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1. CHEAP SHOTS WITH RACE CARD=POLITICAL BANKRUPTCY

INTRODUCTION

1994 ushered in more than just democracy. It also ushered in the shameless use of the race card to ward off accusations and condemnation of corruption, outright thievery, fraud, incompetence and failure of duty. The race card was used with absolute intemperateness. It was also a time to poke fun at the whites in the assurance that that form of humour is guaranteed to get an audience of preprogrammed applauders.

Instead of raising matters of serious debate and discussion, the person uses the old tried and tested method of the CLAPTRAP, so beloved by political bankrupts.

“You see, white people steal too, so ditch the myth”

In the Sunday Times of the 1st April 2007, columnist Ms Mohau Pheko claimed that she saw a white man being chased by a security guard from a store. The guard allegedly shouted that the white man had stolen certain items. A young African man seeing the incident is alleged to have stated: “You see, White people steal too.”

We do not know whether the incident actually took place or whether Ms Pheko was indulging in a bout of “poetic licence” to lay the foundation of an article based on what she claimed was the “truest and most multilayered comment she heard all day.”

Setting up a sitting duck in order to shoot it down

The writer of this article has been in the political struggle for over half a century. Throughout this period he has not COME ACROSS THE CLAIM FROM ANY QUARTER THAT WHITE PEOPLE DO NOT STEAL. If such a myth does exist. It does so in the fertile imagination of Ms Pheko. If such a claim has been made in seriousness, then Ms Pheko would be entitled to retort that WHITE MEN STEAL TOO.

The simple fact is that there are certain members of all sections of our population who engage in stealing. This is not a profound observation. Anybody who has seeing eyes and/or who read newspapers and/or who listens to the radio or watches television will be acquainted with this simple truth.

So why did Ms Pheko have to resort to a well-known claptrap? For the very reason why such a statement is called claptrap, which is “showy words or deeds to win applause or public favour.

Sure enough, on the following Sunday, there were letters to the Sunday Times Editor praising Ms Pheko for her attack on the alleged myth. So the clap was successfully trapped!

THE SMOKESCREEN

There have been in recent times a great deal of publicity about the dirty and crooked deeds by people like Brett Kebble (a White, if you did not know) and foul and dark allegations against Police Commissioner's great chum one Agliotti - Head of a shadowy and sinister Mafia-like syndicate. The latest is the Fidentia scandal with a Mr Brown a White, its main actor presently out on a million rand bail. So Ms Pheko did not have to turn the spotlight on a white shop-lifter. People know that there is no myth that white people do not steal. The myth was a creation of Ms Pheko so that she could shoot it down and claim the title of Joan of Arc.

TIDAL WAVE OF CRIME

But what Ms Pheko succeeded in doing for the short time that it caused a stir was to **DIVERT ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE TIDAL WAVE OF CRIME WHICH IS BLEEDING THIS COUNTRY TO DEATH:**

- 18 000 murders a year
- 31 390 women are raped each year
- A child is raped every 20 minutes¹
- 160 000 people are in prison either as convicted persons or those awaiting trial

Crimes of violence have converted our people into prisoners in their own houses. Nobody is safe; nothing is sacrosanct. The criminals look with contempt at the criminal justice system and grow bolder and more brazen by the day. The latest development is the increase of sadism in their dealings with their victims. Arrest, conviction and imprisonment is no longer a deterrent.

BOTTOMLESS PIT OF CORRUPTION

Then there is the even greater tidal wave of crimes involving fraud, dishonesty and corruption engulfing the whole country. It is not for nothing that South Africa is placed 44 out of 145 countries by Transparency International. It also means that out of the first 44 countries in the world South Africa comes out as the most corrupt.

In recent years, South Africa has become a nation of thieves and fraudsters with the avaricious section of the new black elite in the forefront. So much so that:

- *No purchase or sale of any State asset of value worth talking about escapes the perception that there must have been corruption in the tender process; that the purchase price is not the best that can be obtained and that an important participant will have received a kick-back of bribe!.*

¹ According to Mrs Joan Van Niekerk, National Director of Child Line, only one in nine crimes against women and children is reported!! (Sunday Times 1/10/2006)

- *No appointment of any worth in any public position escapes the perception that that appointment is based on nepotism, cronyism or plain political patronage.*

Long before the scandal over the purchase of the e-Natis computer system reached the press, people were already asking:

- Who is going to get a big kick-back?
- By how many millions is the equipment over-priced?
- Is the equipment not some junk fobbed on to ignorant or corrupt purchasers?

How predictable!!

Instead of focusing on serious crime and corruption, Ms Pheko chooses to pick on some shop-lifter who happened to be white and turns her firepower on him.

Talking of priorities!

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2. COLD BLOODED MURDER OF SADDAM HUSSEIN

INTRODUCTION

On the night of the 31st December 2006, a manacled and shackled man in black was led up the steps to the gallows. He was bearded, black with white hair. The beard was neatly trimmed. The face was pale in contrast to his clothing, it looked sad but dignified. As he neared the noose, his executioners taunted him. But the man kept his courage and dignity. He was heard telling himself: "Do not be afraid". The execution took an unbelievably short time. It was all over in seconds, not even minutes. But the entire civilised world recoiled in revulsion. Among the most disappointed was the murderous and insane president of the US. Although he claimed to be busy with some other matter at the time of the execution and heard of it only later, we believe that he must have sat glued to his chair watching film footage from hidden and secret cameras of the execution. He must have been watching with the intense expectation of seeing a Saddam Hussein going to pieces in the presence of the gallows and either begging for a reprieve or being forcibly dragged to the trap-door. The entire civilised world was moved by the dignity and demeanour of the condemned man facing his end. It was an anti-climax for Bush! Overnight Saddam Hussein had become a martyr. Even the celebration by his Shi-ite foes was short lived.

THE MAN IS NOW BEYOND PUNISHMENT AND THE WHOLE TRUTH HAS DIED WITH HIM

All the other crimes he is alleged to have committed now become irrelevant. You cannot kill a person more than once! You cannot put a dead man on trial. What kind of trial will it be when the principal accused is unable to test and rebut evidence against him?

Yet the most sensible thing to have done, if there is substance in the allegations of the atrocities committed by him qualifying for a “crimes against humanity” charge, is to have had arraigned him before the International Criminal Court with all the charges and to have tried him through the tried, tested and accepted legal procedure for justice. Then there would have been finality one way or another for the country and for the relatives of persons who died at the instance and direction of Saddam Hussein. As it stands only a fraction of his alleged crimes was levelled against him. It appears as if the whole truth has been killed with the man. Already there are convincing views put forward that the gassing of the Kurds was the work of the US on a number of grounds, one of which is that Iraq did not have the technology, equipment and personnel to deploy poison gas. There is a large body of opinion that the principal purpose of the hurried execution was to bury the truth with corpse.

There is no disputing that the whole world believes that Saddam Hussein’s execution was a staged lynching and that prior to the execution, he was not given a fair trial. Three members of his defence team were assassinated; two judges who showed a modicum of tolerance towards Saddam Hussein were removed. The period between the verdict of death and the execution was fast tracked to coincide with the last day of 2006 so as to have a “clean slate for 2007”. But in the process Bush and his henchmen brushed aside the fact that the date of the execution was also the holy day of Eid (The Festival of Sacrifice) celebrated by the Sunni section of the Muslim community on that day.

INSANE VENEGEFULNESS:

In having Saddam Hussein killed, George W Bush revealed a streak of insane vengefulness. We remind the reader of how the US, in July 2003, discovered the hiding place of Saddam Hussein’s two sons and his 14 year old grandson. Instead of using tried and tested methods of “smoking out” from buildings, the US, with incredibly massive armaments, waged a 4 hour blitz on the hiding place. This ensured that no living person would survive the onslaught. The bodies of the two sons were treated with such disrespect that it evoked an international outcry.² Again, there was no trial. There was just execution!

In having Saddam Hussein killed, Bush killed members of three generations of his family – Saddam Hussein himself, his two sons and his grandson. Since when are 14 year olds executed?

There is something extremely odd about Bush’s conduct. This is not how sane and rational persons behave, more especially if they head the most powerful nation in the world. People in high office like judges and presidents of countries are trained and are expected to behave in a controlled manner, suppressing any personal inclinations. But in Bush’s case the hatred is so overpowering that he makes no attempt to conceal it.

² For more on the subject of the death of his sons, the reader is referred to Apdusa Views No. 70 of August 2003: “The Most Cowardly Army In Modern History”

POWER AND INSANITY

We all know the saying about how power can corrupt. But when power is combined with insanity, the most gruesome results follow. The power we refer to is one which is universal and unchallenged and unchallengeable. The kind of power the Roman Empire had. We also know how that power when combined with insanity produced gut-wrenching results. Take the case of the persecution of the Christians who like Jews refused to worship the “Divine Emperor”. They were driven to the public arenas and made to face the most ferocious of wild beasts. It is only somebody who is extremely sick in the head who enjoys the spectacle of unarmed men and women who have had to wait in terror and then being torn to pieces by ravenous human-eating beasts. But insanity does not have limits. Thus Emperor Nero went on a rampage of bloodletting. He had his own mother killed, not to mention two of his wives and the husband of the woman who became Nero’s third wife, suffering the same fate.

He could do all this – the irrational and unnatural deeds with impunity because of the power he wielded.

As we said: Power combined with insanity makes for monstrous abuse.

With the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact and with the downward economic spiral suffered by the Soviet Union, the US became the unchallenged military and economic power in the world. There was no country in the world which could stand up to the US. It became the sole super power. It could do what it wanted to. Therefore, when the United Nations did not move fast enough to take action against Iraq, the US and its stooges chose to go it alone without the support or consent of the rest of the world. The UNO stood powerless. There was no country in the world which could rally other countries and stand in the way of the US. The US is just too powerful both economically and militarily.

RAPE OF THE RULE OF LAW

Law was designed to regulate peoples’ behaviour and visit sanctions on those who breach the law.

Once, a country or person becomes aware of the fact that it can do what it wants to, even if that means violating the law, the lawlessness of unchallenged power follows rapidly.

Following the destruction of the US twin towers on September 2001, the US embarked on a number of military aggressions. It also went about arresting hundreds of people and imprisoning them at Guantanamo Bay in a makeshift prison and subjecting them to uncontrolled violations of internationally accepted rules and standards in the treatment of detained persons, including those suspected to have committed acts of “terrorism”.

In order to deny such detainees the laws governing the treatment of persons who are suspected of having committed crimes or if regarded as “prisoners of war”, the US very arrogantly fabricated a brand new category of prisoner – *Enemy Combatant*. According to Bush and his fellow fascists this category of prisoner would be treated neither as a suspect who enjoys rights in accordance of the law of the land, nor as a “prisoner of war” who enjoys rights under the Geneva Convention relating to the treatment of prisoners. The manner of treatment, or shall we say mistreatment, is to be determined solely by Bush and his clique of neo-fascists.

There are some 385 prisoners in Guantanamo Bay. According to the Supreme Court of the US, the Supreme Court has no jurisdiction over persons detained in a place

which is not on US soil. This position flows from the Military Commissions Act passed in October 2006 by the Republican Party “*with the help of the congressional Democrats.*”

The effect of this shameful judgement is that even if cruel and unlawful acts are carried out by persons are who:

- a) are US citizens;
- b) are in the employment of the US State;
- c) use US resources like buildings, food, medicine, transport etc.;
- d) are paid salaries by one or the other US state departments;
- e) carry out their unlawful activities in an area which is in the full control of the US;
- f) do all that they do in their official capacity in the name of the US;

the US Supreme Court has denied itself jurisdiction to hear *any matter* pertaining to the Guantanamo Bay detainees..

Even Pontius Pilate would have hung his head in shame at the washing off of hands as a response to the cry of help from the most helpless of helpless beings.

It was not for nothing that the Amnesty International³ on the 5th April 2007 called “for the immediate closure of the camp (at Guantanamo Bay) and affirmed the right of victims to pursue reparations in US courts”⁴

WHO IS THE BIGGER CRIMINAL?

Saddam Hussein was no angel. He besmirched the good name of Socialism by calling his party the Baath Socialist Party and then proceeded to perform a whole series of heinous acts which goes against the very heart of “Socialism”. There was the absence of democracy in Iraq; the gallows and the firing squads dealt with opposition, real and imaginary. At the goading of the US and in collusion with it, he launched a war against Iran which raged for 8 years and caused the death of over 300 000 people. The war cost each country about \$500 billion. He brutally crushed the Shi-ite majority. He is alleged to have used poison gas against the Kurds, a people who occupy the northern part of Iraq.

Saddam Hussein had much to answer. The proper forum would have been the International Criminal Court. It is an overwhelming probability that in his defence Saddam Hussein would have told the whole truth. The whole truth would have exposed the deep involvement of the US in all of Iraq’s reprehensible activities. It is for this reason that Saddam Hussein was only charged with offences which took place prior to the mushrooming of an ignominious partnership between Iraq and the US.

It was the US which supplied Iraq with poison gas which was used against the Kurds and the Iranians and it was the US which pumped money and armaments into Iraq.

VENGEFUL AND VICIOUS

Imperialism can be unimaginably vicious and vindictive. There is a heavy price to be paid by any person who or any country which causes injury to it.

- The US has never forgiven the Iranians for invading the US embassy in Teheran and keeping US staff as prisoners for a relatively lengthy period of time. This incident may well have featured prominently when the US instigated Iraq to attack Iran.

³ Amnesty International is the most famous human rights watch-dog in the world.

⁴ World Socialist Web Site: Amnesty International report: by Tom Carter 7th April 2007

- It took US imperialism about a quarter of a century before it swallowed the humiliation inflicted on it by forces of liberation in China and accepted the demand of Peoples' China that only it be recognised as China in the UNO and that Taiwan's seat be taken away.
- The US trade embargo on Cuba has been in existence for 46 years and numerous attempts were made by the US to destabilize it.
- There is sufficient evidence to show that Saddam Hussein was entrapped by the US into invading Kuwait and when the invasion took place, it turned against him and was the principal force behind the UN attack on Iraq during 1990-1991. By the time the attack ended, Iraq, according to political analysts, was reduced to its pre-industrial level. Of development.
- The principal purpose of the crippling sanctions imposed by the UNO was to cause such intense hardship among the people that they would rise and topple the rule of Saddam Hussein. That did not happen and the idea of deposing him by a direct invasion by the US disguised as the UNO or any other respectable mask, was available was conceived.
- The problem posed was: What reason could the US give for invading a country which posed no threat to it? When it comes to these matters, the leaders of imperialism, in these days of a single super power, display an unprecedented arrogance. I can imagine them saying: Any excuse will do! Let's say that Iraq has been manufacturing, stockpiling and concealing weapons of mass destruction (WMD). As for proof, let's bother about that when the time comes. In the meantime, let's get the ball rolling. US stooge, Tony Blair as agent of British Imperialism chips into say that Iraq had capability of attacking UK within 45 minutes. Colin Powell, a descendant of an African slave, was made to use his ancestry⁵ to neutralise criticism from the strong bloc of black UN members of the General Assembly.
- Within a short span of time, Bush, Blair and Powell's claims of Iraq's WMD and its capability of attacking within 45 minutes turned out to be without substance. Further probing revealed clumsy untruths. The world was outraged. Colin Powell literally hid his head in shame and has been unheard of since, Blair and Bush's political careers were reduced to tatters. The shameless triad will go down in history as the world's biggest liars. For many generations to come their name will be synonymous with those of the basest of human beings who wreaked death and destruction on many hundreds of thousands of innocent people and reduced almost to rubble a country which hosted the earliest of human civilisations and which ought to have been preserved with great care, love and pride. To the imperialists the cradle of civilisation has no meaning and is of no significance. Its destruction must be considered as "*collateral damage*."

CONCLUSION

Long after we are dead and forgotten, the damnation of history on the triad will prevail. Their names will be used to teach moral lessons to children about the evil of those in power who lie and misrepresent.

Long after our time on earth would have passed, there will be no end to regular visits and placing of flowers and recitation of prayers at the grave of a person considered to be a martyr. That grave would have been converted into a shrine. They will remember a brave man by the name of Saddam Hussein who was hanged by the hated US but who went to his death bravely and with dignity. They would have forgotten about and/or forgiven him his many crimes against his own people and against the people of Iran.

⁵ When he addressed the UNO general assembly, it was hoped that a black man presenting his case to an audience which was strongly black would sound more credible

The very process of death at the hands of imperialism has transformed Saddam Hussein into a martyr.