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DOROTHY NYEMBE WELCOME

I am honoured to speak briefly here today in the presence of some of those who shared all with Dorothy Nyembe and in presence of Mssisulu, Ma Mhlanzini,

1. We gather here to welcome Dorothy Nyembe and in that welcome
(a) We pay tribute to her long hard years of suffering.
In that tribute we acknowledge her suffering.

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- Joyce Mashamba, Makhiese, Esther
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(2) Acknowledges her suffering is a personification of the suffering of all the woman who suffered harassment, bannings, banishment
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(3) Acknowledge her suffering is symbolic of all the many thousands of mothers who see their little ones with extended bellies and emaciated bodies but with breast that drain their last strengths from their bodies to preserve those little lives - the lives that will free our country.

(b) That Tribute

(4) acknowledges the sufferin of the mothers who have been robbed of the precious lives they brought into this world and we think particularly of Mahlangu, Magoerane Motuany, Mosolodi and very particularly of Benjamin Molrise who is now waiting in the death cell to be robbed of live. We remember the mothers whose children and husbands fell at Casingaand Maseru

(b) We pay tribute to her because we acknowledge her role in advancing our struggle

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2. In paying tribute to Dorothy Nyembe you are today here also paying tribute to our determination to free our country from racism, oppression and exploitation. My heart always miss a beat when I hear you sing of our struggle for liberation. But ..

2. — those fires of liberation are pulsating in the blood of all our people in- Kwa MASHU Lamontville, and Chatsworth, in, Crossroads and Mitchells Plain in Atteridgeville, Naladi and Eldorado Park ,in Petersburg, Tsaneen and Vryburg
In short those fires of freedom are pulsating throughout the body of our country from our most southern shores to our most northern borders , from our Western coast right to the borders of Botswana
You like all our people
-Are claiming our birthright
-We are determined to put to an end the schemes of those who play God over our lives
-We are claiming the right to be ruled by the people of our choice
-We are claiming a fair share of the wealth we produce and paid for by the broken bodies and lives of our people.
-We are claiming the right to redistribute but land amongst those who work it.
-We are claiming these rights in the land of our birth, in the soil that nurtured our ancestors, the soil that absorbed their flesh and blood. We claim our land whose every blade of grass, whose every grain of sand and whose every drop of water is a precious part of our heritage and we mean to leave a free and liberated land to our children and the generations to come.
3. In gathering here today we are also signifying that we shall achieve these things provided we stand together as a united people
-on the factory shop floor
-in the community
-in the school and universities
-in the churches
In short we must build our people into a massive anvil. We must build them into an anvil on which the beast that is destroying our people in detention and imprisonment in Magopa, Leandra and so many other places will meet its end. The beast that is at your neighbourstoday will surely be at your door tomorrow. We dare not be fooled by the so called new deals. They are simply designed to divide us and beat down our struggle and give exploitation, oppression and racism a new lease of life.
5. Let the suffering of Dorethy Nyembe and of our leaders Mandela, Sisulu,----- always make us remember that we are helots in the land of our birth. Let our brave youth who paid the supreme sacrifice so that we can achieve freedom standto ourthat we have yet to gain our freedom.
Let our brave sons and daughters who have gone to do the much they believe to be done fire us with new levels of courage and determination to grasp our freedom and see the dawn of a new bright South Africa for all our people.

I.J. MOHAMED
TALK GIVEN AT DOROTHY NYEMBE
WELCOME, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
PETERSBURG 25/3/84

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