

WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW

ABOUT

"BANTU EDUCATION"

You want your children to go to school. You want them to have knowledge and skill to earn a living and enrich their lives.

The Government's new Bantu Education Act touches your child. Will it help your child to be educated? What does this Act mean?

WHAT IS BANTU EDUCATION?

True education should develop a child's personality and ability to the utmost and open up the culture and knowledge of the world.

"Bantu Education" is intended to keep the African in a permanently inferior position. He must learn English and Afrikaans so that he "will be able to find his way in European communities"; to follow oral or written instructions; and to carry on a simple conversation with Europeans about his work....". He must learn to be an efficient labourer and servant, but not anything more than this. All other doors will be closed.

WILL MORE CHILDREN BE EDUCATED THAN BEFORE?

NO! Now your child will get only three hours schooling a day - half of the time the European child gets. The new 'double-session' in schools means that children who start school at 8 in the morning are out on the streets at 11 o'clock - for the rest of the day. EACH CHILD IS TAUGHT LESS. More children will be taught less than in the past.

It is a great strain on teachers to teach almost continuously for six hours. Teaching time for each subject must be cut down so much that no subject can be properly taught.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO NON GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS?

African education is now completely controlled by Verwoerd. Missions Schools must rent or sell their buildings to the Department of Native Affairs, or else get only half of their present Government Subsidy. This means they will pass into the hands of the Minister because they cannot carry on without the subsidy. No private schools of any kind can be started by individuals, by Churches, by groups of people or by organisations - unless Verwoerd consents!

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE TEACHERS?

African teachers may now be dismissed by Verwoerd's officials without any redress for wrongful dismissal, with no guarantee of appointment or promotion. How many Africans will be willing to be teachers when faced with no security and low pay? Who will teach the African children?

WHAT DO WE WANT FOR OUR CHILDREN?

We want: MORE SCHOOLS: MORE TEACHERS: BETTER FACILITIES:

NOT

shorter teaching sessions, more crowding in already over-crowded schools.

We want: EDUCATION THAT WILL OPEN UP NEW PATHS TO OUR CHILDREN

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education which fits them to be only servants and labourers.

We want: FULL, FREE, COMPULSORY EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD IN SOUTH AFRICA

We must work for the withdrawal of the evil Bantu Education Act. We must work and organise for education for all children.

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