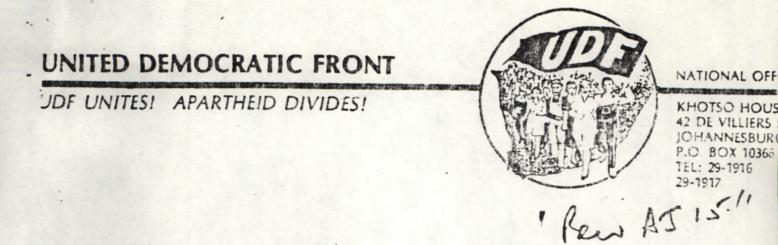
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The latest in a series of outrageous acts by the government is nothing more than an admission by the minority government that it has lost the political battle. The government has failed to win over "the hearts and minds" of our people. Thus its only option is to fall back on fascists and dictatorial methods. Any government which has to resort to such means is a govt without support, constantly threatened, panic-stricken and definitely unstable.

These measures leave our people with no choice. There is no doubt that an ever increasing number of people would be driven to the streets in order to express their grievances. Peaceful and orderly meetings not being allowed, the masses are left only with the option of gathering at the barricades.

However, the work of the UDF and its affiliates will continue. Our strength is that we speak to people in homes, schools, factories and on the busses and trains. We do not rely on mass -meetings alone. Thus the process of mobilisation against apartheid would not stop.

For the sake of peace and justice we call on the govt to immediately lift its undeclared state of emergency and bow down to the demands of the majority of the people by scrapping the new constitution and the Black Local Authorities.

Rev. Frank Chikane.

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