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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
AND SERGEANT, CAN YOU KILL IDEAS WITH IT?
"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 medical equipment for prisoners' respiratory complications...
BRITAIN MOVING NEAR S. AFRICAN RACE POLICY

HEIDELBERG, Transvaal, Sunday.
Dr. Verwoerd, South Africa's Prime Minister, said in Heidelberg at the week-end that Britain was moving towards the same sort of steps on racial problems as South Africa.

Graffito:

"WE'RE ON OUR WAY, BROTHERS!"
"I must also caution you that anything I may say will be taken down and used as evidence against you."

March 1966
"It's not that I'm against democracy - it's just that I've never had much to do with it..."
February 1970

"By Heavens, Jaapie, and they call us a police state"
"Spent hours perfecting my fore-arm smash, Jaapie — and now we're thrown out of the Davis Cup!"
February 1971

"... the British Cabinet deplores apartheid, will never support it, will work for its downfall by all means save military force..."

"... we reserve the right to supply arms to South Africa..."
May 1971

PLAIN SAILING TO RHODESIA

by Edward Heath
WHEN I GO FEDERAL WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS THAT MAJORITY WILL RETURN TO MAJORITY MINORITIES TO Dictate TO THEM AND THEREFORE THEY HOPE VIOLENCE IF THEY CANNOT HAVE THEIR WAY
"If we promote blacks, we have to build segregated facilities, and that takes cash."
Barclays Bank.
I've an idea...
I'll introduce forced labour
for black women and children...
I'll give 8 lashes to
ruce blacks...
Detain blacks for 60 days
on suspicion alone!
And we'll kill any animals
who might destroy terrorists'
spoor...

That'll keep us Rhodes
safe from guerrillas!
'Why didn't I think of
it before?!!
June 1982

Would you say sports facilities for blacks are: A) wonderful, B) superb, or C) splendid?

Never mind the ball — just run where the cameras are pointing.

This is for the winner — and these are for any white competitors from AFRICA.

Before I hear your complaint, tell me your retirement plans.

S. Africa Sports Authority Complaints Dept.
November 1983

DON'T BUY IT!

APARtheid
AND WHAT'S MORE
SHOW SOME
GRATITUDE FOR
ALL THE WORK
I PROVIDE!
June 1984

BUT SEE HERE... HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS TO GET A LIVING!
INTERESTING MR BOTHA,
...VERY INTERESTING!

PROPOSED NEW "HOMELANDS"
oi!

APARTHEID
SOUTH AFRICA

JOIN ME!

VOTE FOR THE ASSEMBLY

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