

In 1960, two years after taking office, Verwoerd realised his republican dream, when a White-only referendum supported his plea for a Republic.

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both languages, enjoys so much support today for this very reason. The time is truly ripe.

If we do not take this one step now, we ourselves may possibly, but our children certainly will, experience all the suffering of the whites who are being attacked in, and driven out of, one African territory after the other.

You love your country. You love your children. Sixty or more years of life lie ahead of many of them. I plead for their sakes; their unity, safety and prosperity.

For all these reasons I feel justified in approaching you personally with this urgent appeal. Become by answering "Yes" through your cross on the voting paper, one of the founders of our Republic of South Africa.

With best wishes,

H.F. Verwoerd.

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