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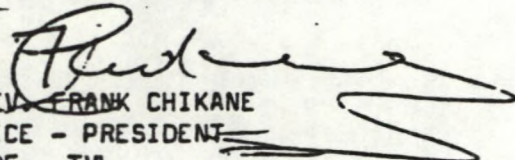
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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CONSTITUTION WILL SET THE SCENE FOR A VAST AND TRAGIC CONFLICT IN OUR COUNTRY. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS CONFLICT WILL LIE SQUARELY ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE NATIONALIST PARTY GOVERNMENT AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT IT'S POLICIES.

INSTEAD OF GIVING EXPRESSION TO GREATER SOCIAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS, THIS CONSTITUTION MERELY SERVES TO ONCE AGAIN ESTABLISH WHITE PRIVILEGE AND POLITICAL DOMINATION. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CONSTITUTION WILL DEPEND TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE SUPPORT OF SOME SEGMENTS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE POLITICALLY OPPRESSED WILL REJECT PARTICIPATION IN THIS SO-CALLED DISPENSATION. WE ARE DETERMINED TO ENSURE THAT THIS CONSTITUTION WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS WE WILL DO BY ENGAGING IN A SYSTEMATIC POLICY OF NON-OPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT AT EVERY STAGE.

THOSE WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE OPPRESSED WHO ARE TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF COLLABORATION MUST BE WARNED THAT THEY WILL BE FACED WITH TOTAL REJECTION BY THE BROAD MASSES OF OUR PEOPLE.

WE WANT THE COUNTRY TO NOTE THAT THE "YES" VOTE REPRESENTS ONLY 8% OF THE COUNTRY'S 30 MILLION PEOPLE. AN ACCEPTABLE CONSTITUTION CAN ONLY COME INTO BEING THROUGH A NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WHICH WOULD BE TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA.


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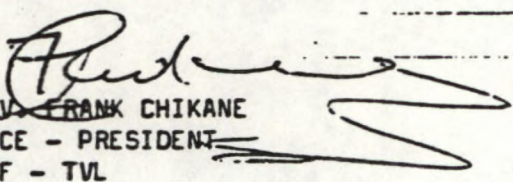
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