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10 000 mourners at the funeral of Ebrahim Carelse in Cape Town, who was shot by police. Imam Hassen Solomons led the procession and said, "so long as I have breath in my lungs and blood in my veins, I will continue to fight for justice. Imam Solomons has since left the country, but has called on us to march forward to freedom.

FORWARD TO FREEDOM

Law and order must be restored at all costs - this was P.W. Botha's message to our country on that fateful Saturday in July when the state of emergency was declared. We knew then that we were facing the worst attack on the democratic movement since the 1960's.

At the same time, 40 000 mourners paid their last respects to the four Eastern Cape UDP leaders who died tragically. They pledged to continue with the fight for a free and democratic South Africa. For them, the death of our leaders will not be in vain.

In these dark weeks as the SADF moved into 'cleaning up' the townships and weeding out all the so-called agitators, thousands of people have been detained, injured and lost their lives. Many men, women and children are

missing. And, the assassination of VICTORIA MXENGE, UDP NATAL LEADER, shook us to the core.

REFORM - RECIPE FOR DISASTER.

The Botha's, the Viljoen's the Malans and their supporters in the tricameral parliaments and the homelands, have lost the last breath of faith of our people. Did we not warn our people that the new constitution was a recipe for violence and conflict? Did we not warn our people that GST would increase as the government needs to finance its apartheid parliaments, the troops in the townships and to wage unjust wars against neighbouring states?

Daily, our organisations are being blamed for the violence and the bloodshed in the townships. Did we not wage a peaceful campaign against the

apartheid elections? Who was responsible for the police brutality at Lenz and Actonville? We will never forget the rubber bullets, the sjambokking of men, women and children. It is these very tactics that are being used in the townships today.

WORLD SUPPORT AGAINST APARTHEID

The voices of protest against apartheid are not being heard in S.A. only. All over the world, from the United States to Europe and Africa, the call from the people is that apartheid must go. Under these pressures, many governments have been forced to introduce economic, military and diplomatic sanctions against apartheid.

Never before has the world spoken out with such unison against the government. And inside the country, powerful businessmen are beginning to loose faith in

the National Party's ability to rule this country.

P.W. Botha has been pushed into a corner. Now, he is once again talking about reform. Have we not heard such promises before? He is talking about scrapping pass laws. About granting African people citizenship and a place in Botha's Presidents Council. A council which the majority of our people have rejected.

WE WILL NOT BE MISLED

We must not be misled. P>W> is playing with words such as, universal franchise and a common citizenship.

Our demands still stand for:
*one South Africa free of Bantustans and Group Areas.
*A non-racial and democratic S.A. in which one person shall have one vote.

*and for the immediate lifting of the state of emergency.

We further demand that all political prisoners be released unconditionally and the unbanning of all political organisations.

We in the TIC together with our fellow South Africans in the UDP will only participate in a national convention when apartheid has been dismantled.

We call on all Congress supporters to stand firm behind the organisations of our people. Not to loose faith in our vision of a South Africa based on the Freedom Charter.

Now, more than ever before, we must rally behind our organisations. We must not be fooled by Botha's empty talk of reform. Nor, should we allow our struggle to be side tracked by the Slabberts, the Rajbansis, the Hendrickses and the Buthelezi's.

LONG LIVE CONGRESS