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BRIEF REPORT TO REGIONS

REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS

Since the UDF and the entire progressive movement delivered a blow to the racist Botha regime's grand reform plan, i.e. the tri-racial parliament and the Black Local Authorities Act, the regime has been overcome by frustration because of the massive rejection of the government manouvres by the masses of our people throughout the country. The state president's reaction to this massive NO by our people was the threat that he would go back to the drawing board. Nevertheless, our people are not impressed and continue to make their legitimate demands of an equal, unfragmented, non-racial and democratic South Africa.

By imposing the state of emergency in our country, Botha has proved once and for all that he can no longer govern the country without the people challenging him on all fronts to disband and hand over power to the legitimate and rightful owners of the land. We observe very sadly that for Botha and his henchmen to continue to hold power in their hands, they have to detain, arrest, charge, harass and intimidate our people which situation will only lead our country to further bloodshed.

OUR DEMANDS:

At this point in time the United Democratic Front and its entire affiliates have made the following demands. (Which obviously express the sentiments of the IYY national co-ordinating committee as well)

- *The immediate and unconditional uplifting of the state of emergency now enforced by the state president P w Botha.
- *The unconditional release of all political prisoners and detainees, including those held under the present emergency regulations.
- *The immediate withdrawal of the riotsquad and the SADF in our townships.

These demands are thus far cherished by all peace loving South Africans who are committed to peaceful change in our country which is torn apart by racism and oppression.

REQUIREMENTS FROM REGIONS

We are presently compiling a report of the effect of the state of emergency of our organisations, membership and leadership on the youth front. We request comrades to attempt to provide these reports in good time despite the hard conditions under which we are operating.

- *to draft reports of security harassment on youth organisations and general clampdown on the members, organisations and the leadership.
- *To attempt to keep the youth structures functional despite the Botha emergency regulations. (By continuing to meet in small groups in houses.)
- *To compile lists of youth detainees and students including the injured and those killed.

DISRUPTION OF OUR IYY PROGRAMME

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Presidents: Oscar Mpepha, Albertina Sisulu, Archie Gumede
Eastern Cape President: Edgar Ngoyi
Border President: Steve Tshwete

National Treasurers: Cassim Saloojee, Mewa Ramgobin
National Publicity Secretary: Mosiuoa 'Terror' Lekota
National Secretary: Popo Molefe

Our IYY programme which was supposed to have unfolded nationally on the 16th Dec and earlier in September has entirely been disrupted by the emergency regulations.

PROGRAMME

*In September, a decentralised national youth activity is supposed to have taken place throughout the country. This was meant to have been an Anti-Apartheid campaign spearheaded by the youth organisations with all other progressive organisations taking part. In the Transvaal, it was agreed that the campaign would be an Anti-Pass Campaign. (Other regions would have decided on an appropriate campaign to suit their conditions, however, the Transvaal had recommended very strongly that a national Anti-Pass campaign would have been most effective.)

*On the 16th Dec, we are supposed to have arranged for a NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL with the theme "YOUTH OF SOUTH AFRICA ROCK/ DANCE AGAINST APARTHEID". A venue is supposed to have been organised in order to host the national youth event.

These are some of the reports the International Youth should be informed about. There has been a lot of pressure on all of us on the youth front to be able to carry out our respective tasks efficiently, however, keeping in touch with each other is most vital at this stage.

RELATIONS WITH SACC YOUTH DESK

Our relations with the SACC youth desk thus far have been well, particularly in the Johannesburg area and the Potchefstroom area including a few other places in the country. We had discussions with the co-ordinator of the SACC youth desk, Steve Sadie, who invited the progressive youth organisations to their youth event to be held some time this year. We shall provide the details later to all progressive youth organisations.

With this brief report we also send some of the material produced by the SACC youth on INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

BRIEFS ON IYY

*The national co-ordinating committee has not met since March 1985.

*The Natal co-ordinator of IYY comrade Lechesa Tsenoli has been refused a passport and the security police are now hunting him down like a criminal. (He is said to be safe and in hiding)

*The national co-ordinator of IYY, comrade Dan Montsitsi was raided at his home and fortunately the security did not find him in. HE has moved from the UDF office but still collects all correspondence and messages from the office.

*The UDF is prepared to sponsor future IYY programmes provided a budget is drawn and presented to the treasurers, one of whom is already in detention while the other is on the run.

The UDF also requires a breakdown of how the money was used in our initial IYY regional activity. Only the Transvaal region has submitted such a report to the UDF NEC.

The UDF comrades also expected a concrete and practical programme from the IYY National Co-ordinating Committee and the entire progressive youth organisations.

*The following have not yet been achieved:

-production of our own newsletter.

-production and printing of national T-shirt, Banner etc.

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We observe with disgust and contempt at those forces which are attempting to take advantage of the harassment of our organisations, membership and leadership to undermine, subvert and hijack some of the depleted youth structures in other parts of the country. Our response to them is "We have nothing to fear "These forces are composed of the ultra left, the confused ultra right and of course the government as well.

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BRIEF REPORT TO REGIONS CONTINUED

We also wish to have our views expressed concerning the banning of the CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (COSAS).

We submit that the banning of COSAS without attending to the students' grievances will not bring peace and calm in the townships, high schools and eventually throughout the country. The banning of COSAS also serves an admission on the part of the government that the youthful student force in our community are waging a campaign which is too costly for the government to cope up with. The government unwittingly concedes to the effectiveness of COSAS as a force and therefore decide to wish it away by just imposing a ban on the student organisation.

This is the time to resolve as young people throughout the country to condemn the banning of the student organisation in the strongest terms and further plan ahead lest this banning was an introduction of a total onslaught on the entire progressive movement and the UDF nationally.

Until such time that the detainees are released, ^{and} all political prisoners as well are released unconditionally including the tried and tested leadership of our people, the unconditional return of all political refugees and leadership of the people and the unbanning of all banned political organisations including the dismentlement of the apartheid system, then talks can be held on how the hand over of power to legitimate owners of the land can be carried out.

Only when these important considerations have been made that real peace can prevail once and for all in South Africa.

We send you all revolutionary greetings
 Long Live UDF ban Apartheid
 Forward with the Year of the Youth
 PHAMBILI NO MZABALAZO WA BEFUNDI

Yours in the strggle
 Comrade co-ordinator
 D.Montsitsi.

