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When Moses Mabhida departed, he was at peace because we, too, were in this city of revolutionary change. We were here as your guests and fellow-fights for freedom, peace and social progress.

We had come, as we must

always come, to a liberated zone of humanity, to a corner of our continent that arouses the anger and the envy of our enemies because it is a liberated corner.

Our enemies are on all sides.

They think they have surrounded us together.

They imagine that they will pierce us with the pincers of an enveloping action - action originating from the Niassa Province and the Cape Province.

What they do not know is that we are in their rear and on their flanks.

It is their cause that is doomed.
tion.

It is they who are in a crisis - a deepening crisis.

It is they who are in a hopeless position.
This moment,

which is without precedent in the history of Southern Africa, signals that death is for us but a renewal of life, that death is for us a defeat in

battle, a rehearsal for a victorious war.

Today MABHIDA walks in the company of Magigwane and Ngungunyane.

With

these our standard bearers, we can never be defeated.

We cannot but be

victorious.

We wish to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of Comrade Mabhida, to all our people who feel bereaved by his departure.

His family

loved him.

But they surrendered him to the revolutionary struggle because

they loved freedom even more.
justly proud of him and of his life.

Today as we grieve with them, they can be

Farewell, dear Brother.

Uhambe Kahle, Mfowethu.

Those who have "

gathered here to make their pledge in public, or in the silence of their

hearts, will be with you on the Maluti Mountains when you toll the bell of freedom.

They will be with you from all the corners of the globe

because

their presence here signifies their own resolve to contribute all in order to wipe out a crime against humanity, in order to assert the dignity of all men and women across the oceans, on all the continents, permanently and unequivocally.

MOSES MABHIDA LIVESo

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

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coalesced in the South African Congress of Trade Unions.

In the ANC, MOSES MABHIDA rose from the lowest levels to become a national leader, serving as a member of the National Executive'Committee,

a commander and commissar of the peopleâ\200\230s army, Umkhonto We Sizwe, Secretary to the Revolutionary Council, and one of the Chairpersons of

the Politico-Military Council.

He was an international representative and

an underground Organiser.

IkanOGo through the ranks of the Communist Party to become its General

Secretary, while for many

years he was Vice-President of the South

African Congress of Trade Unions.

This combination of functions sometimes surprisedENM1 puzzled our friends

who wondered why Comrade MABHIDA had to serve in so many senior positions

in different organisations.

But, above all, it enraged our enemies.

This

combination of functions in one leader of our people upset our adversaries

because it reflected the permanenence and acceptability among our people .

of the idea and the practiceof the unity- of the revolutionary democratic, the socialist and the trade union movements in the South African struggle

for national liberation.

It was part ofâ\200\230Comrade MhBHIDA's greatness that, having quite early on

understood the importance of the unity of these great movements, he

succeeded in ably serving each one of them individually, and all of them

together, as a collective front for national and social emancipation.

Throughout Moses mahhigaâ\200\230s lifetime, international reaction tried desperatly

teiy hard and consistently to separate the three movements we have spokeh â\200\230

of one from the other and to set them against one another.

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porarywperiodiâ\200\230we've seen=determined efforts-to separate the trade unions from themhroad"democratiormovement and to persuade them to be nothing more

than an agency to bring material benefits to a working class which remains enslaved.

But MOSES.MABHIDA knew that the very dignity of labour that those who toil should not only enjoy the fruit of their sweat,-but should do so as free men and womenâ\200\230 Accordingly, he fought against all attempts to turn the trade unionSIinto appendages of the prepertybowning classes and resisted.all efforts to emasculate the working class as a leading social force for political Change in our country.

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LikeWlse,he was flercely opposed to all manoeuvres which sought to educate the working class to repudiate its own history and allow itself to be turned into e base for the creation of a new political formation l separate from and opposed to the ANC and the Communist Party. MOSES MABHIDA could take no other position because he had learnt and abeorbed the lesson passed on to him and to us by the late Chief Albert Lutuli: that the ANC and SACTU were to each other a spear and a shield,

MOSES MABHIDA knew that the durability of the alliance between the ANC, the Communist Party ang the trade union movement lay in strengthening each as an independent formation and in securing their oo-operetion on an

entirely voluntary'basis.

formations respected one another and developed among them a deepueeated feelihgÂ°of revolutionary unity and interdependence..

He therefore always worked to ensure that these

MOSES MABHIDA knew, it, as clearly as he was convinced of the certainty of bur~viotory, that the historic and urgent issue of the day in South Africa is the question of the transfer of power to the people. the ANC the unique and authentic vanguard to mobilise and lead our people to victory.v None among us was more conscieus than he that the African National Congress could only Gerry out its historic mission if it mainâ\200\224 tained the character it had come tb assume ~Â»thet of a parliament of all the peopke of our country, the representative of our future, the negation of the divisions and conflicts that racial arrogance and capitalist greed

He saw in

heVe impoeed on our people.

That is why Comrade MABHIDA fought hard and long to-ensnre that nothing should turh the ANC into a rabble of black ohauvinists or a clique of leftiet demagogues! He battled against all eonspiracies designed to

l weaken the ANC as a fighting organisation of the people, a true national U movement loyal to the great principles which inspired its creation and

have guided it to this day.

. What an experience itWas to listeh to MADHEVU as he spoke in Zulu,

draWing on our heroic past to fire the timid with enthusiasm, encourage

the brave and correct thoe who had erred.

portrayed were of a Shake and a Dingane ~ great giants, Who, if they were elive today, would be with us a commanders of the peopleâ\200\230 3 army, Hmkhonto we Siwwe, and net arrogant local government fun tioneries of a regime

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that despiee everything AiiriCan.

The deeds from which MOSES MABHIDI drew strength and courage, the undying tradition of his people's resistance to colonialism, and the tyranny, enabled him to teach a whole generation not to fear the tyrants, however powerful they might seem. I gave him the foresight to recognise the enemy clearly, to concentrate his fire on the adversary and never to turn his weapon against the people.

Yet, today, there are some in our country who claim that they drink from the same well but, their manhood having deserted them, they are so petrified of the enemy that they see its brutal armed strength as a superhuman

machine in front of which we must cower or flee.

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MOSES MABHIEM will not be with us on the glorious day of liberation. He will not be there when the voice of the liberators proclaims from the heights of the spine of our land, the sacred mountains of Ulundi that;

the cause for which so many perished has triumphed.

Yet there is an error in those statements, because wherever MOSES MABHIDA, is in the end laid to rest, his grave shall be like a place of pilgrimage to all those who love freedom as he did: a beacon towards the future, for all

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those who value liberty more than their own lives -- as he did.

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No: MOSES MABHEKI MABHIDA will be there when the trumpet sounds the salute to freedom. He will be there, because the young lions who fed on his courage and daring, the offspring of the lions and lionesses that our fathers and mothers are, they who have as red to rebel as BeMbatha rebelled 80 years ago-- these are his peers and the relay team to whom he has handed

the torch that he carried for so long.

He will be there, because his sudden death on March 8th International Women's Day, a sacrifice for the country for whose happiness he has sacrificed so much, was his life's work. And we shall do it together in unity. Together we shall see victory

Mozambican men and Fozmmbloan women, you looked after our comrade and brother during the last days of his life. Comrade Presloent Swmora Maehel, you have done more than your duty ~ you have exceeded our highest expectations in the way you have gone to your way taking your people, with you, to tend and honour one who was to you a comrade. Of long standing, a fellow combatant, a leader of the people of South Africa, a leader recognised by the progressive movement throughout the world, an anti-imperialist.

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STATEMENT BY 'COMRADE OLI EB TAMBO AT THE FUNERAL OF
THE LATE COMRADE MOSES MBHEKI MABHIDAJAMAPUTO, March 29

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We have gathered here today to bid farewell to a warrior.

We have converged

from all corners of the globe.to pay homage to a revolutionary.

We have

convened on this grieving piece of earth to salute a patriot.-

We who have walked with giants know that MOSES MBHEKI MABHIDA belongse
in that company too.

We who have filed among the ranhs know that he was proud to count himself a
foot solfier.

A colossus because he was supremly human, MOSES MABHIDA has .
departed from our midst.

A seeming void occupies his space, the air so still without his voice.

Like the pure note of a bugle, that voice rose from the depths of the
Valley of a Thousand Hills, and multiplied.

It r050 and grew and multiplied, reverberating from Durban's CUries
Fountain until it was heard in Darues-Salaam and Havana, Mescow and Managua,
London and Djakarta, Beijing and Rio de Janeiro, Pragueand'Washxnoton.

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And in Pretoria the centres and symbols of oppression and repression â\200\224 the
Union Buildings and the Voortrekker Monument ~ heaved and trembled as they
received his message:

Death to Fascismâ\200\230

Down with Racism. Freedom for

l my People!

It is rarely given to a peeple that they should produce a single person Who
epitomises their hopes and expresses their cemmon resolve as Mdses Mahhida
did; v

In simple language he could convey.the aspirations of all our people in
their magnificent variety, explain the fears and prejudices of the unorgan-
ieed'andâ\200\230senSe the feelings of even the most humble among our peoples -
MOSES MABHIDA could do all this because he was of the people, a
produot â\200\234

of the stern university of mass struggle and the life experience of the exploited and downâ\200\224trodden workers and peasants.of oHr country.

It was

that-education which inspired MOSES MABHIDA.to join the ANC, the South African Communist Party and the trade unionmovement which ultimately
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