

TERRORISM TRIAL & NKOTSOBU P. MOTSAU.

IS it not a disturbing thing to see our brothers languishing in jail, and the Island? Is it not equally disturbing when our brothers get banned? How frustrating, we have to admit, that life in jail and under a banning order and house arrest is not different from life "outside". WORK has to be done; something has to be done. Something Must be done about this. Since there is work to be done, we cannot afford to have manpower languishing in jail. Our liberation will come through dedication in both psychological and physical commitment.

NKOTSOBU MOTSAU:

A young man from Sharpeville who is just nearing 20 years of age. He has been sentenced to (five) years; He is going to be confined to the Island for five 5 years. He is going to be deprived of the family warmth YOU are still enjoying. He is going to be emasculated and dehumanised while you will be attaining manhood. Do not live under an illusion that you are "better-off". To-day it is HIM and tomorrow it will be YOU. But why me, why him you might ask. Because he is a "TERRORIST" - because you will be a "TERRORIST". He was found to be a "TERRORIST" for writing a poem; He was found to be a "TERRORIST" for contributing an article to a Students' Newsletter. It is apparent that "TERRORISTS" are being made at the stroke of a pen. WE ARE NOT CALLING YOU TO MOURN, GASP, OR SHUDDER AT THE NEWS THAT ON THE 26TH OF APRIL, 1974 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA (WITWATERSRAND LOCAL DIVISION) NKOTSOBU MOTSAU WAS SENTENCED TO FIVE 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR ALLEGED "TERRORISTIC" AND "COMMUNISTIC" ACTIVITIES. This should be viewed as a call for unity and Solidarity, a call for rededication and commitment in the Struggle. The oppression of the Black people is a cause for Solidarity that will lead to liberation. We are both unblushingly and unreservedly calling for this our Solidarity which has been misconstrued for Violence.

An appeal has to be made against the sentenced and also FUNDS PERMITTING- for Bail. An appeal is therefore being made to the Black Community to donate towards meeting the cost for Appeal and Bail-money. It is hoped that you will co-operate in this move of trying to minimise manpower being wasted in jails. This appeal is being directed to the conscientious Black Community; to the never failing Black Community, for financial assistance towards meeting with the costs for Leave to Appeal for Bail.

We believe YOU can assist us in raising R5,000-00 (five thousand rands) within twenty-one 21 days. This amount can assure us of having one of the vanguards of the Struggle out on Bail. Sons and daughters of the soil, you are kindly requested to give your contribution to the bearer or send it to; THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION, P.O. BOX 11427, JOHANNESBURG 2000.

Your co-operation and assistance coupled rededication will be very much appreciated.

"BREAKING THE CHAINS"

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