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New Deal

NO! TO BOTHA'S ARMY

THE government has come up with a "New Deal". In August, Coloured and Indian people will be getting second class votes for kitchen parliaments. Yet we know this Nationalist Government too well. They are the ones who shifted us out of our homes with the Group. So what is behind this "New Deal"? What's up their sleeve?

PW Botha and his government have made things very clear. They want Coloured and Indian males to be called up to the army! After the August elections, they will try to start this process. After messing up our lives all these years, forcing apartheid down our throats, shooting our children in 1976 and 1980, they now expect us to defend their evil system! "You have the vote," they say, "now you must be prepared to defend apartheid."

That is what this "New Deal" will mean for us. So let us not be fooled when the Hendrickse's and Marais' say that these elections are a step in the right direction.

THE APARTHEID ARMY COSTS US THREE BILLION RAND A YEAR!

Already we are paying for this army out of our own pockets. The government has just increased GST and the taxes so that they can find three billion (three million million) rands to pay for the army. While we pay for the army, we can't feed our children, we live in poor housing, our children receive gutter education, and play in the streets because there are not enough playgrounds and sportsfields. While we suffer, it is OUR money that is paying for the helicopters and jets, for the bullets that shot our children, and for the roadblocks all over the country.



GRABBING OUR CHILDREN

The apartheid army has been trying to take our children from schools for camps and so-called "leadership courses". But what are they teaching our children? We want our children to live in peace and friendship, in a non-racial South Africa. We don't want them in the hands of an apartheid army that defends an evil system at home and raids independent countries to the north.

BOTHA'S PEACE NEEDS A BIGGER ARMY!

The government says that they are at peace with South Africa's neighbours. If this is true, then why will they be forcing more of us into the army? The real truth is that the government needs a huge army to defend apartheid against South Africa's own people. This government isn't at peace with its own people.

The army has just been used to remove the people of Magopa by force, pushing them out of their homes into a barren wasteland. Soon the government will be trying to push all African people in the Western Cape out to the wasteland of Khayelitsha. We will not allow our sons to be forced into an army that does such things.

WE ARE NOT FOOLED BY THE "NEW DEAL"! WE WILL NOT VOTE ON 22 AUGUST!
NO TO THE FORCED CALL-UP OF OUR YOUTH!

Students say no to camps

"THESE camps are part of a campaign to make students accept injustice, falsehood, bad study conditions, overcrowding and unfair expulsions of students and teachers."

This is what members of the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) thought of a school camp held in Strand over the Easter weekend. The camp was organised by the Department of Education and Training for students from four high schools in Langa.

Students who attended the camp were told that they should accept corporal punishment and that SRC's were "bad en undesirable."

They were shown a UDF anti-conscription pamphlet and a COSAS leaflet allegedly calling on students to boycott schools. The students were warned not to get involved in COSAS or the UDF.

Refused

COSAS students who were invited to attend the camp, refused to go because the school principals did not properly inform the students or their parents of those who were organising the camp and what would be done there. The students were worried that the camp had been organised by the SADF.

A month earlier the SADF had organised a camp for primary school children in Hanover Park. The UDF, The Hanover Park Civic Association and the Hanover Park Branch of the Cape Youth Con-

gress immediately called a meeting to find out how the children's parents felt about the camp.

The parents said that the SADF was just trying to build up a good image in the community because of the new conscription which the government was trying to sell.

Apartheid

"But we know the real image of the SADF. The SADF upholds apartheid and all its injustices - we refuse to send our children to SADF camps or to fight in the SADF" said one parent.

After the meeting the Hanover Park School announced that the camp had been postponed. The parents saw this as a major victory against the SADF because the SADF is used against our people in protest and whenever we stand up against the apartheid.

COSAS believes that the Strand camp should also have been cancelled.

"The Department of Education and Training is now using lies and slander about COSAS and the UDF to win over Black students," they said.

But COSAS is committed to resisting these attempts and to opposing school camps organised by the Department of Education or by the SADF.

COSAS sees this opposition as part of our struggle for a non-racial democratic education.

"NO SADF camps for our children

"SADF, stay out of our area. We don't want our children to go on your camps."

This was the message of a meeting in Hanover Park recently. The meeting was called by the United Democratic Front (UDF), the Hanover Park Civic Association and the Hanover Park branch of the Cape Youth Congress.

Parents had informed the civic and youth that a teacher at the Bellmore Primary School in Hanover Park had organised to send children on a camp organised by the South African Defence Force.

A delegation of parents and UDF members immediately went to the school to demand that the camp be called off.

Pamphlets were given out throughout the area and a mass meeting called to inform the residents of Hanover Park of the proposed camp and to get their feelings on the matter.

"We were never informed that our children would be going on a camp with the SADF. We cannot allow our children to go on these camps because the SADF upholds apartheid and all its injustices," said one

parent at the meeting.

Speakers at the meeting outlined the role of the army in apartheid society and spoke about how the SADF had taken children from Mbekweni on a weekend camp without the parents knowing, and how the parents went to fetch their children from the camp.

After all the pressure from the people, the school made an announcement that the camp had been postponed.

Victory

The parents saw this as a major victory against the SADF.

"The SADF will increasingly be fed to our people like this. Because of the new constitution which the government wants to sell to us, the SADF will try to build up a good image in the community."

"But we know the real image of the SADF. We know that the SADF is used against our people in protests and whenever we stand up against apartheid."

"We refuse to be fooled and we refuse to send our children to SADF camps or to fight in the SADF," said one parent.

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