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ances that blacks have genuine self-
determination in these areas, South
Africa recently announced that it
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land, plus the Ingwuvuma district of |
KwaZulu. The decision, if carried out,
would enable South Africa to rid itself
juridically of 870,000 Swazis, half of

80,000 Zulus. Meanwhile, it has not
only caused a bitter confrontation
with the countryâ\200\231s leading black politi-
cian, Chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi
of KwaZulu, it has also united opposi-
tion South Africans of all races and
political persuasions, as well as the
people in the regions directly con-
cerned, while unprece-
dented support for Chief Buthelezi
throughout Africa.

As leader of the country's largest ethnic group, the six million Zulus, and of its largest liberation movement, Inkatha, Chief Buthelezi represented perhaps the best hope for a peaceful solution of South Africa's strike a deal with Chief Buthelezi. But problems. Believing that liberation is the Government chose instead to try a slow process rather than a sudden to discredit him by killing two birds event, Inkatha has eschewed violence ~ with one stone: unloading unwanted

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in favor of strikes and boycotts. Rather than contending that South Africa should belong to blacks alone, it has proposed that all races design a new constitution based on majority rule that would be fair to all. Seeing

blacks on a foreign country and showing that Chief Buthelezi was powerless to stop it. The move, however, is backfiring.

In the Supreme Court, the KwaZulu government has appealed to stop the

similarities between black and Afrikaner nationalism, the Government has had to deal with the Gwmmilli s&&'i-\201'&\200\234"â\200\234f} cordial exchanges prominent ve a on cans Afrikaners. â\200\231 ; _ their citizenship

The conservative rulers, however, ' come citizens of another country and, have long wanted to punish Chief Buthelezi for thwarting the grand design illegally when it deprived KwaZulu of of separate development. He accepted the right to administer Ingwavuma by the leadership of KwaZulu, then Zulu proclamation because such an action land, in 1970 to prevent South Africa can be done legally only by an act of from installing a puppet who would Parliament. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court ordered the Government

- ing Inkatha YeNkululeko YeSizwe - to return Ingwavuma to KwaZulu con-

ment in 1977 by opening the movement In the streets, through petitions and tonon-Zullnu:ia'l;lhenextyur, with colored demonstrations, South of all ored and groups and Kangwene colors and beliefs are declaring that groups, he founded the South African they cannot accept the cession. Con-Black Alliance to widen the organized servative Afrikaners are joining Zulus opposition to separate development. and Swazis in protesting the dissolution. With roughly 350,000 dues-paying tion of the Kangwene Legislative Assembly and the vuma govern-are non-Zulu, Inkatha has become so ing body, and the imposition of administration and Development. Perhaps most 5%

(National Cultural Liberation Movement) in 1975, he defied the Government until the appeals court in Bloemfontein

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â\200\230important in the long run, blacks who

had criticized Chief Buthelezi for being too moderate, notably those in the externally based African National Congress and the internally based black consciousness groups, have ral-

lied around him.

As the proposed cession also violates a sacred principle of the Organi-

.zation of African Unity, namely that

African colonial boundaries should be maintained, Africans are also rallying to the cause. Moves are afoot to have Chief Buthelezi present his case against South Africa to a meeting of O.A.U. heads of state, and Dr. Oscar

Dhlomo, secretary general of Inkatha, is arriving in New York on Sun-

~day to arrange a United Nations appearance. He also plans to visit Wash-

ington to enlist American support. ' The United States should /do whatever it can to end what is becoming an explosive situation in South Africa. Morality aside, the sheer illegality of South Africaâ\200\231s actions should be offensive to an Administration committed to law and order. And if, in stopping South Africa, it should make a better start in the rest of Africa, so much the

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