

One has to admit that this is a very controversial issue. The controversy is brought about by the stratification of the Black community by the forces that be. The Black nation is divided on the issue of foreign investment. One group advocates for the encouragement of foreign investment and this is the group that bases the argument on the reason that the Black nation will suffer because if foreign companies withdraw then there will be no work and since the Black man needs to earn a living he will surely suffer. This is the group that is capitalistic.

This is the group that has become materialistic. The other group demands that foreign investors must withdraw and disengage themselves from the economy of Azania. The argument is based on the fact that foreign investment is a force that is actively involved in the exploitation of the Black masses. This is the group that is realistic and has Black liberation as a priority.

At this stage there is need for us to understand the meaning of FOREIGN INVESTMENT because it serves no good in discussing something that we do not understand. The meaning of FOREIGN is, not of one's own country and INVESTMENT mean stock exchange, riches or wealth that accrues and has benefit attached to it. For our purpose we shall define FOREIGN INVESTMENT as alien exploitative capitalism, which is different from an unconditional grant. In this case "alien" covers the animalistic and inhuman treatment that is meted out by these investors to their workers. It is exploitative capitalism because of the gross under-payment of the Black and the huge profit on the employer part.

Let us now look into the role that this alien capitalistic and exploitative monster plays in maintaining the status quo. A look at the life of the inhabitants of South Africa will serve as an eye-opener.

1. Power and Rights.
 - (a) White use and abuse
 - (b) Blacks as targets of abuse.
2. Labour sphere:
 - (a) Discrimination in wages
 - (b) Job reservation
 - (c) Cheap and abundant Black Labour that is productive.

All efforts by the Black worker and Black student have been oppressed. This the South African system has managed through the involvement of Foreign investors, who collaborate with the system. With due apology, I shall at this stage mention a few names amongst others.

1. FRANK & HIRSCH (Polaroid)
2. GENERAL MOTORS
3. I.B.M.

A further look at the most disastrous beast the bantustan issue reveals the extent to which Foreign investment idios peaceful co-existence in the

Black society. The move by some foreign liberals to finance the black voice is aimed at causing friction whereby other Bantustans should be ridiculed. The whole concept of Bantustans stinks of corruption and fraud. The vehicles manufactures by foreign investors were effectively used in transporting by force, black people from their land to the so-called Bantustans.

Incidents like Doornkop, Linehill, Rooigroneel and other similar ones could only succeed through the use of commodities manufactured by foreign investors. The involvement of foreign investors in the Black banks should be discouraged because it is aimed at curbing the creativity and militancy of the Black People. If Barclays bank and the others want a share in our bank let them know that we shall invite them at our doors. Black people have proved their capability and foreign investors want credit? No, we shall have them when Azania will be chanting ~~the~~ the cry of ~~struggle~~.

Let us come to the argument that Blacks will suffer if foreign investors withdraw. The people who hold this view do not understand what is meant. By saying foreign investors should withdraw it is said that strings attaching companies in S.A. with their mother companies should be severed. This means that the flow of capital from Azania to foreign countries ceases and all the capital be used to improve the lot of the Black man who toils and labours instead of improving foreign standing abroad. Azania is ours and all therein belong to the beautiful Black nation which should use as it deems fit.

We, the Black workers die and suffer for this wealth and we get nothing. How many Cullerhavens and how many Western Deep incidents should we have simply to enrich the Anglo-American fraternity for the boosting of English and American standards whilst we live in slums. What we want is for the mines to continue working and the benefits be enjoyed by the Black nation that is by right, entitled to be here.

On the other hand it would serve a purpose if foreign companies close down completely and all employees lose work. This will be the time when Black people will realize that it is better to be exploited. It will serve to re-direct Black initiative and creativity. Black creativity and initiative have been stultified by this ugly monster called capitalism which is just a character of foreign investment.

It is evident that the involvement of foreign investors in our economy is disastrous and harmful to the Black worker. Our role as Black workers in the South African economy is, to fight tooth and nail for the liberation of blacks. Our waiting in a trade movement is solidarity for effective bargaining. If sweet talk does not change the structure confrontation is the only solution. Let us Black workers reject in no uncertain terms the exploitation of our resources by foreigners. Let foreign investors go and we the workers shall work for our Azania with love and dedication.

Brothers and sisters we, the workers are the cornerstone of liberation a stand we take will determine the direction of liberation.

**SOLIDARITY OF WORKERS IS SOLIDARITY OF THE NATION:
POWER TO THE BLACK PEOPLE!**