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IN PLACE OF AN EDITORIAL

WE are certainly not short of subject material for an Editorial for this issue of *Liberation*.

What are the implications of the Strijdomite *coup*? What about the so-called new Native policy of the United Party? Now that *Advance* has been banned and a new "commission of enquiry" set up to prepare the way for a stricter internal censorship, can Freedom of the Press survive? And, to look beyond our own borders, what are the prospects of peace in view of the plan for West German rearmament, and the latest American moves against China?

All these matters call for editorial comment and analysis: but that will have to wait for our next issue. We have decided to sacrifice our normal Editorial space in this issue, to make room for the publication in full of the article "Trade Unions Face the Future." We have done this because we consider that recent developments in the trade union movement have made the issues dealt with of absolutely critical importance both to trade unionists and to all other democrats. The author, Michael Harmel, has spent sixteen years as a labour journalist. We believe that his challenging contribution should be studied, discussed and pondered by every member and friend of the labour movement.

Further, to accommodate this lengthy study and the other important articles in this issue, we have had to add an extra eight pages to our normal quota, at no extra cost to the readers, but at considerable extra cost to ourselves.

The truth is that the steadily growing demands on the space of this little magazine are outgrowing our slender financial resources. South Africa needs a bigger and a better *Liberation*. It is for you, the readers, to make it possible. If you appreciate the services this journal is rendering, and the even greater contributions to freedom's cause it can make in the future, you will do your part now by sitting down and sending off a donation to our printing fund.