

Grim Racial Struggle In South Africa Today

TORONTO (CP)—A land where extreme racial segregation is official government policy; where many white persons look to the Bible to justify attempts to maintain their dominant position; where fear drives men to suppress the black population—this is South Africa today as seen through the eyes of a Canadian newspaper man.

Ken MacTaggart of the Toronto Telegram has travelled through South Africa and written a series of stories on the racial problem there. He describes it as a country "where fear has turned back the clock on human progress."

He tells of the efforts of the Nationalist Party government of Johannes Strijdom to put into operation its policy of apartheid—separateness—whereby some 2,643,000 whites will be able to preserve their complete control over the rich nation although outnumbered more than 3 to 1 by the 8,535,000 blacks—known as Bantu.

SUPPORT APARTHEID

On the principle of apartheid, he writes, "has been erected a pattern of new laws far more restrictive than ever before in the state's history."

Even the remainder of South Africa's population—1,103,000 persons of mixed blood (known as coloreds) and 367,000 Asiatics (mostly Indians)—is relegated to the position of second-class citizens although the program doesn't deal nearly as harshly with the as with the Bantu.

The apartheid program is largely supported by the Afrikaners—originally Dutch settlers and formerly known as Boers—although most of the white population of South Africa supports racial segregation to some degree. The Afrikaners farmer, MacTaggart says, feels particularly strongly about keeping the white and non-white races separate and many still base their attitude on the contention that the Old Testament says blacks and whites are not equal—that the sons of Ham were the servants of the elect.

COURTS CIRCUMVENTED

Fear as a motivating force in the drive toward apartheid is found among different sections of the white population. Many rich persons fear their status might be

threatened if the Bantu were permitted increasing freedom. Afrikaners farmers fear the cost of using black workers might rise. And most fear they would lose their identity through assimilation if opportunities for political and economic development were equal for all races.

The Strijdom government has made changes in the laws to restrict the activities of the Bantu, although it had to take a number of steps to circumvent court decisions which ruled laws invalid. The Bantu now is restricted to certain areas and must carry passbooks while moving about. He is told what his racial status is and the onus is on him to prove otherwise, for example, that he is a colored and not a Bantu. He can be summarily banished without trial to another locality. He can be dispossessed by the state and moved elsewhere, and can appeal to the courts only after the action against him has been completed.

Many Bantu who were born and grew up in the slum areas surrounding the major cities face the prospect of being shipped off to one of the 260 Bantu reserves, although the life there is alien to them.

CLAUDE REMOVED

The problem of race relations has been an issue for more than a century, stirred up originally by attempts to give the native population a measure of equality. Daniel Malan first offered the program of apartheid in 1948 and was elected prime minister, succeeding Jan Christiaan Smuts. However, implementation of the program did not begin until Strijdom took over the Nationalist Party leadership and was elected in 1953.

When the Union of South Africa came into being, Britain was successful in placing in the constitution an entrenched clause guaranteeing equality of all citizens. The constitution could not be changed without approval of two-thirds of the Assembly and Senate meeting together.

Balked by a majority that was not big enough for the task, Strijdom finally increased the Senate to 89 members from 48 and suc-

ceeded in eliminating the entrenched clause.

POST-WAR CRISIS

He went ahead with his plan to return the Bantu to the reserves, saying the Bantu would gradually be granted greater opportunity there to administer their own affairs but would never be allowed to integrate in any way with whites and would never have a vote.

MacTaggart says the problem of race relations reached a crisis in South Africa after the Second World War. During the war, industry had boomed and blacks—until then mainly house and farm workers—were needed in industry. They took most of the non-skilled and semi-skilled jobs.

When the war ended, there were huge black populations in squalid shack areas around major cities and towns. They expected some political and economic recognition. While refusal to grant this gave birth to apartheid, it also became a political issue.

OPPOSITION UNCERTAIN

Strijdom says he is proceeding with the program while opponents maintain he is merely using it to rob non-white races of freedom and eventual self-determination. But they have offered no alternative, MacTaggart says, and are unable to agree on how a gradual program of economic integration should be carried out.

The position of the Dutch Reform Church, with 14.9 per cent of the population as its membership, is that Christian unity cannot be enforced.

A church report said it "can by no means associate itself unreservedly with the general cry for equality and unity in the world today, as the motives and aims in this connection can certainly not always be regarded as purely Christian."

Of the church's position, MacTaggart says: "They earnestly and sincerely believe that their church is working towards the establishment of Christ's Church on earth... but it must not permit christianity to be used as a basis for establishing a unity of people which would not be in Christ's faith, inasmuch as 32 per cent of the people of this country are still Bantu heathens, believing in Bantu witchcraft."

PLANET LIFE

Some scientists believe changing colors on the surface of Mars indicate some form of vegetation exists on the planet.

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WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

OUR FRIEND, THE DOG

"Look, do you remember Spots, the mangy old dog we brought home the summer Aunt Bess stayed with us? Dad warned us to keep the creature out of sight when Aunt was around—she didn't like animals, he said. What an expression on his face when he caught her feeding the dog—and petting it too!"

With laughter, with back-slapping just such tales figure in many an Island reunion. Dog pets are links in the shared past when life was young. The adventures, the scrapes, the good times and sad ones were often experienced in the company of some beloved dog.

Dogs and children are of course a natural combination. Not the least attraction of life at the beach in summer is the day-long view it affords of children and dogs playing together. If only the young ones could absorb the patience, the tolerance, of their pets! Nor as you know, do men and women outgrow their affection for dogs. In the country, keeping one is seldom a problem, but in large cities (or even towns like ours) it can be a source of worry and inconvenience. There are men and women in large cities who actually spend the summer in hot apartments rather than trust their pets to paid care-takers.

Aside from any practical purpose a dog may serve (watch-dog etc.) what is the secret of his hold on our affections? Is it his unquestioning acceptance of us? Or perhaps his complete dependence on us?

To me there is something irresistible in the little bursts of affection shown by our small terrier. Tips, at unexpected moments. And the way he bounds over and through the tall grass toward me, ears flapping, short legs moving with incredible speed and precision is both flattering and a delight to the eyes.

It is only this last week that Tips has regained most of his natural joyousness and self-confidence. When I last wrote of him,

he had found friends on the farm across the way and came home only to snatch a bite—and to sleep—often not until after midnight. "Better keep him home," I was warned, "there are some bad-tempered big dogs that have been hanging around."

Keep him home! Was I to tie up the little creature—shut him up in the house? Or trust to his good sense to keep away from serious danger? Right or wrong, I let him run and one day he came home, battle scarred! For a week he was a pitiful little dog. Worse than his physical hurts was the damage to his self-confidence, his friendliness to every dog, large or small.

He "regressed"—he went back to his puppy ways. He whimpered when I put him out of doors and clawed at the screen door. He never ventured forth alone. And Tips who had disdained milk for months, lapped it up eagerly!

Of course the little creature got extra petting and special tid-bits. He was even allowed to eat his bone in the kitchen instead of outdoors! Was he spoiled? I can only report that little by little he left the protection of the front porch or back porch. He no longer sits in a pathetic little huddle on the door step. He again refuses to drink milk! But on our walks, it does seem as if his natural friendliness is tempered with caution when a large dog comes in sight. If only he didn't run in front of cars! Is there any remedy? There are limits to "Permissiveness!"

DIES IN HOSPITAL

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP) — Andrew Eaton, 7, who suffered a split tongue Monday night when struck by an automobile, died two hours later on a hospital operating table. He had received a general anaesthetic and his tongue was being sewn by Dr. A. E. Williamson of Port Dover when he died. There was no decision regarding an inquest.

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