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ANC WESTERN CAPE PRESS STATEMENT

We are extremely satisfied with the outcome of today's IEC hearing which represents a vindication of our claim that the NP is pursuing a racist campaign. As we have repeatedly warned, this campaign has already demonstrated its capacity to incite and inflame racial divisions between our communities.

Pending a full hearing on April 8, the Electoral Tribunal of the IEC made the following order:

- * that NP office bearers, officials, members, organising agents, supporters and agents refrain from printing, causing to be printed, copying, publishing or distributing the magazine;
- * that the NP inform its office bearers, candidates, officials, members, organising agents, supporters and agents of this order by 5pm on the 28th March 1994;
- * that the NP collect all issues of the magazine presently in possession or under control of the various structures and officials and personnel of the NP;
- * that all such issues be brought to the National party offices at 40 Burg Street by 5pm on 29th March 1994.

It was also agreed that the IEC should make an inventory of all issues of the magazine at the National Party offices pending the outcome of the main claim and that the IEC should be empowered to confiscate all issues found in the possession of any of the above persons.

We hope that this will serve as a warning of the highly dangerous and inflammatory election strategy of the National Party and that they will in future desist from such destructive and divisive tactics.

Theirs is a swart gevaar campaign; a disgraceful betrayal that flies in the face of the Electoral Code of Conduct as well as agreements reached by the multi-party negotiating forum at Kempton Park.

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Despite this, reports have reached us that copies of the magazine

were being distributed in Worcester at 12 noon today - despite knowledge of the application being sought by the ANC.

If this is true, the NP has added insult to injury and has acted in extreme bad faith by trying to pre-empt the decision of the court in order to distribute this shoddy and disgusting publication as quickly as possible.

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