Press Statement by William Jolobe, PAC XX week following March 21, 1960 (received by fone)

(Jolobe said he was issuing statement after having seen Sobukwe in jail)

"If evidence of ANC rank opportunism was still required, when their call for a day of mourning on March 28 instead of their previously announced coffincarrying placard-bearing pass demonstrations on March 31, provides that evidence.

, "The ANC opposed our campaign. It called it sensational, ill-defined and ill-planned. We shoed them and their bosses that we could plan and run the campaign on our own without the advice of sections of the oppressor class. The ANC is now trying to bask in the sunshine of PAC's successes. Luthuli now has the courage which he has lacked for over twelve years to brun his reference book after passes had been suspended. Supported and boosted by the white press, he has been making one foolish statement after the other, pretending that he has a following in country.

"The position is quite clear: the African people will take their instructions from the leadership of the PAc which has lold them so far on the road to freedom and independence.

"They will treat with contempt and scorn the opportunists who hope to reap where they have not sown.

"Our advice and warning to the ANC and its liberal friends is: hands off our campaign. We do not need your interference. Go on with your coffincarrying and other childish pastimes but leave the African people to fight their struggle without you. Tell your bosses you cannot sell the African people because you do not control them."

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