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POLITICAL PRISONERS COMMITTEE

The Political Prisoners Committee wishes to draw the attention of all Chief Representatives to the following:

1. There are now four soldiers of MK on death row - Mthetheleli Zephaniah Mncube, Mzondeleli Euclid Nondula, Robert McBride and Senele Masuko. The case for POW status for captured freedom fighters has often been raised; there was an article in the May issue of Sechaba. The case of Mncube and Nondula is particularly clear, as they operated under military orders in a war zone (an article dealing with them will appear in the August issue of Sechaba). An international campaign on this question is urgent and important - can you approach the government of your country to bring pressure to bear on Pretoria to sign the Geneva protocols?

2. The case of Robert McBride is becoming more urgent every day. You should have received a copy of a pamphlet produced by the SATIS Committee, convened by the British Anti-Apartheid Movement. We have arranged with them to send more copies to countries where English is spoken, to help with campaigning.

3. There are now 23 women political prisoners that we know of, and we enclose a copy of the list, with some details. Women's Press in London has published 'No Child's Play,' the memoirs of a woman ex-prisoner, and it is to be published on August 9th. We suggest that a campaign for the 23 women - especially the two on death row - should be part of our August 9th activities.

Will you let us know about any action you may take?

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