

Whether the Whites?

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"It is D-day for South Africa". These are not my words - they reflect the considered conclusion to which Helen Suzman has come - and I agree with her. For it should be clear to all those who have the interests of our country at heart that the moment of truth has arrived for S.A. - the KAIROS of our destiny. Why do I say this? — Six reasons:

1. Because S.A. is on the verge of bankruptcy: Our net foreign reserves have been pushed almost R3bn. into the red and the likelihood of our country getting out of the red if we continue to go the way we are now going is very small. It's not me saying this - it's the prestigious Business Day ^{yesterday} stating this on its front page - and nobody in govt or business has dared to deny it.

- Disinvestment - sanctions - Ruth First

2. Because although the state of emergency has officially been lifted, the real state of emergency has become nationwide + permanent. 5000 children under 19 are currently in jail acc. to the Minister of Justice in response to a question put to her in Parliament: over 12000 people have been detained since the state of emergency was declared 7½ months ago. acc. to the March report of the DPSA. If these figures do not tell their own ghastly story - which other figures will?

3. Because there has developed an almost fatal lack of trust in the legal ~~processes~~ system of justice within the ranks of the majority of the people of S.A. The ~~law~~ ^{law} ~~processes~~ of law & order is ~~ruled~~ by the majority to be the justification & ~~cause~~ of lawlessness in order to promote disorder.

4. Because government reforms have failed and are failing. However sincere some govt leaders & supporters may judge these efforts to be the fact is that the majority of the people don't see & experience them to be true, meaningful reforms because they are too slow. They are too little and too late and ② then reforms go hand in hand with repression and oppression, which simply cancels any positive effect which ever these cautious reforms ^{ought to} have. The fact is: the govt wants to share power and at the same time maintain white minority control - and that cannot be done! Not possible!

5. Because ~~the~~ serious + ongoing crisis has developed in parliamentary politics. Parliament is an apart-head structure and any addition to that structure is a strengthening of apartheid - and is therefore bound to fail because it has been rejected by the majority of the people. That is what Dr. J. G. Strabbing & Dr. Alex Boraine saw so clearly -; that's what the UDT has been saying

all along; and that is what the PFP does [3] not want to recognise or publicly to admit. Because if they admit this, the logical consequence would be that all MP's of the PFP should resign, that they should withdraw from the charade that Parliament has become and leave the field free for PW. Botha, Deenooch, Jaap Marais, the Hendrickses & the Rasbaungs to play their games whilst Rome is burning!

6. Because the anger + the outrage of the black community of what they have suffered at the hands of the police and the army since Sept. 3, 1984 is reaching frightening proportions, and every person (especially child) being at danger shot, wounded, killed adds to that anger! A massive national movement of resistance by parents, children, workers, students, organisations + individuals is taking shape + growing momentum. It is true: D-day has arrived for SA!

- Q. to whites: On whose side are you? Where: On the beaches - - or in the Trenches?

Call to the whites: What does this imply? [4] What is the message that these events portray to the white community?

1. For the sake of peace, peace with justice, for the sake of re-starting to rebuild the deeply fragmented relationship of distrust between black + white - get the troops out of the Townships! The longer they continue to operate there, the greater the number of people which are going to die (3 - now 5 per day) the greater the anger, the bitterness - & eventually the hatred is going to be! As whites we should know: by allowing or approving our children to go into the Townships as troopers at this point in time we are explicitly or implicitly promoting racial strife, racial animosity, racial hatred!

2. Please notice that the crucial decisions which are determining the future of our country are no longer being taken in Parliament - they are no longer being made in the boardrooms of directors of banks or corporations or companies, they are no longer being made in church synods or religious gatherings - they are being made in the Townships, on the streets, on factory floors,

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at funerals and in graveyards, in hospitals
and in simple homes! They are being made
there where people are suffering, where ^{the} wounded
are being nursed, where the youth are maintaining
their resistance, where the people are seeking their
~~to increase~~ to increase their power!

Therefore we call to all writers:

- 1.1 - Face your fear of the black + enter into dialogue with the black community to discuss their fears, bring them into the open so that they can dispel such fears - Suspense!
 - 1.2 - Put pressure on the government through massive peaceful protest to hear the ~~legitimate~~ cry + demands of the people regarding their rights
 - 1.2 - Join + support the forces seeking to build a non-racial, democratic future for SA!
A special call to:
 - 1.3 - All white fathers + mothers who have a concern for their country, for peace, for the future of their children
 - 1.4 - All white academics, business leaders, clergy, opinion-makers in white society:

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→ Cross the Rubicon - not the R. of
Pw Botha but of white domination, white interest,
white fear

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Besondere beraap op my mnr - Afrikaners // oor (b)

2 redes:

1. Omdat Afrikaners hoofsaaklike herantwoordelik was vir die konsepualisering & wetlike implementasie v.d. apartheidsbelang
2. Omdat Afrikaners meer as enige ander deel v.d. Blanke bevolking geen ander toestand het of wil nie as S.A. nie

by hierop staan my heel tot

1. Afrikanerstudente + Ap. jong
2. Afrikaner onges t.w.v. hulle kinders en die se toekoms
3. Afrikanermeesters wat besoek dat hulle lewensvrome dan d. swartes mit hulle mond gevou sal word
4. Afrikaner-sakemanne, akademici, geselskappe, boere, vrouegraepe.

Die ~~het~~ die passende van ons heidige spanninge en bestaande is nuwe wye ~~is~~ besig om gegooi te word; noemie die nuwe wye vir die sakke voor nie — die ee sakke gaan kraak & dans en die wye ^{sal} heus word. Laat die wye van nuwe lewe in nuwe ^{soek} wêe; staan op en stap oor die Rubicon in in nuwe toekoms waar swart & wit saam die land kan ontwikkel + saam die land kan reger!