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I Let us speak of freedom,
j Let us speak with one voice.

Let us build unity and oppose apartheid.

August 20, thousands of people will gather in
mKocklands Civic Centre, Mitchells Plain to launch a
| national United Democratic Front. For the first
time in many years, our people will come from all
corners of our land to speak together of freedom,
justice and a democratic South Africa.

I Never before has such a great rally taken place
in Cape Town. Our country's most respected
| religious and community leaders will be with us
| on this great day.

1 Buses will bring many weary travellers from as-
i far as Johannesburg to the homes and churches of*
Mitchells Plain.

â– Mitchells Plain, the government's grand plan for
j the Coloured people will become the centre
! through which the whole country will be united.

\ And a short distance away in Cape Town, the
: government is this month trying to pass a new
| constitution and Koornhof laws which will further
| divide us.

i We must stop these plans. We must take a stand
S^iow.

jj They say that these laws will give Coloured and
: Indian people rights in our country. But this is not
true Apartheid will still remain.

i The pass laws will become worse. Group Areas
| will stay. Jobs will be few. Houses will be scarce.

| They will use us in their army.

Here in Cape Town, many of our people resisted
when apartheid was introduced. We remember
| Cissy Gool and the fight against train apartheid,
i We remember our leaders who were forced
| to flee the country. We remember the Langa
: march against passes.

i And more recently, we remember the pain and
suffering of the many who were shot down in
1976 and 1980. They faced bullets and guns. They
| gave their lives for us.

| We must draw strength from their courage. Let us unite and take their struggle further.

We call on the people of the Western Cape and of the whole country. Join us at this historic gathering to launch the UDF. The time for unity is now!

Oscar Mpetha, President of the Western Cape UDF.

Dr. Alan Boesak, President of the World Council of Reformed Churches.

Sheikh Nazeem Mohammed, President of the Muslim Judicial Council.

Hassan Howa, patron of the UDF.

Let us show the government that we will no longer accept apartheid._

Let us say to them that Mitchell's Plain is killing us.

Let us say to them that Khayelitsha is not the answer.

Let us organise for our freedom.