



## Editorial Comment

# OUR IDEA OF CHANGE

Change will definitely come to South Africa. What this change entails is a question which our people have long answered with the adoption of the Freedom Charter. We are now engaged in a fierce battle to bring about that long cherished change.

How then should we view the current moves by Botha and his racist clique?

In the current session of the United Nations General Assembly we will continue to witness imperialist manoeuvres against positive action by the international community on South Africa. With their catch phrase 'Peaceful Change' they will make every effort to defend their capital in South Africa.

The Botha-Malan regime has been busy throughout this period doing window-dressings that would allow their imperialist masters to defend them. The people of South Africa have never been deceived by these tactics framed in the Goering mould.

The people of South Africa have never been deceived even now as can be witnessed by the continued mass activity. Their rejection of the so-called 'Preferential Council' is a noble act in defence of black unity and mass solidarity.

On their part the racists arrogantly expect the world to believe that there are changes. What changes can there be while they are preparing yet another genocidal dumping ground

in the form of 'Ciskei' 'independence'?

What change can there be while they continue to murder our children and closing black schools?

The racist idea of change is the introduction of Gerrit Viljoen and Magnus Malan into their hierarchy. Is it change when the chairman of the notorious Broederbond becomes a Law-maker? Is it change indeed when the perpetrator of Cassinga and other massacres become a peace-maker? Not while these people believe in baaskap. These people are simply brought in to strengthen the iron hand of the fascists who have been planning the massacring of our people.

Our people's idea of change is the unconditional release of Comrade Nelson Mandela and all political prisoners.

Our people's idea of change is the introduction of an unified system of education free from racist indoctrination. Our people demand equal pay for equal work, free and non-racial trade unions, an end to group areas act, an end to pass laws and an end to exploitation. They want freedom. They demand a people's government, they demand the implementation of the Freedom Charter. That is what they are fighting for.

All these thousand and one vague promises by the Botha-Malan clique are aimed at dissuading us from our road of struggle while the boers themselves are strengthening racist domination.

Let us deny these racists the breathing space they so desperately need. We must continue to rely on our own collective efforts as the only means of bringing about change in our lives, and that can only be achieved through a complete destruction of the entire apartheid system.

As our leader Comrade Nelson Mandela put it:

"Between the anvil of united mass action and the hammer of the armed struggle we shall crush apartheid and white minority racist rule!"

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## PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT!