

**VOTE  
JOHN PROBERT**

**Borrowdale  
Tuesday 14 July 1981**



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SUPPORT INTEGRITY  
with the  
REPUBLICAN  
FRONT**

10 Burlington Road  
HIGHLANDS

Dear Voter

In offering myself as the Republican Front candidate for the constituency of Borrowdale I would like to draw your attention to a number of matters with vitally concern you.

#### POLICY

The policy of my Party since the advent of majority rule has been straight-forward and unequivocal: it is to play its part in achieving good government in all spheres and to preserve and protect the interests of the White, Coloured and Asian communities to the best of its ability, by all possible means, for which purpose it was elected and for which reason the twenty White reserved seats exist. In order to achieve this it has been made abundantly clear that it is the policy of the Party to co-operate with, and support the Government in all matters which are good and constructive; that it reserves the right to give advice and constructive criticism where proposed legislation falls short of the ideal, and that it will resolutely oppose those legislative actions of the Government which are bad and not in the overall public interest.

In pursuance of this policy, and in complete contradiction to the widely held belief amongst the public — which has come about as a result of inadequate reporting in the public media and which is being deliberately and misleadingly fostered by the new White opposition — representatives of the Party have assiduously carried out their Parliamentary duties.

Since the new Government came to power, sixty-one measures have come before Parliament, fifty-five of which the Party has supported and has, in fact, opposed only six. The Party has thus rendered support and co-operation to the Government in over ninety per cent of its legislative programme and has not sat back and mindlessly opposed whatever the Government puts forward simply for the sake of opposition, as our opponents are alleging.

What the Party would not support were measures to debase the standard of education, to subvert the spirit of the Constitution and to lower the standards of the public health service. The Party has thus fully carried out the responsibilities of its mandate. Under these circumstances, it is difficult to understand the antics of the Democratic Party and its leader when they suggest that the Republican Front, to which its leader belonged until very recently, is failing to represent the real interests of the White community.

When one is told by the leader of the Democratic Party as reported in "The Herald" of the 28 May 1981 that the "very top" Government leaders gave the

founders of his Party permission to set up their organisation before it was formed, it indicates that while a member of the Rhodesian Front caucus, and while still holding a Rhodesian Front Parliamentary seat, the leader of the Democratic Party and his friends were already conspiring with another political party. This completely endorses the view of Mr George Pio, as expressed in his letter to "The Sunday Mail" of the 24 May 1981, that Andre Holland's track record of being sincerely all things to all men, provided it suited his own interests, has a great deal of truth in it. One must question the capacity of an organisation with such an opportunistic background to be able adequately to represent minority interests, as opposed merely to achieving political advantage at the expense of those same interests, in seeking at all costs to arrive at a favourable accommodation with the governing Party.

#### RECONCILIATION

The 'hand of reconciliation' has joined such expressions as 'detente', 'peaceful co-existence' and 'progressive' which have become catch-words meaning anything or nothing according to the mood of the speaker.

Much is now being said on the subject of the Government's extending the hand of reconciliation and how it must be extended back. What is meant by this word? In our belief it means that both sides agree to forget the past and each reconcile itself and adapt itself to the views and beliefs of the other side. The stated policy of the Democratic Party can only have the result that the White, Asian and Coloured communities will have to accept whatever fate the new majority Government wishes to mete out to them and will have to reconcile themselves to whatever is inflicted on them.

The Republican Front will not adopt this defeatist attitude but will continue by all means to strive for understanding and co-operation with the Government in order to resolve our differences. It will not submit spinelessly to the abrogation of our rights.

Our aim is 'Co-operation not Capitulation'.

#### DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

Leading members of the Government have, from time to time, expressed the wish for a one-party State. This would be the negation of the democratic process and would be in total violation of the wording and spirit of the Lancaster House Constitution. The Republican Front will oppose any move in this direction.

The Democratic Party has, however, declared on several occasions that it is ultimately prepared to go along with this concept which — should they be elected — at once provides a stepping stone for its accomplishment.

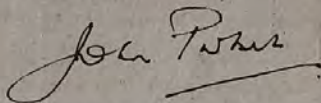
Should this occur, our hopes of being able to preserve liberty, justice and security, free of dictatorial control and restriction, will be destroyed and the possibility of a viable, national reconstruction programme based on free enterprise and a revival of confidence will be lost.

You should appreciate that any vote for the Democratic Party candidate is a vote for the fragmentation of the White community so I exhort you to **stand fast** and vote Republican Front on July 14. Remember that this election is being fought, by the Party representing the White, Coloured and Asian minority in Parliament, against a dissident splinter group — it does not involve any other Party or the Government, as our opponents have tried to imply in their recent utterances.

In closing I would like to assure you that if you do me the honour of electing me as your representative, I will serve you with energy, loyalty and integrity and will be active within the constituency. The leader of the Democratic Party, Mr A Holland on the 3 February 1979, endorsed my candidature in these words "I believe that he could be a most useful Member of Parliament in future years".

As I have his written support all I need now is yours on 14 July!

Yours sincerely



JOHN R PROBERT

P.S. Unfortunately because of the size of the constituency I will not be able to see everyone but in order to meet as many voters as possible I will be available at:-

Borrowdale Shopping Centre	Saturday 20 June 1981	9 am — 12 noon
Chisipite Shopping Centre	Saturday 27 June 1981	9 am — 12 noon
Kamfinsa Shopping Centre	Saturday 4 July 1981	9 am — 12 noon
Borrowdale Shopping Centre	Saturday 11 July 1981	9 am — 12 noon

and at the Republican Front office, 10 Yardley Road, Highlands, Telephone 45964, every evening between 5 and 6 pm or I can be contacted on Telephone 44788 on any evening.