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JULUKA

Unpredictable South Africa

By Daniel Silke

It has been one of those topsy turvey periods in SA politics. Economics has played a large role in the general uncertainty that has gripped domestic stock markets and exchange rates. This has been due, in part, to the suspicions swirling around President Mandela's health. President Mandela has gone to onerous lengths to deny rumors of ailing health. He even checked himself into hospital and got a clean bill of health in order to steady the markets. However, doubts remain indicating a jittery period for domestic politics.

Part of the fear of an ailing president has to do with doubts about his successor. Thabo Mbeki has again been punted in the South African media as being the heir apparent. While his public persona has been damaged since becoming Deputy-President, his overall seniority, status and connections should see him rise above the contending rival, Cyril Ramaphosa. Indeed, Ramaphosa is now being punted as South Africa's third black President.

Questions are now surfacing as to whether a Mbeki Administration would be able to discipline itself fiscally and resist large-scale government spending. The doubts cast are really based on economic fears rather than fears of a political polarization of the society and the resurgence of politically-motivated violence. Continued rumors about a further relaxation in exchange controls also promoted a run on the Rand. This effectively saw the

currency fall around 5% against both the U.S. dollar and the British pound. These rumors, coupled with those surrounding the President's health, were enough to create market havoc.

Finance Minister Chris Liebenberg attempted to settle things with the 1996/97 budget. [As JULUKA was going to press, it was announced that Liebenberg had resigned and was replaced by former Trade & Industry Minister Trevor Manuel.] Although Liebenberg indicated that an an-

nouncement on exchange control would "come soon," his budget speech largely neglected the issue. Liebenberg did announce plans to reduce the budget deficit to 5.1% of the GDP (6% in 1995). However, should efforts at improved revenue collection not materialize, the deficit could well find itself back at original levels. GDP growth is also forecast at 3.75% during fiscal 1997 and, at that level, is still not enough to alleviate unemployment and related poverty.

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South African consumers were relieved that VAT rates of 14% remained untouched, but the government did decide to impose a tax on the interest and rental income of retirement funds, which had hitherto been totally untaxed. The proposed rate is 17% on gross interest and net rental income. The maximum marginal tax rate stays at 45% but the scale has been stretched so that this is only applicable at an income of R100,000 a year instead of R80,000. Estate Duty is up from 15% to 25% and pensioners will continue to struggle as civil pensions go up by only R24 a month or some 6%.

Critics point to some serious omissions in the budget. The downsizing of the public service remains elusive while the creation of an effective revenue collection service still escaped the

exchequer. Government expenditure has risen some 28% since the election in 1994.

While the country was gripped by economic realities, both the NP and ANC were gripped by economic improprieties. The NP's Abe Williams, Minister for Welfare and Population Development, resigned from his portfolio and from parliament after a year-long probe into an alleged welfare payment fraud estimated to cost taxpayers R1bn a year. This is a blow to the NP as Williams was critical in bringing in much of the "Coloured" vote in the last election. His position will be filled by another prominent "Coloured" Nat, Patrick McKenzie.

While the NP was reeling, the ANC was hardly far behind. The Department of Health Under-Minister Nkosazana Zuma was severely censured for allocating

some R14m to the production of *Sarafina 2*, an AIDS awareness play. This huge sum included above-average salaries and other perks for staff. The show was condemned by SA theater critics. Zuma defended her role in financing the AIDS play and has resisted repeated calls for her resignation. Both these corruption-related issues were analyzed in the media, indicating a new transparency in SA society.

Continued examples of "gray train" irregularities can harm the image of both the NP and ANC as the country struggles to move its economy forward. Add to this the first public hearings of the Truth Commission and the continuing murder trial of former Defense Minister Magnus Malan and you have an exciting time ahead. The country has matured in its ability to deal with these fundamental issues but variables remain and will be watched very closely.

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JULUKA's SA Correspondent Enters Political Arena

Daniel Silke has been nominated as the Democratic Party's candidate in the Cape Town City Council Municipal Elections, scheduled for May 29.

Silke's ward comprises some 10,000 voters and includes the entire Woodstock, Salt River area along with Zonnebloem, CT's CBD, and the Waterfront precincts. Voters will cast their ballots for a candidate, a political party for the Central Substructure (based on a proportional representation vote), and the Council.

Silke is enthusiastic about the campaign. "This is the first time the DP will go all out in this area. While not a traditional support base, we see great potential for growth," he says. "We need some 15% of the vote in the Greater Cape Town area and we will fight a campaign to secure this."



Noteworthy

• South Africa could soon accede to **Unesco's World Heritage Convention** which would mean that by year's end Robben Island, Table Mountain and other sites could qualify to become "World Heritage Sites."

• **Ceres Fruit Juice** is now available in the U.S. Watch your grocery store shelves.

• North-West Premier **Popo Molefe** visited the US recently and was granted honorary citizenship by Texas Governor, **George Bush, Jr.**

• **Marco V. Masotti**, who was born in Amanzimtoti, SA, and now practices law in New York, has been elected president of the **South African American Organization (SAAO)**. **Penelope E. Andrews**, a professor at the University of New York School of Law, was elected as the group's vice president. Andrews is originally from Cape Town. SAAO will hold a Freedom Day Benefit Dinner on May 2, 1996 at the United Nations in NYC.

• Oregon Congresswoman **Elizabeth Furse** led a trade mission to South Africa in Feb. Furse, who was born in South Africa, serves on the House Commerce Committee. The trade mission met with officials of private companies and organizations as well as the government.

• **South Africa** experienced its most dynamic **tourism** year ever in 1995, with more than 1 million overseas visitors, a 40% increase over 1994.

• Delegates from the **Southern African Development Community** gathered with U.S. government officials and corporate representatives at a two-day conference held in Washington, D.C. in March. The conference promoted business development and investment throughout Southern Africa.

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From the
Southern Desk

by Daniel Silke

Life's a trial—or so it seems in South Africa at present! President Mandela has just been granted his long-awaited divorce but not without an embarrassing court case. Allegations of adulterous behavior on both sides made for a highly stressful 24 hours for the President.

The "Mother of the Nation" certainly knows how to pick a fight and something tells this correspondent that the nation has certainly not heard the last of her fiery tongue!

But arrogance is not just the domain of Winnie. In the trial of General Magnus Malan, the embattled General grinned and beamed his way through the hoards of media—almost as though he was in the right! And, he had the gall to say that the trial was "interrupting his holiday." Now, if you were up on murder charges, wouldn't you be just a little humble?

And "humble" was hardly the way to describe the launch of the SABC's three new television channels. A lavish party costing millions of Rands was held at the Waterkloof Air Base before guests Stevie Wonder and President Mandela. Wonder was flown in for the occasion to perform just one song!

The existing three TV stations have been entirely remodelled and now offer mixed language programming. Gone are the days when Afrikaans used to be allocated half the evening. That language now has to share a channel with a number of black languages, and Afrikaans TV time has been drastically reduced. No wonder Afrikaner business interests are considering establishing their own subscription service.

Still on the subject of television: The new SABC has certainly made an effort to improve viewing. *Oprah* is now a daily feature along with other US hits like *Jeff Foxworthy*, *Friends* and

Mad About You. For the first time, a host of quality British series are also being broadcast offering viewers an unprecedented choice. The teen hit *Beverly Hills 90210* continues to be popular even in its Afrikaans dubbed format. However, this program will soon revert to English as subscription channel M-NET will be showing forthcoming seasons. Seems Afrikaans is really losing its competitive edge.

In the last JULUKA, I reported on the opening of *McDonald's*. This time, I can report on a new fast food craze that is gripping the country with even more excitement than the Big Mac. Pies—yes, that's right, pies. The country has gone pie mad. Pie shops are springing up on every street corner with franchise outlets showing the greatest growth. This is a food craze unique to South Africa and it looks as though nothing can stop it. Eat your heart out *McDonald's*!

Crowds of a different kind are flocking into Cape Town. The city has become a sought after tourist destination with international airlines clamoring to start direct air-services. The latest airline to get permission is the Hungarian National Airline which will fly direct from Budapest (bypassing Johannesburg) later this year. Only one problem, the customs facilities remain poor and recently resulted in an hour and a half delay in clearing a fully laden British Airways flight. Something will just have to be done prior to those Olympics in 2004!

Finally a price check! What does it cost to go to the movies: around R18 (\$5.50); to go to the theater: R40 (\$12); to buy a good bottle of wine: R25 (\$7.50); to buy a standard television set: R1200 (\$365); a copy of the *Financial Mail*: R6.50 (\$2) and *The Cape Times*: R2 (61 cents). Bet that's a shock to you!



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Soweto Creche Serves SA's "Forgotten" Children

By Catrin Morris

What began as a last-ditch attempt to provide food and daytime shelter for 28 children in 1993 has become a desperately needed child care and community center for 234 children in Orlando West, one of Soweto's oldest and most politically vibrant strongholds. Rita Tandy, founder and president of Senzokwethu ("Doing Our Own") Community Care Center, grew up in Orlando West.

Tandy was only a child when Orlando West was artificially created by the government. During those years, Orlando West fostered a great sense of community and cohesion in the face of adversity and segregation. "People watched out for each other and we had a common cause and a sense of fraternity. Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu and Walter Sisulu were living around the corner," says Tandy.

Now many role models are leaving the townships for the cities and Rita worries about the void which remains. For Rita, the child care enterprise was more than a volunteer job. At a crucial and vital juncture in South Africa's history, it became increasingly apparent that many of the nation's children were already lost to the legacy of apartheid. So she decided to help break the cycle for the next generation of children and their families. "What these children learn they take

home to their families," she says. "Slowly we are seeing the families becoming self-reliant." In addition to child care, the center offers self-help classes for local women.

Dressed in red and yellow and blue play smocks, the kids take up literally every square foot of the two-room building that is the center. Food—rice and beans—is donated from someone in the community, where extra food is a near impossibility. But somehow, these children get a big plate of lunch every day.

According to Rita, most of these children have teenage moms or alcoholic parents or no guardians at all. The story of three-year-old Thabisile is typical here. While her grandmother was away working as a housekeeper, Thabisile stayed at home. All day, every day, she was locked up in the house with a bowl of food and no supervision or company. Without accessible or remotely affordable day care for preschool aged children, Thabisile's grandmother simply had no choice but to leave her grandchild locked up. Of course, explains Rita, "Thabisile had no stimulation in such isolation and when we found her and brought her here, she was behind the other kids."

"But, now she is learning how to interact with other children," Rita explains, "It's very slow to come."

Not only do many of the children at the Senzokwethu Center lack enriching and educational materials, but, in an area of over 32,000 people, there is only one library and not a single playground. For most South African blacks, the scars of geographical apartheid still serve to all but eliminate access to many of the country's natural and federal educational resources.

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What are the resources and educational tools available at the Center? For 234 children, there are four boxes of crayons, nine pieces of clay, a dozen old desks—which were built for high school kids—five dolls and a stack of English language children's books donated by The Cheshire Cat, a children's bookstore in the Washington D.C. area.

"Due to a lack of funds and qualified teachers, many of our children in this country will not receive that foundation," states Rita, "a foundation we need to steer them away from the alternatives." And what are the alternatives? Crime, poverty and stagnation. For Rita, the expression "crime prevention" takes on a

whole new meaning. "I see what these kids can become if we don't help them," she warns. "They would wait to be strong enough to hijack cars. They could move to the city [Johannesburg] where it is easier to steal. They could sniff glue or turn to drugs. So you see, if we don't look after these little ones, they will end up robbing us."

The basic shortage of elements deemed fundamental to most educators and caregivers takes a psychological toll on these children. When an airline offered large air freight containers out of which classrooms could be constructed, Rita felt grateful but angered. "I am tired of telling these kids that they are only that good. I am tired of telling the children of this new South Africa that they only deserve classrooms with no windows. It is this disrespect that makes people aggressive and suspicious and encourages them to give up altogether," she says.

So, Rita is constantly fundraising to afford the building blocks necessary to sustain the Senzokwethu Community Centre. "We need supplies, we need building maintenance, we need playground equipment and transportation," she says. "But mostly we need money to pay the women who work here. We need trained teachers and access to an occupational therapist to abate the effects of trauma on these young people." The community of Orlando West has demonstrated a continued strength in fighting what seems an almost impossible decay of stability and hope in their neighborhood. But, says Rita, "if we don't get help soon, I don't know how long we can last."

Editor's Note: Contributions to the Senzokwethu Care Centre may be made through ADISA (American Development Initiatives for South Africa, Inc.): 9990 Lee Highway, Suite 500, Fairfax VA 22030; Tel: (703) 278-9291. A nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, ADISA supports 17 nonprofit organizations in SA.

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SA-Born Spanier Rises to Penn State Helm

By Jo Gordon

Many South Africans have succeeded in America, making names for themselves as experts in their professions and industries, but Graham Spanier's rise through the ranks of academia has been extraordinary.

In 1948, the year apartheid became the official policy of South Africa, Graham Spanier was born in Cape Town. His father, Fritz, who had escaped Nazi Germany as a boy, was disturbed by the politics of the day. Fritz's second exodus led his family to America.

Little did he know, as he loaded and unloaded trucks in a warehouse in Chicago, how this move would influence the life of his children.

Between them, the Spanier children earned seven university degrees, the result of a healthy respect for education instilled in them by their parents. Graham Spanier, recently appointed the 16th President of Penn State, describes his father as a man who valued learning, but never set foot on a college campus.

"For me," says Spanier, "education is society's mechanism for turning despair into hope, for raising the social consciousness of the community, for altering the course of families, for turning poverty into wealth... Only education could allow a poor immigrant who grew up on the south side of Chicago to become the president of Penn State."

He considers the Penn State presidency to be the single most attractive leadership position in American higher education today.

While recognizing the signifi-

cant challenges facing South Africa's educators, Spanier does not claim to be an expert on the education crisis there. "Perhaps the greatest challenge in South Africa," he says, "is really the same as the greatest challenge in American public higher education, namely the balance between quality and access."

His advice to South African educators is to do everything possible to maintain an appropriate level of quality while broadening access as fully as resources and policy permit.

"American higher education is the envy of educational systems worldwide, and we can be helpful in advising on issues of quality and access, faculty development, efficiency, governance and change," Spanier says.

While Americans, and particularly South Africans in America, can make a valuable contribution to this process, he believes it is important for SA to chart its own course.

Spanier has yet to return to his birthplace for a visit, but plans to do so. "I haven't had any professional business there," he says, "but have always had an intense interest in the country."

Spanier holds academic appointments as professor of human development and family studies, professor of sociology, and professor of family and community medicine.

A distinguished researcher and scholar, he has authored over 100 publications, including 10 books. He is also a family sociologist, demographer, and marriage and family therapist.



Graham Spanier

Spanier earned his Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern University where he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. His bachelor's and master's degrees were earned from Iowa State University.

An all-round achiever and father of two, Spanier tops it off by being a serious magician who holds a commercial pilot's license. His wife, Sandra, is an English professor specializing in 20th Century American Literature.

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Nando's Chickenland Reaches North America

by Robyn Packard

When Vasco da Gama established Portuguese colonies in Mozambique in 1498, little did he know that the local peri peri bean would one day find its way to the New World as Portuguese-inspired chicken seasoning.

On its voyage, the spicy little bean has been creating a niche market for discerning palates. Charting the course of the northward-bound leg of the voyage is Larry Newstadt, an accountant from Johannesburg.

When planning his family's emigration to Canada, Newstadt became involved with Nando's Chickenland, a rapidly expanding fast-food chain that opened in Jo'burg in 1987. There are now 90 Nando's across SA and about 40 more in 15 other countries.

Convinced that the product could become as popular in Canada as it was in South Africa, Australia and England, Newstadt purchased the franchise for the whole of Canada.

When he arrived in Canada in 1993, Newstadt knew that the groundwork had to be carefully prepared before Nando's could open. He spent 18 months researching the market. His research included working the evening shift behind the counters and inside the kitchens of other fast-food businesses. By day he worked as a controller at a manufacturing company.

In early 1994, Vancouver got



Nando's owner Larry Newstadt (right) and general manager John Boughton.

its first taste of Nando's chicken. Its success has led to a second restaurant opening there. In December 1994, Newstadt opened his third Nando's in a busy strip-mall north of Toronto.

Nando's head office in Johannesburg has provided extensive support and encouragement to the Canadian franchise. Its international training team has come to Canada, and the head office continues to offer product development and marketing ideas. The Canadian operations import the unique Nando's spice mix for the marinade, and some packaged condiments, from Johannesburg. Some bottled sauces are also imported from South Africa for retail sale here.

With KFC, Swiss Chalet, and other major fast food chains already in Canada, why did Newstadt think the country needed Nando's? "After tasting every chicken product here, I was

convinced that Nando's was far, far better," he says.

What makes the product so exceptional, says Newstadt, is the cooking process and the spice. Only air-chilled, fresh chickens are used. The air-chilling process enables the marinade, which the butterflied chickens soak in for 24 hours, to become totally absorbed. After being grilled, the chickens are basted on a horizontal, but slightly tilted grill. At this time, the customer selects the final taste according to preference—the lemon-herb baste for milder tastes, the mild peri peri for a slightly stronger taste, and the hot peri peri for those who, in Newstadt's words, like their "bellies to dance."

Newstadt also notes that Nando's offers one of the healthiest fast foods on the market. The particular chili used in the seasoning is rich in vitamin C. And while the marinade prevents the flesh itself from burning, the hot, flame-grilling process, which is more effective than rotisserie cooking, burns off most of the fat.

Last year, food critics from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation voted Nando's product the best fast-food chicken in Vancouver and Toronto. Supported by that kind of reputation, Nando's is off to a good start in North America.

Robyn Packard is a freelance writer based in Toronto. ■

An Artful Evening of Song

by Catherine Harbour

The closing of an exhibition of South African art in Washington D.C. was electrified by



Ntomb'khona Dlamini and her band. Ambassador Sonn thanked the musicians for creating a "warm spirit" on the frosty February evening.

"Imbube," a South African song better known to Americans as "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" delighted the audience. The first time she sang this in the U.S., says Dlamini, "I said 'this song is from South Africa, and everybody was like 'Really?!'" The group also performed "Phataphata," a township jive love song, and "Igqinha" (Click Song). Dlamini performed at the event with her husband, composer and producer Mbuyiselo J. Mgwandi, on bass, drummer Ian Huerman from Cape Town, and guitarist Emma Potter (who is from New Jersey, although Dlamini told the audience: "I feel like he's from SA... He's like our brother").

Dlamini came to the U.S. in 1987 at the age of 16 as part of Mbongeni Ngema's production of *Sarafina*, in which she played the character Magundwane. She currently lives in New York. Dlamini has worked with Hugh Masekela, Miriam Makeba, Buster Pindexter, Keith Marks, and Ziggy Marley and has recorded on several albums, including the soundtracks for *Power of One*, *Sarafina*, and *One More Time*.

The "Panoramas of Passage: Changing Landscapes of South Africa" exhibition (see JULUKA Dec. 1995/Jan. 1996) was "very, very successful," according to Nancy Williams of the Meridian Center.

The exhibition is on display in Dallas' African American Museum until April 21, and will be in Atlanta at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History from May 17 to August 18, during the 1996 Summer Olympics. ■

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OPPERMAN'S OPINION

by Deon Opperman

The Apartheid government was corrupt, morally and financially. This is not begging the question. It's a fact. Whether the new government is also morally corrupt remains to be seen; but when it comes to financial corruption they are right up there with the best (or worst) of them.

We have had so many corruption scandals that the public at large hardly raises an eyebrow. Take the latest one: Mbongeni Ngema's new musical, *Sarafina 2*, for which he received a cool 14.27 million rand from the Department of Health. Fourteen point two seven million rand!!! For a stage musical??? We are not talking movies or television here. No, we are talking a stage musical that is to tour the townships, primarily to educate the public about AIDS. Hello, is there anybody out there?

In terms of legal procedure, three tenders are required for such an allocation of government funds to be legal. Only two were received. The second tender came in at about one fourteenth of the Ngema quote and was made by a man who has specialized in educational theater. Yet it lost, giving Ngema the largest subsidy ever allocated to a theater production in the history of South African theater. This is affirmative action with serious attitude!

And to give you some idea of what we are talking about here...the much maligned performing arts councils, "relics of the Apartheid regime" (for whose disbandment I myself have called), could produce at least ten full-scale, full-cast, full-orchestra musicals for the same money, or about eighty professional plays! The mind boggles. What is the money being spent on?

Certainly not on the actors, whose salaries are budgeted at between R700 and R2000 per



week. And I would be very interested to know how many are actually receiving the top fee. To quote the *Sunday Times* of March 10, 1996: "Of the R9 million already paid out to Ngema by the Department of Health, about R900,000 has yet to be accounted for after internal audits." In other words, R900,000 appears to have gone missing. No prizes for guessing where it is.

But wait, it gets better. You would think that a production designed to educate a largely poor audience about AIDS, and one that has received R14 million from the government, would be free. Think again. The advertised admission price was R20 for adults and R10 for children - close to the standard price for theater which is financially inaccessible to the vast majority, and certainly out of reach for the target audience of *Sarafina 2*.

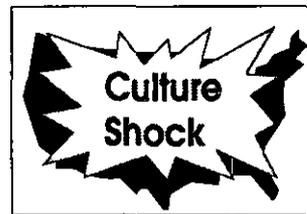
And the cherry on top? Came the first performance, the cast, crew and director were no-where to be seen. The show was cancelled.

All governments are corrupt, to be sure, and the new South African government is proving to be no exception. *Aluta continua.*

Deon Opperman is a multiple award-winning South African playwright and director. He writes to us from Johannesburg.

Correction

A Noteworthy item in the Feb/Mar '96 issue of JULUKA erroneously reported that a replica of Groot Constantia has been built in Napa Valley. In fact, the California winery, which is known as Chimney Rock, is built in the style of the Cape Dutch and is owned by Hack and Stella Wilson. We regret the error.



by Jo Gordon

Danger! Gevaar!

"So, how are things in South Africa these days?" asks an American friend of mine who is contemplating a trip to the homeland I talk about so fondly. I can't claim to have the inside track, I tell her, but my daily dose of news via the Internet does help me keep on top of things.

First off, I tell her how the Rand plummeted recently when rumors spread that 77-year-old President Mandela's health was not all that rosy. In early March, Mandela was booked into a Johannesburg clinic for a marathon three-day checkup aimed at dispelling the nation's fears. He's since been declared fit as a fiddle, but the same cannot be said for the state of the nation.

Whether it's safe for travelers to visit South Africa is questionable these days, according to statistics which claim that some 7,000 overseas visitors were victims of crime in 1994. Presumably, more recent figures aren't available. A plenary session of the Tourism White Paper found that only 10 percent of South Africa's tourism potential was being exploited. In light of the above, this is probably a good thing.

Continuing the sombre note, more than 11,000 South Africans died in motor accidents last year. That's a hefty 1,064 jump from the year before, according to

Transport Minister Mac Maharaj.

South Africa now has the dubious distinction of ranking among the world's largest producers of dagga [marijuana]. And it is also emerging as a significant cocaine and heroin transshipment point. Depending on where you stand on the drug issue, this could be good news or bad news, but for most of us who reminisce from a distance, this news sounds a warning bell.

Now, if the tourist bashers, insane drivers and dope heads don't get to you first, those damned mozzies will. The return of the killer mosquitos mean South Africa could be facing its worst malaria epidemic ever. One KwaZulu-Natal hospital reports a death a day. In total, 4,564 people have died of mosquito-related deaths already this year. It seems everyone's out for blood, from the muggers in the city to the buggers in the veld.

In a recent in-depth audit of South Africa's nuclear stockpile, two tons of treated uranium were reported missing by the Atomic Energy Corporation. The AEC's Chief Executive Officer says they are missing "somewhere in the system." Which system, he did not say.

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Enough Already!

Re: JULUKA Feb/Mar 96:

JULUKA is a Zulu word, I believe, but I have as yet to see real African contribution to this paper. All we get is Daniel Silke's doomsday prophecies, self-congratulatory attitudes and total racist and untrue rubbish. The last issue was an indication of all of the above and more. I receive the summary of news from the Consulate. I get news from *IOS*, *eMG*, *Times*, *CNN*, *NY Times*, *za.politics* and other sources. South African views in those areas seem to be totally different from JULUKA's. I love different opinions but if they are written by racist denialists, they tend to be less informative. I thought this was supposed to inform. I think we should change the name of this thing and perhaps call it "Silke's Diatribe" or "NP Revisited."

John Hughes wants a 10% slice in South Africa for the racists with his in California. Why not ask Governor Wilson for that. I am sure he would give you some space near the Mexico border. I am sure Buchanan could use John and his AWB cohorts to build the wall to prevent Mexicans from coming to the country.

Hayley Gordon: To some white South Africans, anything educated outside of the white countries or US block is not qualified. This attitude should not surprise you considering that most of these people were "educated" that black people were inferior regardless of their education levels. It is always assumed that Europeans are better. However, the best researchers and doctors in the sciences in the USA are not Europeans.

Silke again: Southern Desk totally failed to acknowledge the impact that the African Nations Cup had on South Africa as the biggest event in all of South African History. Fortunately, an objective Deon [Opperman] did mention the earlier success of the Bafana Bafana. The support by

Amabokoboko was really something and deserves a similar support to the cricket squad when they win the world cup in Asia. Silke spends all his time glorifying white achievement and putting down black people's successes. This makes JULUKA a one-sided (Silke side) piece of garbage and not what it says it is. Silke's Editorial: It sounds like Silke is scared of being found out. Remember Silke, forgiveness is in the hands of the people who have been done wrong, not the wrongdoers. What "CORE" is Silke referring to? Does it mean that the truth commission should only investigate non-senior members of the GNU? This is a foolish view and deserves much more contempt than it is getting but the view shows the mentality that would exist if Malan were to be allowed to investigate and judge himself. Looks like Silke has lost his objectivity (doubt if it ever existed). If it were not for the ads in this paper, I would never even look at it and be subject to Silke's Diatribes.

**Sabelo Ndabazandile
(Capetonian in NYC)**

Opperman Replies

Nokwenza Plaatje [Letters Dec/Jan] is guilty of the very arrogance that I'm accused of. Who is Plaatje to state that "it is high time that white South Africans begin to realize their 'Africa-

ness." First of all: what does it mean to be African? Is there some kind of universal norm that Plaatje is privy to that people like myself have yet to learn? Does it mean burning Shakespeare and toyi-toying down the street?

As far as Plaatje's assertion that JULUKA "has to look credible before we [Blacks] will come out and say, 'I'll write for you'"...really this kind of arrogance is astonishing! Tell me Nokwenza Plaatje, who are you to lay down the standards by which papers like JULUKA are measured? I have never been politically correct—hypocritical posturing and gesturing is not my game, nor shall ever be. I call a spade a spade and I tell it like I see it. I don't tow the line for any political party and considering that I never accepted the prescriptions and censorship imposed by the racist government of the past, I will not accept them from you and your kind either. And if that makes me "an outsider with a superiority complex," then so be it. And while you're about it, please ponder the current bribery and corruption of the present South African government, exposed in the papers and on television every day. Now there's arrogance for you.

**Deon Opperman
South Africa**

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**Bruce W. Krucke
South Carolina**

The JULUKA Forum

I enjoyed Ralph Ger's letter in the Feb-Mar issue of JULUKA [JULUKA Forum] He was one of my anatomy teachers in second year med school at UCT in 1960. [Did] you know he was run out of the country by the government

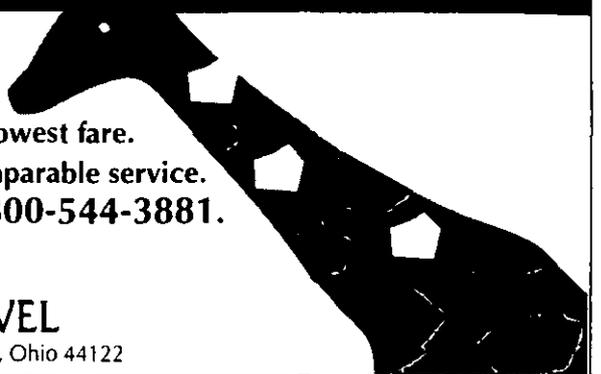
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for agreeing to treat any of the Malmesbury electric-pylon-exploders if they were injured in the sabotage-attempt: Good man! I was involved in the anti-apartheid struggle from 1972 until it pretty-well ended, in 1989-90.
**John V Dommissie, MD
Arizona**

Recent figures indicate that the number of doctors emigrating from SA has reduced considerably since the 1980s. Many graduates of UCT emigrated at that time because they refused to serve in the SA army to fight in Angola and Namibia and to enforce apartheid within the country or in other instances to be associated with it even in the remotest way. The advent of a democratic government has strikingly changed the attitude of our graduates and students in this regard.

I thought that it might be of interest that the analysis of the 9,046 UCT medical graduates registered with the SA Medical and Dental Council shows that nearly 70% of them are working or residing in SA. Only 14.6% of our medical graduates over the past 10 years have left SA and of these, 16% are working elsewhere in Africa. It is common for young doctors all over the world to leave their home country for a few years and then to return. This is particularly the case in SA where graduates often work overseas for a year or two to earn foreign currency to pay back loans incurred while studying. UCT is proud of its Medical School and of the many contributions that its graduates have made.

**Dr. SJ Saunders
Vice Chancellor, UCT**

My Heart Belongs to SA

Having been in this country now for nearly 10 years, I could relate completely to the Feb/Mar "Culture Shock" [about Jo Gordon's conflict between remaining an SA citizen or pursuing U.S. citizenship]. I've just returned from a six-week vacation in my beloved South Africa and find after all these years my heart will always belong there. I don't think I'll ever fill out my [U.S.] citizenship forms whether or not I remain here for the rest of my life. There's always the hope that one day I'll convince my American husband and children that life in South Africa could be just as good! I would love to hear from any fellow South Africans in the Albany, NY area. Thank you JULUKA for the wonderful newsletters—keep them coming!

**Leslie Hans
New York**

*Editor's Note: Leslie may be contacted c/o
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Will Competition Fly in South African Skies?

A restraining order prohibiting the Department of Transportation (DOT) from reallocating USAfrica's dormant US-SA rights to other airlines has been lifted in the U.S. District Court in Delaware.

After filing for bankruptcy last year, the airline ceased service, but argued that it could not emerge successfully from Chapter 11 without the SA rights. However, the court ruled that South African Airways (SAA) had effectively been left with a monopoly in the market. Judge Joseph Farnan said this monopoly subjects passengers and businesses to unfair price and service conditions.

USAfrica could appeal the court's decision, but DOT has said it will move forward with the proceedings.

Later this year, the American airline, World Airways, plans to begin three scheduled flights a week between Newark, New Jersey and Johannesburg.

The Washington-based airline has entered a partnership with Continental Airlines that will allow World passengers to connect from Newark to other cities in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

The DOT gave tentative authority last year to World Airways to fly three passenger and two cargo flights a week between

the U.S. and SA. The agreement is still subject to final approval.

Does SAA have anything to fear from an opening of the skies to U.S. carriers? No, says Addison Schonland, Director of Aviation, Tourism and Marketing at CIC Research, Inc. in San Diego, California.

"There are only a few big international U.S. carriers: American code-shares with SAA already; Delta is part of an alliance with Swissair and Singapore; Continental is trying to help USAfrica start up again (but that seems doomed); and United is tied in with Lufthansa."

In short, he says, between the U.S. and SA, the only competition SAA faces might be Tower Air, if it succeeds in securing USAfrica's rights and, if not, SAA may have to deal with World Airways.

What SAA needs more urgently than protection, says Schonland, are new flights to the U.S. market. "With increased flights, SAA will move even further ahead of any U.S. competitor. It has a strong partner in American."

Schonland believes that the premium traffic will use SAA as long as it continues to operate

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Schonland dismisses as "nonsense" the idea that SAA, or any other SA company, should be protected from the force of competition. Consumers, he says, should demand it.

Editor's Note: As we were going to press, it was announced that USAfrica had filed for Chapter 7 liquidation, completely ceasing operations. It will not resume flying.

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