

COMMENT

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â\200\230tions besides, the somewhat large
sums of money for the feast to inau-
gurate the Soweto Council have up-
set the more even-minded observers
ongst us.

It could perhaps be argued by
those directly involved that there is
an obvious need to have these gov-
ernment instituted bodies officially
recognised, at some official func-
tion. They could be excused that for-
mality, but we, as well as most peo-
ple, are against the ploy of an un-
willing populace being dragged into
â\200\234celebrationsâ\200\235 that have no meaning
tor us.

. Among other tlnngs the town
eouncillors got into office literally by
the skin of their teeth as most people
stayed away from the elections. So
who are they trying to fool by put-
ting up such an expensive exercise?

Yet there is an even more serious
caveat to the whole wasteful exer-

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cise. The townships by and large,

are in a parlous financial state and
the monies lashed out to celebrate
the phantasma of a local authority
could be put to much better use.
Mosttownslupsaremtheredasfar
as their budgets are concerned and
we shudder to think how the present
town council, after inheriting the
waste from the previous administra-
tion, is going to make ends meet.

We are here specially thinking of
that much vaunted electrification
scheme which has cost township

residents millions of rands. It was to -

our horror that we eventually heard
that the huge electrification bill
would have to be met by residents.
And this after the deal had been
made by the then community coun-
cillors and their leader.

SOWETAN, Tuesday, February 28, 1984 ' -

We may be wrong but it seems
that the electrification scheme,
- apart from being successfully com-

pleted is in a mess. We know of

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many homes that are with lights but
whose residents do not even know
that they are expected to pay bills
for the lights they use so prodigally.
Since somewhere at the end of last
year, many township residents soon
found they had lights in their homes.
They have not paid a single bill for

the electricity used

Very soon the bills are going to |
roll in, that is after the Town Coun- -
cil has sorted out what must be a
mounting administrative nightmare.
When that happens there is going to
be a great deal of unhappiness all-
round. We know of families who will
not be able to pay up to R100, let
alone the soaring bills they are run-
ning now. If they will be penalised
the Town Council must be aware
that we warned of the impending
mess.

It will then be unfair if not simply
impossible to expect these residents
to meet the bills in one go. It is
surely not their fault that the admin-
istration of the townships is so le-
thargic. They will have to be met
halfway.

Be that as it may, where, we
would like to know, will the present
councillors get the money from to
run the townships? I think not, which they are going to be forced to
adopt will be to raise rent.

In the meantime people are feel-
ing the hardships of having to buy
houses and still pay a site-rent on
them. The kind of money that is

going to be wasted on the 15 or so
oxen and all those curious actors at
the inauguration feast, should be
spent more usefully in this direction.

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happening among our-
â\200\230'selves.

T am referring to the bombings which are rocking the Soweto councillorsâ\200\231 homes. I can see that in the past these community councils were just worthless. and toothless. But now the councillors havenâ\200\231t been given a chance to prove themselves and already their homes are " being bombed. :

In my opinion our new mayor, Mr Tshabalala is heading in the right direction. Firstly, he uses his language. Secondly, he is not interested in using the mayoral house nor the car. Thirdly, he is reshuffling the present committee and lastly, he is planning to revert to.

SIR â\200\224 I am very per- :
turbed about what is

the old system of housing, namely the match-

boxes (4-roomed houses

* which will be very much

welcomed especially by people who do not have money to live in posh houses).

May I ask those irresponsible bombers: are they going to provide us with houses? Are they going to stop-the demolition of shacks? If my memory serves me well, I think the Sofasonke Party was responsible for temporarily halting the demolishing of shacks, especially in Orlando East.

. Those people who issued pamphlets to people, telling them not to

vote, what have they. -

done to improve our liv-_-)

ing? Why didn't they | I
bomb that R150 000,00

house which was for-

Educate the
Det hirelings

SIR â\200\224 Please allow me

room to express my

opinion about Det.

There is a lot to be
done at Det in the field

â\200\230of race relations. Det
hirelings â\200\224 especially in
the lower ranks â\200\224 need
to be educated on how
to deal with black peo-
ple. They seem to think
they are foremen on
some farm.

~ As a teacher havng a
problem with my salary,
I had to visit the Det

- head office. To my sur-
prise a white security

man at the entrance said -

to me: â\200\234Kan ons jou
help jong"â\200\235 While I was
still arguing that I am
not a â\200\234jongâ\200\235, a second
short bespectacled man

â\200\230appeared. I was later
â\200\230told he is the senior se-
curity officer.

He just said to me:.

â\200\234Jy moet mooi praat
met die oubaas.â\200\235 In
short, I should allow

(die oubaas) to call me

jong. Well I could not
â\200\230allow that and they re-
fused me entry. From
that experience, I felt
that the Department of

- Education and Training

needs a special training
officer to avoid such in-
cidents. You canâ\200\231t pro-
claim to be planning or

â\200\234improving someone

educated while you are

. unable to respect him.

ABEL KONE
Atteridgevillle

TSHABALALA .
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stop acting like cowards.

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in power?

SIR â\200\224 I would like toâ\200\231
express my utter
dissatisfaction and dis-
approval of The SOWE-
TAN because itâ\200\231s a very
biased newspaper.

It looks as if Chief
Gatsha Buthelezi is the
only homeland leader in
South Africa, but what
about Phatudi, Mphe-
phu, Matanzima, Man-
gope, etc?

What I would like to
know, Mr Editor, is it
because Buthelezi is the
leader of the Zulus? Are
the Zulus not blacks in
South Africa like Venda
(Mphephu), N Sotho
(Phatudi), Xhosa (Ma-
tanzima) and Tswana

ope)?

Why should there al-
ways be scathing attacks
on Chief Buthelezi?
Should Buthelezi
change his non-violence
strategies because of-
your intimidation?
Other homeland leaders

Will you please leave.

â\200\234have gone from bad to
worse but their coverage
is small in The SOWE-

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Have you declared

war against the Zulus?

Buthelezi has not escaped criticism from both political extremes. To some he is called |

â\200\234sell-out.â\200\235 There is.that

hatred among blacks in South Africa because of their nationality. There are those that say: â\200\234I wonâ\200\231t attack Xhosas because my friends are Xhosa, no matter how wrong they areâ\200\235

Most of the people in the ANC ranks are Xho-

- sas and that is why ANC

has also declared a war against Zulus. Oliver Tambosâ\200\231 homeland leader is Matanzima and he never plotted any plan to plant a bomb to kill Matanzima because he belongs to his nation.

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give him a chance.

EDWARD â\200\234SOWE- :
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Orlando East

It will be very fair lf everybody gets equalâ\200\230f treatment ftom your

' newspaper.

JOSIAS MKmPHENI'
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Front (UDF) for using licity secrefary, said he
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& music groups to perform
i 2t a cultural festival to
be held at the weekend.

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& yesterday, Mr Saths
| Cooper, Azepoâ\200\231s vice-
i president, said that Ju.
luka, a multiracial group
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b1 at the â\200\234Peopleâ\200\231s Festi-
Âfivalâ\200\235 on Sunday, defied
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Butheleziâ\200\231s right-hand
men, Mr Gibson
Thula, dropped
another bombshell
yesterday when he an-

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Committee of Inkath
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Mt Thula, regarded
by many as one of the
think tanks in the run-
ning of KwaZulu's Gov-
ernment, last week an-
nounced his resignation
as urban representative
of the KwaZulu Gov-
ernment because of his
business commitments,

He confirmed yester-
day that besides the
Central Committee, he
had also resigned as
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MORE than 500 students at the trouble-torn D H Peta High School in Atteridgeville reported for classes yesterday morning.

The school was one of the four high schools which were closed by - the Department of Education and Training during the recent student unrest in the area.

The three others,

KING Goodwill Zwelithini of Zululand, the Swaziland Foreign Affairs Minister, Prince Mfanas-

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{ Z ister, Mr Solomon Rathebe, will attend Soweto's controversial inaugural festivities this week.

e - Soweto councillor, Mr F N Manyosi said at a

Ei!â\200\234 ,i [i¬\201'ï¬\201 j e Press conference yesterday that there were certain

BALACALR matters he wished to correct about previous re-

ports on the council festivities. He also indicated that the above dignitaries would be among those present, .

He said other confirmations are awaited from

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Hofmeyr, Saulsville and

Saulridge were re-opened last Wednesday.

The boycott ended after Bishop Desmond Tutu intervened. About 4 000 students from various high schools later resolved at a special meeting to end the boycott and return to classes. Large numbers of pupils were re-admitted after they had signed a joint declaration with their parents undertaking not to interfere with the running of

the schools,

3 Soweto when they were released from the Johannesburg Central Court cells. .

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5 homeland leaders such as Transkei's Kaiser Mathebula, Lennox Sebe of Ciskei and Patrick Mphahlele of Venda. â\200\231

Fon T " Mr Manyosi said the council will spend R45 000 on the celebrations which will be held at the Jaburapelani amphitheatre on March 2. ;

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confrontation

THE two options left open to the members of the South African Council of Churches after the Eloff Commission's report were to either replace the council's hierarchy with . responsible people or entirely withdraw support for the organisation, Mr Pat Rogers (NRP, King Wil-

liam's Town) said.
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uncil of Churches had by impli-

cation associated itself with the SA Communist Party,

Dr Boy Geldenhuys (NP Randfontein) said.

Speaking during a debate on the report of the Eloff Commission on the council, he said there had

been â\200\234enough evidenceâ\200\235 of a â\200\234very close connectionâ\200\235

SACC member churches
should follow.
Crime

The Government had noted the Commission's recommendation with regard to the creation of a crime to be known as â\200\234economic sabotageâ\200\235 to be applicable to South Africans promoting foreign disinvestment, but had as yet taken no decision on the matter.

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liberation processâ\200\231 or they could
withdraw their support from the
SACC unless it stopped its â\200\230irreli-
gious activities.â\200\231

Mr Rogers said the SACC had

been one of the factors politicising the Church and that the report had opened the public's eyes to one of the dangers cursing South Africa.

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between the SACC and the African National

Any body that associates itself with the aims of the

ANC by implication also associates itself with the aims of the South African Communist Party Dr Geldenhuys said.

The SACC should therefore be careful how it chose

ties. :

This is nonsense because an honest person would not necessarily need a theological background to judge if his country was being threatened or if funds were being mismanaged or if people were lying to him, the Minister said.

Branded

Bishop Tutu had also branded the establishment and report of the Eloff Commission as confrontation with the Church.

However, the SACC was not a church but a clerical body and neither the Council nor any real church was above the authority of the State, Mr

* Le Grange said.
The report had been - said.

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itscompany, he added. Sapa.

anced and the bibliography and list of witnesses confirmed the trouble the commission had taken to judge the relevant points fully and objectively.

The Minister said the appointment of the Eloff Commiission had been timeous and had generally been welcomed, as

had been borne out by the
reaction of editors of

- newspapers such as the

Rand Daily Mail and the
Argus

Mr Le Grange invited
member churches of he
SACC to talk with the
Government. ik

â\200\234The - Governmentâ\200\231s
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~ Tuesday 28 February 1984

THE CITIZEN

â\200\230There was not a political party in Parliament whose principles or policies would not come into conflict with those of the SA council of churches, Mr Daan van der Merwe (CP. Ris-sik) said yesterday.

In a special debate on the Eloff Commissionâ\200\231s report on the SACC he challenged the Progressive Federal Party to tell the house at which stage it would, should it gain power, come into confrontation with

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the individuals discussed in the report. :

â\200\234It is quite clear from the report that there is not a party

in the House whose program-

me of principles or policy will not, sooner or later, come into confrontation with those of the SACC and with the people we have read about in the report.

Â« We in South Africa must take note that these people have their fellow travellers and forerunners, particularly

among the Whites,â\200\235 he said. These included people like Dr Wolfgang Kistler, Mrs Nash and Mr John Rees who, for â\200\234deviationary ological reasons,â\200\235 associated with Black organisations, which had to be warned

against such people. : Their strategy was to mislead ignorant people here and about, Mr van der Merwe said.

Mr L Wessels (NP Krugers-

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dorp) said there was no doubt

the commission's findings were -

damning to the SACC which was clearly on the road of revolutionary rather than evolutionary change.

~ "No state can allow its authority to be undermined by organisations that have limited local support and are funded from abroad."

Red lights flash when a spirit of resistance is encouraged," he said.

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ly stated that he supported the

SACC's budget went to the poor, widows and orphans while 97 percent - was earmarked for activism.

Its general secretary, Bishop Desmond Tutu, had repeated-

goals of the African National Congress but did not approve of its methods.

In echoing the ANC's sentiments and associating with revolutionaries he gave at least moral support to the organisation.

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was not a church but a
clerical body and nei-
ther the council nor any
â\200\234real churchâ\200\235 was above
he authority of the:
â\200\230tate, Mr le Grange said.

Mr le Grange invited |
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tially a private organisation and the Progressive Federal Party be-

< lieved the Government had no business scrutinising the councilâ\200\231s fin-
ancial affairs, Mr Dave Dalling (PFP Sandton) said yesterday.

:] It could not be denied,
he said in a special par-
liamentary debate on the
report of the Eloff Com-

missionâ\200\231s inquiry into,
the SACC, that the com-
missionâ\200\231s appointment
â\200\234was inspired by politi-
cal motivesâ\200\235. :

In essence, Mr Dalling
said, the SACC was a pri-
vate organisation, deal-
ing with private moneys,
and could be compared
with the SA Bureau of
Racial Affairs or the SA
Institute of Race Rela-
tions.

â\200\234We believe it was not
the business of the Gov-

ernment to scrutinise

the councilâ\200\231s financial
affairs.

â\200\234But this is not to say
the councilâ\200\231s financial
administration was not

in a mess ... It most cer-|

tianly was.â\200\235

The courts had deait

adequately with the rele-|
vant contraventions and

financial controls had improved considerably. The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, who introduced the debate, " had said earlier these controls were still inadequate, but he would have to agree they had im-

ThÃ© South African Council of Churches was essen-

proved, Mr Dalling said.

â\200\234It will not be denied the appointment of the commission was inspired by political motives and its very terms of reference illustrate this amply,â\200\235 he said.

A simmering hostility had existed between the Government and the council foralongtime.

The council hierarchy believed the apartheid policy and its laws were evil and immoral and the Government was deeply suspicious of the council, believing it was meddling in affairs which were no concern of a church organisation.

The PFP would not have appointed the commission, but, for better or for worse, this had taken place.

Mr Dalling agreed with the criticism, rejected earlier by Mr le Grange as â\200\230â\200\234nonsenseâ\200\235, that not one member of

the commission was, drawn from any ecclesiastical discipline.

Referring to the commissionâ\200\231s severe criticism of the councilâ\200\231s provision of legal aid to those accused of politically inspired crimes, as well as their families and dependants, Mr Dalling said the funding of legal aid. was a praiseworthy

â\200\234-objective â\200\234in any circum-

stanceâ\200\235.

The â\200\234non-co-opera-

tionâ\200\235 of the council with

nent might

the Government might

be inconvenient, but this |

was not an offence. â\200\224|

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ge, yesterday accused Dr. .
Alex Boraine (PFP Pine-

lands) of encouraging

people_todefyttheState. :
He had done so by say-

ing that' church members

â\200\230such as Bishop Desmond

Tutu, the general sec-
retary of the South Afri-
can Council of Churches,
were entitled to place
obedience to God. above
obedience to the laws of
the State, Mr Le Grange
said. :

â\200\234The honourable mem-
ber for Pinelands is em-
couraging people to defy

the State aslong asihey"
obey the laws of God,â\200\235

- the Minister said in reply

to a special debate on the

" report of the Eloff Com-
mission of the SACC.

He asked' whether Dr
Boraine ~ rejected the
authority of the State as
the highest power if it was
aChristianstate.

Dr Boraine interjected
that South Africa was oot
a Christian state. :

â\200\234Then you are telling
people outside that they

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do not have to obey the
authority of the State be-
cause it is not @ Christian
State,â\200\235 Mr-Le Grange
said. - â\200\230

â\200\234â\200\234You are encouraging
people. to adopt a chal-
lenging standpoint which
lead to serious
confrontation.â\200\235 :
Earlier the PFP wel-
comed the announcement
by Mr Le Grange, that

the Government had decided not to declare the SACC an affected organisation

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defiance of State

organisation.

Speaking in the special debate, Dr Alex Boraine

" said the church had the

right to involve itself in political, social and economic issues.

«However, if it dares to

defy the State, then it should accept the consequences.

" Bishop Tutu, Dr Boraine said, was not a revolutionary. If he was, why had he not been taken to court?

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'One of the main beliefs of the SACC was that

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Boraine accused of encouraging

people should be free and

that freedom meant they

should be citizens of the

country of their birth.

Referring to the council's finances, Dr Boraine said it was common cause that the financial controls of the SACC had in recent years left a lot to be

agreed that it

"should be ascertained

exactly who the donors of funds to the council were

since they could influence

the way in which the

funds were spent.

