

Johannesburg.

On behalf of all the men and women who numbered the accused in the Trial for High Treason, so recently brought to a victorious end with the final acquittal of the remaining twenty-eight accused, we want to take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude and appreciation of the support and assistance which you have given to us through the Treason Trial Defence Fund.

During this long ordeal in which the lives of so many have been affected, some for only a year, others for four and a half years, it has been a source of strength and inspiration to know that you have stood so loyally behind us. We shall ever be thankful for the generous assistance which not only has helped to provide us with the outstanding team of defence counsel but has also assisted the accused who were so dreadfully deprived of their livelihood. Without this assistance from organisations and from individuals, men and women in so many parts of the world, our struggle for justice would have been even more difficult and desperate. But with your help we have triumphed and we can say with pride today that right and justice gained the victory. The organisations for which we so proudly stand, have been vindicated of the charges brought against them, and the right to speak freely, to criticise, to work for a better life for all has been established. And you have helped to do it.

One hundred and fifty six people were dragged into this monstrous trial and one and all we say, "Thank You".

Yours sincerely,

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