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Mayibuye Iy/August 1

To all Mayibuye
readers

Dear Compatriots,

It gives me the warmest pleasure
and satisfaction to welcome the
first issue of MAY-

IBUYE, now pub-

HshedlegaHy.

Although at-

tempts to silence

the voice of the

ANC over the past , -

30 years have

failed, the emer-

gence from the

underground of

MAYIBUYE, clear-

ly reflects the

growing and irre-

sistible strength

of the ANC and

marks another

historical devel-

opment in our

struggle. '

It is, therefore, a '

major victory for all those inside

and outside our country who have

battled and continue to battle

against apartheid.

In this complex and sometimes

apparently contradictory period in

our history, MAYIBUYE will, I am

sure, contribute to the process of

enabling all South Africans, black

and white, to discern the views

and the aspirations of our Move-

ment and our peo-

ple for a united,

non-racial, non-

sexist and demo-

cratic country.

I should like to

take this opportu-

nity to extend my

warmest, fraternal

greetings to all

ANC and MDM ac-

tivists and to the

readers of MAYI-

? BUYE, but espe-

cially to the strug-

gling masses of

our people. -

! With the launch

of MAYIBUYE it

must now be clear

to everyone that

the ANC has indeed come back.

A luta continua!

Amandla! Ngawethu!

OR Tambo

Presidents, ANC.

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ANC leaders
detained

AS MAYIBUYE went
to press it was an-
nounced that Mac Ma-
haraj, a member of the
ANC NEC was de-
tained by the SAP, un-
der Section 29 of the
Internal Security Act.
He joins other ANC
leaders detained re-
cently such as Billy
Nair.

Commenting on
these developments,
Nelson Mandela said
the ANC was gravely
concerned and would
raise the matter with
the government. He
reiterated the demand
for the repeal of all se-
curity legislation.
Maharaj is covered
by the amnesty agreed
upon at the Groote
Schoor summit. '

32 people are cur-
rently being held un-
der Section 29 of the
Internal Security Act.
Workers'

Charter Day

COSATU's Central
Executive Committee
(CEC) has decided to
intensify the Workers'
Charter Campaign.
August 28 has been
declared National
Workers' Charter Day.
A special Workers'
Charter Conference is
to be called in Novem-
ber.

Mandela visits

Sebokeng

ANC deputy president
Nelson Mandela and
senior ANC members
visited the Vaal town-
ship of Sebokeng on
July 25 to investigate
the causes of violence
in the area following
an Inkatha rally on
July 22.

More than 24 people
have been killed in
Sebokeng since Inka-
Mayibuye July/August 1990

Railway workers across the country took action in support of
their wage demands recently. In Johannesburg, an estimated
15 000 workers brought traffic to a standstill as they marched to
the Transnet headquarters.

the supporters went
on the rampage after
the rally.

While the ANC, UDF

and Cosatu have been refused permission to hold meetings and marches in the Vaal, Inkatha was given permission for its rally.

Consumer

boycotts spread

THE ANC's Eastern Transvaal Region has called a massive consumer boycott to protest against police and vigilante attacks. The boycott, which began on July 27, will be reassessed on August 29.

' However, the boycott of eight towns controlled by the extreme right - Nelspruit, White River, Barberton, Witbank, Middelburg, Ermelo, Belfast and Bethal - will only be reassessed on September 11.

At present the Vaal, Bloemfontein, Bultfontein, Marble Hall, Groblersdal and parts of the Northern Cape are affected by consumer boycotts.

Thousands in strike ballots

THE National Union of Mineworkers held a strike ballot among its 23 000 members at 22 collieries. This was after the Chamber of Mines refused to improve its wage offer. Meanwhile the National Union of Metalworkers of SA will conduct a national strike ballot of its members in the steel and engineering sectors from July 29 to August 10.

Squatters

reprieved

A GROUP of Thornhill squatters who left the Ciskei this week and occupied part of a farm in Whittlesea were granted a reprieve from eviction last week.

More killed

in Natal

FIERCE attacks continue against ANC-aligned residents in Nseleni near Empan-

geni in Northern Natal. Three Cosatu members have been killed in the past 10 days and a union organiser's home was burnt to the ground. Meanwhile, the decomposed bodies of three Sayco . activists who had disappeared recently were . found last week.

W Cape focus on homelessness

THE UDF-affiliated Western Cape United Civic Association's interim committee will be holding a mass rally in District Six within the next two weeks . ' on homelessness. District Six has been standing empty since people were evicted from the land in terms of the Group Areas Act. However, developers have now earmarked the area for expensive housing.

ANC holds report-backs

THE AN C is reporting back to mass democratic movement structures, Azapo, the PAC, churches and the United Municipalities of SA . on Nelson Mandela's international tour.

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AYIBUYE greets all our readers in
M these times of great promise. In a
sense, the Chinese curse, "may you
live in interesting times", also applies to our
journal.

For more than 10 years MAYIBUYE operat-
ed as a small underground newsletter of the
African National Congress. We could only
reach a few
people. And
our interven-
tion was se-
verely limited
by the condi-
tions of illegal-
ty. Among
those we did
reach, we hope
that we helped
generate dis-
cussion and
debate around
pertinent politi-
cal issues.

A word of
thanks to the
underground operatives of the Movement,
who risked life and limb to ensure that the
voice of the ANC - in its various forms -
spreads farand wide. It is thanks partly to
them - and mainly to the mass of our people
- that we have reached decisive moments in
our struggle. It is the irony of our times that
those who hounded them for these ideas, to-
day claim some of the policies about trans-
formation as their own.

MAYIBUYE comes in a new format. For
convenience, we have designated this as the
first issue of Volume 1. But we will continue
in the same tradition of identifying questions
united, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic
South Africa.

Though it will reflect the broad policy posi-
tions of the ANC, the journal is not a me-
chanical mouthpiece. It is a forum for debate
and aims at generating discussion within our
ranks and in broader South African society. If
each one of us, irrespective of our political
affiliation, cer-
tainly has
hopes and as-
pirations, then
we should dis-
cuss them and
act to achieve
our desires.

No-one else
will shape the
future for us.
For by commis-
sion or omis-
sion, we shall
all help to de-
termine what fi-
nally emerges
out of the pro-
cesses under way.

In this issue, we deal with a number of cur-
rent political questions. The central theme,
so crucial to the present phase, is that the:

In the same vein, the editorial collective of MAYIBUYE considers it fundamental that we should have constant dialogue with our readers. A one-way process can only be harmful to democracy. We thus invite contributions and letters from ANC members and all our

that will help us move faster to the goal of a readers, wherever they might be.

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