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It is us who shall bear the burden of the struggle for a free, non-racial and democratic South Africa the most significant family unit in the extended-family of fellow freedom-fighters. What binds us into one is our common commitment to the welfare of ~~the~~ our people - the people of S. Africa. It is our struggle against apartheid, oppression and exploitation of man by man. We are, therefore, here to bury one of our kind - a member of the family.

But let me not be understood to mean that the conventional nuclear family is irrelevant. On the contrary, it is within that family unit that we first learn the art and significance of family ties. In the course of the struggle we ~~extend~~ ^{transport} our commitment to blood relatives into commitment to the welfare of the people as a whole. There is no doubt in my mind that this is what Bester did in his living days.

He lived for the ideal of a S. Africa that will be free, non-racial and democratic. Yes a S. Africa in which the people shall govern. In which the good things of life ~~will~~ ^{will} be dispensed of without guile or favour. One in which all the people of S. Africa ~~will~~ ^{will} enjoy life without ~~discrimination~~ ^{dissemination} property ^{or} racial discrimination and inequality of any kind. His ~~loss~~ ^{untimely} death has robbed us of a dedicated worker and freedom-fighter. We will have to work doubly hard to make up for the gap that his loss has created.

This funeral is a nodal point that culminates Bester's life and opens new challenges for us ^{who} remain on the scene. We ~~are~~ ^{are} left to carry ^{out} the other side of the covenant to free our people. There can be no turning back on the demanding tasks we ~~face~~ ^{face} set ourselves with Bester, Ben Salmer,

Mkomo, Biko, Muzi Lube, ^{Selle} ~~and~~ Moeeng, Tso and others

These are some of the lives which have been given wholly for freedom. These may be cynics who will ask what have their lives been worth? Has it not been all in vain seeing apartheid remains intact? To them we must reply that "the essential thing about life is not conquering but fighting well!" What is ~~so~~ important ~~about the~~ ^{and how} ^{of the arrival of} above all else is not the date ^{of} freedom - it is the ^{very fact of} struggle itself.

The ~~most~~ greatest achievement of Bertie's is that he has taught us how to ^{live} fighting lives. And on behalf of the United Democratic Front I must insist that whatever ^{weaknesses} ~~shortcomings~~ he may have ^{had} ~~committed~~ our activists ^{old and young} must seek out those ~~elements~~ strong points which enabled him to survive the deprivations of ghetto life and a six year prison ^{term} ~~sentenced~~ on Robben Island - and still emerge ^{as a} ~~freedom~~ fighter in his own sight.

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