

CODESA – A GALLERY OF ROGUES . . .

INTRODUCTION

Those of us who, out of a sense of duty and for the sake of accuracy, spent more than 12 hours in front of the television viewing the antics at CODESA, found that the time was well spent. Newspapers are simply unable to capture an event in its entirety. Even the most skillful journalist has to contend with the constraint of language and expression. It is not possible to convey in words (nor is it feasible), all the happenings recorded by the brain. Apart from this limitation, there is also the deliberate slant in presenting the news. It is notorious that editors and owners suppress or distort news which goes against their plans or policies. A recent incident comes to mind. It relates to the outburst by Nelson Mandela against his “Man of Integrity”, De Klerk. The English Press gleefully reported the whipping administered by Mandela. What they failed to report is that even before he ended his speech, Mandela began back-peddaling. His opening and closing remarks starkly contradict one another. While his opening remarks referred to De Klerk as the head of a discredited illegitimate regime, he closed his speech by saying: “. . . Because without him (De Klerk) we would not have made this progress.”

WHAT IS CODESA?

In its essence, CODESA is a conspiracy hatched by the Imperialists (USA, Britain, Japan, West Germany, etc), giant local factory and mine owners, the banks, the Nationalist Party, the ANC and other lesser forces. The purpose of the conspiracy is to ensure that in the long and short term, the interests of capitalism and imperialism in Southern Africa are safeguarded through stability. As a by-product ANC officials who have political ambitions to occupy government posts, including the presidency, will be duly rewarded for their co-operation with the capitalists and imperialists.

In his attack on De Klerk, Mandela proudly claimed:

“It is the ANC, not the National Party or De Klerk that started this process (CODESA). I have been discussing with Kobie Coetzee and top government officials since July 1986 when I was still in prison.”

However, Moeletsi Mbeki, Head of COSATU’s Communication Department is of the view that CODESA is a major component of the National Party’s “risk management strategy.” We agree with Moeletsi Mbeki’s assessment that CODESA is a creature of the National Party. What

only needs to be added is that this strategy has been worked out very closely together with imperialism. If that be the case, then it means that Mandela and the ANC have been very subtly brainwashed into not accepting the CODESA strategy but also into believing that THEY were the originators of that strategy!!

Looked at from the point of view of the poor workers and peasants, CODESA is one more step along the road of betrayal politics of negotiations. CODESA is the organisational expression of that betrayal.

GALLERY OF ROGUES, SCOUNDRELS AND MURDERERS

The conclusion of betrayal is further strengthened when we look at the cast of main and supporting actors at CODESA.

Paraded before us were the racist Nationalists like De Klerk and Pik Botha (the latter has been a professional white-washer of apartheid for many years), Gerrit Viljoen (ex-Chairman of the secret and sinister Afrikaner Broederbond), Rajbansi (declared unfit to hold any public office due to corruption), members of the House of Shame (scoundrels who defied the will of the people and sold their damned souls for money, privileges, the "right" to take bribes and to feather their own nests), Bantustan "leaders" (murderers, scoundrels, dictators and outright crooks), Stalinists (who spent a whole life time propagating and defending the Great Lie that Stalinism was the same thing as Socialism), Zach de Beer, the representative of the giant monopolies which have exploited the toiling masses to the point of starvation, representatives from the USA, the Commonwealth, France, etc, were present on behalf of Imperialism. Ask the bereft mothers of Iraq. They will tell you about Imperialism.

Honest persons in that whole crowd of the evil and degraded were not easy to spot. And if, indeed, there were, the question is: What were they doing there? Honest people should know their duty, which is, not to be found anywhere near where CODESA meets!

CONCLUSION

When the false prophets sing their "Hallelujahs" for their "Nuwe Suid-Afrika", they make sure that the people are not told that "Suid-Afrika" has been fathered by a gallery of rogues, scoundrels and murderers!

WITH SUCH SIRES WHAT WILL THE "NUWE SUID-AFRIKA" LOOK LIKE?