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Students at the Rand Afrikaans University were challenged to visit the homelands and townships to witness the conditions which give rise to anger in the black community.

The publicity officer of the United Democratic Front, Mr Terror Lekota, who addressed a lunch-hour meeting of about 150 students at RAU in Johannesburg yesterday, said more South Africans should know the truth about their country.

"Come into the townships and see the crowded conditions we live in, see the schools where we learn and find out from the people in the townships whether they are happy living in conditions that border on being like those of a pigsty."

"The new Constitution Act merely entrenches these conditions and it is driving many of us to desperation. It is a preparation for more conflict in our country and we have warned the Prime Minister of this in a letter. We believe that this country belongs to all

who live in it - black and white. We are not demanding South Africa for this or that part of the population.

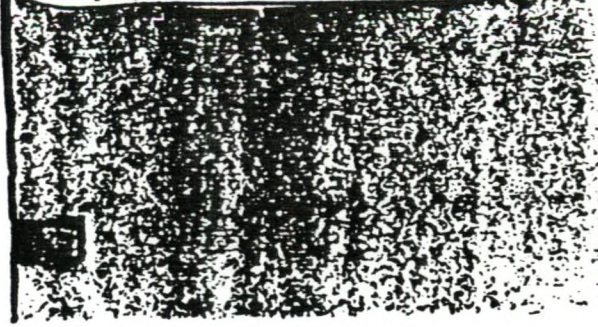
"All along the Government has been saying we belong to the homelands. And there have been people who have gone along with the Government, called themselves leaders and bolstered the system because they think with their stomachs.

"We look with contempt upon people like Chief Gatsha Buthelezi of KwaZulu, Chief Patrick Mphahlele of Venda and other so-called 'homeland' leaders like them."

Mr Lekota told the audience that "in 1976 we were not fighting against Afrikaans as a language. We were fighting its imposition as a medium of instruction without our consultation."

He said he would have to face many criticisms for speaking at RAU. "I am going to be attacked for addressing you here. The Azanian People's Organisation is going to criticise me for talking to the children of National Party leaders."

Mr Lekota said the SA Defence Force was being used as a weapon against South African people.



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