

EDITORIAL

Politics in this country moves ever deeply into life and death issues. The whole furore and hysteria which the Press has since created about the so-called "KwaZulu Pledge" is indeed nauseating.

Students were invited to Ulundi in the hope of reconciling ourselves with themselves; A pledge was drafted for discussion and possible amendment. This pledge was read out to students and they were asked if they had any objection to it, and there was no objection at all. Those who signed it, did it happily without any duress. This was done not to make them our proselytes. There was no punitive attitude at all. KwaZulu Government leadership did this because

it is against the common student behaviour to set fire on buildings; to stone cars and maim people with whom they don't agree. It is this kind of behaviour we are objecting to. These are the deep concerns which we share with all decent South Africans. We had no intention of interfering with academic freedom.

That coterie of students who objected to signing the pledge, must have been the ones who accepted the funding by the "sell-outs". Isaih in the Holy Writ said that he has born and bred, but his children have rebelled against him, and our children have soiled themselves with money from the "dogs of the system". Then, to us, this is implacable — because we cannot

be a party to the production of a Nation with split personalities. We consider it a National duty to ease the consciences of those who consider us to be all the names we are called, to retain their political purity by cutting off any ties with us.

To us, it is impossible to finance the production of people who after receiving our financial assistance became saboteurs of what we seek to achieve. In other words we consider it wrong for those who feel ambivalent about KwaZulu Government which passes these funds and allocate them in their budget, to continue to soil themselves with any relationship of any kind with us.