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THE GATHERING STORM

In many countries we have chained the savage,
and starved him to death,
In many countries we have burned the savage,
at the stake,
We have hunted the savage and his little children
and their mother with dogs and guns,
In many countries we have taken the savages' land from him
him, and made him our slave, and lashed him everyday
and broken his pride and made death his only friend,
and overworked him till he dropped in his tracks....
It is not long to wait, his day is close at hand,
his clans are gathering, they are on their way; his
bugles are sounding the call, they are answering;
Every week that comes and goes, sees ten thousand new
crusades swing into line, and add their pulsing foot-
falls to the thunder-thread of his mighty battalions.

— Mark Twain

There are three alternatives, to march at the head and
lead, to trail behind gesticulating and criticising or
to stand in the way and oppose. Everyone is free to
choose, but events will force you to make the choice
quickly.

— Chairman Mao Tsetung

We say to waverers and fence-sitters, choose now, for
tomorrow may be too late.....The decks are cleared; the
battle must be joined the forces of freedom are
gathering strength from day to day, disciplining, nerves
and steeling themselves for the imminent struggle.... We
are aware of the nature of our task. There is plenty of
suffering ahead. But we are ready. We will not go back;
We will not look back; We will not deviate; Come what
may.

— Mangaliso R. Sobukwe