

WHY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES SHOULD BE TOTALLY REJECTED

It is very disturbing that during this stage in our struggle for liberation, there are still Coloured so-called leaders with an attitude completely ethic and in accord with the Afrikaner Nationalist. They are again gearing themselves up for the "good old fight" among themselves in the coming elections.

Management Committees are toothless, Government-created bodies who have no final say on vital issues, such as Group Areas Act, other recreational facilities, the shortage of houses and rent increases. A good example is that just after the coloured elections rents in Keizer Park were increased by 20-25 and the Coloured Management Committee meekly accepted the increases.

I cannot see how Management Committees can fulfil the political aspirations of our people.

Management Committees are part of the machinery of the apartheid structure. Their functions were designed, carefully planned ~~and~~ and are being executed ruthlessly by their white bosses.

Example: Goods belonging to the tenant can be repossessed to pay the amount owing to the Council. Families being ejected sometimes in pouring rain

a bitterly cold weather.

I believe that Coloured Management Committees prepares the soil for the acceptance of bondage to insult and create the attitude of mind that would accept inferiority and segregation and I must say it really retards progress.

Because of the few favours and personal benefits derived from these institutions they become under obligation and have no alternative but to play ball. Even that monthly cheque that they receive as a member has had the effect of changing their outlook. They are definitely not working in the interest of the people whom they claim to represent.

It is the most incompetent and useless institution that was ever created by the Government to keep us in perpetual subservient.

Among Blacks there is a great feeling of animosity towards Government created institutions, they have long regarded men collaborating in these institutions as wilful or atleast misguided collaborators who must be shunned and ostracised totally. I see that in not so distant future our people will do likewise.

Mrs Ellen Lambert calls them the shock-absorbers which are playing for time, and it is a feeble attempt to keep us contented and in perpetual subjugation.

The youth also look at Coloured Management Committees as a group who is furthering the private development policy and I believe that we should listen to our young people. Those who thinks that they can speak and act without listening to our young people are foolish.

Lastly there is no legal means to get rid of some of those Management Committee members even if they opening work against their people.

I don't think anybody has explained it clearly as Dr. Allan Besak, he say:— We ought not to play around with evil. Looking within the system for whatever reason, contaminates you. It wears down our defence, it makes easier these rationalisations for staying in. It makes you susceptible to the hidden and not so hidden persuasion that are at work within every system. It whets your appetite for power. The system even allows you some petty victories, so that you believe that you can actually beat it. All the while it draws you closer, blunting our judgement, and finally exposing our powerlessness by your joining the system to fight the system. All what you call "improvement" for the sake of politics, is in actual fact setting out your principles, your goals and the future of your children.