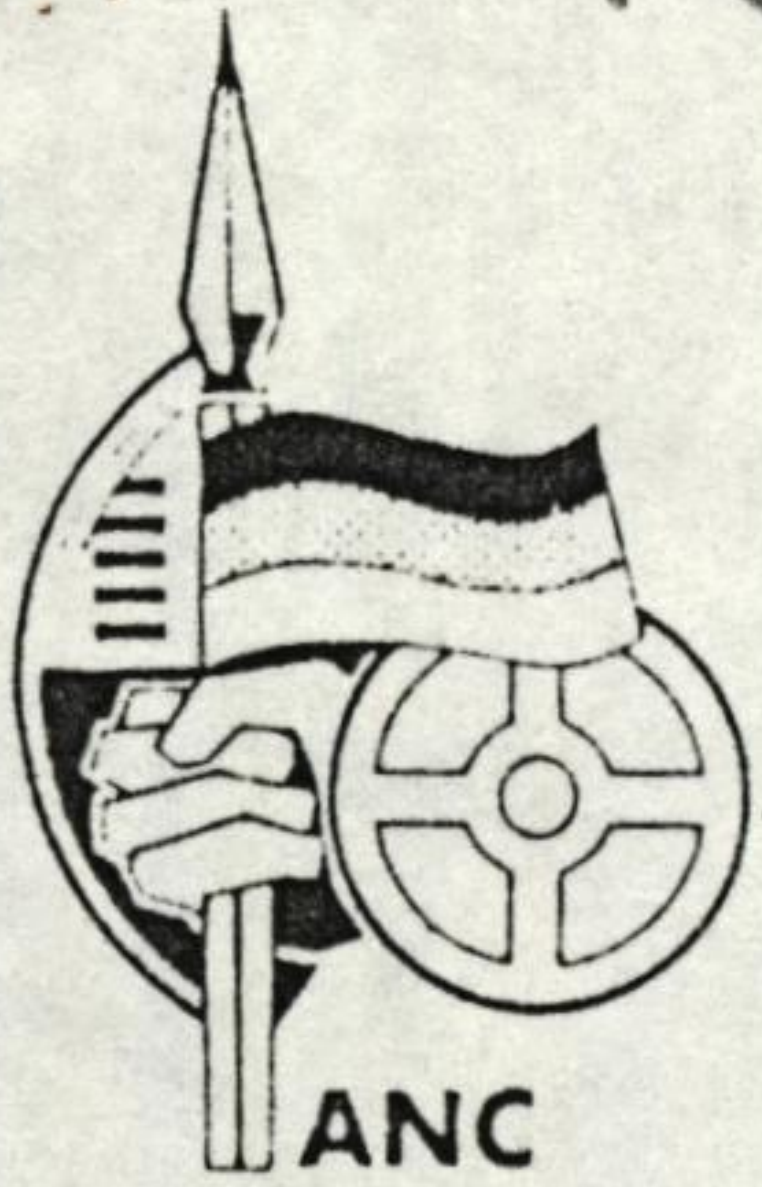


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### ANC Statement on Arrests in Bophutatswana.

The arrest and detention of ANC members and other activists of the democratic movement, announced by the Bophutatswana authorities this morning, Monday 12th November, is but one more example of an unpopular regime trying to postpone its demise by repression.

The allegations that members of the ANC resident in Bophutatswana were plotting to assassinate Dr Lucas Mangope are as reckless as they are absurd. The ANC repudiates these claims with the contempt they deserve.

The ANC, along with the majority of South Africans and the international community, has never recognised Bophutatswana as separate and apart from the rest of South Africa. Dr Mangope's extravagant claims that "Radio Freedom" is inciting the people to oppose the so-called sovereignty of Bophutatswana is a deliberate misconstruction of a long-standing ANC policy with a view to lending credence to his allegations about a "plot".

The ANC demands the immediate and unconditional release of all those who have been arrested and an end to the repression of the democratic movement in that part of our country.

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