For 37 years until 1949 — it adhered strictly to a constitutional struggle. It put forward demands and resolutions, it sent delegations to the government in the belief that African grievances could be settled through peaceful discussion and that Africans could advance gradually to full political rights. But White governments remained unmoved ...» — **NELSON MANDELA ON TRIAL — APRIL 1964.**

«Who will deny that 30 years of my life have been spent knocking in vain, patiently, moderately at a closed and barred door? What have been the fruits of moderation? The past 30 years have seen the greatest number of laws restricting our rights and progress, until today we have reached a stage where we have almost no rights at all.» — **ANC PRESIDENT CHIEF ALBERT LUTHULI — 1950s.**

IN 1960 THE ANC WAS BANNED

The ANC embarked on its present struggle *only after* all else had failed and when all channels of peaceful protest had been barred to it.

TODAY — 27 YEARS AFTER ITS BANNING

- The ANC continues to be supported by many South Africans, both black and white.
 - The ANC is internationally recognised and has offices in over 39 countries around the world.
 - The ANC is a signatory to the Geneva Convention Protocol on Prisoners of War.
- These and many others factors clearly show that there can be no solution to this country's problems without the participation of the ANC.
- We, the undersigned organisations, therefore say:

UNBAN THE ANC

AND OTHER BANNED ORGANISATIONS

ISSUED BY:

United Democratic Front (UDF)
National Education Crisis Committee (NECC)
South African Council of Churches (SACC)

SUPPORTED BY:

Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)
Black Sash
National Soccer League (NSL)
Health Workers Association (HWA)
Call of Islam
Release Mandela Committee (RMC)
South African National Students Council (SANSCO)



Transvaal and Natal Indian Congresses (TIC and NIC)
South African Rugby Union (SARU)
Transvaal Anti PC Committee
Federation of Transvaal Women (FED-TRAW)
Democratic Lawyers Association (DLA)
National Medical and Dental Association (NAMDA)
National Taverners Association of South Africa
Southern Transvaal African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SOUTACOC) — affiliate of NAFCO