

-SHOULD WE ENTER PARLEMENT?

In South Africa today the industrial powerhouse and bastion of white privilege is facing a tide of revolt it has never experienced before. The working class, recovered from old wounds, first stirred in 1969 and 1973 when thousands of workers went on strike. In 1976 the youth revolted. Within three decades a revolutionary generation hardened by state repression, is casting a spectre over South Africa,

Our great surge forward was no easy achievement. We faced the armed might of the state in our townships, schools and factories. We fought, and is still fighting to govern ourselves. Our aim to radically overhaul the mode of production and distribution of wealth in the interest of the majority. Our determination can be gauged by how heroically our comrades continue to struggle. Prisons and bullets cannot stop us. The streets of our townships and on the factory floor has become our battleground.

Recently we read and heard about the middle class and bourgeois elements running to meet with the ANC. We know they run to protect their interests. Let them know that the solution to the problems of South Africa will and can only be solved when the people on the factory floor and in the townships seize power. Similarly, the call that we should enter parliament is a demand of the black bourgeoisie. Their interest is to co-opt the system to their advantage, and not to the interest of the majority. They know that the tide of revolt is not only an expression of anger against the unjust system of apartheid. The people mean to take over the machines and townships.

We can never agree with the principle that we should never go into parliament, if we have the interest of the majority at heart. It is only correct for us to examine from time to time whether should enter or not by looking at the concrete conditions. These conditions are right when we:

1. are in a position of strength
2. can strengthen the organizations through entering, and
3. can confront the state in order to seize power

WHY WE CANNOT ENTER.

1. Parliament as it exists consists of an alliance of different classes. As a class we are not strong enough to make substantial gains. Our entrance would mean that we would have to forge a tactical alliance in a position of weakness. The three parliaments, presidents council and R.S.C.'s operate on bourgeois principles. It is in their interest to have us there, so that they can monitor our organizational progress and act accordingly to stifle the revolutionary militancy of the people. They would be able to co-opt the black bourgeoisie and middleclass

2, Our strength in organizing is such that we are always challenging the unjust laws, and thus parliament. We know our interest and that of the bourgeoisie are constantly in conflict. It is our duty to as activists to broaden that conflict as far as possible. What we have to note before we enter, parliament is just one of the institutions that upholdst the current social order. We can destroy how many parliaments they convene, it is their institutions of security that we have to ultimately destroy. The police, army, and J.M.C.'s we will never be allowed to touch while in parliament. If we create chaos in their parliaments they will be forced to convene alternative structures by using the kisskonstables, army police J.M.C.s and security police. This would mean they would crush our democratic movement. Our only solution is to continue to build and strengthen our organs of mass democracy.

In conclusion, a summary of the above

- *1 THE WORKING CLASS IS TOO WEAK AS A CLASS; the people are not class conscious
- 2 OUR ENTRANCE IS NOT TO NEGOTIATE BUT TO DESTROY THE EXISTING ORDER. The future of S.A. can and will only be decided on the factory floor and in the townships.
- 3 WE WILL NOT MAKE SUBSTANTIAL GAINS THAT WILL CARRY FORTH OUR REVOLUTIONARY GAINS. The has organs that will crush us.
- 4 WE MUST ALWAYS FROM TIME TO TIME EXAMINE OUR POSITION, NOT ONLY TO ENTER PARLEMENT, BUT ALSO WHETHER WE ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO SEIZE TOTAL POWER.

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