

List of grievances sent by African pupils to the Regional Director of Bantu Education in the Western Cape on Sept. 28, 1976 (as reproduced in Brooks and Brickhill, from Cape Times, Dec. 2, 1976)

"1. Order to return to school

- (a) Still awaiting official reply on grievances;
- (b) Still waiting for colleagues to be charged or released.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR MUST ADDRESS STUDENTS.

2. Bantu Education not wanted

- (a) The label Bantu means inferior different;
- (b) Means no equal pay for equal work;
- (c) Means not free to take any skilled work.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO REMOVE THE LABEL "BANTU" AND TO ENSURE STUDENTS OF EQUAL PAY WHEN THEY QUALIFY.

3. Demand for free and compulsory education

- (a) The poorest people (Blacks) are paying for education. WHY?
- (b) RSA is rich enough to provide for Blacks.

4. School facilities in Western Cape

- (a) More classrooms to be added;
- (b) Teacher training schools necessary here;
- (c) Technical training schools necessary here.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO ASK FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY IN TECHNICAL.

5. Social evils

- (a) Bottle stores: take parents' money and we children suffer.

6. Influx control

Professional Blacks must be allowed to take employment anywhere in RSA.

7. Syllabuses

They are full of irrelevant subjects, e.g.

- (i) Needlework for non-dressmakers;
- (ii) Agriculture where land is for whites only;
- (iii) Handwork to train unskilled workers.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO REMOVE THESE BECAUSE THEY ARE MEANT TO KEEP THE BLACK AS SERVANTS.

8. School Books

The RSA Government must provide all equipment like they do in white schools.

9. Student bodies

Must be recognised as channels of peaceful negotiation.

FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

10. Permanent residence in urban areas;

11. Freedom of movement;

12. Abolishing of the pass system;

13. BAAB (Bantu Affairs Administration Board) should be abolished;

14. Equality before the eyes of the law;

15. Equal rights;

16. Detainees must be released;

17. Away with 'apartheid'.

RELEASE OF ROBBER ISLAND PRISONERS.

NB. (1) You are required to sign your signature on approval of these grievances;

(2) We want to see those changes on a certain time."