

NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL – ANOTHER TRAP.

When the Govt. introduced the Police Reserve and tried to trap the people into joining it, APDUSA warned the oppressed about the dangers of accepting Police Reserves. To-day He are happy to announce that our warning was warmly received: to such an extent that people killed the Police Reserves even before their birth.

Now once again the Govt, has come out with another of its tricks and again APDUSA discharges its duty by exposing the latest fraud. We refer, of course, to the much talked of National Indian Council, For days on end we heard whispers of secret meetings between Maree and certain "*Indian friends*" of the Govt. We then read of a strictly private conference at Pretoria to which Maree invited a selected 100 people, So secretive was this conference that when a group of Indian women attempted to hold a peaceful demonstration near the conference venue, truck-loads of Policemen and dogs were summoned to smash the demonstration.

What was so important about the conference? Why was it so heavily guarded?

We later learnt that shyness was the cause, Maree was in fact busy hatching and after much labour gave birth to a squeaking mouse - The National Indian Council.

But being fatherless the newly born was unwanted especially by the Indian people.

With the skill of an experienced fisherman, Maree cast his line far and wide and ended up by fishing out 21 unknown individuals from the depths of obscurity. They were made the fathers.

The reaction to the Council was immediate, There was unanimous opposition. Some opposed it because they were peeved at not being invited e.g. Moola-Pather clique. others opposed it because they felt that members of the Council ought to have been elected by the people and not chosen by Maree, But the overwhelming majority rejected the Council for 2 main reasons :

1, Because they have no faith in anything which is Govt. sponsored and correctly believe that the Council will not be' able to solve any of the burning problems of life under the Govt.

2. Because they have not heard of the 21, being freedom fighters in any way and rightly resent the manner in which the 21 go around posing as great leaders.

APDUSA's view point on the Council is identical to that adopted by the people generally, The Council is a product of the Asiatic Affairs Dept. (A.A,D.) which is similar to the Bantu Affairs Dept, (B,A,D,) and the Coloured Affairs Dept. (C.A,D,) As a rule a Govt. sets up departments to deal with PROBLEMS. Hence Departments for Agriculture, Defence and Health. But why Depts. for the African, Indian and Coloured peoples? We the oppressed Non-Whites are regarded as PROBLEMS and not as HUMAN BEINGS. And that is why there are no departments for the Afrikaaners, Jews and the English.

We reject the Council because we stand for rights that befit human beings.

Our sufferings will not be solved by the Council which is tied hand and foot to the very Govt. which causes our sufferings, We fight for nothing less than full representation in the Parliament which makes the laws, What we are presently fighting for is something that is enjoyed by most people all over the world. It is something which the peoples of Africa fought for and are presently enjoying.

We do not consider ourselves different or in any way inferior to the peoples of the world in general and of Africa in particular. It is for these reasons that we have pledged not to rest until we have attained those basic rights enjoyed by people world over.

If, on the other hand, we accept these Councils and Departments as being good enough for us then in fact we regard ourselves as PROBLEMS and not human beings.

It also means that we confirm that the Govt. has been saying of us all these years - namely that we are an uncivilised and backward people.

We don't oppose the Council merely on the grounds that its members were chosen and not elected. What difference does it make whether the 21 were elected or chosen? The nature of the Council remains unchanged; an institution fit for slaves and slaves only.

In any event we can foresee the time when Maree will alter the constitution of the council. He will ask the Indian people to take part in the elections and to vote for its members. No doubt, he will make it appear as if he will be doing the Indian people a great service something, the Govt. does not know the meaning of. But this great service will in fact mean giving us the branding iron to brand ourselves as slaves and to show to the world what a happy and contented lot the Indian people are,

It has not gone unnoticed that in recent weeks, Maree's arch-fellow Broeder-bonder, Vorster, has banned and silenced leaders of the Indian people. To the Govt. this is a necessary step for the safe passage of the Council and perhaps for the safety of the 21 individuals.

The pattern is all too familiar, Let us look at the Transkei. There, after declaring an uninterrupted state of Emergency since 1960; after imprisoning thousands of fighters and after banning all meetings against the Govt the people of the Transkei were then offered the Baboon's Parliament- the so-called self Govt. Campaigns for the boycott of the Baboon's Parliament were strictly prohibited. Hence, after being tied hand and foot the people were allowed to choose between a Poto or a Natanzima.

The purpose of the Council and the A.A,D. is the same as that for the B.A.D. and C.A.D. Through much sorrow and tears, the African people have learnt that the B,A,D, has been created to control every detail of their lives. If a man wants to get married, wants work or move from one place to another, the B.A.D. has to be consulted, Nothing can be done without the B.A.D, After waiting for hours if not days, Africans are then barked at by petty arrogant officials. It is not accidental that the African people hate the B.A,D, more than any other thing.

Let the Indian and Coloured people beware! They will not escape the whiplash of these Departments once they are in full operation. The function of the Council looked at in this light is to muffle the crack of the whiplash. It is there to be the eyes and ears of the Govt. Its members will advise the Govt. how best to sweeten the poison which will be dished in larger doses than before.

And now for a few words on those brave, brave 21 Govt stooges, Maree has pumped into their heads the idea that they are great statesmen and politicians. Already they imagine themselves to be great leaders and with puffed chests they make pompous statements through the safety of the Press. Already they have great visions of holding the destiny of the Indian people in their soft dainty hands which have not known a day's hard work, But at the Pretoria conference, Maree's presence so overwhelmed them that they did not even have the confidence to elect the 21, They humbly requested Maree to do that since their tongues were tied and brains benumbed. Who can blame the people for laughing at them.

The people will not easily forget the disgraceful spectacle of unarmed women being bitten and beaten up by Police dogs and men. And this was done in the name of protecting the 100. If they required truckloads of Policemen and dogs to deal with women demonstrating, what will they require when they have to face an angry people? To be sure, they will need the South African Defence Force.

As, we have said before, the Govt is banning and silencing the voice of opposition and we can expect in the near future the banning of all people's organisations. Time is running out and therefore *we must prepare* NOW for the fight against the Council until we drive it to its grave. The moment we drop our guard and vigilance, the Govt is going to force the Council down our throats.

In these difficult days, many temptations will be thrown across our paths and we may well be tempted to accept them. If we do that we are lost. It is precisely in difficult times that we must show our true worth. To hesitate and falter is not for us. Our fate and destiny lies with the millions of oppressed in the country and not with Maree and his chosen stooges. Our fight is linked up with the struggle that is going on in the whole of Africa. *We have many allies*; Let us cast aside our fears of the 90 days and all that. Let us join hands and march ahead. As long as freedom has not been achieved APDUSA will always be doing its duty. APDUSA will always fight!!

TO STRUGGLE IS LIFE. TO GIVE IN IS DEATH!!

DOWN WITH THE NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL !!

DOWN WITH THE 21 !!

FREEDOM YES! SLAVERY NO!

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NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

1. This bulletin had attached to it a cartoon which depicted:
 - a) A man (Maree) sitting on top of a pile of three sewerage pipes
 - b) The man has a fishing rod directed at some 21 creatures who are being carried out by the force of effluence from the bottom two sewerage pipes
 - c) The creatures are all crying out "Baas"
 - d) The people of Pietermaritzburg knew immediately that the symbol of those pipes referred to a certain Nulliah who was appointed as a member of the Council and whose business in the main was the manufacture of sewerage pipes.

2. Attached to the bulletin during a second round of distribution was a flyer which read :

FLASH NEWS !!!

The Police are so terrified of the truth contained in this leaflet that they drove around in van loads in Northdale on Sunday the 16th February trying to scare people into surrendering this leaflet. They even went to the extent of snatching leaflets from people's post boxes without permission. The Police themselves say that to take other people's property without permission is THEFT.

**THIS IS NOT AN ILLEGAL LEAFLET!!! It is not a crime to have one in your possession.
Read this leaflet and pass it on to a friend. The Police have taken more than enough.**