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"THE STRUGGLE IS (OUR) LIFE"

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Yesterday (3 August 1961) I met the 13 American Congress men who were refused permission to visit our leader on the Island. It was not difficult for me to present the ANC'S determination to make a success of the struggle for liberation. I indicated that we require no external intervention in our struggle. We shall liberate ourselves, and that no one will stop us, or distract us from that road.

I presented to them what I imagined our leader would have told them, if they had had a chance to meet him. All educational systems in this country are unacceptable. Both these systems are a deviation from the aspirations of "The Freedom Charter", I told them. And that anybody who deviates from the demands of the 'Charter' is a traitor, and a fraud, or a downright quisling.

From 1975, I have always stressed the fact that Black Education (for Africans, Coloureds, and Indians) domesticates i.e. it only teaches people to labour, and to take instructions. Black people are tuned into accepting a subservient position, and that manual labour is all that they are fit for. The

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Now, what is White Education - known also as "National Christian Education?" This as you will realize is neither "National" nor "Christian". White education is unacceptable because it indoctrinates. It seeks to entrench White supremacy. Pupils and students are trained to develop a capacity to calculate, decide, and manage.

I totally reject P.M. KOTHA'S "total strategy" because it means a 'total' and perpetual subjugation, and enslavement of the Black majority. I reject any dialogue with the oppressor because it is a false premise. I reject any consultation with the oppressor because it is a fruitless exercise, and an attempt to defuse, and delay the struggle for liberation.

Both education systems are strictly a capitalist facade to inculcate in pupils and students all the false values that the colonialists/imperialists, capitalists have used for more than 300 years. A rejection of all these false values will quickly bring us nearer liberation than all the clap trap about "black is beautiful", and all those mouthings about how black we are. What the people should know is that we are fighting for genuine liberation. We are fighting for complete political rights in which "the people shall govern", in which "the land shall belong to those who live in it". Adhering to "The Freedom Charter" is the only way in which we can mobilise the masses. Any deviation from this, is in my humble opinion, a complete betrayal of the struggle for liberation.

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Your loving brother and Comrade

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