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Dear Friend:

This is what we're up against.

This article was featured on page one of the New York Times. The carry-over admits many of the injustices of apartheid. Yet the main impression millions of readers received is that things are getting better in South Africa.

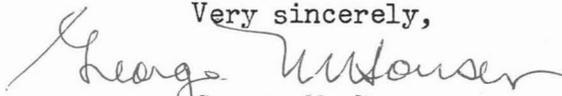
That's not true. In the three years of Vorster's rule---

- * South West Africa has been taken over, made part of South Africa in defiance of the U.N., and S.A. has sent troops into Rhodesia to help minority rule survive.
- * The "Terrorism Act" of 1967 is specifically retroactive, places the burden of proof on the accused and includes actions (punishable by death) so broad as "embarrassing the administration of the state".
- * The BOSS (Bureau of State Security) bill, passed in June, goes even further toward rule by security police instead of law. Increased press censorship, following the trial and conviction of Rand Daily Mail personnel, means the complete end of a critical (free) press in S.A.
- * Torture of prisoners, revealed by the Mail, continues; the number of executions is the highest in the world. Some 600,000 a year are arrested for pass law violations and other technicalities.

We must count on committed friends like you to help us tell the truth about southern Africa, a vast prison for the great majority of its people, and to send them help. American popular complacency encourages our government to continue a "business as usual" policy, with U.S. investments rising. The foundations have been laid for a racial war of vast proportions in southern Africa with U.S. vested interests supporting the white minority groups.

We desperately need your support if we are to continue meeting this challenge. Your gift whether it is thousands, hundreds, or just a few dollars is essential today. Please let us hear from you.

Very sincerely,


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