

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

with Norris Barker

**1) How did you end up in South Africa?**

I have been drawn to South Africa all my life. Fate took me there. I was newly divorced and a friend of mine delivered aircraft to Africa and I hitched a ride. I tried to go after my military service in Germany in 1964 but it didn't work out.

**2) How did you view apartheid in those days?**

Abominably. I taught school in clandestine black street colleges in and around Johannesburg as well as sold second-hand clothing to poor people. I did not protest openly but expressed my opinions by helping the oppressed through black education and black business.

**3) How did you get all those 1994 RSA historic ballot papers?**

Being in the right place at the right time and being surprised no one else wanted them. I met Mandela in 1990 shortly after his release from prison, got a tip from some policemen in Soweto about hijacked ballots and then hounded the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) until the ballots eventually ended up on government Tender. I won 90% of the ballots awarded.

**4) How did you meet Nelson Mandela?**

By Divine Providence on Sunday Oct. 7, 1990. I left a funeral in Soweto and someone (maybe God) took me directly to Mandela and Winnie's table at the International Trade Centre in Johannesburg where he was speaking one evening.

**5) Is corruption rife in South Africa?**

It was then and still is. It is sad. The former and the present governments are totally corrupt. Read former ANC MP Andrew Feinstein's book, *AFTER THE PARTY*. I unknowingly disrupted a scheme to defraud the government of \$700,000 in 1994 by attempting to skim off and sell the very ballots I bid on and paid for. The government should thank me rather than forbid me to own the ballots I bought from them.

**6) Who do you feel is out to prevent you from doing what you've been doing (selling) for 18 years?**

The IEC, the ANC and the RSA government – a cabal who think they own Mandela. Mandela is their man and they are only interested in the \$US billions his name and image will rake in once he dies. I am a nascent thorn in their sides. They have no scruples or ethics over there. Look what they do to their own people.

**7) Are you afraid?**

You've got to be kidding. I love Mandela as much as they do (or more). I have had a wonderful life and am no threat to anyone.

**8) What are your plans for the future?**

If everything goes well, I would like to tap into the global market for Mandela memorabilia and form an alliance with a solid partner – my guess is Dubai, Kuwait, Qatar or Saudi Arabia.