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Collaborators in Oppression

Statement of ANC in Sechaba, VI, 4, April 1972.

It will not be easy to reach the stage of armed confrontation for the enemy, too, is preparing. They hope to forestall it with such measures as the creation of the Bantustans. And some of our people, sick and tired of being ruled, have thought of taking and organising the Bantustans for use against the enemy at a later date. This line of thinking is dangerous and the ANC will not allow it. For the people must always remember that the land belongs to the majority and that is the African people. They cannot allow themselves to be fobbed off with a tiny piece of the land. Furthermore, the carving up of these Bantustans will endanger all the countries in Southern Africa including Zambia, for they will all become part of a large economic unit with South Africa as the master. Eventually just as Zululand is a Bantustan so will Lesotho, Swaziland and other Southern African countries become a kind of Bantustan. The Bantustans are dangerous to the extent that they seek to break up a nation born in 1912, and those who work the system in conscious support of the South African government are collaborators in oppression.

We must exclude from this attack those who have no choice but to work within the Bantustan framework and those who use the Bantustan platform to attack apartheid and supplement our demands.