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New Deal is No Deal



Dr. Ismail Mohammed, Anti-PC leader: 'Let us unmask the ugly Apartheid monster now and for all time.'

The Anti-President's Council Committee calls on all the oppressed people of this country

● to reject the new Apartheid constitution of our oppressors and

● to boycott elections for the Apartheid parliament. We must refuse

● to participate in any of the schemes of our oppressors. We must not

● give legitimacy to their oppressive and racist rule. Don't

● be fooled by the wolf in sheep's clothing because tomorrow the Apartheid wolf will tear us apart as it has always done.

This call is made to you by the Anti-President's Council Committee, the United Democratic

Front, sporting bodies, cultural

societies, churches and mosques.

We are all joining hands to defeat the new Apartheid constitution and unmask the ugly Apartheid monster that invades our lives, disguised as democracy.

There are many who stand in the way of true democracy and non-racialism, Hendrickse Reddy, Rajbansi, Curry.

Let us work together to give them a beating they will never forget.

Let the world know who are the union partners of the racist democratic regime.

ALREADY they say that the new Apartheid constitution will make life easier for us.

AND they say that we will have a say in running the country.

AND they say we will receive a 'fair share' of wealth we create.

BUT let us not be fooled. We who suffer under Apartheid know full well what the 'new deal' means.

● We will still live in slums without proper homes, squashed into suffocating matchboxes so that our neighbours can hear everything we say. In the meantime, the rulers will still enjoy comfortable homes, lighting, refuse removal, privacy.

● Our children will continue to go to overcrowded schools. They will not have enough teachers and classrooms. They will fail, drop out of school and go into the factories. This will make the bosses rich and will ensure that their children have wonderful schools, music, art and sport facilities.

● Our sons and daughters will hang around street corners, because there are no decent recreational facilities. In the meantime, white suburbs will still boast beautiful parks, playing fields, libraries, youth clubs, restaurants, skating rinks and many more amenities.

● We will continue to work long hours, leave home before dawn, return late at night, tired and weary. We will, as always, be paid miserable wages and, after they have made lots of money out of us, they will lay us off to beg in the streets.

● Our people will continue to suffer ill health and die in crowded, staffed and overcrowded hospitals while white areas have huge hospitals with plenty of

space for patients, modern equipment and adequate, well-paid staff.

BY VOTING FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTION:

● We will help to throw people out of their houses, hound them out of the towns and dump them in the barren homelands, where so many die of starvation.

● The world will be tricked into believing that we have a share in running the country. This will enable the white minority government to rule with the support of foreign countries.

● Our children will die on the borders defending Apartheid. The time has come to unmask the wolf. Let us join hands in doing so by:

● telling our friends and neighbours what the Apartheid parliament really stands for

● organising house meetings and inviting members of the Anti-President's Council and the United Democratic Front, to discuss with us how the new constitution is trying to trick us into making Apartheid work

● asking our churches, mosques, women's and other organisations to plan the defeat of the beast that is plotting to tear us apart. ■

Boesak says...

We shall only make our dreams come true once we are willing to stand up and be counted and be clear in our commitment to struggle for justice. The community must be willing to stand together now.

Boesak says

Broeders en susters die 22ste Augustus is 'n baie belangrike dag. Die dag se die regering vir ons dat ons moet gaan stem. Hierdie dag mag niemand tuis bly nie. Op hierdie dag sal ek maar met my kinders gaan plekiek hou.

But we know very clearly that while we are laughing, and certainly there are many things about this new constitution that amuses us — sometimes we cannot believe this is a serious matter — this constitution is about serious things. It is about the life and future of this country, our people and the future of our children.

We have rejected this constitution and vowed to resist it, we have decided to fight it. Although there may be the emotional feelings that we do not want to be drawn into this fraud, we must forever be clear why it is that we reject the constitution. Let me remind you of these reasons:

Entrenchment

The constitution means the entrenchment of those Apartheid laws without which the system cannot hope to survive for a moment. Even though the Population Registration Act, the Group Areas Act, separate education, the Immorality and Mixed Marriages Act may get new names, they all remain on the statute books. And so we no longer talk about the Group Areas Act but about the Land Act. We can change the names a hundred times over but the evil essence of the system will remain because it is entrenched in the new constitution.

Dictatorship

The constitution means entrenchment of white minority rule and will exclude almost 80% of the population. It means that our African brothers and sisters will be pushed against their own will into the wilderness of homeland politics, where they will be subjected to dictatorship in the little bush republics.

Removals

It will mean that relocations will continue, removals will continue and that our people will find themselves pushed over and over again into those concentration camps which they call resettlement areas. Our people will die of hunger there and the government hopes that they will forget that they belong to this country. This is why we reject these proposals. We also reject the constitution because it means that the violence that is inherent in Apartheid will continue.

Systematic violence

I am not only talking about the physical and the military violence, without which the system cannot survive, but about that systematic violence that does not come out of the barrel of the gun. The violence which means that our children will forever be subjected to inferior education. This violence the new constitution will entrench and the so-called Coloured and Indian Minister of the so-called Coloured and Indian education will execute it. I'm also talking about that kind of violence which means: down in Crossroads in the Cape at 2 am the police will come with their guns and their dogs and their teargas and break down the pitiful shacks and take down the plastic sheets from the trees used as shelters against the cold winter of the Cape. It will mean that kind of violence where families will continue to break up and where mothers will be separated from their children and be pushed off to jail simply because they are black. That is what I am talking about.

We can never accept that. We should never accept that. So on the 22 August when the government expects the 'Coloured' and Indian people to go out and vote we shall not do so. We will refrain from making a mockery out of our ideals for freedom, peace and justice. We shall not participate in this farce. We shall not give this government and its despicable plans any credibility if we can help it. We shall stay away from those polls.

Apartheid is in direkte teenstand met alles wat ons glo in die Evangelie, want Apartheid se die mees belangrikste ding wat van jou gese kan word is dat jy 'n Kleurling is, of 'n wit mens of 'n bantú of wat hy ook al vir jou gaan noem.

Die Evangelie se dat die belangrikste ding van enige

mens is dat jy geskape is na die beeld van God en dat jy 'n kind van God is deur Jesus Christus, en die leun wat Apartheid is moet keur op keur ontmasker word.

Daar is mense wat uit Genesis lees en se daar is Apartheid reg en dat God nie almal die selfde gemaak het nie. Maar gaan kyk self wat die Bybel se op Genesis 2 wat staan daar. Daar staan duidelik: 'God maak die voels van die hemel volgens hulle soorte, en die diere van die veld volgens hulle soorte, tot hy kom by die mens en dan staan daar nie volgens hulle soorte nie, maar laat ons mense-maak as een.'

Daarom moet die leun wat Apartheid is deur ons ontmasker word keur op keur.

untouchable

There are some people who think they have some good arguments why we should go in and participate in the system. Some of them say this is the only way that we can change things: from the inside. But the government has made it very clear that the framework of Apartheid will be untouchable. The basic law which makes up the system will not be in the hands of men like Mr. Hendrickse and Mr. Rabansi, but have already been decided on by the white parliament. The only thing that the 'Coloured' and Indian parliament will be doing is to play around with their own affairs and that, the government has already decided. That is all they must talk about.

what goods?

They even say that if we stay out we will not be able to give our people anything and that we must be able to deliver the goods. — what goods? They must be clear about this. These people must not think that we cannot think because they cannot think. Whatever they get can only be within the framework of 'Coloured Life' and 'Indian Life'. Whatever they get can only be in the framework of what the government has already decided.

We have fought since 1960 against 'Coloured', Indian and Bantu education. What is this new system but the entrenchment of separate education?

What goods can they deliver? Of course they will tell you: 'Yes, now we will give you streets and they will be tarred streets.' Must we be grateful because we have streets? Must we be grateful because we get electricity? Must

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they must be grateful. These constitutional proposals can only affirm the policies of apartheid. They cannot change them. They will affirm separate education, the inhumanity that Apartheid creates. They can

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beautify our so-called Coloured areas and our so-called Indian areas, but do we really want beautiful 'Coloured' and Indian areas? We don't want beautiful



Solidarity with the peoples' struggle for democracy

areas created for us. We demand the right to live anywhere in this land. It is our land!

Die mense wat se dat ons in hierdie ding moet ingaan, omdat die regering 'n stap in die regte rigting neem', doen dit omdat hulle daardie argument baseer op die aanvaarding dat die regering dit met ons goed bedoel. Vra die vraag, hoe kan hierdie Suid-Afrikaanse regering sonder verandering dit goed bedoel met ons? Dit is mense wat die Kfeurlinge al voorheen van die bietjie stemregte wat hulle gehad het, beroof het. Dit is die mense wat ons Group Areas gegee het. Dit is die mense wat ons huise gesteel het en ons land onder ons uitverkoop het.

In Crossroads in the Cape at 2 am the police will come with their guns, their dogs and their teargas, and break down the pitiful shacks and take down the plastic sheets from the trees used as shelters against the cold and bitter winter of the Cape.

tuisland toe

Dit is die mense wat die Swart mense van Suid Afrika na die tuislande toe stuur. Dit is die mense wat ons opsluit sonder vermoer; wat die gevangnisse in die tronke dood maak en ons leiers opsluit op Robben Eiland. Dit is die mense wat se, vergeet dit, ons bedoel dit goed met julle. Hulle moet seker dink ons is mal.

Daardie mense het ook 'n ander argument. Hulle se ons moet hierdie nuwe bedeeing aanvaar want die regering moet dan sy beloftes waar maak. Watter beloftes? Wie se beloftes?

The only promise that this government can give is white minority rule. This is the promise that the constitution will keep and this is the promise that the Rajbansis and Landrieuses and those who participate will develop. We must be clear and say to them: **YOU CAN KEEP THESE PROMISES WE WON'T BE PART OF THEM.**

Illusion

Tomorrow Mr. Botha will go to Nkomati to sign a pact with Mozambique. This means that the struggle for liberation in this country can be set back for a

few years. We will have a difficult time ahead. This government has succeeded in creating the illusion that it is now going to work for genuine peace and reconciliation. It has given the illusion that it is going to work

for a Namibian settlement even though he (Mr. Botha) knows that he does not want a Swapo government in Windhoek. If there are free and fair elections tomorrow, under U.N. supervision, there is no doubt that Swapo will become the legitimate government of Namibia.

misleading

The western five know that their reputation is at stake. They have tried for so many years, and for so many years this government has been misleading everybody in the world. They are dangling a Namibian settlement like a carrot to the western world. In the meantime they can do whatever they like in this country, and from the western world there will not be one squeak. We will be the victims of this policy.

Only through hard work and persistent dedication will we make some of our dreams come true. They will not come true while we go around mouthing pious irrelevancies about the situation and moping about what people do to us... en hoe sleg die boere is nie.

If the South African government can make a peace agreement with the people of Mozambique and Angola, we must say to them: 'Why can't you come to grips with the situation in South Africa?' There is no room for those who are afraid, faint hearted, and those who cannot make up their minds. We are clear in our minds that we shall not vote

doubletalk

The South African government has the knack of using words that are completely opposite in meaning. Here are a few examples:

●the 'orderly movement' bill really describes the disorderly removal of people from their land.

●the term 'security' refers to the harassment and persecution of people.

●community development means uprooting people and building slums.

Likewise

●DEMOCRACY is used when DICTATORSHIP is intended.

In view of the President's Council proposals, we need to remind ourselves of what democracy really is.

In a democratic country, all people have the right to participate in the running of the country.

In stark contrast to this a dictatorship is government by a small group of people, who neither consult nor consider the will of the majority.

WHY IS DEMOCRACY NECESSARY?

People, by nature, want to make decisions to serve and defend their own interests. Therefore, when people are not allowed to determine their own destiny, they are being robbed of certain basic human rights.

Here are a few ways in which we are deprived of democracy.

●Housing

We are suffering a housing shortage because we cannot decide on which houses we want, where we want them, and what rents should be paid. This is because of the negligence and apathy of the present government.

This irresponsibility would not be tolerated in a democratic society.

●Education

Students have long shown their rejection of gutter education.

They are taught not to think but to remember. A false history of our country is being forced down our throats.

Parents, teachers and students

have no say in the syllabuses. Our teachers are underpaid. As a result, many people from the communities choose to work in the more lucrative private sector rather than as teachers serving the community.

● **Health and Transport**
These facilities are absent in most communities and very poor where they do exist.

Hospitals are too far away from townships. They are ill-equipped and under-staffed. In our hospitals, patients sleep on the floor.

Patients are often discharged before they are well to make room for newcomers.

While we have these problems, the new Johannesburg hospital for whites stands with row upon

row of empty beds and unused medical equipment — a white elephant — and proof of the undemocratic Apartheid system.

To alleviate the hardship and suffering in our communities we need to establish civic, cultural and educational organisations (not ineffectual management committees). In the short term,

these kinds of organisations help us achieve badly needed goals that an unsympathetic government does not concern itself with.

Its long term aim is to teach us assertiveness and democracy which will equip us for a truly democratic country for which we all must strive.

army call-up our downfall

Does the new constitution mean army call-ups for coloured and Indian men?

YES!

● In March 1982, General Constand Viljoen of the SADF said that the defence force intended introducing military call-up for coloureds as the government was preparing to counter the threats of terrorism and conventional warfare.

● In 1977, P W Botha stated that the military call-up of coloureds and Indians had already been accepted in principle. Even for a puppet vote, he says our children must go to the border.

● Major Gert Britz of the defence force feels that, if coloureds and Indians share the responsibility of government, then they must share in the responsibility of protecting their country.

In August of this year coloureds and Indians will be lured into sharing the responsibility of government.

But will we really have a fair share in government?

NO!

The white minority government will still be the rulers. And they have assured their people that the cornerstones of Apartheid will remain.

When the new constitution becomes a reality, every so-called coloured and Indian male between 18 and 65 will have to undergo military training. This means a term of two consecutive years on the country's borders and, thereafter, annual military camps lasting for three months at a time.

The Labour Party, in accepting the constitutional proposals, has automatically accepted military

call-up, despite not having a mandate to do so. They have placed the coloured and Indian communities in a position where they will have to defend Apartheid which has been declared a heresy by religious organisations.

One major reason for wanting coloureds and Indians on the border is to alleviate the heavy burden on white males.

Apartheid is creating enemies the white man cannot fight alone. Now he is wooing the step-children of apartheid with false promises to help him fight his unholy war.

Call-up, or the 'army' as we all it in our community, is often referred to as the answer to loafing and unemployment.

A mother from Riverlea whose son volunteered for the Cape Corps said: 'He is better of there

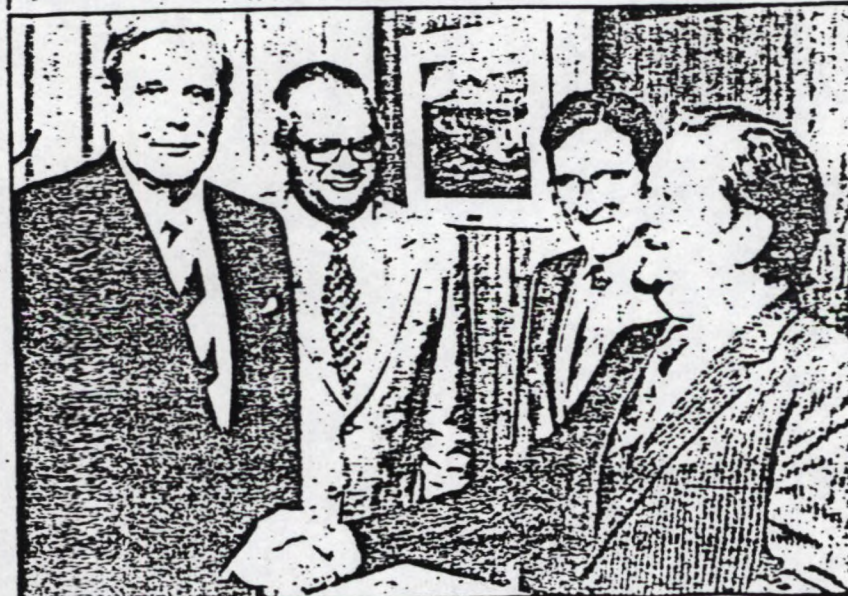
than loafing here.'

This woman is really saying that her son is better off fighting a war which he did not help to create than to be a victim of government created unemployment.

A woman from Newclare looked at the problem more deeply and remarked: 'From what we read in the papers about white men back from the army, it appears that they never fit back into society. Those who do not come back in a coffin, come back incapable of adjusting to any normal way of life.'

And we should all consider the coming elections and their implications for us. Boycott elections and avoid army call-up. Fight instead for a just, democratic South Africa.

doesn't this give you the shakes?



Hendrickse takes the hand of friendship after accepting the government's new constitution. Yet a few years ago:

'I am not prepared to accept the so-called hand of friendship of the Nationalist government because this hand is dirty: this hand, in a sense, is bloody because it has on it the blood of my father, other fathers; it is dirty because of the political prisoners on Robben Island and otherwise; it is dirty because of the implementation of Group Areas; it is dirty because it has usurped my child and our children's right to freedom of development in the field of education, because education knows no colour'. Allan Hendrickse, CRC Hansard, 1973

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