

**THE SACP ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL
FOR A MASSIVE ALLIANCE VICTORY!**



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working-class victory!**

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Do it for Chris Hani – Vote ANC

Let us close ranks and give no quarter to the old & new enemies of our alliance and national liberation movement – the DA, arrogant party of white privilege, & the EFF demagogue tenderpreneurs!

The SACP calls on the workers to close ranks. The SACP says let us close ranks at the workplace, in the community and everywhere in society. Let us unite and rally behind the African National Congress (ANC) and our Alliance comprising of the ANC, SACP, Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco).

The working class – the entire workforce of our country, consisting of the employed and all the people who make a living from their own labour, the unemployed and the poor – has played a crucial role in our national liberation struggle and the defeat of apartheid 20 years ago in the achievement of democratic breakthrough in 1994.

There is absolutely no reason to abstain from defending and deepening the advances we have achieved since the beginning of our struggle and 1994 democratic breakthrough. Similarly, there is no reason to adopt divisions and destroy the unity of our Alliance and the entire liberation movement which is led by the ANC.

In the first place it is through our unity as a people who suffered oppression and exploitation working together with other revolutionaries and democrats that we defeated apartheid. This unity re-

mains critical for us to take South Africa forward and make more advances.

Now is not the time to allow the working class to be distracted by internal divisions or cults of the personality or any narrow interests. Electoral absenteeism amounts to an abandonment of the trenches of class struggle.

Divisions and electoral absenteeism will not serve the interests of the working class, but the interests of those who are opposed to our National Democratic Revolution – a process of struggle and change which aims to achieve the complete political liberation of the historically oppressed and the economic and social emancipation of all regardless of race and sex.

Our NDR seeks to eliminate the injustices of the colonial and apartheid past and to transform our country into a united, non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous society in which there is a better life for all. No frustration, disappointment, unhappiness or personality cult can be big enough to justify working class desertion from this critical terrain of struggle.

When the working class is divided:

- Monopoly capital laughs all the way to the bank;
- The SABC is looted by tenderpreneurs;

- Profit greedy private health care erodes the prospects of rolling out the National Health Insurance (NHI);

- Private media oligopolies continue to block digital migration as they squabble among themselves for dominance. Private communication oligopolies continue to rip us off, charging among the highest cell-phone fees in the world;

- The corrupt and their corrupters feel safer, knowing that the organised working class is distracted.

The SACP calls on the workers and the poor to use the election campaign to take back the moral high ground, to close ranks and roll back the corrupting domination of monopoly capital on our society.

There are some who portray themselves as worker leaders, but they are focusing all their attention on fighting internal factional battles, and on opposition to the ANC led government and the Alliance. By advocating electoral absenteeism whilst attacking the primary political formations of our Alliance the ANC and SACP and de-campaigning the ANC, they are playing directly into the hands of unbridled personal and factional ambitions, opportunist organisations such as those formed by tenderpreneurs, and the DA – the party of big capital and white privilege.



Cdes Nelson Mandela and Chris Hanu – personifying our Alliance’s values

On 7 May let us teach the DA, the arrogant of monopoly capital and minority privilege, a powerful lesson

We call on the working class to deliver a decisive electoral defeat on the DA:

- A party that opposed farmworkers minimum wage being raised from R65 a day;
- A party that supports labour brokers;
- A party that wants to roll back hard-won labour market legislation in favour of a “flexible labour market”;
- A party that portrays Cosatu as the enemy, and marches on its head-office;
- A party of hypocrisy that speaks out of two sides of its mouth on black economic empowerment and on land reform, a party that fudges its silent ap-

proval of the Zionist apartheid wall in Palestine;

- A party that is seeking to disguise its conservative minority white electoral machine and its neo-liberal agenda behind parachuted black faces and a newly discovered support for ANC presidents of the past.

The DA is a party financially supported by the likes of Natie Kirsh who made his fortune in SA by exploiting township traders and collaborating with despotic feudalism in Swaziland. This is the Natie Kirsh whose company Magal Security Systems supplies intrusion detecting devices to the Israeli Defence Force for the construction of the apartheid wall in West Bank. The wall has been declared illegal by the International Court of Justice. But

not only does the DA (like Agang) take dirty money from Kirsh, it takes instructions from him as well. It was Kirsh who instructed Zille and Ramphele to join up in their ill-fated marriage.

We call on the working class: Come out in your large numbers to deliver a massive electoral blow to this party of big capital and white privilege. Electoral absenteeism simply plays into the hands of this retrograde anti-worker party.

On 7 May, let us also deal a decisive electoral blow against the EFF – the party led by the most corrupt tenderpreneurs

Workers are not fooled by these loud-mouthed demagogues, these tenderpreneurs in red berets who not only plagiarised our identities and ideas from our

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Progressive Youth Movement comprising of the ANC Youth League, Young Communist League of South Africa and student organisations Congress of South African Students and South African Student Congress.

These loud-mouthed demagogues and tenderpreneurs in red berets have never done an honest day's work, so where do they get their fancy cars, their Breitling watches? Where do they get their campaign funding? Africa and the world have seen this kind of clowning before. But, it is a mistake just to laugh it off: Hitler and Mussolini rose to prominence demagogically sprouting "socialism", and then when in power butchered the working class.

The EFF practices the same kind of demagoguery that we are seeing playing itself out on the platinum belt at present. The EFF, like AMCU, hijacks real grievances but for entirely self-serving leadership purposes. Wild promises are made for which there is no capacity to deliver leading inevitably to the crushing defeat of gullible followers. A second slow bleeding Marikana tragedy is now playing itself out on the platinum belt.

For all these reasons, we urge workers to come out in their overwhelming numbers to defeat anti-worker right-wing formations - whether they are cloaked in blue or red guises.

We call on workers to vote ANC – but not with a blank cheque

A working class election campaign gives us the opportunity to consolidate and take forward progress made by:

- An ANC-led government that in the last five years has turned the tide against HIV and AIDS and falling life expectancy.

- An ANC-led government that rigorously leads HIV and AIDS prevention programme including prevention of mother to child transmission. The government that has made anti-retroviral treatment available for 2.4 million people. The government that has increased life expectancy of more people with an average of 60 years in 2012.

- An ANC-led government that opposes privatisation, because of working class and SACP struggles within the Alliance itself.

- An ANC-led government that has rescued the auto sector in our country through public investment of R22bn in 183 projects, preserving 46 000 jobs and adding 9 850 more jobs.

- An ANC-led government that has



Eastern Cape comrades engaging commuting East London workers

led interventions in other industrial sectors including clothing and textiles, imposing a 75 percent local procurement requirement on the public sector.

- It is an ANC-led government that, in the past five years, has driven an economic and social infrastructure programme, committing R1 trillion of public spending as a key counter-cyclical intervention in the midst of the gravest global economic crisis since the 1930s.

- An ANC-led government that has introduced the removal of adverse credit information, coming into effect from 1st April, impacting on some 10 million South Africans suffocated by *mashonis* and high bank charges.

- An ANC-led government that in the face of DA opposition has re-opened the lodgement of land claims, to address the plight of millions of the landless and land hungry

- An ANC-led government that has provided work opportunities to 4.5 million unemployed South Africans through Expanded Public Works and Community Work programmes.

- An ANC-led government that has opened the doors of higher learning to hundreds of thousands of more children of the working class with a trebling of the National Students Financial Scheme from R3.1 billion in 2009 to the current R9.6bn.

Let us close ranks! Let us roll back monopoly capital! Let us deal decisively with corruption! Let us defeat anti-working class forces!

We have achieved important advances since our 1994 democratic breakthrough, but there is much more to be done.

Let us vote ANC for:

- Jobs and decent work.
- Transformation of the financial sector to serve the people!
- FLand and food security.
- Defending and deepening our democracy.
- NHI and universal quality health care for all.
- Access to quality education and skills development.
- Better housing and basic services for all.

Surely, there are many struggles we must continue with. This should strengthen our government and firmly steel it in the hands of people. It will also contribute in the building of a democratic developmental state that we seek to achieve.

Let us intensify our struggles against labour brokers, and ensure that they are banned. The SACP continues to denounce labour brokering as a practice used by the bosses to deepen the exploitation of workers and render work precarious. Labour brokering denies workers labour market security, employment security, job security and work security. Labour brokering also inhibits income security, social security and social dialogue at work.

The SACP says let us honour the founding revolutionary of our democracy, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela!

Let us honour the revolutionary martyr of our struggle for freedom, Thembisile Chris Hani

Vote ANC!

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SACP-Cosatu – closing ranks for unity and victory

Party and federation urge support and vigilant engagement to realise progressive election mandate

The national officials of the SACP and Cosatu met on 14 April. Cosatu briefed the SACP on the ANC initiative to help rebuild organisational and political unity and cohesion in the federation. The SACP expressed full support for this initiative.

The main objective of the bilateral was to align the electoral campaigning and messaging of our two formations in the run-up to the 7 May elections. The starting point is that our strength lies in our unity. The immediate task involves consistent work to cement the unity of organised workers on an industrial basis under the banner of Cosatu, based on the principle of one union one industry. This is part of our historic mission to build the unity of the working class as a whole. As the main motivating force of our National Democratic Revolution, the working class has a responsibility to translate this into unity in action behind our tried and tested liberation movement, led by the ANC, and advance and defend the gains of our revolution.

In line with the resolutions of our

respective formations, we are calling on the South African working class to unite, close ranks, and ensure an overwhelm-

ing electoral victory for our alliance partner, the ANC. great majority have returned an overwhelming ANC electoral victory in successive elections. These advances have



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Why support an ANC-led Alliance election victory?

As we mark 20-years of democracy in SA, let us remember the important working class victories we have collectively achieved over these two decades. These include a constitution entrenching labour and socio-economic rights, many progressive pro-worker laws, and a series of social gains.

Over past 20-years of an ANC-led government, there have also been critical interventions in key industrial sectors under threat from disinvestment and cheap imports – in particular major government subsidies to the auto sector, and the Clothing and Textiles Competitiveness Programme, both of which saved thousands of jobs.

These and many other working class advances have been won not only because workers in their

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been made, consolidated and defended by the on-going unity in action of our Alliance, and by the organised workers under the umbrella of Cosatu.

But these advances are under constant threat from the capitalist system, and from opposition parties like the DA, which opportunistically and selectively praise the administrations of Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki – as if they ever voted for those governments – whereas in fact they were in opposition.

More advances in last five years

Whilst major challenges remain, we are proud of the important advances made under the fourth democratic ANC-led administration in the midst of an on-going global capitalist crisis. These include:

- A million more households have been connected to electricity;
- A half-million solar water heaters have been installed for free in mostly poor households;
- A doubling of FET college student enrolments, and a trebling of the National Students Financial Aid Scheme from R3bn to R9bn;
- The consolidation of the Industrial Policy Action Plan, focusing on the critical industrialisation of South Africa;
- Important advances in state procurement policies – ensuring that the state and SOEs progressively move to a minimum of 75% local procurement. Already these procurement policies are bearing fruit in terms of local job creation and re-industrialisation, notably in the transport sector; and
- A massive state-led infrastructure programme worth 1 trillion rands.

These are just some of the many reasons why we are calling on workers to unite, to close ranks, and to vote ANC.

Our support is not a blank cheque

The SACP and Cosatu have actively contributed to the ANC's 2014 election manifesto. But we know from experience that ensuring the implementation of a progressive electoral mandate requires on-going support and vigilant (at times critical) engagement by the organised formations of the working class. Without a strong and independent SACP, without a militant and independent Cosatu, and without a revolutionary working class SACP-Cosatu axis, electoral promises can be rolled back and nullified by the unceasing class war waged by the capitalist class. Without vigilance and strong organisation, our own formations can be hijacked.

As we go forward and as part of our campaign for an overwhelming ANC victory, we remain totally committed to the struggle to address historical and structural challenges facing our people, such as the triple crisis of poverty, unemployment and inequality. Our economy continues to be based on the dominance of the minerals-energy-finance complex. As part of our commitment to shift our struggle towards a radical second phase of our democratic transition, we will champion a programme to transform this colonial character of our economy and achieve diversification through among others industrialisation and regional integration.

To introduce radical economic changes we shall campaign for:

- A new income or wage policy including consideration for a legislated national minimum wage focused on addressing poverty and inequalities;
- A comprehensive social security system and rejection of piecemeal approaches;
- Aligning the mandate of Treasury and the Reserve Bank to the agenda of a radical economic transformation;
- State intervention including strategic nationalisation to attend to the property question as part of addressing effects of colonialism of a special type;
- Measures to ensure beneficiation including tax measures on mineral exports;
- Channelling of retirement funds towards productive investment including building infrastructure where workers live;
- Comprehensive land reform to reverse the legacy of rural and urban racialised spaces; and
- Further engage the NDP to support radical economic transformation.

There are several areas in which the commitments of the ANC electoral manifesto will require on-going working class vigilance:

The fight against corruption

Our ANC-led alliance electoral manifesto advances a number of important interventions that are essential in the fight against corruption. The SACP and Cosatu pledge to support these measures that include:

- Action against companies involved in bid rigging and collusion;
- The prohibition of public servants and representatives from doing business with government;
- A centralised process to adjudicate

major tenders;

- All corrupt officials to be made individually liable for losses incurred to the state as a result of their corrupt actions;
- The strengthening of corruption-fighting agencies.

The excessive tenderisation of the state, related to the neo-liberal erosion of the state's productive and professional capacity:

This has made the state highly vulnerable to external manipulation – one of the factors at play in the runaway Nkandla expenses. The SACP and Cosatu support all efforts to re-build state capacity, to professionalise supply chain management, to ensure that the state uses procurement to advance strategic objectives rather than rent-seeking, and that the public sector becomes a price-maker, rather than the current reality where the public sector is charged a premium.

We support government-initiated investigations by the Special Investigation Unit into corruption and criminality on the Nkandla security upgrades. We remain firm that those who are found to have committed such acts, regardless of whether they are in the public or the private sector, must face the full might of the law. This standard must apply in all other projects consistently.

Trade unions are not immune: the growth of business unionism – often a sub-category of BEE

With the important trade union advances made post-1994, many unions have been able to leverage significant financial resources through automatic subs' deductions, control over worker retirement funds, and union investment arms. However, these vast funds have also become attractive targets for unscrupulous private sector players working with some leaders in unions. Worker funds have sometimes been diverted into anti-social investments. Our trade union movement needs to commit to a thorough review of how worker funds are managed, to ensure greater democratic worker control over the funds, and greater transparency.

In appreciating the ANC election manifesto's anti-corruption commitments, the SACP and Cosatu believe that it is important to underline the capitalist class dynamics underpinning much corruption. The fight against corruption is not just an ethical or law-and-order matter. It has also to be understood as a struggle to roll back the profit maximising, dog-eats-dog, possessive individualism of the capitalist system.



Doing it for Cde Chris: Comrades at the 21st anniversary commemoration of the death of Chris Hani at the Thomas Nkobi Memorial Cemetery, Boksburg, on 10 April 2014

Serious challenges in policing: the Rustenburg platinum belt

Our ANC election manifesto commits “to further improve the criminal justice system”, undertaking that “the capacity of the police, prosecutors, legal aid and courts will be improved”. The SACP and Cosatu fully intend to hold the incoming ANC-led administration to this commitment. We expect the new administration to lead a major review of challenges in policing, including public order policing. As Alliance partners we will work with government and the police service on the ground to turn things around. Through neighbourhood watches, street committees, community police forums and other basic organs of popular power we will work to transform the current, often hostile, relationship between police and working class communities.

Workers continue to experience violence in the platinum belt and those responsible have not been arrested and where they got arrested they received bail in the name of being witnesses in the Farlam Commission – which should not be used to shield perpetrators of violence. We call on government to arrest all those implicated in the killing of our people in the platinum belt and to ensure heightened security measures for our people.

The SACP and Cosatu will heighten their support for the National Union of

Mineworkers, the NUM.

The ANC’s election manifesto commits to taking “active measures...to ensure security of supply of ...minerals to achieve national objectives such as industrialisation and local beneficiation.” In the light of this commitment, we are concerned that the most recent amendment to the Mineral Resources and Petroleum Development Act fails to drive home this objective by ensuring that an appropriate quota of our strategic minerals for manufacturing, energy, agriculture and infrastructure are sold at a cost plus price into the local market and not at excessive, profit-maximising import parity prices. Government has also been slow to implement key recommendations of the ANC-endorsed SIMS (State Intervention in the Mineral Sector) policy package – especially the critical proposal of a Resource Rent Tax.

The SACP and Cosatu will campaign for the quotas and pricing of strategic mineral inputs into our national economy to be more effectively legislated for;

- The key recommendations of the SIMS report to be implemented; and
- The introduction of centralised bargaining in all sectors.

All of these are areas of key strategic interest for the working class. As the SACP and Cosatu we are determined to ensure that the commitments made in the ANC election manifesto are indeed carried for-

ward, deepened and defended.

On 7 May, it is critical that workers come out in large numbers to vote ANC: unite, close ranks and vote ANC

We call on workers to defend the right to vote. SACP and Cosatu say: “Workers to come out in numbers to participate in all the major pre-election activities:

- Alliance march on 26 April in Durban in support of the ANC;
- May Day, 1 May;
- Siyanqoba rallies.

We call on workers to deliver a decisive electoral defeat on the DA and to expose the demagoguery of pseudo-left parties.

Electoral boycotting, or ill-conceived campaigns and manoeuvres to spoil ballot papers play straight into the hands of anti-worker, anti-union opposition parties, notably the DA, and cannot be said to be progressive or revolutionary.

Instead of activities that are aimed at aiding a counter-revolution, we call on workers to go out in numbers on Saturday, 26 April, Durban to march in support of the ANC.

Let us remember the wise advice given by comrade Nelson Mandela when he said: “Do not listen to people who talk the loudest, and think the least; they say one thing and mean another. Revolution is serious business. ●

Forward to an overwhelming ANC-Alliance election victory on 7 May!

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YCL mobilises youth vote!

The Young Communists' elections strategy pulls out all stops to reach diverse youth communities

The elections campaign strategy of the Young Communist League of South Africa (YCLSA) outlines how it will reach all registered voters across the country, particularly registered youth, to ensure an overwhelming victory for the ANC-lead Alliance at the national elections on 7 May.

The strategy seeks to secure and increase votes in our traditional stronghold areas, identify, understand and penetrate opposition strongholds. It also aims to deepen the "Know your neighbourhood campaign" by gathering information on the numbers of youth who are employed, unemployed or studying, and of households without basic amenities within given areas.

Over recent months, the YCLSA has worked closely with the ANC and other Alliance structures to set up an Elections Task Team comprised of the national elections team (NET), provincial elections teams (PETs), district elections teams (DETs) and branch elections teams (BETs). We have at least three YCLSA representatives at each level of the NET, PETs, RETs, BETs of the ANC elections teams. This has assisted in information gathering in general, but also in making our collective work more effective.

The NET meets twice a month to evaluate and decide on the overall strategic direction of the campaign and to make adjustments where necessary. It is supported by a media and communications team and a rapid response team (RRT) that attends to any challenges that arise in between NET meetings.

The strategy has three phases. The first ran from August to November 2013 and was underpinned by an ID and registration campaign. During this phase, the YCLSA encouraged youth to register. It also participated in community meet-



YCL National Secretary Cde Buti Manamela and SACP Provincial Secretary Cde Norman Shushu on a door-to-door visit in the Northern Cape

ings and worked through BETs to collect data on how many youth have registered to vote. This phase helped determine the mood of youth towards elections, and provided ideas on a nuanced campaigns approach to specific areas.

The second phase, Siyabangena, ran from December 2013 to March 2014 and involved the analysis of voter registration results to inform local strategy development by PETs, DETs and BET representatives, as well as to create a positive mood through meetings, the mass media, sports and entertainment. This phase also saw an intensification of targeted door-to-door activities. It focused on the 2013 matriculants through the on-going "Joe Slovo Right to Learn Campaign", and campus vote mobilisation. Despite the concerted efforts made to encourage first time voters, youth in the majority of provinces were not initially keen on voting. Community activism has managed to reverse situations where most youth within communities and institutions of higher learning disregard the importance of voting.

The third phase, April and May 2014, is about securing the vote. Activities during this phase include getting public representatives and the political leadership to address house and ward meetings, "blitzing" and distributing election paraphernalia. This phase also includes the setting up of operational centres.

YCLers should aim campaign activities at

- **Young workers:** most young workers are employed under labour brokers and get minimal wages. They do not qualify for loans that would assist in improving their lives. They have no job security.

- **Youth on farms:** most youth are employed seasonally in farms, and around these times, opt to drop out of schools. These are the most exploited youth and the majority is dependent on farm-owners for practically everything.

- **Unemployed youth:** many have given up finding work and have turned to alcohol and drug abuse. They are often susceptible to any progressive-sounding slogans.

- **Learners:** most will be first time voters who finished high school last year.

- **Students:** usually faced with financial problems, most are without support. They are often explorative, and vulnerable to new trends.

- **Rural Youth:** mainly suppressed by poverty and lack of development in their communities.

- **Urban Youth:** sophisticated adventurers with a variety of ambitions and unpredictable attitudes, most of who are disaffected by the socio-economic difficulties facing the majority of SA youth.

As the YCLSA intensifies this final phase of the election campaign, it is important that the messaging is sensitive to and addresses the diverse nature of our youth. Personal interaction with trained volunteers through door-to-door activity will help remove any misperceptions that might still be held by community members. Issues raised at community meetings must reflect the outcomes of door-to-door analyses and the work done by the Rapid Response Teams. Blitzing must continue at taxi ranks, malls, shopping centres, institutions of higher learning, and on trains, preferably in afternoons. The media and particularly social media remain important campaign platforms. Other creative activities such as rallies and seminars, Bua Thursdays, political lectures, PYA Fun Day, hip hop and house music sessions, as well as visits by popular celebrities should also continue. ●

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Working class support for ANC landslide!

SACP General Secretary Cde Blade Nzimande on the election trail highlights example of Cde Chris Hanani

At the height of the election campaign, SACP General Secretary Cde Blade Nzimande addressed about 2 500 workers, mainly miners, in Paardekraal in the North West. Amcu workers also attended the meeting. It was part of the activities of the SACP's Chris Hanani Month, in which the General Secretary delivered the Chris Hanani Memorial Lecture.

Cde Nzimande stressed that Cde Hanani was a simple and modest man. He recounted a personal incident while staying at Cde Hanani's house in 1992 while attending a SACP Central Committee meeting.

"I was there with Cde Dennis Dloomo. We were relatively junior to the great Chris Hanani, our General Secretary. He used to get up early to jog, while we were still lazing in bed. By the time we got up, he had himself already effortlessly and unselfconsciously prepared breakfast for us, his juniors! We were very surprised and touched. But such was the man – simple and modest."

This was reflected in Cde Hanani's approach to socialism. For him socialism was not a complex theory that needed big words. He famously said: "Socialism is not about big concepts and heavy theory. Socialism is about decent shelter for those who are homeless. It is about water for those who have no safe drinking water. It is about healthcare, it is about a life of dignity for the old. It is about overcoming the huge divide between urban and rural areas. It is about a decent education for all our people. Socialism is about rolling back the tyranny of the market. As long as the economy is dominated by an unelected, privileged few, the case for socialism will exist".

Cde Nzimande drew attention to the fact that Cde Hanani was born in 1942 – the same year as Cdes Thabo Mbeke, Jacob Zuma, Pallo Jordan and Charles Nqakula. "All of them became active in the ANC



General Secretary Cde Blade Nzimande engages residents while campaigning door-to-door at Paardekraal in the North West

just a few years before it was banned and so much of their lives in the movement was spent in the difficult years of our banning."

Cde Nzimande said that from Cde Hanani's contribution it was clear that he would support the distinct and complementary roles of the ANC, SACP and Cosatu. He would not want these roles to be conflated. And he would most certainly not want a trade union to substitute as a workers' party, as Numsa is trying to do.

Cde Nzimande called on the workers to vote in huge numbers for the ANC in the elections. "The SACP calls on the workers to close ranks! The SACP says let us close ranks at the workplace, in the community and everywhere in society! Let us unite and rally behind the African National Congress (ANC) and our Alliance."

Warning against the destructive behaviour of Numsa, Cde Nzimande said: "There are some who portray themselves as worker leaders, but are focusing all their attention on fighting internal factional battles, and on opposition to the ANC-led government and the Alliance. By advocating electoral absenteeism while attacking the primary political formations of our Alliance and de-campaigning the ANC, they are playing directly into the hands

of unbridled personal and factional ambitions, opportunist organisations such as the EFF formed by tenderpreneurs, and the DA – the party of big capital and white privilege.

"We urge workers to come out in their overwhelming numbers to defeat anti-worker right-wing formations – whether they are cloaked in blue or red guises."

Cde Nzimande also went house-to-house campaigning in Paardekraal with Ward Councillor Bernard Mtyotywa. It is a new township, and residents complained about the lack of integration in its planning. There is no school in the township and learners have to travel many kilometres to get to the nearest schools. "But why do we do this, this bad planning, after all these years of our democracy?" said Cde Nzimande.

He visited a woman who was paralysed after being shot by criminals. She said she had to spend a big part of her grant on medication and the wheels of her wheelchair were not working properly. The local activists with the General Secretary said they would assist the woman.

"While people had their complaints, and many of them were legitimate, they are overwhelmingly going to vote for the ANC," observed Cde Nzimande. ●

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On the stump in KZN and the Cape Flats

Cleaning house in DPW, and building community cohesion in gang-ravaged Mannenberg with Cde cronin



An SACP election march in KZN

As part of the SACP's election campaign for an overwhelming ANC election victory on 7 May, the Party's first deputy general secretary, Cde Jeremy Cronin, addressed a student gathering at the UKZN Pietermaritzburg campus.

Cde Cronin was asked to speak on the role of Chapter 9 organisations in SA – which include the Human Rights Commission, the Auditor-General, the Independent Electoral Commission, and the Gender Equity Commission. But a lively audience at the event, organised jointly by Sasco and the Young Communist League, 200 students, lecturers and workers was mainly interested in the role of the Public Protector, advocate Thuli Madonsela, in the light of her recently tabled report on security upgrades at President Zuma's Nkandla residence.

Cde Cronin told the audience that whatever its shortcomings, the report and its recommendations should be taken se-

riously. "The inflated scope of work and runaway costs in the project", he said, "are part of wider historic problem in the Department of Public Works. I'm pleased to say that under its new minister, Cde Thulas Nxesi, serious anti-corruption interventions are being undertaken by DPW." Cde Cronin said that, for instance, the former DPW acting director general, Sam Vukela, who was fingered in the Madonsela report, had long since been dismissed from the department and criminal charges were being considered.



Cde Cronin: taking questions at UKZN Pietermaritzburg campus

Cde Cronin has also been active on the Cape Flats, visiting townships plagued by gangsterism and drugs. A particular focus has been on the role of the Community Work Programme in building community cohesion and activism. In Manenberg he engaged with CWP workers in communal food gardens. Some of the participants are parolees hoping to re-build constructive com-

munity lives. The CWP in Manenberg is definitely making a difference, but with just over 300 participants, it is not large enough to have the decisive impact it could. Cde Cronin undertook to speak to the relevant government authorities to consider a major scaling up.

In Khayelitsha, in the course of door-to-door work with local SACP structures and with the Khayelitsha Development Forum, Cde Cronin interacted with a household that had suffered a terrible tragedy in the preceding days. The mother of the household had been raped and murdered allegedly by her own son and his friends who were high on tik. The alleged perpetrators were in custody, but family members and neighbours complained bitterly that the local police station had been unhelpful both before the incident and in carrying out a serious investigation.

Working with the KDF and local councillor, Cde Cronin engaged senior Khayelitsha police commanders and they undertook in front of the family and neighbours to ensure shortcomings were corrected. ●

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SACP focus: building socialism and fighting capitalism

2nd Deputy GS Cde Solly Mapaila takes the SACP election campaign to Witbank and Mthatha

Cde Solly Mapaila spoke at the YCL Bua Thursday in Witbank on 10 April – as part of Chris Hani Month and the election campaign. About 300 militants, mainly young people from the YCLSA and the PYA structures, attended the meeting.

The YCLSA hosts Bua Thursdays mainly as a process of ideological dialogue among young Communists and focus on a very wide range of issues on youth and socialism, broader youth development issues and other relevant topics.

Cde Mapaila spoke on the example of Cde Chris Hani and the lessons for today's youth. The other speaker at the forum was Cde Joyce Tsipa, the National Treasurer of the YCLSA, who spoke on socialism, youth and education, youth militancy and discipline.

Cde Mapaila referred to the Triple H Campaign that Cde Hani spearheaded as General Secretary in the early 1990s.

"The Triple H campaign was the campaign against hunger and for housing and health," he said. "Our achievements in these 20 years of democracy are a vindication of the SACP's Triple H campaign as led by comrade Chris.

"We have provided over 3,2-million houses and have assisted over 400 000 people to get bank loans who fell in the gap market. We have linked many of the houses since 2009 mainly, with the focus on human settlements, with services like water, electricity and roads.

"National Health Insurance and the



SACP 2nd Deputy General Secretary Solly Mapaila, door to door and house meeting, KwaNdengezi, KZN, April 2014

provision of hundreds of clinics and many hospitals and the free services provided to pregnant mothers and children under 6 are further examples of progress on Cde Hani led SACP Triple H campaign.

"The War on Hunger Campaign, the 16-million social grants given each month, the free food parcels, the Fetsa Tlala campaign (end hunger campaign) and the food security programmes are

also examples of the Triple H campaign being taken forward.

"As the SACP we are calling for the roll out of the NHI and for our structures to work with the Department of Health in monitoring the progress of existing pilots. We also need to support the Department of Health in its fight against the monopolies in the profit driven private health care sector and the greedy pharmaceutical industry who are hell-bent to frustrate and ultimately defeat the successful roll out of the NHI."

Cde Mapaila stressed that the Party has remained focused on its strategic mission of building socialism and fighting capitalism. He pointed out that Cde Hani would be amazed at the progress notched by this revolution and equally aware of the daunting challenges ahead. He would equally subject himself to the collective leadership of the Party and the Alliance.

Cde Mapaila spoke of Cde Hani's great discipline. He referred to his bravery and discipline in the Wankie and Sipolilo campaigns. Cde Hani had spoken out against the poor preparations for this campaign. He had wanted to share his experience with the leadership of the movement, particularly the military component, but encountered obstacles and lack of interest, which he took issue with.

Despite his frustrations, he never gave up on the movement. Cde Mapaila also referred to the memorandum Cde Hani and other comrades drew up complaining about the failures of the ANC lead-

ership to get the struggle going again in South Africa. Despite the onslaught on him, he remained resilient and never decided to abandon the movement. The memorandum finally contributed to the organisation of the ANC's 1969 Morogoro Conference that re-committed the ANC to intensifying the struggle back home and establishing the revolutionary council.

Responding to questions from participants, Cde Solly, discussed the Public Protector's report on Nkandla. He explained that none of the 12 major findings in the report referred to any corruption by President Zuma.

"But we must condemn corruption and the inflation of prices on the Nkandla and the civil servants concerned and the tenderpreneurs must face the wrath of the law for their corruption and government must take decisive action against them.

"Also, it's for the security agencies to decide on the security for the President. They merely need to inform the President what they are going to do. The President cannot be expected to be involved in operational issues. Otherwise, he can become unwittingly caught up if there are wrongs or disputes in the tenders. No President adjudicates tenders. The President must be protected from this.

"The reference to the President's ethical breach is an incidental finding. It's not one of the 12 major findings. It is an inference, no more, and yet the media are making such a big thing about it, that he should have known and therefore acted. But it doesn't say what if he could not have known? Why then penalise him in contradiction to the actual findings?"

Cde Mapaila said: "The first commandment of a successful revolution is the abolition of the oppressive machin-



Cde Mapaila: Addressing Chris Hani rally

ery of the enemy. We are, after all, under the sphere of the capitalist relations of production. Overall, our revolution has done well, though we should admit that we have not done well in dismantling the exploitative and oppressive machinery of the capitalist system hence the persisting in-equalities and worker exploitation."

He also pointed out that sections of the capitalist class argue, through Tim Cohen, editor of the Financial Mail, that we will not be able to implement the ANC'S election manifesto because the state owns at most 30% of the economy, and the remaining 70% is in their hands.

"But we will show them how wrong they are, as we implement the election manifesto through a joint combination of mass struggles and state action in the second, more radical phase of our transition", said Cde Mapaila.

And on to Mthatha

Cde Mapaila also went house-to-house on the election campaign trail in vil-

lages outside Mthatha, mainly Mqanduli. "Many residents raised complaints about the poor state of the roads. The inner roads are impassable, especially when it rains. Another major issue raised, of course, was the lack of jobs, especially for the youth. Lack of education was also another big issue."

The people were comfortable with the plans in the manifesto to address some of these problems.

"I suggested that young people in the area should try to fix the potholes on a temporary basis while the municipality brought in experts to sort it out. We can't just sit back and constantly rely on the municipality."

Chris Hani Rally at Walter Sisulu University

Cde Mapaila addressed about 2 500 people at the OR Tambo Hall on the significance of Cde Hani's revolutionary life. He stressed the need for the unity of the Tripartite Alliance to which Cde Hani made such a huge contribution.

"If workers are not united and bring all their power to bear together they will always be outflanked by the capitalist class. Part of showing working class unity is to collectively vote ANC and defeat the disunity in Cosatu, and close ranks."

He said that disunity among the Progressive Youth Alliance at the nearby Walter Sisulu University Mthatha campus had almost cost the progressive movement its leadership of the student representative council. The matter was taken up with the YCLSA provincial leadership, and by comrade Mafika Mndebele of the National Committee of the YCLSA who also spoke at the memorial.

Cde Mapaila also pointed to the numerous gains made by the youth through the ANC government. This included R9-billion for student bursaries, R2,7-billion for youth enterprises and cooperatives, 6-million new expanded public works jobs, 4,6-million people on ARVs and two new universities and 12 FETs.

He said that some traditional leaders were part of the national liberation movement and its struggles. He referred to the heroic struggles waged by many traditional leaders against colonialism and apartheid during the wars of resistance.

The day was capped by a rally organised by the Alliance at the local stadium in support of the ANC and its president. This rally was addressed by CC member Cde Mandla Makupula, the ANC's Provincial Chairperson, CC member Cde Phumulo Masualle, and other Alliance leaders. ●

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ELECTIONS 2014

We must listen to people's concerns

SACP National Treasurer Cde Joyce Moloi-Moropa has been canvassing for votes house-to-house in Olivenhout, Gauteng

SACP National Treasurer Cde Joyce Moloi-Moropa has been actively campaigning for the 7 May elections, and hearing about problems facing communities.

“Although it’s clear that people are going to vote for us, we have to pay more attention to their concerns,” says Cde Moloi-Moropa. “We can’t just take them for granted. But they also can’t just depend on the ANC and the government. They must also get more involved in trying to solve their problems.”

The SACP National Treasurer went house-to-house with about 50 activists in Olivenhout, a township outside Centurion in Gauteng recently. “Although it’s a new township, there were quite a lot of complaints. Many people complained about the quality of the RDP houses, pointing out that they were cracking and there were many other problems with them.”

Cde Moloi-Moropa said that there is a major dispute about transport. People are being forced to take the taxis though they preferred to use buses. But there was a major feud about the tender for the buses and people were stopped from using them. “People said they were scared to use the buses. Very few people were using them.”

She said that people also complained about the lack of integration of services in the townships, and the absence of the ward councillor. “A lot of them said that the ANC branches were not active in the township and ANC activists can only be seen now because of the elections.”

Cde Moloi-Moropa said that many residents complained that foreigners



National Treasurer Cde Joyce Moloi-Moropa (centre) with General Secretary Cde Blade Nzimande, and 2nd Deputy General Secretary Cde Solly Mapaila, and (left) addressing an election meeting

were running the shops and responsible for most of the trading in the township and this was causing tensions.

“Residents also complained about people from the Mooiplaas community occupying the newly built RDP houses at the expense of local people. This was what the protest – the blockade on the R55 Freeway – was about two days after we went there. The blockade would have been much larger had we not intervened earlier,” said Cde Moloi-Moropa.

The local activists agreed to look into the issues raised by the residents and arrange for a follow-up meeting to respond to them. ●

ELECTIONS 2014

Welkom SACP!

SACP Politburo member Cde Yunus Carrim has been campaigning for an all-out vote for ANC in Free State

SACP Politburo member Cde Yunus Carrim was the guest speaker at a successful fundraising dinner organised by the ANC in Welkom, Free State.

He spoke on the National Development Plan (NDP) and the New Growth Path (NGP) and stressed the importance of the R1-trillion investment in infrastructure over the past five years, the plans for further infrastructure investment, and the opportunities available for businesses.

Free State Premier Ace Magashule pointed to the economic and political successes in the province in the past five years and called on businesses to co-operate with the provincial government.

Cde Carrim also met the SACP District Executive Committee (DEC) before taking part in a SACP-organised election campaign.

Questions raised at the meeting with the DEC included:

- Will the NHI be implemented given the financial challenges and the reluctance of doctors to cooperate?

- Should the SACP not be doing more to change the curricula at basic and higher education levels to encourage learners to have a better understanding of our country's history and challenges, and acquire progressive values instead of being exposed so much to capitalist values?

- Why do so many ANC leaders face accusations of corruption but so little is done about it?

- Is it appropriate that so many SACP leaders are serving in ANC governments?

- What can be done about improving the way the Alliance works at regional and provincial levels?

- Why is it that the ANC expects SACP members to work so hard, but when it comes to elections to legislatures and municipalities and deploying comrades to positions, SACP members are so often



Politburo member Cde Yunus Carrim engaging commuters at a Welkom taxi rank

left out?

After the brief meeting, about 20 SACP comrades went to the taxi rank to campaign for the elections. Cde Carrim received a very positive reception from individual commuters, hawkers and drivers. He also addressed groups of people at the taxi ranks. People were excited to get the new "Chris Hani" election T-Shirts.

"People raised their usual complaints. Sometimes they were quite tough. But, except for the odd person who wasn't registered, all of them said they'd vote for the ANC," said Cde Carrim.

"The main complaint, of course, is about jobs. Welkom used to be a major mining town. But the mining industry has declined dramatically in recent years, and there's no prospect of its revival. The municipality and province have to work

together on a new local economic development strategy."

Cde Carrim also visited patients at Thusanong Hospital and addressed staff. The SACP District has been playing a major role in supporting the hospital and has developed a full campaign on the issue.

Among the problems the hospital staff raised were the lack of equipment, delays in receiving over-time pay, inadequate staff, need for refurbishments to the hospital, and protection from the asbestos used in the construction of the hospital.

Cde Carrim agreed to raise these issues with the MEC for Health. The workers expressed their appreciation to the SACP for campaigning to improve conditions at the hospital. They were left no doubt that they would vote ANC. ●

HANI ANNIVERSARY

Hani embodied working class and Alliance unity

More 5 000 people attended the Chris Hani Commemoration, held at the Thomas Nkobi Memorial Cemetery, Boksburg, 10 April

In his speech to the Commemoration marking the assassination of Cde Hani, SACP General Secretary, Cde Blade Nzimande, said that Cde Hani stood for the unity of our Alliance, as well as the unity of each of the components of this revolutionary Alliance.

“If there is one lesson that today we need to learn from the life and example of Cde Chris, it is that the unity of the Alliance must be placed above individual interests.

“For Cde Chris, in line with the traditions of our own movement, no one individual can be bigger than any of our formations. Let us dedicate this 21st anniversary to the unity of our Alliance and all its components. In particular, the SACP is calling for maximum and disciplined unity among the workers of our country.

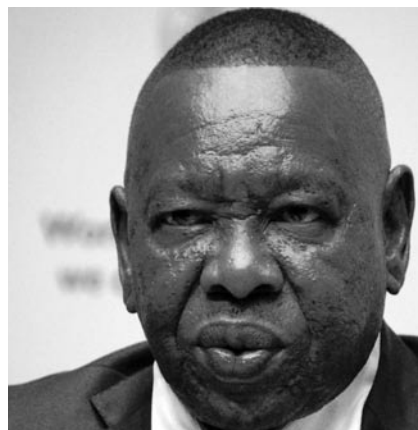
“Cde Chris was always amongst the first in undertaking new tasks and challenges in different phases of our revolution. When our movement took up arms, he was amongst the first to join Umkhonto. When the movement suspended the armed struggle, he was in the forefront of explaining that decision to our people, even though he had disagreed with it when it was debated. The immediate task of the revolution now, on the 21st anniversary of his assassination, is to return the ANC to power with an overwhelming majority on 7 May 2014! Let us honour Cde Chris by going out in our numbers on the Election Day!

“In memory of Cde Chris, we especially urge all workers to unite and come out in numbers to vote for the ANC! The working class must take a lead in fulfilling the task of the moment.”

Cosatu President, Sidumo Dlamini,



Chris Hani: In his memory, workers must unite and vote ANC



Blade Nzimande: Keynote speaker at 21st anniversary gathering

called for the unity of the working class and urged that the decision taken at the recent Cosatu Special CEC to give the ANC intervention a chance be respected.

Cde Jesse Duarte, the ANC Deputy Secretary General, focussed on the relevance of the ANC's Elections Manifesto to Cde Hani's life, particularly the focus on the National Health Insurance.

Cde Richard Mdakane, President of Sanco, raised the need for the other Alliance partners to assist SANCO to become stronger so that it can play a more active role in leading community struggles.

Cde Buti Manamela, YCLSA National Secretary, urged the youth to emulate Cde Hani. “We need the discipline of Cde Hani like never before. We need more political education so that we can produce more leaders like Chris Hani in the future.”

Cde Lindiwe Hani said that her father remained fresh in her family and the country's memory, and she expressed appreciation for the SACP's role in keeping her father's memory so alive. ●

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