

Sees Widespread Frustration Resulting From Apartheid

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TORONTO (CP)—Historian Edgar McInnis, back from a tour of South Africa, doesn't see how his National government's program for racial segregation can work.

He says the plan contains "inherent troubles" and its object bucks world-wide trends toward increasing urban industrialization and real equality for all people.

"There are too many tensions, too many problems with no solution in sight," he said. "People are required to observe too many lines of division in their ordinary living."

"There is nothing quite comparable in history — where ruling white people attempted to dominate so completely by law non-whites and Asiatics who must share their community."

FUTURE UNCERTAIN

Just what the future holds he was unwilling to predict, though he felt there is bound to be "some kind of blow."

"There is occasional violence but it is local and quickly controlled," he said. "There is little effective opposition within the country from political parties, churches or liberals. There is growing opposition outside South Africa and that might in time bring effective pressure to moderate the policies of Premier Johannes Strijdom — but only in time."

Mr. McInnis, longtime teacher of history at the University of Toronto, now is permanent president of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. It was in that capacity he was invited to tour South Africa as guest of that country's institute. The trip was also sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation. He reviewed in detail his observations and conclusions in an interview with the Canadian Press.

"White South Africans take the view," he said, "that the only way they can survive is by segregation and by maintaining white political dominance."

STARTED BY MALAN

Former premier Daniel Malan first introduced apartheid, which means literally "apartness," in 1948 but South African courts blocked some of his measures and opposition in the senate overthrew his attempt to change the constitution in 1953. Mr. Strijdom, his successor, succeeded in increasing his strength in the senate by creating more seats for his Nationalist Party supporters and got his desired measures through.

The apartheid program classifies all of South Africa's more than 12,500,000 persons into whites, coloreds, Asiatics and Bantu—the native tribesmen. Of the total population (1951 census figures) the number only about 2,650,000. There are about 1,193,000 coloreds, people of mixed blood, 367,000 Asiatics, mostly from India, and 8,535,000 Bantu.

Apartheid does many things to non-whites. All non-European must register. The onus is on the man to prove whether he is colored, Asiatic or Bantu. Non-whites may vote only in one of the four provinces.

Worst restrictions are aimed at the native Bantu; many are being moved from their homes to the 200 Bantu reservations the government established. Their movement is restricted, the kind of work they may do is limited, they may not form registered trade unions of their own, worship with whites, ride on the same buses, eat in the same restaurants or live under the same roof. Coloreds and Asiatics often share the same restrictions if for no other reason than that the white man is often not sure whether they are Bantu or not.

WIDE UNREST

Mr. McInnis said the visitor does not see in action many of the segregating restrictions. People still mingle on the streets. But he had little doubt after his six-weeks tour that there was widespread frustration and unrest among all but the white population.

Mr. McInnis said what South Africa is trying to do "runs counter to 20th century industrialization which is sweeping the world, prying even into countries once considered most remote and backward."

"It also denies what most people now want and are getting: a voice in their own national government and real equality for all people."

He said he was impressed particularly by the way in which "groups in South Africa are divided from one another, set in opposition to one another." The result was splitting communities rather than uniting them.

COUNTERS ECONOMIC TREND

There is also an economic fully to apartheid, he said.

"The government is blindly trying to accentuate a trend toward segregation in social, political and economic affairs while by its very nature forcing a greater mingling."

Both the whites and the non-whites need each other to survive economically.

He said he doubted whether the government could prevent increasing contact among the races in the new industrial urban centers from increasing the aspirations of the non-whites and adding to their frustrations.

"The way things are going now is bound to be a blow-up," he said. "The mounting friction and the mutual fear of all non-whites will increase the sporadic outbreaks of violence."

"They are still quite some way from a general uprising, however, because the Bantu are not organized and the real opposition is weak."

OPPOSITION WEAK

The United Party, official opposition, is weak in leadership and offers no real alternative to the Nationalist Party's apartheid



EDGAR McINNIS

The Labor Party is small and does not really oppose apartheid.

There is a Liberal Party but it is small and has not yet fought an election. The influence of the Liberals is difficult to access. They are the intellectuals and while their voice is often heard outside in books and essays decrying apartheid, within South Africa they offer no organized resistance. The Communist Party is illegal and its underground strength is not thought great.

Opposition from the churches has so far been relatively ineffective. Mr. McInnis said, The Dutch Reform Church, the largest "goes along with the government policies" because its churchmen as a group do not really consider all men equal. Many Bantu are still heathen. Many individual Dutch Reform churchmen are greatly aroused and in their own areas vocally oppose apartheid but their influence is again not great. The Roman Catholic Church stormed when the government tried to take over its church schools but against the wider issue, it protects little publicly. The Anglican Church is strong in its opposition but its influence is hard to assess.

GOVERNMENT SOLID

Generally, Mr. McInnis said, Premier Strijdom is holding ground politically as his apartheid policies unfold and the premier is expected to win the next election handily. In the last general election in 1954 Strijdom's Nationalist Party took 94 of the 159 seats, a gain of eight seats over the previous election. The United Party took 50, Labor 5, independents 7 and there are three native seats filled by appointment.

There is much talk in South Africa about forming a republic. Mr. McInnis said, but relatively little about leaving the Commonwealth.

While Premier Strijdom talks a great deal about it, "he is in no hurry for a republic," Mr. McInnis said. And most people make a sharp distinction between South Africa becoming a republic and leaving the Commonwealth. He thought even if the country did become a republic it would remain in the British family of nations.

South Africa as certainly prospering economically. It had many new secondary industries and since the war they had moved into first place in importance over agriculture and mining.

GROWING INDUSTRIES

India's industrial production rose from an index figure of 127 to 136 in the first half of 1956, with the year 1951 equal to 100.

Sidelights On Foundation Day—Notre Dame's Centennial

Many happy memories of old Notre Dame were recalled on the evening of October twenty-fourth, 1956, when friends and former pupils celebrated with the Sisters on the occasion of the one hundredth birthday of this venerable institution.

Among those present were two very honored guests, namely, Mrs. Allen Morrison of Savage Harbor, and Mrs. Adrian Peters of Charlottetown. Mrs. Morrison, formerly Fenelope MacDonald of St. Stewart, was a boarder at Notre Dame over eighty years ago. She is now ninety-two years of age, and is planning to be on hand for the big reunion next summer. It is believed that she is the oldest living pupil of Notre Dame. Mrs. Peters, formerly May Gallant of Rustico, now eighty-nine years of age, was at one time a very active and devoted member of the Children of Mary Society. Both told how happy they were to be able to attend. Messages were received from other older pupils expressing regret at not being able to attend this function. One of these was from the Honorary President of the Alumnae Association, Mrs. Edmund Murphy, formerly Susan Reddin of Charlottetown, another from Mrs. L. Carroll, also of Charlottetown.

The beautiful chapel was filled to capacity, there being more than two hundred present for the Solemn Pontifical High Mass, which was offered by the Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, D. D. Bishop of Charlottetown. His Excellency was assisted by the Right Rev. Patrick McMahon as High Priest, Rev. Alban MacDonald and Rev. Walter Reid as honorary deacons, and Rev. James Kelly and Rev. Francis Corcoran as deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. P. F. MacDonald, the present chaplain of Notre Dame, was Master of Ceremonies. Rev. J. W. McCardie of Montserrat, a former

chaplajn of Notre Dame, preached a sermon befitting the occasion. The following clergy also were present in the chapel: Right Rev. Monsignor R. V. MacKenzie, Parkdale; Very Rev. John A. Sullivan, Rector of St. Dunstan's University; Rev. Father Morrison, C.S.B., Rector of Holy Redeemer Parish; Rev. Father Doyle C.S.S.R.; Rev. L. Landrigan, S. D. U.; Rev. Bennett MacDonald, St. George's; Rev. George MacCormac, St. Andrew's; Rev. Louis A. Dougan, Chaplain (RC) R. C. N.; H. M. C. S. Stadacona, Halifax, N. S.

Vigil lights and flowers in profusion enhanced the beauty of the newly decorated altar and chapel, and the Academy choir added to the solemnity with their sweet singing.

Following the celebration of Mass all present repaired to the auditorium where they were received by Sister St. Helen, Superior; Mrs. F. A. Coyle, Chairman of the Centennial Committee; Mrs. Walter Lawlor, Co-Chairman; and Miss Jean Zakem, President of the Alumnae Association. Miss Anna MacInnis, Secretary for the Committee, and Mrs. Alban Farmer, Treasurer, both of whom took a prominent part in the preparations for Foundation Day, also assisted.

Members of the Alumnae ushered the guests to their places, and, assisted by the Sisters, and Grade Twelve students, served them a delicious supper which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Towards the end of supper, the choir sang "Happy Birthday Notre Dame," "The Rosary" and "When Sweet Anne Sings" were delightfully rendered by two gifted pupils, Miss Margaret McIntyre and Miss Virginia MacDonald. The choir then ended the program with the singing of "Bless This House," bringing to a fitting close a day to remember in the annals of Notre Dame.

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Harbour Defence Units Change

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The army previously had announced that most units would be converted to other duties or disbanded. The single exception is the 15th Harbor Defence Troop at Halifax, which remains in its present role.

The East Coast Harbor Defence Battery and the 5th West Coast Harbor Defence Battery will disappear as such.

Detailed changes:

East Coast: The 3rd Harbor Defence Troop at Saint John, N. B., is disbanded; the 16th Harbor Defence Troop at Sydney, N. S. becomes the 6th Independent Field Battery; the 103rd Harbor Defence Troop at St. John's, Nfld., becomes the 214th Field Battery of the 166th Newfoundland Field Regiment.

The changes were effective Oct. 26.

DISCUSS CLC AFFILIATION

OTTAWA (CP)—The possibility of affiliating its 20,000 members with the Canadian Labor Congress will be considered at the four-day annual meeting of the Civil Service Association of Ontario which opened here Tuesday. The meeting will decide whether a vote will be held on the affiliation question.

ON EUROPEAN TRAINING CRUISE

—Naval cook Ldg. Seaman John Curtis, whose home is at 69 Duke Street, Summerside, P. E. I., is seen here keeping busy in the main galley of HMCS Algonquin. The destroyer escort is senior ship of the Canadian First Escort Squadron, currently on a training cruise to England, France, Portugal and the Azores. The squadron will return to Halifax late in November.

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