



Fighting the ice?

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IT'S an American tag, this expression about fighting the ice. They use it over there to describe people who refuse to accept the inevitable, i.e. people who believe that they can halt the gradual advance of something that cannot be stopped by human effort — like the ice of the Ice Age.

There are many such people in South Africa. Quite possibly you yourself are one of them. The "ice" they fight, and would like to see others fight, is the gradual advance of the liberal viewpoint. Their resistance is certainly slowing down this advance but it cannot, in the nature of things, do more.

It cannot stop it.

No power and no person on earth could—for the advance of the liberal viewpoint is now—and, indeed, has been for years—a world trend which is steadily and quite irresistibly growing in strength and volume and which, like the ice in the Ice Age, it is futile and a waste of energy to try and halt.

You should think about this for a moment. You should try and see our situation clearly in your own mind. You are not asked to see it as the Liberal Party of South Africa sees it. You are asked to see it **as it is**.

Among the people who feel they must oppose the liberal viewpoint in South Africa there are many who do quite clearly see the situation as it is, and who know also that the growth and the spreading of the liberal viewpoint cannot be stopped. They oppose it because they dislike it—which is understandable—and because they fear it, which is quite unnecessary. They are determined to resist it for as long as they can, and for as long as those who come after them can. But to do so is to bring disaster down upon us all—and this, too, they know.

When you are faced with the inevitable, the intelligent and—in the long run—the only profitable thing to do, of course, is to accept what is coming and to make the best of it. There is really no alternative, is there? Survival depends on ability to adapt oneself to and accept changing conditions. Those who cannot or will not adapt themselves, will not survive.

This is not a threat, and the Liberal Party has nothing to do with it.

It is a natural law.

But the Liberal Party does at least face the fact that it is a natural law, and because it does so it can perhaps be described as the only political party in South Africa to-day whose views and aims are firmly grounded—not on mere hopes, not on beliefs and theories, not on fears or misgivings—but on FACT.

Naturally (and you must take this word quite literally), naturally—let us repeat it—it is not the Liberal Party's intention to change the established order in South Africa overnight, **but** unless this irresistible advance of the liberal viewpoint, this steady growth of awareness of the inevitable is **accepted by us all**, now—other forces, impatient and impetuous, may well attempt to do so.

The Liberal Party appeals to them, as it appeals to you, to accept CO-OPERATION as the only alternative to conflict. Given that acceptance, it is confident that it can lead the way to survival!



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