Biko's fan ner in wh present ed some she was, merican A ssador was

faith in the kind of country South Africa could become, with people judged as human beings rather than as members of a race group.

That certainly was a point made in many of the speeches. Admittedly it was a minor theme to the major theme of black

activism, yet consistent throughout was the message that the end result envisaged is a non-racial, non-ethnic society....

atmosph It was a fittingly sad and solemn occand of mirat sion, but for my wife and me the greatest ned and sadness after all the tributes and He reporte speeches were over was the journey home middle of with the renewed realization that the rds compa Steve Biko we will miss most painfully is hts of app not the revered leader most of the masses hen I not will miss, nor the young philosopher the -bitten ton academic visitors will miss, nor the brilirly close diant conversationalist the overseas jourface thromalists will miss, but the lovable friend knife-scarwho always made for the same chair in in my imour house and whose inflexions of voice a cutting and gestures in lighting a cigarette and e's white quaffing a beer and greeting a child and

slouching for a chat are so vividly e aware th remembered.

that rock Think he would say that the reason nile and a why there was no racial incident at his fuen so relie neral is that the people were all known to

be there in friendship, that they were inmany of termingled - not standing in separate rafrom naticial groups - and that just as hostility a sort of at grows from separateness and isolation, so

love grows from closeness and contact. The total opposite of *apartheid*.

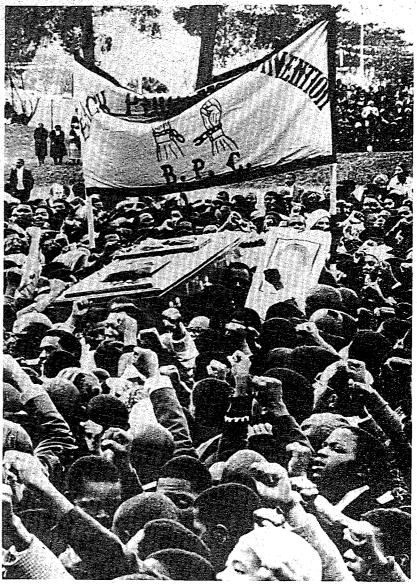
Shortly after that column was publish-Woods was criticized by radical blacks being too friendly towards the Governnt Qoboza sprang to his defence, debuncing "racism in reverse" in his weekly lumn in The World. He apologized to oods for the unfair criticism and said: Evidence that the majority of our people are not part and parcel of racial attitudes was fully demonstrated at Steve's funeral. All those white friends who joined our people in giving Steve a thunderous but solemn farewell were as welcome and safe as anybody.

## lan Paton

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an essay for Time, Alan Paton, the father gure of South African white liberalism, id that his country had not a friend left in e world. He made the practical point that he West can no longer afford, for political, onomic and moral reasons, to alienate the ack countries of the world".

White South Africa is growing more wide World more bitter against the West," he said. of seven w it want to see us involved in a racial war. he greatest beneficiary of such a war could iseru, Leso



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Twenty thousand South African blacks attended Steve Biko's open-air funeral at a King Williams Town stadium last September. As Biko's coffin was carried to the stadium, mourners raised their hands in the clenched-fist salute. At the stadium, a succession of speakers condemned the South African Government and its security police.

only be Russia. Afrikanerdom would be destroyed. Our relatively sophisticated economy would be destroyed too. The only people in South Africa who would welcome such destruction would be the most radical of blacks, who have decided that nothing new can be built until everything old has been destroyed....

"I fear that the Afrikaner Nationalist is resisting Western pressures for change not only because they challenge his sovereignty, but also because he knows he is psychologically impotent to accede to them.

"Meanwhile the black demand for change becomes daily more insistent, more confident. With the fall of Marcello Caetano, the liberation of Angola and Mozambique, the great impending changes in Rhodesia/ Zimbabwe and South-West Africa/ Namibia, the black people of South Africa