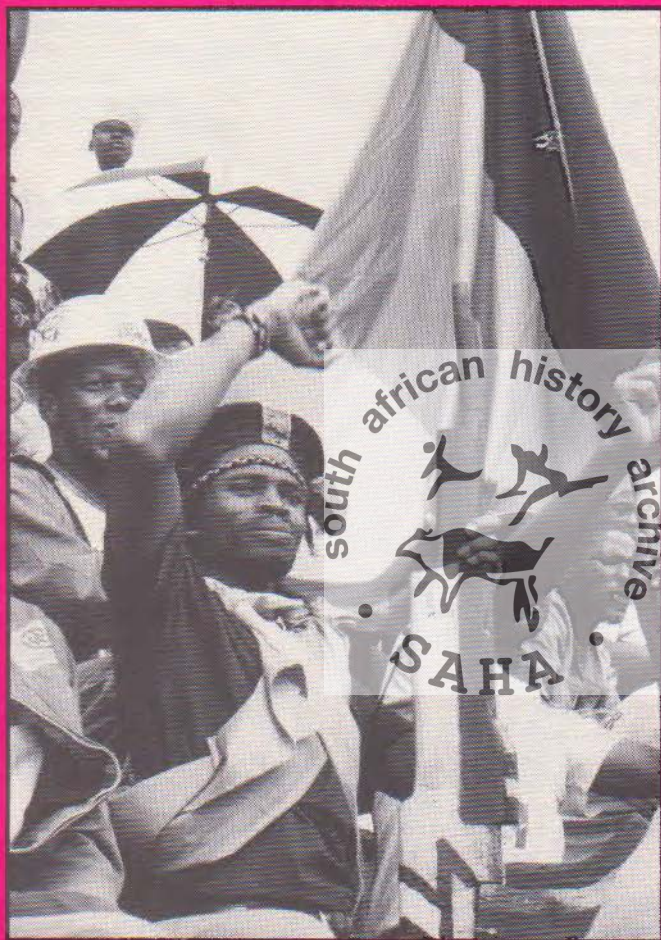


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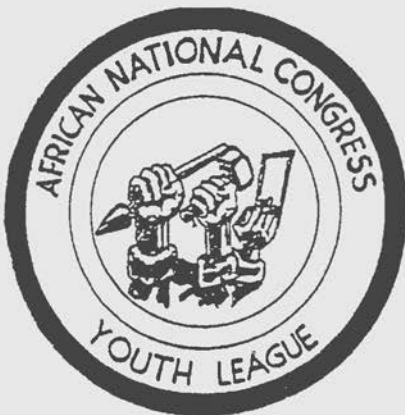
THE HEROIC REBIRTH OF THE ANC YOUTH LEAGUE

27 October 1990



INTRODUCTION

Bearing the torch of hope into the future



In our country, as in the rest of the world, the youth have always occupied a central position in the process of social transformation. The youth are the true torch-bearers in the eternal struggle for the all-round improvement of the lot of the masses.

The history of our organisation bears testimony to the indispensable role the youth have and must continue to play in the quest for freedom and democracy.

The class of 1944 - O.R. Tambo, Nelson Mandela, Anton Lembede and their peers - spared neither strength nor effort to advance the cause of liberation, in the process, succeeding in

revitalising the ANC and correctly transforming it into a formidable massbased political mouthpiece of the downtrodden.

It was this generation which prompted the Programme of Action in 1949, leading to the Defiance Campaign and subsequent epic battles in the early fifties.

Throughout the years, generation after generation of our youth did not relent and, despite ruthless crackdowns and unabating repression on a massive scale, continued to bear the flag of freedom high above the smog of apartheid oppression.

Following pogrom-type massacres of the late fifties and early sixties alongside the banning of both the ANC and PAC the youth of our land shook the dust from their lapels and re-assumed a position in the forward ranks of struggle.

Many from the youth hearkened to the call to swell the ranks of Umkhonto we Sizwe, whereas others helped build the African Student Association.

In 1969, another organisation, the South African Student Organisation emerged to fill a crucial gap at a time of heightened reprisals.

It appealed to a broad spectrum of youth and influenced the emergence of the South Africa Students' Movement and other organisations.

In the seventies, youth and student formations, benefiting from the erstwhile revolutionary underground, promoted a new level of political consciousness and commitment without which the spark that ignited Soweto, Langa, Bonteheuwel and other places could have flickered and died.

The legacy of the events of June 16 1976 inspired thousands upon thousands of youth to join organisations and fight for our entire people's birthright.

It was this spirit and morale which led to the expansion of MK ranks, and yet inspired the courage and resilience of the eighties on a nation-wide scale.

To this day we are still riding high on

the crest of the rumbling wave characterised by the revitalisation of the youth offensive in the period before the emergence of SAYCO.

The significant role played by SAYCO in internal youth mobilisation compares in many important ways to that of the ANC Youth Section amongst the exiled as well as in mobilising international support.

Whereas we generally recognise February the 2nd as the turning point that set in motion epochal changes which are now affecting various levels of the South African political establishment, it would be folly not to place the youth in the vanguard of the processes now decisively influencing the shaping of a new political culture.

Against the background of such a proud heritage and, within the context of the new political dynamic, the conditions became ripe for the resurrection of the ANC Youth League, a veritable heroic rebirth of a mighty formation.

Following extensive discussions at the level of an extended National Youth Secretariate meeting of the ANC Youth Section in Lusaka, and broad-based consultations co-ordinated by SAYCO with Youth and Students Organisations inside the country, October the 27th 1990 was set aside as the day of the launching rally of the process of building the ANC Youth League.

Indeed the building of the Youth League amounts to building a secure future of hope for the entire nation and for posterity.

As in the words of our president, Cde O.R. Tambo: "A country which does not value its youth does not deserve its future".

In the following pages are selected speeches, relevant documents and messages of solidarity read to the rally at Orlando Stadium.

Amandla!

FIGHT! PRODUCE! LEARN!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Conferment of Honorary Life Presidency

The accompanying recitals were presented during the Conferment of the status of honorary life presidency of the ANCYL on Cde President O.R. Tambo at the launching rally of the Youth League.

The decision to have the ANCYL re-launched on 27 October 1990, the 73rd birthday anniversary of our President O.R. Tambo, is an eloquent expression of the high regard and admiration the militant youth of our country has for him. Indeed it was a befitting honour to the warm camaraderie that our fighting youth, Tambo's 'Young Lions', have forged in struggle with cde O.R.

It is true to say if there is any single individual whose political wisdom, style and guide has moulded the present generation of our youth over the last ten odd years, it is cde Oliver Tambo.

Above all, together with him, the 'young lions' of our country ensured that the

decade of the 80s was made what it became to be - a decade of liberation - by rendering apartheid rule unworkable.

As our country and people enter the most exciting and yet difficult and complex phase of our struggle against apartheid, it becomes incumbent on us as the youth to learn from the many lessons cde O.R.'s life holds for us. We should seek to emulate his virtues and leadership; learn to be modest and to lead by example; learn not to seek easy solutions to political problems. We must learn that the touch-stone of patriotism is total devotion and selflessness. So that left with the last atom of strength in our body we can still declare as cde O.R. did at the 1985 Kabwe Conference, and say, 'My health is failing but I will ensure that whatever is left of it is consumed in struggle'. How sincere and true those words were.

Long Live Cde O.R.! Long Live The Spirit of the Youth League!



• Comrade OR Tambo, Honorary Life President of the ANC Youth League

ANC PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Speech by President OR Tambo

Compatriots, as in 1944, you have converged from all parts of South Africa; you have come from the countryside, towns, villages and cities; you came as the working youth, the unemployed youth, students and intellectuals to reclaim your birth right.

You have come to renounce colonialism and reassert your humanity. You have come to perform a great and noble act. You have come to relaunch the ANC Youth League. I salute you on behalf of the National Executive Committee, the membership and the militants of the African National Congress, our entire people and indeed on my behalf. I want to reassure you of my spiritual presence in your rally, even though we are separated by thousands of miles.

Rarely have I been moved as I am today in sending a message of solidarity to a rally. Rarely has a single gathering ignited so much hope in the hearts of millions of our people as your august gathering has done today. We are moved and full of hope because you the youth of South Africa have refused and continue to refuse to succumb to slavery. Like your patriots and gallant forefathers, your love for your country and its people has passed the test of time. Those of us who were participants in the historic 1944 Youth League Conference, cannot but remember the important contribution that single gathering made to the development of our struggle. Many will recall that the ANC did not always have a Youth League. It was the youth of the 1940's who gave our movement it's first Youth League and a militant programme of

action which was adopted in 1949. It was the youth of the 1950's who took part in the defiance campaigns of the stormy 1950's. Ever since, our people have expected no less from their youth and our youth have obliged throughout these long decades.

Taking place as it does, on the eve of the momentous developments in the history of our country, the relaunching of the ANC Youth League inside South Africa bears eloquent testimony to the monumental victories our people have scored over the years. In this regard, we pride ourselves over the sterling contributions the youth have made towards the attainment of these victories. "Your contribution is already manifest in the changed and changing fortunes of the apartheid rule in the country." You have played and continue to play a decisive role in giving shape to the South Africa of the future. That future is no longer a dream of tomorrow, but the reality of today.

From the epic battles of Wankie and Sipolilo, to the historic Soweto uprising and recent times of the young lions, our youth have demonstrated an unsurpassed capacity and willingness to sacrifice in the name of freedom, justice and peace. It was in recognition of the all decisive contribution of the youth to the struggle that the NEC declared 1981, the Year of the Youth. Our intention then, as it is now, was, "To honour our Youth, to salute their heroism and their dedication to the struggle, and to provide them with better possibilities to accomplish their



future tasks.”

Our victories have opened up a new terrain of struggle; a front as full of possibilities for swift and decisive advances as it is laden with the chances of reversals.

We are therefore burdened with much more complex tasks than ever before. Even as we meet, the country is gripped in an atmosphere of fear, insecurity and lawlessness. Enemies of democracy and peace are spreading mayhem amongst our

people. The carnage in the townships and elsewhere is aimed at undermining the peace process and destroying the ANC. The evil schemes of these criminals can easily succeed in a situation where we are not sufficiently organised on the ground.

We cannot allow the forces of the past to destroy the ANC at any time, least of all on the eve of our freedom. It will remain our principal task to rally all progressive forces to the defence of our people. In this

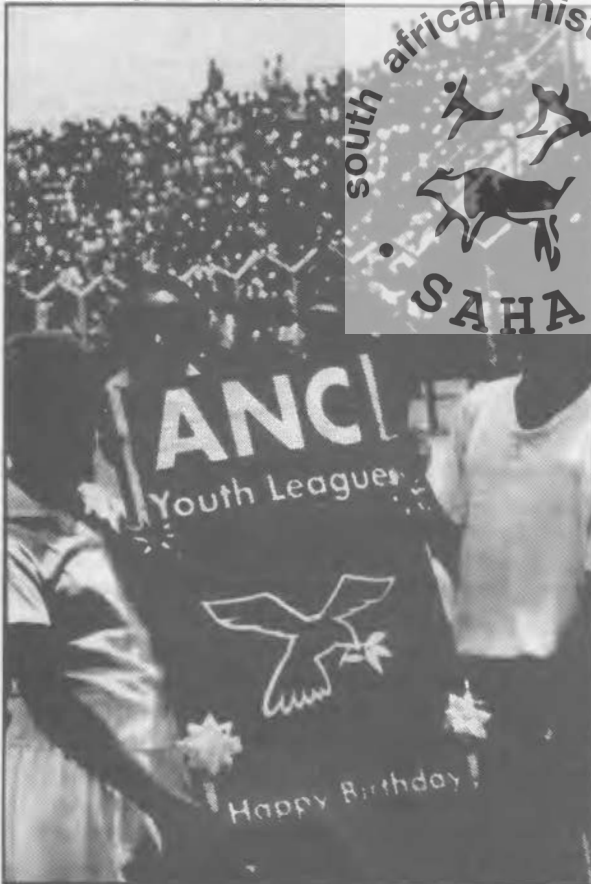
regard, we need to pay attention to questions of organisation. As well as empowering us to defend our people better, our strength will enable us to carry the struggle forward and win our freedom.

Freedom is indivisible, and so must be the unity of all democratic forces. The ANC Youth League has the historic obligation to zealously promote and jealously defend the unity in action of all progressive forces. This we must do for the sake of our country, for the sake of its youth. We have survived these many decades of ruthless persecution because not for a moment did we ever lose sight of the necessity of defending our unity. We can win our freedom by fostering maximum unity amongst our people. Whilst it is

important for us to strengthen the ANC Youth League and its mother body, we must at the same time look for co-operation and alliances with other progressive forces. Some of these may not have been identified with us in the past, but they have taken and are continuing to take steps away from apartheid. It is our ongoing duty to encourage and win them over to the side of the struggle.

In this regard, the ANC Youth League should open its membership to all South African youth, including those who formally belonged to apartheid structures. They too must participate in the process that must culminate in the liberation of us all. Apartheid has created an artificial wall of division between blacks and whites in the country. It is our responsibility to break down barriers of division, and create a country where there will be neither whites nor blacks, just South Africans; free and united in diversity. The fact that even the National Party has finally acknowledged the correctness of the ANC positions by opening its membership to blacks, must encourage us to redouble our efforts in uniting all South African youth, Black and White. We must form alliances with those not yet ready to belong to the same structures with us. Let us destroy disunity in words and deeds. Let us build a great South African nation.

The heavy political task falling on the shoulders of the ANC Youth League is not to be taken lightly. Our young people are looking up to you for leadership. It is your duty to provide this leadership by giving our youth the correct attitude to life in general and fostering a sense of responsi-

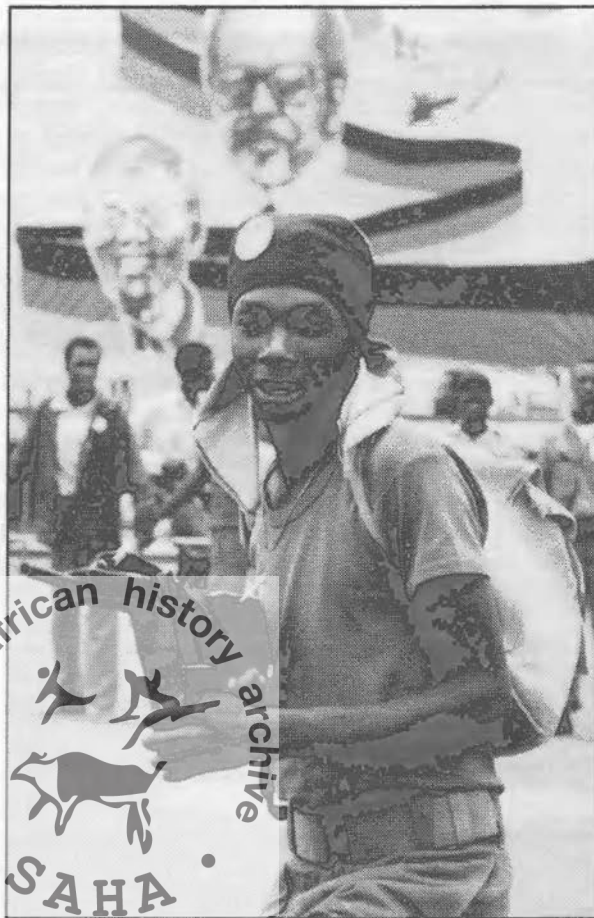


bility amongst them. Those in need should feel our love, understanding and compassion. They should feel that we are their equals, and not their tutors and masters. There will be those who will approach our membership with an air of superiority. Let's meet them with humility, whilst matching them intellectually. Yes, we can be wise in knowledge and humble in approach.

Without discipline there can be no organisation, and without organisation there will be no struggle. Our ability to rise to one mighty contingent, our ability to retreat as an organised detachment depends on the discipline each and all of us is able to master and practice. Discipline has never been a point of weakness, rather it is a virtue to be emulated. Only through discipline can we remain a cohesive and combative force. If we are to succeed in our historic mission we should be able to integrate both individual and organisational discipline into our daily work. In the past, some of the youth have shown a propensity to breach rules of discipline. We need to be vigilant against this and take necessary corrective measures in order to advance our struggle.

We can never be truly free until we are able to govern ourselves efficiently. Our ability to feed ourselves, run the economy and raise the living standards of our people all depends on our national capacity to produce high quality personnel in all fields.

Because of the heinous crimes of apartheid rule, we are sure to inherit a country where the majority of blacks are illiterate. The African National Congress has always understood the centrality of education in our efforts to liberate our-



selves.

When Bantu Education was first introduced in 1953, we opposed it with all our might. Our people rose in their thousands to protest this evil measure. In 1955 we enshrined the right to education in the Freedom Charter. In 1976 and ever since, our people have consistently demanded the right of every child to education. In 1979 we established the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College in Tanzania. Our aim was to give our children the education that apartheid denied them in their own country. Additionally, we sought to introduce our children to a more humane education system; a system which not only teaches a child to love his or her

country and humanity in general, but also to combine both mental and manual work without difficulty. Following our appeals, SOMAFCO has come to symbolise goodwill and co-operation. As a result, we have succeeded beyond our expectations to give our children education.

As we move closer to a democratic society, the education front becomes the most important front of our struggle. It is the duty of the ANC Youth League, to open the eyes of the youth to this reality. In collaboration with specialised academic bodies, the Students Movement, the Trade Union Movement, Civic Bodies and other interested institutions, the Youth League should work out a detailed emergency plan aimed at resolving the education crisis. In this regard, the "Go Back to School Campaign" and the "People's Education Campaign" should be vigorously pursued. Let us set ourselves goals and be ready to struggle for their attainment. It is no longer enough to criticise. Our true value should be measured by our level of creativity.

Ours is a political struggle, being fought at many fronts and assuming different forms dictated by the objective situation we are confronted with at any given time. Today we are negotiating because our struggle has convinced the other side that it cannot win a war against the people. However, as recent events have shown, there are still many who believe they can stop our march to freedom. No one can stop a people from attaining their freedom once they have decided to be free. Let those who still hope to turn the wheel of history back be reminded that they have tried this before and failed. They are certainly bound to fail again.

The people of Southern Africa, Africa and indeed the world, have contributed and are continuing to contribute to make immense contributions to our struggle. The ANC Youth League should strive to forge and consolidate links with Youth Organisa-

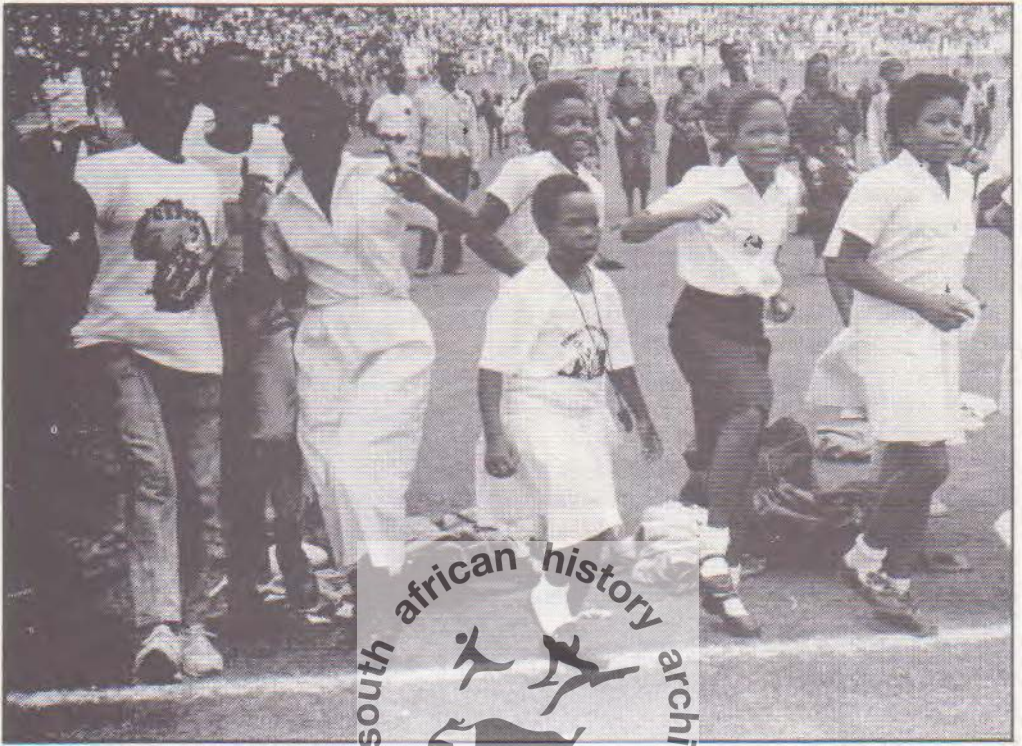
tions the world over. There are many areas where the youth should co-operate and make this world a better place to live in. Even with the thaw between the super powers, the preservation of the world remains one of the thorniest problems of the day. Nuclear weapons of mass destruction are still a reality. All peace loving people must work towards the elimination of these weapons, which threaten the survival of the human race.

There are those, who like us, are still struggling for their own liberation. The Palestinian youth and others need your unwavering support for their struggle for national liberation. The youth of the under-developed countries need your solidarity in their struggles for survival against poverty and deprivation. The youth of the world need your support in the struggle to protect the world environment against man-made destructive substances. The youth of the world want to co-operate with you in education and cultural programmes. I have no doubt that in you they will find a willing and reliable ally.

I want to thank you most profoundly for the honour you have bestowed upon me, by relaunching the ANC Youth League on my birthday. This is a birthday present I shall always treasure. I can only hope that you have learnt something from these 73 years of my life. I shall be most pleased if you can discard the wrongs I did and emulate the good. I am looking forward to meeting many of you in December when I return home. In wishing your rally all the success, I want to leave you with the words of one of our most outstanding leaders, the late Moses Kotane.

In a statement to the youth of South Africa in 1968 he said: "At this hour of destiny your country and your people need you. The future of South Africa is yours and it will be what you make of it."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! MATLA! AMANDLA!



GUEST SPEAKER

Speech by SAHA

Comrade Walter Sisulu

Today, October 27 marks a historic watershed in the struggle for national liberation. A giant is being reborn: the African National Congress Youth League.

Permit me to salute this great assembly of our beloved youth. You are today planting the seed towards a glorious future for our movement, for our youth, for our people and for our country.

We bring special words of praise for the South African Youth Congress (SAYCO), the South African Students' Congress

(SANSKO), the Congress of South African Students (COSAS), the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS), Students United for Christian Action (SUCA) and the Catholic Students of South Africa (CASA).

You have for many trying years raised high the banner of the Congress movement. You bore the brunt of detention, whippings, teargas and even death; but you did not retreat.

We salute the youth in the underground formations of the ANC, soldiers of our people's army Umkhonto we Sizwe and

other young members of the ANC. You stood the test of time under the most difficult conditions. When duty called, you risked life and limb to deliver telling blows against the system of apartheid. You contributed decisively to the building of the ANC into what it is today.

We salute our young heroes within apartheid prisons and those in far away countries. We look forward to the day when all of them will be among us, free men and women taking an active part in the struggle to liberate our country.

We salute all of you, dear Young Lions: workers, students, youth in religious formations, youth in the rural areas and those without jobs. Your roar made the pillars of apartheid tremble. Your mighty roar is needed today to make these pillars crumble. With you we demand: Freedom in our Youth.

It is more than fitting that the public launch of the ANC Youth League is on the birthday of our President Oliver Tambo. This is the most appropriate tribute to his 73 years spent in toil for the freedom of our motherland. Comrade Oliver Tambo was the first General Secretary of the ANC Youth League. Since those early years he has played an important role at the helm of the African National Congress: in the mass actions of the fighting fifties, in building Umkhonto we Sizwe, in diplomatic work in virtually all capitals of the world. He has spared nothing to ensure that the ANC grows into a mighty force that it is today - an alternative power in our land.

Indeed, what better birthday present to our President, than the launch of this mighty formation of the youth. In this regard, all of us must commit ourselves to lead a life like that of Oliver Tambo; a life dedicated to the freedom of our people. We congratulate him on his remarkable recovery and look forward to his glorious return to his motherland.

The relaunch of the ANC Youth League comes at a decisive moment in the history of our struggle. Our country faces many great challenges. We have entered a new phase of struggle, a stage in which we are contesting the fundamental question of power. Our society is experiencing its birth pangs as we move forward to a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa. When we talk about negotiations we are talking about nothing else but the question of the transfer of power from the minority government to the South African people as a whole. The time of racial oppression and racial domination has come to pass.

Those who want to impose solutions which are less than the liberation of our people must be challenged with all the power of our youth and our people. Those who want to drown the country in blood must meet the solid wall of a determined people and a determined youth.

Our people and our liberation movement need the Youth League. The League must grow and develop. It must harness the verve and militancy of the youth to build the ANC into a powerful mass movement of the people.

Our country and our people need the Youth League. The League must unite the mass of youth in militant struggles against all forms of oppression. It must organise the youth in the glorious tradition of amadelakufa to spread the message of Congress far and wide.

Our people and our movement need the Youth League. The League must unite the overwhelming majority of South African youth and ensure that all patriots take active part in the process of transformation to a new South Africa.

Our communities in rural and urban areas need the Youth League. The League must take an active part in the efforts to build people's self-defence. The vigilantes and bandits must feel the might of a united people.



Messages of support

Many messages of support were sent from around the world. On the next few pages we publish just some of those received from our supporters

Congress of South African Students (Cosas): We bring warm fraternal and revolutionary greetings. The student youth of our country, under the banner and leadership of Cosas, wish to salute the youth organisations which have made it possible to establish the Provisional National Youth Committee.

Let us also salute the death-defying young lions who continue to swell the ranks of Umkhonto we Sizwe and who remain loyal, disciplined and determined to serve and defend our people and our revolution.

This historic moment today reminds us of the days of our time-tested leaders, like Sisulu, Mandela, Tambo and many others.

The historic role played by those comrades enabled the ANC to be what it is today. We are able to draw strength and courage from their historic deeds.

Today we should pledge to fight for the speedy return of our comrades in exile who are missing this occasion - not because of their wish but because the De Klerk regime is playing with fire by not granting them indemnity. Let us also demand the speedy release of our comrades who are still languishing in apartheid jails.

National Catholic Federation of Students:

We express our deepest support for this historic meeting. The rebuilding of the ANC Youth League is an important step along the path of youth assuming our rightful place in our society. Just as Christ rose from the dead to liberate us from injustice, oppression and exploitation, so the resurrection of the Youth League among our people will help to bring peace and justice in our land so much closer. We hope and are certain that the process of rebuilding the Youth League will be a fruitful one that will have a great impact on the lives of very many youth in our country.

National Union of South African Studewnts (Nusas):

On this historic occasion of the relaunching of the ANC Youth League, Nusas sends revolutionary greetings to all the youth of South Africa. As part of the South African youth Nusas believes that we have a critical role to play in hammering the final nails into the apartheid coffin.

Throughout our history the youth have been at the forefront of the battles against apartheid. Today we pay tribute to the youth who have fought the battles in the townships, country- side and the borders of our country. The youth who have so often given their lives for our vision of a South Africa where peace, democracy and non-racialism shall prevail.

Nusas calls on all youth black and white to unite behind the banner of the ANC Youth League in our struggle for freedom and liberation. We call on the white youth of South Africa to reject the privileges apartheid has given you and build the ANC Youth League with all the youth of South Africa.

It is fitting on this day, Cde President OR Tambo's birthday that we commit ourselves to rebuilding the ANC Youth League. It was Cde Tambo together with Cde Mandela, Cde Sisulu and others who sowed the seeds of what we see today. Cde Tambo has become an example for all the youth to live up to. An example of courage, discipline and humility. Today the relaunch of the Youth League must be seen as the logical conclusion of the struggle to which he has dedicated his life. Nusas wishes our President best wishes on his birthday and look forward to his return.

While we deal the final deathblows to apartheid we have also begun to construct the future. We have begun to take on the responsibility of building the South Africa that will emerge from the ruins of apartheid. We do this because we know that as the youth we will inherit that future. Let us leave today ready and willing to build the Youth League and its programme.

Congress of South African Writers: We

salute the youth and congratulate you, comrades, on the launch of the Youth League. We view this as an immensely significant development as the ANC continues to extend and consolidate its organisational presence throughout our country.

COSAW further believes that the launching of the league is both necessary and crucial to the ongoing process of strengthening the democratic process by enhancing the opportunity for the vast community of the youth to participate as much as possible in the process of consultation



and decision-making. The strength of an organisation is rooted, to a very large extent, in the capacity of each individual member to feel that she or he is an integral part of its governance, and that they participate in the construction of its vision and its efficient pursuit.

COSAW congratulates the ANC Youth League on this momentous occasion. The youth have consistently been among the front runners in the trenches of the battle against the apartheid regime, and have consistently been a major player in the people's war of resistance. At a crucial period in our history, it is both pleasing and necessary that the concept of 'a new South Africa' is seen to be taking concrete manifestation.

Swedish Christian Youth Council: We hope you will be successful in your struggle against apartheid, for a free democratic South Africa. We have been

giving support to the struggle in South Africa for many years, and we assure you that this support will continue.

The Pioneers: Our message is to Comrade Oliver Tambo, President of the African National Congress.

Comrade President: We send our warmest greetings to you on this special day, your 73rd birthday. We wish you a speedy recovery and are expecting to see you soon.

This historic day, the relaunch of the ANC Youth League under new conditions of legality came about due to the struggles of our mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters. We also salute our heroes Comrades Mandela, Tambo, Sisulu and others on this special day.

On this day, we the pioneers of South Africa commit ourselves to uphold, defend and fight for peace and justice in our country. We are today urging you as our

fathers and leaders to order us to perform our little but revolutionary tasks which the moment demands of us.

We the flowers of the future - would like to make a call on everyone here today, that we as children do have Rights.

We are the once who are the hardest hit when the Apartheid Colonial regime take way our parents, and other family members, when they are forced to go into exile, when we as innocent children are being killed, tortured, maimed and put in jails.

As children we call for peace, friendship, love and justice in our country. A country where children can be children. To enjoy the privilege of life. The campaign for the Rights of Children must be taken up in every village and town. Pioneer structures must be formed in all our areas. This task lies in the hands of the youth.

Young Socialist Alliance (USA) Your launch is one more victory on the road to a democratic, non-racial and non-sexist South Africa. A united organisation that encompasses thousands upon thousands of fighting youth in South Africa will strengthen the democratic movement and will inspire further support from young people around the world.

Nelson Mandela, in his tour of the United States, explained to the millions of supporters of the anti-apartheid struggle that we are on the last mile. He also explained that this would be the most difficult to walk.

We have seen how the government has sought to weaken and divide those forces that can bring down apartheid and narrow the space that you have conquered in struggle.

The YSA applauds the efforts by the African National Congress to unite all forces in the common struggle to bring down apartheid.

The Young Socialist Alliance will walk

that last mile with you. The victory over the last racial tyranny on earth will be a mighty blow for the struggles here and an inspiration for all working people.

Social Democratic Youth of Sweden: We are confident that your launch will be of historic importance. When the great traditions of the Youth League from the 40s and 50s combine with the impressive, dynamic victories of the youth movement, as represented by COSAS and later SAYCO, during the 70s and 80s, the 90s are bound to be the decade when apartheid is finally eradicated from African soil.

Our organisation will continue to support the ANC Youth League. You can count on us, as we know that we can count on you in the struggle for worldwide peace, human rights, social progress and sustainable development for all. You will be a partner in building a world on the ideals of democratic socialism.

On this occasion, we also remember the continued cruel imprisonment of your secretary-general, Rapu Molekane. We demanded, and still demand, his immediate release!

Swedish Mission Covenant Youth: We hope you will be successful in your struggle against apartheid, for a free, democratic South Africa.

We ensure our support until victory is certain.

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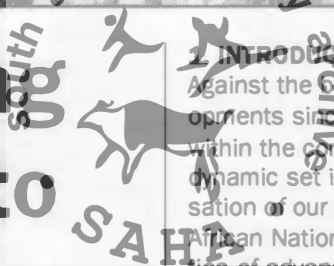
- Mrs Adelaide Tambo
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- ANC Regional Youth Section, Sweden
- Upbeat magazine
- CASA
- National Council of Swedish Youth
- Isolate South Africa Committee (Sweden)
- Youth of the Social Democratic Party of Germany.





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Launching Manifesto of the ANC Youth League



1. INTRODUCTION

Against the backdrop of significant developments since February the 2nd, and within the context of the new political dynamic set in motion following the legalisation of our vanguard movement, the African National Congress, new possibilities of advance have been thrown up by the undying resolve by our entire people to win freedom and democracy in our lifetime.

Following in-depth discussions within the ANC Youth Section, SAYCO, SANSCO and many other youth and students organisations we have correctly decided that the moment is now ripe for the official resurgence of the ANC Youth League as a legal formation in the van of struggle.

In this connection, Saturday the 27th October 1990 will go down in the annals of our history as yet another glorious milestone in our march to a new South Africa. On this day thousands upon thousands of youth listened with approval to the presentation of the following full text of the



Launching Manifesto of the ANC Youth League

Our country stands on the threshold of a new and democratic order

The old decaying system of apartheid based on racism, oppression and exploitation is being dismantled by the efforts of all our people.

The transfer of power into the hands of all the people of South Africa remains our main goal. A united, democratic South Africa based on the principles of non racialism and non-sexism is becoming a reality.

At the forefront of popular mass actions have been the youth of South Africa. Determined to secure a peaceful prosperous future, we have resolutely challenged apartheid.

In our classrooms and campuses; on the factory floor and in our communities; through our actions as cadres of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the People's Army; on the sportsfield and through our creative works we have earned ourselves a place of honour in the fight for national democracy.

In their youth leaders like Tambo, Mandela, Lembede, Gandhi, and Dadoo set shining examples for us. Inspired by their examples we have spared no iota of energy in the struggle against the shackles of apartheid colonialism.

Securing a Democratic Future

The apartheid regime has been forced to make changes in response to the valiant actions of the people. New opportunities to take our struggle to greater heights have been opened by the unbanning of the ANC.

The ANC, the time-tested vanguard of all the people of South Africa, stands poised to lead our country into an era of peace and social equality.

It is the ANC which possesses the insight and calibre of leadership to lead our country out of the crisis created by apartheid.

It thus becomes the duty of all patriots

to build a powerful, mass-based ANC representing the genuine aspirations of all South Africans.

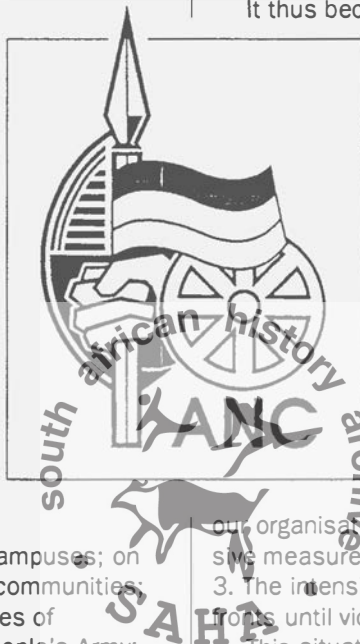
The present situation places an even greater responsibility on the youth It demands of us:

1. The building of organisations throughout our country which are deeply rooted amongst the people;
2. The occupying of the forward trenches in defending our communities and our organisations against all the repressive measures of the regime;
3. The intensification of the struggle on all fronts until victory.

This situation demands of the youth to stand united and combine in its millions into a single formidable force.

The ANC Youth League is committed to:

1. Rallying the youth of our country to actively participate in the struggle for national liberation and the creation of a nonracial and democratic South Africa;
2. Supporting and reinforcing the African National Congress in the struggle for national democracy;
3. Championing the general interests and rights of the South African youth in the socio-economic and political life of the country;
4. Promoting national consciousness,



unity and patriotism among the youth;
 5. Promoting gender equality in all spheres of life especially amongst the youth.
 6. Promoting among the youth the spirit of international solidarity, peace and friendship with other nations:

2. BUILDING THE ANC YOUTH LEAGUE

To the young workers we say: Let us join and strengthen democratic trade unions;

Let us be active contingents of the struggles waged by the organised workers.

To the unemployed youth we say: Let us join the fight for the right to full employment; let us fight the temptation to scab or join the enemy's army, police or vigilantes.

To the youth in the rural areas and bantustans we say: Let us unite our people against the bantustan system, and to end the brutality and exploitation on the farms, let us fight rural poverty, ignorance and forced removal; let us demand the right to land; let us build popular organisations to channel our grievances.

To the young traditional leaders we say: Let us use our positions against apartheid colonialism; let us maintain the heroic traditions of championing the patriotic aspirations of our people.

To the students we say: Let us build democratic, non-racial student bodies; let us deepen the campaign for people's education.

To the young intellectuals and professional we say: Let us strengthen our professional organisations; let us use our specialised skill in the liberation of our people.

To the young women of South Africa we say: Let us take our rightful place in

struggle and fight against all forms of sexual discrimination and exploitation; Let us strengthen the process of building strong, democratic women's organisations.

To the white youth we say: Let us refuse to serve the apartheid system which has wasted the youth of so many generations in wars and isolation; let us all overcome

the artificial barriers and fears created by apartheid; let us together build a democratic future.

To our fellow youth in the army and police we say: Let us follow the path of the increasing numbers of Black and White patriots — stand for peace, truth and justice; let us defend the people not kill them.

To the youth active in the various religions we say: Let us fight for goodwill, tolerance and social justice;

let our beliefs unite us in a common struggle against all injustices.

To the young sportspersons and cultural workers we say: Let us build non-racialism in sports; through our creative works, let us capture the rich history and traditions of our people, our struggle and help to promote our cherished single national identity.

We call upon all the youth of our country to rise as one and fight to secure a democratic future. Let us demand a Constituent Assembly now. Unite under the banner of the ANC Youth League. Let us form branches of the Youth League wherever we are. Let us display our militant commitment to a peaceful future in a disciplined manner.

"At this hour of destiny, Your country and People Need You!" Join the ANC Youth League!



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• Members of the PNYC with guests and dignitaries at the historic relaunch of the ANC Youth League on October 27



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