

Our Traditional Way of Life . . .

Liberal crayfish nicer

● *Mr. M. Viljoen, Deputy Minister of Labour and Immigration, said in the Free State that the arranging of mixed dinners and dance parties for whites and non-whites was part of an effort to overthrow the present order in the country. To the liberalists the crayfish not only tastes much nicer if white and non-white sit alongside each other, but they enjoy it to feel that such mixed dinners and dances are undermining the recognised South African way of life.*

Against domination

● *The Minister of Education, Arts and Science, in explaining the Government's attitude to mixed sport, said that the apartheid policy "is aimed at avoiding unnecessary friction between the races and ensuring that one race is not dominated by another. This policy has always worked well, and the question now arises why it will not also work well in the future."*

Exception to the exception

● *In "The Licensee's Guardian", we find some simple instructions on whom a South African barman is supposed to serve and whom he isn't. An Asiatic is any Turk and any person whose national home is in Asia, provided he is not a Jew or Syrian, or of a class excluded by proclamation, which lets the Japanese out. An Egyptian can enter white bars for he is white in terms of the Liquor Act. Japanese and Chinese may stay or have meals in any licensed hotels provided the license does not require separate facilities for non-whites. Neither Chinese nor Japanese may enter a licensed restaurant owned or occupied by whites. Although a Japanese can drink in a white bar, he must go to the non-white bar if a licensee has both premises. Foreign Chinese may get liquor in any white bar, but local Chinese must patronise non-white bars. A letter of exemption may be obtained by any Chinese, but it is not available to a Japanese, while any Japanese or Chinese who is in diplomatic service is treated as a white.*

Ambassador Newton Thompson

● *An ex-mayor of Cape Town, Mrs. Joyce Newton Thompson, while on tour in the United States, told the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Mr. G. ("Soapy") Mennen Williams, that "one-man-one-vote in South Africa was nonsense" and that, in her opinion, "90 per cent of the white people in South Africa intended to keep South Africa white". She also told Mr. Mennen Williams that she was "totally opposed to the non-whites getting political power of any kind". Mrs. Newton Thompson's wise words must have caused a swing of opinion in the States, for according to her, "South Africa's image in America has improved considerably".*

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Party and Special Branch

SINCE the last issue of *Liberal Opinion* appeared a number of members have enjoyed(?) the attentions of the Special Branch.

Most prominent were Alan Paton and Jordan Ngubane, both of whom were asked questions which implied that they might be being considered for "house arrest".

In Durban the homes of John Laredo and David Evans have been visited twice and in Pietermaritzburg Dempsey Noel and Talbot Appollos were two of three leading members of the Coloured community whose homes were searched.

There is no doubt that these visits are part of a planned policy of intimidation.