



## AFRICA in Today's World

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WE NOTE with mingled disgust and amusement that the city of Capetown's easygoing attitude toward apartheid (segregation) is under attack from the white supremacy government of the so-called Republic of South Africa according to the Associated Press.

For years there has been some mingling among whites and the Cape Coloreds, those of mixed European and African ancestry. The colored population in Capetown outnumbered the whites 292,840 to 193,410 in the latest census.

Whites and nonwhites have used the same buses, libraries, civic halls and elevators. These practices are frowned on by segregation leaders, including Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd's government.

The Cape Provincial Administrator, Johannes Malan, has warned the City Council that apartheid in libraries must be enforced. If the council does not introduce apartheid there by 1965, he said, the provincial subsidy will not be renewed. The subsidy this year was \$312,000.

The council prepared to build separate entrances for whites and nonwhites and separate reading rooms. The administrator replied that nothing short of separate building and separate books would suffice.

### RAISE IN COST FORESEEN

Whites and nonwhites (27 per cent of the borrowers are Cape Coloreds and .5 per cent Africans) have always shared the shelves. The duplication of buildings, staffs and books would raise costs and many people believe segregation would offend just the class of nonwhites whose good will is needed.

This dispute has forced the City Council to hold up plans for other projects. A suburban library and civic hall has been approved by Malan with the qualification that only whites be allowed to use it.

The government also says that under the Group Areas Act, which regulates residential segregation, nonwhites must not be allowed to use beaches in white areas.

Two of the city's traditional nonwhite beaches are in white areas and the administrator is pressing the city to put up notices restricting them to whites.

Enforcement of regulations would mean that nonwhites would not have a beach along a 14-mile stretch of the Atlantic coast that includes the populous suburb of Sea Point which teems with nonwhite servants.

### TAXI APARTHEID ENFORCED

An attempt is also being made to impose strict taxi apartheid. The local Road Transportation Board insisted that only white drivers drive white passengers and nonwhites drive nonwhites, and that white taxi-owners employ whites only.

The white owners say that the only whites they can recruit as drivers are of a completely unacceptable type. Many owners who dismissed nonwhite drivers have laid up their taxis.

Nonwhite owners say that if their drivers can drive only nonwhites they will lose most of their passengers.

In addition, drivers of all races will be obliged to make snap decisions whether the race of an intending passenger is within the stipulated color categories. Many Cape Coloreds have very light skin.

Drivers went on strike recently when a number of them were booked for carrying passen-

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## The Lesson Of History At Home

Not long ago — within the memory of the middle-aged — a Leader of another nation talked about liberty and the dignity of the individual and he gave his people whips and fustioned them in chains.

He talked about the destiny of the nation and he led his followers to Gotterdammerung.

"Today Germany, tomorrow the world," was his theme and to fulfill his insane ambition he set off a holocaust in which 22 million people were counted as casualties and additional untold millions died in the gas chambers and the slave camps that have become the symbol of the Third Reich.

All along the line, this Leader, too, uttered the Teutonic equivalent of the phrase that now identifies the New Leader of the Republican Party:

"Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

This phrase replaces with jackboots the rags that bound the bleeding feet of the patriots at Valley Forge.

It twists the phrase "Give me liberty or give me death" into the threat, "Let me have my own way or I will kill you."

To those who do not agree with Barry Goldwater's definition of liberty, his words hold a menace and constitutional guarantees of the right of the individual to think for himself, to express his own thoughts and pursue liberty in his own fashion, are narrowed and all but obliterated.

The phrase ushers the John Birch Society and even the Ku Klux Klan, great guardians of liberty in the South, into seats in the respectable section of the Republican party.

The speech disclosed also the depths of Goldwater's political cunning.

Referring to the reign of terror on the streets of some large cities, which has grieved us all, Goldwater implied that the federal po-

gery of the wrong race. They returned to work when the National Transport Commission announced that drivers could carry on as before pending a reconsideration.

Elevator apartheid is becoming a headache. Business houses just will not provide different elevators for whites and nonwhites. One business man summed up the situation:

"How does one enforce lift (elevator) apartheid—short of stationing a policeman or some other official on every floor?"

lice powers should be used to restore local order.

Certainly every citizen longs for safety and security on the streets of the city where he lives and works, but does he look to the federal government for those safeguards?

What then becomes of state's rights, the Holy Grail of the New Leader? Do they become Police State's Rights?

This again, is a simple answer for a complex situation, the hallmark of the New Republicanism led by bitter and frustrated men who are bewildered by the demands placed upon every nation in the Twentieth Century.

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## Integration in Brooklyn Heights

Brooklyn Heights is a quiet, tree-shaded residential section overlooking New York Harbor, a five-minute subway ride from Wall Street. Basically it has been little changed in recent years except for the Cadman Plaza project, a \$23 million urban renewal undertaking that after years of controversy was finally approved to provide middle-income housing. Now a two-block addition to the project is under consideration.

The Housing and Redevelopment Board announced last fall a plan for a new public school, park and recreational facilities, and a fifteen-story structure to provide 173 low-income housing units. It acted after some community and civic organizations had urged that low-rent housing be included in Cadman Plaza to promote integration of a neighborhood that is now almost exclusively white. Other organizations and residents protested the plan at subsequent hearings.

Now Abe Stark, Borough President of Brooklyn, has brought forward a new proposal to drop the low-income housing and substitute 95 garden apartments for the elderly. He acknowledges that this is in an effort to reconcile sharp differences in opinion within the community. Civil rights groups charge that it is purely a subterfuge to delay a start toward integrating the neighborhood by bringing in low-income families who would be mainly Negroes and Puerto Ricans.

Whatever the motives behind Mr. Stark's last-minute proposal, it undeniably would have the effect of blocking the entry of nonwhites into an area in which there are now almost none. Understandably, many residents of such a pleasant section are unhappy about an influx of newcomers from the most deprived of economic backgrounds. But if New York is ever to put an end to the ghettos that generate such explosive pressures in areas like Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant, there must be new places for Negroes and Puerto Ricans to go. The only way to end segregation is to start integrating.

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