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MANDELA'S SPEECH IN SOWETO

1. MANDELA ADDRESSED A CROWD ESTIMATED AT OVER 100,000 AT THE SOCCER STADIUM IN SOWETO YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. FOLLOWING WERE THE MAIN POINTS:

A) MANDELA EXPRESSED SADNESS THAT BLACK PEOPLE 'WERE STILL SUFFERING UNDER AN INHUMAN SYSTEM' (HOUSING SHORTAGE, SCHOOLS CRISIS, UNEMPLOYMENT AND CRIME RATE).

B) HE WAS DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE STATISTICS OF CRIME IN SOWETO: AN ANTI-CRIME CAMPAIGN MUST BE CONDUCTED.

C) THE EDUCATION CRISIS IN BLACK SCHOOLS WAS A POLITICAL CRISIS. IT AROSE FROM THE FACT THAT BLACK PEOPLE DID NOT HAVE THE VOTE AND COULD NOT MAKE THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSIVE TO THEIR NEEDS. THERE MUST BE A UNIFIED NON-RACIAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. 'ALL STUDENTS MUST RETURN TO SCHOOL AND LEARN'.

D) AT THE RIVONIA TRIAL HE HAD SAID THAT THE ANC WOULD PURSUE THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AS LONG AS THE VIOLENCE OF APARTHEID CONTINUED. HE WAS DISTURBED THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN ELEMENTS AMONG THOSE WHO CLAIMED TO SUPPORT THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE WHO USED VIOLENCE AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE. THIS MUST CEASE. THE MAJOR WEAPON WAS POLITICAL ORGANISATION.

E) HE CALLED FOR AN END TO THE VIOLENCE IN NATAL.

F) HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT VIOLENCE STILL BEING PERPETRATED BY SOME SECTIONS OF THE SECURITY FORCES AGAINST PEACEFUL MARCHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

G) ON NATIONALISATION, HE SAID THAT WEALTH MUST BE RE-DISTRIBUTED. APARTHEID HAD STIFLED ECONOMIC GROWTH.

H) HE MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO BLACK DOMINATION AS WELL AS TO WHITE DOMINATION. 'WE MUST ACCEPT, HOWEVER, THAT STATEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS ALONE WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO ALLAY THE FEARS OF WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS. WE MUST CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE OUR GOODWILL TO OUR WHITE COMPATRIOTS AND CONVINCED THEM BY OUR CONDUCT AND ARGUMENTS THAT A SOUTH AFRICA WITHOUT APARTHEID WILL BE A BETTER HOME FOR ALL'.

I) HE CONCLUDED BY CALLING FOR STRENGTHENING ON ALL FRONTS OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PRACTICE AND ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP. HE CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO RETURN TO THEIR SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, MINES AND COMMUNITIES AND TO BUILD ON THE MASSIVE ENERGIES THAT RECENT EVENTS HAD UNLEASHED BY STRENGTHENING DISCIPLINED MASS ORGANISATIONS.

2. THE RALLY WAS BETTER ORGANISED THAT THAT IN CAPE TOWN AND SO FAR HAS PASSED OFF PEACEFULLY.

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