

home in a quieter and happier country. But I would not dream of answering that question for anyone else.

I say to those of you who are here, stand firm by what you believe, do not tax yourselves beyond endurance, yet calculate clearly and coldly how much endurance you have; don't waste your breath cursing your rulers and the S.A.B.C.; keep your friendships alive and warm, especially those with people of other races; beware of melancholy, and give thanks for the courage of others in this fear-ridden country.

MORE ON AFRICAN NATIONALISM

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I have been asked to state more fully my views on this subject, and I do so gladly. I would emphasise that what I am doing is to state my own views for careful consideration by other Party members, not to make an *ex cathedra* statement on behalf of the Party.

In most political discussions, much depends on the meaning of the terms used, and many such discussions are wars of words, when each participant in the discussion is using the controversial phrase in a different sense.

"African Nationalism" may be used—in my opinion incorrectly used—for the struggle for equal political and social rights. This the Liberal Party is bound to support, but it is not African Nationalism or African anything else: it is quite simply liberalism. For this we are all struggling.

Even here, however, the Liberal Party should make its own decisions and frame its own policy. It cannot be dragged at the chariot-wheels of a purely African organisation, for the Liberal Party embraces men of all races. No man, no association of men, can be asked to live and die for principles in the working out of which he has no share.

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"African Nationalism", again, may be the perfectly sound pride in one's own parents and ancestors and one's own past. In this sense Winston Churchill could be described as an "English Nationalist". In its positive aspects this is a determination to be one's self, not someone else. But it can easily be twisted into

mere conservatism and a refusal to accept the modification of national life by new culture contacts, which is a condition of all progress. Such a conception would appeal to the Nationalist Party, but hardly to Liberals, who stand for a pooling of racial riches in the service of a common country.

"African Nationalism" can mean, finally, the African counterpart of Afrikaner Nationalism. It would then stand not for African equality but for African domination. If this is what we are asked to approve, what answer have we to the critics of "one man, one vote" who argue that our policy means the domination of white by black instead of the reverse? By what strange magic does racial domination which we as a Party condemn as immoral suddenly become moral because black men are the dominators? **The argument that it becomes moral because the Africans are in the majority would justify the "Aryan" domination over Jews in Germany.** The Liberal Party has Indian and Coloured as well as European members, and we are asked to throw these to the wolves if we support **this** type of African Nationalism.

When we are asked to "ride the tiger" of "African Nationalism" of this type we must remember the old limerick:

There was a young lady of Riga
Who smiled on the back of a tiger:
They returned from the ride
With the lady inside

And the smile in the face of the tiger.

What is more, we are asked to support something which is quite incompatible with liberalism.

It may be that earlier correspondents have had in mind something different. If so they should be asked to define their terms.

UNIVERSITAS BOUND—

UNIVERSITY CHIEF TAKES LEAD IN ATTACK ON UNIVERSITIES

On March 8 students from all the Afrikaans language Universities and Colleges of Education in the Transvaal gathered in Pretoria for a "protest march" against Communism and Liberalism, ending at Church Square, where speakers also attacked NUSAS and the Roman Catholic Church.

The Rector of the University of Pretoria, Professor C. H. Rautenbach (who was amongst the speakers), had addressed a pre-march meeting at his University the previous evening