

leader of South Africa.

I have said, and I repeat again, that if asked I will work under any democratically elected Black leader and I have mentioned Dr Nelson Mandela by name.

My role as an elected and traditional leader in South Africa is directed solely at gaining political rights for Black South Africans.

The State President talks about Zulus having "political rights ..." This is the language of apartheid. The very language he has declared "outdated". The reason this country is in turmoil is because Blacks do not have political rights. And nothing is going to correct this situation until Blacks have those rights.

And now I must get down to the next item of misinformation — that I allegedly fear that should I become

South Africa's first Black leader, I will follow in the footsteps of Zimbabwe's Bishop Abel Muzorewa. And so on and so on.

This is utter balderdash and, for the life of me, I cannot understand why Dr Van Zyl Slabbert plunged such a vicious barb into my back.

It is a pity that ordinary South Africans are not able to read the texts of African National Congress radio broadcasts from Lusaka and elsewhere.

If they could they would see that Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, who talks of this so glibly, is merely repeating ANC propaganda. The ANC has mounted a carefully orchestrated campaign of denigration against me and he has fallen for it.

Dr Van Zyl is a son of Afrikanerdom. I am a descendent of Zulu war-

riors — King Shaka, King Dingane, King Mpande, King Cetshwayo and King Dinuzulu. If he imagines that I could play the role of a so-called "Muzorewa", then he has not even begun to understand who the Zulu people are.

Finally, I am shocked and alarmed that Dr Van Zyl Slabbert should pit other Blacks against the Zulu people in such careless conversation. In this regard I am referring to his statement about children in KwaZulu attending school (while others elsewhere are not) and the prospect that, in the future, the Zulus will be "the only educated people ..."

It is unbecoming of a man of his intellect to indulge in this kind of divisive politics. Remarks such as this could have a disastrous backlash.

Will the West help?

At a meeting with top British bankers in London early this year, Chief Buthelezi said South Africa needed the "fullest possible" industrial development if political victories against apartheid were to be made meaningful.

He said the country's present crisis had, in fact, been exacerbated by exploitative, politically inactive businessmen who had, in the past, been more interested in profits than social justice.

It was in this light that the ANC Mission-in-Exile saw capitalism, and trans-national corporations in particular, as being at the root of the problem.

"They argue very fiercely that the country's economy must be destroyed and brought under the control of a future government by nationalising major undertakings," he said.

"I argue very differently. I say that whether we like it or not, the free enterprise system is the most efficient system mankind has devised with which to translate the kind of wealth with which South Africa is blessed into

benefits for the people."

Massive economic development was needed to cope with the vast unemployment and under-employment and to enable the country to salvage depressed areas from the ravages of hunger, ignorance and disease.

South Africa would be almost entirely dependent, for the foreseeable future, on the free inflow of capital, managerial skills and technology from the West.

"If South Africa abandons the free enterprise system, that inflow will be drastically reduced and there will be an unmanageable spread of poverty and deprivation, which apartheid had anchored, for the majority of the people.

"My message to the international business community is that, if they perceive what I am saying to be true, then they must follow the lead (now) given by South African businessmen themselves and act in recognition of the fact that the present crisis in South Africa demands the conjoining of political forces..."

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