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ANCYL: Cure for foot-in-mouth disease?

“It is extremely gratifying to see that at last criticism has been leveled at the ANCYL by the ANC”, says Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP). “Even more pleasing is the fact that they have publicly rebuked the ANCYL for what is described as ‘extremely thoughtless and embarrassing pronouncements on regime change in Botswana.’”

“Accusing the Youth League of ill-discipline and not understanding different situations, the ANC instructed them to familiarize themselves with the facts before making pronouncements. They also reminded them that although the ANCYL was autonomous they were not an independent body within the overall structure of the ANC and that their life and body politic is based on the political and ideological objective of the ANC.”

“Malema has consistently made ill-considered statements on radical economic transformation and nationalization, which we have been led to believe are inconsistent with the ANC’s political and ideological objectives for South Africa. This being so, one wonders why it has taken the ANC so long before publicly taking on the Youth League and, in particular, their president Julius Malema.”

“The CDP calls on the government to show consistency in dealing with their maverick Youth League, whose lack of control over what they say, has already had an unsettling effect both inside and outside the country.”

ANCJL: Kuur vir bek-en-klou-seer?

“Dit is baie bemoedigend om te sien dat daar vanuit die ANC uiteindelik kritiek teen die ANC-jeugliga was,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP). “Selfs meer verblydend is die feit dat die jeugliga in die openbaar gerepudieer is vir wat beskryf is as ‘buitensporige onnadenkendheid en verleentheidwekkende uitlatings oor bewindsverandering in Botswana.’”

“ Die jeugliga is daarvan beskuldig dat hulle swak selfdissipline aan die dag lê en nie die verskillende situasies begryp nie. Die liga het nou opdrag om eers feite onder die knie te kry voor uitlatings gemaak word. Hulle is ook daaraan herinner dat al is die liga outonoom, is hulle nie ‘n onafhanklike liggaam nie, en dat hul lewens en beleid gebaseer moet wees op die politieke en ideologiese doelstellings van die ANC.”

“Malema het deurlopend ondeurdagte uitlatings oor radikale ekonomiese transformasie en nasionalisering gemaak wat ons gemeen het uit pas met die ANC se politieke en ideologiese oogmerke is. As dit so is, moet ‘n mens wonder oor waarom dit die ANC so lank geneem het om die jeugliga, en in die besonder die leier, Julius Malema, kort te vat. “

“Die CDP doen ‘n beroep op die regering om konsekwenheid aan die dag te lê wanneer met die jeugliga gehandel word. Gebrekkige beheer oor wat hulle kwytraak het al spanning binne en buite die land tot gevolg gehad.”