

Draft for discussion

DECEMBER 16 to DECEMBER 26 1986

CHRISTMAS AGAINST THE EMERGENCY

Over 40 000 people were detained this year and nearly freedom loving South Africans killed by apartheid forces.

Thousands of students were locked out of schools.

More than 6 million workers remain without jobs

More than 35 000 troops occupy the townships

LET THIS BE

Ten days of rededication of struggle

Ten days in which to ~~renew~~ renew our heroes, past and present

Ten days in which to remember our heroes, past and present, in jail and in exile and those who have fallen in the fight against injustice.

TEN DAYS, TO REMEMBER IN PARTICULAR THE UP TO TEN THOUSAND CHILDREN WHO WILL SPEND THIS CHRISTMAS IN JAIL.

Above all let us have ten days of unity , ten days in which as families, as communities, as fellow workers and as democrats we cement our unity and forge ahead to victory

The UDF calls on all the people, oppressed and white democrats to strike a blow for freedom by:

1. Observing this period with dignity
2. Avoiding drunkenness in the streets
3. Switching off all lights and lighting candles instead on December 16 and December 24 between 7pm and 9pm during this period the singing of freedom songs will take place.
4. Reading the call to unity pledge at church services and all other

gatherings in addition to observing a moments silence and singing the national anthem.

5. Conducting weddings and other family functions in the spirit of Christmas against the emergency

In addition we call for:

1. The cancelling of sports fixtures and music festivals
2. No buying in town during this period
3. the closing of shebeens by 6pm

Let us begin the Christmas against the emergency with the ringing of Church bells at 6am on December 16

We call on all young militants to exercise maximum political discipline. Ensure that this campaign is explained to the people well before December 16.

ACT IN UNITY, UNITE IN ACTION

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