violence o take financial risks, as well as moral courge with the age. Donald Woods, a small-town editor who excentage declined all offers to move to the big-city edia survepress, is an outstanding example. The Rand n last MaDaily Mail of Johannesburg, edited by Mail, 6.1 Allister Sparks, is another.

And then, of course, there is the special and, 0; Stase of Percy Qoboza. In a paper he wrote for SATV (Acconference in Cape Town last May, Qoboza was reasaid that South Africans of all colours must confirm eventually sit down round a conference the big table to "devise a formula acceptable for fudail is exture co-existence". He continued:

Our country is full of noble black men who have been silenced under the security laws for advancing just these types of ideas. Many are called Communists simply because they believe in the dignity of man. Many have been labelled agitators simply because they call for a society where merit and not colour is the criterion by which man must be judged.

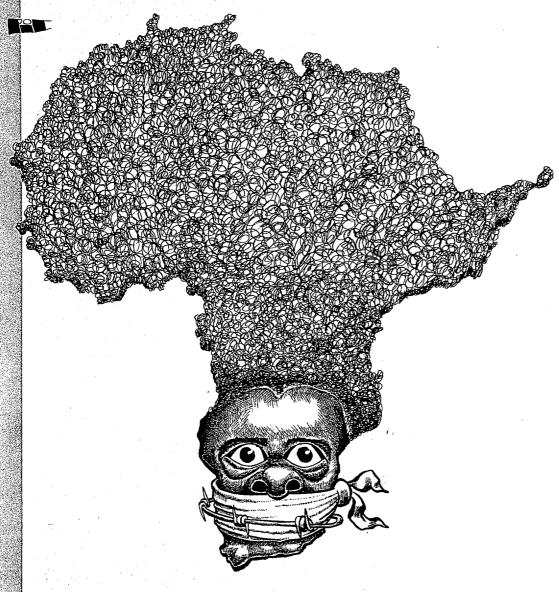
Indeed, all those with whom the Government should be talking in the black community have been subjected to punitive actions. The danger is that the time

may well come when the authorities are forced to talk to somebody, and there will be nobody to talk to.

Qoboza's newspaper, *The World*, is a subsidiary of the Argus Printing and Publishing Co., a white-owned, English-language press giant. Argus also owns the *Johannesburg Star*, a fat afternoon daily of the North American type designed for English-speaking whites, as well as other papers in South Africa and Rhodesia. *The World*, a tabloid for blacks, used to be concerned mainly with sex, crime and sports. It was designed for the mainly English-speaking black residential townships, especially Soweto, where Qoboza lived. *The World* was a commercial success, with a daily circulation of about 150,000.

After Soweto

As Soweto began to express its rage by means of rioting and various kinds of illegal or extra-legal political action, *The World* and its editor provided a voice for the muzzled masses of their sprawling ghetto. The paper became more and more political.



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