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Throughout the country students are united in their demands for SRC's.



Our people did not vote for the tri-cameral parliament



Armoured vehicles patrol Vaal Townships



Vaal residents meet to express their demands

People on all fronts say REJECT APARTHEID

IT IS not yet summer, but already the thunder is rolling. It is the thunder of the people's anger in the streets of the townships. It is the thunder of police bullets and sjamboks in the townships, in the factories and on the mines.

Once again, we are voicing our anger against the oppression and exploitation that we suffer every day of our lives.

In the Vaal where the thunder has been the loudest, people have problems, these are problems that people have everywhere. The people of the Vaal, like all our people in townships everywhere, showed that they did not want the government's puppets when they refused to vote in the community council elections. Yet the system is still forced upon us. The government refuses to listen.

Our people are then forced to protest openly. The government's answer is to send in its police and its army. Some of those who peacefully gathered to make their grievances known are

injured and killed. The blame is then laid on instigators and agitators. This is the song sung by government ministers, by the police, by community councillors and by the bantustan 'leaders'.

●They refuse to see that our problems are real.

●They deny that we are suffering.

●They reject student demands for better education.

Recently when miners and factory workers went on strike against low wages, retrenchments and poor conditions at work, some were beaten by police and fired.

We are told that we must vote for puppet leaders, for bantustan tyrants, for money-grabbers in the new apartheid parliament. When we refuse and call for a non-racial, democratic and unitary South Africa, free of exploitation and oppression, we are harassed.

●How can those who do these things to us, call themselves our leaders?

●How can we trust them when they claim to serve us, but don't listen to us?

●How can Tshabalala say that apartheid is responsible for people's suffering, when he himself exploits us and oppresses us on behalf of his apartheid masters?

●How can we believe people like Hendrikse and Rajbansi who say that they are going into parliament to fight apartheid, and yet while people are dying they have said and done nothing.

How long do we have to wait?

It is Botha, le Grange, Mahlatsi, Tshabalala, Rajbansi, Hendrikse and their friends who are the troublemakers, it is they who should bare the blame for the violence and suffering that is destroying our country.

UDF believes we must join and strengthen our people's organizations - our trade unions, civic bodies, youth and student organizations, and women's groups.

●When we are organised, we can fight as one.

●When we are organised, we can bring new people into the struggle.

●When we are organised, we are strong.

Already we have won some victories. Many rent increases have been cancelled. In Ratanda on the East Rand, the whole council heard the call of the people and resigned. While in the Vaal 4 councillors have now resigned. Coloureds and Indians have refused to vote for apartheid.

But this is not enough. We want the community councils dropped, the end of the apartheid parliament and the scrapping of the bantustans.

We want a society free of exploitation and oppression, where the basic living needs of all South Africans are adequately met.

But we still have a long road ahead. Let us therefore organise, organise, organise! Let us build our power in the townships, factories and schools.

Let us go forward to freedom!

**UDF UNITES.
APRTHEID DIVIDES.**

Repression makes us stronger

THE UDF deplores all detentions and bannings under the Internal Security Act. Our leaders are detained because they have organised against the new apartheid parliament, the community councils and the bantustans. Our meetings are banned because the government fears our voice. But our people are determined to achieve a truly democratic society.

Our people are oppressed and exploited throughout the country. We cannot afford to buy food or clothes in the face of an ever increasing cost of living. Our wages are low and yet we still pay GST, high rents and high transport fares. Our wages are not sufficient for us to support the unemployed. We see how unemployment is used by the bosses to keep our wages low. Recently many of our brothers and sisters have died. We must fight on for what they have died for. Our struggle is a daily struggle.

We would like to warn those that oppress and exploit us that bannings, removals, detentions, and all forms of harassment will not deter us. The detention of our leaders only makes us more determined than ever to free ourselves of apartheid.

We therefore demand

- the release of all detainees and political prisoners.
- the scrapping of all security laws
- the immediate end to the shooting and arresting of our people
- the dissolution of apartheid parliaments, the bantustans, and the community councils.

UNITE NOW FOR SRC'S

THE GOVERNMENT uses Bantu education to train our youth to be cheap labourers. This is why thousands of students are now boycotting classes all over the country.

One million students - from the schools, the technicals and the universities; and from all race groups - also boycotted classes in protest against the undemocratic 'elections' for the new apartheid parliament.

It seems that only when South Africa has a democratic parliament, democratic schools, and democratic townships and workplaces, will students stop boycotting.

Students are suffering from brutal teachers, lack of textbooks and facilities, poor food in canteens, and teachers who are informers. They are suffering from overcrowded classes and oppressive education.

Students also suffer from the low wages that parents are paid and the overcrowded townships we are forced to live in.

Students are organised by Cosas - a UDF affiliate.

They demand:

- democratically elected SRCs
- abolition of corporal punishment
- scrapping of age-limits on students
- an end to undemocratic education
- release of detained students
- no more teachers sexually harassing women students.

The aims of Cosas are:



Police have occupied the Vaal townships.

WE CAN'T STOMACH IT

OUR PEOPLE in the Vaal townships of Sebokeng, Evaton and Sharpeville have won a hard fought battle to have rent increases in their areas scrapped. They have also persuaded many of the unpopular community councillors to resign.

They were brought to office 8 months ago with the implementation of the Local Authorities Act. The government is trying to impose its dummy institutions on us. These institutions are undemocratic and useless.

On 2 September, three mass meetings were held in the Vaal area. Our people wanted to discuss the rent increases that were imposed on them by the Lekoa Administration Board. People were very bitter. They explained how the rent affected them given that they were paid low wages and were exploited in the factories. Residents resolved to stay away from work and school on the following day. They decided to march on the administration board office to demand the scrapping of the increases. Businesses were asked to close for the day. On Monday 3 September residents marched to the council offices.

They demanded that:

- the rent increases be scrapped
- existing rents be reduced
- community councillors resign immediately
- all people presently detained be released immediately
- no police interference at funerals

Like Sharpeville twenty years ago, they were met by bullets while they shouted 'ASINAM-ALL'. Many people were injured, crippled or maimed by police bullets.

Vaal residents have paid a high price for their opposition to rents they cannot afford. They have been humiliated by having to appeal to a council that they did not vote for and that does not represent them. Their rejection of community councils is a demand for a full rights in a united democratic South Africa. It is a demand which unites all oppressed and freedom loving South Africans. It is a demand which Indian and Coloured people fought for when they did not vote in the recent apartheid elections.

However, our people have been united in their action and strengthened by their sacrifice.

As one resident pointed out, 'The apartheid regime is only able to rule through violence. Conflict is inevitable when undemocratic councils and unpopular leaders are imposed upon people.'

The Lekoa Council was elected in a 9% poll while the Evaton Council was elected by 5% of the people.

The Vaal Civic Association has been fighting for the interests of residents since it was formed in 1983. It is affiliated to the UDF. It has branches in all the Vaal townships and has programmes for its members.

'We are fighting against rent increases and organising people around this issue,' a Vaal Civic member said.

There are many other UDF affiliates in the Vaal - like Cosas and the Vaal Organization of Women.

The Vaal Civic has called on residents to continue their support for the civic and to join in their campaign. For months now the VCA has called on the Lekoa Council to scrap the rent increases. But the council turned a deaf ear to the demands of the people.

Residents of the Vaal say that they cannot afford the rents of R50-R70 because of the high cost of food and the increase in GST.

The retrenchment of many workers in the area and the high rate of unemployment are other hardships that the people face.

But our people have grown strong through their organisation. It is only through strong organisation that we will be able to fight Botha's plans. Let us join hands with all democratic organisations and strengthen the UDF.

UDF UNITES. APARTHEID DIVIDES.

● To normalise relationships between students, teachers and parents.

● To create a spirit of trust and co-operation between students and parents.

● To create a spirit of trust, responsibility, understanding and creative companionship between students.

● To strive towards an education which is dynamic, free and compulsory for the betterment of our society.

The government's answer has been to close schools. They want to undermine the unity and organization of students who meet at the schools. They have tried to turn parents against children. They have used teargas, sjamboks and bullets. More than 60 people have died in the past month.

But our brave students have remained united and strong. Parents have supported their struggles. Eventually, the government will have to make some changes.

At present there are 160 000 students on boycott. In the Vaal their are 93 000 from the townships of Bophelong, Boipatong, Sebokeng, Shapreville and Evaton.

In the East Rand 5 000 in Daveyton, 6 000 in Katlehong, 2 000 in Thokoza, 5 000 in Tembisa, 2 000 in Vosloorus and 6 000 in Wattville. In Pretoria 2 500 in Mamelodi and Soshanguve and 6 000 in Saulsville and Atteridgeville. 2 000 in Alexandra, 3 000 in Welkom, 2 000 in Tumahole, 3 000 in Queenstown and 7 000 in Cradock in the Eastern Cape.



The widespread unrest in the country is an indication that the people of S.A. are no more prepared to be governed by this government.

Frank Chikane - UDF executive member



SINCE COSAS was formed in 1979 it was able to organise students at high school level. It has showed our students the necessity for an abolition of bantu education. Our goal is to create an alternative to bantu education that is dynamic, free and compulsory. It will be easy for Cosas to achieve this goal because of our alliance with Azaso, which is also fighting for democratic education.

BESSIE FIHLA, Vice-Chairperson Tvl Region Cosas.

Zonke izimhlanga zithi maluphele ubandlululo

Akukabisi ilobo eligwele, kepha izulu seliyaduma. Izulu lentukuthelo yabantu emigwaqeni nasemayini. Izulu lezinhlamvu emalokhishini nesibhaxu emsebenzini.

Siyaphinda futhi siyayibonisa intukuthelo yethu ngokucindezelwa nokuxhazwa esikurwa mihla yonke yokuphila kwethu. Lapho lidume kakhulu khona eVaal, izinhlupeko zabo ziyafana nezethu kuyo yonke indawo.

Abantu base Vaal, njengabonke abantu bethu kuwo wonke amalokishi, babonise ukuthi abazifuni izincelele zikahulumeni ngokwala ukuvotela amaCommunity Councils. Kodwa lokhu kusaphoqelele kithi.

Abantu bethu baphoqelele ukuba babonise uhulumeni ukuthi abakuthandi loko. Kodwa impendulo yakhe ukuthumela impi namaphoyisa kulabo abazama ukukhipha izikhala zabo ngoxolo ukuba babalimaze abanye babalule. Abaholi bama Bantustans, amaCommunity Councils nabanye bakaHulumeni bazigeza ngokuthi kukhona abapheleli balokhu.

● Abafuni ukubona ukuthi zinkinga zethu ziyiqiniso.
● Bayakuphika ukuthi sihwele kanzima.
● Bayazala izidingo zabafundi zemfundo engcono.

● Uma abasebenzi ezimayini nasefactory bekhala ngamaholo aphantsi kanye nempilo engcono kanye nokuxoshwa kwabasebenzi, babizelwa amaphoyisa bashaywe, baxoshwe.

● Amakhosikazi akhala ngamanani aphakeme okudla nokwenyuka kwentela yentego (Gst) ayashaywa aphinde athelwe ngentuthu ekhipha

izinyembezi.

Sitshelwa ukuba sivotele izincelele zabaholi, ababusi bobudlova bamaBantustans, abaphangi bemali kulephalame entsha yobandlululo. Uma sala sithi sifuna iSouth Africa enganabandlulo, yokulingana ngamalungelo, enganangcindezelo kanye nokuxhazwa, siya boshwa, siyashaywa siphinde sibulawe.

● Bangazibiza kanjani abaholi bethu ethunywe abamphethe bobandlululo.

● Singa bakholwa kanjani abantu abafana nabo Hendrikse no Rajbansi abathi bayokulwa nobandlululo phakathi ephalame kodwa abantu bafa abazange basho lutho ngisho nokuzama abangakwenza.

Sizolinda kuze kube nini na? ULE labantu abenza lokhu kithina?

● Singabethemba kanjani umabethi basebenzela thina kodwa bengafuni ukusilalela na?

● Angakusho kanjani uTshabalala ukuthi ubandlululo (Apartheid) yilo elubangela inhlupeko yabantu kodwa yena exaphaza abantu ezitolo zakhe futhi ecindezela abantu Grange, uMahlati, uTshabalala, uRajbansi no Hendrikse kanye nabangani babo ababangela ukuba kungabi nokuthula kanye nenhlupheko ebulala izwe lethu. IUDF ikhokha yikuthi

kufanele sijoyine siqinise izimhlangano zabantu zabasebenzi, izimhlangano zezakhamizi, zentsha nezabafundi kanye nezamakhosikazi.

● Uma sesihlangene singalwa sinjenge

● Uma sesihlangene singalwa abantu abasha emzabalazweni.

● Uma sesihlangene sinamandla.

Kukhona ezinye izinto esingobe kuzo. Amaningi ehlisiwe amarent abekhushuliwe, namaCommunity Councils akhona ehla ezihlalweni zawo. E-Ratanda East Rand amaCouncils azwile isikhala sabantu ehla ezihlalweni. Amalindian namaColoured alile ukuvotela ubandlululo. Kodwa lokhu akweneianga. Sifuna aphume aphele amaCouncils nokupheliswa kwephalame yobandlululo namaBantustans.

Sifuna umphakathi ongenakho ukukhaphaza ngezomnotho ne-ncindezelo, lapho izidingo ezimqoka zabantu bonke zizobhekwa ngokufanayo.

Kodwa leynide lendlela esilindele ngaphambili, kufanele sikhlangane, sibumbane sibemanye. Asakhe amadla ethu ezikoleli, emelokhishini nasemafactory.

Asiyeni phambili enkululekweni. Amandla ngawethu I-UDF iyablanganisa, ubandlululo luyablanganisa.

RE BATLA MOKGATLO O KA RE EMELANG DIKOLONG, HO NA JOALE

Diketekete tsa baithuti di boikhota dikamora tsa thuto ka bophara lefatsheng la rona la Afrika-Borwa. Ho tloha selemo se thwasa re ntse re bona baithuti ba Tshwane la ba bang ba boikhota.

Baithuti ba batla:

● Mekgatlo e kgethilweng ke bona ho ba emela, ho tsa thuto.

● Phedisio ya thupa e bohale.

● Phedisio ya ho kgaola mengwaha ho baithuti ba fetileng dilemo tse mashome a mabedi.

● Menyako ya thuto e bulelwe bohle ba batlang ho ithuta.

Nakong ya ha ho ne ho kgethiwa Mmuso ka tlase ho molao theo o motjha baithuti ba Mmala le ba ma Indiya le ba dikolong tse phahameng ba ile ba boikhota ka bongata, ba bontsha kamano le dikgetho tsa Kgetholo. Ho thwe ke dikete-kete tsa baithuti ba ileng ba boikhota.

Menyako ya thuto ya (DET) e araba baithuti ka ho kwala dikolo le ho ba teleka dikolong. Re bona mapolesa a tshwara bana, ba bolaya ebile bathunya sellisa mahlo.

Empa baithuti ba dutse ba ntse ba

kopane, ebile ba matlafetse le ha Mmuso o sa batle ho ba neha ditokelo tsa bona.

Ka nako ya jwale ho na le baithuti ba ka bang 160 000 ba leng boikhotong. Ka Lekoa mo ditulong tsa Bopeleng, Boipatong, Sebokeng, Sharpeville le Evaton baithuti ba 93 000 ba boikhotong.

Bojhabela ba Gauteng ke 5 000 ka Daveyton, 6 000 ka Katlehong, 2 000 ka Thokoza, 5 000 ka Tembisa, 2 000 ka Vosloorus le 6 000 ka Wadeville. Tshwane ke 2500 ka Mamelodi le Shoshanguve, 6 000 ka Saulsville le Atrijdeville. Alexandra ke ba 2 000, Welkom ke ba 3 000, Tumahole ke ba 2 000, Queenstown ke ba 3 000 mme ba Cradock ba 7 000.

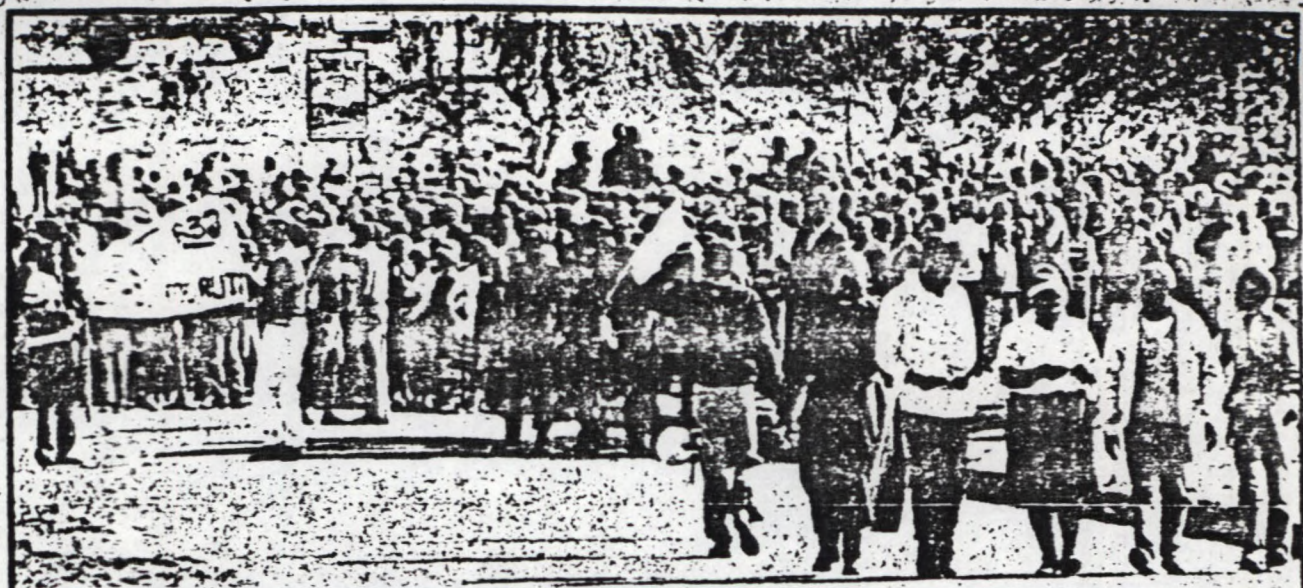
Bongata ba baithuti ba tshwerwe ke mapolesa mme baithuti ba bang ba lwanela tokoloho ya ba tshwerweng.

Ka hare ho dikolo baithuti ba na le mathata a mangata jwale ka ho shapiwa ka thupa e bohale, ho hloka dibuka tsa ho bala, le dijo tse sa tshwanelang, le mesuwe e rekisang baithuti ho mapolesa ka se seng le se seng seo ba se eising.



The casualties suffered by our people in the Vaal have not broken their will to fight on. Their will gives us strength to build our people's organisations.
Dan Mantsisi - SOYCO executive member.

In Die Radio 897 8/11/81 Jerry Hapane



Vaal residents demand lower rents.

BAAHI BA LEKOA BARE BAREKISI E TSWANG MAK-GOTLENG A MANTLWANE

BATHO BA rona ba Lekoa mo ditulong tsa Sebokeng, Boipatong, Evaton le Sharpeville ba hlotsa ntwana e kgolo ya ho fedisa nyoloso ya dirente. Hape ba khonne le ho hatella ba bangwe ba Boramotse ho tlohela mokgatlo o na wa mantlwane.

Ke di kgwedi jwale ... baahi ba Lekoa ba ntse ba bitisa dikopano ho tla buisana ka nyolollo ya dirente. Kopanong ya boraro ba ile ba dumellana ka hore ba ka se ye mesebetsing, mme bana bona ba ka se ye dikolong, ka ha ba bone hore boipileto ba bona bo wese fantshe. Ba ile hape diofising tsa Lekoa ho ya batla phediso ya ho phahamiswa ha rente, mme ba kopana le mabenkele hore a kwale ka tsatsi leo.

Ka di 3 tsa Lwense baahi ba Lekoa ba ile ba ya dikantorong tsa Mokgatlo wa Lekoa mme ba batla phediso tse latelang:

- Phediso ya ho nyoloswa ha dirente.
- Dirente tse lefswang jwale di be tsa tjelete e tlase.

● Maloka le Boramotse ba tswa ditulong tsa bona.

● Bohle ba leng ditjankaneng ba nshwe ka ntle le ho senya nako.

● Mapolesa a se hlophe batho ba ba ilo pata ba bo bona.

Ho tshwana le ha Sharpeville dilemong tse mashome a mabedi a fetileng, Baahi ba Lekoa ba arabilwe ka dikulo. Ba lefise ka tefo e kgolo ka bophelo ba bana ba bona ka ho hana phahamisano ena ya dirente. Banyenyefaditwe ke makgotla ana a mantlwane a sa ba emeleng le ho ba emela. Mmuso o re botsa hore ho hlokaletse batho ba 31 emp'a baahi ba re ke ba bangata ba hlokaletse hape bongata e le ba tswileng dikotsi.

E mong wa baahi o itse' Kgetollo ke yona e ditiseng tshollo ya madi Lekoa. Ho ile ha bonahala ha Mekgatlo ena ya mantlwane(Council) e behwa ho batho ba sa e batlang.

Mokgatlo wa Lekoa wa mantlwane o kgethilwe ke batho ba diperesente tse ka bang 9%

mme wa Evaton diperesente tse 5%. Mokgatlo wa baahi ba Lekoa (Vaal Civic Association) o ntse o lwanela ditokelo tsa baahi ho tloha ka selemo sa 1983 ha o ne o tloangwa. Mokgatlo o na le makala mo ditulong tsohle tsa Lekoa.

E mong wa dibui tsa Lekoa o itse: 'Re dina nyotlo ya dirente hore e qetwe hape re kopanya baahi ka taba ena'.

Ho nale mekgatlo e menng e ka tase ho UDF ka Lekoa jwaleka Cosas le Vaal Womens Organisation. Mokgatlo wa baahi ba Lekoa o entse boipileto ho baahi hore ba tswele pele ka ho lwanela dirente tse phahameng ka mehla le hore ba tshwarane ka matshoho e ba ngata angwe.

Baahi ba Lekoa ba re ba ka se kgone ho lefa dirente tse hodimo hobane dijo, thekiso kakaretso, le dipalannngwa di ya hidomo jwale jwale kamehla. Batho ba tebelwa mesebetsing ya bona ntle le mabaka. Tsa mosebetsi ke tse ding tsa mabaka le mathata a tshwereng baahi.

Masihlanganemi sibe munye zakhumuzi zase Vaal

Emzabalazweni wabo onzima, abantu base Vaal ko Sebokeng, Evaton nase Sharpeville baphumelele ekhweni kokwehliswa kwama rent abo.

Baphumelele futhi nasekuphoqeleleni ukuba ama Community Councils ukuba ehle ezihlalweni zawo ezingadingeki.

NgoSeptember 5 kwakubanjwe imihlangano emithathu kwelase Vaal. Izakhamizi zagcina ngelokuthi akungaywa emisebenzini nasezikoleni ngosuku olulandelayo. Kwanqunywa ukuthi abantu bazokhanyisa bashone kumahovisi e-Administration Board ukuyoiwa nokwenyuswa kwe-rent. Ngezi-3-September amabhizinisi avalwa okosuku abantu banikela khona kuwo amahovisi.

- Babefuna ukuthi:**
- Makubulawe imani lerent elikhushuliwe.
 - I-rent eyayikhokhwa yehliswe nayofuthi.
 - AmaCommunity Councils ehle ezihlalweni.

● Bonke ababoshiwe bakhululwe.

● Amaphoyisa angaphazamisi emingcwabeni.

Njengaseminyakeni engamashumi amabili eyadiula eSharpeville, bahlangatshenza ngenhlamvu. Abantu base Vaal bakhokhe ngokuphezulu kwa-mandla abo ngokuphikisa ukwenyuka kwarent. Bajezisiwe ngokucela kubo labantu abangabakhethanga ukuba babamele. Kodwa abantu basabumbene emzabalazweni wabo nokudela impilo yabo.

Njengomunye wezakhamizi othe: 'Lombuso wobandlululo uphumelela ngokubusa ngobudlova. Izihle zingehlele zingabikho ama Community Councils nabaholi abangadingwa abantu baphoqelelwe kubo'.

Ukutho lwe Lekoa Council belungama phesenti angu 9% kanti olwe Evaton Council bekungaphesenti angu 5%.

I-Vaal Civic Association ilokhu yafwela izidingo

zabantu soloku yaqala ngo 1983. Inamagatsha kulo lonke lase Vaal.

'Silwa nokwenyuswa kwamarent futhi sihlanganisa nabantu bomphakathi ngalendaba' kusho omunye welunga leVaal Civic.

Ziningi lenhlagano ezisebenzisana ne UDF eVaal, njenge Cosas ne Vaal Womens Organisation. I-Vaal Civic ibiza zonke izakhamizi ukuba ziqhubeke nokulekelela iCivic kanye nokuhambisana nabo emzabalazweni wabo.

Sekunezinyangana iVCA itshela iLekoa Council ukuba iyeke ukwenyusa irent, kodwa bangakushaya mkhuba lokho. Izakhamizi zaseVaal zithi azikwazi ukukhokha irent esuka ku R50-70 ngenxa yentengo ephuzulu yokudla kanye ne Gst. Ukuxoshwa kwabasebenzi kanye nobuningi babantu abangasebenzi. Futhi obunye ubunzima ababhekekene nabo kwandisa impilo enzima ebantwini.

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ZONKE IZIMHLANGA ZITHI MALUPHELE UBANDLULULO
PEOPLE ON ALL FRONTS SAY APARTHEID MUST END.

It is not yet deep summer, but the thunder can be heard already. The thunder of anger of the people along the roads and mines, the thunder of bullets in the townships and hiding at work.

Again we show our anger over oppression and the exploitation we feel every day of our life. Where it was thundered most in Vaal, their suffering are the same as ours every where, the people in the Vaal, like all our people else-where, have demonstrated that they do not want Government stooges, by abstaining from voting for the Council, but these are still enforced on us.

Our people are compelled to show the Government their dislike of this, but the Government's reply was to send the Army and the Police to those who tried to peacefully show their dislikes, to injure them and killed some.

The Bantustan and Community Council Leaders and others of the Government tried to excuse themselves by saying there are Agitators..

- * They do not want to see our problems are real.
- * They deny that we are struggling.
- * The students' demands for a better education are turned down.
- * If Black workers in factories complain of low wages and better working conditions and the dismissal of workers, the Police are called then they get assaulted and dismissed.
- * The women are complaining of the high cost of food and the rising G.S.T. They get assaulted and teargas is shot at them.

We are told to vote for dummy leaders, violent Bantustan leaders, robbers in the new Apartheid Parliament.

If we refuse and say we want a South Africa that is free of surrogation, with equal rights, free of oppression and exploitation, we are arrested, assaulted and killed.

- * How can they call themselves our leaders when they are sent by their Apartheid masters?
- * How can we believe people such as Hendrikse and Rajbansi, who say they are going to fight from inside Parliament, while people are dying and they said nothing and did not even try to do something. How long do we still have to wait while these people do this to us?
- * How can we trust them, when they say they work for us if they do not listen to us.
- * How can Tshabalala say it is Apartheid that has caused people to suffer, when he keeps on exploiting people at his shops and oppressing people? It is le Grange, Mahlatsi, Tshabalala, Rajbansi and Hendrikse and their friends who cause the suffering and deaths all over the Country.

The UDF believes that we should join and strengthen our Organisations, Civic Associations, Workers Associations, Youth Organisations, Students' as well as Women's Organisations.

- * If we are united, we will fight as one.
- * If we are united, we can involve the youth in the struggle.
- * United we are strong.

We have succeeded in some things, many rents have been reduced, the Community Councillors resigned. In Ratanda, East Rand, the Councillors heard the complaints of the people and resigned. The Coloureds and Indians refused to vote for Apartheid, but this is not sufficient, we want them to go out altogether and the dissolution of the Apartheid Parliament and Bantustans.

We want a society that is free of any economic exploitation and oppression where the basic life necessities will be looked into equally.

But the road ahead of us is still long. We must unite, be one, let us build our strength at schools, locations and factories.

Let us proceed forward to freedom.

Power is ours, UDF Unites, Segregation Divides.

REBATHA MOKGATLO O KA RE ENGLANG BIKOLONG

INONA JUALA.

WE WANT A REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AT SCHOOLS NOW.

MILLIONS OF STUDENTS ARE BOYCOTTING CLASSES IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WE HAVE SEEN STUDENTS IN FACTORIA AND ELSEWHERE BOYCOTTING,

THE STUDENTS DEMAND,

- THEY WANT REPRESENTATIVE CHOSEN BY THEM, TO REPRESENT THEM IN EDUCATIONAL MATTERS
- THE END OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.
- THE END OF THE AGE RESTRICTION FOR STUDENTS OF THE AGE OF OVER TWENTY.
- THAT THE SCHOOLS SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EDUCATION.

DURING THE ELECTIONS OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT, THE INDIAN AND COLOURED STUDENTS BOYCOTTED CLASSES IN THOUSANDS, DEMONSTRATING THEIR OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID ELECTIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DET) HAS AS ITS REPLY THE CLOSING OF SCHOOLS AND EXPULSIONS OF STUDENTS, WE SEE POLICE ARRESTING, FIRING TEAR-GAS AND KILLING STUDENTS.

BUT THE STUDENTS KEEP ON ORGANISING AND ARE STRONG EVEN IF THE GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO GIVE THEM THEIR RIGHTS.

AT THE MOMENT THERE IS MORE THAN 160,000 STUDENTS BOYCOTTING CLASSES, IN THE VAAL AT BOPHELENG, BOTSWANA, JEBOLENG, SHARVILLE AND EVATON THERE ARE 93,000 STUDENTS BOYCOTTING, IN THE EAST RAND, 5000 IN DAYTON, 6000 IN KATLEHONG, 2000 IN THUKOZA 8000 IN TAMBISA 2000 IN VOSTERUS 6000 IN WITVILLIE AS PORTER 2500 IN NGWELADI AND SOUTHWEST 5000 IN JONHANNESBURG AND ATTIDOGVILLE IN ALEXANDRIA 2000 IN WELKOM

3000 in TONAHULE 2000 QUEENSTOWN 3000 AND

CRABBLE 7000.

Nearly all students have been accepted, but the others are waiting for their release.

The students have inside the schools. Quite a number of handicaps, like corporal punishment, lack of reading books and poor food and teachers telling out of students about anything the students say.

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RA BATLA MOKGATLO O KA RE EMELANG DIKOLONG, HO NA JOALE
WE WANT A REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AT SCHOOLS NOW

From the beginning of the year we have seen students in Pretoria and elsewhere boycotting.

The students demand -

- * They want representatives chosen by them, to represent them in educational matters.
- * The end of corporal punishment.
- * The end of the age restriction for students of the age of over twenty.
- * That the schools should ^{be} reopen to all who are interested in education.

During the election of the new Parliament, the Indian and Coloured students boycotted classes in thousands, demonstrating their opposition to apartheid elections.

The Department of Education (DET) has as its reply the closing of schools and expulsions of students, we see Police arresting, firing tearsmoke and killing students.

But the students keep on organising and are strong, even if the Government refuses to give them their rights.

At the moment there are more than 160 000 students boycotting classes. In the Vaal at Bophelong, Boipatong, Sebokeng, Sharpville and Evaton there are 93 000 students boycotting. In the East Rand 5 000 in Daveyton, 6 000 in Katlehong, 2 000 in Thokoza, 5 000 in Tembisa, 2 000 in Vosloorus, 6 000 in Wadeville. In Pretoria 2 500 in Mamelodi and Soshanguve, 6 000 in Saulsville and Atteridgeville, in Alexandra 2 000, in Welkom 3 000, in Tomahole 2 000, Queenstown 3 000 and Cradock 7 000.

Many students have been arrested, but the others are fighting for their release.

The students have inside the schools quite a number of grievances, like corporal punishment, lack of reading books and poor food and teachers selling out on students about anything the students do.

ONE OF THE RESIDENTS SAID, APARTHEID IS THE CAUSE OF THIS BLOODSHED IN THE VOAAL.

IT BECAME CLEAR WHEN THIS DUMMY COUNCIL WAS IMPOSED ON THE PEOPLE WHO DID NOT WANT IT.

THE DUMMY VOAAL COUNCIL WAS ELECTED BY ABOUT 10% OF THE PEOPLE. IN EVATON BY ABOUT 5%.

THE VOAAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE FROM 1983 AND ITS INCORPORATION. THIS ASSOCIATION IS REPRESENTED IN AN INDEPENDENT MANNER.

ONE VOAAL RESIDENT SAID, AFTER DEPARTING THE INCREASED RENT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME UNITING THE PEOPLE

THERE ARE OTHER ORGANISATIONS THAT ARE AFFILIATED OF U.D.F IN THE VOAAL LIKE COJAS AND THE VOAAL WOMANS ORGANISATION

THE VOAAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION CALL UPON THE RESIDENTS TO RESIST THE INCREASED RENTS DAILY, AND THAT THEY SHOULD UNITE AND BE ONE

THE VOAAL RESIDENTS SAY THAT THEY CAN NOT AFFORD THE HIGH RENT BECAUSE THE COST OF LIVING GENERALLY AND TRANSPORT GOES UP AND UP DAILY.

PEOPLE ARE BEING DISCHARGED FROM THEIR EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT REASON.

EMPLOYMENT BEING ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES FACING THE RESIDENTS.

LET US UNITE AND BE ONE - RESIDENTS OF THE VOAAL

RESIDENTS DEMAND LOWER RENTS.

LOCAL RESIDENTS CALL UPON THE SOLICITS TO
 COME FROM THE DUMMIE COUNCIL
 FOR PEOPLE IN THE NEAR - COUNCILS OF SCOTLAND.
 RESIDENTS FROM OLD SHARVILLE HAVE WON A GREAT
 BATTLE AGAINST RENT INCREASES, AND ALSO SUCCEEDED IN
 FORCING SOME OF THE COUNCILLORS TO RESIGN FROM THE
 DUMMIE COUNCIL.

IT HAS BEEN MONTHS NOW THAT THE LOCAL RESIDENTS
 HAS BEEN CALLING THE MEETINGS TO COME AND DEMAND THE
 INCREASES IN RENT

IN THE THIRD MEETING THEY RESOLVED NOT TO GO
 TO WORK, AND THAT THE CHILDREN WOULD NOT GO TO SCHOOL
 SINCE THEIR REQUEST WAS IGNORED.

THEY WENT TO THE OFFICES TO DEMAND THE ABOLISHING
 OF THE INCREASE IN RENT. THEY ALSO REQUESTED THAT
 SHOPS BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY.

ON THE 3RD OF SEPTEMBER, THE LOCAL RESIDENTS WENT
 TO THE OFFICES TO DEMAND THE FOLLOWING:

- ABOLISHING OF THE INCREASE IN RENTS.
- THAT THE RENT BE IMMEDIATELY REDUCED.
- THAT COUNCILLORS RESIGN THEIR POSITIONS.
- THAT ALL WHO ARE IN PRISON BE RELEASED FORTHWITH.
- THAT THE POLICE ABSTAIN FROM HARRASSING PEOPLE
 PURSUING THEIR DEED.

JUST LIKE SHARVILLE, TWENTY YEARS AGO, FOR THE
 RESISTANCE OF LOCAL WERE REPLIED BY BULLETS, THE
 PAID HEAVILY FOR REFUSING TO PAY INCREASED RENT,
 WITH THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN.

THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THAT THERE ARE 31
 DEAD, BUT THE COMMUNITY SAY THE NUMBER
 IS MUCH MORE OTHERS SUSTAINED INJURIES.

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VAAL RESIDENTS DEMAND LOWER RENTS.

Vaal residents call upon the sellouts to resign from the Dummy Council.

Our people in the Vaal Townships of Sebokeng, Boipatong, Evaton and Sharpville have won a great battle against rent increases, and also succeeded in forcing some of the Councillors to resign from the Dummy Council.

It had been months now that the Vaal Residents have been calling meetings to come and discuss the increases in rent.

At the third meeting, they resolved not to go to work, and that the children would not go to school since their request was ignored.

They went to the offices to demand the abolishing of the increase in rent. They also requested that shops be closed on this day.

On the 3rd of September, the Vaal Residents went to the offices to demand the following :-

- * Abolishing of the increase in rents.
- * That the rent be reduced.
- * That Councillors resign their positions.
- * That all who are in prison be released forthwith.
- * That the Police abstain from harassing people burying their dead.

Just like Sharpville twenty years ago, the residents of Vaal were replied by bullets, they paid heavily for refusing to pay increased rent, with the lives of their children.

The Government claims that there are 31 dead, but the Community say the ^{number} ~~murder~~ is much more; others sustained injuries.

One of the residents said, Apartheid is the cause of this bloodshed in the Vaal.

It became clear when this Dummy Council was imposed on the people who did not want it.

The Dummy Vaal Council was elected by about 9% of the people. In Evaton by about 5%.

The Vaal Civic Association has been fighting for the rights of the people from 1983 since its inception. This Association is represented in all the Vaal Wards.

One Vaal resident said: "We are defeating the increased rent while at the same time uniting the people".

There are other organisations that are affiliates of UDF in the Vaal, like COSAS and the Vaal Women's Organisation.

The Vaal Civic Association calls upon the residents to resist the increased rents daily, and that they should unite and be one.

The Vaal Residents say that they can not afford the high rent because the cost of living generally and transport goes up and up daily.

People are being discharged from their employment without reason.

Employment being one of the difficulties facing the residents.

Let us unite and be one—Residents of the Vaal.

ZONKE ZINHLANGA ZITHI MALUPHELE UBANDLULU

PEOPLE ON ALL FRONTS SAY APARTHEID MUST END.

IT IS NOT YET DEEP SUMMER, BUT THE THUNDER CAN BE HEARD ALREADY. THE THUNDER OF ANGER OF THE PEOPLE ALONG THE ROADS AND LINES, THE THUNDER OF BULLETS IN THE TOWNSHIPS AND MINING AT WORK

AGAIN WE SHOW OUR ANGER OVER OPPRESSION AND THE EXPLOITATION WE FEEL EVERY DAY OF OUR LIFE. WHERE IT HAS THUNDERED MOST IN NARL, THEIR SUFFERINGS ARE THE SAME AS Ours EVERY WHERE, THE PEOPLE IN NARL, LIKE ALL OUR PEOPLE ELSE-WHERE HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY DO NOT WANT GOVERNMENT STUCCOES, BY ABSTAINING FROM VOTING FOR THE COUNCIL, BUT THESE IS STILL ENFORCED ON US.

OUR PEOPLE ARE COMPELLED TO SHOW THE GOVERNMENT THEIR DISLIKE OF THIS, BUT THE GOVERNMENT'S REPLY WAS TO SEND THE ARMY AND THE POLICE TO THOSE WHO TRIED TO TEARFULLY SHOW THEIR DISLIKE, TO INJURE THEM AND KILLED SOME.

THE BANTUSTAN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL LEADERS AND OTHERS OF THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO EXCUSE THEMSELVES BY SAYING THERE ARE AGITATORS.

- THEY DO NOT WANT TO SEE OUR PROBLEMS ARE REAL.
- THEY DENY THAT WE ARE STRUGGLING.
- THE STUDENTS DEMANDS FOR A BETTER EDUCATION ARE TURNED DOWN.
- IF BLACK WORKERS IN FACTORIES COMPLAIN OF LOW WAGES, AND BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS AND THE DISMISAL OF WORKERS, THE POLICE ARE CALLED THEN THEY GET ASSAULTED AND DISMISSED.
- THE WOMAN ARE COMPLAINING OF THE HIGH COST OF FOOD AND THE RISING C.I.T. THEY GET ASSAULTED AND TERORAS IS SHOT AT THEM.

WE ARE TOLD TO VOTE FOR DUMMY LEADERS, VIOLENT BANTUSTAN LEADERS ROBBER IN THE NEW APARTHEID PARLIAMENT.

TO THE RESOLVE AND SAY WE WANT A SOUTH AFRICA THAT IS FREE OF SEGREGATION, WITH EQUAL RIGHTS, FREE OF OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION, WE ARE ABUSED, ASSAULTED AND KILLED.

- How CAN THEY CALL THEMSELVES OUR LEADERS WHEN THEY ARE SENT BY THEIR APARTHEID MASTERS.
- How CAN WE BELIEVE PEOPLE SUCH AS MENDINSE AND RAZIBANI, WHO SAY THEY ARE GOING TO FIGHT FROM INSIDE PARLIAMENT, WHILE PEOPLE ARE DYING AND THEY SAID NOTHING AND DID NOT EVEN TRY TO DO SOMETHING.

How LONG DO WE STILL HAVE TO WAIT WHILE THESE PEOPLE DO THIS TO US?

- How CAN WE TRUST THEM, WHEN THEY SAY THEY WORK FOR US IF THEY DO NOT LISTEN TO US.

• How CAN ISHABALALA SAY IT IS APARTHEID THAT HAS CAUSED PEOPLE TO SUFFER WHEN HE LEADS ON EXPLOITING PEOPLE AT HIS SHOPS AND OPPRESSING PEOPLE. IT IS LE GRANGE, MAULATHI, ISHABALALA, RAZIBANI AND MENDINSE AND THEIR FRIENDS WHO CAUSE THE SUFFERING AND DEATHS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

THE U.D.F. BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD JOIN AND STRENGTHEN OUR ORGANISATIONS, CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, WORKERS ASSOCIATIONS, YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, STUDENTS AS WELL AS WOMANS ORGANISATIONS.

- IF WE ARE UNITED, WE WILL FIGHT AS ONE.
- IF WE ARE UNITED, WE CAN INVOLVE THE YOUTH IN THE STRUGGLE.
- UNITED WE ARE STRONG.

WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN SOME THINGS, MANY RENTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED, THE COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS RESIGNED, IN RAYMOND ERIC RANG THE COUNCILLORS HEARD THE COMPLAINTS OF THE PEOPLE AND RESIGNED, THE COUNCILLORS AND INDIANS REFUSED TO VOTE FOR APARTHEID, BUT THIS IS NOT

SUFFICIENT, WE WANT THEM TO BE OUT

ALTOGETHER AND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE
APARTHEID PARLIAMENT, AND BANTUSTANS.

WE WANT A SOCIETY THAT IS FREE OF ANY
ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION, AND OPPRESSION WHERE THE
BASIC LIFE NECESSITIES WILL BE LOOKED INTO EQUALLY.

BUT THE ROAD AHEAD OF US IS STILL LONG,
WE MUST UNITE, BE ONE, LET US BUILD OUR
STRENGTH AT SCHOOLS, LOCATIONS AND FACTORIES.

LET US PROCEED FORWARD TO FREEDOM

POWER IS OURS, U.O.F UNITES, SECREATION

DEVIDES.

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