

Senator Grobler's rhetorical question "What has been accomplished by 'compromise' in Kenya, Tanganyika and the Federation under a system of Partnership?" can best be answered with another question: "Well, what has? Have the Whites been exterminated? Has there been enforced racial 'mixing'? Have Whites been subjected to Pass Laws, Influx Control, Job Reservation, Group Areas, etc.?"

Since the answer is in the negative in each case one wonders whether the Senator is conversant with conditions in those countries. It is clear that the Afrikaner Nationalists are not content merely to maintain their identity, but that they interpret "racial

survival" as a perpetuation of the privileged status for the White man.

Their true quarrel with the emergent African States is simply that the White man has lost his privileged position there.

The Nationalist ethos depends upon the existence of barriers between people, and barriers require constant maintenance if they are to endure. It is an historical truism that succeeding generations show themselves to be increasingly less concerned with maintaining the barriers which their forefathers have erected.

The question then is not "WILL apartheid go?" but rather "HOW and WHEN will it go?" The increasing hysteria of the National Party seems to indicate that it is aware of the position.

AD. HAIN: Democracy Safe in Her Hands — Peter Brown

MRS. ADELAINE HAIN, Pretoria Secretary, of the Liberal Party, has received a "warning" to desist from her political activities from the Magistrate of Pretoria. The Minister of Justice maintains that these activities are furthering the aims of communism.

When Mrs. Hain asked the magistrate what activities the Minister objected to he said: "You should know." She has now written to the Minister to ask him if he can answer her question. She has also announced that she intends going on with her political work in exactly the same way as she has always done.

On the occasion of her warning the following statement was made by Peter Brown, National Chairman of the Liberal Party.

If anything were needed to show up the fraud of the Suppression of Communism Act, and the cynical manner in which Mr. Vorster uses it, this threat to Mrs. Hain should do it. Nobody could be less of a communist than she is; nobody could be more positively opposed to violence in any form.

Why then does the Minister warn her?

The reason is that, in the Nationalist hot-bed of Pretoria, she and her fellow-liberals have consistently and with great courage set out to expose apartheid as the shabby attempt to entrench white privilege at the expense of non-white rights which at bottom it is. They have done this by opposing

the loss of African freehold rights in Lady Selborne, by publicising Pretoria's vicious Group Areas plans and in a hundred-and-one other ways. In addition they have tried to give a balanced picture of apartheid to overseas visitors to Pretoria by showing them this seamy side of Government policy.

Adelaine Hain's real offence is that she has made things uncomfortable for the smug Pretoria administrators of apartheid. So, although she has neither committed nor been found guilty of any offence, she must be "warned" and her freedom threatened.

These warnings and threats are cowardly acts of a powerful Government which dares not have the true effects of its policies advertised by people who really know what they mean.

Adelaine Hain's struggle against apartheid has been a magnificent example to all South Africa. Her fighting response to Mr. Vorster's warning is another. Democratic principles in South Africa would be quite safe in her hands.

They certainly are not in those of Minister Vorster, whose actions will only ensure that when his particular totalitarian system collapses, it will be succeeded by another at least as bad.