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Asked to talk to you tonight on the President's Council,
the Orderly Movement Bill and militarisation.

These may seem to be very diverse and unrelated subjects
but they are all part of a coherent whole - a vital strategy
designed to perpetuate & entrench the exclusion of the black majority from a common ^{society}
To begin with let's deal with the Orderly Movement & Settlement
of Black Persons Bill -

This must be seen within the whole structure of laws relating
to black people. It is not a new departure but a
logical extension of what has gone before.

54% of black population within the homelands — by 1980.

The resettlement programme — latest estimates 3½ million

Only owners 17 hectares are resettled to new agricultural land.

The rest loose lands livestock in closer settlements rendered dependant on having a job.

1968 Regulations — only legal way out, — through requisition & registration

New trend in policy since 1976 — maintaining stability in urban areas

Urban Labour Preference — privilege of having a job concentrated in urban areas

Who are the urban group? — Section 10.

1980 Regulations — freedom of movement.

~~Pressure~~ Co-operation of employers

Pressure on employers — recruitment cut back.

More efficient influx control — 1979 fine R500 in 3 mths.

Orderly movement Bill proposes:

- (a) To make influx control more efficient
- (b) To cut down the size of the urban population with rights
- (c) To remove rights from that group.

Bill postponed to 1984.

What is already happening?

- 1980/81
1. Cut back in recruitment.
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 2. Switch to commuters.
eg. Port Natal Road; greater control eg Umkazi.
 3. What will be the almost total exclusion of all who live away from the commuter belt.
 4. Demolition of sheltans KT2, J16, E. Rand P.E.
 5. Anticipation of OMB - no qualifications.
 6. Amending legislation - status quo ante Rikhotso & Komani.
 7. Building up prosperous urban middle class -
houses for purchase or high rentals:
Where labour legislation stops it. Unions need to
be aware of dangers - eg. Unions not to increased rents - more money

The Constitutional Proposals

A - The Citizenship legislation. - the political exclusion.

B - The new Constitution.

Removes power from the elected representatives & places it in the hands of a president who is not directly elected -

Built in 4:2:1 ratios.

Disputes referred to P.C. - appointed by State Pres not elected by some electoral college which elects him.

No Bill of rights.

Labour Party decision elicited an immediate angry response.
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Dennis Hatcher "They (the Africans) do not need our leadership. They have their own leaders. The Labour Party has reached the stage where it must fight for its own people."

Labour Party will be part of the Government - not an opposition — there will no doubt be improvements in conditions for the Coloured people.

The broadening of the m-group antenriching the exclusive of to majority.

MILITARISM.

Coloured vote linked to conscription.

Defence Act Amendment — white men to age 55.

Use of army in ^{WPAIDE proposals.} what should not be part of an army's work.

- (a) Roadblocks
- (b) Tax collectors
- (c) School teachers etc.

Army in Government.

~~Army ^{WPAIDE} Co-operation by civilian institutions — Rhoads permitted.~~

Not only the actual army but throughout society -

The propaganda machine - create the image of an enemy.

Who is Swapo - What is the war in Namibia.

In S.A - Who is the enemy?

- Our sons & brothers.

Drawing in of civilian institutions - eg Rhodes pamphlet.

Subordination of all else to the war effort.

Glorifying & romanticising war. Women must be the brave wives, mothers, sisters & lovers boosting the morale of the men under arms, radio programmes, messages & music.

- all this effort into a war against a mythical enemy.

~~For those of us who believe work for the peaceful resolution of all conflicts the preparation for war & the waging of war destroys all hopes~~

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The tragedy is that ^{most} white South Africans are willingly embracing the myth.

I would like to crush this talk by quoting Ken Owen, editor of the Daily Express:

"The trouble in this age of experts is that civilians tend to look on military officers as though they ~~are~~ were experts on questions of war and peace, which is politics, whereas most of them are merely experts on fighting --- If you are looking for a resolution for the New Year it might be this: To retrieve our future from the hands of the warmongers whose hysterical exaggeration of our military danger is weakening the nation."

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