

# WHAT'S THE WORD?

APARTHEID, which means separateness, is the name given by the government of South Africa to its system of racial segregation, oppression and exploitation. The country of South Africa is composed of 18.6 million Blacks who are controlled in all aspects of their lives by the 4.5 million whites. THE FACTS THEMSELVES TELL THE STORY:

THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT IS COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF WHITES  
(United Nations Special Committee)

Blacks are not allowed to vote in their own country. They have no representation in parliament and are not allowed to form political parties. Complete control of all aspects of the South African government, military, political and economic is in the hands of the white minority.

A WHITE WORKER MAY BE PAID ANYWHERE FROM 5 TO 20 TIMES AS MUCH AS A BLACK RECEIVES FOR THE SAME WORK (United Nations Doc. #561-76-35349 - April 1976)

Blacks provide a cheap and abundant labor source for the South African economy. The government has followed a policy of excluding non-whites from many of the higher paid, skilled occupations. As former South African Prime Minister John Vorster stated:

"We need them (non-whites) for us, but the fact that they work for us can never entitle them to claim political rights, not now, nor in the future ...under any circumstances."

EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES PER BLACK CHILD WAS 28 RAND (1 Rand = \$1.15) WHILE 482 RAND WAS SPENT ON EACH WHITE CHILD (South African Freedom Committee, 1978)

"Bantu education, which is already being put into practice, is calculated to serve as an instrument for creating and ensuring the continuance of a voteless, rightless and ignorant community whose main purpose in life, apart from reproducing their kind...is to minister to whites." (Education for Barbarism, South Africa, 1959.)

272,887 BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA WERE ARRESTED FOR OFFENSES RELATING TO THE PASS LAWS IN 1978. (Washington Post, 23 August, 1979, p. 23)

A pass is a reference book which all non-whites in South Africa are required to carry with them at all times. The pass contains fingerprints, photos, and biographical data which is fed into a computer and used to keep track of Blacks at all times. Failure to produce an up-to-date passbook on demand of a white is grounds for arrest and imprisonment.

## THE FACTS GO ON.....

- There is one doctor for every 400 whites and one doctor for every 44,000 Blacks;
- The average income for Blacks is 73 Rand while the poverty level is 120 Rand;
- Blacks comprise 75% of the population and are forced to live on 13% of the land;
- Black infant mortality rate is 50%.

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