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UDF PRESS RELEASE ON LABOUR PARTY

We condemn in the strongest terms the violence perpetrated on the UDF supporters by the Labour Party henchmen. These are acts of desperation by a party that has run out of tricks and lies not only to convince the Coloured community to vote for the Apartheid Constitution, but also to justify its continued existance.

The Labour Party is clearly on its way to the dustbins of history. Acts of violence calculated to tarnish the image of the UDF will not make the Front a fellow traveller in this cause. Neither will this violence win any support for them (LP). The masses from all communities clearly identify with the UDF. They see the UDF as the champion of resistance against the New Constitution on one hand and the Labour Party as a mere tool in the hands of the oppressors on the other.

As our campaign against the election for the puppet parliament intensifies, it is expected that those who have sold their souls for 30 pieces of silver will feel more threatened by the popular rejection of the "new deal" of the racist rulers of this country. To that extent more violence and ruthlessness can be expected. It is simple to understand their fear. When the new constitution dies so will they in terms of their political activism.

Today the UDF prides itself of its strength and mass support. Through its activities of a barely 10'months' period the Front has elicited the anger and condemnation from both the govt and reactionary parties such as the L P., Solidarity, etc. The realignment of forces is clearly taking shape with the UDF with all the Freedom people on one hand and the Labour Party and the government on the other. Exactly whose interests is the Labour Party defending? Of Africans, which Africans? No government stooge can defend the interests of any body against the government including his own.

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We call on our people in Eldorado Park, Reiger Park, Actonville, etc. to boycott the August elections. We call on all our people to refuse to be partners in the crime of Apartheid against a majority of South Africans. We challenge Jack Rabie and his colleagues to come to Soweto, Pretoria and the Vaal to explain to the African people exactly how they will represent them and on whose mandate.

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