

DEMOCRACY in ACTION



Idasa's goals are:

To promote the development of a democratic culture in South Africa

To address fear, prejudice, anger and other obstacles in the transition to a non-racial democracy in South Africa

To engage influential groups and individuals who may be outsiders to the transition process

To provide, wherever possible, information on critical issues and to explore ways of addressing these

To facilitate discussion of constitutional and developmental issues relevant to Southern Africa

To assist and encourage others to contribute to the attainment of these goals



Ja-Nee

Ms-spelt?

The first line of a letter received from The Women's Lobby states that if women want to make changes in government, the place to begin is at local level. The letter, however, is addressed to Dear Sir.

- It seems the place for them to begin is with their own terminology.

Rosé by any other name

At a recent Pieter-Dirk Uys show in Kalk Bay, Cape Town, Evita's sister, Bambi Kellerman, pointed out to an almost exclusively white audience a bitter irony - for years they have been drinking a wine called *Swartland Blanc du Blanc*.

- He also toasted the audience with a glass of Allesverloren.

Radio re-active

A radio listener phoned Idasa to complain about their democracy adverts on Radio 702. He asked why Idasa used white people's voices to portray black people and demanded to know why Idasa did not make more of an effort to get black actors. The caller seemed taken aback when told that it was in fact a black actor and that all black people don't necessarily have the same accents.

- Sounding out people's assumptions and prejudices.

A woman's place

Graffiti seen in Observatory, Cape Town - changed from "The Women Shall Govern" to "The Women Shall Use the Oven" to "The Men Shall Use the Oven".

- Traditional rolls?

Say that again!

Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, SABC chairperson, has threatened to take the corporation to the Independent Media Commission after it allegedly misquoted her response to FW de Klerk's claims that SATV was ANC-biased.

- A case of the tail wagging the media (watch)dog?

Nearly grounded

A disabled senior citizen of Cape Town, accompanied by his wife, nearly lost an opportunity for a holiday in Johannesburg when a South African Airways check-in assistant told them SAA did not cater for people in wheelchairs. Fortunately management intervened.

- Duck for flying insults.

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