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All students and pupils at schools and other educational institutions in the KwaZulu bantustan in South Africa, which is under the control of the prime minister of the bantustan, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, have been forbidden from belonging to any student organisation except the Inkatha Youth Brigade.

This has been confirmed by Dr. D.Y. Zimu, who is the assistant secretary of the Department of Education and Culture.

Dr. Zimu said since its inception his department had banned all organisations which claimed to represent students in schools under its control. This did not apply to the Inkatha Youth Brigade which, he said, was allowed to operate freely in all schools. (Inkatha is primarily Zulu-based organisation led by Chief Buthelezi.)

This ban applies especially to the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) which is committed to the non-racial democratic education in a free, democratic non-racial South Africa, free of bantustans and group areas. This goal is embodied in the Freedom Charter adopted at an elected Congress of the People in Kliptown in June 1955.

Why do students and people struggle in South Africa? Why is there no peace and prosperity in the country?

It is the poor teaching, overcrowded study conditions, severe corporal punishment, high failure rate, corruption, inadequate facilities, tribalist racist inferior Apartheid education that breeds resistance and struggle for a free, compulsory, non-racial education for all. In our country this struggle finds organisational expression in such groups as COSAS etc.

If Buthelezi was wise enough he should have banished all the conditions which breed this resistance and thereby banning COSAS and other organisational expressions of this resistance. However as this would have amounted to dismantling Apartheid education, he would not dare do it, for he lacks not only the power to do it, but the courage to turn against his Pretoria masters.

Let Buthelezi and his bantustan colleagues rest assured that the ban would not stop the growing opposition to Apartheid and inferior education. It only exposes, together with the recent murder of five students at Ongoye campus and many other incidences before, Buthelezi's dedication in serving the interests of Pretoria against our people. He follows closely

to the foot-steps of his puppet-twin brother Lennox Sebe in policing our youth and people on behalf of Apartheid.

Let us briefly look at what the bantustan Chief Buthelezi would like our youth and students in KwaZulu to do.

The students should sit tied to their desks amidst overcrowded, unhealthy classroom conditions. They should forever bend their backs in absorbing the tribalist lies and falsification of our history from those KwaZulu education textbooks. They should approve to reducing our forebears, heroes such as Shaka, Cetshwayo, patriots such as Hintsa, Sekhukhuni, etc. into tribalists with narrow-minds. In the name of these brave patriots they should murder fellow students marching for freedom and democracy. They should submit to the bantustan system and by so doing declare themselves outcasts in the land of their forefathers. Deprived of South African citizenship and classified Zulus and nothing more, they should turn against their fellow South Africans, "coloured" and Indian brothers and sisters with suspicion and mistrust. They should view them as intruders in the territory of KwaZulu and threaten them with a repetition of the widely regrettable Apartheid-inspired tribalist riots of 19

They, the youth and students in KwaZulu should not only submit to, but defend with their precious lives, tribalism, racism, high rents, group areas, poverty illiteracy, ignorance, cultural degradation, Apartheid education, Bantustans, aggression and destabilisation of the peoples and youth of southern Africa.

This is what Buthelezi would like the youth and students in KwaZulu to do. He has already started.

What is it that threatens Chief Buthelezi so much in COSAS?

Chief Buthelezi is clearly threatened by the ideals of non-racialism and democracy to which COSAS is committed.

Buthelezi is rendered restless by the commitment of the youth and students of our country to peace and freedom.

We, in COSAS reiterate that the true aspirations and desires of the youth and students in KwaZulu, Ciskei, etc. lie with the aspirations of the entire youth, students and people of South Africa. Their correct ambitions can only be realized in the outcome of the South African peoples struggle against tribalism, racist education, homeland policy, oppression, for a free, democratic, better and peaceful South Africa.

This history will soon teach Buthelezi and other bantustan puppets.

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FORWARD TO A DEMOCRATIC FUTURE!

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