

Their suggestions are:—

1. That pay beaches be introduced. This is discrimination in disguise, as most of the people will not be able to afford the entrance fee.
2. That the roads be cordoned off, and buses and taxis not allowed in. Who requires transport by buses and taxis? Only the oppressed — definitely not the chauffeur-driven elite.
3. The creation of a “task force”, in which the council will seek the collaboration of the “wider community, civic organisations, commerce, trade unions, beach hotels, Fedhasa, residents, councillors, city officials and police.” (Natal Mercury, 4/1/1992) The decisions will appear to be democratic decisions, just as the “task force” has the appearance of being a democratic body, but undoubtedly, the decisions will be made in the interests of the privileged only.

Furthermore, the “task force” is considering a plan to provide recreational facilities in the black townships, and to organise entertaining events in areas away from the beach, and in this way to keep the people away from the beach. This is nothing more than blatant discrimination and apartheid.

WHY FOOD PRICE SOAR?

The Nationalist Government, supposedly acting out of concern, ordered an urgent investigation about the constantly rising food prices. Yet, the committee appointed to do so, some eight months later, “has nothing to report.” (Sunday Tribune — 19/1/92).

The article continues: “the committee faces a mammoth task and there is no guarantee that they will get to the bottom of the great food enigma — who makes the profits or prices soar.”

APDUSA is surprised that the committee comprising learned people is experiencing difficulty in establishing the cause of the rising food prices and who is pocketing the profit.

APDUSA suggests that the committee should begin by directing its attention at the giant monopolies that control the South African economy. The local monopolies and the Imperialists (foreign investments) have invested some 110 billion rand in South Africa.

Every aspect of the South African economy has been heavily penetrated by the monopolies. Approximately 86 percent of the South

African economy is controlled by six monopolies — Anglo American, Old Mutual, Sanlam, Liberty Life, Rembrandt and Anglo Vaal.

Of these, Anglo American itself controls 46,3 percent of the economy. In fact, some political analysts estimate that the income of Anglo American is more than the combined income of Zimbabwe, Angola, Mozambique, Bophuthatswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Malawi, Zambia and Tanzania put together. One now appreciates the gigantic nature of that corporation. 80 percent of the sugar industry is controlled by Anglo American and Barlow Rand.

The same monopolies own wholesale and retail outlets. In this manner, the monopolies are in a position to manipulate and control prices — all with one objective in mind — to make the maximum amount of profit.

We know why the committee is dragging its feet in respect of the enquiry. They cannot expose “the big boys” because he who pays the piper calls the tune. The Government, in the final analysis, is the representative of Monopoly Capital.

Our prediction is that food prices will continue to soar. Survey after survey point out that year-after-year prices on basic food items have increased at an average of 25 percent to 30 percent.

The monopolies will continue to cream off the profits — exploitation will continue unabated.

RETURN THE “GIFTS”

Now that Abdul Bhamjee has been found guilty of stealing millions from the NSL, it is only fair to assume that most of the money he handled was tainted. What then is the position of the “gifts” he so generously dished out to “very important persons”, like Mr and Mrs Mandela. Another recipient was the inimitable Sam Ramsamy. In his case a brand new tradition was born — just to cater for him. This new tradition is that if its your birthday and you happen to be Sam Ramsamy, you receive a very expensive Raymond Weil watch as a “gift”. This brand new tradition does not end there. It goes on to say that if it is your birthday and you are . . . (you know who), then not only do you get a very expensive . . . (you know what), but your wife also gets one! Logically, this means that on her birthday, he also gets one. But its tough luck. Santa Bhamjee Claus is behind bars. In prison, if you have the money and if you know how, you can get most things. But not all. Raymond Weil watches are not available in prison.