

BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS - BLACK POWER

One finds it very difficult to deliver a speech on Black Consciousness, to Black students who happen to be radically pushing the wagon for truth. But every person no matter how razorsharp the path of radicalism he walks, needs to be principled and to be principled one must believe in a philosophy, the policy of which will crystallise ones principles.

Students are the architects of every struggle and any country or soclots which is opressed requires a very strong and articulate student leadership. Our masses should be the luckiest in that they live with very sensitive and committed students. Students who have a spirit of belonging to their community. Students who, not only envisage liberation passively but are seeing to it that the envisaged becomes reality.

Black Consciousness is a philosophy which the oppressed Black masses of Azania apted for, since it completely shatters the daily propagated dehumanising policy of the opressors to the appressed. It writes all the communities which are discriminated against in the country of our birth namely Africans, Indians and Coloureds. As students we must work more towards unifying these Black communities so we can eventually achieve Black Solidarity.

The psychological appression which is preached every minute of every day through the Press, Bantu Radio, Education and more recently television. The Press happen to be very subtle in the manner of propagating this cancer-sick policy of seperate development in that they have feature articles which in most cases if not all, are written by white people. Some of these articles happen to be liberal, and at least one journalist to vouce our the Nationalist Party's viewpoint. Not a single Black person is at the airing the Black viewpoint of the oppressed who daily die of stray bullets, poverty, exposure and diseases. The radio Bantu is the most sickening perpertuators of seperate development and white exclusiveness, of late it has turned into a mouthpiece of the police force.

Education in this country happens to maintain,

1. White exclusiveness.
2. Apartheid.
- 3 Tribalism.

White students grow-up knowing that they are to maintain from other human beings, what is supposed to be for whites, this can be clearly seen in their curculum prepares student who are to serve in their defence force. The justification of white supremacy even to the extent of using Biblic al quotations.

Black Consciousness makes you conscious of the fact that you are human, it is a philosophy through which the gates of liveration are opening and the emerging new man.

Black, shouts, preaches to the fellow-oppressed that Liberation must come through total involvement of the black masses who happen to be toiling men. We as students should preach it wherever we are, starting with our parents who hold the key to liberation.

Today we are experiencing a classic example of the power of Black Solidarity when student voices shout against rent increments and whitey bows down to the united voice of students. Then out of the blue some adventurous old-young-man claims the glory and globe-trots for his master in the name of our community. Remember Judas Iscariot's unavoidable end. From their globe-trotting they will end up in exposing parades in a free Azania. Remain loyal to the united voice of the students; suffer for this one voice for the day will come when sons and daughters of Azania will shout "UHURU" and you will marvel at your contribution to Human Brotherhood; when people will be governed equally irrespective of colour, race, class and creed, some people say Black Consciousness is racism. This is abhorrently untrue for Black Consciousness transforms you from the docile animal to a human-being who knows that he is first black and oppressed. Black Consciousness stifles the individualistic tendency which is inculcated by the legalised racism and the capitalist system in the country ashamed to look back and accept the communalistic living of our fore-fathers created no socio-economic problems in that widows were taken care of, when a child is born the community is happy for that child is for that particular community with the result, subsidised by the richer and is expected to pay-back when he has accumulated enough.

In concluding this paper I would like to comment on the contributing of this particular school in taking the initiative in the language problem which resulted in spontaneous uprisings of the Black masses and changed not only the Azanian students outlook to life but also influenced international politics and changed America as policy to this present regime, but since we are dedicated and determined Black students America and Andrew Young are not going to impress us. I am not going to thank you for your contribution in the struggle for national liberation for one must serve without expecting to be carried shoulder high and should'nt talk much for its the deeds not the words which make a dedicated leader.

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