

imprisonments (sometimes without any trial), deportations, the banning and prohibition of African political and industrial leaders from travelling in and outside of the Federation, are just some of the developments that have come to us with the fist of Federation.

Africans feel that the fears they have had all along have been shown to be entirely justified. And they know that they must now devote their energy and courage to the struggle for an entirely elective government. For only when they are at last their own governors, will they enjoy the rights to which they believe themselves naturally entitled and which they have for so long so unjustly been denied.

## TAKE IT EASY, SIR ROY

*“The struggle for Africa is on . . . But we are not helped by the long-haired idealists of the Left overseas.”*

Sir Roy Welensky.

The intellectual leftist guy,  
Though beardless, often wonders why  
In Britain he is feared  
For his Bohemian beard;

While in America it's said  
He has no hair upon his head—  
An Egg-head he is called  
(They're sure that he is bald);

But now Sir Roy has made it plain  
He has a long and flowing mane  
And his subversive hair  
Drives Settlers to despair.

The African, one must admit,  
These harsh descriptions do not fit:  
His hairless chin escapes  
The foliage of apes;

And—while he's seldom bald on top—  
His curly hair will always stop  
    Just at a length Sir Roy  
    Ought, surely, to enjoy.

So, while the intellectual marks  
Of blokes haranguing in the parks  
    Or writing wicked tracts  
    Full of seditious facts

May be those egg-like domes, perhaps,  
(Except for beastly long-haired chaps)  
    Or beards—which some deplore—  
    Such as *voortrekkers* wore;

And, though it's generally felt  
By types who boss the Copper Belt  
    That all our hopes are wrecked  
    By things like intellect—

The African, at least, is free  
From hirsute eccentricity  
    And—given shoes and socks—  
    Is strictly orthodox,

Provided the Paternal State  
Just keeps the Blacks illiterate—  
    An easy thing to do  
    For the Uncultured Few

Who, like bald barbers offering Hair  
Restorers, have no thoughts to share,  
    With Ingrained Ignorance  
    For their inheritance.

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