

# Verwoerd's apartheid role

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THOSE South African citizens who always call Dr H F Verwoerd the father of apartheid, should make a study of the South African history and get their facts in order.

Here are only a few examples they should not ignore:

Dr Verwoerd was born in 1893, he became Prime Minister of South Africa in 1958 and passed away in September 1966;

In 1809 the Native Pass Law of the British Government at the Cape of Good Hope compelled black people to carry pass books;

In 1865 Sir Theophilus Shepstone prohibited black people in Natal to vote;

In 1894 Cecil John Rhodes prevented a coloured man (Krom Hendriks) from joining the cricket tour to

England;

In 1905 Rhodes compelled schools in the Cape Province to separate white and black pupils;

In 1913 the Native Land Act 2 prohibited black people to own land;

In 1925 Minister H W Sampson promulgated the Act on Labour Demarcation to divide black and white;

In 1927 the Immorality Act was promulgated in Natal to prohibit intimacy between black and white;

In 1936 separate representation in Parliament was promulgated by General Jan Smuts;

In 1945 the Native Urban Area Act 25 prohibited blacks to stay for longer than 72 hours in an urban area;

In 1966, the year when

Dr Verwoerd was murdered, South Africa experienced prosperity unknown in our history. The inflation rate was only two percent and the national growth was six percent.

Since his death everything had deteriorated. We have sunk from a First World country to a Third World country.

Municipalities and state departments become bankrupt and they cannot pay the salaries of their employees.

It is high time we separate the sheep from the goats in order to allow those who can make a difference to rule their own affairs.

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