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" THE NEXT STEP TOWARDS SELF - GOVERNING BANTUSTANS".

The Union Government has now fulfilled its obligation to create Bantustans by :-

- setting aside land and defining*
- (1) ~~Defining and setting~~ boundaries to these territories.
 - (2) Depriving Africans of representation in the Union Parliament under the promotion of Bantu Self-Government Act. By this law the Union Parliament has committed an act of voluntary abdication in the so-called Bantustans.
 - (3) Creating territorial authorities in the Bantustans and appointing Commissioner-Generals.

What is the next step in this evolutionary process towards Self-Government? Should the Transkeian Territorial Authority which is the most advanced educationally and administratively of the Bantustans not take the next step? Surely the initiative must now be taken by the Africans. The Government has done as much as can be expected of it to orientate Africans towards complete and sovereign selfrule. It must now await the request from the Africans that they are ready to assume this responsibility.

The Transkeian Territorial Authority should at its next session pass resolutions:-

- (1) Declaring that on a fixed date the "foreign Colonial" power, namely the Union Government, be asked to relinquish control in the Transkeian Bantustan and that diplomatic relations be considered as soon as the Transkei is declared an independent State.
- (2) That a special committee of the Territorial Authority be appointed to consider what further steps are to be taken to implement the policy of self-rule and more particularly to draw up the new constitution for the territory. It is suggested that Chief Botha Sigean or some other suitable person become the first president of the new Republic which should be styled the United Republics of Transkeian Territories (U.R.T.T.)
- (3) That the United Nations be informed forthwith of the progressive step taken by the Union Government to grant independence to the U.R.T.T. and that U.N.O be requested to provide the new state with the necessary financial and technical assistance. A special delegation be sent to U.N.O. to seek such assistance.
- (4) That arrangements be made for the celebration of African independence day.

The establishment of independent African States in South Africa has become an urgent matter in view of the fact that about 10 million Africans have become completely voiceless and no machinery exists for communicating their grievances to the Union Government which has made it perfectly clear that the only solution is the complete independence of Bantustans. Let all Africans urge the Transkei to take the first bold steps towards a free and an independent Bantustan.