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ACADEMIC FRAUD AT WITS

WANT to know why SA's future is being eroded and sabotaged; why this country will for generations to come be condemned to Third World status? Then just study Black student selection procedures for the 1992 academic year at the University of the Witwatersrand, once a world-class institution with a splendid record of academic excellence.

As with SA's other English-medium universities, with Black applicants matriculation results are no longer of primary importance in evaluating entrance suitability at Wits. That, perhaps, is not altogether surprising, considering the dismal matric results chalked up year after year. Instead, this year, Black student selection will largely hinge on answers provided to a lengthy and very thoroughly prepared questionnaire. Roughly, the questions asked are:

ZOO VISITS

Availability of electricity at home? Amount of space available for study purposes? Evaluation by applicant of the teachers in their school years and their ability to teach? Educational level of such teachers? Numbers of children in class? Numbers of educational school outings: how often, for instance, did you visit the zoo? Father's employment? Income? How many brothers and sisters? Type of home? Educational level of parents? Availability of books and other educational material? And much, much more of the same in the questionnaire, about ten pages long.

It is on the basis of the answers provided that applicants will be evaluated and allocated study places at

Wits. This is in line with the "affirmative action" or "remedial racism" policies now instituted at Wits with the declared intention of correcting past wrongs, deficiencies and imbalances: and to cope with the ever-mounting flood of hopelessly under-equipped Black students seeking tertiary education.

While no doubt inspired with the very best of intentions, the fact remains that by twisting and perverting the whole theory and philosophy of higher learning, this "remedial racism" is rapidly and effectively turning all SA's "liberal" English universities into bush colleges. The impact of this academic scam is devastating. Not only is it poisoning the entire academic system from top to bottom, but in this process the English universities are mortgaging SA's future and its economic and scientific future, all of it with a mind-boggling price tag.

REINFORCING INFERIORITY

Worse, and even more unfairly, these universities are helping to reinforce the view that Blacks are intellectually inferior to Whites. It is ludicrous to pretend otherwise. That such institutions accept that they have created a tapestry for failure is evidenced by the fact that they have introduced Academic Support Programmes (ASP's), this in an effort to bring their ever-increasing enrolment of barely-literate Black students up to university level and so enable them to absorb university education. The ASP's are costing the universities huge and ever-greater sums of money, this at a time when campus costs generally are zooming out of control while Government subsidies dwindle steadily.

Significantly, the leftwing Professor Tom Lodge is in control of the ASP's. It can be taken as read that he will use the statistics drawn from the evaluation questionnaire further to crucify the Government and its admittedly inadequate Black educational systems. But the universities themselves are far from blameless. By so drastically scaling themselves down to accommodate under-educated Blacks, they have already downgraded academic standards right across the board and are making their graduates, in the long run, virtually unemployable in their own country.

By failing to provide the quality, First World tertiary

'NO WHITE MALES NEED APPLY'

ONE employer who is clearly not fazed by the terrors of "affirmative action" is Mr Tony Frost, president of the Institute of Personnel Management. In an editorial signed by him in the *IPM Journal*, Mr Frost says: "It is not good enough for the human resources profession to exhort its line colleagues to adopt policies of affirmative action and do nothing to set the standards themselves. Let us adopt a policy that predicates that no position will be filled by a White unless every effort has been made to find a suitably qualified person, other than a white male, for the position."

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education they could and should provide for the leaders of the "New SA," they are helping turn out a half-taught society, run by partly-educated, partly skilled people with worthless degrees.

If this is indeed what the ANC, PAC and other Black groups want in the way of "redistribution of educational opportunity," they are condemning their children to a life in a society managed by incompetents. Instead of upgrading the much-hated "tribal" colleges, what we are now doing is transforming our formerly best English academic institutions into tribal colleges of the worst kind. Conspicuously, this is not happening at the major Afrikaans universities, so it is they which will produce our future leaders. Moreover these universities, notably Stellenbosch and RAU, are accommodating ever-larger numbers of English-speaking students, Black and White alike.

The dominant role assumed over many years by the hard left on the English campuses has contributed materially to this academic wasteland. In their efforts

TOO DANGEROUS?

BUSINESS Day once editorialised that Wits operated on the premise of passing Black students "because it is too dangerous to fail them." The same philosophy seems to operate at other English universities.

• **EXAMPLE:** A woman student in Finance Four at what was once one of the country's most prestigious universities submits a project paper with the title "Higglety-Pigglety Economics." The examiners seem to recall a paper with a similar title. After research they find it, written in 1951. They ask the student: "Why didn't you at least try to change some of the basics and details of the original script and give it a different title? With some original input and thinking it might well have merited serious consideration so many years later." Response: "I spent a lot of time and trouble copying this and I expect to receive suitable credit for my hard work." The Vice-Chancellor upholds her right of appeal.

• **EXAMPLE:** An answer to an examination question was submitted on 19 pages, this a single sentence, without punctuation of any kind. The student was asked to provide punctuation, so that the paper could be given serious consideration. The student re-submitted the paper, this time with an additional sheet containing long lines of commas, full stops, sets of brackets, etc. At the bottom was the instruction: "Insert where you feel they would best apply." The student was failed. He appealed. The Vice-Chancellor upheld the right of appeal.

That was university education, New South Africa-style, in the campus year just finished.

to "Africanise" the universities, these radicals have often lost all sight of what education is all about. Not only have they continuously demanded the admission of untaught students but they have also loudly sought the abolition of the "elitist middle class" (their own words).

BOYCOTTS

Their demand for the admission of hopeless students first made national headlines in 1990: this at the same time throwing a huge question mark over the allocation of scholarships. In that year, of 39 Black students refused permission to study at Wits, **22 had bursaries of R5 000 or more each: yet 11 of these had scored less than 1% in their matric examinations**. Black students boycotted classes for three days in protest against the exclusion of the 39 – yet Black Student Society spokesman Zola Majavo said, without a smile, that the BSS was "not calling for the lowering of the university's academic standards."

Complicating the problem is that many of the militant leftists on faculty seem to argue that merit is actually unjust and undesirable and that genuine equal opportunity is a myth and a dangerous fantasy. Topping all this is the timidity of university administrations and trustees, who almost invariably cave in to forces of intimidation. Although there is widespread academic dissent, many lecturers are afraid to speak out for fear of being penalised, ostracised or even losing their jobs. Result? A flood of academics leaving for Europe and North America.

Although the Wits administration denies this vehemently, even in the Medical School entrance requirements have been drastically lowered for Blacks, while qualified Whites are turned away. One published complaint on this read: "The terrible truth is that **the authorities at Wits Medical School are each year passing into our medical system an appreciable number of graduates, mostly Blacks, who would not be able to graduate from a recognised medical school anywhere else in the world.** The price for this will be paid by the thousands and thousands who will be innocently delivered into the hands of incompetents masquerading as qualified doctors."

INFERIOR DEGREES

In business, the sad fact is that "Black" degrees from English universities are considered inferior to "White" degrees on the market. From commerce and industry come complaints that they are being offered a **generation of graduates who are often unable to write a coherent sentence.** Further, employers are less inclined to take in "protected" people as they are extremely difficult to dislodge if their work is not up to standard.

The consequences of all this for SA are catastrophic. And, as we have said, bitterly unfair. Black people are known for their reverence for good education. They,

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and their children, are the biggest victims of what, effectively, amounts to a faking of academic results. As Ken Owen has correctly asked in *Business Day* of current procedures at Wits: "What is the university trying to achieve by admitting students who have no English, no mathematics and little ability to learn?" And, his most important stricture: "The task of the university is not to remedy the ills of society, but to preserve a centre of intellectual excellence."

White graduates are, of course, deeply angry at this gutting of the university curriculum, at the relentless drive to turn the English universities into vast factories of junkteach. In a letter to *APN*, one UCT honours

graduate says: "The idea that certain groups of people should receive preferential treatment because they are socially or economically disadvantaged is a popular leftwing concept. The Americans have proved very effectively that it doesn't work. Should UCT persist on its present course, it will end up with no more academic credibility than Ahmadu Bello University in West Africa. Perhaps it is appropriate that the university should in fact die this way, for in the real world the unfit, the unproductive and uncompetitive are soon eliminated by their more effective cohorts. Is there any reason why universities should be exempt?"

Cry, the beloved country, indeed.

USSR DEAD: COMMUNISTS LIVE ON

ECONOMICALLY and in almost every other way the former USSR is now totally on the skids. But is communism itself dead? That question, of immense importance to the so-called "New South Africa," provides one of the most heated debates of the day. APN accordingly quotes from Democracy Bulletin, house journal of the American Foundation for Resistance International: president, renowned Russian exile, intellectual and gulag survivor, Vladimir Bukovsky:

THEY hang on like grim death everywhere. Not for ideology, but for power, position and privilege. Velvet revolutions are like that. There may be less blood in the streets, and that is surely preferable, but it takes longer to expel the poison from the system: and that is our concern today. As 1992 opens, what do we see?

Old-guard communist leaders suddenly professing anti-communism and a commitment to democracy. In republic after republic incumbent presidents, never elected but appointed to office by the Supreme Soviet, now use communist methods to rig presidential elections to ensure their continued power. They deny opposition candidates access to media and TV time. Violent harassment of campaign workers is prevalent. Power shut-downs, transportation stoppages, unavailability of newsprint and ink are the order of the day. But not for incumbents.

Using classic totalitarian methods, the old guard exploits popular pressure for democracy, independence and self-determination to re-install old-style communist dictatorships. They establish their legitimacy in the eyes of the world by holding referendums on independence, while at the same time conducting fraudulent elections designed to maintain the old-guard system intact. We are witnessing not the creation of new democratic republics, but many new Soviet governments. The West has so far not questioned these practices and is in danger of accepting the new governments and their elections as legitimate.

In **AZERBAIJAN**, long-time Communist Supreme

Soviet President Ayaz Mutalibov scheduled a presidential election and prohibited other candidates. He has declared his intention to adhere to communist methods. In **KAZAKHASTAN**, the long-time communist president conducted a non-democratic, non-competitive election to re-establish his unreformed dictatorship. In **ARMENIA**, former communist Supreme Soviet president Lev Ter-Petrosian conducted an election where candidates were interfered with and harassed, and election day fraud was recorded in all observed polling places.

NO CAMPAIGNING

In **GEORGIA**, ill-fated president Zvia Gamsakhurdia prohibited opposition candidates from campaigning. He repressed the democracy movements and their leaders. Yelena Bonner, widow of Andrei Sakharov, in an interview with *Newsweek*, when commenting on Gamsakhurdia's imprisonment of opposition intellectuals, said: "It's interesting, because Gamsakhurdia was himself once a political prisoner. Now he is creating his own political prisoners." His successor is another old-guard communist.

In **TADZHIKISTAN**, old-guard communists rose up in September and forced the republic's president Kadriddin Aslonov to resign because he had suspended the Communist Party's activities. They replaced him with former Communist Party boss Rakhman Nabiyeu. Massive public protests demanding a reversal of this measure have so far failed.

In **MOLDAVIA**, long time communist boss Mircea Sugeur was elected president with a 98% vote. He was the sole candidate. Non-democratic developments are also under way in **UZBEKISTAN** and **BYELORUSIA**.

Only the three Baltic states have emerged with real democratic infrastructure. The jury is still out in **UKRAINE** and **RUSSIA**. In Eastern Europe resurgence and persistence of communist strength is

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equally ominous. In **POLAND**, the former Communist Party, now known as Social Democrats, emerged as the second most powerful party following the October elections.

In **RUMANIA**, despite the coal miners' invasion of Bucharest in September, the spontaneity of which may be questioned, and the subsequent government shakeup involving the replacement of Prime Minister Petre Roman, President Iliescu's neo-Communist National Salvation Front remains firmly in control. In **YUGOSLAVIA**, a Serbo-Communist aggression against Croatia is raging. Led by neo-Stalinist Slobodan Milosevic with the help of the Communist-officered army, its object is to reinstate a communist regime under Serbian domination.

In the outposts of the former empire, the story is not very different. In **AFGHANISTAN**, Najibulla is still in power. In **NICARAGUA**, Daniel Ortega and the Sandinistas still run the country "from below."

In **SOUTH AFRICA**, the Communist-dominated ANC is still calling the shots. Chris Hani, member of the ANC National Executive, relinquishes his post as chief of the ANC "military wing" to replace the ailing Joe Slovo as head of the SA Communist Party. The recent Party congress vowed solidarity with and sup-

port for Fidel Castro. Meanwhile, the party's ace con-man, Nelson Mandela, is received by George Bush at the White House. Remember, some 30 years ago when *The New York Times* told us all Fidel Castro wanted was land reform? Now, once again, we are asked to believe that Nelson Mandela is seeking no more than one man, one vote.

In **ANGOLA**, the communist MPLA's rearguard action aimed at subverting the upcoming elections in an effort to deprive Jonas Savimbi of any power, may well succeed. We face another Sandinista-type solution, or even an outright Communist victory.

CUBA, contrary to conventional wisdom, may well remain communist for longer than anyone now thinks. Along with those last-ditch hold-outs, **CHINA, NORTH KOREA** and **VIETNAM**, these represent a by no means insignificant communist power bloc, especially if joined in the near future by South Africa. That the collapse of the Moscow centre in 1991 did not bring instant democracy to the empire's spun-off components is now painfully evident. It was, after all, too much to expect.

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US REDS IN BITTER CLASH

RECENT US visitor to SA, Angela Davis, winner of the Lenin Peace Prize, three times vice presidential candidate for the Communist Party of the USA and arguably America's leading Black communist, was chopped from the CPUSA leadership at a three-day closed meeting last month.

CPUSA chairman, octogenarian Gus Hall, clashed with Davis and other insurgents who opposed his continued insistence on "democratic centralism," the continued "revolutionary role of the industrial proletariat" and his contention that "there was no systematic problem with the structure of socialism as it existed in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union before 1985; that the collapse of those countries was due to errors in leadership policies since then."

The schism in the CPUSA is deep. Historian Herbert Aptheker, who remained "a loyal communist for 54 years," despite the Stalin/Hitler pact and the disclosures of Stalin's brutalities, called the ousted Soviet and East European leaders "authoritarian, domineering, brutal and guilty of colossal crimes. Our party must learn these lessons, must give up denials and transform its character."

Davis and others siding with Aptheker were accused of "factionalism," communist lingo for opposing the established leadership. In a manifesto submitted to Hall, they demanded "a restatement of party policies to reflect changed world conditions."

Can the CPUSA, as such, survive the Davis departure? Unlikely. Davis, true age 51, has been the most visible Black in the party's hierarchy. Her removal could alienate other Blacks, said to comprise more than half CPUSA membership.

It would be foolish to see this as a setback for communism. Despite the break with the CPUSA, Davis & Co remain loyal to their ideology. They are now setting up a new Marxist/Leninist group, omitting the word "communist." Davis, once on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" criminal list, came to prominence in the 1960s as a Black Panther advocate. In 1970 she was charged as an accessory to murder, following the political, Black Panther assassination of a Californian judge in a courtroom shootout. The judge's head was blown off by a shotgun Davis had bought two days earlier. She was acquitted: not on legal grounds, but because of the national storm whipped up by Black radicals.

She visited SA last August at the invitation of the ANC's Women's League (PWV Region), presumably as a role model for young female Black comrades. More importantly, she came here to discuss how global communism could sooner or later be relaunched here, and how SA's great natural mineral wealth could be used to replace lost Soviet funding and to underwrite resurgent communism. Whatever happens, that proposed role for the "New SA" will not change.

YELTSIN'S NIGHTMARE

As president of Russia, the Soviet Union's largest republic, Boris Yeltsin faces ethnic turmoil in a land that is home to 128 nationalities.

Chechen-Ingush (12)

The Chechen and Ingush people speak similar north Caucasian languages and have lived for centuries in a mountainous region of southern Russia. They were banished to Kazakhstan after rebelling against Communist rule in World War II. Allowed to return in 1957, they had to share an autonomous republic within Russia. Now, the mainly Muslim region seeks independence.

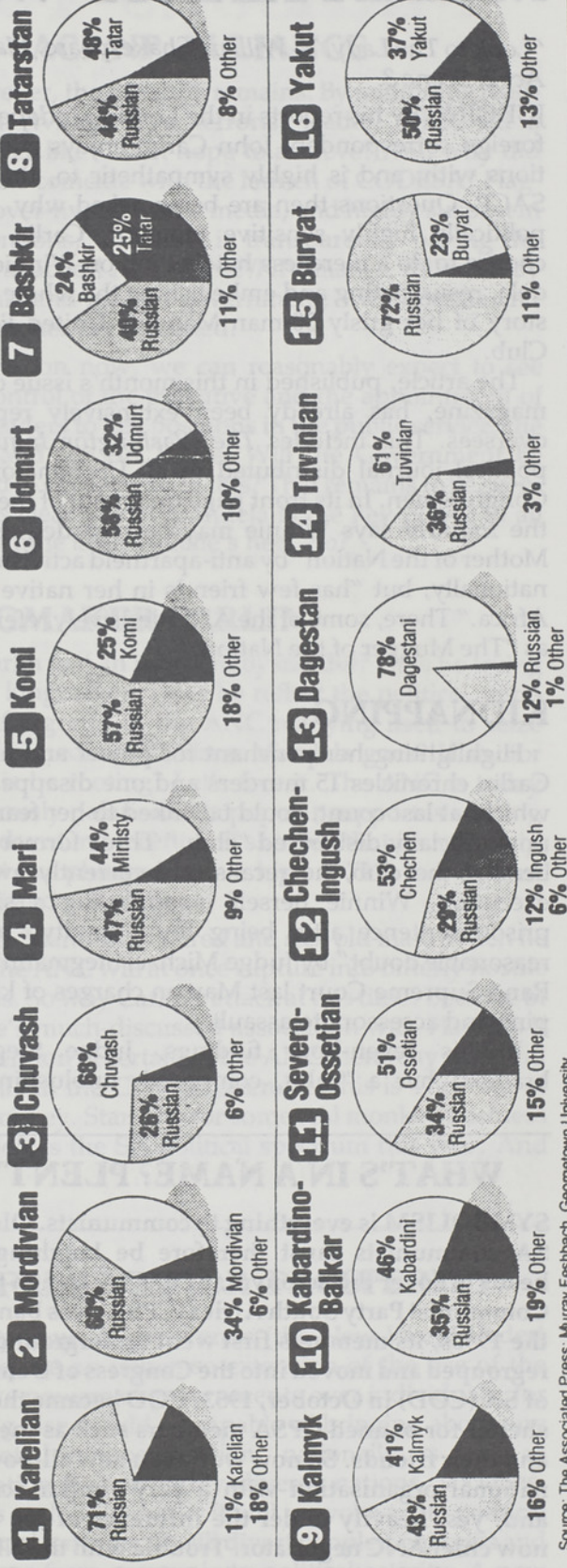
Tatarstan (8)

Turkic-speaking, mostly Muslim descendants of Genghis Khan's Golden Horde want independence from Russia. Their autonomous republic is completely encircled by Russia.

Far east

Independence movements in the Siberian cities of Khabarovsk and Vladivostok are pushing for creation of a Far Eastern Republic. Such a republic existed briefly from 1920 to 1922. Independence activists hope Japanese and Korean investment will turn the area into a booming free enterprise zone.

POPULATION BREAKDOWN OF RUSSIA'S AUTONOMOUS REPUBLICS



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MEDIA HIT AT WINNIE THROUGH HANI

"Look to The Lady." – William Shakespeare, *Macbeth*, Act 2, Scene 3.

JUDGING by his reports in the London *Independent*, foreign correspondent John Carlin enjoys good relations with, and is highly sympathetic to, the ANC/SACP. Questions then are being asked why, at this politically highly sensitive moment, Carlin would choose to do a merciless hatchet job on Winnie Mandela, resuscitating and embellishing the whole sordid story of her grisly 30-man Mandela United Football Club.

The article, published in this month's issue of *Spin* magazine, has already been extensively reprinted overseas. This includes *The Washington Inquirer*, a political journal distributed to all US Senators and Congressmen. In its front page treatment of the piece, the *Inquirer* says Winnie may be regarded as "The Mother of the Nation" by anti-apartheid activists internationally, but "has few friends in her native South Africa." There, some of the ANC derisively refer to her as "The Mugger of the Nation."

KIDNAPPING

Highlighting her penchant for power and abuses, Carlin chronicles 15 murders and one disappearance which, at last count, could be linked to her fearsome, now officially disbanded "club." Three former members of the club, he recalls, are currently awaiting execution. Winnie herself is appealing a six-year prison sentence after being found guilty "beyond reasonable doubt" by Judge Michael Stegmann in the Rand Supreme Court last May on charges of kidnapping and accessory to assault.

In his seven-hour findings, Judge Stegmann branded her a "calm, composed, unblushing and

uncompromising liar." Granted leave to appeal, she was released on R200 bail. Carlin notes that Winnie sees herself as a "First-Lady-In-Waiting." She formed Mandela United, he says, in 1986 from two rival factions of the ANC's Soweto Youth Congress. The FC played a few soccer games early on, but soon became known as Winnie's private security force. He describes the club's purpose:

"(T)hey provided the queen with both court and army. To be accompanied by a retinue smartly turned out in distinctive Mandela United track suits both bolstered her badly bruised but mighty self-esteem and provided her with a squad of foot soldiers ready to mete out instant justice to anyone who dared to challenge her authority. Sadly, pathetically in a sense, the objects of the club's sinister intentions were always their hapless fellow Blacks."

VIGILANTES

On a regular basis, he alleges, the club was used as a tool of vigilante justice. Lerothodi Ikaneng, later targeted for assassination, said: "People from all over Soweto would come to the gates of Winnie's house and report things to them ... sometimes accusations that people were working for the police. Those things would be reported to a boy at the gate who would write them in a book. The book was shown to Winnie, who would decide if certain people involved in the complaint should be brought to the house. At the house, there was a kind of court in the yard ... a disciplinary committee. The punishment was normally lashes, but for more serious crimes like car theft, it was lashes, kicks and punches. We would all take part. I lost count of how many beatings there were."

Beside the execution of their own form of street justice, says Carlin, the club is known to have been behind a variety of murders in the Soweto community, with many of the victims leaders of the anti-apartheid movement as well as members of the club thought to be "sellouts." Most famous of these murders was that of child activist Stompie Moeketsi, kidnapped and beaten to death in December 1988. Club "coach" Jerry Richardson was later found guilty of Moeketsi's murder and sentenced to death. Winnie was convicted as an accomplice.

BLINDED BY LOVE?

Carlin details other murders allegedly planned and executed by the Mandela "club." He points out that, despite this known record, Mrs Mandela remains active in the ANC. He makes the oft-repeated claim that Nelson Mandela "dotes on his wife. He has ... suspended his reason and, blinded by love, has

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? PLENTY!

SYMBOLISM is everything to communists. Old-time SA communists must therefore be laughing their heads off over the acronym, CODESA. When the old Communist Party South Africa (CPSA) was banned in the 1950s, its members first went underground, then regrouped and moved into the Congress of Democrats of SA (COD) in October, 1953. COD became the main shelter for banned CPSA members such as Joe Slovo and their friends. So now we have a new all-powerful national organisation with a very similar acronym and, yes, heavily under the influence of Joe Slovo, now chief ANC negotiator. Trouble with the NP Government is that it does not look for these symbols, so therefore does not find them. No wonder its people are so often deceived and hoodwinked when engaged in decision making for SA.

ignored the howl of protest from within his own movement." Others question whether Mandela, who must find his bloody-minded lady a serious political embarrassment, does indeed any longer "dote" on her. Medical opinion is that she has serious psychological problems.

MANY INDISCRETIONS

Be that as it may, Carlin is not the only SA-based hack to show abiding interest in Winnie. Previously, for the sake of the Mandela name, her many indiscretions were largely papered over by the media. Now its open season. Both the London *Guardian* and *The Australian* have commented that since 1975 Winnie "has been engaged in one embarrassment after another: building a vast 22-room mansion, by far the largest in Soweto; endorsing necklacing; calling for the execution of hanging judges; driving round in a chauffeured silver Mercedes; trying to sell the rights to the Mandela name to the rightwing American businessman (and notorious union buster) Robert Brown; crying 'kill the Whites'; striding round in designer combat fatigues; threatening to 'go back to the bush' if things didn't go her way."

The *Washington Times* said she would, at least, make an unusual "First Lady." Mrs Mandela could in certain ways "be compared with such icons of the revolutionary left as Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tse-Tung, Ho Chi Minh, Che Guevara, Daniel Ortega. Those who worshipped those idols also discovered one day that such gods, like Winnie Mandela, had feet of clay that leave footprints tracked in human blood."

In SA, some questions have been asked about the eight months that have elapsed since she was granted leave to appeal. Lawyers see nothing sinister here. The SA Appellant Division is jam-packed with a huge backlog of cases. Speculation is more justified on what would happen should the Appeal Court confirm the prison sentence, even while perhaps reducing it on mitigating circumstances. Immediately after the Stegmann verdict was handed down, a member of Mrs Mandela's six-man legal team went on record with the confident prediction that "she would not serve a single day in prison."

THREATS BY HANI

Further complicating the position were threats by Chris Hani, Winnie's closest friend, ally and collaborator, a man who has long believed that violence is the necessary path to power. Should she be jailed, he said after the trial, the ANC would "respond with mass action," and he would "call his men on the streets." Hani's "men," of course, are young toughs drawn from the ANC's large radical fringe, who exult in the very style of township violence for which Mrs Mandela appeared in court. Editorialising, the London *Times* said: "We can certainly accept that any custodial

sentence for Mrs Mandela would bring violence in its wake."

ANC-SACP/NP ALLIANCE

However, the question remains. By reminding readers that Winnie is a terrorist leader, what did a leftwinger like Carlin hope to achieve? And why did his article coincide with the launch of CODESA? Flagrantly over-hyped by the media, and highly suspect in its intentions, CODESA is transparently paving the way to a tactical ANC-SACP/NP alliance, followed by joint rule and interim government, with Inkatha and all others heavily sidelined.

Very soon now, we can reasonably expect to see joint control of the executive and the appointment of ANC leaders to key positions in the public service, the SADF and the SA Police. Will the Government be allowed to get away with this? That remains to be seen. What is clear is that Mandela is the key player in all this. Winnie is his Achilles's heel. So?

KINGMAKER CARLIN?

Is Carlin just an innocent bystander? Or is he trying to play kingmaker? Does he reflect the political ambitions of a group in the ANC readying itself to seize power immediately Nelson Mandela goes? If so, for whom is he rooting? Let's face it. The ANC is today dangerously polarised. Its popular support is eroding by the day. One recent poll showed that its township support has plunged from a high of 71% to a current 50% ... and still sliding.

At 74, Mandela is a tired and sick old man. When he goes, the ANC will at once rupture into bitterly hostile factions. So why Carlin's attack at this time? Because of Winnie's much-discussed association with Hani? Is it the intention of certain in the ANC hierarchy to get rid of Hani? In the Chinese calendar, this is The Year of The Monkey. Stand by for some real monkey business right across the SA political spectrum this year. And soon.

NO FREEDOM OR PROSPERITY

"THE pursuit of these ends (the New World Order) will require an immense extension of the use of the coercive powers of governments over individuals, for nothing else would be capable of bringing about any substantial homogenisation, nationally as well as internationally, of highly diverse nations, societies, groups and individuals. It will provoke acute political and social tensions. It will divert people's energies and resources from economic to political activity. A new international economic order may indeed emerge, but it will not be one either of freedom or prosperity." — Dr Peter Bauer, in *Against The New Economic Order*.

71 REASONS TO WALK OFF THE JOB

IT'S a tough old competitive world out there, and we need to increase productivity and efficiency if South Africa hopes to maintain – let alone better – her position in the world market place. Unfortunately that's not a message that cuts much ice with the assorted agitators (sorry, freedom fighters) who have the ears of our politically minded unionists.

Anyone with responsibility for keeping a medium-to-large work force operating productively in the "new" SA has to keep a few dates in mind these days. A few? Here they are . . . and any one of them can – and has been – made an excuse to "down tools" and walk off the site.

8 January (1912)	Founding of African National Congress (ANC)	26 June (1950)	Stoppage of work, publication of Suppression of Communism Act, beginning of defiance campaign
25 January (1980)	Silverton Bank siege	26 June (1957)	Stay-at-home protests against apartheid and R2 per day basic wage campaign
21 March (1960)	Start of PAC anti-pass book campaign	26 June (1959)	Freedom Day (celebrates Curries Fountain)
21 March (1960)	Remembrance of Sharpsville and incident at Langa	21 July (1961)	Demise of Albert Luthuli (train accident)
21-22 March	Heroes Day (Remembrance of Black martyrs)	30 July (1921)	Anniversary of forming SACP
27 March (1960)	Burning of pass books by Luthuli and others	9 August (1956)	SA Women's Day (ANC Women's League protest at Union Buildings)
29 March (1961)	Release of last of the accused in treason case	12 August (1966)	Wankie Day (first joint SA ANC/ZAPU operation)
31 March (1960)	Anti-Pass Day	13 August (1967)	Incursion of ANC guerrillas at Zambesi
3 April (1962)	Founding of PAC	12-14 August (1946)	Strikes at mines on the Rand
4 April (1968)	Demise of Dr Martin Luther King	18 August	Day of Solidarity with the Afro-American People
4-6 April	Anti-Republic Day Campaign	26 August	Namibia Day
6 April (1962)	Defiance Campaign	12 September (1977)	Steve Biko Day
6 April (1952)	Van Riebeeck Day	12 September	Day of International Solidarity with the People of Zimbabwe
6 April (1979)	Remembrance of Solomon Mahlangu (hanged and buried)	24 September	World Day of Solidarity with the People of Mozambique
8 April (1960)	ANC and PAC banned	5 October	Referendum Day
15 April	Afrika Day	6 October (1977)	Day upon which organisations were banned
24 April	Afro-Asian Day	8 October	Day of the Heroic Guerrilla
1 May (1949)	Labour Day/May Day	11 October	International Day of Solidarity with SA's Political Prisoners
25 May	Africa Liberation Day	6 November (1964)	Vuyisile Mini and two other ANC members hanged
25-31 May	Week of Solidarity with the Struggle of The Peoples of Southern Africa	8 November (1952)	Kimberley Riots
31 May (1961)	Three-day strike initiated by Nelson Mandela	5 December (1956)	First arrests in treason case
16 June	International Solidarity Day with The Struggling People of Southern Africa	10 December	Human Rights Day
16-21 June (1976)	Anniversary of Soweto riots	10 December (1961)	Albert Luthuli received Nobel Prize
17 June (1951)	Demise of Dr Seme (founder of the Native National Congress)	16 December (1838)	Battle of Blood River
18 June (1959)	Beer hall boycott	16 December (1930)	Pass-burning campaign (Johannes Nkosi and two others shot in Durban)
25-26 June (1955)	Kliptown Conference (Freedom Charter)	16 December (1961)	Emergence of Umkonto we Sizwe
		16 December (1935)	All-African Convention in Bloemfontein
		16 December (1938)	ANC's National Conference
		16 December (1945)	ANC Conference
		16 December (1961)	First acts of sabotage began
		16 December (1956)	Primary investigation, start of treason case

NEW STAR RISES IN USA

"MEN are of no importance. What counts is who commands." – *Charles de Gaulle, 1945.*

WESTERN electorates are aching for inspired, resolute and aggressive leadership: for a return to giants such as Churchill, De Gaulle, Adenauer, Ataturk. The current crop of Western leaders – Bush, Major, Mitterrand, De Klerk – are unlikely to be treated kindly by history. None of these is of the sort to inspire courage and confidence in their people in their present economic and political tribulation, to demand from them great self-sacrifice yet at the same time make the future more promising.

But in America a new star is rising, a man of extraordinary potential, a man who has thrown his hat into the ring and is challenging George Herbert Walker Bush for the US Presidency. That man is Patrick Joseph Buchanan, a name seen many times in *APN* over the years. A speechwriter and consultant to both Nixon and Reagan, and an extremely able and persuasive

syndicated conservative columnist and TV communicator, Buchanan probably has higher name recognition among Americans than most elected Republicans. South Africans have seen him in action as co-host on CNN's top-rated *Crossfire*.

INTEGRITY

Buchanan has the attributes which warm the cockles of any true conservative heart. He has integrity; cares deeply about the issues; has the intellectual firepower to make people listen, defining life-and-death issues in a powerful rhetorical style that moves men to action. Those who know him agree that few anywhere are better equipped to argue the case for conservatism, for a cleaner culture and a Free World.

His candidacy is already giving the Bush lobby the screaming heebie jeebies. Now widely seen as a president without vision, conviction or even an agenda, a prisoner of the megabankers and global oil interests,

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TIME IS RUNNING OUT

LIKE most SA anti-communist campaigners these days, we on *APN* do not disguise the fact that we are financially strapped. Accordingly, and very reluctantly, we have been forced to cut back on much of our political education work among SA's all-important Black moderates. We therefore drew some comfort from this column written by international investment adviser Harry Schultz in the latest issue of his newsletter, *HSL*:

"We all get desperate pleas for funds from good people. And we sigh because the begging bowl seems to come around so often. But it just occurred to me: what if they were forced to shut their doors (and some are near to it)? Who would carry on the work they alone are doing? We'd be panic-stricken, that no one was manning the battlements. We'd try to find someone to start up new ones or resuscitate the old ones.

"There aren't a lot of capable people around the world who would stick their necks into these yokes. I know from experience, with Freedom Inc. It's a tough row to hoe. It's much labour for little pay, long hours and not much gratitude. And embarrassing to push a begging bowl out. We're lucky they're there! Next time you get a fund plea from one of the really good groups, instead of groaning (as we all do) try saying: 'What if these people weren't there in the trenches, battling for causes and ideals I believe in? I'd better slip them some cash to keep them going and buoy their spirits.' So send a cheque. It really is more blessed to give than to receive."

Thanks, Harry, old friend. You have presented our case more tellingly than we could ourselves. And, yes, this is a begging bowl appeal. Make no mistake, we at *APN* need all the help we can get in this escalating national crisis. It has been suggested we launch an *APN* Fighting Fund, to help underwrite further Fact Sheets and other literature so desperately sought today by those Black moderates opposed to the ANC/SACP, to revolutionary violence and, above all, to the by-no-means-impossible nightmare of a Stalinist SA.

One of our most generous supporters has guaranteed us R500 every three months throughout 1992, this towards the cost of four Fact Sheets. To print a total of 10 000 four-page copies, on newsprint, we need around R4 000 an issue. Should you so desire, we will happily make public acknowledgement of your gift in our columns.

Failing such citizen support, we will have to tell Black anti-communists – churchmen, town councillors, teachers and many others – that Miss Otis Regrets; that they must look elsewhere for such literature. Question is: In this curious New SA, where do they go? With the Government apparently dead set on supping with the communist devil, it certainly is doing very little if anything in this field. Will you help us, NOW? You scarcely need us to tell you that time is running out, fast. VERY fast. Our address is on the subscription form at the back page.

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Bush is suffering from severe voter disenchantment. Dominated by the House of Rockefeller, he long ago walked away from the conservative base of his own party. Both Bush and his Crown Prince, the slippery James Baker, feel uncomfortable with conservatives and hardline anti-communists: attitudes well reflected in the SA Government of today.

Bush infuriated voters and business alike when he quite ruthlessly reneged on his campaign pledge of "No New Taxes . . . Read My Lips." Most dicey of all, he has shown himself all too ready to immolate his own country on the altar of some gooey globalistic abstractionism.

FRONT RUNNER

Buchanan may not this time around win the Republican nomination. But, it is hoped, he will make a sufficiently strong showing as to warn Bush that the right cannot be ignored. Above all, it will make him the front runner for 1996 and the universally recognised leader of the US conservative movement.

A Buchanan candidacy will permit the conservative movement once again to stake its claim to national power, allow it to proclaim its vision of America in the 21st Century on issues running the gamut from privatising education, ending foreign aid and global adventurism, to instituting a 10% flat tax and preventing the final takeover of the Republican Party by the sticky New World Order crowd.

Buchanan has spelt out in no uncertain terms his differences with Bush, a man he has never fully trusted:

SURRENDER TO CRIME

IN the face of the greatest crime wave SA has ever suffered, and under pressure from liberals and the ANC/SACP, a compliant SA Government proposes tightening up on gun control. Intended to make it more difficult to own and use firearms, such clamps would obviously affect only the law-abiding, Black and White alike. Criminals and those supporting political violence do not usually concern themselves unduly about licensing of weapons and the requirements of the Arms & Ammunition Act.

Those opposing the proposed new legislation would do well to remember Lenin on this subject: "It is only after we have disarmed the bourgeoisie that the proletariat, without betraying its world mission, can turn its weapons into plowshares. And that is the way the proletariat will act: but only then, and not by any means before."

• Liberals claim that in a "civilised society," no one should carry a concealed, lethal weapon. What they forget to mention is that in a "civilised" society, people don't gun you down with AKs.

"He is a globalist. We are nationalists. He believes in some *Pax Universalis*. We believe in the old Republic. He would put America's wealth and power at the service of some vague New World Order. We will put America First."

Predictably, those who control the major US media dislike Buchanan intensely. The kind of treatment he can expect to get has already surfaced in *Time*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*. All are working all out to skewer him. But Pat knows what he is up against, and he certainly possesses the polemic skills needed to rout the media.

SUSPICIOUS

Further, the media's grip on America is beginning to weaken. In particular, voters are now very suspicious of media excesses, with many today drawing comparisons between the baptism of fire being accorded Buchanan with the kind of ideological crusade waged earlier against Barry Goldwater, a crusade which succeeded in robbing the US of one of its potentially most brilliant presidents.

Patrick Joseph Buchanan was born in Washington on November 2, 1938. After graduating from Georgetown University in 1961 and earning his master's degree in journalism at Columbia in 1962, he worked on the *St Louis Globe Democrat* till 1966, when he became an executive assistant to Richard Nixon. One of the complaints laid against Buchanan is that he has never held elected public office. The fact remains, however, that he knows the ins and outs of the White House better than most Presidents. Not only was he an aide and consultant to Nixon from 1966 to 1974, but he was also Chief of Communications and chief speech writer during the second Reagan White House.

A pre-Vatican II Roman Catholic, his great hero was Douglas MacArthur. Buchanan was, he says, possessed of settled conservative convictions from early childhood. He came from a big, talented (his sister, Bay, was Secretary to the US Treasury) and scrappy family of seven boys and two girls. It was "Pop" – or William B Buchanan, head of a prosperous Washington accounting firm – who held them all together, by drilling into them respect for country, family and faith. These, says Pat, are the things worth fighting for and living for.

Whatever happens in the nominations, Buchanan will certainly galvanise the US conservative cause and add excitement to the Presidential campaign. South Africa has every reason to wish him well. His voice was among the most eloquent in opposing anti-SA sanctions. And, unlike the Bush/Baker combo, he would not seek to snuff out freedom in favour of revolutionary Stalinism in this country.

America – and the world, and not least SA – need Buchanan. His service to his cause and to his country has only just begun. So, Pat: Damn the torpedoes. Full steam ahead.

QUEER DOINGS AT EPISCOPAL SYNOD

IN Britain, schism between traditionalists and radicals who want to ordain women, solemnise homosexual weddings and call God "She" are threatening the greatest split in the Church of England since King Henry VIII founded it as the State church some 450 years ago, writes **ALLAN C BROWNFELD**. The US, too, is witnessing a growing campaign by traditionalists to move their denominations back toward what they believe are traditional Christian values.

In no church is the widening split between left and right more evident than the Episcopal Church (US branch of the Anglican community). Episcopalians United, a traditionalist group, says that the actions of the Episcopal Church's July, 1991, General Convention demonstrate that the church is no longer "the church of Jesus Christ."

TWO RELIGIONS

The group points to what it considers the convention's failure to uphold Christian standards of sexual morality and it vowed to continue its efforts "to restore the true Episcopal Church." The traditionalist Episcopal Synod of America issued a statement after the convention claiming that the church has strayed so greatly that there are essentially "two religions" in the denomination: one faithful to the gospel, the other unfaithful.

The Rev Todd H Wetzel of Episcopalians United declared: "A church which ignores God's laws, condones homosexuality and will not even ask of its clergy a commitment to abstain from sexual intercourse outside the bonds of holy matrimony is a church gone awry. The church is no longer episcopal (governed by bishops), nor any longer the church of Jesus Christ."

Mr Wetzel accused bishops in the church's liberal wing of having "abdicated their leadership, perhaps even their membership in the Episcopal Church." He said that Episcopalians United should begin building "a powerful confederation among orthodox individuals, groups, parishes and dioceses, both to support the protest and to elect bishops and convention deputies who will work to restore the true Episcopal Church."

This debate has come about because several bishops in the Episcopal Church have ordained publicly proclaimed active homosexuals and lesbians to the priesthood. In June Bishop Ronald Haines of Washington ordained the Rev Elizabeth Cart, who is living openly with a lesbian partner. An official church commissioner, chaired by Rhode Island's Bishop George Hunt, proposed that the church endorse the view that homosexuality is a "God-given" state and that homosexual relations are "holy, life-giving and grace-filled."

In 1976, the triennial General Convention accepted a

total revision of the Book of Common Prayer and approved the ordination of women. Richard Brookhiser, a senior editor of *National Review*, and an Episcopalian himself, noted that "... the changes in the Prayer Book involved more than a loss of sonorous diction. The new Prayer Book played down the importance of sin. It also offered an array of alternative rites, as if emulating product diversification in the cigarette industry. 'Soon,' one ex-Episcopal priest told me, with chop-licking *schadenfreude*, 'all that will remain will be a few well-endowed shrine churches, with people in frock coats, showing visitors how WASPs once lived.'"

Dr William Oddie, a former Episcopal priest who has converted to Roman Catholicism, lamented that "The American Episcopal Church has abandoned Scripture and the Christian tradition as its chief guides and is slowly sinking into oblivion." The debate is equally heated in the Presbyterian Church. In June, its governing body overwhelmingly rejected a report urging the church to relax its traditional strictures against sexual relations among homosexuals and unmarried heterosexuals.

In the United Methodist Church, after three years of hearings and debate, a special committee has completed a report on homosexuality that expresses unanimous agreement on everything but the central question that the panel was asked to resolve: whether homosexual activity is compatible with Christian belief. Eighteen of the committee's 24 members support the removal of the condemnation of homosexual practice from the church's official statement of social principles.

The radical politicisation of the Protestant churches has gone so far that the National Council of Churches (NCC), which opposed the Persian Gulf War as it did the Vietnam War, last May overwhelmingly recommended that 1992 become a time of reflection and repentance for the "oppression, degradation and genocide" that marked Christopher Columbus's treatment of Indians and African slaves. The NCC opposes any celebration of Columbus's "discovery" of America.

Distressed over the "extreme liberties" that several Protestant churches have taken on a number of moral questions, the Greek Orthodox Church has suspended its ties to the NCC.

Religious affiliation in the US is declining, with 11% of Americans saying that they have no religious preference, an all-time high figure. It seems clear that the radicalisation of mainline churches is a key contributing factor. People who went to church to learn what God expected of them no longer see any reason to attend when they are told that "anything goes" is the new standard.

WORLD BRIEFS

THANKS to a quarantine programme unprecedented in its severity, Cuba alone in the world has not only halted the spread of AIDS but the rate of infections reported is actually declining. Secret? Because Castro is really playing it tough, this on the principle that "AIDS is not a disease, it is a crime." Seeking to isolate every possible case, Cuba has since 1986 conducted what is probably the world's most massive AIDS testing programme. All cases uncovered are then placed in compulsory quarantine. Havana does not claim to have identified every case: "there will always be new cases as people have unprotected sex, primarily with foreigners." Medical professionals preach the fundamental truth about AIDS, as if these were 20th Century commandments: "For an HIV-infected individual to have unprotected sex is murder. For an HIV-infected individual to get reinfected is suicide. Sex without a condom is criminal."

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SUPER-GERM? The global AIDS pandemic looks like producing yet another medical nightmare. With evermore immune deficiency disease victims being treated with antibiotics, France's Pasteur Institute last year predicted that (in layman's language) **an antibiotic-resistant "super-germ" could develop. Now, it seems, that day is here.** The US Federal Centre for Disease

Control reports that drug-resistant strains of TB are spreading among US prison inmates, health care workers and others.

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EXAMPLE for SA? William Buckley's *National Review*, flagship journal of the US conservative movement, threatens to dump President Bush unless he makes a decisive right turn. "What we have is a presidency that drifts this way and that in response both to constantly changing pressures of the media, the establishment and opinion polls, and to the nervous calculations of its political strategists. Unless Mr Bush makes a major, explicit and convincing turn to the right, therefore, we can no longer support his administration."

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GRATITUDE ... one of the big late-1991 news stories was the release of that strange man of God, Anglican envoy Terry Waite, after 1 763 days of captivity in Lebanon. Unreported fact: With customary pomposity, Waite effusively thanked his British countrymen for their part in his release. He thanked the Americans, who did virtually nothing to obtain the release of the hostages. He even thanked the UN. Pointedly, however, he did not thank Israel, whose release of 35 South Lebanese prisoners six months earlier, and another 66 last October, led directly to his release and that of other hostages.

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