

OBSERVE
HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
DECEMBER 10
by answering this
APPEAL
for
ACTION
AGAINST
APARTHEID

SOUTH AFRICA CAN BE SAVED
BY THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD

TRANSLATED INTO
PRINCIPLED
ACTION

APARTHEID means:

that the average African expects to live till he is 55 years old (the average white till he is 70)

that 65 per cent of Africans cannot read or write (literacy is universal among whites)

that one third of Africans entering hospitals suffer from malnutrition (South Africa is a food-exporting nation)

that one African baby in three dies before he is a year old (infant mortality for white South Africans is lower than in the United States)

that non-whites may not work, live, or travel where they please... much less vote or have any say whatsoever in the mass of legislation which governs them.

IN SHORT:

APARTHEID
MEANS THE
POLITICAL, SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC
DOMINATION OF
NEARLY 12 MILLION
NON-WHITES BY
3 MILLION
WHITES.

IN 1957, an unprecedented Declaration of Conscience was issued by more than 100 leaders from every continent. That Declaration was an appeal to South Africa to bring its policies into line with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Declaration was a good start in mobilising world sentiment to back those in South Africa who acted for equality. The non-whites took heart in learning that they were not alone. And many white supremacists learned for the first time how isolated they were.

MEASURES OF DESPERATION

Subsequent to the Declaration, the South African Government took the following measures:

BANNED the African National Congress and the Pan-Africanist Congress, the principal protest organizations, and jailed their leaders;

COERCED the press into strict pro-government censorship and made it almost impossible for new, anti-apartheid publications to exist;

ESTABLISHED an arms industry... more than tripled the military budget... encouraged the distribution of small arms to the white population... enlarged the army... created an extensive white civilian militia;

ACTIVATED total physical race separation by establishing the first "bantustan" in the Transkei—with the aid of emergency police regulations;

LEGALLY DEFINED protest against apartheid as an act of "sabotage"—an offense ultimately punishable by death;

PERPETUATED its control through terrorism and violence:

- Human Rights Day (December 10), 1960, 12 South West Africans killed at Windhoek and 40 wounded as they fled police...
- March 21, 1960, 72 Africans killed and 185 wounded at Sharpeville by police...
- Before and during the two-year "emergency" in the Transkei, 16 Africans killed by police, thousands arrested and imprisoned without trial.

THE CHOICE:

The deepening tensions can lead to two possible alternatives:

Solution 1

Intensified persecution may lead to violence and armed rebellion once it is clear that peaceful adjustments are no longer possible. As the persecution has been inflicted by one racial group upon all other racial groups, large-scale violence would take the form of a racial war. This "solution" may be workable. But mass racial extermination will destroy the potential for interracial unity in South Africa and elsewhere.

Therefore, we ask for your action to make the following possible:

Solution 2

"Nothing which we have suffered at the hands of the government has turned us from our chosen path of disciplined resistance," said Chief Albert J. Lutuli at Oslo. So there exists another alternative—and the only solution which represents sanity—transition to a society based upon equality for all without regard to color.

Any solution founded on justice is unattainable until the Government of South Africa is forced by pressures, both internal and external, to come to terms with the demands of the non-white majority.

The Apartheid Republic is a reality today not because the peoples and governments of the World have been unwilling to place her in quarantine.

