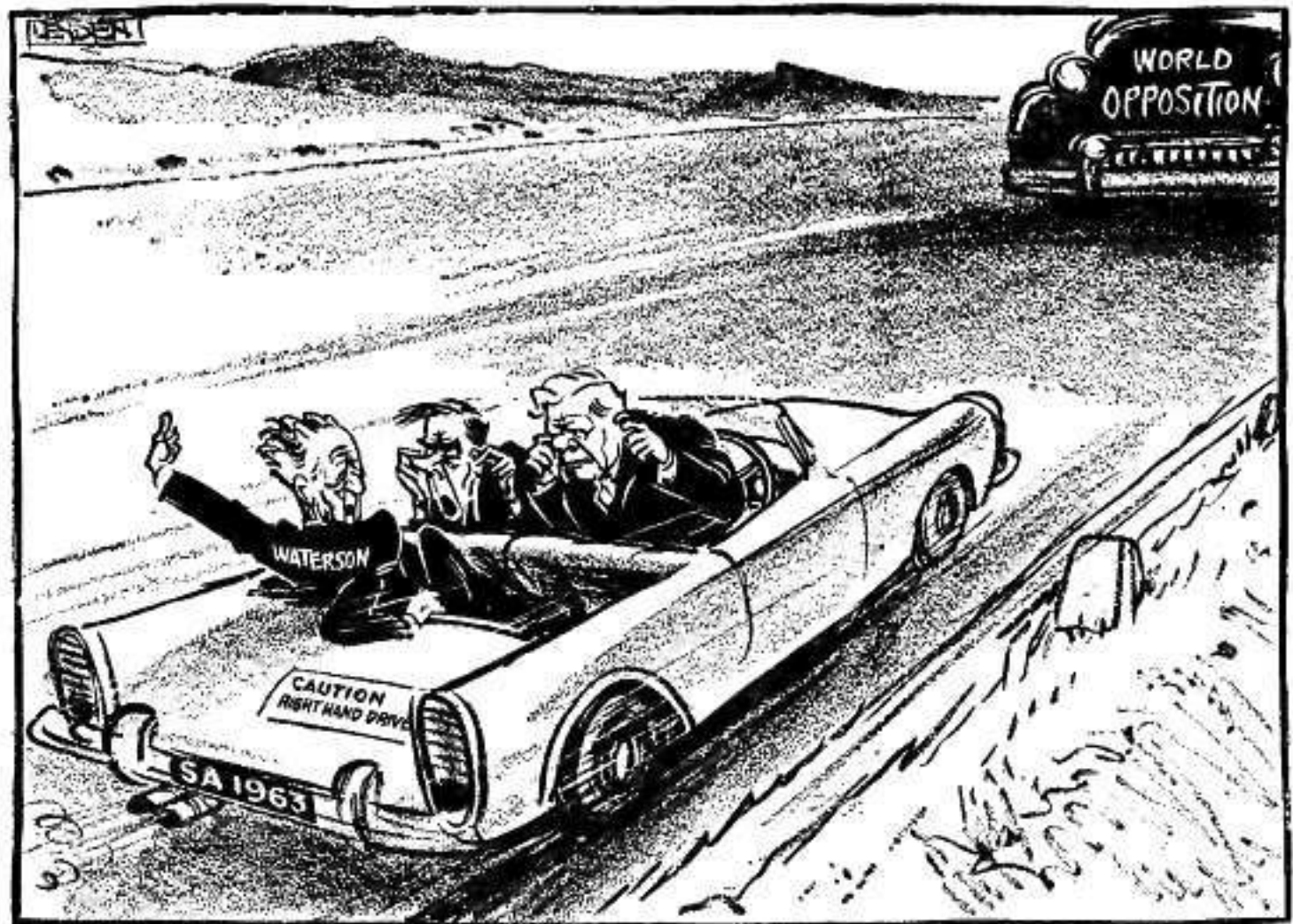


**WATERSON:**

"Dont keep saying, 'Relax, there's nothing we can do.'—You can move over, can't you?"

(J. Leyden,  
Daily News)



## Another Black Eye

No wonder such conditions have produced a ferment that brings sporadic upsurgings of frustration, and lately even of violence. It is not without significance that all the movements trying to canalize that ferment have aimed first and foremost at the pass laws — the lynch-pin of the whole oppressive situation. This applies alike to the Passive Resistance Movement of 1952 and the P.A.C campaign of 1960. And now, to judge by Robert Sobukwe's case, to lead a movement aimed at the pass laws — even if using strictly non-violent means — is to court imprisonment for life.

This is the White Supremacist's only answer — to resort to admittedly unrighteous means to uphold a demonstrably unrighteous system.

But it won't work. Naturally it is the duty of any government to ensure public safety. But it cannot do so without looking beneath symptoms to basic causes. This is the true lesson to be learnt from the Paarl rioting — and if we do not learn that lesson in time we will build only hate on horror and terror on hate, and we shall NOT escape the direst disaster for all our peoples.

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If you have ten thousand regulations you destroy all respect for the law.

Sir Winston Churchill.

SOUTH AFRICANS should be under no illusions about the impact the jail-without-trial Bill will make in London and Washington. (Its reception in the capitals of most of the Afro-Asian nations is not of significance: many of them live in glass houses and cannot afford to throw stones anyway.) The break with Western tradition and standards which the measure signifies cannot be explained away satisfactorily to people to whom *habeas corpus*, the cornerstone of individual liberty, is a sacred principle whose violation is never justified except in the midst of war.

South Africa's representatives abroad have always been able to make out a case of sorts for the policy of apartheid or separate development. But there is no case to be made for the more outrageous provisions in the Vorster Bill; and those voices periodically raised in this country's defence overseas by well-disposed Britons and Americans, will be stilled on this issue.

In other words the Republic's already bruised image will, we fear, collect another black eye.

To the extent that all this aggravates this country's isolation and embarrasses those in the Western world anxious to be our friends and to defend us from unfair attacks, this Bill cannot be too strongly condemned. South Africa is putting itself outside the pale of free-world standards.

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