

For the second time this month Gen van den Berg, head of the Security Police, has attacked the Liberal Party for paving the way for ~~the~~ Communism. Amongst those qualities of the Liberal Party which he considers pave the way ^{for} Communism, are self-indulgence, selfish pessimism, indulgent & sickly sentimentality, & running away from problems.

I think Gen van den Berg should be replied to as unequivocally as possible. I have not noticed that liberals are more self-indulgent than other groups in the population. Many of them ^{have} ^{were} willing to make great sacrifices for the ideals that they believed in. ~~Some~~ A comparatively large number ^{of them} ^{were} ~~had~~ banned for their beliefs, losing thereby even the right to entertain friends in their own houses. How can they travel freely & take holidays as other South Africans do. What kind of self-indulgence is this?

What does Gen. v.d. Berg mean by selfish pessimism? I am at a total loss to understand him. He should express himself more clearly when he is attacking people who in relation to himself are relatively powerless. ~~I certainly have not~~ Liberals may be entitled to feel some kind of pessimism when so many of their leading members have been silenced, ~~but why I find they know the odds against them, & are resolute in their opposition to the politics of Apartheid.~~

3 rather than pessimistic. I must admit that they are pessimistic about the ^{success of the} policies of separate development, ^{if this is probably the General's real} ~~I don't blame them~~ ^{complaint} ~~against~~ them. ^{When did we run away from problems? In} Just because we don't see ^{problems in the same light as} ~~the party we solved the problems of racial~~ Gen van den Berg, ^{doesn't mean that we run away from those we see.} As for sickly sentimentality, it's an old horse & Gen. v.d. Berg should put it out to pasture. If sickly sentimentality means a protest against the overblown of separate development, against the breaking up of families, against the heptics afflicted by racial classification, against the erosion of the rule of law, then we are to ^{be} ~~described~~ ^{as} ~~such~~. ~~But Gen v.d. Berg shows such a~~ ~~command of cliché that~~ ^{it's a striking misuse of language.}

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