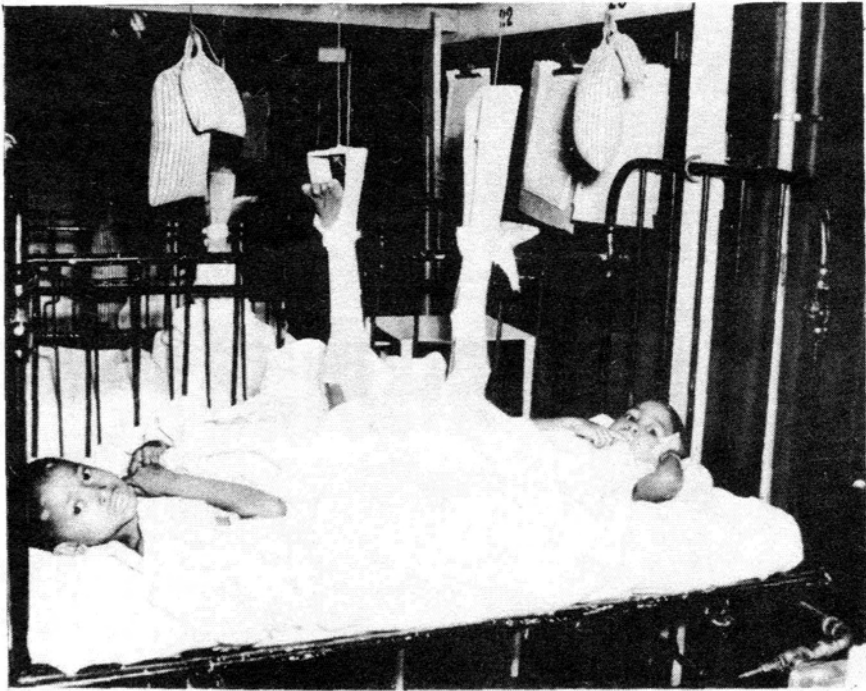


**ARE YOU THINKING OF
WORKING IN SUNNY
SOUTH AFRICA ?**



STOP! THINK AGAIN!



There are a lot of things they *don't* tell you in the recruitment ads.

SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY IS BUILT ON THE APARTHEID SYSTEM

The black people of South Africa, who are 85 per cent of the population, have no political rights or social rights.

Health facilities, like all of South Africa's institutions, discriminate against black people; they are segregated and unequal.

Whereas the white population has access to adequate and modern medical facilities where beds stand empty, black patients are nursed on the floor in overcrowded, underfinanced and understaffed black hospitals.

Preventive health care for black people is totally inadequate and in some places virtually non-existent.

APARTHEID CREATES ILL HEALTH

The black population of South Africa suffer disproportionately from ill health, which arises directly from their conditions of life under apartheid. They are forced to live in overcrowded, ill-equipped townships; barren reserves or in prison-like workers' compounds. Black families are forcibly divided by law. Black wages are insufficient to support a family – malnutrition is rife. A study of admissions to hospitals in Durban in 1975 found that 75 per cent of black adults and over 50 per cent of black children suffered from malnutrition.

APARTHEID CREATES NURSING SHORTAGES

Apartheid not only denies the black population medical care but also deprives it of the education and skills necessary to practise as nurses. Grossly discriminatory education is one of the many obstacles placed in the path of black wouldbe nurses. Thirteen times as much is spent by the government on education for a white pupil as for a black pupil.

Those few black applicants who manage to train and qualify as nurses face the same discrimination and inequality in wages and conditions that faces all black people under apartheid. Salary scales advertised by the Transvaal Department of Hospital Services earlier this year were: R5,745—R9,500 for white senior sisters, compared with R4,170—R7,080 for their black counterparts. Larger discrepancies existed for staff nurses, where the black starting salary was less than two-thirds of that for whites.

A black nurse cannot live in the same pleasant residential district as her white colleague but like her fellow blacks must live in a black township with appalling housing and transport conditions. She cannot take advantage of the amenities of urban life: hotels, restaurants, pubs and cinemas are barred to her. When she goes to the seaside the best beaches are reserved for the whites.



Black nurses, like their fellow black workers in South Africa, are denied trade unions which can represent their interests. Nurses who take part in protests against their conditions face disciplinary action and can be struck off the South African Nursing Council Roll.

Black nurses, like all black South Africans, cannot vote in South Africa's elections. They are subject to the pass laws and need a special permit to travel. They must always carry a pass book or risk imprisonment.

Should a black nurse become unemployed, she may be deported to a 'homeland', a remote district where she has never been, knows no one and will be unable to earn a living.

British nurses are currently being bombarded by a South African recruitment campaign because South Africa says it is suffering from a desperate shortage of nurses.

BUT WHAT HAS CREATED THIS SHORTAGE IF NOT THE RACIST SYSTEM ITSELF?

This is what apartheid in health care and education means:

There are 28,318 white registered nurses
and only 23,204 black nurses*

although *the black population is six times greater than the white.*

If you go to work in South Africa, you will become part of a system which creates ill health for the vast majority of the people and then denies them access to decent medical care. Even with the best of intentions, your going to South Africa will perpetuate the racist system there.



DON'T BECOME PART OF SOUTH AFRICA'S WAR MACHINE!

The racist South African regime is pursuing a war to defend the ill-gotten gains of the white minority. The regime requires the efforts of medical personnel to pursue its war aims, and you, as an immigrant worker, will be expected to contribute either directly or indirectly to this effort.

DON'T GO TO WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA!

SAY NO TO APARTHEID!

JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND HELP TO DESTROY APARTHEID AND ITS INJUSTICES

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