



# NEWSLETTER

VICTIMS AGAINST TERRORISM JULY 1989

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## TARGET

### WHITE SCHOOLCHILDREN

#### BLACK SASH TRIES TO RADICALISE SCHOOL PUPILS

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The organisation by political pressure groups amongst school pupils, particularly groups with close links with revolutionary organisations which have played a leading role in trying to create an ungovernable situation in black townships, provides grounds for real concern.

Whilst one may question the morality of an organisation which targets school pupils as a means for achieving its own political ends one may be sure that these efforts are not meant as an honest attempt to broaden the thinking of the youth. Rather it is part of a well thought out strategy on the part of such organisations to politicise school pupils along radical lines.

Clearly those attending school should not be exposed to revolutionary thought. Those pressure groups which organise amongst scholars are an impediment to progress in the classroom, and they should be kept away from schoolchildren.

Over the past several years a number of such pressure groups have been established with the aim of politicising white schools in South Africa. These groups have formed a loose alliance with Leftist political organisations and have planned a comprehensive strategy for the radicalisation of our schools.

Some of the most important groups which have been involved in this campaign are:

- \* Pupils' Awareness Action Group (PAAG)
- \* Education for an Aware South Africa (EDASA)
- \* Pupils United for Peaceful Awareness (PUPA)
- \* End Conscription Campaign (ECC)
- \* National Union for South African Students (NUSAS)
- \* The Black Sash
- \* Various local White youth congresses affiliated to the United Democratic Front (UDF).

Groups active amongst White schoolchildren, for example PAAG, depend largely on the infrastructure of White radical organisations like NUSAS, the ECC, white radicals involved in the UDF, and of course the Black Sash. The political literature of these organisations is distributed amongst schoolchildren by organisations like PAAG, and priority is given to involving sympathetic teachers, many of which were recruited into radical organisations whilst studying on university campuses. Amongst the pressure groups which have been active in White schools the most important propaganda emphasis is seen in their attempts to discredit and undermine the cadet system, military service, and the South African Defence Force generally. At the same time there is an effort to promote the ANC's "Freedom Charter", revolutionary organisations like the UDF, and to mobilise scholars against the present system in favour of a radical alternative.

Most of the organisations listed have close links with, or are directly affiliated to the United Democratic Front, described by the presiding judge in a treason trial as the "internal wing of the ANC". The leaders of this organisation have recently been convicted of treason and terrorism and have been sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment.

According to the presiding judge:

"The demise of the Black Local Authorities through the murder of the councillors or their intimidation into resignation by arson and assault was proudly held up by the UDF as a great victory."

The youth branches of the UDF's township affiliates have been in the forefront of unrest and violence in these areas, and in co-operation with other organisations like the now banned National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) have tried to implement a Marxist system of "people's education" in black schools, which has necessarily involved the assault and intimidation of pupils and teachers.

been staged, radical speakers invited to address pupils, and there have even been cases where scholars have been encouraged to sing revolutionary songs about the ANC, Nelson Mandela and the "liberation struggle".

The question facing parents and all responsible school teachers is whether pupils should be exposed to this kind of activity.



Typical propaganda distributed by the Pupils Awareness Action Group (PAAG) working in conjunction with other radical organisations. This particular pamphlet was distributed in Cape schools last year. Amongst statements included in the graffiti on the back of the pamphlet are "Let Tambo be Heard" (Tambo is the president of the ANC) and "Viva UDF".

## BLACK SASH CALLS JUNE 16 "OUR NATIONAL YOUTH DAY" AND SENDS INVITATIONS FOR MEETING TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

A classic attempt to manipulate School pupils' perceptions and radicalize their outlook occurred on the 16th of June at a meeting arranged by the Black Sash in order to "educate" scholars about June 16.

In a recent ANC broadcast to South Africa over Radio Luanda from Angola the terrorist organisation had this to say about June 16:

"In this year of our People's Army - Umkhonto we Sizwe - the anniversary of the Soweto uprising, June 16, South Africa's 'Youth Day,' should ensure ... high involvement of the youth and students of our country by making the whole of South Africa ungovernable and take the war into the White areas; weakening still further the enemy's State organs of repression by mobilising White students and working youths ... by strengthening the Anti-Conscription Campaign and make apartheid unworkable ..."

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# June 16th

- Our National Youth Day -



The youth are our future  
Our future is a workers future

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Cover of Propaganda Pamphlet Distributed on June 16

The Black Sash called its meeting "June 16 our National Youth Day" and sent out invitations to all the Grahamstown high schools. The meeting took place in St George's Chambers and was attended by approximately sixty pupils from the following schools: