

Zulu running sore

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SIR — I would like to express my utter dissatisfaction and disapproval of the prolonged so-called "Zulu faction fight".

I feel that the Zulu government must work hand in glove with the South African Government to stop this unintelligent and stupid deed. Why must our brothers and sisters perish so foolishly in pointless clashes? This seems to be the "running sore" or what others know as the "Spanish ulcer" of our Zulu brothers, for others don't even know the root of this ongoing war which started in the early 1930s in Msinga. This war seems to be affecting innocent people of the Vaal Triangle, Soweto, Alexandra, Krugersdorp, Natalspruit and many other places.

People in the townships are easy prey to these killers because they provide their stranded brothers with accommodation. They build zozos in their

yards to let because they can't afford the monthly rental payments.

I would like to appeal to the KwaZulu government to imprison all the culprits and train them to become soldiers and hand them over to the SADF to be trained and paid fully.

Why should we be told of the "terrorists" brutal actions while we are breeding terrorism within South Africa? It seems these people are imprisoned or put on probation and thereafter released to continue with their senseless killings. I think if the Government or the SAP can deprive them of the arms they possess and search for more the death rate can be reduced.

Where do these people get their arms? They seem to be better armed than the SAP itself.

You never hear of the faction fights in Venda, Bophuthatswana, Lesotho, Lebowa, Transkei or Ciskei, but only in KwaZulu — at Msinga

particularly. Let the KwaZulu government industrialise the Msinga district where these people can find themselves employment because they spoil the cities of the Transvaal.

These people come to "Goli" because when

they are in Standard 1 or 2 they are considered "Nsizwa" and must go and get "Isibhamu" from Johannesburg. Sure enough they will get "Isibhamu" (a firearm) so as to kill when the faction fighting resumes. Let the Govern-

ment take measures or repatriate these people to the homelands where they belong.

They are not here to work for prosperity but only to gain "Isibhamu" and kill.

ANGRY

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WAITING for the fight . . . Zulu hostel inmates.

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I would have loved to have dived in the money game, if only for its potency, pragmatism and its leverage to expedite the black man's struggle for self-realisation. But such matters, however, imperative in the cacophony of rough-shod politics of ideological mouthings and rhetoric, can wait for another

time.

I had this first encounter of a unique kind when I found myself plunk in a steamy conversation involving a medical doctor belonging to the UDF, a leader of the coloured Labour Party and a "mayor" recently elected under the Black Local Authorities Act. Perhaps this was

the nearest the often emotional and vehemently partisan and righteous black political grouping has come to a down-to-earth tete-a-tete. But lo! That often

loosely used word "sell-out", used so many times to cleanse one's conscience if not to castigate those that do not share the same stereotypes, floated freely.

It is incredible how pertinent black politics can get, eroding the obvious fact that the more we denigrate each other the bigger the chism in black unity. All of the three representatives were adamant that their approach to the struggle justified their tactics.

What amused me was the allegation against the UDF that it too, by having whites in its organisation, was a collaborator. It was argued that it is whites who pass the oppressive laws, and for supping with the devil the UDF was equally guilty of collaborating with the system.

Apartheid

What saddened me was when each of the three men explicitly gave a breakdown of experiences they continually have with petty apartheid. What was crystal clear was that each suffered equally and had to appreciate that unless they united

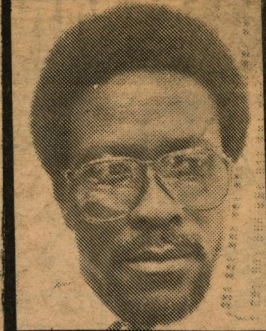
they were doomed to present a weak front to the enemy.

What with the Labour Party man arguing that their strategy is to destroy and dismantle the system from within. The pious "mayor" was clear-cut that as long as he can practically do positive things for his residents, he is not selling out.

Talking of the enemy, I was impressed on Wednesday night with the interview Dr Willem de Klerk, a prominent Afrikaner editor, conducted with the current reigning WBA heavyweight champion Gerrie Coetzee.

The interview, which was in Afrikaans, seemed very innocuous but it was a beautiful example of the mind manipulation game. Here was this symbol, Coetzee, who has done the *volk* proud by doing a hatchet-job on Mike Dokes. And De Klerk kept asking Coetzee

Just a



thought

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about spiritual preparedness in any sportman's determination to reach the top. The message, at least for the Afrikaner *volk*, was clear-cut that hard work and determination are necessary if one is to achieve his/her goal.

But whatever the taint of the interview, Coetzee had a lesson for South Africa when he told Dr De Klerk that no one can come out tops alone. He was replying to a question that American training alone made it possible for him to win the title.

KwaZulu 'pledge'

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to be discussed

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A UNIVERSITY of Natal delegation is to meet the KwaZulu Cabinet and Legislative Assembly on Tuesday to discuss the pledge which KwaZulu bursary holders have been made to sign.

Last week hundreds of students from around the country were summoned to Ulundi and after several hours of questioning were made to sign a pledge not to criticise Chief Buthelezi, Inkatha or the KwaZulu Government.

Failure to comply meant that the students bursary money would be

withdrawn.

The secretary of the Legislative Assembly, Mr Muntuwenkosi Mzimela, said yesterday that the Cabinet and Legislative Assembly would meet a delegation led by the two vice-principals of the University of Natal, Prof Peter Booysen and Prof Denys Schreiner, on Tuesday.

Pledge

It would be decided at the meeting what would happen to more than 30 students at the university's medical school who had refused to sign the pledge or go to Ulundi, he

said.

The students claimed in a statement that the pledge was a manoeuvre to silence students in their activities against oppression and to coerce them into supporting the KwaZulu administration.

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu said yesterday that the signing of the pledge had been in the interests of maintaining a reliable and loyal civil service.

Many of the bursary holders were in the employ of the KwaZulu Government or would work for it when they had graduated.

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