

Ethiopia with an iron paw

secondary cities.

Furthermore, many villages don't have a school, but they all have a prison, a policeman, and usually an SS man. The latter 'services' go under Defence, i.e., the government has to defend itself against the people.

3,000 STUDENTS ARRESTED

The methods of the "corrupt Nazi-fascist South African regime" are copied by the Emperor to render organized rebellion virtually impossible. There is a law to make "the assembly of more than five people for political reasons" illegal. Another set of laws gives the Ministry of the Interior the right to arrest immediately anyone who is suspected of conspiracy against the State. Last year, police-student confrontations resulted in 26 students being shot, and about 3,000 more being put into concentration camps.

Suppression of dissension does not stop at the Ethiopian border. Just recently, 16 Ethiopians studying in the USA were arrested and jailed for staging a demonstration at the Ethi-

opian embassy in Washington. Bond has been set at \$49,000, and to make things expensive, it has been ruled that each student will be tried separately. Hago claimed that he was not surprised that this atrocity should take place in a country where "justice is sold and bought just like any other commodity on the supermarket shelves."

AMERICA CONTROLS ECONOMY

It is understandable that American vested interests should be concerned about demonstrators who might threaten their "shroud of secrecy." According to Yesus, about 200 American companies control approximately 75 per cent of the Ethiopian economy. To protect its investment, the USA runs its largest African military base in Ethiopia. As well, claims Yesus, the Americans control the Ethiopian army, navy, and air force.

Yesus was incredulous at the question "What would happen if the American companies withdrew, taking their support from 75 per cent of the economy?"

"No exploited nation has ever benefited from an exploiting country," he said. "To ask the Ethiopians to be grateful to their exploiters is naive."

Yesus responded to another question by claiming that the Ethiopian government is reluctant to allow her students to go abroad. It is only in the interest of good international opinion that student exchange is not curtailed completely. But many exchange students face jail terms on their return to Ethiopia. One student is still serving a seven-year jail sentence for his 'sins' abroad.

RACE CONFLICT?

A question about race conflict between Negroids and Arabs in Ethiopia bothered Yesus very much. "I don't know what you mean," he replied indignantly. "To my knowledge, there has been only one race—the human race. How many races do you have here in Canada?"

In answer to a question about rebellions in Ethiopia, Yesus explained that for the last nine years, the peas-

ants in North Ethiopia have been waging a war against their landlords, and have partially succeeded in displacing them. To this, the government has reacted with the most brutal of reprisals. It bombards, strafes, and napalms these villages almost incessantly. As well, a coup was attempted about ten years ago, for which the perpetrators have paid dearly. They have been hanged, or are still in jail to the man.

ETHIOPIA—PART OF THE PROBLEM

I left the meeting room even more disenchanted with my world than I was when I came in. Accounts of human suppression and suffering always have this effect on me. Outside SUB, an English professor pleaded with students to partake of a hunger lunch and contribute some money to buy food for starving people. There were only a few small coins in the box. In the future, when someone asks me what is wrong with our system, Ethiopia will be only part of the answer.

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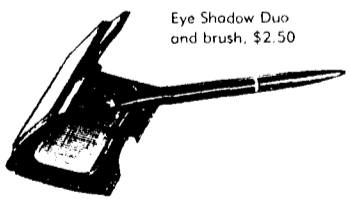
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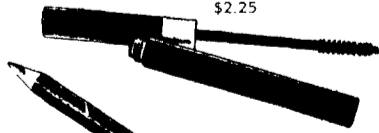


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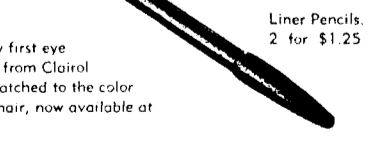
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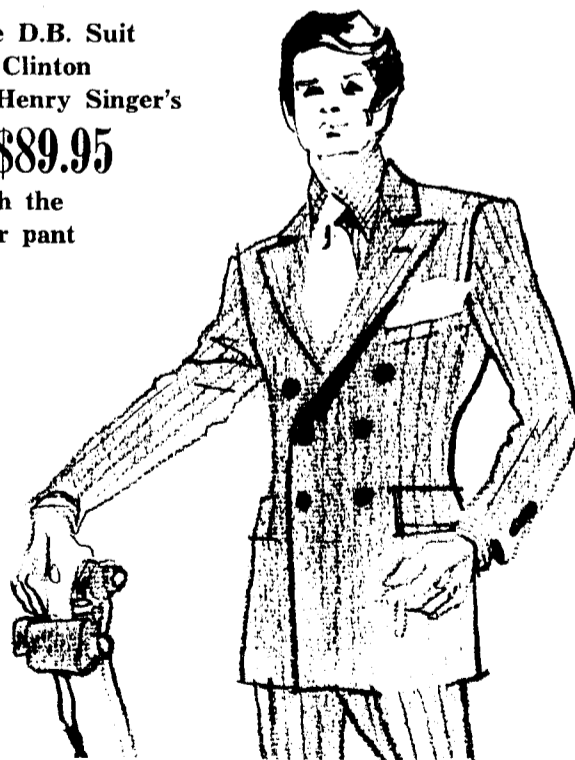
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