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WE STAND UNITED BEHIND OUR LEADERS

ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 1984, THE FOLLOWING
LEADERS WERE CHARGED WITH TREASON IN DURBAN

Essop Jassat - President TIC	M.J. Naidoo - NIC
George Sewparsingh - President NIC	Mewa Ramgobin - NIC
Curtis Nkomo - Chairperson RMC	Aubrey Makoena - RMC

All the above are also senior members of the UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT
They had been held under preventative detention since August 1984

Nobody is fooled by these charges which are a response to the mounting opposition to detentions, both within the country as well as in Britain, America and other countries.

Botha, Rajbansi, Hendrikse have responded to this opposition by trying to create the impression that our leaders are "CRIMINALS". We know that the Internal Security Act (like the Group Areas Act, Pass Laws etc.) is an unjust law. Thus, whilst murderers are allowed bail, our respected leaders are refused bail. We feel that there can be no justice in an unjust society and our leaders cannot be tried in a just manner.

WE strongly reject these unjust and ludicrous charges and contend that:

- Our leaders only "CRIME" is the exposure of the states Tri-Cameral Parliament and their unwavering expression of the legitimate aspirations and struggles of our people.
- Our leaders have always conducted our just struggles in a peaceful manner in accordance with the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the demand of the Freedom Charter.
- Our Leaders are prominent and respectable members of our communities and have a long history of peaceful opposition to unjust laws.
- The government is deliberately trying to buy time, both internally and externally. On the one hand, they think that by trying to convict our leaders under their unjust laws, Reagan and Thatcher will be able to counter the anti-apartheid groups in their countries. The British Government can also use this as an excuse to reject our leaders from the consulate. On the other hand, the government thinks that if it keeps people like Essop Jassat and George Sewparsingh in jail, the community will be left without leaders to oppose Rajbansi, Hendrikse, Reddy etc. In this way, the government hopes to use the first six months of 1985 to make its Tri-Cameral system work on a day-to-day basis by imposing it on a leaderless people.
- By repressing the peaceful struggles of our people, the government is inviting and encouraging a show of violence. We thus put the recent unrest in the Townships squarely on the shoulders of the state.

WE CALL UPON OUR PEOPLE TO:

- Stand united behind our leaders
- Observe the festive period as a period of mourning
- Demand the unconditional release of our leaders
- Demand the resignation of Rajbansi, Reddy, Hendrikse etc.

WE APPEAL TO MOSQUES, TEMPLES AND CHURCHES TO HAVE PRAYER SERVICES FOR OUR LEADERS AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE VAAL AND OTHER AREAS.

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL

ESSOP JASSAT CHARGED FOR TREASON!

SHOW YOUR OPPOSITION
TO THIS UNJUST ACTION

ATTEND
PROTEST RALLY

AT THE
AVALON CINEMA

93 CENTRAL ROAD FORDSBURG
JOHANNESBURG

DATE: THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER 1984

TIME: 8-00 p.m.

Speakers: Dr. R.A.M. Saloojee (TIC Vice President just released from Detention)

"TERROR" Lekota (UDF publicist, secretary just released from Detention)

MANIBEN SITA (Daughter of the late Nana Sita and TIC council member)

**WE DEMAND THE
UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL
OUR LEADERS**

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