

The mood of black South Africa

“There was a tragic misassessment by the ANC Mission in Exile about the mood of black South Africa in the mid-seventies. They were taken totally by surprise when violence broke out on the scale that it did in 1976 and 1977.

“The militants in the ANC Mission in Exile realised that black groups in South Africa

were stealing their violent thunder. They knew that they did not produce the violence which erupted. They knew that they had under-estimated the drive of black South Africa to do something for itself in the vacuum which the ANC Mission in Exile's failure abroad had produced.

“They did what they could to undermine the Black Consciousness Movement and sought to establish every

possible stranglehold over support for Black Consciousness groups from abroad.

“Then the South African Government did the ANC Mission in Exile's dirty work for it. In a massive crackdown in October 1977, 19 black organisations were banned, thousands were arrested and hundreds were detained or served with banning orders.

“The violent militants in the ANC Mission in Exile were given a breathing space and they became adamantly determined to undermine all black groups in South Africa who were not under their direct control and were there to do their bidding . . .”

— Chief M.G. Buthelezi

The struggle for power — or power struggle?

“Any group in exile which commits itself to the armed struggle resists sharing power. Revolutionary organisations throughout the world, operating from exiled positions, seek to become a totally dominant force and this is what the ANC Mission in Exile had been doing during the 1970's.

“They were saddled with the fact that the OAU had accepted both themselves and the PAC as liberation forces in South

Africa, but they continued doing everything they could to undermine the PAC. The history of hostile relationships between the ANC Mission in Exile and the PAC in exile is widely known in Africa and in the West.

“They did everything they could to block my access to Africa and to the international community. The ANC Mission in Exile sees itself as a government in exile and wants to return as a revolutionary government to take over South Africa.

“The ANC Mission in Exile is not working to establish democratic rights for the people of South Africa to choose whom they will to form a government. It regiments its members ideologically and inculcates in them the view that only the ANC Mission in Exile can be allowed to make decisions and to direct the affairs of the struggle for liberation. It wants to take over and control and it is ruthless in its dealings with those who do not act as fetch and carry boys for it.” — Chief M.G. Buthelezi

Release Nelson Mandela

At every opportunity Chief Buthelezi, Inkatha and the KwaZulu Government have campaigned for the release of political prisoners and for the

unbanning of organisations and people.

Numerous personal representations have been made to the State President, Mr P W Botha, to release Mr Nelson Mandela and other black

political leaders who are incarcerated with him. Mr Botha's predecessor, Mr B J Vorster, was also petitioned.

Chief Buthelezi has adamantly refused to co-operate in the South African