

SUNDAY TRIBUNE

- Q1. AS A MINORITY GROUP WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE FEARS FOR THE FUTURE. HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO ALLAY THEM?

Racial domination in South Africa is the greatest threat to long-term security for all South Africans - whether it be white or black or any form of racial domination. Whites are at present the dominant minority in South Africa but everyone agrees that it is not the only minority - in fact, South Africa, as a plural society, consists of a great diversity of groups. There is only one way to bring about security for everyone in South Africa : A Constitution that prevents domination by one group over another and which enjoys the support, loyalty and commitment of the majority of people in the country and a process whereby all significant political groups can participate in negotiating such a constitution. If we want a constitution in which all groups can co-operate without domination, then all groups must co-operate in creating that constitution. The security that comes from coercion and domination is a sham security; the security that comes from consent and participation is a real and lasting security. We as whites can either nurse our fears by domination or use our courage to share and concentrate on what unites all of us as South Africans.

- Q2. THERE IS ALSO A RISING TIDE OF BLACK EXPECTATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO MEET THIS AND FULFIL THEIR RESULTANT ASPIRATIONS?

A PFP Government would first and foremost make a declaration of intent to South Africans of all racial and ethnic groups stating that we must work towards a South Africa where :

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- every person, irrespective of race or ethnicity, is entitled to the rights of citizenship;
- there will be no formal or de facto discrimination on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity or religion;
- every person is entitled to effective political participation on the basis of no one group dominating any other;
- the rule of law must be restored so that every person is entitled to a fair trial in court and cannot arbitrarily be locked up without access.

This declaration will be the goal which we will invite all South Africans to work together to achieve. This goal will be the justification and inspiration for the practical and concrete steps that will have to be implemented in the social, economic and political areas to achieve this goal.

In the social sphere, such practical steps would, inter alia, involve :

- developing a five year plan to eradicate discriminatory wages in the teaching, nursing and police professions as well as getting rid of the inequality of facilities and opportunities in these services;
- a total restructuring of the present, hopelessly inadequate, housing policy with the emphasis on home ownership and self help community development;
- creating a multi-racial Anti-Discrimination Advisory Board to systematically phase out discriminatory practices and laws.

In the economic sphere, the steps will be concerned with removing all obstacles that make it more difficult for a person to get ahead on his/her own merit purely because of race. The emphasis will be on equality of opportunity in training, job mobility and wage negotiations.

In the political sphere, laws and regulations which make it impossible for people to voluntarily and peacefully demonstrate their political support will have to be removed to create a climate conducive to peaceful negotiation for a new constitution. Once such a climate has been created, a National Convention will be called to negotiate a new constitution. By then it will have become clear that a PFP Government is genuinely concerned with creating a South Africa in which the only impediment to realizing one's aspiration must be one's own lack of ability and nothing else. In short, a South Africa where, if you cannot get ahead, you have only yourself to blame and not the Government, your race, ethnic group, religion or sex.

Q3. SOARING PRICES, ESPECIALLY OF FOOD, ARE SERIOUSLY AFFECTING ALL SOUTH AFRICANS. HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO CONTAIN INFLATION?

Many factors cause inflation. However, most experts agree that the most important source of inflation is the Government's lack of control over the supply of money in society. Why does a Government increase the money supply? To stimulate the economy, create employment opportunities, finance Government expenditure in general. There is good Government expenditure and wasteful Government expenditure. When the Government increases the money supply to finance wasteful and useless Government projects it fans inflations. Example : Its land consolidation programme has cost the taxpayer millions and millions of rands without

increasing productivity. Another example : Influx control which costs the taxpayer approximately R115 million per annum. Yet another example : duplicating technikons simply because races have to be segregated - why build four if one can do the same job. And so one can go on. The cure for inflation? This is a two pronged attack : Cut back on the money supply for useless Government projects and increase and improve the productivity of labour. It is not going to be easy but it has to be done. It is pointless for the Minister of Finance to plead for discipline from the public if the Government does not discipline its own spending. The soaring prices of commodities in the supermarket is directly related to how the Government wastes your money in financing inflationary Government projects.

Q4. SOUTH AFRICANS ARE CONCERNED AT THEIR "INTERNATIONAL OUTCAST" STATUS ON MANY LEVELS INCLUDING SPORT. HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO HAVE THIS COUNTRY TAKE ITS PLACE IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY?

South Africa must reform not because the world wants us to but because of our own survival. Even if the whole world accepts South Africa but our people do not accept one another we will still not be able to survive as a country. However, if we remove that which divides and fragments us - racism, exploitation, inequality - and concentrate on what unites us - our economy, our land and the future of our children - we will not only be stronger internally but will make it easier for those countries who are our potential allies to stand by us and support us in the international community. The secret of our success in the outside world lies with the people inside our borders.

Q5. IF ALL THE POLICIES OF YOUR PARTY WERE IMPLEMENTED IN FULL WHAT SORT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS WOULD SOUTH AFRICANS LIVE UNDER?

All South Africans would enjoy the right to citizenship irrespective of race or ethnicity. There would be no discrimination on the basis of race in our law books.

There would be equal opportunity for all in the economy where the only criteria for advancement would be individual merit and ability.

The old and underprivileged would be decently cared for by the law and the rule of law would be inviolate. No person would be detained without trial, arbitrarily banned or denied a fair trial in court.

There would be full and effective political participation for everyone without domination of one group over another.

In short, South Africa would be for all its people a country worth working, living, and, if necessary, dying for.