

## COLLABORATORS AND FALSIFIERS EXPOSED

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On Tuesday 7th August, the Sultan Technical College was officially opened. It is tragic that such an institution should be baptised by the blood of its own past students, for the opening ceremony laid at its altar the head of the African student.

At the same time, the issue has been burst wide open and the people are now in a position to see the role of certain members of the College Council.

S.O.Y.A. in its leaflet issued in May told the people at large the following: At the meeting of the College Council, a decision was taken to prohibit African students from attending classes in the new building. In effect it means that African students are being refused admission to the College. The College Council DID THIS VOLUNTARILY.

Mr. Natrass the College Council spokesman issued a denial and tried to make the people believe that the initiative HAD NOT COME FROM ITSELF, but from the rulers. We quote " In terms of the Bantu Education Act, the College may not conduct classes for Africans, nor may it enrol Africans for full time courses leading to the National Certificate. In these matters the College has no option." (our emphasis) Graphic 29th May 1956.

But J.H. Viljoen the Minister of Arts & Science said there has been agitation about the non admission of Native Students to the full time classes at the College and the possible restriction of part time enrolments which had been decided " by the College Council entirely of its own accord"(our emphasis) The Natal Mercury 8th August 1956.

So that the whole deception and sham has been exposed to the dismay of the Quislings in the Council, by none other than Viljoen himself, we have a right to ask so that the people may know "Why it is that these men in the Council have tried to mislead and feed the people with downright lies, while they ran to tell the truth to Viljoen? Is it because they believe that the people are ignorant and easily deceived, or is it that they feared the people's contempt and anger for their despicable action once the truth was out? However, the people now know where the Council belongs, their action shows unmistakably that their ties with the rulers are stronger than their ties with the people; that they prefer to be "good boys" to be in the "good books" of the rulers than to be with the people.

It has become a habit for the rulers of late to warn the Non Europeans against "agitators"; that is warning the Non Europeans AGAINST themselves. So it was not surprising to hear Mr. Viljoen repeat the same warning. He also went on to advise the Indian to place Education before politics. But the FACT of the matter is that the rulers have always placed POLITICS before EDUCATION when it came to the Non Europeans, and the ACTION of the College Council bears this out. The exclusion of the African is a POLITICAL ACT, motivated by political considerations, for it is the rulers POLITICS OF DIVIDE AND RULE in EDUCATION. It hits at the National liberatory Movement, whose aim is to unite all the oppressed for the struggle for full democratic rights, by sowing the seeds of dissension and hostility. We have suffered too long for being dupes to this rulers' policy of division.

This action hits at unity for now the Viljoens and Vervoerds will go to the African and say; "It is not us who don't want you at the Technical College it is the INDIANS who have excluded you". Race riots, the sorrowful spectacle of oppressive groups fighting one another, do not flare up suddenly. Their seed beds are prepared long before that. The decision of the Council are the dragon seeds from which must spring the future riots.

In the interests of Unity, it becomes our duty to the nation at large to tell all, which were the Indians responsible for this treason against the people.

The first section consists of the N.I.O. elements. They represent the Indian Big Business, and they are the Indians leading Quislings. The rulers have used them to make oppressive legislations acceptable to the people. Therefore their whole history has been one of collaboration with the rulers, and shameless trampling on the interests of the people. For instance in 1943, they "negotiated" the notorious Pretoria Agreement with Smuts, which protected the interests of the Big Merchants. For that they now called on the Indian to give up to the rulers their right to live wherever they chose to. Last year they stirred up friction between Moslems, Hindus & Christians by urging the Indians to accept the rulers plan for religious education which would set one religious group against the other. It is therefore not surprising to catch the Quislings in the act again, for the Division of the people is THEIR job.

The next group consist of a few men with degrees. Because of their degrees people respected and had confidence in them. But now they are shocked to find that "these men of learning" could be a party to such a disgraceful act. But long, long ago these intellectuals developed a habit of kneeling before this Administrator and that Superintendent, for this or that favour. It is then that they lost all sense of self respect and pride.

Theirs is a greater crime for they have sullied the good name of the teacher. Where does one find educationalists, whose task is to instruct children, being a party to a decision that robs children of their education? Yet that is what they have done. They as teachers have robbed the African youth of their right to education. Which teacher could stoop so low except one who has lost his manhood, lost all sense of value, lost the elementary humanity of a teacher towards a child?

We warn the people to beware of this group for a more and more of the Quisling N.I.O.'s become discredited, the more will the rulers lean on these intellectuals to carry out their plans. We must therefore be on guard.

We say again that it is tragic that such an institution whose functions is to educate human beings should begin its history in this barbaric fashion by announcing that it would end education for the African. However the Indian people have never been a party to this. From the remarks of the workers, teachers and students, from the looks on their faces of disgust and anger, it is clear that they would never be a party to it. However we call on the Indian people, particularly the organisations of the Indian people not to allow these Indian Quislings to bring disrepute to the good name of the Indians before the African people and to the rest of the world.

We urge them, to repudiate the Council's decision. And call for a re-admission of the African Students.

There have been whispers, but very, very silent whispers outside the Council that certain members opposed the Council's decision. If so, why have these men remained silent so long? Why have they not taken the people into their confidence? Loyalty to their principles, loyalty to their own consciences demand that they make their views known to the people, by disassociating themselves from the Quislings and Collaborators. We also call on them to move a motion to rescind this treacherous decision of the Council.

Further S.O.Y.A. of the All African Convention and the Non European Unity Movement calls on the workers, teachers and students to take POLITICS away from the Quislings and Collaborators with THEIR OWN HANDS mould their own destiny; and with THEIR OWN HANDS build the unity of the oppressed for the fight for full democratic rights.

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