

I believe that we are called to continue peaceful protest, and to remain non-violent — even in this violent society.

This may sound unrealistic and unreal. It may sound like asking the lamb to lie down with the lion.

There was a fair-ground once which had this as a side-show: "Roll up! See the lamb lying down with the lion!" The showman was asked, "Isn't it very difficult?", and he admit-

ted that it was. "It's certainly not easy", he said, "you have to get a new lamb every day."

I do not think for a moment that the call to live out our belief in human dignity and freedom is cheap or easy. There may be more lambs for the slaughter. Those who still stand for unity in a society polarised by mutual hatred may be despised and rejected. But we have the greatest of all precedents for believing that that is not the end of the story.

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which is why many of you received the last issue of SASH with pages excised. Nothing he says may be published any longer.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE; FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

**237 people are at present
banned in South Africa.**

"THOSE WHOM I accuse are the real perpetrators of violence, those who, on the right and on the left, offend against justice and make peace impossible. For myself, I must go the way of a pilgrim of peace. I should much rather be killed than kill."

Archbishop Helder Camara.

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"IT SEEMS to me that when a government is very powerful, and has to use violent methods to maintain its power, this very power rests on great fear. It is as if, unconsciously, it realises that it is building a concrete edifice with its foundations in a swamp."

Baroness Gaitskell.

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