

STATEMENT BY B.P.C. VICE PRESIDENT REV. DRAKE TSHENKIENG

B.P.C. is horrified by the lies in the statement by the president of Inkatha, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu in The Natal Mercury (Tuesday, 27.9.1977). BPC's disgust is in sympathy with the person of Gatsha, and the office of chieftainship that BPC so reveres.

BPC has no White neutral friends to act as a go-between in the affairs and lives of Black people. For the sake of readership of The Natal Mercury, BPC requests the KwaZulu Chief Minister to name the "White neutral friend... the go-between", otherwise BPC despises the lies of the existence of such a person.

BPC is for and with the Black people. It talks with everyone of them. The KwaZulu Chief Minister is correct to say that BPC ought to have spoken to him if BPC felt that strongly about him. It is for this reason that BPC regrets that the KwaZulu Chief Minister maintaining to be Black, could have rushed to The Natal Mercury to expose his repulance to the truth rather than check with the BPC office the veracity of the report from his informant or informers. BPC has a full-time secretary-general to place everybody in the correct light regarding BPC's attitude, activities and policies.

That the BPC president used a solemn occasion for mud-slinging against anybody, let alone the KwaZulu Chief Minister is an infamous lie. The President's speech was typed and attached to the programme for all to read and be welcomed. BPC requests the KwaZulu Chief Minister to procure a copy of the president's speech from anybody even if it be through his informers or the informant's tapes to read and listen to carefully and understand it. The president's speech was an expression of conciliation, open and broad mind and heart to welcome the Bantustan chief into the Black-fold of the BPC. It was a request to the Bantustan chiefs to reconsider their position and turn over a new leaf.

In no words or lines and at no time did the President address himself to any single Bantustan chief, Coloured nor Indian. He addressed himself to all the unfortunate puppets of the white government.

With the regards to the KwaZulu Chief Minister's reference to his relation with our late Steve Biko, BPC refrains from dragging the honourable dead into the flaw of shameful lies seen in the light of the lies that BPC is being to react to.

BPC deems it healthy for people like Dr. Gatsha Buthelezi, Chief Minister of KwaZulu, insult her president, calling him "small man." BPC invited and welcomes many more of such utterances primarily from the like of the KwaZulu Chief Minister.

BPC prays that the KwaZulu Chief Minister should mature and see the light.

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