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MAAR ONS PRAT NOU MET DIE RUSSE EN DIE KUBANE, EN DIE ANGOLESE, EN MET ZAIRE EN...

MMM... JA WEL WAT VAN...



The "total revolutionary onslaught", inspired by Russia, has been replaced by an intellectual onslaught inspired by IDASA, according to some cabinet ministers.

New support for business facing change

THE first issue of *Business Vision*, a newsletter dedicated to addressing the role of business in a changing South Africa, has appeared.

"This vision acknowledges the inevitability of a non-racial, democratic South Africa and the desirability of business involvement in constructively driving this process. This vision is committed to a just and peaceful South Africa which benefits from optimum generation and just distribution of wealth," said Mr Ian Bernhardt, a spokesman for the publication.

Members of IDASA, the Consultative Business Movement and The Five Freedoms business and economy forum have combined energies to produce this publication. It is the editorial board's belief that the production of current, easily accessible information pertinent to the process of change will be a significant contribution in empowering business in change. It is in the networking and cross fertilisation of success models, experiences and information about business in change, that this newsletter will in itself be a tool for change.

Increasingly sectors of the business community are accepting that economic stagnation will be endemic unless change take place.

"Behind the fear, apprehension and insecurity that accompanies the telescoping of political-economic conflict in business, lies the hope and vision of a prosperous and stable post-apartheid South Africa, as the economic driving force of the Southern African region," said Mr Bernhardt. The newsletter will critically examine and develop on these scenarios.

The June pilot issue is available at R5 from *Business Vision*, P.O. Box 10466, Johannesburg 2000. Bulk orders for executive staff and line management can be supplied at R4 for 2 to 10 copies, R3,50 for 11 to 100 copies and R3 for 101 to 200 copies.

table with the necessary mandate so that whatever is decided at that table can be implemented.

A critical question which requires considerable thought and discussion is how can the government be persuaded that negotiation can only work if it is open-ended and takes place on the basis that apartheid cannot be reformed but has to be totally abandoned and that legitimate leaders have to be part of that negotiation process. In other words, what strategies should be adopted which will compel the government to move away from mere rhetoric to a commitment in word and deed to genuine negotiation so that a non-racial, democratic South Africa can become a reality? This is the urgent challenge facing all of us.

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Forum, minister 'no good news'

IT seemed quite clear that a number of interesting things were going to happen in the political arena during the course of this year, the black newspaper, *Sowetan*, commented in an editorial.

"A group of black leaders have been brought together under the umbrella of the National Forum, which is intended to be the first step towards involvement in the national decision-making process.

"Now there are speculations that in the cabinet reshuffle likely to take place after the September elections, a black minister may be appointed for the education portfolio."

Sowetan continued: "This, unfortunately, is no good news at all. It is insulting enough to us for less than 25% of the population to go to the polls to elect a government to rule all of us.

"If the government has had a change of heart, it could demonstrate that by lifting the ban on the ANC and PAC, releasing political detainees and prisoners and allowing the exiles to come home.

"Once this happens and freedom of speech is guaranteed, it will not only be the voices of government puppets which will be heard.

"The right political atmosphere will then prevail for all of us to plan the future of a new South Africa."