

But seriously, we believe that all persons who received gifts from Bhamjee are duty-bound to return the gifts to the source from where the money to buy them was stolen.

ANOTHER BUDGET FIASCO

On Wednesday 18 March 1992, the whites only Minister of Finance, Barend du Plessis slipped in his 1992 budget. True to form he took great care to look after the beneficiaries of the "gravy train". He allocated 59 million rand per working day to keep the Tricameral circus running. This is a total of 15,4 BILLION rand!!! (One billion rand is a thousand million rand).

Compare this to the 4,6 billion spent on education and 1,2 billion spent on health. And this in a budget Linda Ensco lauds, in the Natal Mercury 19/3/1992, as spending "record amounts of money on social services."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"YES" DROWNED IN BLOOD

20/3/1992

Dear Sir,

The Daily News 13/3/1992 reported that 20 people had died in renewed violence in Umlazi outside Durban. The next morning the figure rose to 25. Those who died were poor and oppressed. The most plausible accounts of these events are that the killings were the result of a dawn attack by KwaZulu police on sleeping residents. In the weeks that the ruling class press whipped up hysteria for their racist white referendum 300 people died in the violence.

These are just figures. They do not begin to tell the story of the tragedy of each death.

On the morning of 13 March 1992, a ten-year old girl was brought to the R.K. Khan hospital in Durban. She had been shot in the neck, the back and her thigh bone had been shattered by a bullet. She will spend three months in hospital. Hopefully, her leg will recover.

The next morning her father had to tell her that her mother had died in the murderous morning attack. The child cried until there were no more tears in her little body. If you talk to her today she smiles – a sad and unconvincing smile.

To grow up with no mother and the uncertainty of a violent future. This is all de Klerk's much lauded "yes" vote means to this child. And I make bold to say so, too, with the millions of other oppressed and poor children in South Africa.

Yours sincerely,

INFURIATED.

SHAMELESS TEARS

Dear Sir

I was amazed, astounded and flabbergasted by Steve Tshwete's tearful reaction when South Africa beat Australia in the Benson & Hedges' cricket series.

Why did Tshwete cry? He claimed that they were tears of joy. How can any person who has suffered the ravages of discrimination in South Africa, shed tears of joy for South Africa? Let us remind Tshwete that millions of us in South Africa also cried when they won, but we cried in anger. We were angry because there are millions of oppressed youngsters in South Africa who never ever held a cricket bat in their hands. Millions of youngsters who cannot play cricket or any type of sport, even in their back yards, because they do not have a home, they have no schools, they have no food. These youngsters are not even certain if their parents will return home from work – they may be killed in the violence that is plaguing our society. Our youngsters have nothing that assists them towards becoming good sportspersons. For these youngsters to play cricket at any level (let alone international level) is an unattainable dream.

Tshwete – we feel betrayed by the tears that you shed for the privileged South African Sportspersons who have been nurtured from the cradle with all the comforts necessary to make them sportspersons.

“BETRAYED”