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SOUTH AFRICA WHAT NOW?

Cape Town is tense. So is the whole Union of South Africa. Where it is calm outwardly, the news is all of race-hatred. Everyone feels that the next day, even the next hour, may see Parliamentary Government swept aside. Opposition Leader, Sir de Villiers Graaf joined with Defence Minister Erasmus in sympathy for Dr. Verwoerd. Mr. De Wet Nel, Minister of Bantu affairs, agreed the No Policy Change decision. No lifting of Apartheid. "Whites only" notices seem more sinister than ever. In the coloured areas, only the children are unaware of the powder-barrel atmosphere.

Armoured cars and armed police swooped on to the Nyanga township, ten miles from Cape Town, aided by spotting aircraft. Fifteen hundred natives were arrested and questioned. 162 were kept in prison. And this was before the attempt on Dr. Verwoerd's life. The police station had been fired by rioters. One of their objects, was to destroy the records of the passes they detest having to carry.

This happened, we repeat, before the Prime Minister was shot. Had the would-be assassin been a coloured man, who can say what the consequences would have been. When workers go home to the township during the brief twilight, darkness falls on fear of what the day may bring. Meanwhile the outside world looks for the return of sanity and peace to South Africa...