

FORWARD AGAINST BOTHA'S PLANS



N G Patel, TIC executive member explaining what the constitution means for us.

We need a broad front of all our organisations to fight Botha's plans. This was Allan Boesak's call at the Anti-SAIC conference in January last year.

It was this call which gave rise to the birth of the United Democratic Front. It was also at this very conference that we decided to revive the Transvaal Indian Congress. Today, we are proud to be part of the UDF.

August 20, 1983, Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain will remain a historic day. It was on this day that the UDF was born, and our campaign against the government's reform proposals was launched. 15 000 people across the length and breadth of our country joined hands at Mitchell's Plain.

Ten months later, the campaign has taken off in almost every corner of our country. Today we are facing the count down. There are eight weeks left to the elections. Our stand is clear: we will not vote in the August elections.

At meetings in Actonville, Lenasia and Laudium, close to 5 000 people have rejected the constitution. Together they have pledged their support for the TIC's campaign.

In the coming weeks, the TIC will be speaking to many more people. There will be more mass meetings. Volunteers will be calling on you not to vote. And, they will be explaining to you what this constitution means for our people.

But, there will be others who will be calling on you to vote for them. Like P W Botha, they will make great promises of change. We are asking you not to be fooled. Botha's apartheid parliaments can never bring peace and friendship to our country.

We know that on our own, we are alone. Together with all our organisations in the UDF, we are one. From Natal to Soweto and Eldorado Park. From Actonville to Lenasia and Cape Town, the call has been sounded. Reject the new constitution.

The TIC calls on you to stand shoulder to shoulder with our fellow oppressed South Africans. To renew our call for a non-racial and democratic South Africa.

For a South Africa free of Group Areas and bantustans. For a single South African parliament through which the people shall govern. In unity we shall march forward.



3 000 at Lenasia meeting show their united opposition.



Students making a call to stop conscription



In our mosques, temples and churches, the evils of Botha's plans are being exposed. Sheikh Gabbier at UDF launch, Cape Town.



UDF volunteers preparing to collect signatures, Cape Town

Reject Apartheid Parliaments

To vote or not to vote
August the 28th
is the day you will have to reckon
Hold the flag of freedom high,
let the polling booth go dry.
We live by the law of right
and despise sincerely the law of might.

Poem by Mandiben Sita, daughter of the late Nana Sita.



'We want our freedom' — Alan Boesak in Eldorado Park



Anti-PC committee volunteers in house visits in Reiger Park.



Women rally behind the call



Oscar Mpethe, veteran trade unionist and fighter for a free South Africa.



Patrick Lekota, publicity secretary at the United Democratic Front.



George Sewpersath, NIC executive member, calling on the people of Chatsworth not to vote.



Ezop Jassal, Mrs Luthuli and Albertine Sooki, Anti-SAIC conference, Durban 1981. The spirit of unity with all the oppressed assured us of a major victory in this campaign.

Today, we draw on this tradition of unity in our struggle. Botha's plans will not and must not divide us.



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