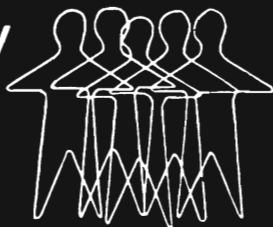


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After Bashee Bridge

FEBRUARY 1963 HAS BEEN the month of the Bashee Bridge murders and of the publication of the Bantu Laws Amendment Bill. Both seem to mark the end of a period of waiting. The Bashee Bridge confirms the appearance on the scene of a new force, of men who will kill in defiance of tradition and of modern political teaching. In olden times, the stranger in one's midst, the women and the children were spared. At the Bashee Bridge they were butchered. And in Cape Town, Parliament will debate a Bill which removes the remaining rights of Africans living in our towns and cities, as they have lost them on the white men's farms, and are losing them in the Bantustans. The totality of control is within sight, the end of surviving freedoms.

In 1927, the prophetic Lord Olivier warned "the Western civilised man . . . whether he be white, coloured or black" of the threatened destruction of his forces by "an irreconcilable Jacquerie of oppressed and dissatisfied natives". The other threat to his leadership was a departure from "the ethical principles that have made Western civilisation". In the Bashee Bridge murders we seem to see the "irreconcilable Jacquerie": in the Bill the end of the Western ethic.

To Lord Olivier, the Western civilised man could be white, coloured or black. Men of all these stocks could have acted in the way he feared they might. And, had the Afrikaner Nationalists wanted a black Trollip or a coloured Waring they would doubtless have found them. The fact is, however, that the whites have departed from the ethic almost alone. And the irreconcilables they have created are not only the Jacquerie, but also men nearer the ideal of world civilization, black, coloured and white men. It is, as never before, the duty of the latter to rid South Africa of its present rulers before the desperation of the Jacquerie and the counter-terrorism of the Western apostates can prolong the struggle and jeopardise the nonracialism of the future.

Since November 1962, our publishing programme has been altered in such a way that The New African has been appearing, as it will continue to appear, every five weeks. We shall thus produce ten issues in the year, of twenty pages each. The next issue will appear on 24 March 1963.

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