

## WHERE DO WE STAND?

### A.P.D.U.S.A. AND A NATION FREE OF RACE-HATRED & OPPRESSION

"Verwoerd with his Broederbond sees the salvation of herrenvolkism in retribalisation of the Non-Whites, splitting them up into various groups and presenting each one with its own policeman-chief. These policeman-chiefs are going to be the front line of defence of herrenvolkism in this country; in the same way the intellectuals constitute the front line in the defence of imperialism. The rest of the oppressed must turn their backs on both sets of agents. APDUSANS recognise that neither imperialism nor South African herrenvolkism will ever assist them in the struggle for liberation. Only the oppressed people, together with those who have irrevocably cast in their lot with them, can solve their problems.

A.P.D.U.S.A. believes that in any society the people who create wealth and civilization, and are therefore responsible for the progress of mankind, are those who provide labour in its many forms. Here in South Africa the bulk of the people who create the wealth of the country are precisely those despised and neglected workers in the gold and coal mines; those workers on the sugar plantations, in the white farms and in the Reserves. We are not saying that the White worker does not make his contribution, but we are saying that it is the majority of the oppressed Non-Whites who contribute the lion's share to a civilization the fruits of which they are not permitted to enjoy...In this sense all culture, science and technology, literature, music and drama, in short, all that goes by the name of Western Civilization in this country rests squarely on their backs...Our belief is that those who create must decide what is to be done with what they have created. The producers of wealth in a society must be in the Government of the country. This is our attitude." (From the Presidential Address, 1st APDUSA Conference, 1962)

Let us look at some of the attempts in the Western Province, in particular, to turn the people's faces towards the herrenvolk and their backs to this ideal of a truly democratic nation.

#### LABOUR RESERVES

Partly as a result of their labour shortage on the mines and white farms, and partly because of the "Bantustan" policy for the Transkei, the herrenvolk have to remove most, if not all, the Africans from the Western Province; their so-called Miselen-line now runs from Colesberg across the Cape to the west-coast. South of that line is to be a reserve for mainly "Coloured" labour under white overseership. For this purpose they have an inter-departmental committee - "Bantu" Affairs, Coloured Affairs, Labour, etc. - preparing plans covering all aspects of the life of the Coloured people in the Western Cape. The committee has representatives from and in every district, town, farmers' union, chambers of commerce, etc.

But what do they pretend to the people? Full-time agencies are at work churning out propaganda like a sausage-machine, and making love to the Coloured and Indian people. It is the old, old practice of race-colour exploitation. The latest is that hotels can run without African waiters, chefs, cooks; if only the Coloured people would not be so fussy about obtaining more skilled work. The Coloured Affairs Dept. would recruit "suitable candidates" to replace the African hotel workers, P.W. Botha, the J.A.D. Minister, promised.

#### "PROTECTING" THE PEOPLE

All this supposedly for the protection of the various Non-White peoples. But we know that all the Non-White people want to be free to choose their jobs and careers freely, not be pushed into various types of unskilled and semi-skilled, poorly paid jobs whilst being kept and driven out of many skilled, municipal and government jobs. We know that they want education and technical training that will fit them for any job that their talents will allow. That is a right and that is a demand. Herrenvolk "protection" denies that right and tramples that demand underfoot.

Certain T.E.P.A. collaborators like Rust and R.v.d.Ross were parties at a symposium that "wanted more discipline" for the Coloured youth. The S.A.B.R.A. under Prof. Erika Theron, is planning part of this onslaught on the Coloured people in the name of "protection" of the Coloured people. Golding, that habitual collaborator, members of the U.C.C.A., Tom Swartz, Dollie, etc., have been busy helping to work out the detailed blue-print for the "Coloured-stans"; leading Nat-~~University~~ "specialists" of Stellenbosch, Pretoria and

the Bellville Bush College, plus of course I.D. du Plessis, are all adding their bit to the plan for "protecting" "Ons bruin mense."

But the people are not hoodwinked. Just as they are not hoodwinked by the offers of the C.A.D. to certain Coloured would-be "business-men" to assist with "capital" provided by the Coloured Development Corporation at 4½% interest - in their group-areas only. Just as they are not hoodwinked by the similar role of the Asiatic Affairs Dept. in relation to the Indian people, and special secret meetings between Cabinet Ministers and selected Indian "leaders". Least of all are they hoodwinked about the role of the Bantu Affairs Dept. which needed a State of Emergency to bring into being the Transkei "Bantustan".

#### LOCAL "INDEPENDENCE"

There is the further pretence that group-area locationing will allow the people to "rule themselves" locally. For over 10 years uncertainty has hung over at least 100,000 Coloured and Indian people in the C. Peninsula alone as to what is to happen to their homes under the pernicious Group Areas Act. And many more thousands in other towns and villages throughout the country. Uncertainty has hung over their jobs, their schools, churches, sports fields and their education. Now they are promised separate municipal dummy votes in their locations, in exchange for the limited municipal franchise they are entitled to in the towns. But the location councils will be glorified Location Advisory Boards of the type the African people have had for generations and which have been proved useless and powerless. There is not a single African location Advisory Board that even pretends to function to-day. And the Coloured and Indian location boards will not be given even a chance to come into being. They will be boycotted out of existence because they deny us our democratic right to participate fully in all the democratically-elected municipal councils functioning for the whole town.

#### WHAT IS OUR REPLY?

While the herrenvolk are making very conscious efforts to strengthen what they call their "non-Bantu" front, and calling the Coloured and Indian oppressed into the herrenvolk laager, referred to as the alliance of the "Non-White Non-Bantu" and the "White Non-Bantu" against the "Bantu"; while they want the Coloured and Indian oppressed to join their police-reserves and the Cape and Indian Corps revived and armed with "small arms" (toy pistols; instead of knob-kerries!); while they attempt all this - they fear it will not succeed, and rightly too - to "prove" that the ratio of oppressed to non-oppressed is not 12 million to 3 million or 4 - 1 but 10 million to 5 million or 2 - 1, what is the reply of the oppressed themselves?

Our reply is to be given by stating where we belong. We see only two camps: the oppressed masses (African, Coloured and Indian) and the oppressors. The herrenvolk and their agents are working at fever-pitch to break the growing unity of the oppressed - a unity that will bring their continued oppression of the Non-Whites of Southern Africa to an end the sooner. We shall not be misled and stampeded into the camp of those who are on the side of darkness. We shall not stand against the tide of freedom and democracy that is sweeping the whole continent of Africa to-day. We shall march in stride with our fellow-oppressed in the African People's Democratic Union of Southern Africa, whose policy is rooted in Non-Collaboration with the forces of our destruction. We conceive of our task as expressed in the N.E.U.M. publication, "The Boycott as Weapon of Struggle":

"United action at this stage is directed simply at defeating the plans of the rulers. But the policy of Non-Collaboration - of which the boycott is one application in specific circumstances - implies much more than this. In its larger aspect it means not only rejecting and defeating the rulers' plans for their oppression, but directing the people towards organising their own forces for a concerted struggle for liberty. In place of the herrenvolkism of the rulers they counterpose the conception of the equality of all men. At that stage their united forces will be directed towards building a society in South Africa in which all men and women, irrespective of colour or creed, shall have equal rights and opportunities. Then only will the true Union of South Africa begin to take form. This will be the Nation of South Africa.

The Boycott weapon then, has a very positive part to play in Building the Nation. And all who oppose the Boycott stand condemned before the people as the defenders of herrenvolkism, with all the destruction that it brings in its train. (They) have to make their choice: either to continue as collaborators or take their place alongside the people, and together with them to go forward to the task of building the Nation, a Nation free from race hatred and oppression."