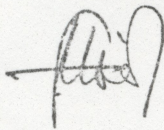


The claim by Dube that: "The truth of the matter is that a meaningful African alternative shall be brought about in Azania by the dispossessed Africans assisted by genuine progressive forces" is a narrow perception of IFAA. We are a Pan-African organisation and the liberation of South Africa is only one of our many objectives. The true liberation and transformation of the rest of Africa are also on our agenda.

Finally, let me address the role of 'white liberals' and the Communist Party of South Africa (CPSA) that constitute the core of Dube's misrepresentation of IFAA. We must make it quite clear that IFAA acknowledges with gratitude, the positive contributions of not only white liberals, but people of all races, towards the African struggle. Many whites and other non-blacks have been killed, maimed, jailed and severely deprived through their progressive participation in the African struggle. IFAA accepts and encourages this non-black contribution to Africa. We also reject the rabid anti-communism of Dube which he thinly veiled as a defence of Africans. For the record, we must state that Dube is not more African than the rest of us in IFAA, and we again acknowledge and endorse the positive role of the CPSA in the South African struggle. Indeed, just as we encourage the genuine participation of all races in the African struggle, so do we encourage all progressive political perspectives in the struggle.

Let me end by appealing to all who are genuinely interested in Africa to come to IFAA at 23 Bevenden Street, London N1 6BH, find out more about US and participate in our activities!!

Yours sincerely



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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am the Chairman of the Institute for African Alternatives (IFAA). My attention has been drawn to the article 'African Liberation must be African' by David Dube in the 20th January 1987 issue of your paper under Readers' Forum. It was based on the article 'Split Views on the Struggle' by Patricia Morris. Dube's article contains misrepresentations of IFAA and Morris' piece was an incomplete account of the opening activities of IFAA. Morris reported only the first day of a two-day workshop on Crisis in Africa whose proceedings are forthcoming as a book titled AFRICA'S CRISIS.

Dube's assertion that "Mr. Wolpe and Mr. Ben Turok, who are behind this 'African Alternative'....." is incorrect. Mr. Wolpe has nothing to do with IFAA - he is neither a member of our Council nor of our administrative staff. His only role in IFAA was as one of the speakers in the Workshop on Crisis in Africa - both Mr. Wolpe and Professor Magubane, a black South African living in the U.S., spoke on South Africa.

The fact that Mr. Ben Turok is the Director of IFAA cannot be 'an indication that there is nothing African about this so-called alternative' as Dube claimed. That is non-sequitur. IFAA is governed by an eleven-member Council drawn from many African countries so its 'Africanness' cannot be solely a function of the colour of its current Director. The social relevance of an organisation must derive properly, not only from its personnel, but also from its activities. IFAA's activities include the organisation of conferences, courses and lectures, the provision of a documentary library on Africa and the publication of books relevant to the African struggle (a copy of our brochure is enclosed).

Dube stated that 'It will be interesting to see what sort of courses and lectures are offered (by IFAA) to the public'. He then made a false assertion that our literature is produced by white liberals for distortion. Dube and other members of the public have always been invited to participate in IFAA's activities and judge them first-hand. This letter to your paper repeats that invitation - we have nothing to hide and we are very proud of our activities. So we want 'to be watched closely'!

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