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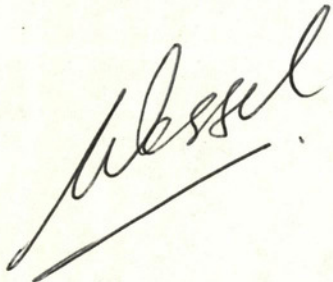
Dear Sirs

Attached herewith a letter we are sending through to the news media but feel it is of importance that you receive the first copy.

Sent by

Fortunate Employee/Company Executive

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KILLER OF VIOLENCE

Sir

It is obvious that we would say that faction fighting and politically inspired people are the major issues causing this country to be in a situation where all people seeking peace feel insecure about the future.

In my opinion the main reason for this situation is unemployment and not politics or differences between nationalities. They play a minor role at this stage.

We read reports which claim we have over 40% unemployed people in the country.

Where do these people get their food from? and what do they keep themselves occupied with if no work is available.

We should rather look at this matter seriously and stop thinking that foreign investment can bring in work to this country. It won't happen until the violence has stopped and I believe the majority of violent acts are due to people being unemployed.

There are several suggestions I would like to make to improve employment.

1. Trade unions must stop claiming minimum wage rates for the labourer and allow companies to employ unskilled labour at lower rates. The majority of people being retrenched or made redundant are labourers. This should apply until such time that the economy improves. I believe that many companies will increase their staff by 20 - 50% to assist with this problem of unemployment, companies and unions must get together and agree on this matter as soon as possible.

It is better to earn something instead of nothing.

2. Companies should be asked not to declare any profits but to plow it back in keeping staff as long as possible and this will be assistance from the share holders to keep people off the streets.

3. The big mining houses "holding back" not only because of the "gold price" but uncertain regarding the future, where claims were made by the A N C of nationalising companies.

The air must be cleared about this matter as many squatters originated from people who were returned from compounds to their homelands which resulted in these people bringing their families back to squatter conditions. I realise not all squatters come from the mines, however, squatters in most cases are unemployed people.

4. We all know that our standard of living will deteriorate and our Rand value will decrease to change this country to the way people want to live ie. peacefully. Why can't the Government (present) implement a few projects which will re-employ people. We know they will need foreign loans but surely if this can reduce violence and ensure future growth, what are we waiting for?

It is ridiculous to wait for foreign countries to invest and improve our economy if the foreign investor realises that the Government and local companies don't do so.

So please let the Government and "big" companies become positive in development and re-employ the people who are making the country ungovernable and destroying peace which, after all, the majority of us are hungry for. This could clearly be seen on 2nd September Thursday "O HAPPY DAY" when people of all races joined hands, forgot their differences, cried tears of happiness and hope for our beloved country and all its people.

Top priority should be given at the World Trade Centre on this matter of unemployment and assurance given to the business sector that nationalisation of companies will NOT apply - then we can be assured of an election in April '94 by which time violence will be minimal.

Sent by

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