

# CHIEF BUTHELEZI EMERGED VICTORIOUS

## MY FEELINGS

By Dingizwe: Ulundi

Yes, because I feel there is something I must write down, let me not waste time, because if I do not do this, history will chastise me.

I nearly missed the Inkatha Rally at Jabulani Amphitheatre on the 15th April, but since I regarded attending the Inkatha Rally at the Jabulani Amphitheatre as political revival, I had to put aside all other commitments. This is not new, an ex-ANC Youth League member has recently told me that during their times, they used to attend the Bloemfontein Conferences of African National Congress with great jubilation and zeal. He tells me that to miss it was a painful thing. But to me, to attend the Jabulani Amphitheatre Inkatha Rallies is to undergo an emotional experience. This, I think, is caused by, among other things, the fact that Soweto is what it is, and that Prince M.G. Buthelezi, the President of Inkatha, in Soweto, communicates with the entire world and as such his message to the people is articulately conveyed.

All the Inkatha Rallies that I have ever attended were indeed well attended by the people, but this recent rally in the Jabulani Amphitheatre, in Soweto was a unique one, in that the Youth Brigade outnumbered the old people. This to me is a signal that the Black Youth in South Africa is beginning to realize and differentiate between authentic leaders and celebrity leaders. A friend of mine who lives in Soweto tells me that Inkatha has got a large following of the Youth in Soweto.

This INKATHA Rally was the most important one. It was indeed the most decisive Inkatha rally ever held in the political history of Dr M.G. Buthelezi and INKATHA. Why? It will be remembered that after the tragic incident at Ongoye University between Inkatha Youth and the Students, the ABRESA CONFERENCE at KwaNzimela and



The President arrives at Jabulani Amphitheatre, Soweto surrounded by Inkatha Youth.

the Lamontville conflict between UDF AND INKATHA, almost the entire South African Press condemned, villified and criticised Chief Buthelezi and INKATHA. Some newspapers called him a murderer. This naturally spread even to countries overseas. Just like in 1976, some people thought it was the end of Inkatha, where as it was the victory. When Chief Buthelezi went to the Soweto Jabulani Amphitheatre, in December last year (1983) to explain to the people what happened at Ongoye University, the attendance was not as good as it used to be, and the newspapers wrote in big headlines, speculated and suggested that Chief Buthelezi was losing support in Soweto, because of the Ngoye Incident. That was untrue. It was just because it coincided with the Soweto elections.

Therefore to me this recent INKATHA Rally which packed Jabulani Amphitheatre to its capacity, was both an answer and a test. Chief Buthelezi replied to the newspapers by filling up Jabulani Amphitheatre, that he did not

lose support. People themselves replied to newspapers that they did not abandon him. The people also answered and reaffirmed their unwavering support for Chief Buthelezi. People are human beings with souls and mind, they just cannot be misled easily. Chief Buthelezi's visit to Jabulani Amphitheatre was a political test. He was testing his support and he received it — tremendous support.

In the hurly-burly of our Black politics in South Africa, Chief Buthelezi emerges victorious. It was the wish of the newspapers to bury INKATHA and Chief Buthelezi, but I personally wish to make it clear that they won't succeed because Chief Buthelezi, is not only a realist but a pragmatist.

People must realize that we want liberation, and liberation is not a theoretical proposition to be debated in a philosophy. It is a historical reality, born in the struggle for freedom in which an oppressed people recognize that they are not to be seized, bartered and auctioned. To understand the

question of liberation, we need only to hear the words, experience the mood and encounter the passion of those who have to deal with the avalectic of freedom and oppression in the concreteness of their everyday existence.

The function of the leader is to lead the people towards a collective action for the struggle for all. What we are called to be and do is revealed in relation to each other in the common struggle for freedom. We may not always agree on a common action in regard to the means of liberation. But our

common knowledge that we are enslaved by the structures of injustice binds us together and forces us to fight the good fight. The oppressed demands commitment to the struggle for freedom and willingness to take the risk to create a new humanity.

The hope for the creation of a new society for all is dependent upon those people who know that the struggle is the primary means by which a new age will be inaugurated. If they participated in injustice, they know that it is not

right, and thus the system must be changed. There will be no change from the system of injustice if we have to depend upon the people who control it and believe that the present order of injustice is the best of all possible societies. It will be changed by the victims whose participation in the present system is again their will. Indeed, while they are participating in it involuntarily, voluntarily they are preparing for its destruction.

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## DISUNITY BETRAYS PEOPLE

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Tens of thousands of Kwamashu youth met with his excellency the President of Inkatha in pursuit of Black Unity

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By Dumisani Makhanya

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Students and teachers in KwaMashu were urged (on the 27th of March) by the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Dr M.G. Buthelezi, to turn their backs on people who tried to guide them into a Black versus Black confrontation.



Part of the crowd at Kwamashu Youth Rally.

Addressing about  $\pm$  20 000 people at a Youth Rally in the Township, Dr M.B. Buthelezi said Black South Africans would never eradicate the scourge of apartheid, and never destroy this abhorrent constitution if they remain divided. He said the forces of apartheid try to divide rural people into different groups, and they try to create different destinies for the people of the Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei from the destinies of the rest of us who resist apartheid until the very last breath in our bodies. The President of Inkatha Dr M.G. Buthelezi said Black South Africans would have to stop looking over their shoulders towards the borders waiting for somebody else to come and liberate them. The responsibility is ours. History is charging us with the sole responsibility for the liberation of our country.