

ALAN PATON invites

MR. EKKIS BLINDENDOOF to take

THE SHORT VIEW

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It is very good of Mr. Paton to invite a humble person like myself to use his column, especially when he knows my opinions. All my friends have a high opinion of him, and think he is a very sincere man, much more so than the United Party. We always say of the United Party that you can't trust them not to cut your throat. We always say just the opposite of the Liberal Party.

I have decided to take THE SHORT VIEW. My friend Mr. Paton is a good sincere man, but he is always taking the long view, and therefore he does not see the short view and the close view. Mr. Paton is very far-sighted, but I and my friends are short-sighted. He is a sincere man who truly loves the Bantu, but he does not understand that if you give ^a ~~the~~ Bantu your little finger, he will think you are offering him your hand. Although Mr. Paton was born in our beloved country, he does not know the Bantu the same as my friends. Even my friends who were not born in the country know the Bantu better than he does. There is nothing more dangerous in our country than a good sincere man who does not know the Bantu.

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But I am not writing about the Bantu this week. This is not because the Bantu is not important. I and my friends say every ox has his kraal, and we believe the Bantu has as much right to his kraal as any other person; and we mean to see that he gets it and likes it and stays there, just as we like and stay in our kraal. We

want him to have the same as ourselves. We are opposed to race discrimination. We want only apartheid.

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But nevertheless I am not writing about the Bantu. I am writing about that body that calls itself the United Nations. Sixty eight nations of that body voted against apartheid.

Now I and my friends maintain that apartheid is a domestic matter. We are a democratic nation, and the people voted again and again for apartheid, and therefore they have a right to have it. We do not interfere with the way New Zealand treats the Maoris; if the New Zealanders want to play rugby with the Maoris in New Zealand, we do not say anything against it. Therefore we are disappointed that New Zealand voted against us. It is possible we may have to stop playing rugby against New Zealand in the near future.

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However I am taking the short view, not the dark view. Five nations voted for us at the United Nations, Australia, Belgium, France, Portugal, and our old enemy but now dear friend, England.

Why did these nations vote for us? There is one reason, and one only. All of them know the Bantu.

May I ask what Mnumzana U Ten Shen of Burma knows about the Bantu? Or Mnumzana Shaha of Nepal? Or Mnumzana Mahomed Noah of Malaya? The answer is nothing.

Of course Mnumzana Jantuah of Ghana should have known better, because he knows the Bantu. But where Communism rules a country, you cannot expect anything better. This is the thanks we

get for treating Mnumzana Simpson of Ghana like a president when he visited our beloved country.

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I and my friends are most disappointed in Mr. George Harrison of the United States, for voting against us. What right has he to point a finger at us? Is it possible he has not heard of Little Rock?

We do not lynch people in our beloved country, and we did not exterminate the Red Indians of our beloved country. We do not point our fingers at other countries.

May I ask in a whisper, is it not possible that George Harrison is a mnumzana too?

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Nevertheless we shall not give up the fight to show the world the benefits of apartheid. Some of I and my friends do not like the word apartheid; we prefer the words separate development, each after his own kind, which are blessed words, because they so accurately express God's own thoughts on these matters.

One day the world will know the truth. But until that day comes we must rely on our State Information Service.

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Thank you, Mr. Paton, for allowing me to take this short view, which I and my friends know is very much shorter than yours.

Yours faithfully,

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