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## Trump's negative attention is spot on

THE fact that US President Donald Trump has jumped the gun on where the Expropriation Act is headed does not diminish the negative attention this Act warrants.

In terms of section 104 of the Agoa agreement, the property rights of a country participating in the agreement must be ring-fenced.

In terms of the EWC (Expropriation Without Compensation) Act that is not the case because it violates section 25 of the constitution.

Given the strenuous opposition to the Act which the DA and others have been presenting, it is disturbing to note that suddenly John Steenhuisen seems to be trying to walk back his stance just because what Trump criticised is not actually occurring – just yet. Yet in a press conference last month, DA minister of Public Works, Dean MacPherson, was emphatic that the Act contains two entirely contradictory sections and, therefore, is unconstitutional.

However, what is evident among many of the talking heads on this subject is their ignorance of the *Freedom Charter* to which the ANC is firmly wedded.

Devised by communists, its contents and aims represent the objectives of communism. Incrementally the ANC has already fulfilled the *Charter's* intentions regarding water and mineral rights. Seeking complete control over education as the Bela Bill prescribes is another box of the *Charter* that has been ticked. Wel-

fare is also well in hand with 18 million now depending on Sassa grants. Housing for all has not come up to scratch yet despite Joe Slovo's 1995 pledge to build a million houses a year, but then maybe that has been scaled down to informal settlements.

Land is a thorny issue because of the problem of food security, the production of which is largely in the hands of ANC opponents. Nonetheless, the EWC legislation contains mechanisms which advance the *Charter's* objective of state control over all the land. Like all the other provisions in the *Charter*, justification of control, ownership and benefit is based on "the will of the people."

As students of communism know, that is a code expression meaning state custody and control. In a communist dispensation, everything is owned by the state. Individuals own nothing.

Trump's criticism is being exploited to downplay the real dangers of the ANC's expropriation legislation.

Instead the situation should be seized as an opportunity to further expose what the true objectives of the ANC are, remembering the sober advice of British philanthropist, Sir John Templeton: "You cannot have human rights without property rights." | DR DUNCAN DU BOIS Bluff

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THERE is an outstanding Constitutional Court Case where an individual has challenged maternity leave being only available to women.