

THE "POWER" PROBLEM YET AGAIN

1. There are signs that Europe is starting to change its attitude towards ASS – but unfortunately not fast enough.
2. If the unequal power relations between the Rich North and the Poor South – and especially between the USA and ASS – remain intact for, say, another 30 years, there is little hope for ASS.
3. Thabo Mbeki has described the unequal power relations between the Rich North and the Poor South as a system of GLOBAL Apartheid.
4. Next week the Non-Alignment Movement commemorate the Bandung Conference of April 1955.
 - In 1955 it decided that colonialism in all its manifestations (including apartheid) was an *evil* that ought to be terminated.
 - In 2005 it ought to decide that Global Apartheid and the selfish and exploitative nature of the Pax Americana are evils – at least for some parts of the Poor South – and that global structural reform is necessary to phase-out their evil character. Yes, from the point of view of certain parts of the Poor South, America is an evil empire.

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5. Given the USA's financial and economic dependence on Asia, it is unlikely that the Pax Americana can transform itself voluntarily – or even under huge pressure – into a *benign imperium*.
 - Consequently ASS and South Asia will remain the victims of Global Apartheid.
6. I am fighting hard not to slump into African pessimism, but a realistic evaluation of the deteriorating situation – within the framework of ideological globalism – leaves little, if any, room for optimism.
7. ASS is indeed the highly exploited and severely neglected stepchild of the world for whom there is very little hospitality in the 'global village'.