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# MAY DEMONSTRATIONS- A FRAUD

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The African people are being called upon by the "National Action Council of the All-in African Conference" to hold irresponsible anti-republican demonstrations at the end of the month.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS?

It is clear. They are an adventure into space by former leaders of the now banned ANC. They desperately wish to re-introduce themselves to the African political scene after their total eclipse last year. To do this, as true and gallant opportunists they have seized the Republican issue as an opportunity to stage their sterile demonstrations as a prelude to a Multi-racial Convention.

This they are doing to the delight of their White comrades and allies. But the African people must neither be bluffed nor deceived by these multi-racialists — they are NOT working for the cause of African freedom but are promoting the interests of anti-republican Whites who have everything to lose in an isolated Republic. Too often have we been USED as catalytic agents in the clashes of White politicians. In 1958, it was these same multi-racialists who attempted to use us during the General Election for the United Party. We decisively defeated this betrayal of African interests by refusing to stay at home. As in 1958, we must refuse to be used in the interests of disgruntled White anti-republicans this month.

## WHAT MUST BE DONE THEN?

The African people must pursue a positive programme for total emancipation and the destruction of White rule. Only through hard fight and militant action and not through "demonstrations" can we win freedom NOW and save the African people from the further onslaughts of White baaskap.

The "wild-cat" demonstrations alleged by the National Action Council to be planned by "irresponsible groups and agents" are a creation of the Action Council itself to blackmail its opponents. Let the Council be open and say who IS planning the so-called "wild-cat" demonstrations between now and May 31st. And let them emerge into the open and lead the African people into positive action and stop howling big-talk in hiding! Or are they cowards?

IN THESE CRITICAL DAYS THE AFRICAN PEOPLE MUST NOT BE DRAGGED INTO A HOTCH-POTCH OF PHONEY DEMONSTRATIONS BUT MUST BEAR THE BANNER OF AFRICAN UNITY AND FREEDOM AND BE READY FOR A NEW PHASE IN THE STRUGGLE WHEN WE SHALL MARCH FORWARD TO EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST WHITE RULE. WE MUST ORGANISE AND PREPARE OURSELVES INTO A MASSIVE FORCE. IF WE DO THIS THE FINAL COLLAPSE OF WHITE RULE WILL BE ASSURED.

This is Mangaliso Sobukwe's line

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