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"I may differ radically with your views, but will defend to the last, your right of saying it." Voltaire

"The fault lies not in our stars, dear Brutus, that we are underlings, but in ourselves." Shakespeare

It is the purpose of this document to give a brief, broad outline for the formation of the ALL PEOPLE'S PARTY. We envisage it to be a flexible beginning that will guide the future party member in the direction of democracy. Its immediate aim would be to provide a positive and dynamic leadership for the people of Evaton in particular, and the people of South Africa in general. We feel that it will achieve the support of the people of South Africa, who have always stood for justice and equality in the past.

The aims and direction of our organisation are:

1. First and foremost, we want to improve the quality of life of the people of Evaton. We aim to deal with the day to day problems that afflict our lives. We want to create a popular platform to voice our grievances in community affairs. We want to speak against the injustices that exist in our housing, transport, education, employment opportunities, lack of land ownership, exploitation of our women, health facilities and care of our children.
 2. We see this organisation as beginning in Evaton, but spreading in strength throughout South Africa.
 3. We want to present our people with responsible leadership.
 4. The people of Evaton should have complete control over their affairs in the development and administration of our town, showing our readiness and ability to participate in national government.
 5. We aim to convince the government to retain freehold rights in Evaton.
- X16] We reject the government's constitutional proposals that exclude our rightful participation in our country's politics. The constitutional proposal is based on ethnicity and tribalism and disunity in South Africa. It contains the false notion that in South Africa the white man is a super being.
7. We see our participation in the local community council elections as a means to reach the people and serve them honestly within the limitations imposed by a system offered by the government. We realise that many might consider such a decision as a sell-out to real progress, but we stress that we should use all platforms at a time when our people are in a state of disarray and inactivity.

OUR ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IN OUR COUNTRY IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE POLITICAL SCENE

We see the present political scene in South Africa a result of the insecurity of the white population. The population has been stratified in the name of separate development to serve the labour needs and ensure the economic advantage of the white population.

The government claims that blacks are incapable of being good administrators, pointing to other African states like Mozambique as examples of economic, political and social failure. The government is busy implementing a new political dispensation, which excludes blacks. We must

~~reject this dispensation but we know that no better deal will come without~~
pressure, so we continue to try and organise ourselves, using all available means, even those they grant us. In this way we can acquire organisational and administrative skills and show that we are capable of ruling ourselves.

The task of uniting ourselves under responsible leadership is not an easy one. Firstly difference within our own black community divide us. Tribalism, petty jealousies, the wealth of a few are encouraged to divide us. Secondly, any threat to the government is eliminated very quickly, so people are left without effective leadership.

We hope to offer effective leadership. We know the Comm. Councils have a bad reputation and a low percentage voter turn-out. We know that many feel they cannot participate in an instrument of government control. A 'stooge' council where decisions are not made blacks themselves. We know that many of our 'councillors' are allegedly involved in practices of lining their pockets with mon. acquired from the power of their positions. We know all these things and are prepared to face the alienation of some who might oppose our candidacy as a 'sell-out' We wish to serve the people honestly and redress the day-to-day problems of the community using the means offered.

LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

We have movements within and without the country, which unfortunately lack unity. They recognise common enemy, but are divided on points of policy and direction. As a consequence they lack grass roots support within the country. The only movement that has so far come out of South Africa since Clement Kadili's I.C.U. is the Inkatha movement which can boast of grass roots support.

The movements operating outside the country are committed to the violent to overthrow the state, and because of their exiled, underground nature leave we people at home waiting for them to do something about our predicament yet not doing anything ourselves to try and improve our quality of life. This has left the people in a state of inertia., and we have degenerated culturally, spiritually and socially. We cannot afford to stand around and wait for someone else to do the work, we have to wake up, concern ourselves in the activities of uniting the nation which according to the programme of the ALL PEOPLE PARTY IS priority number one, The nation has to stand up and be counted. It is too late in the day to stand back watching the setting of the sun. Let us act within the living present for tomorrow may be too late.

HOUSING

The housing situation is becoming more serious each year, and government appointed commissions have pointed out the seriousness. It is said the backlog will not be cleared within the next ten years. The gravity of the shortage is shown through the mushrooming of shacks and shanties in many of the country. The root of this problem lies in the land act of 1913 and further amendments which exclude Africans from land ownership. And that the life of both urban and rural blacks are strictly controlled by the government. Anyone who claims that the Government is easing up on pass offenders is proved wrong by statistics showing government crackdown on the movements of blacks between rural and urban areas. The answer to the whole question of land is freehold rights for africans.

To further implement this control, the government has taken sole responsibility for urban black housing, ignoring housing needs of 'sojourners' who are here to stay. The long list of 'legal' urban residents waiting for housing shows the inefficiency of the administration. The population growth has also outstripped the rate of building. To come to grips with this problem, the government must amend legislation controlling distribution of land and then allow the participation of the private sector and the individual in housing.

ON THE LOCAL SCENE

We black people are being represented by African Civil 'Leaders' who have not a fraction of support of the people. These 'leaders' do not express their political affiliation, nor show any direction for the future and do not fight for the genuine needs of the people. All they do is tell us what the white man has in store for us, they themselves have nothing to offer. Mudslinging, corruption and bullying is the order of the day. People have been known to leave public meetings because they have been too inquiring on certain use of physical violence. It has also been known that church halls built with public funds are accessible to privileged people only, namely those on good terms with the authorities.

These 'leaders' seem to advocate the acceptance of the '99 year leasehold' offered by the government.

Our ALL PEOPLE'S PARTY aims to give direction to municipal government. Everyone shall be free to voice an opinion, every case shall be listened to, with fairness and we shall attempt to mediate. Let us talk on the round table as man to man.

CRIME

Crime is a serious problem in our townships. Our murder is allegedly the highest in the world, A statistic which is an accepted aspect of our daily life, part of our reality that we regard with indifference. Rape is another violation of life that our women are forced to experience. Crime is a police matter, but has social roots which cannot be solved by a police force only.

We are denied the truth of our history, that black people had law and order in our society before the coming of the white man. We are capable of building a peaceful society through the organisation of our people, through unity of purpose which will break down the barriers of ignorance. We must teach our children the basic principles of love whose power is greater than any other force.

Our whole philosophy and concept is based on LOVE. "Love your neighbour as thy self", further "no man is an entire island of his own, you cannot be where you ought to be until I am where I ought to be, that is the interrelated order of society. We are all covered by one blanket of destiny". says Margaret Mead.

FEAR

Some of us in the community are suspicious of being administered by our own people because they fear despotic bullies who are involved in bribes, corruption often based on family ties and neighbourly quarrels. We appeal to all who work in the police force, post offices, pension offices and transport services to serve the people with respect and dignity.

APPEAL TO ALL PEOPLE OF EVATON

You may have a sense of guilt reading this document, feeling yourself exposed to the threat of Security Police intimidation, but you have broken no law. We appeal to you to think over what you have read and assess the situation carefully, consult your family and friends and influence them in the right direction. Do not ignore this appeal and sit on the fence, as this attitude has proved costly in the past. Wake up and participate in our programme of action.

YOUTH

We appeal to the youth, the future leaders of the community. Stand up and join our organisation to pressurise the government and the parents who feel they have some thing to lose in gaining their freedom. We urge you to become responsible and organise yourselves into groups concerned with issues relating to your everyday lives. Don't leave the work to others, Don't allow shackles of an inferior education tie you down. Use all means, even those offered by the government to develop yourselves to fulfill your future role.

WOMEN

We appeal to our sisters, mothers and grandmothers. As the most oppressed group in South Africa, we appeal to you to join our organisation and work towards achieving a better life for you and your children. Organisational skills and joint action are the only way to free yourselves of male dominated white government and male dominated household. In both areas your real contribution is great, but unappreciated shadow labour.

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