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A CALL TO P.A.C. LEADERS!

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P.A.C. Leaders we have now reached a crucial stage in the struggle of our people. The Emergency Laws have outlawed P.A.C. and sent most of our militants to prison. An all-out attempt was made by the police, the army and the white citizen forces to smash the P.A.C. Organisation, and destroy its machinery. Meanwhile our heroic Leaders are languishing in gaol, having been sentenced to long stretches of three, two and one and half years. It is all quiet on the African National Front. But it is the silence and inactivity before a gathering storm. It is the breathing space before P.A.C. continues its campaign for:-

- (1) The total abolition of passes;
- (2) A minimum wage of £8. 3. 4.d per week. and
- (3) The Release of Sobukwe and other P.A.C. Leaders.

During this breathing-space the leaders have specific, vital, urgent, tasks and these tasks must be implemented and carried out at once. Delay will be deadly. It will be disastrous. We dare not betray Sobukwe!!!

The tasks before our Leaders are clear:-

(1) The first task is to consolidate the underground organisation of the P.A.C. This means that each region, or branch, must resort to cell organisation. For example, a branch must divide up into small cells, each under a cell leader. A cell consists of a few members, making up a tiny unit by themselves.

Each and every cell in a branch or area must be in touch, through its leaders, with a small branch Executive Committee, which is itself a cell unit. The Branch Executive must establish contact either with the Regional Executive Committee or with the Johannesburg National Centre as quickly as possible. The Cell must meet frequently under conditions of extreme secrecy. Iron discipline must be instilled among members. Discussions must be carried on, and tasks allotted. Methods must be found to spread ideas and propaganda by word of mouth or by short written Bulletins. But this must be done quietly, efficiently and thoroughly. This is an immediate task and it is of paramount urgency. We cannot shirk or delay it.

(2) The second task is just vital. Once each branch has completed its cell organisation, it must at once prepare the people for continuing the campaign. Complete secrecy must be observed in the preparation of the people for mass disciplined action. The propaganda must centre round the Central issues, such as:-

- (a) The fact that our leaders are in gaol;
- (b) The fact that P.A.C. will never stop the campaign until the passes are abolished; and that only Mangaliso Sobukwe will call off the campaign.
- (c) The fact that the P.A.C. went into Positive action in order to have all Pass Laws removed from the Statute Book.
- (d) The fact that the wages of our African Workers are miserably low, and only a minimum wage of £8. 3.4.d per week will be acceptable.

The meagre, miserable concessions, on such things as liquor, which the Government contemplates, must be exposed, firstly as being totally inadequate and a bluff and secondly as proof of the power of the P.A.C. Campaign against the Pass laws. The temporary suspension of the Passes, during the first days of the Campaign, must be held up as proof of mass power and the weakness and vulnerability of the Government. P.A.C. Leaders, these are vital, urgent, historic tasks!! Forward to cell formations! Forward to preparation of the people! Forward to mass Action for the Abolition of passes!!!

(3) The final decisive phase will be a call by P.A.C., for nation wide Mass Action, with P.A.C. membership constituting a militant spear-head or vanguard. The object will be a total abolition of the pass laws. All Cellular branches will receive bulletins - regular bulletins to assist them in the organisation of propaganda and preparatory work! Forward to organisation and preparation now! The call will come from Central Headquarters! P.A.C. Leaders of all grades and strata, forward now to action TO CONSOLIDATION AND preparation, Now!!!

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