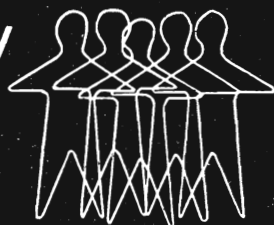


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## Addis Ababa Bonuses

THE AFRIKANER NATIONALIST champions of white supremacy have received a number of bonuses lately. Mr. Patrick Duncan's move to the P.A.C., and Mr. Leballo's misfired plans have both been thoroughly exploited in the cause of "white unity" in South Africa. The meaning of these two events in the longer term has scarcely been explored in parliament or press. A Government that plans purely for the short-term maintenance of white supremacy is blessed with a following that asks for no further vision.

White South Africa has so far closed its eyes to the significance of an Africans-only movement accepting a white member at a high level. It has also refused to recognise the fact that Leballo's challenge killed forever the myth of the "law-abiding Bantu", content but for a few Communist agitators. Both lessons call for a degree of imaginativeness and understanding largely lacking in white South African politics.

The Government's latest bonus, well timed for full exploitation on Republic Day, has been the "threat" of the heads of thirty African states to overthrow white supremacy by force. In the mouths of Mr. Vorster and his colleagues, the Addis Ababa threat outdoes Poqo itself as a horrid warning to white South Africans of the possible results of white disunity. Once again, the *volk* and their million-odd English auxiliaries are besought to close their ranks, this time against a threat of far greater reality than Poqo, Leballo and Duncan combined. Every white South African can visualise full-scale military activity against white South Africa when thirty nations have decided to undertake it.

AGAINST WHITE SOUTH AFRICA. This is the other part of the message of Addis Ababa, the long-term realisation that will dawn on white South Africans when the present spate of speech-making is over. "Plans to destroy South Africa will be firmly resisted not only by its white citizens but by the majority of non-whites as well," said the Johannesburg *Sunday Times* on 25 May, before the Addis smoke had cleared. What will it say as African power builds up towards the promised invasion?

Addis Ababa means that white South Africans will become more and more conscious of their oppressed fellow-countrymen (who outnumber them in every district in the Republic) as potential allies, fifth columnists or open enemies. Heedless of Vorster's cries to white South Africans to "think with their blood", more and more will find cause to reassess the relative importance of their blood and their bank accounts, and many may finally decide that survival is more important than baasskap. This is an important part of the long-term bonus of Addis Ababa to South Africa. Too obvious to dwell on here is the most important part of all—the effect of Addis Ababa's new vision of African unity on 13 million oppressed South Africans.