

"Since the election, President Nelson Mandela has not put a foot wrong. He is the epitome of the great reconciler, the gracious statesman, the fatherly moderate" says June, 1994 Roca Report—"A Confidential Assessment of Developments in Southern Africa."

The report says:

"While reassuring the people by presenting a reasonable, moderate image, the Maxists are hard at work consolidating their hold on power by strengthening their control over the security forces, especially the intelligence network, the civil service bureaucracy and the media. Once these are secure, they will move to restructure the country on Marxist/socialist lines. They must ensure that no major institution remains outside their control. They must therefore control education (to mould the younger generation) and the churches (to ensure they propagate the party line). The economy must be restructured to bring it under state control. Various means can be used to do this. Nationalisation is one option. A more gradual option, and therefore a more acceptable one, is to bankrupt private businesses by fixing minimum wages and conditions of employment while pegging retail prices. Over a period of time, businesses become uneconomical and fall under state control. But criticism is silenced because the takeover is attributed to poor business skills on the part of the owners or managers rather than to government action. The agricultural industry can be taken over in the same way.

"The length of the reconciliation phase depends on 'the correlation of forces.' In other words, it depends on how long it takes for the Marxists to consolidate their hold on power. No time period in the sense of months can therefore be specified for this period. Instead it is measured in the accomplishment of a series of goals. It is not easy for those outside the party to determine what those goals are and when each has been achieved."

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