

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRETORIA NEWS

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1. IS YOUR PARTY IN FAVOUR OF POLITICAL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA?

The PFP's very reason for existence is that there should be political, economic and social change in South Africa. We have consistently argued that you cannot have change on one level whilst ignoring changes on the others. Therefore, whereas we are a party very much in favour of constitutional change, we do not believe such change can take place in a socio-economic vacuum.

2. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE NP GOVERNMENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL PLAN FOR A TRICAMERAL PARLIAMENT, EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL?

The Government's constitutional plan has very fundamental and severe shortcomings. Consider the following : the exclusion of any Black participation in the new scheme; the entrenchment of National Party domination in the new scheme; the entrenchment of racial discrimination; the constitutionalizing of one party's policy rather than the creation of a new constitution for all parties. These shortcomings must have a polarizing effect between White and Black and divert attention from the central problems that are in serious need of reform.

3. WHAT IS THE POLITICAL FUTURE FOR URBAN BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA?

The political future of the urban Blacks will determine the political future of all South Africans. To the extent that they can be peacefully accommodated in the new urban environment, all South Africans can look forward to a future of peace and prosperity. But then, do not talk about urban Blacks in isolation. Urban Blacks are simply rural Blacks who have come to the cities and they are going to do so in increasing numbers. A solution for the urban Blacks cannot be found independently of a solution for the rural Blacks as well.

4. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF PRETORIA'S PLAN TO SEGREGATE SOME OF ITS PARKS?

I think it is one of the most disgusting and retrogressive steps to have taken place this year. It will do us untold harm overseas and what is even more embarrassing is the Government's absolute silence on this issue, whilst even the Government-supporting press has been vigorous in its condemnation.

5. CAN ANY OF THE RACES IN SOUTH AFRICA SURVIVE WITHOUT POWER-SHARING?

No, not if by survival is meant peaceful coexistence and a relatively comfortable standard of living for all South Africans.

6. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE IMMORALITY ACT AND THE MIXED MARRIAGES ACT?

Section 16 of the Immorality Act and the Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act are legal anachronisms that should be removed from our Statute Book immediately. Any man or woman who needs a law in this area, to maintain his or her self-respect and dignity simply hasn't got anything that can be protected in any case.

7. HOW WOULD YOUR PARTY COPE WITH THE INFLATION RATE?

Insofar as inflation is not imported but due to our own mistakes we would have to rectify those mistakes, particularly in the following manner. Firstly, to make the best possible use of all our human resources, irrespective of race or ethnicity. Secondly, to stop senseless and racial government expenditure by the duplication of facilities and institutions. Thirdly, to increase productivity of our work force by broadening the base of skilled labour as quickly and as urgently as possible.