

"A FREE PEOPLE LIVING IN DIGNITY IS A SOVEREIGN PEOPLE"

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"If there is no room in your heart for consideration towards those who are beneath you, there will be no room for you in God's house"

MY FEELINGS

In an underdeveloped country, experience proves that the important thing is not that three hundred people form a plan and decide upon carrying it out, but that the whole people plan and decide even if it takes them twice or three times as long. People must know where they are going, and why. The politician should not ignore the fact that the future remains a closed book so long as the consciousness of the people remains imperfect, elementary, and cloudy. We African politicians must have very clear ideas on the situation of our people. But this clarity of ideas must be profoundly dialectical.

COLONIAL DOMINATION

The Awakening of the whole people will not come about all at once; the people's work in the building of the nation will not immediately take on its full dimensions: first because the means of communication and transmission are only beginning to be developed; secondly because the yardstick of time must no longer be that of the moment or up till the next harvest, but must become that of the rest of the world, and lastly because the spirit of discouragement which has been deeply rooted in people's minds by colonial domination is still very near the surface.

PROFESSIONALISM AND COMMERCIALISM

The youth of our Movement ought not to be sent to sports stadium into the fields and into the schools. The stadium ought not be a show place erected in the towns, but a bit of open ground in the midst of

the fields that the young people must reclaim, cultivate, and give to the nation. The black politician should not be pre-occupied with turning out sportsmen, but with turning out fully conscious men, who play games as well. If games are not intergrated into the national life, and if you turn out national sportsmen and not fully conscious men, you will quickly see sport rotted by professionalism and commercialism. The greatest task before us is to understand at each moment what is happening in our country. We must uplift the people; we must develop their brains; fill them with ideas, change them and make them into human beings.

COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

In fact, we often believe with criminal superficiality that to educate the masses politically is to deliver a speech in a pompous tone about the principal events of the day for them to have fulfilled this bounden duty to educate the masses politically. Political education means opening their minds, awakening them, and allowing the birth of their intelligence. To educate the masses politically means to try relentlessly and passionately, to teach the masses that everything depends on them; that if we stagnate it is their responsibility, and that if we go forward it is due to them too, that there is no such thing as demiurge, that there is no famous man who will take the responsibility for everything, but that the demiurge is the people themselves and the magic hands are finally only the hands of the people. The movement from the top to the bottom and from the bottom to the top should be a fixed principle, not through concern for formalism but because simply to

respect this principle is the guarantee of salvation. It is the rank-and-file who are fighting, it is the rank-and-file who know well that without their daily struggle, hard and heroic as it is, the summit would collapse; and the same way those at the bottom know that without a head and without leadership the base would split apart in incoherence and anarchy. Literally, it is the people who freely create a summit for themselves, and not the summit that tolerates the people. *A free people living in dignity is a sovereign people.* The collective struggle presupposes collective responsibility at the base and collegiate responsibility at the top. Yes, everybody will have to be compromised in the hands; there are no innocents and no onlookers. We all have dirty hands; we are all soiling them in the swamps of our country. Every onlooker is either a coward or a traitor.

NATIONAL BOURGEOISIE

The duty of those at the head of the movement is to have the masses behind them. Allegiance presupposes awareness and understanding of the mission which has to be fulfilled; in short an intellectual position. We must not voodoo the people, nor dissolve them in emotion and confusion. Only those led by revolutionary elits who have come up from the people can today allow the entry of the masses upon the scene of history. But, we must repeat, it is absolutely necessary to oppose vigorously and definitely the birth of a national bourgeoisie and a privileged caste. To educate the masses politically is to make the totality of the nation a reality to each citizen. It is to make the history of the nation part of the personal experience of each of its citizens.

CONSCIOUSNESS OF POLITICAL NEEDS

A bourgeoisie that provides nationalism alone as food for the masses fails in its mission and gets caught up in a whole series of mishaps. But if nationalism is not made explicit, if it is not enriched and deepened by a very rapid transformation into a consciousness of social and political needs, it leads up a blind alley. The

bourgeoisie leaders imprison national consciousness in sterile formalism. The collective building up of a destiny is the assumption of responsibility on the historical scale, otherwise there is anarchy, repression, and resurgence. No leader, however valuable he may be, can substitute himself for the popular will; and the liberation movement, before concerning itself about international prestige,

ought first to give back their dignity to all the followers, fill their minds and feast their eyes with human things, and create a prospect that is human because conscious and sovereign men dwell therein. For ourselves, and for humanity, comrades, we must turn over a new leaf, we must work out new concepts, and, try to set afoot a new man.

Inkatha Youth in Flood Relief Programme

by Dumisani Makhanya



Inkatha Youth

The aftermath of the cyclone Demoina in the beginning of February has left the communities in Northern KwaZulu virtually naked, hungry and homeless. More than 100 people have drowned, but as not every area is accessible again many more deaths are feared. In the areas bordering to Swaziland and Mozambique, almost all bridges are washed away, even very good concrete bridges. The bridges over the white and black Umfolozi Rivers and over the Pongola River are totally destroyed. At least 100 000 houses are washed away leaving hundreds of thousands of people homeless. Many areas are

still totally isolated creating an acute shortage of food.

KWAZULU ECONOMY

The disaster came at a time when the people in the areas concerned just started to recover from a serious drought of the past four years. This has decimated the stock of cattle which is the backbone of the KwaZulu economy. Next to that the worldwide economic recession has caused vast unemployment for Black people in South Africa. The present floods took again a heavy toll of cattle and has destroyed all crops. The harvesting would have been in

March of April, but for the fifth successive year there will be nothing to harvest. Again, tens of thousands of people have to be assisted with food to prevent starvation.

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The Inkatha Development Office and the Youth Brigade Offices have immediately started a Relief Programme to assist the stricken communities on a longer time basis. They assist in the flood ravaged areas in the following manner:

1. To collect old building materials, selecting and distributing them to the victims of the floods for rebuilding of their homes.
2. Assist in the rebuilding of houses and advising in the simple wood and stone system of building, wattle and daub.
3. To collect old clothes and blankets, selecting and distributing to the victims who lost all their clothing to assist in the distribution of available food to the victims.

EMANDLENI MATLENG YOUTH CAMP

A group of 50 Youth Brigade members from Emandleni Matleng Youth Camp who are divided into 4 Brigades, they moved into the first of the nine areas to inspire the people to organise themselves into self-help