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**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. F. A. M. Saloojee**

**"TERROR" Lekota**

**MANIBEN SITA**

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



# WE STAND UNITED BEHIND OUR LEADERS

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

Essop Jassat - President TIC

George Sewparsingh - President NIC

Curtis Nkomo - Chairperson RMC

M.J. Naidoo - NIC

Mewa Ramgoboo - NIC

Aubrey Mokoena - RMC

All the above are members of the **UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT**.  
They are being held under the **Internal Security Act**.

Nobody is fooled by these charges which are an insult to the freedom-loving people of this country as well as in Britain, America and other countries.

Both 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



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