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UDF attacks 'hysterical pamphlet'

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THE "hysterical" accusations in a pamphlet distributed in Mitchells Plain claiming that the UDF was a front for the ANC would not confuse the thousands of South Africans who supported the UDF, a spokesman for the organization said yesterday.

The pamphlet, printed on A4-size paper, has the heading UDF = ANC = UDF. On top of a photograph of Mr Oliver Tambo are the words "Comrade Tambo" and beneath the photograph, "Chief Commissar" and "Commissar for Police".

Numerous other photographs of community leaders appear on the pamphlet. Dr Allan Boesak is described as "Comrade Boesak" and "Commissar for Tourism", Mr Archie Gumede, as "Commissar for Finance", Mr Oscar Mpetha as "Commissar of Justice", Mr Frank Chikane as "Commissar for Defence", and Mrs Frances Baard as "Commissar for Manpower".

The words "Would you support this government?" appear in the centre of the pamphlet.

Mr Jonathan de Vries, UDF's publicity secretary for the Western Cape, said yesterday that the "hysterical" accusations would not confuse the thousands of South Africans who supported the UDF as a legitimate organization. The UDF had publicly stated its principles and methods.

"As our anti-election campaign gains momentum, individuals who can never hope to win support amongst our people will increasingly resort to such scurrilous attacks," Mr De Vries said.

The UDF had never been afraid to state its beliefs openly and challenged the anonymous distributors of the pamphlets to do likewise.

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