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Mafasone Marobe, United Democratic Front, on tour of the U.S., who will speak about the current situation in apartheid South Africa

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WHAT IS APARTHEID?

Apartheid South Africa is a society which denies basic human rights to over eighty percent of the total population. Under the apartheid system, the white minority has total control of the country. Blacks are not allowed to vote, to buy or sell land, to move freely or to work or live where they choose. Their lives are totally controlled by the Afrikaner government which is determined to preserve its own superiority.

WHAT IS THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT?

In August, 1983, a multi-racial coalition, the United Democratic Front (U.D.F.) was formed in South Africa. It was formed to oppose a new constitution (dispensation) which was put forth by the apartheid regime. The government of South Africa tries to convince the world community that reform is under way. One such "reform" was the establishment of a new constitution. This "reform" was really just another move by the government to further entrench the status quo. Under the new constitution, limited representation was granted to mixed race and Asian peoples but the whites maintained final control - and the Black majority was totally excluded from any participation.

The United Democratic Front, a broad based coalition made up of over 700 organizations representing labor, student, womens, religious, civic and youth groups, led the opposition to the new constitution. After the constitution became law, the U.D.F. continued the struggle against apartheid. Their major objective now is to rally all anti-apartheid forces to work for peaceful change.

In the last few months, South African government authorities, recognizing the broad following of the U.D.F., have begun to repress this legal organization. U.D.F. offices have been raided and most of the top U.D.F. leadership has been arrested.

WHO IS MAFASONE MAROBE?

Mafasone Marobe, who will be speaking in Albany, New York on March 25, 1985, is on a two week tour of the United States from South Africa. Marobe is a member of the Executive Regional Committee of the United Democratic Front and is Secretary of the U.D.F. - Transvaal Region, South Africa. He coordinated the signature campaign in the Transvaal against the parliamentary elections. Marobe is also an organizer for the General Allied Workers Union (a U.D.F. affiliate).

In the 1970's, Marobe was elected to the Executive Committee of the Soweto Youth Council. He was a member of the now banned Soweto Student Representative Council in 1976. He was defendant in the Sedition Trials and sentenced in 1977 - Marobe served six years on Robben Island.

The purpose of his tour in the United States is to talk to the American people about the U.D.F. and about what is happening in South Africa right now.

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