

AFRICANA

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● Questioner: I would like to ask how the Foundation can call itself 'non-political' when all of its members and all those who carry out its activities are of one race.

The Chairman: You cannot ask such a question—it is based on a complete misstatement of fact. There are in fact many English-speaking people in the Foundation.—*Progressive Party lunch-hour forum.* [Visiting American]

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extracts from the Transvaal Telephone Directory 1961

P.A.C. Distribution Ltd, 64 End St, Jhb.	-	22-6304
C.O.D. Motor Garage, 137 van Riebeeck ave, Edenvale	- - - - -	53-2934
Labor Construction Company, 4 Bessemer Rd, Heriotdale	- - - - -	25-8521
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United Demolishers, Simmer East, Germiston		51-5054
Bond Outfitters, Gent's Juvenile Outfitters, 140c Central Ave, Mayfair, Johannesburg		35-5133
National Union Life Assurance (Pty) Ltd, Corner of President and Simmonds Sts, Jhb		33-4356
Nasionale Rubberstempels (Edms) Bpk, Mainstraat 203, Johannesburg	- - -	23-0191

this aura of divinity, and to feed his flock the belief that he is in communion with the divine and can invoke divine protection and advice for his threatened people. It is notable that Fascists, where they do not arrogate to their uses an orthodox theology (as the Afrikaner Nationalist group has manipulated and perverted a raw Calvinism), create their own crude, primitive, hellfire theology to justify and give emotional sanction to their worldly policies.

FEAR MARKS THE FASCIST: fear of the future, because he must relinquish his monopoly of economic and political power, and because he will cease to be the one adult in a world of children; fear of change; nostalgia for a romantically idealised past. He has a neurotic horror of meeting on a rational plane the economic and social problems that cleave his society but escapes from the demands of Freedom to Choose: he fears the burdens of responsibility, individualism and genuine co-operation that result from sharing social and political freedom and economic opportunity in a democratic state. He is threatened by freedom, where the stable, democratic man is stimulated by it, because the Fascist is neither strong nor self-sufficient, but feeble, brittle, uncreative and impotent. His "lust for power is not rooted in strength but in weakness. It is the expression of the inability of the individual self to stand alone and live. It is the desperate attempt to gain secondary strength where genuine strength is lacking." (Fromm.)

What then is the outcome of this dual analysis? Inasmuch as the Fascist reflects his economic-political position, to alter that position might alter his attitudes, and in the end economic self-interest should soften his rigidity, timidity, and aggression. If the Fascists' beliefs and motives were more rational, were they less fanatics and more simply greedy exploiters, we could agree. But the Fascist moves in a world of witches and fantasy, no less than in a world of class-struggle and exploitation; his group—the *volk*, the church, nation, class—is enmeshed in a delusional system, "substituting wish-fulfilment for some aspect of the world which is unbearable to him and carrying this delusion through to reality". (Freud) It is the mass-paranoia of the delusions of Fascists that make socio-economic weapons uncertain, unless they are supported by psychological understanding to unmask their irrationality, and to suggest the economic and social pressure-points that encourage otherwise stable people to live such delusions in their everyday lives.

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