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An Open Letter to Racist South Africa.

We are fighting from our shantytowns, from your prisons, from the gutter where you have tried to trample under. We are deploying everything we have to to destroy the edifice of your colour-bound society.

You may bolster your morale by questioning the effectiveness or the reality of the present struggle against your fascist regime. We know you are afraid. We can see your desperation as you barricade yourselves behind your massive arsenals. Perhaps boycotts and economic sanctions have not affected you. Perhaps the resistance movement with its sporadic campaign of sabotage may not have shaken you. We started with heavy odds against us. At Sharpeville, remember -we faced your saracenes and tanks unarmed.

You cannot deny that never before, except in the case of Nazi Germany has world opinion been so categorical and unanimous as in its rejection of your racism. Your apartheid has been condemned by the world as repugnant to human dignity, "morally grotesque", a perversion of human relationship and a negation of fundamental rights. To us, the 15,000,000 dark-skinned victims, it means a nightmare existence of total subjection in a state that denies us our humanity. It means broken homes -even our right to live with our wives is dependent on the whims of a white racist official. It means children with bloated bellies, dying of malnutrition at three or four years of age. It means police raids and arbitrary arrest - 365,000 a year in Johannesburg alone - for technical offences which have made us wagrants in the land of our forefathers.

You have destroyed mercilessly those who dared to challenge the basic thesis of your policy - "permanent white domination and eternal black subjection". You have outlawed our Pan Africanist Congress Party which is the embodiment of our national aspirations. You have imprisoned, put under house arrest, banned and persecuted our leaders. On Robben Island alone, you are holding Mr. Mangaliso Sobukwe, our national President and some other 8,000 political prisoners. Reports filtering from your cruel prisons, tell of unprecedented police brutality on political prisoners. When our brothers report illness to your prison warders, your warders refuse them medicine and offer them their urine "because the whiteman's urine is medicine to a kaffir." In an attempt to "break" the African political prisoners, your prison warders with the consent of your Minister of Justice B. Vorster force their victims to commit the sin of sodomy (homosexuality). What a "great civilised Christian nation" you are.

You have degraded and flaunted all the norms which are today accepted as the basis determining human conduct among men of all nations. You represent the revival of Hitler's discredited myth of the "Aryan race". It is true that there are no gas chambers in South Africa yet, but the toll, in terms of your victims crippled in spirit and in mind and brutally deprived of their essential humanity, has long exceeded the 6,000,000 mark!

And when the day of reckoning comes and the long debased and oppressed millions begin to march, you ask, what shall we do to you? You fear our "extremism". You are afraid of the anarchy which you claim, follows in our footsteps. You do not understand that we owe you no explanation, least of all justification for our actions. Insofar as you are here, one has to do something about you. Unfortunately we cannot ignore the existence of three million of you!

My generation knows nothing of your churches, your mission schools, your tea parties or "civilising mission". All we know of you is what we have seen as we stared at you through wire cages and prison bars. We know nothing of your morality. We know your deception. We know your cruelty which makes it easier for us to establish our new morality unfettered by yesterday's hangover, from the hypocrisy of your Christian morality.

We start off from the premise that you have lost all claim to our pity. For 300 years you have learned nothing of our humanity, our compassion. You sought at every turn to degrade us, to depersonalise us. Your arrogance and your selfishness have blinded you to the real issues. The question you should be asking yourself is not "what is going to happen to me" but what can I do to end the horror to repay, even in a small measure, the enormous debt? What can I do to expunge the guilt? Remember that your conduct now may finally determine whether the struggle will degenerate into a crude war or whether it will be a struggle for justice and social equality.

TO THE AFRICANS: We want to assure you that you will regain your freedom and independence in the land of your forefathers. The Boers are representatives

of evil, tyranny and the most diabolic form of darkness and dictatorship. They will be defeated. They represent the deeds of darkness and a world of ruthless oppression whose sun is setting. Your great Party, the Pan Africanist Congress represents the deepest desires of your heart.

Arise therefore, and secretly support your invincible P.A.C. PAC is much alive and stronger ~~ever~~ before and quietly influencing the move of events in Verwoerdism-ridden South Africa. Criminal Vorster and Dictator Verwoerd, the incorrigible delinquents of Holland cannot crush PAC. The Pan Africanist Congress is very strong. It will triumph over these fascists. The Party will fight on until the free Republic of Azania is born and until all its citizens, regardless of their colour and race enjoy freedom and equality. This is our national battle. We shall win, no matter how well-armed Verwoerd and his racist soldiers are. We shall crush him. We shall WIN.

Long live the Pan Africanist Congress!

Africa for Africans, Africans for Humanity and Humanity for God!

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