DRAWING THE LINE

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A selection of illustrations from 20 years of Anti-Apartheid News

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foreword

Our English master at school used to say 'when you have finished your essay, always scratch out the opening sentences... they are usually self-conscious and seldom deeply felt'. Perhaps that is why not many people read forewords. So often they are no more than a preliminary clearing of the throat before getting down to business. And that's why also I think probably this particular foreword should have been a drawing — something as lively and penetrating as those on the following pages.

Here you will find two important messages are proclaimed. First of course the abhorrent and tragic inhumanity of apartheid. Secondly the fact that there are times when images are more powerful than words. Through generations of illiteracy, as we know, there was no alternative to the image, and many and moving are the representations of fear or love or hatred or compassion that still survive to disturb us.

Today it is obvious to observe that in this image-conscious world the photograph is the most influential — not necessarily in colour and not necessarily 'moving'. (That Vietnamese child who runs in our memory screaming towards the camera must be as familiar in the western world as the

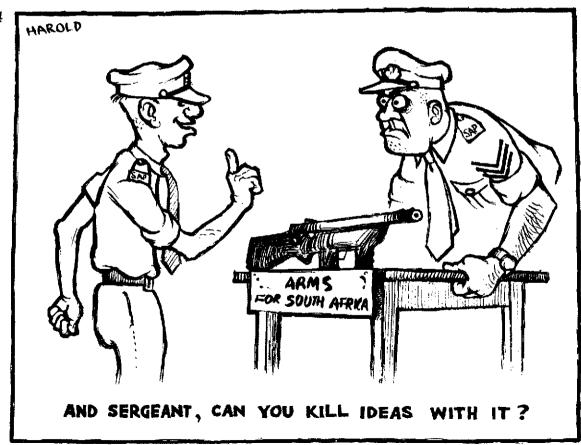
Mona Lisa.) But the photograph isn't always the medium for the message. Quite often the cartoon, passionately inspired, spiritedly drawn and wittily pointed, can be the quickest way to draw blood. In the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries cartoonists were at their most merciless. Fifty years ago, in the UK at least, too often the images had become fatigued, and stereotypes do not irritate. The globular top-hatted cigar-toting capitalist of the Iron Curtain countries' cartoons has become so familiar as almost to be a friend.

Not so the figures on these pages. What is attacked here is not only cruelty, but those all too human faults of selfishness, intolerance, double-faced compromise, complacency and fear which are the servants of cruelty. I hope this booklet will be widely seen and looked at — I will not say enjoyed — and that the painful message of these drawings, sharp and skilfully aimed, will help to alert the conscience of those of us who, when confronted with human suffering, still prefer to look the other way.

Sir Hugh Casson

Vice President, Anti-Apartheid Movement

trial issue, March 1964

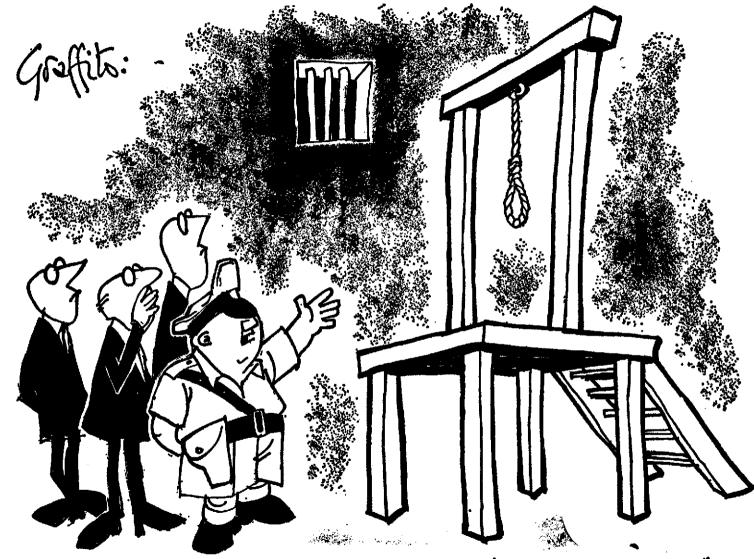




"Not too much sun now, dear.
We all want to go home together
on the bus, don't we!"



"Unfortunately, Harold, I cannot guarantee that they will entertain only multi-racial audiences. . . ."

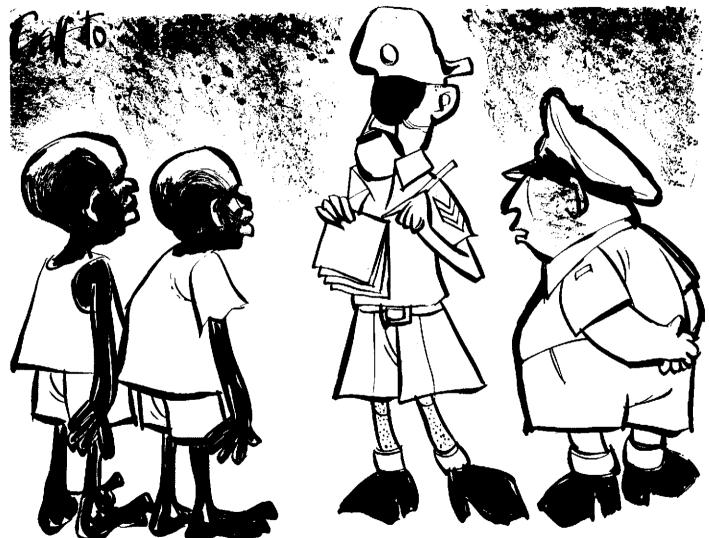


"... and this is a piece of modical equipment for prisoners' respiratory complications ... "

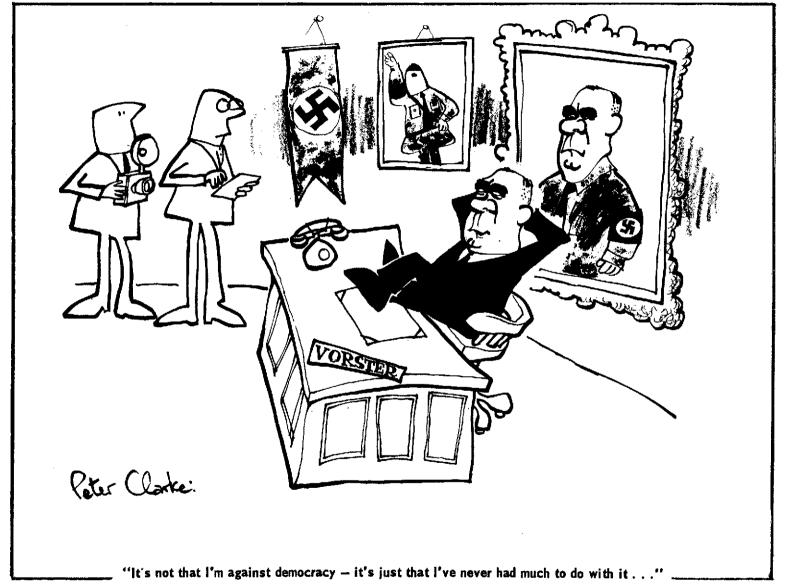


"WE'RE ON OUR WAY, BROTHERS!"

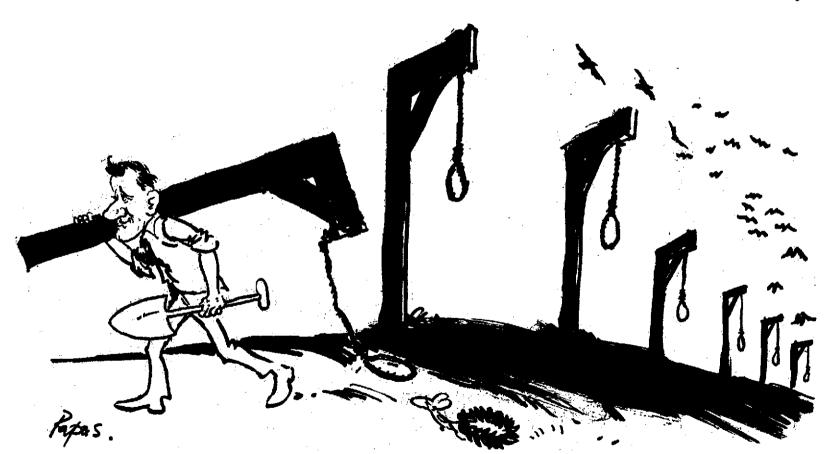
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"I must also caution you that anything I may say will be taken down and used as evidence against you"



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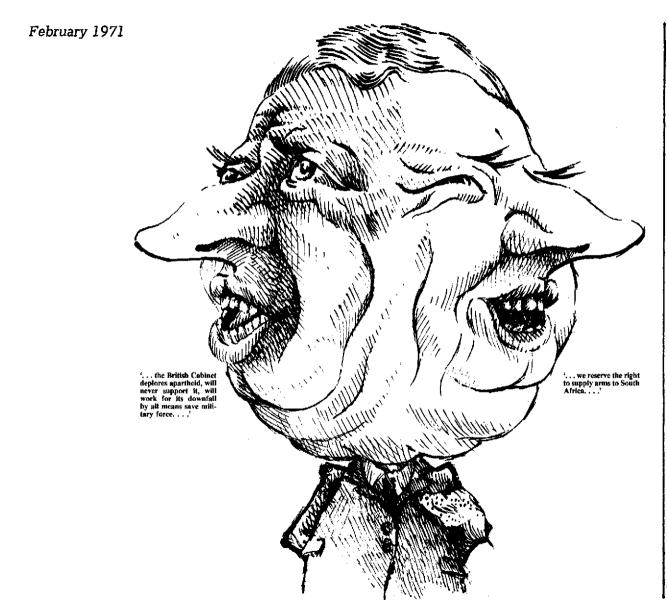


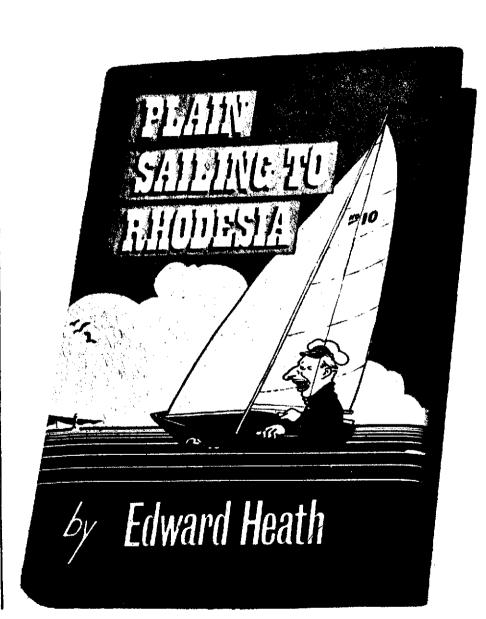
The Road to Independence



"By Heavens, Jaapie, and they call us a police state"

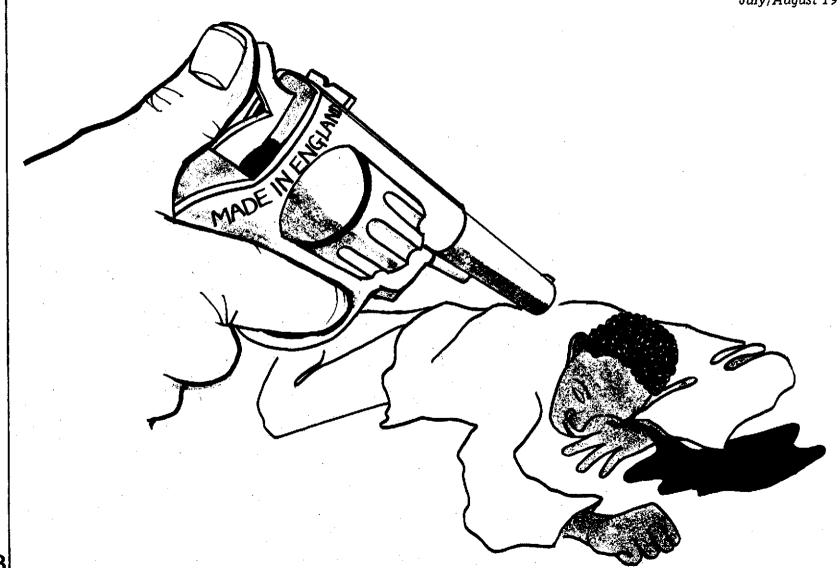






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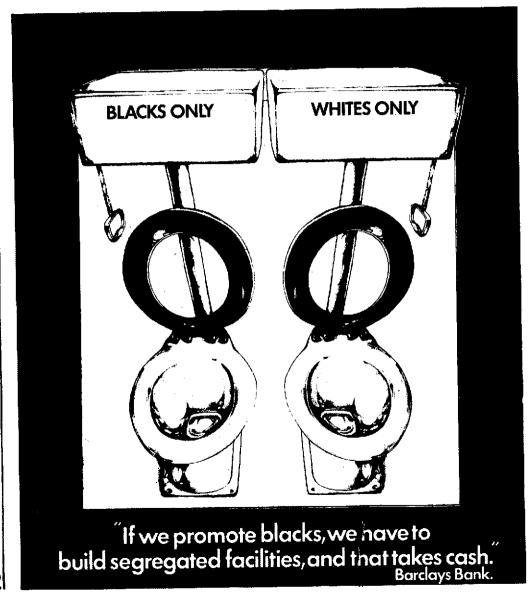


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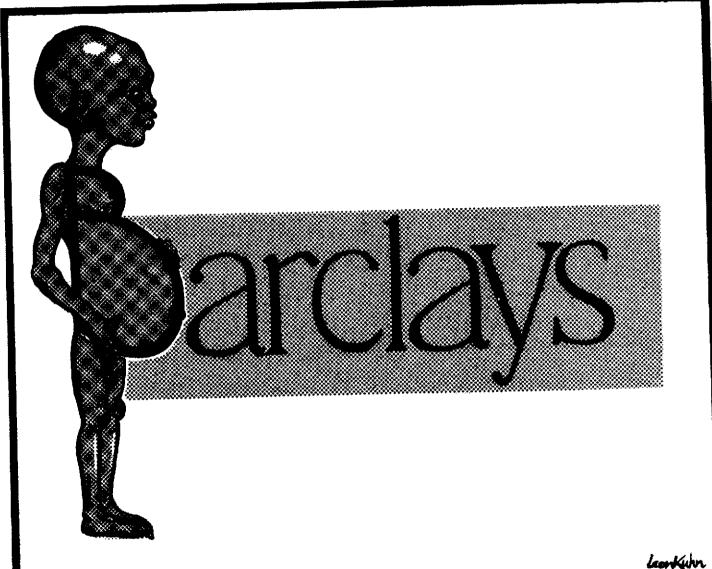






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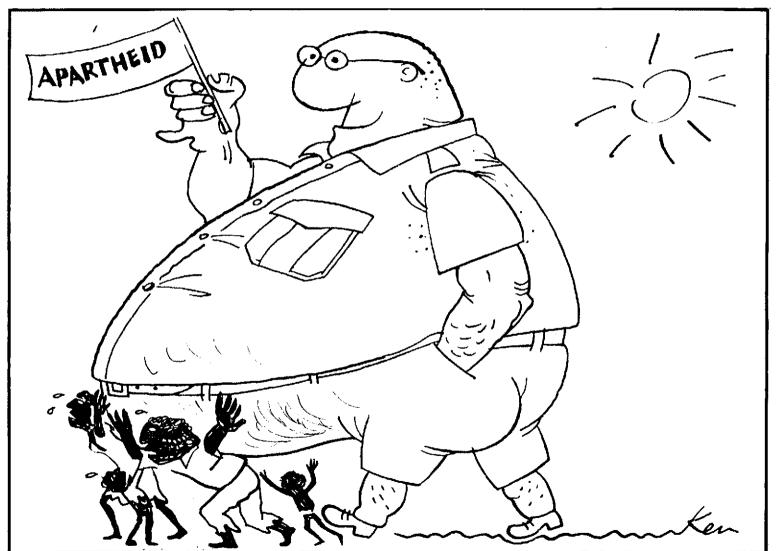


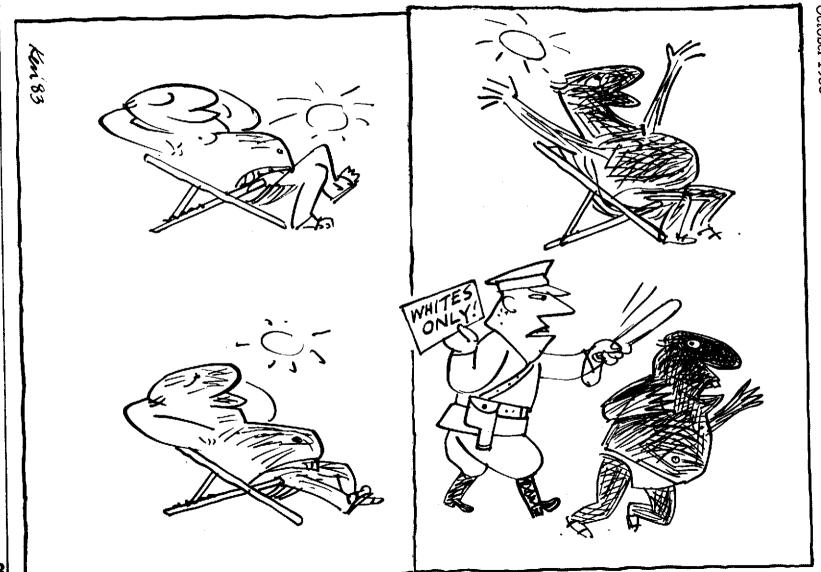




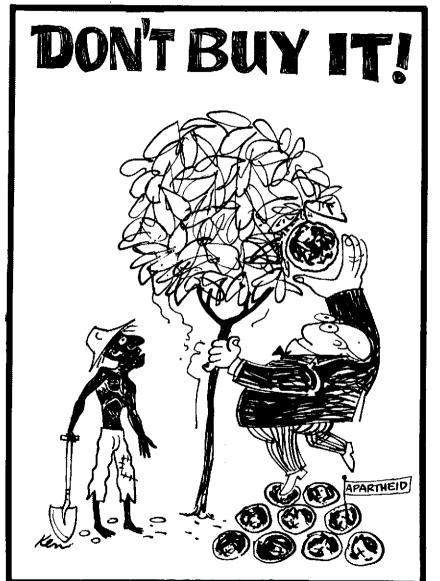








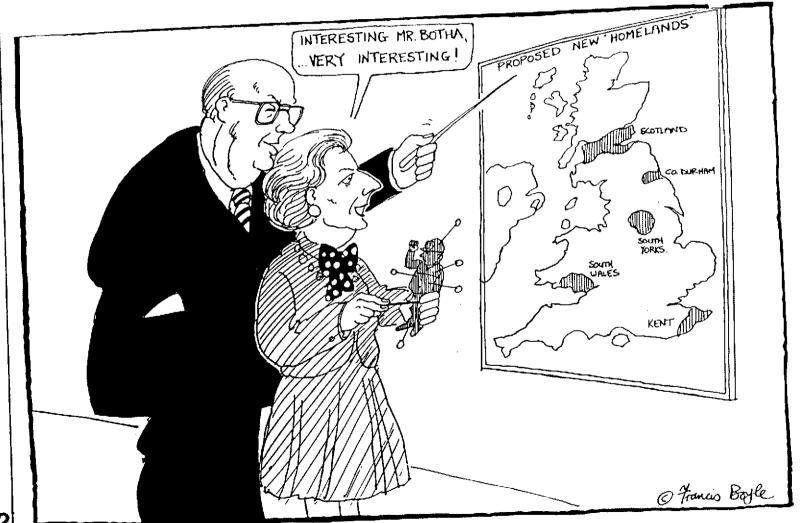
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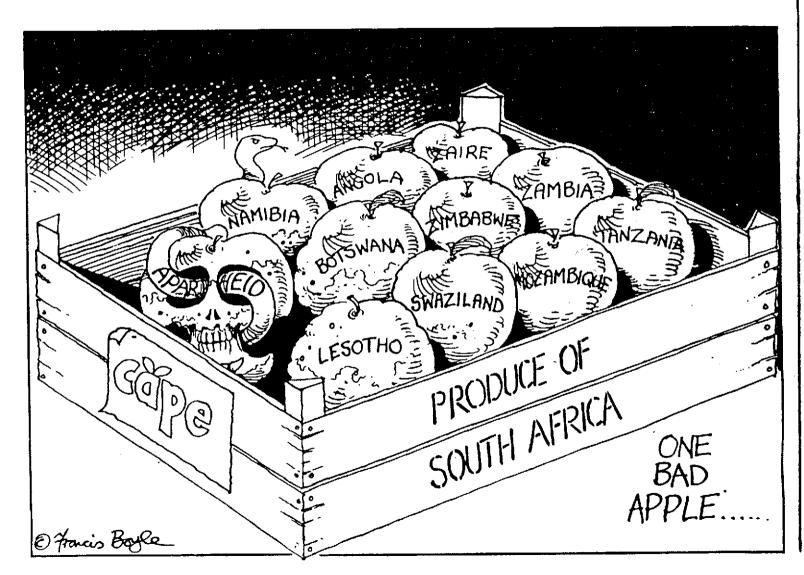


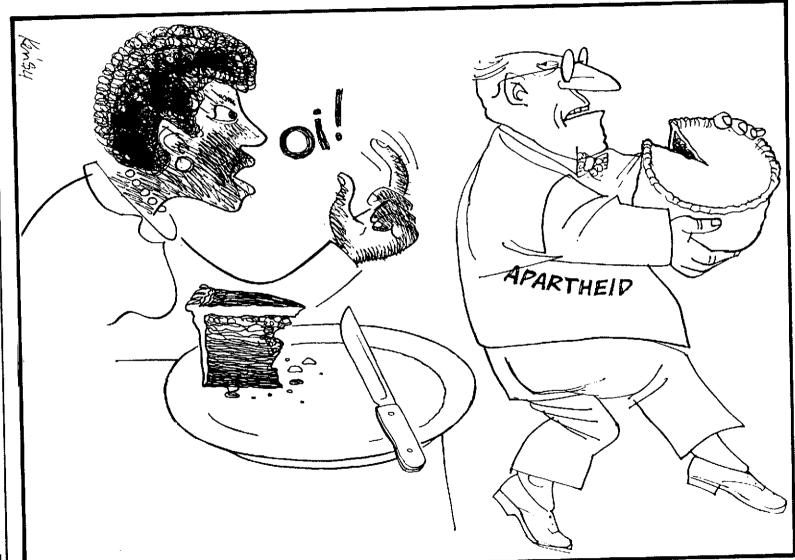


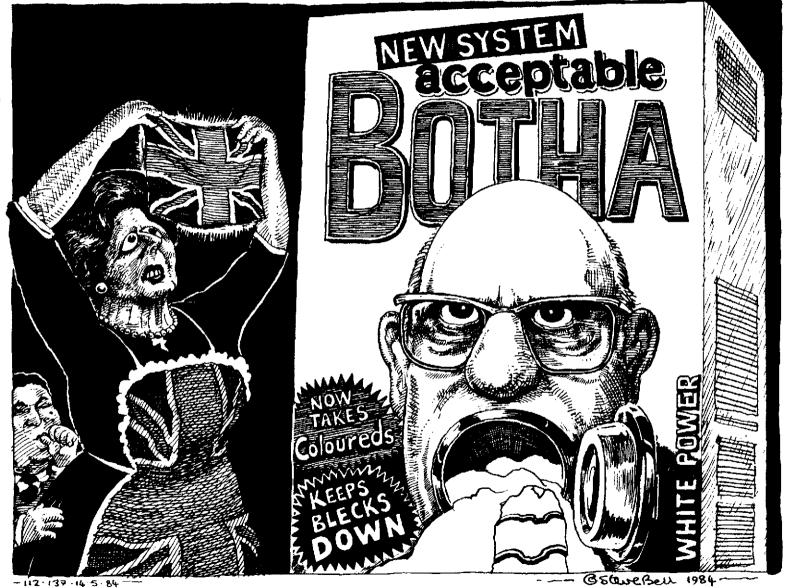
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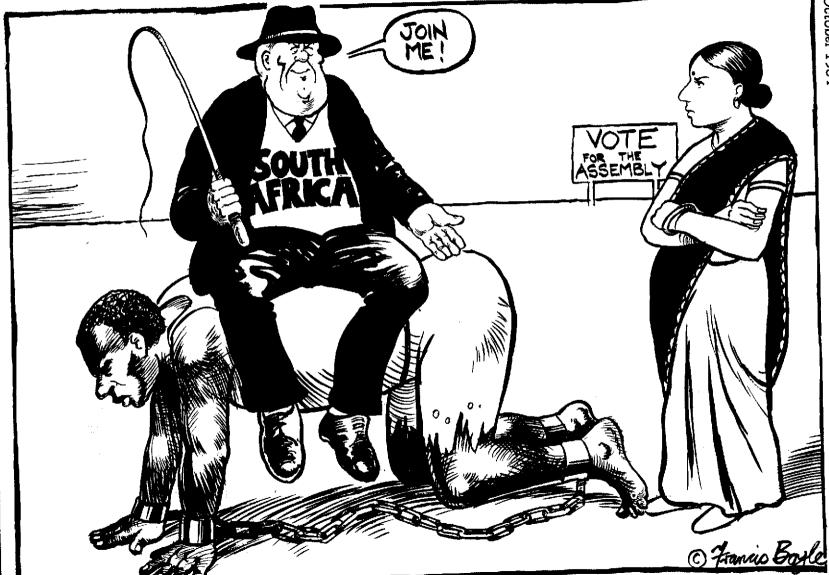






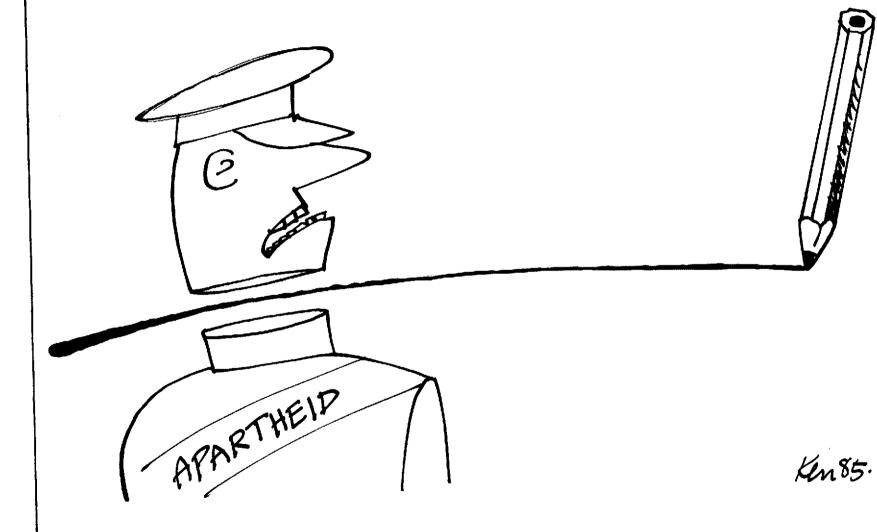








LISTEN MANDEZA - I'M THE ONE WHO CALLS
THE SHOTS AROUND HERE!



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