

Press Conference Geneva 26.09.82 [1]

debate: Theme:

1. Botha: Citizenship v Pass Laws - reform or mainly reversal? - Read 3 points of statement to Oxfam.
2. Botha: State of Emergency - police + army but what is Botha still in control or -? Rumours after Natal speech - threat of split?
Only one of 2 possibilities: ① approves, supports or condones ② no longer in control of police + army - rightwing Police doctor P.C. - Dr Wendy Orr (360)
3. Action ag. UDF, Casas, Activists:
3.1 - UDF: Charges of high treason (Pct. 16 - Pt. A. - 22 - Allan B. - 48) - Other leadership either detained or in hiding. ~~UDF~~ organizational work seriously affected - but word goes on + support for UDF is growing all the time
people
3.2 - Casas: Effect of banning - opening silent for links or secret support of community -
4. Baerse: Charge of subversion (inf. S. Act) on 3 counts: disinvestment, school boycotts, consumer boycotts. Similar charge could now be laid equally ag. D. Tutu, myself + others
- Baerse's commitment to non-violent change he affirmed in his sermon to his congregation last Sunday
- If that does not convince people ab. his stand nothing will. I spoke to him by phone last Saturday - emotionally + spiritually strong

5. Disinvestment & Sanctions : Sewu & ongoing debate : [2]

- SACC resolution 28 June (NLC)

- Surveys on blacks : 77% & 73%.
(had S.T. - IFR) + CASE

- Industrialists putting out (Sunday Star)

+ 30 multinationals withdraw or reduced their stakes

6. Trade Unions : Tremendous growth of Black Trade unions ~~and~~ during last year. Steady growth of unions affiliated to UDF - Federation falls well behind May (28-30 Nov Durban) - Cusa withdraws "Azactu excluded because of its non-agreement on principles of non-racism"

7. Position of ANC - Growing support among the people (outcome of 2 surveys) & declare no support for Inkatha & G.B.

- Business leaders visit to Lusaka / ANC - How to be interpreted?

- SACC = requested audience with Mandela to obtain his views on leadership, national convention etc. Also taking the first step to meet officially with ANC & P.A.C.

- DRC : Statement by theologian at AE conference in P/ml Bay

8. S.A. & Surrounding States : Macambique (R Mu), Angola, Namibia (CCN)

Q. Church in Resistance to Apartheid

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Q.1 - Role of SACC : stand on civil disobedience to

Q.2 - Role of SACC in SA

Q.3 - Contribution to 3 church delegations (to take

xi emergency, disinvestment, feelings of Black
community, support for so-called moderate
Blacks & homeland leaders

Q.4 Kairos Document + Challenge to the Church

Issue - choice before the churches.

NCC & ~~Parliament~~ Ministry of State

- 1) WCC delegation to African countries and then to end in卜tional Consultation in S.A.
- 2) Request to SACBC to approach NCC as well as Vatican to take specific steps either the magisterate or the state:
 - 2.1 - Both can only go as far as white institutions will allow them - & that goes far west of black demands
 3. As black church + majority minority force the govt has to adopt harsh measures
 - 3.1 - more police + army portability
 - 3.2 - more heavy + suppression of political parties + other dissenting NGOs, trade unions
4. Churches + church organisations are of great social value to operate
5. All functions of state dependent on what kind of man rules but + space needed
 - 5.1 - Progress + changing trend (D.C.)
 - 5.2 - Communication
 - 5.3 - Industrial needs
 - 5.4 - Social Welfare + other needs
 - 5.5 - Regional Councils
 - 5.6 - Housing needs
 - 5.7 - Health + medical needs
6. Staff Delegates - Parliament

Funding of Socio

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1. Situation of conflict + crisis: serious & will not only continue but has to increase - by the very nature of the conflict.
2. Attempts at "reform" either too inadequate or too late:
 - 2.1 - Botha can only go as far as his white electorate will allow him - & that falls far short of black demands
3. As crisis deepens & emergency measures fail the govt has to adapt harsher measures:
 - 3.1 - more police & army but怯弱
 - 3.2 - more banning & suppression of political, student & weaker dissent (NDF, Cosas, Trade unions)
4. Churches & church organisations one of last bases allowed to operate
5. Fin. priorities: - difficult to indicate because of many needs but special needs.
 - 5.1 - Emergency Fund (D.C.)
 - 5.2 - Communication
 - 5.3 - Labour needs
 - 5.4 - ~~Youth~~ Youth & Stud needs
 - 5.5 - Regional Councils
 - 5.6 - Housing needs
 - 5.7 - F&R
 - 5.8 - Alt. Education
6. Staff: Decisions ← David