

## AN AUSTRALIAN COMMENTS—Continued

gain even the faintest glimmer of what might happen.

One of these facts is that, in the entire history of the world, no subject race has ever remained subject. Either they have had their freedom restored to them voluntarily (as in the case of the Jews in England) or they have bloodily taken it back by force.

Another fact is that the rest of the world is fast climbing the ladder to freedom of thought and greater tolerance. Australia is at last admitting non-White immigrants, America has left isolationism far behind, Britain has withdrawn from India, Canada is building dams and powerhouses for Pakistan, Norway was even thinking of joining the British Commonwealth.

It is against this background that South Africa must be seen—not against the background of her own history and beliefs. South Africa is no longer alone.

To be quite brutal about it, South Africa is so un-alone that she could lose every single one of her cities less than an hour after a group of rockets were to leave their launching pads in Russia.

South Africa is of this world. She must live in it. And she will be judged—as I hope I have been able to demonstrate—by the standards of the modern world—not by her own standards. Just as Nazi Germany and Japan were judged—not by their own standards—but by those of an outraged civilization.

—*Rand Daily Mail, January 17th, 1961.*

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## Two Churchmen's Views

### SEGREGATION "THE WILL OF GOD"

*Cape Argus* report from Pietermaritzburg

THE Moderator of the Dutch Reformed Synod of Natal, the Rev. H. J. C. Sniijders, said here: "Nowhere are we commanded to wipe out the idea of racial segregation. On the contrary, we want to allege that a process by which all races are put on the same level is against the will of God."

Mr. Sniijders, who was opening the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk Synod, said: "What God has severed no man may bring together.

"We as a church cannot do otherwise than express our disappointment regarding the verdicts expressed at the Cottesloe consultations.

"We regard it as interference with the autonomy of the State, although it may have effect on some of the members of the church."

He said the bonds between churches of the same Christian beliefs must be strengthened to prove a united front against heathenism, Mohammedanism and Communistic forces.

"We believe that co-operation cannot come by multi-racial gatherings but by means of a healthy understanding which can come to pass on both a social and a State basis.

"Because we, as Europeans, are far more advanced on the road of Christian civilization, it is our duty not to do unto the non-European what we would not have done unto ourselves.

"We see, therefore, in the developing of group areas and the Bantu states, nothing more than an earnest attempt on the part of the State to give

that Christian and human treatment to all race groups which they deserve.

"We as a church can declare that there is no other country and nation that sacrifices more to raise the non-European. It has always been our duty to seek the salvation of their immortal souls in an honest, respectable and dedicated manner.

"We have learnt that because of the differences in language and social standards, it is best to form sister churches whereby all language groups and races can worship separately.

"The ethnic differences are upheld, even though we worship the same God."

### CHRIST PUT SECOND

*Cape Times* report from Durban

THE Most Rev. Denis E. Hurly, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Durban, told a meeting in Maritzburg that in South Africa apartheid was given preference over the teachings of Christ.

A visitor to South Africa would get the impression that the country had two great commandments:

"Thou shalt maintain White supremacy with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

"And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love no neighbour who hath not the same colour as thyself."

The visitor would also be led to believe that a White skin had "an adhesive, fly-paper quality" to which civilization was firmly attached.

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Everything in the life of man hangs by a thread and the best crash without warning.—*Ovid.*