

Change from within?

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- S.A. a country in crisis: change has to come fast & meaningful if major bloody conflict is to be avoided

- Change from within is always to be preferred from change from without

- If change from within one would prefer the govt in power to have the vision, the stamina, ~~and~~ the power, and the courage to undertake those changes as soon as possible.

In S.A. to-day this requires at minimum:

1. Assurance of polit. power-sharing
2. Declaration of intent & time-schedule

Is this to be expected?

- If this cannot be expected then one would hope that through the major opp. party or through an oppos. group such parli. change could be effected. In S.A. to-day this would require that the PFP or an Alliance would in an election get the huge support of the white electorate. Is this to be expected?

Dispassionate look at fact's deed's:

1. Reforms. Up till now the so-called reform of PWB have been totally inadequate and piecemeal and the fundam. issue of sharing of pol. power with blacks has been left untouched. Both united S.A., common citizenship, general franchise, pass laws - but at the same time: rejected the concept of a unitary state, one-man-one-vote

2. Support white electorate : Botha can only go (2)
as far as his white electorate will allow him to go.
Up till now no sign or proof that they would allow
him to meet with any of the main pol leaders
of the Black agents. or ~~they~~ support him if he
wishes to undertake such changes (personal or written)
On the contrary -

- 2.1 - Survey 66% (10 d.)
- 2.2 - Re-election (5) October 30: CP / HNP
- 2.3 - If the white elect had adequate awareness
of the seriousness of the situ - told AWP in no
unmistakable form or franked to PFP!

3. P.W. Botha's personal initiative = If serious =

- 3.1 - Would not have turned away D.T.
- 3.2 - " " " " charged A.P.
- 3.3 - " " " " refused Mathes.
- 3.4 - " " " " rejected request for Clemens
Buy. Malaise

4. Botha's options if serious :

- 4.1 - If he is serious & if he doesn't get
backing from party or PFP - milit coup -
backing from mil. Possible?
- Police, army, intelligence, (anger &
estrangement, backbiting) - TV - Weekly OW -
Dept of Bus NET

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- This question never been asked -

In fact the opp. has been hotly debated - who is in control of the govt?

- Role of Afr. business community

- Role of Afr. academics

- Role of African churches

Issues for change:

1. Student unrest

2. Black trade union

3. Black faces

4. Whites ^{inlet} oppose groups

5. Ind. Afr groups