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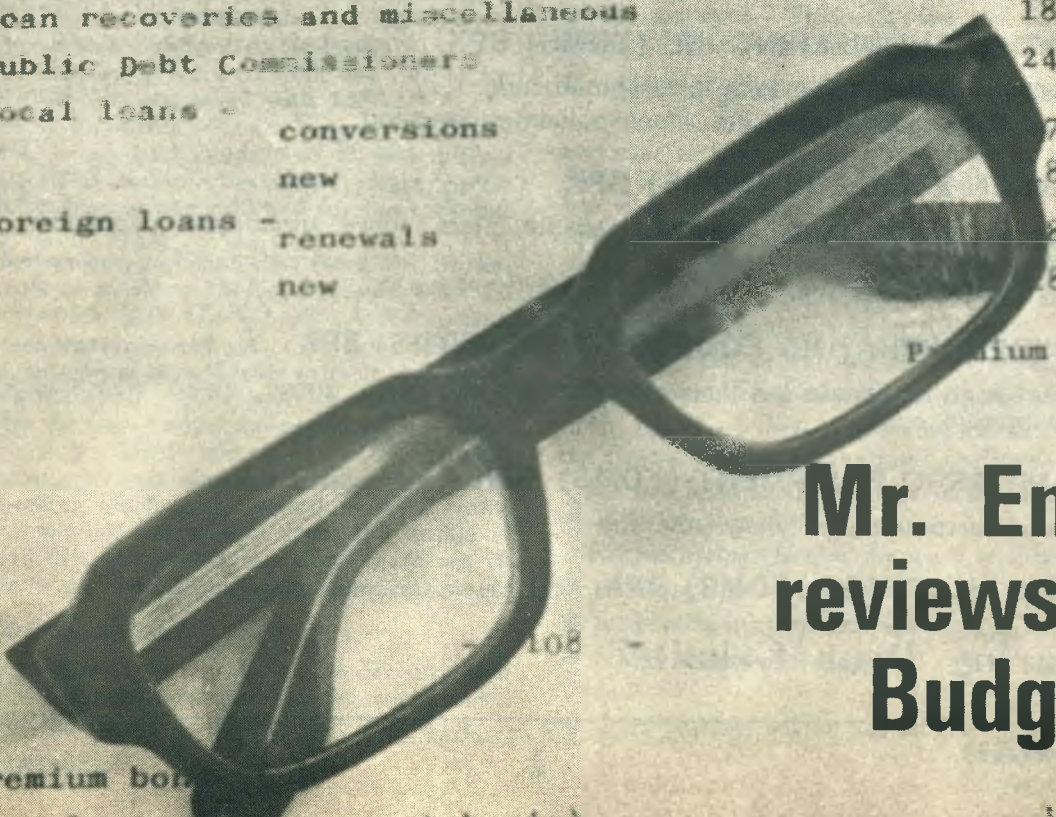
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Loan Account	<u>R million</u>
Expenditure:	
Printed estimates	799,9
Land Bank: additional provision	3,0
Repayments, etc.: Loan levy	31,5
Other	<u>566,3</u>
	<u>1400,7</u>
Receipts:	
Opening balance	21,1
Loan recoveries and miscellaneous	187,2
Public Debt Commissioners	240,0
Local loans - conversions	70,8
new	80,0
Foreign loans - renewals	86,3
new	80,0

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Premium bond 56,0
Loan levies (present basis) 176,0

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“Besparing Deur Gehalte”

Mr. Emdin reviews the Budget

In his budget speech the Minister of Finance admitted that last year was "one of the most difficult for some time."

The public are fully aware of that but Dr. Diederichs substantiated their gloom by presenting a very pessimistic picture of the National Accounts.

The revenue account — the account which reflects current, as opposed to long-term capital expenditure and income — was for the past year in actual fact short of R130,7 million in spite of additional taxation of R152 million. The projected deficit for 1972/3 is R137,7 million and if revenue "income" had been prepared on the same basis as it was last year, the account would be short of R242,9 million. The country's accumulated Reserves on Revenue account of R72,5 million except for a small amount of R2,7 million and an amount of R161,5 million in the Stabilisation Account have been completely utilised.

The Minister of Railways has almost exhausted his "cushion" of Reserves to finance the Railway Budget and the Post Office also had a large deficit. These three Ministers had not intended deficits. They had in fact all planned for surpluses. All three have thus clearly demonstrated the financial and economic mismanagement of the Government. Is any other explanation possible when prices and costs are rising, productivity declining, taxes remain high while the Government scrapes the bottom of the barrel to finance even essential services, and even then falls down on the job, like providing an adequate phone service?

In 1971, the growth rate of the economy fell by over 1% from only 4,8% in 1970 to an even lower 3,7%.

This means that the Gross Domestic Product or "national income" per head of population rose by less than half — 1% — compared with the year before when it increased by 2,1% — even then a very low figure when compared with countries of Europe or Japan.

Consumer prices rose at almost double the rate of the previous year — by 7% compared with 4,2%.

The Balance of Payments — our "account" with the rest of the world — showed a deficit of R1 005 million compared with R843 million for 1970. As a result, there was a sharp drop in our gold and foreign exchange reserves.

These are the serious problems that faced Dr. Diederichs when he rose to speak on Budget Day, and what did he produce out of his little black bag? A few concessions here and there while with his eyes closed and his fingers crossed, he wished for a mighty miracle that would speed up development and pour more money into his empty coffers by the time budget day comes around again next year. Since Dr. Diederichs and the Government have done nothing to ease the real bottlenecks in the economy like easing ideological restrictions on a realistic basis and removing uncertainty from the minds of businessmen, all Dr. Diederichs has done is to set in motion an almost irreversible inflationary spiral.

"Skelm" Concessions?

One of our speakers referred to Dr. Diederichs' budget as "skelm" — concessions with the one hand and a deeper dip into the taxpayers' pocket with the other.

First, the Concessions:

- (1) The credit ceiling on banks was raised by some R140 million.
- (2) There is to be a new tax free national savings certificate, with a maximum holding of R15 000 at 7,4% — but this is mainly of interest to the rich.
- (3) Help for exporters is extended with the aid of R9 million.
- (4) "Hire Purchase" sales regulations will be eased.
- (5) Building control has been relaxed which in effect has already happened of its own accord.
- (6) There is some additional benefit to pensioners, the chronically sick, pneumoconiosis pensioners and mentally retarded children, all of whom will share to a small extent in the extra total cost to the State of R12 million.
- (7) There is an improvement in the means test level.
- (8) A contribution of R1,3 million to the Civil Service Medical Benefit Association.
- (9) Sales taxes remain but have been reduced in some cases.

These concessions are welcome, but can anyone see them really getting to grips with the main problem of stimulating economic growth on the required scale?

Now for the rake-off:

The loan levy of 10% on companies has been abolished, but it has been substituted by a non-repayable surcharge on Company tax. Tax-wise this will cost companies R14 million a year.

The savings levy on individuals has also been abolished, but replaced by a 10% surcharge on individual income tax which is not repayable, as the loan levy was, to the taxpayer. This will cost the taxpayer an extra R46.5 million in tax.

Dr. Diederichs missed the Target:

If, as Dr. Diederichs said himself, the 1972/73 Budget was "to give directive and impetus to the national drive for a more prosperous South Africa", his arrow was wide of the mark.

He has gambled all his reserves on the chance that South Africa will for some reason or other be more prosperous next year. He himself has no idea of what South Africa's growth will be this year.

He has been unrealistic in his concessions.

He has increased taxation instead of reducing it.

He has fixed interest rates which will interfere with the flow of money in the most profitable directions.

He sits helpless in the face of an unpredictable rate of inflation this year.

Experts are agreed that the fruits of this Budget will be

- * a failure to solve a single economic problem;
- * inadequate growth and expansion of the economy;
- * a high rate of inflation, and
- * more burdens on the people.



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Kicks and Ha'pence ...

H. G. Rudolph, P.O. Box 46, Johannesburg.—Onward/Voorwaarts is on the up and up. Each issue shows a definite improvement, not only in content, but also in lay-out and style.

There is, however, one suggestion that I would like to make. It is surely not necessary to have two separate halves for each issue, the one in English and the other in Afrikaans, each being an identical translation of the other. Whilst not only being repetitious and boring, it is also carrying the principle of bilingualism too far.

It is praiseworthy to publish the newsletter in both English and Afrikaans, but could the content not rather be divided into English and Afrikaans instead of the one section being an translation of the other? It would give us so much more to read. I am also of the opinion that it would encourage readers to read the other language and improve their knowledge instead of following the easy way and merely to read the articles appearing in their mother tongue.

(It has always been and remains

the policy of the United Party to afford equal rights to our two official languages; hence the practice to have all official publications in both languages. Mr. Rudolph's interesting suggestion and observations have also been made by a number of other United Party friends. We agree to the suggestion and will carry it out gradually, but feel that it is only right that certain articles, inter alia, those dealing with policy or interpretation of policy, should, as heretofore, appear in both languages—Editor.)

NAT SPORTS POLICY — Formulated by Broederbond

Further irrefutable evidence is available that the secret, exclusive Broederbond dictates Nationalist policy and still interferes in politics.

A shocking Broederbond circular which shows that the Government's new "sports policy" was dictated by that secret, so-called cultural society, was recently disclosed in Parliament by Mr. Etienne Malan. This document is a five-page directive issued by the Executive Committee of the Broederbond before the Prime Minister announced his "policy" last year. There is conclusive evidence that the document formed the basis of the so-called new sports policy of the Government.

It was significant that the "policy" was not announced last year by Mr. Frank Waring, the Minister of Sport, who is not a member of the Broederbond and evidently cannot become one, but by Mr. Vorster, who is a member of the Broederbond. Mr. Waring in fact admitted in Parliament to Mr. Malan that he had never received the document. He was bypassed by the Broederbond who submitted the document to "friends in responsible circles."

This secret document of a secret society is headed "Sports policy — circulated April 1971". It is from the Executive Committee (Uitvoerende Raad) of the Broederbond. The introduction states:

"The Executive Committee has, in recent months, given much attention to sports policy, particularly concerning relations between Whites and non-Whites. Memoranda from branches and friends in sports executives have been received and studied.

"A fruitful two-day discussion between a large number of friends from various sports control bodies throughout the country was held recently, and a committee from among them placed a number of fundamental formulations for consideration before the Executive Committee.

"This policy formulation was considered by the Executive Committee and was submitted to friends in responsible circles and it is expected that these formulations will, in the next few days or weeks, receive ratification in official Government statements."

The document then proceeds to give in detail every change in policy which Mr. Vorster announced towards the end of April last year. Those changes announced by Mr. Vorster were almost word for word a reflection of the Broederbond directive — a "ratification in official Government statements" to which the Broederbond Executive had referred.

The document also contains other amazing directives which the Government, so far, has not announced. These directives include the following:

- * That a Sports Council be established, nominated by and responsible to the Government, to co-ordinate all sport in South Africa.
- * That the Sports Council should replace the South African Olympic Council and the Federation of Youth and Sport.
- * That the Council act as an advisory council to the Minister of Sport.
- * That the Council assists and advises the various nations (volkere) in regard to the development of an own sports pattern.
- * That, to pursue the new policy, a prestige international stadium and housing complex be built by 1980 for inter-racial meetings in a white area where "friction between nations can be eliminated at gatherings."

Referring to this significant Broederbond document later Mr. Malan said: "It is interesting to note from the document that there seems to be 'friends' or Broederbond members on sports control bodies who have met Broederbond bosses to dictate fundamental formulations of policy. Do these controlling bodies know of this?"

"One wonders whether the Broederbond can still call itself a cultural organisation after laying down what is in effect a political decision?"

"Some years ago", said Mr. Malan, "Mr. Vorster challenged me in Parliament to show where the Broederbond has ever interfered in politics. Now he has 'the answer'."

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Lower Meat Consumption an Indication of higher COL

South Africans, reputedly a nation of meat eaters, are consuming less meat today than ten years ago. They are doing so due to the constant rising cost of living. Official figures from the Department of Agriculture indicate a considerable drop in meat consumption since 1960.

Dealing with the increasing cost of living during a debate in the Senate, Sen. J. L. Horak referred to this decrease in meat consumption as an important indicator of our standard of living. He said:

"We have had for instance the argument that because we have a certain number of motor cars per capita we are well off. I must say the number of motor cars in the Cabinet probably raises the average. We are also told that we live in better houses than before and that there has been great growth in the past twenty five years. I should have been surprised if there had not been great growth even despite the Government, but I think that when assessing the standard of living a very important indicator is the consumption of meat per capita in the Republic of South Africa. The consumption of red meat, that is of beef, mutton and pork per capita has dipped since 1960 by 5,7 kilograms per head per annum. These are the official figures from the Department of Agriculture.

"The consumption of fish is down in this period 1960 to 1970 by 0,8 kilograms per head per annum and the consumption of all poultry has risen by only 2,4 kilograms per head per annum. The slightly increased per capita consumption of poultry has certainly not matched up to the decrease in the consumption of red meat and fish. Actually if one balances this out, taking these figures against each other, one finds that in 1970 our total consumption of meat, poultry and fish was 4,1 kilograms per head less than it was in 1960. We are reputedly a nation of meat eaters and nobody can tell me that this decrease is due to vegetarianism or, in fact, to anything else but the rising cost of living."

Housewife and Farmer will have to pay and pay and pay

The already harassed housewife who finds it increasingly difficult to make ends meet and to decently feed and clothe her family; the decreasing number of farmers, dwindling in their numbers because a Nationalist Government has no properly thought out policy to keep them on the land and apparently regards them as political expendable, will have to pay more in taxes. They will have to do so because Dr. Piet Koornhof, Deputy Minister of Bantu Administration, and his Government, have taken unto themselves the right to force, inter alia, these two sections by law to pay higher dues.

Higher dues

Dr. Koornhof has introduced legislation in Parliament providing for a higher tax on Bantu labour which can be as high as R2,50 per month per Bantu employee. It has been estimated that this tax may yield as much as R100 000 000 per annum. Dr. Koornhof said this was nonsense and that the amount would probably not be higher than R26 000 000 or thereabouts. It is nevertheless still a lot of money.

Acutely aware of the problems of both the housewife and the farmer the United Party stepped into the breach for them and proposed that these two sections be exempted from payment of the tax and that the tax be reduced from the maximum of R2,50 proposed by Dr. Koornhof to a maximum of R1,00 per month.

Aikona, said Dr. Koornhof. He rejected both amendments. His attitude and that of his Government was, therefore, tantamount to saying that housewives and farmers could afford the higher dues and therefore had to pay.

A previous assurance

A few days later, when he was still under pressure from the United Party members, Dr. Koornhof gave the assurance that housewives and farmers would be exempted from payment "for the present", but he refused to say for how long.

Again another promise, an assurance, in regard to the same tax. Nineteen years ago when the original levy was introduced in legislation by the late Dr. Verwoerd the country was also assured that the levy would be of a temporary nature. It is still in force and is in fact being perpetuated by Dr. Koornhof. So much for assurances in this regard.

But watch Dr. Koornhof and the Nat Government now that the Brakpan Parliamentary by-election and the municipal elections in the Transvaal are over.

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ORANGE RIVER PROJECT: Thousands down the drain

Irregularities in regard to the construction of the Orange River Development project; unauthorised additional work unrelated to the main contracts without tenders being asked for the work; the use of voted money—therefore money of the taxpayer—to finance non-Government work; extensive variations to a contract without the issue of a written variation order; variations of contracts to the disadvantage of the state — again to the disadvantage of the taxpayer — involving millions of Rand have been exposed by the Controller and Auditor-General in his report for the 1970-71 financial year.

It also appears from this report that the estimated total costs of the scheme — originally advocated by the United Party at a time when the costs would have been comparatively low, but consistently rejected by the Nationalist Government for years — have more than quadrupled.

The original estimate of the first phase of the scheme was R85 000 000. At the end of March, 1971, the total estimated costs were R240 000 000. The revised figure for 1971-72 is R385 000 000.

Up to the end of March 1971 an amount of R167 885 000 had already been spent on the scheme. In addition to this an amount of R17 141 000 from loan funds had been spent by the Department of Agricultural Credit and Land Tenure on the acquisition of land, bringing the total expenditure to R185 026 000.

Control over expenditure

Dealing with control over expenditure the Auditor-General refers to further instances in which the Department of Water Affairs authorised additional work unrelated to the main contracts by means of variation orders, but without inviting tenders or obtaining prior Tender Board exemption. This additional work came to R702 785, including an amount of R615 754 for excavations for a hydro-electrical power station for Escom at the Verwoerd Dam.

The Department had overlooked the necessity of obtaining an advance to cover the cost of the work. When Escom was approached at the instigation of Audit for such an advance, the request was refused on the grounds that this had not been provided for in the original arrangement.

The Treasury pointed out to the Department of Water Affairs that its action had resulted in voted moneys being used to finance non-Government work or alternatively in the grant of an unauthorised short-term advance to an outside body. The Tender Board nevertheless "from a contractual point of view" condoned the action taken by the Department.

The Auditor-General doubts, however, whether the Tender Board's approval can be regarded as regularising the consequential effects of the variation order.

Extensive variations

Extensive variations to the contract for the Orange-Fish River tunnel (outlet contract) had been carried out

without the issue of a written variation order and without proper rates and/or prices for the work having been timeously determined.

"At the time of writing this report approximately two years after the commencement of the work and after expenditure totalling R2 711 426 had been incurred on the variations, some of the rates and prices had still not been finally determined", the Auditor-General reported.

Major plant and equipment to the value of almost R200 000 were purchased by the Department through the medium of construction contracts without asking for tenders or without obtaining prior Tender Board exemption.

"In addition, similar purchases of equipment were made under the Inlet and Plateau Tunnel contracts, but at the time of writing this report the amounts involved had not been ascertained and covering Tender Board approval for purchases under the three tunnel contracts had not been obtained", stated the Auditor-General.

Other losses

An additional list with detailed losses to the state — the taxpayers — in regard to "variation of contracts to the disadvantage of the state" is given in the report. The total estimated amount came to R870 449 made up as follows:

R117 521 as loss of rental in respect of furnished accommodation provided for the resident staff of one of the consulting engineers on the Development project;

R347 924 as loss of potential interest on loan funds as a result of the earlier repayment of retention moneys on three Orange-Fish River tunnel contracts;

R289 238 as loss of potential interest on loan funds as a result of the earlier repayment of retention moneys on the Verwoerd dam;

R44 040 as loss of potential interest on loan funds as the result of the delayed recovery of advances to the contractor of the Verwoerd dam for the purchase of major plant and equipment; and

R71 726 as loss of potential interest on loan funds as the result of an interim payment of R2 975 000 to the contractor of the Verwoerd dam on the assumption that the contract price would eventually be exceeded by more than 20%.

The total expenditure on the project as at March 31, 1971, included an unaudited amount of R2 995 610 paid in respect of 17 claims for "additional expenses" lodged by the Verwoerd Dam contractor. Ten of the claims for R506 334 were finalised between the Department and the contractor before the end of the 1970-71 financial year, but seven involving provisional payments amounting to R2 435 276 had not been settled.

"Although the Department was originally requested on June 26, 1970, to furnish documents and information substantiating these payments, the required information was submitted only on September 19, 1971, after the books for the financial year had been closed."

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One of the most glaring examples of dilly-dallying and bad government by the Nationalist régime — to the detriment of the taxpayer — was recently given in Parliament. Thanks to the ineptness of the Government the country will have to pay R15 000 000 more for a project which would have cost only R1 500 000.

Speaking during the Railway Budget debate in Parliament Mr. Marais Steyn, Chairman of the United Party's Parliamentary Transport Group, recalled that in 1945 the United Party had recommended the building of an eight-mile rail link between Kensington and Bellville, in the Cape. It would have cost £739,000 or approximately R1 500 000. A bill authorising the building of this rail link was passed by Parliament before the end of the war and then — to quote Mr. Steyn — a

disaster struck South Africa. The Nationalists came to power before the line could be built.

The late Mr. F. C. Sturrock, Minister of Railways in the United Party Government and, by virtue of his business experience, probably the most capable Minister of Railways that we have had — was accused by the Nationalists of being a spendthrift for wanting to build that rail link and other railway projects. Works proposed by Mr. Sturrock and the United Party were immediately cancelled by the Nationalists when they came into power in 1948. Years later these self-same Nationalists nevertheless started some of those self-same schemes — but of course at considerably higher costs to the taxpayer. The Kensington-Bellville rail link is one of them which Mr. Ben Schoeman had announced was to be built.

What a United Party Minister and Government regarded as essential almost 30 years ago, only now becomes obvious to a Nationalist Minister and a Nationalist Government, but with this important difference: the Kensington-Bellville rail link would have cost R1 500 000 under a United Party Government, it is costing R17 000 000 under a Nationalist Government — R15 500 000 more!

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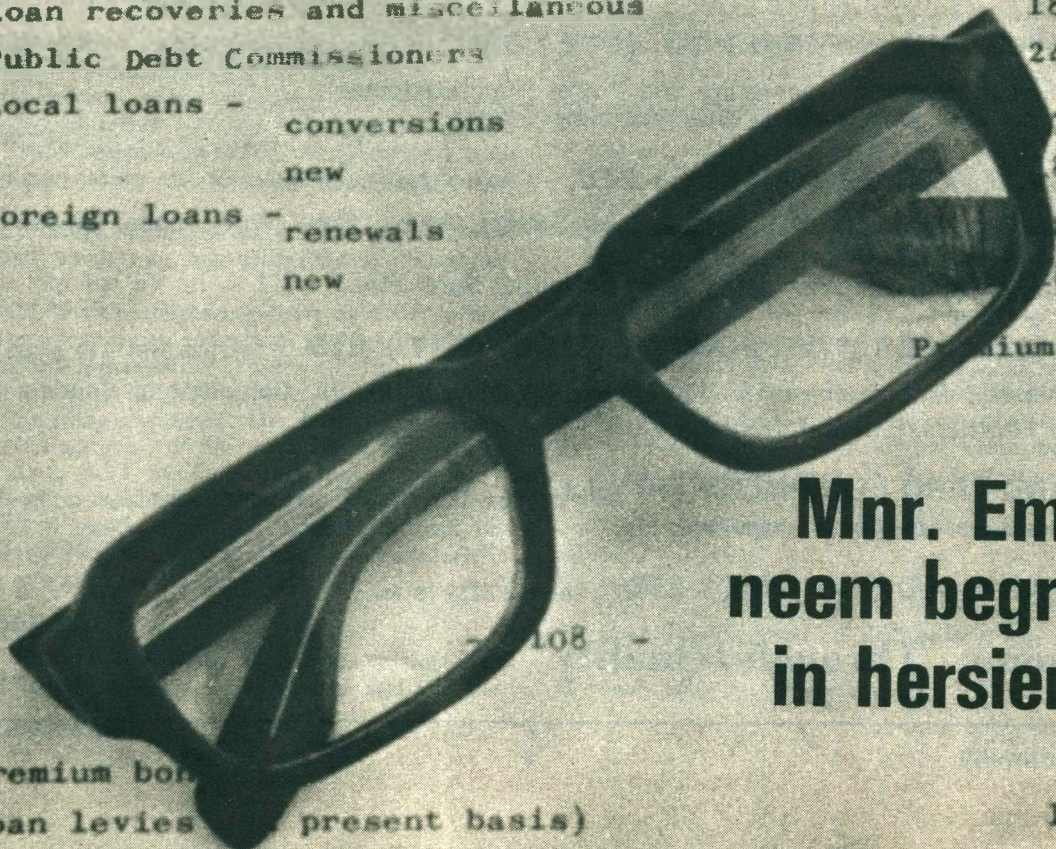
Expenditure:

Printed estimates	799,9
Land Bank: additional provision	3,0
Repayments, etc.: Loan levy	31,5
Other	<u>566,3</u>
	<u>1400,7</u>

Receipts:

Opening balance	21,1
Loan recoveries and miscellaneous	187,2
Public Debt Commissioners	240,0
Local loans - conversions	70,8
new	80,0
Foreign loans - renewals	86,3
new	80,0

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In sy begrotingstoespraak het die Minister van Finansies erken dat verlede jaar "een van die moeilikste vir 'n lang tyd was".

Die publiek is ten volle daarvan bewus, maar dr. Diederichs het die swaarmoedigheid van die bevolking gestaaf deur 'n baie pessimistiese prent van die landsrekeninge voor te lê.

Die Inkomsterekening — die rekening wat lopende, in teenstelling met langtermynkapitaaluitgawe, en inkomste weerspieël — het die afgelope jaar inderdaad 'n tekort aangetoon van R130,7 miljoen, ondanks die addisionele belasting van R152 miljoen. Die geskatte tekort vir 1972/73 is R137,7 miljoen en indien die „inkomste” op dieselfde grondslag as verlede jaar beraam is, gaan die rekening 'n tekort van R242,9 miljoen aantoon. Die land se opgehoopte reserwes op Inkomsterekening van R72,5 miljoen, behalwe 'n klein bedrag van R2,7 miljoen, en 'n bedrag van R161,5 miljoen in die Stabilisasierekening is alles aangewend.

Die Minister van Vervoer het bykans sy "stootkussing" van reserwes opgebruik om die Spoorwegbegroting te finansier en die Poskantoor het ook 'n tekort getoon. Hierdie drie Ministers het nie tekorte verwag nie. Inderdaad het hulle almal vir surplusse voorsiening gemaak. Al drie het dus duidelik bewys gelever van die finansiële en ekonomiese wanbestuur deur die Regering. Is enige ander verduideliking moontlik wanneer pryse en koste styg, produktiwiteit afneem, belastinge hoog bly terwyl die Regering die pot se boom skraap om selfs noodsaaklike dienste te finansier en selfs dan nog sy taak nie kan uitvoer nie, soos bv. 'n afdoende telefoondiens verskaf?

In 1971 het die groeiakoers van die ekonomie met ruim 1% van 4,8% in 1970 tot selfs laer as 3,7% gedaal.

Dit beteken dat die bruto binnelandse produksie of „volksinkome” per kop van die bevolking gestyg het met minder as die helfte — 1% — in vergelyking met die jaar tevore toe dit toegeneem het met 2,1% — selfs toe 'n baie lae syfer in vergelyking met lande in Europa of Japan.

Verbruikerspryse het bykans twee keer meer as in die vorige jaar gestyg — met 7% vergeleke met 4,2%.

Die betalingsbalanse — ons "rekening" by die res van die wêreld — het 'n tekort van R1 005 miljoen getoon vergeleke met R834 miljoen in 1970. As gevolg hiervan was daar 'n skerp daling in ons goud- en buitelandse valutareserwes.

Dit was die ernstige vraagstukke waarvoor dr. Diederichs gestaan het toe hy op begrotingsdag sy toespraak moes hou. En wat het hy uit sy klein swart sakkie te voorskyn gehaal? 'n Paar toegewings hier en daar, terwyl hy met sy oë toe en sy duim vasgehou, gewens het dat 'n magtige wonderwerk plaasvind wat ontwikkeling sou verhaas en meer geld in sy lê koffers laat stort voordat die volgende begrotingsdag aanbreek. Dr. Diederichs en die Regering het niks gedoen om die werklike knelpunte in die ekonomie uit te stryk nie, soos verslapping van ideologiese beperkings op realistiese grondslag en verwydering van die gevoel van onsekereheid by sakelui. Al wat dr. Diederichs gedoen het, was om 'n haas onveranderlike inflasionistiese spiraal aan die gang te sit.

Skelm toegewings?

Een van ons sprekers het na dr. Diederichs se begroting as skelm toegewings verwys — toegewings met die een

hand en met die ander dieper in die sak van die belastingbetaler.

Eerstens die toegewings:

- (1) Die kredietplafon op banke is met ongeveer R140 miljoen verhoog.
- (2) Daar gaan 'n nuwe belastingvrye nasionale spaarsertifikaat wees met 'n maksimum besit van R15 000 teen 7,4% — maar dit is hoofsaaklik vir die rykes van belang.
- (3) Hulp aan uitvoerders word verleen met 'n bedrag van R9 miljoen.
- (4) Regulasies ten opsigte van huurkoop sal verslap word.
- (5) Boubeheer is verslap en dit het inderdaad reeds op sy eie gebeur.
- (6) Daar is addisionele voordele vir pensionarisse, die kroniese siekes, Pneumokoniose-pensionarisse en geestelike vertraagde kinders wat almal tot 'n klein mate 'n deel sal kry uit die ekstra totale uitgawe van R12 miljoen vir die staat.
- (7) Daar is 'n klein verbetering ten opsigte van die middeletoets.
- (8) 'n Bydrae van R1,3 miljoen tot die Mediese Hulpvereniging vir Staatsamptenare.
- (9) Verkoopsbelasting bly, maar is in sommige gevalle verminder.

Hierdie konsessies is welkom, maar kan enigeen sien dat daardeur in werklikheid die vernaamste vraagstuk van bevordering van die ekonomiese groei na wense aangepak word?

Wat ingepalm word

Die leningsheffing van 10% op maatskappye is afgeskaf, maar dit is vervang deur 'n nie-terugbetaalbare toeslag op maatskappybelasting. Aan belasting gaan dit die maatskappye R14 miljoen per jaar kos.

Die Spaarbelasting op individue is ook afgeskaf, maar vervang deur 'n toeslag van 10% op individuele inkomstebelasting wat nie, soos die leningsheffing, terugbetaalbaar aan die belastingbetaler is nie. Dit gaan die belastingbetaler 'n ekstra R46,5 miljoen aan belasting kos.

Dr. Diederichs skiet mis

Indien, soos dr. Diederichs self gesê het, die begroting vir 1972/73 daarop bereken was om „rigting en aansporing te gee in die nasionale veldtog vir 'n meer welvarende Suid-Afrika” dan was die skoot ver van die kol.

Hy het al sy reserwes gewaag op die kans dat Suid-Afrika om een of ander rede aanstaande jaar meer welvarend sal wees. Hy self het geen benul van wat Suid-Afrika se groei vanjaar sal wees nie.

Hy was onrealisties ten opsigte van sy toegewings.

Hy het belasting verhoog in plaas van verminder.

Hy het rentekoerse vasgestel wat die vloei van geld in die mees winsgewende rigtings sal belemmer.

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Klagtes en Pluimpies ...

Genl. Smuts verkwalik vir Nat sondes

Dit was grotendeels te danke aan wyle genl. Smuts dat Suid-Afrika welbekendheid verwerf het en daar vir ons op een stadium 'n geeërde plek in die ry van volke van die wêreld verseker was. Dit was tydens die Tweede Wêreldoorlog.

Sekere dokumente van die Britse kabinet uit die dae van daardie oorlog toe baie Nattes daarvan oortuig was dat die toekoms van Suid-Afrika van 'n Nazi-oorwinning afgehang het, is onlangs openbaar gemaak. In een daarvan word die Indiërvraagstuk in daardie dae behandel, veral sover dit Natal betref en die stappe wat deur genl. Smuts en sy Regering gedoen is.

Glo dit as u wil: bykans 22 jaar na sy dood en 24 jaar nadat die Nattes aan bewind is, gryp 'n Nat koerant die publikasie van 'n oorlogstydsedokument aan om genl. Smuts te blameer vir die huidige sondes van die Nat Party, vir die anti-Suid-Afrikaanse gevoel in 'n groot aantal oorsese lande waarin Suid-Afrika eens so hoog aangeskrewe gestaan het.

Nat wysheid

Met verwysing na die dokumente van die Britse kabinet het die Nat koerant "Rapport" van 1 Januarie 1972 geskryf:

"Daar word dikwels vergeet dat 'n groot deel van die buitelandse kwaad teen Suid-Afrika sy oorsprong het in die optrede van die Smuts-regering teen die Indiërs in die oorlogsjare. Diegene wat altyd op apartheid die skuld vir oorsese antipatie wil pak, vergeet alte maklik dat Smuts se pogings om die Natalse Indiërs in te hok, die hal eintlik aan die rol gesit het."

Dit is so dat genl. Smuts en sy Regering verplig was om in 'n suiwer huishoudelike saak op te tree — selfs op 'n tydskip toe Suid-Afrika met ernstige oorlogsvraagstukke te doen gehad het.

Hierdie optrede is op genl. Smuts afgedwing deur die verslegting in 'n toestand wat onaangepak deur 'n vorige Nat regering gelaat is en die gemors wat te wyte was aan daardie Nat regering se getalm, uitstellersy, gebrek aan optrede en inderdaad onwilligheid om betyds op te tree.

Wat is die feite? Die Asiatiese vraagstuk en die indringing deur Indiërs het so ernstig geword — selfs bedreig met die "verlies van die Provinsie Natal . . . vir die blanke ras", soos dr. Malan dit beskryf het — dat genl. Smuts so vroeg as 1923 al by die Parlement 'n wetsontwerp op klas-segebiede ingedien het. Omdat hy in 1924 die verkiesing verloor het, kon hy nie met daardie wetsontwerp voortgaan nie. In 1925 het dr. Malan, toe Minister van Binnelandse Sake in die Nat Regering, 'n soortgelyke wetsontwerp as die van 1923 ingedien. Indië het daarop voorgestel dat 'n konferensie gehou word wat uitgeloop het op die Kaapstadse Ooreenkoms (die Gentlemen's Agreement soos dit bekend geword het) van 1927 om voorsiening te maak vir die vrywillige repatriasie van Indiërs en die opheffing van daardie Indiërs wat Suid-Afrika nie wou verlaat nie.

Meer regte is aan Indiërs gegee. Dr. Malan het selfs geweier om wetgewing in te dien en het op 16 Maart 1927 in die Volksraad verklaar:

"Ek dink dit is nie heeltalig regverdig om nou van ons te verwag om wetgewing in te dien om die gevestigde regte van Indiërs weg te neem en hulle eenvoudig uit die land te sit nie."

Vanweë 'n geleidelike en stelselmatige indringing deur Asië van veral die blanke gebiede in Durban, is die Smuts-regering verplig om die Wetsontwerp tot Beperking van Handel en Okkupasie van Grond (Transvaal en Natal) van 1943 (die Vaspenwetsontwerp) in te dien ten einde 'n verbod te plaas op die verkryging van grond deur Indiërs van blankes en deur blankes van Indiërs. Hierdie wetsontwerp het daarvoor voorsiening gemaak dat daar drie jaar lank 'n stilstand sou wees sodat die owerheid die wyer aspekte van die vraagstuk kon ondersoek.

Skielik besorgd

Wyle dr. Malan, destyds leier van die Opposisie, het verklaar dat hy en sy hele Party die wetgewing "heelhartig" steun. Hy het bygevoeg: "Ons erken dat die toestand veral in Natal, so ernstig geword het en sulke afmet-

blanke ras verlore" (Hansard 14.4.43, kol. 5487). Toe was hy skielik besorgd.

Hy het selfs sover gegaan, as om voor te stel dat tydens die volgende Sitting van die Parlement 'n meer omvattende wetsontwerp ingedien word wat voorsiening sou maak vir "doeltreffende woonbuurtsegregasie."

Mnr. B. J. Schoeman, dieselfde mnr. Schoeman wat tans in die Nat kabinet sit, het, nadat hy daarvan beskuldig is dat hy 'n beroep op rassevoordeel doen, verklaar: ". . . of dit kleurvoordeel is of nie, ons moet feite in die oë sien: Daar is rassevoordeel in Suid-Afrika . . . Om eenvoudig ons oë toe te sluit en te sê dat dit is rassevoordeel en dat ons dus nie moet stappe doen om die blanke afgesonder te hou van die nie-blankes nie, dit beteken net dat ons die werklike rassegevaar oor die hoof sien". (Hansard 14.4.1943, kol. 5512).

Die Vaspenwet van 1943 is gevolg deur die Wetsontwerp op Grondbesit deur Asië en Verteenwoordiging van Indiërs van 1946 om voorsiening te maak vir afsonderlike woongebiede, beperking van grondbesit en 'n afsonderlike stemreg vir Indiërs op 'n aparte kieserslys — 'n wetsontwerp om voorsiening te maak vir maatskaplike vrede, ordelikheid en geregtigheid teenoor almal. Dieselfde Nattes wat die wetsontwerp van 1943 gesteun het, het gekla dat die wetsontwerp van 1946 haastig deur die Parlement gejaag word en het voorgestel dat dit eerder na 'n gekose komitee verwys moes word om "oorweging te gee aan en verslag te doen oor 'n oplossing van die hele kleurvraagstuk" en die Vaspenwet vir 'n verdere tydperk verleng word. Weereens 'n uitstellersy aan die kant van die Nattes.

Toe 'n Nat Regering die geleentheid gehad het om 'n vraagstuk op te los, is optrede uitgestel. Toe genl. Smuts in dieselfde vraagstuk opgetree het om te verseker dat die "provinsie Natal nie vir die blanke ras verlore gaan nie", word die blaam vir die huidige internasionale gevoel teen Suid-Afrika voor sy drumpel gelê. Nee, die oorsprong van die gevoel teen Suid-Afrika is inderdaad te vind in die rassebeleid wat deur die Regering gevolg word.

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Volgens die verslag van die Kontroleur en Ouditeur-generaal vir die diensjaar 1970-71 was dit identifiseerbare uitgawes ten opsigte van 26 kommissies en 61 departementele komitees, waarvan sommige in 1963 aangestel is en nog aan die gang is, in daardie jaar:

26 Kommissies	R168 738
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Totaal	R246 851

'n Betreklik klein aantal van die kommissies en komitees het hul taak in 1970-71 afgehandel. Tot aan die end van die diensjaar 1970-71 het hulle die belastingbetaler gekos:

Kommissies	R642 106
Komitees	R187 448
Totaal	R829 554

Die Kommissie op aangeleenthede betreffende die veiligheid van die staat het R31 515 gekos, die op die "beweerde Landbanklening aan mnr. A. T. Kolver of aan 'n maatskappy waarby hy belang het" R1 299.

Agliotti-geval

Die ondersoek na die Agliotti-geval — die geval van die meneer wat R1,5 miljoen vir sy grond naby Kempton Park wou hê, R7,5 miljoen gekry het van die staat en toe R5 miljoen teruggee het terwyl die ondersoek aan die gang was — het die belastingbetalers R14 789 uit die sak gejaag;

Die Kommissie op die fiskale en monetêre beleid in Suid-Afrika (in 1967 aangestel en blykbaar nog steeds aan die gang) tot die einde van 1970-71 R105 805;

Die Kommissie op landbou (in 1966 aangestel) R28 410;

Die Kommissie op Scientologie R40 279;

Die Kommissie op vergoeding vir professionele dienste in die boubedryf (in 1967 aangestel en blykbaar nog aan die gang) R36 742;

Die nege jaar oue Kommissie op die Maatskappywet (in 1963 aangestel) R96 403;

Kommissie op die visnywerheid R37 599;

Kommissie op die suikerbedryf R24 565;

Kommissie in verband met die opleiding van landmeters R27 388;

Kommissie insake die universiteitswese R48 101;

Kommissie insake wateraangeleenthede R89 753.

Departementele komitees

Departementele komitees het ondersoek ingestel en stel nog ondersoek in na 'n verskeidenheid van geleenthede wat die "Kabinet van talent" blykbaar nie kon oplos nie. Aan die end van 1970-71 was die totale uitgawe in verband met komitees van ondersoek ten opsigte van die volgende:

Padveiligheidsraad R7 211;

Finansiering van nie-blanke universiteite R4 753;

Staatsbeleggingsmedia R1 092;

Die Oranjerivierprojek R362;

"Aangeleenthede rakende verpleegpersoneel" R3 808;

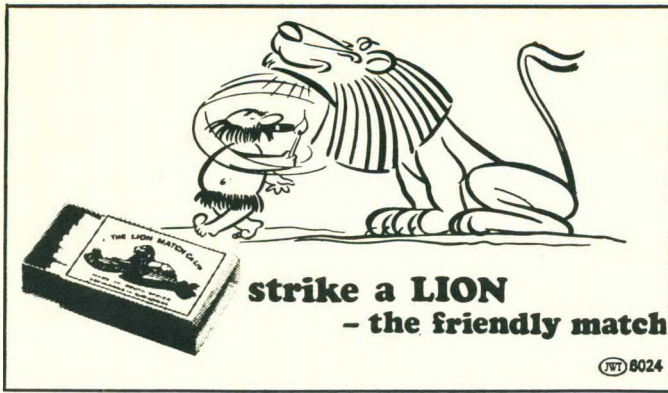
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Toe dit op kuns aangekom het — skone kuns — was sekere lede van die "Kabinet van talent" blykbaar diep bewus van hul onbevoegdheid. Wat vind mens in die verslag van die Ouditeur-generaal? Aan die end van 1970-71 was daar (hulle mag nog aan die gang wees vir al wat mens weet):

10 komitees van ondersoek na "die aanstelling van geskikte kunstenaars" en een in verband met beoordelaars van beeldhouwerk.

Die aanstelling van geskikte kunstenaars was in verband met verskeie openbare werke. Tot aan die end van 1970-71 het hierdie elf komitees die staat — d.i. u en my — R4 583 gekos.

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NAT SPORTBELEID: deur Broederbond geformuleer

Verdere onweerlegbare bewys is beskikbaar dat die geheime, eksklusiewe Broederbond Nat beleid voor-skrif en hom nog met die politiek inmeng.

'n Skokkende Broederbondstuk wat bewys dat die Regering se nuwe "sportbeleid" voorgeskryf is deur daardie geheime, sogenaamde kultuurorganisasie, is onlangs in die Volksraad deur mnr. Etienne Malan in die Volksraad onthul. Hierdie dokument wat uit vyf bladsye bestaan, is 'n instruksie wat deur die Uitvoerende Raad van die Broederbond uitgestuur is voordat die Eerste Minister verlede jaar sy "sportbeleid" aangekondig het. Daar is oortuigende bewys dat die stuk die grondslag gevorm het van die sogenaamde nuwe sportbeleid van die Regering.

Dit is betekenisvol dat die "beleid" nie verlede jaar aangekondig is nie deur mnr. Frank Waring, die Minister van Sport, wat nie lid van die Broederbond is nie en blykbaar ook nie een kan word nie, maar deur mnr. Vorster wat lid van die Broederbond is. Mnr. Waring het inderdaad in die Volksraad teenoor mnr. Malan erken dat hy die dokument nooit ontvang het nie. Die Broederbond het hom verby gegaan en die stuk voorgelê aan "vriende in verantwoordelike kringe".

Daar is ook afdoende bewys dat die dokument heeltemal eg is.

Fundamentele formulerings

Hierdie geheime stuk van 'n geheime vereniging het as opskrif "Sportbeleid — gesirkuleer April 1971". Dit kom van die U.R. (Uitvoerende Raad) van die Broederbond. In die inleiding word verklaar:

„Die U.R. (Uitvoerende Raad) het in die afgelope maande heelwat aandag geskenk aan sportbeleid, veral wat betref verhoudings tussen blank en nie-blank. Memoranda van afdelings en van vriende in sportbesture is ontvang en bestudeer.

„'n Vrugbare tweedaagse samespreking tussen 'n groot aantal vriende uit verskillende sportbeheerliggame van oor die hele land is onlangs gehou en 'n komitee uit hulle miade het 'n aantal fundamentele formulerings vir oorweeging aan die U.R. voorgelê.

„Hierdie beleidsformulerings is deur die U.K. oorweeg en aan vriende in verantwoordelike kringe voorgelê en dit word verwag dat die formulerings in die volgende dae en weke neerslag sal vind in amptelike regeringsverklarings.

In die dokument word vervolgens in besonderhede die verandering in beleid gegee wat deur mnr. Vorster aan die end van April verlede jaar aangekondig is. Die veranderings wat deur mnr. Vorster bekend gemaak is, was bykans woord vir woord 'n weerspieëling van die Broederbond-opdragte — 'n "neerslag in amptelike regeringsverklarings" waarna die Uitvoerende Raad van die Broederbond verwys het.

Ander Instruksies

Die stuk bevat ook ander verbasende instruksies wat tot dusver nie deur die Regering aangekondig is nie. Die instruksies sluit die volgende in:

- * Dat 'n sportraad ingestel word, benoem deur en verantwoordelik aan die Regering, om alle sport in Suid-Afrika te koördineer;
- * Dat die sportraad die Olimpiese Raad en die Federasie vir Jeug en Sport vervang;
- * Dat die sportraad as adviesraad vir die Minister van Sport optree;
- * Dat die sportraad hulp en advies aan die verskillende volkere verleen in verband met die ontwikkeling van 'n eie sportpatroon;
- * Dat vir die uitvoering van die nuwe beleid voor 1980 'n prestige internasionale stadion (sportkompleks) en huisvesting vir intervolkerebyeenkomste gebou word in 'n blanke gebied "waar wrywing tussen volkere sover moontlik by samedrommings uitgeskakel kan word."

Met verwysing na hierdie betekenisvolle stuk het mnr. Malan later verklaar: "Dit is interessant om daarop te let dat daar 'vriende' of Broederbondlede op sportbeheerliggame is wat Broederbondbase ontmoet het om fundamentele formulerings van beleid voor to skryf. Weet die beheerliggame daarvan?"

"Mens wonder of die Broederbond homself nog 'n kultuurorganisasie kan noem nadat wat in wese 'n politieke beslissing is, neergelê is.

"Etlike jare gelede" aldus mnr. Malan, "het mnr. Vorster my in die Volksraad uitgedaag om te bewys waar die Broederbond ooit in die politiek ingegryp het. Nou het hy die antwoord."

Versnipperde stof lei tot groot verlies

Duisende Rand het vir die Staat verlore gegaan op kontrakte wat aangegaan is vir die sny, maak en afwerk van broeke, baadjies en onderhemde vir die Departement van Verdediging.

In Desember 1966 het die kontrakteur wat die werk moes uitvoer, in likwidasie gegaan. Die likwidateur het daarop aangedui dat hy nie van plan was om die kontrakte te voltooi nie. Nuwe tenders is toe gevra wat 'n addisionele uitgawe van R16 942,71 tot gevolg gehad het, deel die Kontroleur en Ouditeur-generaal in sy verslag oor die diensjaar 1970-71 mee.

Van die uitgereikte materiaal wat hy likwidasie nog in besit van die kontrakteur was, is 1 707 jaarts ter waarde van R5 657,79 so opgesny dat dit onbruikbaar was, terwyl 2 027 jaarts ter waarde van R6 614,04 verlore gegaan het. 'n Bedrag van R1 095,22 as finale betaling teen die totale eis van R29 214,54 is met Tesourie-goedkeuring aanvaar wat die netto verlies op R28 119,32 te staan gebring het.

'n Mite blootgelê terwyl die jaar 1978 nader

Harde, onweerlegbare feite bewys van tyd tot tyd watter mate die Nat Regering se apartheidsbeleid — deesdae word dit eufemisties afsonderlike ontwikkeling genoem — net 'n hersenskim bly.

Ons is vinnig besig om die mistieke jaar 1978 te nader wat, na die Nat leiers aan ons vertel het, die keerpunt sou beteken in die swart stroom na die wit gebiede, na die witman se ekonomie. Die swart vloed sou dan omgekeer word, terug na die Bantoetuislande.

Aangesien 'n ommekeer in 'n stroom nooit oombliklik is nie, maar altyd geleidelik plaasvind, sou mens verwag het om in hierdie stadium, ses jaar voor die Nattes se D-dag, 'n merkbare afname in die stroom van Bantoes na die wit gebiede waar te neem. Ondanks die Regering se apartheidsbeleid, sy daadwerklike aanmoediging van grensnywerhede, werkreservering, instroombeheer en die

toepassing van die Wet op Fisiese Beplanning stroom Bantoes nog na die nywerheid, na die ekonomie in wit streke, met die gevolg dat sowel nywerheids- as plattelandse gebiede al hoe swarter word.

Bewys van mislukking

Nuwe bewys van die mislukking van die Regering se apartheidsbeleid is onlangs deur die Minister van Arbeid, mnr. Marais Viljoen, gebring. In antwoord op 'n vraag wat deur mnr. Eric Winchester, die V.P. se lid vir Port Natal, in die Volksraad gestel is, het die Minister 'n stel interessante syfers verskaf in verband met die boubedryf in slegs daardie gebiede waarin nywerheidsraadooreenkomste van krag is. Die statistiek het aan die lig gebring dat:

Bantoewerkers 20 keer meer as wit werkers na die boubedryf stroom;

Die getal Bantoewerkers tussen 1967 en 1971 met meer as 49% toegeneem het;

Die getal blanke werkers in dieselfde tydperk met ongeveer 10% gestyg het.

Die Minister het aan die lig gebring dat daar in 1967 82 784 Bantoewerkers in die boubedryf was. In 1971 het die getal gestaan op 123 810 — 41 026 meer.

In 1967 was daar 21 215 blanke werkers. Verlede jaar het die getal gestaan op 23 026 — slegs 2 317 meer.

Vyf jaar gelede was daar 30 899 Kleurlinge in die boubedryf. Verlede jaar was daar 37 384.

In dieselfde tydperk het die getal Indiërs van 7 967 tot 10 096 toegeneem.

Hierdie harde feite ten opsigte van die boubedryf — in ander bedrywe en nywerhede is die posisie waarskynlik dieselfde — bewys dat die Regering homself en die blanke kieserskorps probeer wysmaak dat die mite van apartheid, oftewel afsonderlike ontwikkeling, wel slaag.

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