

'THE EVILS OF RACISM & HOW TO COMBAT IT.'

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Evil or evils . . . many ideas, methods.

Use SA as startg point, where 'evil' nevrr more exemplified. Very relevant to Brit situation.

1) WHAT IS APARTHEID?

Nt in SA statute bks; nor in formal texts tt constitute SA law. Yet deeply embedded in law o SA

Ap is legally enforced segregation, directd at controlling lives & regulatng affairs o SA's blks Demands complete & absolute classification by race o every man, womn, child; & involves extension o formr methds o discrimin tt hd been estblishd in colonial times.

Ap is conscious, deliberate division o humahity into unassimilable categories. *Racism taken to conclusion*

'All men living today belong to a single species - homo sapiens - & are derived from common stock.'

But nt in SA. ~~Blks cease to b persons wth needs & aspirations; reduced to level o pieces o machine to b used or discarded at will.~~

Quite simply, Ap is systm o oppression in which skin colour alone is decdng factor. Race - as decided by degree o pigmentation o skin, is final gauge, only measure of:

right to vote	type o wk	amount o pay
skills u acquire	place u reside in	marriage
health (7),000 new TB)	life expectancy	
education	family life	everythng.

No point i usg bleaches - enshrind in pass bks & life records. A few may change, bt majority stuck.

NOT ability, ed achievemnt; nt cultural deveopmnt nt diligence; character; nt evn t greate levellr o all - money. Only skin colour.

In lifetime o oldr people & memory o all, seen 2 societies which embodied racial laws, incorporatd as ideology & way o life. Significant.

2. WHAT IS BASIS FR RACIST DIVISION?

Differences o language; culture; history?
national attitudes; natural
abilities; social customs; religions?

No - contrary - many o these are nt divisive bt
unifying factors.

e.g. culture: young musicians, Af rhythm & Western
styles (frm USA, frm Africa) changd, modified,
enrichd)

Natural abilities - no, laws must b passd to
prevent blks achievng jobs, skills, to
protect W's positions.

Is + bcos of differing customs, of many tribes? No.

History is shared one; as fr social custms, these
bcome incorporatd where desirable (as SA cuisine,
Malay + Dutch) or modified or altered if unsuitbl
as wth lobola (cattle, wmn - bt biggest factr
forcng change is economic circ.)

So wht is need?

VIRULENT & OVERT RACISM IN A SOCIETY EXISTS TO
SERVE A PURPOSE.

In SA purpose is simple & obvious: economic
Ap most outstanding characteristic: profitability.

BRITAIN'S ROLE - ths hs bearng on racism in Brit
today -

Far & away largest tradng partnr, thousands 0
millions investd. 100's Brit Cos wth subsidiari
or associates. Brit clearng banks all hve large
stakes in SA (led by Barclays)

Point is: Ths affects nt only attitudes o those Cos
withn SA. Bt t immense profits drawn frm SA shape
policies o t countries involved - nt simply towards
SA, but in their own internal relationsps.

Examine position inside Brit today.

3 RACIST ATTITUDES WITHIN BRITAIN

There are 2 aspects to consider:

1. Wht is basis fr racism in Brit?
2. Wht purpose is servd by racism?

Frm these, wll find t best ways o combatng racism.

BASIS Natural antagonisms exist in any society, among any group, fr variety o diff reasons: based on diff o class, religion, region, education, social habits;

such antagonisms may b felt as violently btween village & village in one country as btween citizens o totally diff. countries

But in Brit goes deeper.

Attitudes formd ovr decades do nt automatically change whn historical changes take place.

This generation cant ignore Brits colonial past.

T food u eat, clothes u wear, part o racist exploitation of wht ws lately calld t colonial world.

T Western wrld, our rich, highly-developd, univer- sally educated, civilised, welfare-orientatd W W, ths concernd & culturd W W became wht it is today thru riches derivd frm super-profits based on racist exploitation, ^{beginning with wealth created by the slave trade & continuing to today in S.A.}

So Brit hs acquird racism, based on recent history as colonial power. & to justify tt exploit, every thing ~~deh~~ exploitd ws made inferior - their own history, their past, art, cultural customs. Brits despisd th~~ese~~ nt bcos they were diff, bt bcos they were customs o savages, uncivilisd.

These attitudes deeply influence racist feelngs today

PURPOSE

And they persist in diff tome & society bcos their exploitation serves a purpose

A Western wrld, unable to control its economy, producng results affectng all. More thn 1 million permanent unemployd; inflation; inadequate public services. ^{Easy & useful: I haven't a house, but t blk man has one. I haven't a job - there are too many of them!}

4. THE IDEOLOGY & MASS INVOLVEMENT.

Sussex project: 3 most important bks came to one conclusion: tt fr mass involvemnt in racist attitudes, an ideology is essential, & ths must come from t top - i.e., must be official.

Ideology gives framewk, imposed conditions, undr which a society functions. At first majority may oppose it, bt gradually people fall into line - fr variety o reasons: profit, spurious patriotism, convenience, apathy, conviction, conformism, fear -- All so clearly seen in SA - until ideolog is acceptd, racist attitudes bcome norm, actions takn are undr t law (as removls in SA) & anyone who opposes thm is, at first, out of step, aftrwards, guilty o treason.

THIS is wht sets SA (& Germny) apart frm all othr nations: enshrining racism in laws. Ths is wht transforms local resentmnts & ignorant prejudice into action involvng majority o people (in active or passive role)

Well - ths is nt 1930's, & as far as Nurembrg laws are concernd, cant b repeatd i Brit i 1978; nr cn extreme laws o apartheid - ostensibly we are all opposd to thm.

Bt whn Brit's next PM talks of fear o Brit tt they might b swampd by people o diff culture, we are witnessng todays version.

Wht is immutable unchangeable Brit culture which must be preservd against swampng? How did it arise? wht talkng abt - Victorian? Pop culture? Punks? As ths culture is distinctive, set, unalterable.

If Brit culture being swampd, wld b more afraid o ~~those~~ ~~swampng by~~ commercial & exploitive interests tt influence out customs & tastes in music, dress & spee tt comes from tt powerful arm o t Western wlrld - the USA - rathr thn from Indian sub-continent.

Nt Sikhs or Hindus who hve deformd Brit language wth psychobabble & newspeak; Brit art wth pop art & purveyors o 'me' decade.

Talk o 'Western civ.'

Racial arrogance o West is old only as ^{power} o West is old, few centuries o registered history & mere moment o human time.

Civ is composite, an accretion o experiences & ideas beyond race or region, & t term 'Western civ' is ultimately meaningless. Europe reads wth lettrs & counts wth numbrs tt come frm crossroads o Africa & Asia. Origin on man, African.

So conclusions abt hw to combat evil o racism: Laws frm above are essential. Importance o those laws.

Mrs T says: Conservative Gvt wld amend new RR Act to force prosecution to prove 'an intent to offend'. (Undr new law, offence to say somethng lkely to cause racial hatred.)

Or immigration laws. T right to control imm. numerically must nt be confusd wth right to determin character o immigrant by race or colour.

These are racists frm above.

Maverick first voices deepest prjudices (Powell) Thn takn up officially. Legitimacy givn to racist views. Thugs & bully boys come in wth Union Jacks as their symbols. (BBC holds 'serious' seminars on ~~possibility~~ feasibility o repatriation.)

The great tides of immigration once swept Britains to alien shores.

Now the tide flows the other way.

If the Brit can overcome the simplistic prejudices & e fears of its people, if the politicians can be prevented from usg t lowest common denominator, then this country will be enriched by its immigrants

BUT MUST BREAK WITH AP. & RACISM.

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