

Implacable Africa

WHILE THE WORLD'S PRESS has indulged itself in a month of uninformed speculation about the secret manoeuvres of Wilson, Smith and Verwoerd, the three seem quietly to have got together to take the "unilateral" out of Southern Rhodesia's declaration of independence. The price Smith will pay for conceding a guarantee of future rights for the African people may be heavy: his own head on a plate served up before the right wing he once led. Yet his successor will honour no guarantee, if the fate of the entrenched clauses of South Africa's Act of Union are any guide.

The cost to the African people will be the removal of any form of British protection from the sort of slavery the African people of South Africa suffer. But this protection was from a Britain in eclipse and the African Zimbabweans had sooner or later to face their fate alone. The cost to Britain — responsibility for repeating the grand sell-out to white South Africa in 1910, perhaps even for contributing one of the ultimate causes to the world race war which seems to draw ever nearer.

PERHAPS A BRITISH SELL-OUT to Smith can still be prevented. Africa remains sufficiently united for the United States government to have to heed its leaders' opposition to the legalised establishment of apartheid in Southern Rhodesia, and to force Britain to take actions for which she has no will of her own. To this end, Africa must show the whole world her implacability to the betrayal of her people to a new enslavement.

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Shakespeare Makoni

READERS OF *The New African* who recall the writings of Shakespeare Makoni, of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, in this magazine will be sorry to learn that he has been under detention by the Smith Government since December 1965.

Mr. Makoni also acted as an agent for *The New African* on the campus of the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Salisbury.

Mr. Makoni's wife, Mrs. Scholastica Makoni of Cottage No. 4035, New Canaan, Highfields, Salisbury, now has no means of subsistence whatever, and we appeal to all who want to make a contribution to the struggle in Southern Rhodesia to send a donation, however small, to Mrs. Makoni direct, or to the Defence and Aid Fund, 2 Amen Court, London, E.C.4.

Inside

REGINALD HERBOLD GREEN, who is at Arusha for the final working sessions of the Philip Commission on East African Economic Union, assesses prospects in this field and concludes his post-coup Ghana analysis in this issue. No apology needed yet expert work in these pages — on Nigeria and Cameroun — is studied in more than one African university. DR SAM ALUKO, for the first time here, and SUZANNE CRONJE, a frequent contributor, examine a Federation that failed, and look ahead to Nigeria's future. COLLINGWOOD AUGUST, a frequent book reviewer, and translator of Mqhayi's Xhosa classic, contributes a story of his youth in South Africa. An American friend of Africa, D. E. STEWARD, pays tribute to another South African, the late Dr Letele, African National Congress leader who died in exile in Lesotho earlier this year. JOHN GRIGG, (formerly Lord Altrincham) has supported anti-apartheid and other progressive African causes in Britain. His review of Canon John Collin's memoirs pintoints the true standing of the Christian Action leader, whose massive efforts for political

accuseds and their dependants are a rare example of actual physical help to the cause of humanity in South Africa. MARGARET ROBERTS, co-author of *South Africa: Crisis for the West* with her husband Colin Legum, reviews some new paperbacks, including one of the latest Penguin African Library volumes. Another is discussed by RAYMOND RUNENE, poet and politician-in-exile, whose own verse will be criticised by MOFOLO BULANE, next issue.

June will also contain a moving chapter from CHEIKH HAMIDOU KANE's novel *L'Aventure Ambiguë* (Paris, Julliard, 1961) translated by WILLFRIED FEUSER of Ibadan, and a new short story by LEWIS NKOSI; book reviews by ALFRED HUTCHINSON, BESSIE HEAD and JOHN HENRIE CLARKE, associate editor of *Freedomways* magazine, New York. And REGINALD HERBOLD GREEN on the Uganda Plan and revised Kenya Plan will continue his present major series which catches for us a crucial moment in Africa's economic development. "VICTOR KWENA'S" letters from inside South Africa continue to arrive safely.

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