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Nobody has doubted that we are forming history and history takes a long time to shape. Once it is shaped it often holds.

Our investigation shows that most of the Ndebele people are blindly following NKOMO despite the fact that Z.A.P.U. is losing ground. It is clear too that there is no sphere of our Life where the Ndebele people are or can be prominent, and thus a threat. Politically they are unsophisticated. Educationally they are far below the mark, even if we were to compare them with the Shona groups - separately - Zezuru, Karanga, etc.

One clear evidence against them losing ground all around, is the way a lot of them are changing from Ndebele to Shona. Almost all Ndebeles speak Shona now. They have nothing in the Ndebele Language and Culture to cling to.

Educationally our evidence shows that most Zimbabweans overseas are Shona, and they are determined to study climb high in various fields. Most Ndebele youngsters in London and some parts of the United Kingdom for instance are more interested in working or doing short shallow courses than pursuing a course of study that will deepen their understanding of a particular subject to be experts in their own right.

At home all the schools in Matabeleland are closed and they are slowly breeding a generation of illiterates. What fool can believe that a country has ever or can be run by illiterates? We are in a different world. One needs to read and write so that one can be aware of the realities around one as well as at international level. A wider knowledge and awareness of what goes on outside your small world is the only way that can help people make wiser decisions for both themselves and others. This is not possible in an illiterate world. We are pleased to note that our Committee is doing all possible to ensure the education of the Shona people. All schools have a Shona majority including the ones in

、 Bulawayo itself. In the longer run the educated live to benefit.

Culturally the Shona are leading in music and their human values of self respect and of others still live to be both encouraged and admired. As said above, the rich Shona language is now spoken by 85% of the population. There is no corner of the country where a Shona person feels lost. This leaves no doubt that Shona will easily be the future National Language. A lot of literature has also been written in both Shona and English about the Culture of the Shona and their language. There is this evidence both at home and overseas. Ndebele as a culture and language is dying a slow but sure death. In the United Kingdom most political meetings are held in Shona. Our young people are committed.

We want to express our thanks to all who supported this project over the years and are committed to the Shona Cause. Our strategies are working fine and various points of growth are taking shape.

There is need to form smaller cells to deal with specifics. The ones that are catered for now are - education - at home and abroad, promotion of the Shona Culture and Language at home and abroad the military, inside and outside, key jobs at home, political strategies, housing and economic control (very vital, our business men have mushroomed on all corners of the country. The richest African in Bulawayo is Shona). We however, need a few more co-ordinators. The work is expanding.

Phamberi!! Continue to be discreet and pass on the flame. The Shona live to reign! Break not the Chain.

The report on our place and control of the media has not been submitted. It will feature in the next issue.