



AUG. 22 ELECTIONS & YOU

On the 22nd August 1984 the Coloured and Indian people will be offered a junior partnership in the apartheid system. Millions of oppressed South Africans, and many more millions of freedom-loving people in the rest of the world will be anxiously watching to see what happens - will the Coloured and Indian people join the White minority in oppressing the African people or will they throw in their lot with the African oppressed majority and strive for a truly democratic South Africa?

APDUSA has called for a boycott of the elections as the ONLY method of rejecting the New Constitution. The correctness of our stand has been confirmed by the most encouraging response we have received from the people.

In calling for a boycott we are duty-bound to give reasons for our stand.

1. Under the New Constitution, WHITE SUPREMACY will be retained. Why do we say this?
 - (a) The State President and the President's Council have the FINAL say in all matters of importance.
 - (b) The State President and the President's Council will look after the affairs of those who have the majority vote to elect them.
 - (c) The State President is elected by a body of 88 members - 50 of whom are Whites, 25 Coloured and 13 Indians.
 - (d) The State President will therefore be a person whom the 50 White members will elect.
 - (e) The President's Council is a body of 60 members of whom 20 will be elected by Whites, 25 chosen by the State President, 10 by the Coloured members and 5 by the Indian members.
 - (f) The above points mean that the White voters will ALWAYS have the majority to elect THEIR State President, THEIR President's Council and therefore retain THEIR supremacy.
2. Under the New Constitution there will always be segregation, self-determination or separate development - all fancy names for APARTHEID. Why do we say this?
 - (a) In matters of social welfare, education, culture, health, community development, local government, pensions, etc., each racial group will be governed separately by its own racial parliament.
 - (b) This means that apartheid will remain in schools, school sports, hospitals, residential areas, universities, graveyards, etc.

3. The New Constitution is a recipe for perpetual conflict and violence. Why do we say this?

- (a) South Africa will be divided into two blocs - the one consisting of Whites, Coloured and Indian, the other of the millions of African oppressed.
- (b) The best of everything that our rich land can offer will go to the Whites and to a tiny section of the African, Coloured and Indian.
- (c) The Coloured and Indian workers will get a poor second best.
- (d) The African workers and peasants will get the leftovers and scraps.
- (e) No people who produce the wealth of the country and who are treated as foreigners in their own land will forever be happy with scraps and leftovers.
- (f) The New Constitution DOES NOT SOLVE the real problems of the country. It seeks to run away from the real problems. In the meantime, it becomes a recipe for conflict and violence.

By BOYCOTTING the elections:

- (a) We will be rejecting White supremacy.
- (b) We will be rejecting apartheid and segregation.
- (c) We will be turning our backs to the recipe for conflict and violence.
- (d) We will be moving on to the road of genuine struggle for non-racialism and true democracy.

ONE COUNTRY ! ONE NATION ! ONE CONSTITUTION !

DOWN WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF APARTHEID !

BOYCOTT THE RACIST ELECTIONS !

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