

# Don't let ANC<sup>2</sup> stop black unity

DR ALAN BOESAK has met with Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress (ANC), who is in exile in Lusaka (Sunday Times June 2). As a result, Dr Boesak wants to organise a meeting of South African church leaders with the ANC "to set in motion a new kind of framework for thinking about the organisation."

Dr Boesak states that "any talk about the future without the ANC is futile."

It is not clear what Dr Boesak means, but it is obvious that the meeting will have a limited agenda — unless it encompasses the current attitude of the ANC in exile towards black political organisations operating in South Africa for the liberation of the black people.

The ANC in exile is vehemently hostile to Inkatha and its president chief — M G Buthelezi.

The proposed meeting must seek to eliminate these hostilities and attempt to remove obstacles to black unity in South Africa.

It will be an exercise in futility for meeting parties to sit and list political grievances against the South African Government. It will be lamentable if it is turned into a circus, in which men of the cloth engage in vitriolic attacks against Chief Buthelezi.

We agree with Dr Boesak that talks about the future without the participation of the ANC are futile. We remind him that any talks about the future of South Africa without Inkatha, are just as futile. — BEN M SKOSANA, Melmoth.

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# CP rejects 'Indaba' union for farm

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The Conservative Party has rejected recent moves here to establish a trade union for black farm labourers and domestics, saying it would be used "purely for political ends" which would eventually lead to chaos.

An Indaba-type pact between black workers and white farmers is due to be signed in Northern Natal this week.

According to Mr Casper Uys, a sheep farmer and member of the CP executive, farmers are already hard pressed by the ailing economy.

"A union would only worsen matters," he said.

Another farmer who is a CP member warned the CP congress that he would halve his workers and replace them with readily available machinery if a union was formed.

"Unions become monsters," warned Mr Uys, using Australia as an example.

In South Africa the unions would be black, and used for political means which would use any small incident as an excuse for action over so-called unfair labour practices.

The rejection of the union by the party was wholeheartedly supported by the members and it was

voted that the CP congress look, in detail, at the party's labour policy and current legislation affecting labour practices.

From the floor, Natal farmer, Mr Adriaan Kriel asked that CP leaders "look into" the recently formulated peace pact between the farmers of Louwsberg, near Vryheid, and black workers.

A representative of the Natal Agricultural Union

had approached other farmers with the same proposal which he claimed had been put forward by Inkatha.

In a bid to beat moves by Inkatha — believed to be aimed at beating the union plans of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) — Mr Kriel says farm owners were asked to sign up their farm workers as Inkatha members.

A similar offer was taken

up with enthusiasm by the Louwsberg farmers, he said, and a meeting was now scheduled for Friday to formalize the agreement.

The pact would include negotiation on security matters, and an increase in black housing in the area.

Mr Kriel said: "This is the beginning of a union in disguise without President P W Botha lifting a finger to prevent it."

He suggested that "work-

## workers

ers' committees" be formed to achieve the same purposes and urged farmers to make conditions favourable for their workers so that there would be no need for either Cosatu or Inkatha plans.

"Our CP leaders must approach the Natal Provincial Administration for us, about these moves.

"Inkatha poses a very serious problem," Mr Kriel said.

Pledge by 1 000 to resist injustice

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# OPPOSE

By SIZAKELE KOOMA

**MORE** than 1 000 women who attended a conference of the National Assembly of Women in South Africa at the weekend pledged to oppose all injustice in the country.

The women, who came from all over South Africa and Namibia, met at the Braamfontein Hotel in Johannesburg. They were from all professions and included both young and old.

Among the well-known names present were Mrs Sally Motlana, Mrs Eunice Ndebele, Mrs Deborah Mabiletsa, Dr Mamphela Ramphele, Mrs Joyce Siwani, Mrs Madikolo Motumi, Mrs Sebolelo Mohajane, Dr Ellen Blackie and Miss Millicent Mseleku. Mrs Winnie Mandela sent an apology for not attending.

The guest speaker was Mrs Masha Lubelsky, secretary-general of all women's unions in Israel. She spoke on equality.

The conference reached its climax on Saturday night when awards were presented.

Mrs Martha Mahlangu, whose son Solomon Mahlangu was hanged in 1979 after being found guilty of ANC activities, received an award for her involvement in politics.

## Resolutions

Wide-ranging resolutions were also taken. These included:

- Sending a petition to the Department of Education and Training pledging support to demands made by the NECC;
- The establishment of a think-tank to look into the introduction of one education for all South Africans;
- Initiating projects that will assist in the development of women in rural areas; and

- The end of sexual discrimination in all facets of life.

The women also decided to participate fully in the country's political life.

Mrs Deborah Mabiletsa, one of the convenors of the Assembly, said that women's involvement in helping to solve South Africa's

crisis will not only show their commitment to a liberated society but it will also reaffirm and assert that "this is where they belong".

In a speech on "Women and Development", Dr Mamphela Ramphele said that the present situation in the country is not "unrest", but a major crisis that should not be ap-



Dr RAMPHELE ... at conference.

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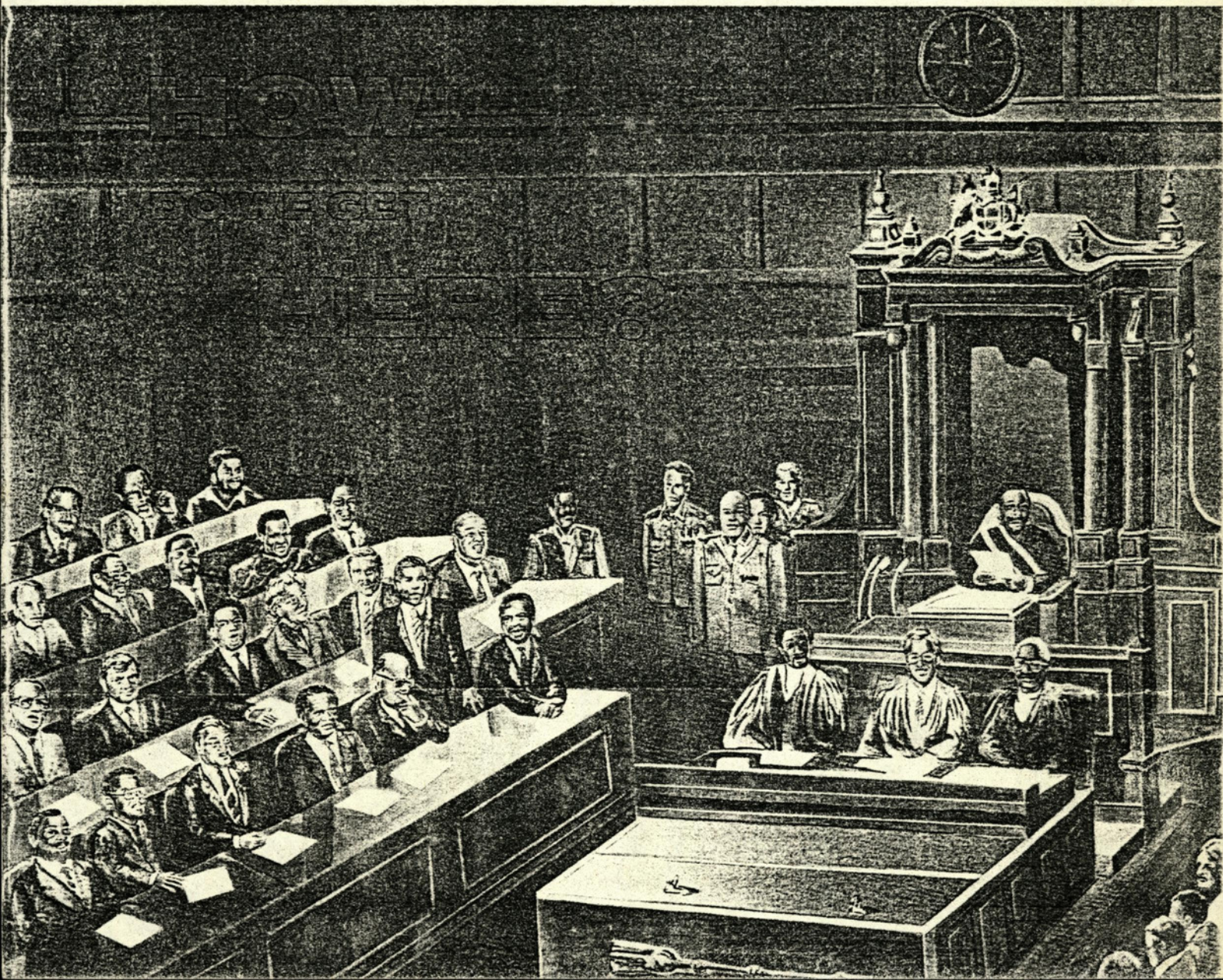
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# Frontline

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## It's not too late for Inkatha and UDF to talk \*

It is still not too late for Inkatha and the UDF to sit down and iron out their differences.

Chief Buthelezi may be mesmerised by the vision of himself as South Africa's first Black president, but other prominent figures have the sober-mindedness necessary to take Inkatha on a new course.

Inkatha has the claimed numbers, not only among Zulus but also among some Xhosa and Sotho elements, but its political position is gradually being eroded by the perception that it is run by fascist elitists and that the organisation is becoming a pawn in P W Botha's grand strategy.

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## Tutu calls on Japan to act

TOKYO. — Japan's volume of trade with South Africa gives it a crucial role in the issue of sanctions, Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu was quoted as saying yesterday.

Bishop Tutu was speaking to Mr Wasuke Miyake, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry's Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau, after arriving in Tokyo on Saturday.

The bishop said he told

Mr Miyake that nations should take a moral stand on the issue rather than wait for others to take the lead, the Kyodo News Service reported.

Mr Miyake replied that Japan wanted a concerted policy with other members of the international community on economic sanctions against Pretoria, the report said.

Bishop Tutu told reporters: "Although it is desirable for South Africa's main trading partners to take a joint step, a de-

cisive action taken by only one of them could have a major influence."

Japan has so far banned the export of computers to South Africa, discouraged the private sector from importing Krugers and restricted cultural, educational and sports exchanges.

Bishop Tutu was due to visit Hiroshima on Wednesday for events marking the 41st anniversary of the atomic bombing of the city. — Sapa-Reuter.

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## Botha amends emergency rules

PRESIDENT P W Botha amended the state of emergency regulations on Friday to circumvent Supreme Court rulings invalidating orders issued by divisional police commissioners.

The amendments apply retroactively to June 12.

The courts had ruled that Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange could authorise the Commissioner of Police — but not the divisional commissioners — to act in terms of the regula-

tions.

The amendment to Regulation 7 empowers divisional police commissioners — including police officers in charge in self-governing territories — to issue orders.

A further amendment empowers the Minister to seize or declare publications "subversive", "without notice to any person and without affording any person an opportunity to be heard".

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## Media must decide, says P.W.

The media in South Africa had to decide now where they were going to throw their weight, the State President, Mr P.W. Botha, said at a function in Johannesburg to mark the 50th anniversary of the SABC.

"Are they going to throw it on the side of a developing South Africa where peace, freedom and progress must be brought about, or will they — as some of those to the north of us have

done in the past — throw their weight on the side of those who have eventually brought about the destruction of civilisation as well as the media?" he asked.

There were unpleasant times in the history of nations when the choice between unpopular alternatives was forced upon them.

"We are now standing at such a point in our history... if we are going to be forced to choose, then

we have only one choice: South Africa first."

Mr Botha said that "in these stormy times where South Africa faces the intense cross-fire of international criticism and venom, the SABC has an even greater responsibility."

Mr Botha said the SABC was a voice for South Africa.

"In everything that you do, you must reflect and strengthen the voice and the spirit of South Africa."

... you cannot let us submit to other voices from America or Europe.

"Together with every other section of our society — the Government, the security forces, the private sector, the ordinary citizen — you must pull together to carry the load up the hill before us."

"The SABC and every other member of the South African media must make a decision in these days and show where they stand."