

DPSKEMPI

Part 2

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Economically, the uninitiated observer of the South African scene would declare that "darkies never had it so good". Wages are raised in a factory, WRAB or ERAB immediately raise the rent and business goes on as usual. Furniture companies still believe in Higher Purchase and blacks still flock to buy radios, hi-fi sets, TV sets and other household paraphernalia that have fallen into obsolescence even before they've been carted away from the furniture store showroom. Judy Seidman in *Facelift Apartheid* noted that "another projected change in township life is an improvement in retail business facilities". She talks about severe restrictions under which black businessmen operated; that they were unable to own more than one type of business; they couldn't employ people of a different race and so on. The operative act here is the Group Areas Act which restricted black businessmen to operating within black areas only. Recently such restrictions have been largely removed. In Soweto NAFCOC has built a supermarket costing R1,5 million with a larger one planned for Jabulani, a Soweto township.

What is happening has got nothing to do with a sudden change of heart on the part of our rulers. The schemes like Blackchain and monies funnelled by NAFCOC have absolutely nothing to do with the bettering of the everyday lives of the major section of black people. A very small section of black people benefit from this. The African entrepreneurs are tools of the capitalist "Free Trade" system; these do nothing to help their uninformed brethren except swell the ranks of the black middle class whose dubious role of a phantom has been described above.

THE SADF UNLEASHED

The military in South Africa is one institution that can boast that they have it good. The growth of military spending is one of the clearest indications of the growth of South Africa into a military state. The defence budget increased from R44 million in 1960 to a staggering R1 972.4 million in 1979. All this was before the people's army, MK, launched successful and telling blows at both SASOL and Voortrekkershoogte; before SWAPO's military offensive got bolder and more to the economic jugular. It was even before SADF's hapless adventures into Angola. It stands to reason, now in 1982, the defence budget is not only huge but astronomical.

That the SADF has done more than its share in attempting to cow down the oppressed masses cannot be overstated. Soldiers and police in camouflage let loose their wrath on the black, defenceless people of South Africa in that infinitely saddening - and angering - desperate performance in June 1976. Since then it seems, soldiers and the police have been told that it is open season. In their fight against "terrorism" and "swartgevaar" (black danger) the SADF and Malan have even got more rabid.

After Malan had declared that there didn't seem to be any military solution to the South African debacle, there was a need for the SADF to quickly change strategies. It concentrates more on psychological warfare. It appears that the SADF has pinpointed three major areas of psychological action: "the mounting of a potent, patriotic attitude amongst the white population; the maintenance of the loyalty of all troops, black and white; and the winning of the "hearts and minds" of the black population in rural areas. The mounting of war psychosis amongst the whites has been adequately dealt with elsewhere. Officially approved black figures and Bantustan leaders are regularly taken to operational areas or local military bases. Young national servicemen are used in a growing number of bantustan areas in both Namibia and South Africa as school teachers, technical instructors, advisors and even directors of tourism. Areas around the countries neighbouring South Africa have been cleared. This is supposed to make difficult the

guerilla route to the heart of South Africa. People in these areas are given material benefits - which can be withdrawn if the inhabitants prove too "unco-operative-to report guerilla movement". This has been done in other areas of conflict before, but the revolutionary tide has made the local people spit on these benefits. In South Africa the white racist soldiers don't seem to realise that their so-called civil action can never fool the people for any length of time. The SADF would be hated, presumably even if the soldiers spent the entire day giving lollipops to schoolchildren.

THE USA CONNECTION

Reactionary politicians have repeatedly tried to give the impression that South Africa needs to be saved. Unfortunately for the racist government, there are few if any manoeuvres they can come up with which won't be detected by the progressive section of mankind. South Africa has been called by names which stick: racist, fascist. It has been called the skunk among nations; apartheid has been declared in the United Nations a crime against humanity. We see the destabilizing effect and rapacity of South Africa in Angola: as of this writing South Africa still refuses to hand over the mercenaries who attacked Mahe Airport in Seychelles to depose the rightfully-chosen Seychelloise Prime Minister Albert Rene. South Africa thumbs its nose to people and countries that are pushing for embargoes and sanctions against it. Why is South Africa insensitive to world outcry? Why is it holding onto Namibia - wrecking peace talks - even after an International Court had ruled that it should stop? Why the wanton killing of schoolchildren and striking miners? The answer lies in the help and diplomatic support South Africa enjoys from the whole western countries; especially the USA under Reagan.

Reagan, known racist, is remembered for having been a B-grade movie actor; as Governor of California in the 1970's he sanctioned the murder of Black Panthers, and he came uncomfortably close to depriving Angela Davis of her life. He is now the President of the USA. It is significant that someone took a pot-shot at him soon after he began his term of office for he leads the most reactionary section of the USA money-mongers; he is their eloquent mouthpiece. His at-

itude to South Africa has really caused the racists to fall over themselves in undisguised jubilation. He has vowed to ease restrictions on South Africa - "a wartime ally" - and strains against his own Congress to aid UNITA bandits.

It would, perhaps, pay South Africa to look back in history and see the ignoble ends of most of America's allies. Nazi Germany, although not a *de jure* ally of the USA, was a *de facto* ally. It was hoped that the nazis would so devastate the Soviet Union and thus bring a halt to Communism - and the USA would be there to pick up the pieces. But history does not always work that way.

As of this writing Reagan has instituted a house Committee - along the same lines of the much-unlamented, Alcoholic Joe McCarthy's Huac - to investigate Communist aid to ANC and SWAPO. Reagan's messianic zeal in saving the so-called Free World from the "Communist onslaught" is well-known, hence South Africa and the USA being such strange bedfellows; and this should be a cause for concern of all intelligent mankind.

SPY VS SPY

The black and captive population of South Africa has never been under the illusion that the Intelligence services of this country serve them; instead they know that they are the reason for the creation of such thoroughly oppressive, multi-tentacled structures. The Information Scandal has come and gone and took in its wake Dr Connie Mulder; for many observers it did nothing but confirm van der Berg's unassailability and the tensions that exist between BOSS and the Military Intelligence. And, like a demon, that refuses to be exercised, it has come to the fore and raises its head amidst Nationalist Party conventions.

The Bureau of State Security, popularly known throughout the world as BOSS, has been changed to the Department of National Security (DONS) and then to the Department of National Intelligence (DONI). However the military has its own intelligence network which, under the tutelage and god-fatherhood of Botha and Malan, is a formidable force indeed.

Much has been said about the precarious situation South Africa finds itself in, and many lies are still to be unearthed. The big lie that is committed through omission

is the blanket ban on what goes on in the operational areas, how many white children die so far from home defending an obscenity. We still haven't heard from the horse's mouth how many soldiers died at Voortrekkershoogte. But we know that the number of servicemen who get buried with *full military honours* is increasing. The intelligence services, when they take time off from hounding the regime's critics, are involved in the cover up; things have become so bad - as has transpired - ambassadors, consuls and envoys - are paid agents of the South African intelligence network. These monitor movements of bodies like the Amnesty International, the International Defence and Aid Fund (IDAF), and the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM). The recent bombing of the ANC office in London could not have come as a surprise to many since London is the traditional capital of imperialist intelligence intrigue. But all these manoeuvres have significantly failed to stop the advance of the revolutionary struggle: there has been a marked ascendancy to power and prominence, let alone effectiveness, of the ANC and its fighting wing, MK. DONS, BOSS will, like SAVAK of Iran, soon be something like a memory of a toothache in the future as South Africa finally belongs to its rightful owners.

CONCLUSION

Magnus Malan's DPSKEMPI schemes will probably find their strength in the whole structure of South Africa as a Military Industrial Complex. In a freer and saner society these schemes would have been regarded as inspired jabberwocky of a happy schizophrenic, some ravings of a lunatic; they would quickly be consigned to the nearest trash can or incinerator. But South Africa being South Africa or - better still - fascism being fascism, this country seems to want to try anything once. Even if this country were to deny it, even if its apologists were to shout to the contrary from the tops of Mount Rushmore, all evidence points to the fact that this country, the boer fascist regime, is in deep trouble. It is hurtling at a slow but constant speed into a quagmire - and it would like to drag as many people as possible down with it.

The rumblings within the Afrikaner's Citadel of Power, Pretoria, is not an insignificant factor. The breakaway of arch-conservative Treurnicht and his cabinet ministers to

found a new party, the fact that the Broederbond won't expel renegades from the Nationalist Party means that the Nats no longer have the sole monopoly of the all-powerful kingmakers.

There are pointers every year that liberation is coming closer. What was taken a half decade ago is taken for granted! now, the revolution is on. After the brutal slaying of our compatriots at Matola, or the ushering in of the Year of the Youth South Africa staggered under such heavy and unprecedented - and indeed, daring! - blows delivered by MK fighters. This is the Year of Unity in Action and there's a deafening and ominous silence that bespeaks a terrible storm brewing. Moreover the racists started the

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Kramer had waited restlessly for the end of the alert. The siren only sounded two hours later, and he immediately hurried down the infirmary road to meet Bochow.

"What do you say?" he asked, as he reached him. They walked up the road together, talking in low tones, in such a way as not to attract attention.

"All 46 have to disappear by this evening. Not one of them is to report at Sign 2."

Kramer had not expected any other decision.

He merely asked, "Where do we put them?"

"Any place that offers safe concealment," replied Bochow. "In the coal celler of the bath, in the potato cellar of the kitchen, in a crate or in a bin! Coal on top, potatoes on top! We'll hide them in the foundation pits under the blocks. They must crawl into the drainage canals. They can