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The Editor
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Sir,
Kindly publish my article through
your readers' Column of your famous newspaper.
Hoping that my humble request will
meet your due Consideration.

I am, Sir
yours faithfully
Ernest Lotser

P/s Please use my Nom de plume -
Observer.

The Concept of Racism Divides and Weakens the Liberation Struggle

Sir;

1. * Much has been said about the lack of unity among the oppressed in this country. But there is still no hope that unity is in sight. Why? What is the reason for this lack of unity among our political organisations? My answer is: racism as an ideology is the root cause of this lack of unity. Racism is a very ugly political monster which must be crushed whenever it raises its head. It was the same political philosophy of Master-race - pure Aryan race ideology, which drove Hitler in Nazi Germany to extremes of political madness.
2. * What is our political goal in the U.D.F. and all other progressive organisations including those radical elements in the B.C. Camp? My answer to this question is: Complete freedom from white domination. We are not anti-white. 3. * We are aware that the bone of contention are those whites who have divorced themselves from the concept of white domination, whose accommodation in the liberation struggle is regarded as a form of compromise by the adherents of Black Consciousness. To all those who subscribe to the policy of Non-racialism there is no question of compromise in our political stance since whites who identify themselves with the oppressed are being accommodated not in their own

terms, but in terms which are clearly embodied in the principles of the Freedom Charter.
4.* Let me point out that we ^{are} convinced that the Freedom Charter is a relevant document which contains a genuine solution for our South African political situation. It spells out the fact that the people of South Africa (you may call it Azania) shall be ruled through a democratic form of Government regardless of race, colour or creed.

● Surely, all the people shall have equal opportunity, equal say and equal share of the wealth of our land. Racism in any form or shape shall not be tolerated.

Can any reader of this article disagree with me when I say: to the white racists such a democratic form of Government is unacceptable since it means the loss of white domination and all that goes with it. Surely, there is no argument on it.
5.* It is on this basis that they are taking advantage of our political divisions to defuse the power of the liberation struggle at all costs.

We are all aware that in Zimbabwe, Zapu & Zanu had different political ideologies and policies but were persuaded to join hands in fighting their common enemy. As a result of their patriotic front, they finally defeated their enemy - white domination. I therefore appeal to our brothers in the B.C. Camp to join forces with all those progressive organisations affiliated to the U.D.F. and fight our common enemy once and for all through peaceful means. ^{at all costs}
United we stand about our common enemy.

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