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According to a source close to John Lang, an article "S.A. : To be or not to be violent?" in the November 20, 1964 issue of Africa 1964/5 was written by Lang and Anthony Delius. The initial part of the article, attributed by the source to Lang, read as follows:

"Can Dr. Verwoerd be brought down by violence? That is a question still unanswered. Soul-searching liberals in South Africa and abroad are split on this issue, as the evidence given at the recent round of sabotage and subversion trials reveals. Some non-violent elements of the Liberal Party and some radical Whites accuse fringe liberals of the African Resistance Movement of an irresponsible James Bondism that casts a slur on all non-violent opponents of apartheid.

We agree that against the Nationalist policy, amateur violence is likely to fail. Nevertheless one cannot expect a tidy, dignified resistance movement in this most nightmarish of racial struggles. Moreover, before condemning those liberals who have resorted to violence, the following points must be taken into account:

- (1) The South African Police have been increasing their own violence. It is their new mind-breaking day and night interrogations followed by beating (introduced since Rivonia) that have yielded the latest detailed evidence against the accused by fellow detainees - a pattern being faithfully reproduced in the Fischer trial.

(2) Some non-Communist opponents of apartheid have undertaken violence in order to break the Communist Party's virtual monopoly of the African cause. The ARM is not new or especially ineffective. X Y

(3) It is the actual effectiveness to date, or rather ineffectiveness, of non-violent Whites to bring down the Doctor which is being questioned.

We publish below a report which has just reached us from a White South African. This is one of the many unhappy views inside the Republic of how the war against apartheid is going: "

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