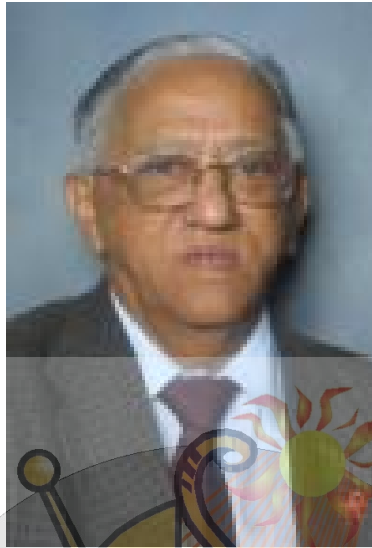


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No justice-loving and fair-minded person can deny that the grievances of the school-going population, as in 1976 is valid and indisputable. That they deserve the support and backing of all parents and the communities is equally vital.

The fact that students have had to courageously demonstrate against the inequalities in the apartheid educational system, clearly shows the deep-seated hatred for the policies of those in power. As it is their future that is at stake the students have boldly shown their resentment.

Also the fact that it has been left to the youth to ventilate their anger, demonstrates the wide-gap that exists between the authorities and the educational demands of the disadvantaged groups in an apartheid dominated non-democratic society.

It further illustrates that in such a situation the government and the non-enfranchised governed have no direct means of communication. Further the systematic suppression of the true leadership of the people has left a void, which leaves little choice to the aggrieved, but to react via public protests, such as the present student one.

It must be obvious to all, that instant "leaders" thrown up by the "system" cannot defuse or contain the anger of the deprived, because they do not enjoy the support the trust and faith of the masses. They are merely the conduit pipes for the whims and fancies of the authorities. The failure of the whole system, including education is obvious and the remedy lies in dismantling the whole order of discrimination and indignity. Will those in power not learn this lesson and so save our beloved land going up in human sorrow and devastation.

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