

One can but dream.

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It will take years to teach the masses the power of the ballot box, opposed to the violence. So for the next ten years why not try the following:

I realise it will be expensive, but it seems to me that will be better than the present loss of life, being experienced at present. Intern Gab:

Head of State (no powers) Figure head.

Zulu King.

President. De Klerk + Mandela.

Deputy Presidents. Buthezi + Treurnicht.

Finance. Du Plessis + Indian minister

Foreign Office. P. Botha + A.N.C.

Defence. N.P. Cris Han. + I.F.P.

Agriculture. N.P. + C.P.

Industry + Labour. van Zyl Slabert + Unions Rep.

Health. N.P. + Coloured minister.

Housing. D.P. + ?

Police. N.P., A.N.C. + I.F.P.

Etc + Etc.

6 March 1992.

Handed to me  
by a four year  
old child

Dear Senior Citizen,

It is with hesitation that I address this letter to you, but I have this real desire to communicate with you. We are living in uncertain, unpredictable times and because of this my heart tells me to expose my problems to you in an honest fashion.

I am a mother of three children, two already attending school and the third one must go next year. The school that my children attend has been opened for all races with certain conditions. But the conditions - as so many promises made to us - only lasted a short while. My little girl cries in the evenings when I get home. As far as I can assess she is defenseless against her school's black pupils that are much older than she is and do not hesitate to intimidate her. My girl's teacher visited me recently. She says that she is to be retrenched soon and that she might be replaced by a black educator.

I don't know if I must believe it. I don't know anymore what to believe. At the place where I am employed, many people have already been replaced by blacks. I work already under a black supervisor. I also don't know when I will be told to leave so that my job can also be done by a black.

Then ... if I am unemployed ... you know how expensive life has become. A Woman HAS TO work nowadays. You probably have children yourself, knowing how expensive it is to keep children at school. We live in a time of reform; negotiation, but also impoverishment. And we need to ask ourselves what is lying ahead of us. Our ambassador in America, Mr. Harry Schwartz, predicts that Mandela will be our president in two years time. This means that we will be without a fatherland. We will become a suppressed minority - one to seven - in a black ruled Azania. As is happening right now in Zimbabwe, our whites' land will be confiscated ....

I am sure that you have already given thought to your own children and grandchildren and the life that is awaiting them - propertyless squatters in the land of their fathers. Therefore I appeal to you to think thoroughly, to consider seriously, to pray - yes to pray a lot, and to ask yourself whether the reforms that are imminent, will result in your children and their children becoming slaves in their own country. Is it asking too much to consider your children and grandchildren as well as my children when you vote?

Dear Senior Citizen, in this time that so many of your fellow Senior Citizens are attacked and murdered, you have a right and a duty to be steadfast and to proclaim with us that are fighting for our survival and the survival of our heritage: Enough is enough!

I appeal to you very seriously to vote NO for a black government in the interest of those that have to live and reside here after you. I ask you to vote NO for white enslavement under a black communist government.

May the Lord bless you.

CAROLINE SMITH

6 Maart 1992.

Liewe Senior Burger,

Dit is met huiwering dat ek hierdie brief aan u rig, maar ek voel dit 'n behoefte van die hart om met u te praat. Ons leef in ontstellende, onvoorspelbare tye en om die rede sê my hart ek moet my probleme openhartig aan u blootlê.

Ek is 'n moeder van drie kindertjies, twee reeds op skool en die derde outjie moet volgende jaar gaan. Die skool wat my kindertjies besoek is oopgestel vir anderkleurige kinders onder sekere voorwaardes. Maar die voorwaardes het - soos so baie beloftes aan ons gedoen - net 'n kort rukkie geduur. My dogtertjie huil saans wanneer ek tuiskom. Volgens ek kan uitmaak, is sy en ander wit kindertjies weerloos teen hulle skool se swart leerlinge wat baie ouer as hulle is en nie huiwer om te intimideer nie. My kind se onderwyseres het my onlangs besoek. Sy sê sy word binnekort afbetaal en dat sy moontlik vervang gaan word met 'n swart leerkrag.

Ek weet nie of ek dit moet glo nie. Ek weet nie wat om te glo nie. By my eie werk is blankes reeds afgedank, vervang met swartes. Ek werk self vandag onder 'n swart "baas". En ek weet ook nie wanneer aan my gesê gaan word om ook te loop nie, sodat my owerheid 'n swarte in my plek kan aanstel.

Dan - as ek nie werk nie ... ag, u weet tog hoe duur die lewe vandag is. 'n Vrou MOET werk. U het seker self kinders, sal weet wat dit tans kos om 'n kind op skool te hou. Ons leef in 'n tydperk van hervorming en onderhandeling, maar ook verarming. En ons moet onself afvra wat wag voor. Ons ambassadeur in Amerika, meneer Harry Schwartz, voorsien dat Mandella oor twee jaar ons president sal wees. Dit meen ons sal sonder 'n vaderland wees. Afrikaners se kinders sal nie meer in Afrikaans skoolonderrig ontvang nie. Ons sal 'n verdrukke blanke minderheid - een teen sewe - in 'n swart oorheerste Azanië wees. Soos tans in Zimbabwe gebeur, sal ons blankes se grond gekonfiskeer word .....

Ag, ek dink u het al gedink aan u eie kinders en kleinkinders, en aan die lewe wat vir hulle wag; van besitlose wit bywoners in die land van hulle voorouers. Daarom vra ek u om baie diep te dink, ernstig te besin, te bid, baie te bid, en u af te vra of die hervorming wat so seker as wat die son more gaan skyn, van u kinders en hulle kinders slawe gaan maak in hierdie land. Ag, is dit te veel gevra dat u u kinders en kleinkinders en my kindertjies in gedagte sal hou wanneer u u kruisie gaan maak.

Liewe Senior Burger, in hierdie tyd wat so baie van u mede Senior Burgers daagliks aangeval en vermoor word, het u 'n reg en 'n plig om saam met ons wat tans vir ons oorlewing en die oorlewing van ons blanke erfenis veg, vas te staan en te sê: Tot hiertoe en nie verder nie.

Ek vra dus baie ernstig om NEE te stem vir 'n swart regering oor hulle wat na u hier moet woon en leef. Ek vra u om NEE te stem vir blanke verslawing onder 'n swart kommunistiese regering.

Mag ons hemelse Vader u bystaan.

CAROLINE SMITH