



*Conflict  
or  
Cooperation?*

# *This is Liberal Pamphlet No 2*

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(Have you read Liberal Pamphlet No. 1, "Fighting the Ice?")

**I**N the Dark and Middle Ages, before the principles of law and order and an impartial administration of justice could find acceptance, it was more or less everyone for himself. The weak went under. If someone who was strong wished to possess what was not his, he took it by force and with complete impunity was able to retire into his castle—and that was that.

Castles no longer offer those within their walls protection from the consequences of their actions, and physical strength has long ceased to be regarded as even remotely resembling moral force. Unfortunately, however, human nature has not changed much since those early days. Violence does still appeal to it as a short cut when no other road to some passionately desired end seems open.

To every one living in South Africa this fact is of the deepest significance—for we are all of us, whatever our race or colour, faced with the approach of a situation when the problems of our multi-racial society would appear to allow of no solution other than conflict, with violence.

The Liberal Party does not share these misgivings.

It knows better.

It does not, as Liberal Pamphlet No. 1 puts it, attempt to fight the ice. Instead, it offers an alternative, the **only** alternative: CO-OPERATION.

Many good South Africans who believe in co-operation within the different racial groups, become apprehensive the moment it is suggested to them that there should be co-operation also **between** these groups.

In reality (and the Liberal Party is concerned with realities) the only thing to be afraid of in full co-operation between **all** races in this country, is failure to realise **in time** that the only road to survival leads in that direction. It is a long road that leads out of the jungle, out of the hostile forest of mutual distrust, ignorance, prejudice and fear—and there are no short cuts. The Liberal Party does not propose to seek any short cuts.

Once this easy and natural principle of co-operation has been accepted by both sides—and unless it is, neither side has any future worth looking forward to—progress along that road will be rapid and smooth. The jungle which that road must traverse does not extend further than the eye can see. Presently it will give way to open fields which we can enter together, side by side, in the harmony of co-operation.

“A charming vista,” you may say, “but of course it can never happen in South Africa.” The truth of the matter is that it **must** happen, if we are not all to go under in mutual destruction.

The Liberal Party believes that it can and will happen. If you should be interested to learn how the Liberal Party proposes to go about this co-operation in detail, the Regional Secretary will gladly provide the fullest information.



It is hoped that a series of "Liberal Pamphlets" of which this is No. 2 will help to spread proper understanding of the Liberal Party's aims and of the manner in which it proposes to realise them. When you have read this, or any of the other pamphlets in the series, pass your copy to a friend.

"Liberal Pamphlets" so far projected are:

- 1.** "Fighting the Ice?"
- 2.** "Conflict or Co-operation?"
- 3.** "Money, money, money."
- 4.** "How do you do?"
- 5.** "Who's responsible?"

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