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CONGRESS DEMANDS



Botha, Rajbansi, Hendrickse, Reddy . .

LEAVE OUR LEADERS ALONE!

On Tuesday morning from about 4am the security stormtroopers of Botha, Rajbansi, and Hendrickse launched a massive countrywide raid of the UDF, NIC, TIC, RMC and other UDF affiliates. Amongst those arrested are:

- Albertine Sisulu - UDF national president and wife of ANC leader Walter Sisulu who is serving a life sentence
- Cassim Saloojee - TIC publicity secretary and UDF national treasurer
- Rev Frank Chikane - UDF (Tvi) vice president
- Prof Ismail Mohamed - Transvaal Anti PC chairperson
- Siss Njikelana - Saawu general secretary
- Isaac Ngcobo - Saawu
- Sam Kikine - Saawu

All seven are to be charged for high treason in Durban on Thursday, 22 February, 1985, together with the 8 UDF leaders already charged, including Dr Essop Jassat and Archie Gumede.

The houses of twenty TIC leaders and activists in Lenasia, Laudium, Actonville, and Fordsburg were also raided, as well as the TIC offices in Fordsburg. Documents, leaflets and statements concerning the activities of the organisation were taken. These actions by the state can only be seen as a blatant attempt at intimidating our people into inactivity.

None of our leaders charged for treason have committed any crime. They are committed to non-violent methods of struggle. Their only 'crime' is their opposition to apartheid with the full support of our people. Apartheid is the crime and the criminals are Botha, Rajbansi, Hendrickse and Reddy. The government hopes that by imprisoning our leaders it will gain breathing space to win credibility through the back door.

The TIC holds all those in the Indian and 'Coloured' parliaments and the President's Council directly responsible for these attacks on the people. Their calls for our leaders to be charged or released are hollow. Rajbansi and Hendrickse are full cabinet members and therefore must be party to discussion in the cabinet on stifling all forms of extra-parliamentary struggles.

This wave of repression gives lie to P W Botha's pretensions of a search for consultation with extra-parliamentary opposition groups, as well as his offer to Nelson Mandela, Ahmed Kathrada, Walter Sisulu and Govan Mbeki, if they renounce violence. The government is making non-violent extra-parliamentary opposition impossible.

We demand:

- the immediate and unconditional release of all our leaders and the scrapping of the charges brought against them.
- the right to free political activity and,
- an immediate end to the harassment and intimidation of our people
- that all those in the Indian and 'Coloured' parliaments, the President's Council and the cabinet resign their seats immediately.

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES!

CONGRESS PROTEST RALLY

against

JAILING OF OUR LEADERS, RAIDS AND HARASSMENT

Fifteen of our leaders face charges of high treason in Durban. They are:

Essop Jassat (TIC president), Cassim Saloojee (TIC publicity sec), Albertina Sisulu (UDF president), Archie Gumede (UDF president), Prof I. Mohamed (Anti-PC chair), Frank Chikane (UDF), George Sewpersadh (NIC president), Aubrey Mokoena (RMC), M.J. Naidoo (NIC), Sisa Njikelana (Saawu), Paul David, Mewa Ramgobin, Curtis Nkondo, Sam Kikine, Isaac Ngobo.

Venue: Nur-ul-Islam Hall,
Lenasia

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STAND BY OUR LEADERS

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