

PRAISE OF LEARNING

Learn the simplest things. For you
whose time has already come
it is never too late!
Learn your A B C's, it is enough.
but learn them! Do not let it
discourage you, begin!
You must know everything!
You must take over the leadership!

Learn, man in the asylum!
Learn, man in prison!
Learn, wife in the kitchen!
Learn, man of sixty!
Seek out the school, you who are
homeless!
Sharpen your wits, you who shiver!
Hungry man, reach for the book:
it is a weapon.
You must take over the leadership!

Don't be afraid of asking, brother!
Don't be won over.
See for yourself!
What you don't know yourself.
you don't know.
Add up the reckoning.
It's you who must pay it.
Put your finger on each item
ask: how did this get here?
You must take over the leadership.

Bertolt Brecht

ERRATUM : Avril Joffe, SAAWU Conference, 9.6, May 1984, page 22, paragraph 3, line 8 : no company in the Grinaker Group has entered into a recognition agreement with SAAWU. Talks are taking place between Grinaker Plant (Inland) and SAAWU in respect of the Brakpan Yard.