

How Affirmative Action is killing the S.African Navy...

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I hear from my contacts that Affirmative Action is destroying the S. African Navy in many ways.

In the press they currently mention that Technicians and Engineers are leaving the Navy in droves. I'm told that currently there is a worldwide shortage of about 35,000 marine engineers. A Chief Engineer on a ship can earn as much as R60,000 - R70,000 TAX FREE (since you don't pay tax if you are out of the country for more than six months of the year).

The S.A. Navy has good training but many of these engineers and technicians then go to the commercial fleets where they earn more money.

Affirmative Action also hits the whites several times. They claim that it "levels the playing field", but in fact it is applied more than once. Firstly, blacks are brought into training programs which they normally would not have enough of a Math and Science background for. But when they finish training, they are regarded as the equals of the whites who did have the necessary Math and Science background.

Then, the blacks get the choice of the best jobs and positions. After that, the blacks get the best chances for promotion too. The whites have no chance of promotion, so it reduces morale.

In the end, the Navy personnel and officers leave because they don't have to put up with this nonsense, and they can do better elsewhere.

Diving, which is one of the elite arms of the Navy presents its own problems. Every year the Government brings in about 40 recruits which are racially "representative of the population" -- meaning that 72% are black, 14% are white, etc.

Many of these diving recruits ACTUALLY CAN'T SWIM! So they have to be taught how to swim first! Once they finish the "pre-training," they still don't get put through the same courses as the whites did in the past. In the past, before proper selection, a budding diving recruit had to do things like: Swim 400 meters, swim 25 meters under water, and dive 6 meters and grab sand off the ocean floor. That is BEFORE they even get on the selection course referred to as the "opfok." That's an Afrikaans' term used throughout the military which means literally "to be f*cked up." It's when they give you hell and they see who starts dropping out. There are no opfoks anymore.

Diving is technical, and you need to know various things about the gas mixtures, pressures, and what to do when things go wrong.

Apparently, most of the blacks fall out at a very high rate, and by the time training is finished, almost all the remaining recruits are white!

There is also a tank where they take the divers to, and they put them into the types of dangerous situations which they would face. They do things like ripping their diving masks off, etc. Apparently the blacks go completely crazy when this is done to them.

Some months back we remarked on African Crisis that you won't see racial quotas being applied to truly dangerous sports like Sky Diving. S. Africa: Why Racial Quotas don't apply to truly DANGEROUS sports! Well, you can add Diving to that list.

Then there's the discipline problem. In 2000 when I met a retired Colonel at the Army H.Q. in Pretoria, I walked with him into the pause area at the mess. I watched a young black soldier walking past him, ignoring him. When I was in the military you had to salute the officers. Not anymore!

I'm told that in the S. African Navy, come payday the crew disappear for up to seven days going AWOL and blowing their pay. Their officers are too scared to discipline them in case they come back to shoot them and kill them!

A friend of mine was on board a Navy ship one day, and he was in the engine room when he saw a black crew member trying to configure a generator. The guy was messing it up, so the white Chief Engineer stepped in to show him how to do it correctly. When the Chief Engineer stepped in, the black recruit did not bother to see what he was trying to show him. He instead walked off to make himself a cup of tea! So there's no discipline left.

I of course don't care. I have no interest in seeing the military running well under this ANC government of ours! The ANC are reaping the fruits of the seeds they sowed.

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Deputy president warns of economic imbalances

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DURBAN: Deputy president Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka has warned that South Africa's economic growth will not be sustainable if it continues to be driven mainly by the exports of raw materials and an emerging black middle class that consumes mostly imported goods.

Speaking at the SA Trade and Investment Conference and Exhibition yesterday, Mlambo-Ngcuka called for a balance and diversification of the country's economic growth.

"... last year all our provinces grew by an average 3% of gross domestic products per annum and indicators are that we can grow faster and move robustly," said Mlambo-Ngcuka.

"But we need a balanced approach [as] we cannot rely on exports of raw minerals and consumption of imported goods," she said.

Azar Jammie, chief economist at Econometrix, welcomed Mlambo-Ngcuka's comments: "She is correct to highlight these weaknesses because, although we have had a boom in the economy in the last three

years, not everything is as it should be and that is because our skills base is not sufficient enough to produce more locally," said Jammie.

"Even the growth of a black middle class goes hand in hand with skills because if we do not develop enough skills, in the long run, they will not be able to take on jobs."

Mlambo-Ngcuka also reiterated government's support for a black economic empowerment policy to enable all South Africans to participate in the economy.

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