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POLITICAL prisoners is the description given to them by â\200\230NUSAS, several homeland leaders and some of the more liberal bodies of opinion inside and outside South Africa. But in the eyes of the Government they are nothing but criminals serving prison sentences for serious acts of crime.

The subjects of NUSAS'S economic campaign this month for the release of political prisoners include several names which were almost household words for a time during the 1960â\200\231s, but which later dropped back nearly forgotten into the publicâ\200\231s sub-conscious.

Best known among them are Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and Bram Fischer â\200\224 all serving life sentences in jail imposed by the courts after well publicised trials â\200\224 and Robert Sobukwe, key PAC figure in the Sharpeville debacle, a Robben Island graduate who now lives under a Government-imposed restriction order in Kimberley after being held for years under preventive detention. ; 3

NUSAS and the Government â\200\224 their political outlooks are poles apart â\200\224 both have strong arguments backing their points of view.

The Government clearly bases its attitude on the fact that these men resorted to extreme direct action which injured and killed people

used tens of thousands

- of rands worth of damage to State and private property.

NUSAS and supporters of its campaign base their case on the fact that what motivated these men to such actions were political frustration at the firm control of South Africaâ\200\231s entrenched White Nationalist Government, and political zeal for an entirely different social system. Amnesty for these men could pave the way to a political solution of South Africaâ\200\231s problems.

PASSIONATE

Among the first in recent times

to raise their voices for the re-

lease of South Africa's political prisoners. was Mr Colling Ramusi,

a minister in the Lebowa govern-

ment, in a passionate speech to

Progressive Party's national con-

gress in Durban last year.

Portugal's amnesty to political prisoners in its provinces following the recent coup in Lisbon has produced a South African echo in the new campaign for a similar amnesty. Calls for the release of political prisoners have come in quick succession from NUSAS, the Black Sash,

Political prisoners or

Mr 'Cedric Phatudi of Lebowa and

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi of KwaZulu.

The Minister of Justice, Mr Kruger's only retort has been not to make any verbal comment himself, but to offer documentary evidence of what these men did as a reminder to the short memories of the public.

In his action is the clear implication that the Government would still expect the public to see these men as criminals.

On June 12 1964, almost exactly a decade ago, eight men accused in the renowned Rivonia Trial were sentenced to life imprisonment by Mr Justice de Wet. He

implied in his judgment that the men had been guilty of high treason

but had not been charged with

that offence, :

CONSIDERATION

He said that after giving the mat-

ter careful consideration he had de-

cided not to impose the supreme -

penalty which was due for a crime of this kind.

Charges against the men were

grouped into four. but included 193
listed incidents covering such actions
as starting fires in post boxes, setting

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buildings alight with petrol. using
bombs to blow up electricity pylons,
post office bu dings, railway instal-
lations, Bantu administration build-
ings and other public and private
buildings.

EXPLOSION

in one explosion R40 000 worth
of damage was done, in another, |

R20 000 worth. In seme cases the

hombs caused minimal damage or

failed to gzo off, in others there

was loss of life and injury.

Evidence before the court includ-
ed a master document for revolution
called â\200\234Operation Mayibuye,â\200\235 which
was found lying open on the table .
when the accused were arrested at
Lilâ\200\230esleaf Farm. Rivonia.

â\200\230It was a blueprint for sabotage.
guerrilla warfare. and revolution
covering a military evaluation of
South Africa, the seiting up of re-
gional base areas, plans for armed
attacks leading to full-scale revolt
by the masses, internal organisation
for the revolt, methods to be used
and the establishment of a high

command of control operations.
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Johannesburg.)

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Chief Koos Mahlangu,
son of the Paramount
Chief of the Ndebeles,
and Princess Sphila Dla-
mini, daughter of King
Sobhuza of Swaziland an-
nounced their engage-
ment at a party in Grob-
lersdal on Saturday. Here
the newly engaged couple
watch the festivities at
a party in their honour.

MHLELI,â\200\224 Ngibhali-
swa ukufuna ukuveza
ukujabula kwami kanye
neningi ukuzwa izindaba
ezivela dunmkulu wa-
seRepublic ukuthi zonke
izisebenzi kusukela lulu-
nye kuJuly nonyaka zizo-
khushulelwa amaholo azo
lezo ezingaphansi kuka-
Hulumeni,

Sesikubheke ngamehlo
abomvu ukuphela kwe-
nyanga kaJuly thina bo-
thisha, ikakhulu -

asikaneliswa ileliholoâ\200\231 eiv-â\200\234

liholayo, sokwaneliswa
zinombolo ezintathu (3
figures).

Ngidlulele phambili
Mhleli. Kusukela ngo-
mGqibelo mhlaka 15 kuze
kuzoba impelasonto yo-
mhlaka June 21, uNksz.
Grinneth Mageba ubese-

matheni kubobonke aba-

ntu bebabaza isibindi
anaso sokungesabi uku-
khipha amaginisano noku-
khomba ngomunwe aba-
nye athe basegenjini lo-
Mkhonto.

Awu! Ntombazane, ngi-
kwethulela isigqoko nge-
sibindi sakho. Beziyozwa-
kala nini zonke lezimfihlo
ozidalulile = emphakathi-
ni ukuba , ubungenasibi-
ndi?

. Inkosi yathi, akukho
okufihliweyo okungayiku-

vela. Niyambona ke ulNku-

lunkulu layehamba kho-
na?

Uyena owenza ukuba
uNksz. Grinneth axabane
naleligembu ukuze uNdu-
nankulu kaHulumeni wa-

KwaZulu azizwe zonke le-
zimfihlo. L

Ima isibindi njalo nje
baba wethu Mangosuthu,
ngoba uNkulunkulu una-
we njalo nje, uzoziveza
njalonje izimfihlo, futhi
akuvikele.

MaZulu, asikhulekeleni
uNdunankulu wethu uGa-
tsha Buthelezi ukuba avi-
kelwe, othi ufuna uku-
mketula, kuketuke yena,
kwenzeke ingwijikhwebu,

EZEKHEETH

Kwabonakala

kufike isikhathi sokubhu-
jiswa. mmhlaba 7
Yathi iNkosi â\200\234Niyobo-
na eningakaze nikubone
uma sekusondele isikha-

" thi sokuba ngifike emhla-

beni. (Isiphetho sesimi-
s0 sezinto).

Uyeza uJesu, uzofika
abantu bengamlindele be-
libele ukufuna ukuketula

,abanye.

Tryphina Msane.

'UMLAZI.

mhla sesiholaimali â\200\234ene- - -

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MHLELI,â\200\224 Kwelomhla-

ka June 9 iWeek-End
ekhasini lesi-9 kunendaba
ephume ngasandla senta-
theli uMnuz. Nat Mkhize
abike inkulumo ethulwe
uMnuz. Zeph Dhlomo nge-
sihloko esithi â\200\234Ikhambi
Lesithunzi soMnyama
Phesheyaâ\200\235.

" Engikuphawulile kule-
nkulumo ukuthi uMnuz.
Dhlomo uthi izivakashi
bazikhombisa izindlu ezi-
ngeolile lapha emaloki-
shini, bathathwe ngama-
bhasi bayokhonjiswa aba-
ntu ababhincayo

Ngcolosi.

Ngmokufiphazeka â\200\230em-
qgondweni wami nokula-
ngazela ukuzwa ukuthi
loNgcolosi umkhulumi
alinganisa ngaye iloNgco-
losi kaNkungu kaMepho
na?

Yena umkhulumi uwazi
kangakanani uNgcolosi
noma. ukhulume nje uku-
nandisa nokuheha ukuja-

-bulisa izilaleli zakhe.

Lezozivakashi kungaki
zizokhonjiswa lendawo,
emini noma ebusuku?

Futhi zingena ngasiphi
isikhala noma umgwaqo
ziboniswa lawo maghu-
gwane noma amakolosi
kumbe oguqa-sithandaze.

Njengoba
ngalezindawo nje ngabe
umkhulumi ukhohlwe yi-

ni ukulinganisa - ngalezo-

ndawo lapho sizwa bethi
ugavini uthelwa ngezinka-

ukuthi
akusoze kwabakhona uku-
thula kulomhlaba sekoze .

kwa- -

elinganise -
~ sikelela kuba sithembele

mba, insangu ivunwa
ngamasaka ibuthwe nga-
maHelicopter na?

Ngiphetha ngokuthi,
â\200\234Hlala unolwaziâ\200\235.
Ohmbannblll
Umsinsi-wokuzimilela).
INANDA,

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MHLELI, â\200\224 Nanku owa-
mi umbono maZulu Bo-
ngani uNkulunkulu owa-
ni umholi ofundile noli-
qghawe kwezombangazwe,
indoda efunela abantu
abaMnyama inkululeko.
Lendoda nguNdunankulu
uChief Gatsha Buthelezi.
Sinihlonipha nonke ma-
Zulu lapha kwaXhosa
ngemisebenzi yalendoda

nesigungu , sayo, nango-
msebenzi omuhle waNgo-
nyama yenu engavumi
umbuso wayo uhlahakazwe
zizitha. Bayethe wena we-
Ndlovu! Bayethe! g
Lendoda enguChief Ga-
tsha injengoMosi wesizwe
esiMnyama. Ayisebenzeli
isisy sayo, isebenzela uku-
ba umuntu oMnyama

akhululeke.

Umuntu ophikisa loHu-
lumeni wayo akanathando
lwesizwe sakwaZulu. Uzi-
funela nje isikhundla. '

Lendoda sonke thina si-

zwe esiMnyamga sithi
uThixo makayilekelele
azoyise zonke izitha zika-
' Zulu Kkuba ziza zingathi
zithanda iNgonyama zili-
delele igama layo zilisebe-
nzise kudedengu kube ka-
nti zifuna ukuhlakaza
uZulu wonke.
- Makube yicala ukupha-
tha igama leNgonyama
budedengu. Loko kukho-
mbisa ukudelela iNkosi
yohlanga. -Siyazi umholi
onjengoButhelezi azina-
kumthanda izitha zethu.

â\200\230Wanga uThixo anganis

kuni. Yibani munye kuba
.sonqgoba simunye.

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and steps taken

the culprits.
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tinues to riseg We exploit g
people.
have recently seen
hikes in the prices
of mealie meal, coal,
transport, and milk,
to mention essen-
tials, which have
added te the burdens
already being suffer-
ed by our people.

Â¥t would be a wise and
i realistic move for

- the Government and
industry to take a
further look at our |
wage structures. |
For, unless we get
more relief soon, we
ean only forsee a
kerious situation
arising among the

~ poorer sections of
our community.

Haying said this, we

e intensely concerned at the mal-

- practices of certain businessmen who have pushed their

- own prices even

- higher.

Complaints have been coming in of some dealers deliberately overcharging the public.