

South Africa Prosperous Although Outcast by Nations

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JOHANNESBURG (UPI) — White South Africa is facing up to a threatening future warily but without panic.

The country knows it is an outcast among the nations of the world and that governments representing two-thirds of the world's population are giving moral, and in some cases financial, support to underground movements dedicated to the overthrow of South Africa's white regime.

South Africa is reconciled in advance to United Nations condemnation. Yet few whites out-

side the country's tiny liberal minority seem distressed at the prospect and, on a superficial level life has changed little in this wealthy republic at the southern tip of Africa.

The stores of the big cities are crammed with luxury goods, shopping streets and arcades, beaches and resort areas are crowded. The entire country is in the middle of a dizzy building boom, wages are rising, unemployment dropping, immigrants are pouring in and the harbors are handling more shipping than ever before. In the sparsely populated "platteland" or the interior the farmers are as hospitable as ever to the stranger—providing he is white.

Country Prosperous

The entire facade of South Africa in 1963 is glossy and prosperous, as befits the 14th most important trading nation in the world. Nothing could look less like a country in trouble.

South Africa is facing possibly the most serious crisis in its 300-year history. And though physically it seems little altered, there have been fundamental changes in the last few years.

A stranger to South Africa searching for signs of tension and impending revolution is more likely to come up with some long familiar aspect of life in this country than with anything connected specifically with recent events.

He may point to the policemen with their sidearms prominently displayed—but South African policemen have always been armed. He may note the benches, buses, doors and entrances marked "whites only"—but

segregation in some form or other has been the official policy in South Africa for generations.

New Attitudes

There are several things that are new in South Africa, and not always evident to the visitor.

African nationalism, for instance, is now laying increasing stress on violent means to achieve its ends. This was not always so. In the days before the Sharpeville emergency of

Newfoundland Points Have Humorous Names

OTTAWA (UPI) — Names show a sense of humor and the Canadian island province of Newfoundland claims a record in this department.

It boasts such places as Jerry's Nose, Nick's Nose Cove, Bumble Bee Bight, Ha Ha Bay, Blow-me-down, Run - by-guess, Little Hooping Harbour and Juv Batt's Arm.

On the sadder side, there are Gripe Point, Bad Bay, Bleak Island, Heartbreak Point, Confusion Bay and Wreck Cove.

1960 the African nationalist movements subscribed to the Luthuli policy of nonviolence. Terrorism is a comparatively new phenomenon.

On the government side, the emphasis has switched from the "negative" to the "positive" side of apartheid.

A few years ago the stress was on removal of blacks from white areas and on stricter application of the pass laws and other discriminatory legislation. Today the talk is all of eventual independence for Bantustans, African election campaigns and the development of white-owned industries on the borders of African areas.

Emphasis changes has paralleled the rise of independent black Africa. It has resulted in the government finding important allies among the African tribal chiefs, who do not view an anti-tribal African nationalism with enthusiasm.

Among the 3.2 million whites the last few years have seen a decided swing to the right,

particularly among the English-speaking population, which numbers about 1.1 million. Newspapers and politicians still use the familiar old platitudes about English-Afrikaans unity, but

Concern Expressed On Prison Escapes

SALEM (UPI)—The Board of Control, concerned about the number of escapes from the state prison and correctional institution, is going to take its case to the legislature.

There have been 44 prison escapes since 1957—13 so far this year. The correctional institution has had 12 escapes since it opened in 1959, including two this year.

There have been no escapes from inside the walls during this period. All were from outside work details.

Secretary of State Howell Pennington Jr. said present penalties for escape are too weak.

"Penalties should be tough enough to serve as a deterrent," Appling said. Gov. Mark

for the first time in the country's history the plattitudes have the ring of truth.

This newly discovered national unity is a result of many factors ranging from the constant

emigration of anti-government elements (about 112,000 white South Africans have left the country permanently in the last 10 years, most of them bitter opponents of the nationalist government), to the realization that the non-white world is squaring up for a final showdown with South Africa.

Outlook Is New

The result has been a fundamental change of outlook, even among South Africans who oppose the government. Reduced to its simplest terms, the attitude of the average white South African is "this is my country and I am here to stay."

The two main political parties, the National party and the United party, may bicker in parliament, but on one point they are firmly agreed: they are unalterably opposed to the principle of one man, one vote. Between them they command the support of between 90 and 95 per cent of the white electorate.

This helps explain why South Africa apparently is impervious to outside persuasion by individuals, governments and international bodies. To most white South Africans the concessions demanded by the outside world must lead to a repetition of the Congo story, with ugly overtones of terrorism.

When Premier Hendrik Verwoerd told his countrymen recently not to worry unduly at the decisions of the United Nations, he was merely expressing the convictions of the overwhelming majority of white South Africans.

Harden Opinion

The Afro-Asian boycott movements and demonstrations against the republic in international bodies have further hardened public opinion.

It is not only on remote farms and among Afrikaner intellectuals and workers that one finds support for the new tough measures to protect the white regime. In exclusive clubs in Johannesburg, among businessmen in Durban and over tea tables in Cape Town, one is likely to hear the anti-sabotage acts being jus-

ified by English-speaking South Africans.

The acts have to all intents and purposes placed the country on a permanent state of emergency in the battle against black nationalism. Nor is there any sign that black nationalism is on the wane. The leaders may be fuddled, or been arrested or muzzled, but the banned organizations still operated underground.

The 90-day "jail without trial" law, the house arrest regulations, the provision for death sentences in cases of sabotage: all these are part of the new South Africa. They have gone hand in hand with stepped up attacks by pro-government South Africans. They form the darker side of the superficially bright picture of prosperity and progress.

The boycott movements, international walkouts, and the harsh security legislation at home are the price white South Africa must pay for its economic well-being and high living standards.

Standard Double Bed on Way Out

NEW YORK (UPI) — The standard double bed is on the way out because Americans are growing bigger all the time. But together with the mattress, according to bedding manufacturers, who have decided to replace the standard bed with people-sized beds.

The dimensions of the double bed were established more than 100 years ago, when a six-footer was a rarity. Since then, Americans, both male and female, have shot upward in height and weight. For instance, American soldiers today average an inch and a half taller and 78 pounds heavier than the doughboys of World War I.

This means that many modern Americans must either sleep in a crouch or dangle their feet over the foot board.

Obstacles

Two major obstacles prevented bedding manufacturers from increasing the size of beds when public demand for bigger beds first became apparent. First, suitable accessories such as sheets, blankets and bedspreads were too small for bigger beds, and second, the average housewife dreaded the thought of wrestling with a bigger, heavier mattress.

Lines and blankets for larger beds are now stocked in most department stores. The second problem has been solved by use of latex foam rubber mattresses that don't need turning, and a wide variety of special devices, such as hinged mattresses or twin mattresses placed under one headboard.

Customer acceptance of supersized bedding is growing steadily. The nation's largest mattress manufacturer reports that more than 25 per cent of sales this year are in extra sizes.

Farms on Decrease, But USDA Increases

NEW YORK (UPI) — While the number of farms and farm workers in the United States has dwindled considerably since 1935, the number of persons employed by the U.S. department of agriculture has increased 43 per cent, according to the Tax Foundation incorporated.

There is now one USDA worker for every 28 farms in the country, compared with one employee for 80 farms in 1935.

BUS FOR STAMPS

BURLINGTON, Vt. (UPI) — A school bus is being purchased here—not with cash, but with 3.6 million trading stamps. Radio Station WJOT sponsored a city-wide drive for the Sisters of Mercy at Mount Saint Mary's academy.

Annapolis Boasts Oldest State House

NEW YORK (UPI) — Annapolis, Md., home of the U.S. Naval academy, also is the site of the oldest state capital building in daily use in the United States, says Encyclopedia International.

The building now being used was first erected in 1772. This state house also once served as the seat of the U.S. Congress, which met there from Nov. 26, 1783, to June 3, 1784, and it was the place where George Washington resigned his commission in the Continental Army.

Latin Is Lauded

By Kansas Attorney
LAWRENCE, Kan. (UPI) — Luke White, an attorney from Covington, Ind., put in a plug for studying Latin during a recent classical language institute at the University of Kansas.

"Learning Latin is the only way to learn the English language," he said. "Latin provides the power to analyze and the ability to communicate, which are important in any endeavor."

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NEW YORK (UPI) — If you see some very familiar advertising but can't read it, don't worry about your eyes. Some leading advertisers are running the ads in Spanish hoping to connect with the 6 million person Spanish-speaking consumer market in the United States, according to Chemical Week. This buyer group has an annual spending power of \$6 billion.

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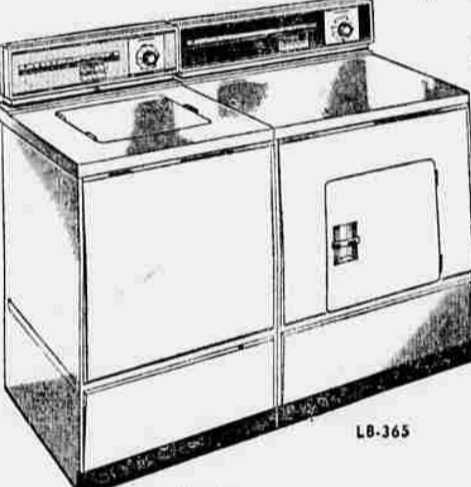
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