

Director takes on S. Africa

SIR RICHARD ATTENBOR OUGH is showing the South African government he's a hard man to push around. The portly director, who brought both "Gandhi" and "A Bridge Too Far" to the screen, announced this week he will make a \$20 million film dealing with the apartheid in South Africa. "I was told to leave and virtually run out of town by the South African authorities" last year, said Attenborough, who has just finished editing his latest film, "A Chorus Line." Attanborough does not intend to give the movie a working title "because I don't want anyone involved with it to be restricted from coming and going in and out of South Africa." The film is set to start shooting inside the racially torn country next April.

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ASKED by a French interviewer what he thought of Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda's suggestion that Nelson Mandela should be released to prevent a bloodbath, the State President, Mr P W Botha, replied: "I know Mr Kaunda well. His country's economic situation is so disastrous that I would advise him to give all his attention to his own problems rather than mine."

This tart answer may be an indication that South Africa is losing patience with President Kaunda.

In February this year President Kaunda told a news conference in Copenhagan that economic sanctions by the international community could force South Africa to abandon apartheid. "In the end, they must give up. They cannot survive."

Earlier this month the South African Transport Services sent 2,5-million litres of Diesel fuel to Zambia in response to an urgent request by Zambia for fuel because of a fault in the Lusaka-Dar es Salaam pipeline. A second consignment of 7,5-million litres was to follow.

President Kaunda should be told to keep his nose out of South Africa's affairs, or look elsewhere for help.

May 17, 1985; Wash 13 The 'Logic' of Disinvestment The Post's editorial on South Africa ["Targeting Apartheid," May 1] is another example of honest, soul-searchunionists, forced employers facing skilled-labor shortages to desegregate ing journalism in which the writer cormany positions and forced Pretoria to rectly identifies the inherent contradicadmit that blacks are now a permantions of the disinvestment strategy yet ment feature of urban South Africa. cannot bring himself to admit the logi-This remorseless pressure of ecocal conclusion of his own argument. nomic growth has exposed the soft underbelly of apartheid: disinvestment The Post points out that the likely result of disinvestment sanctions would be to "slow the engine of would only weaken this internal economic tension and help entrench the change that is the South African econmore reactionary Afrikaners. omy." That engine of economic So what does The Post propose? Simply that America should "target" apart-heid by issuing a laundry list of political growth has empowered black trade changes that would eradicate apartheid

and then demand that they be legislated by Pretoria. South African President Botha is no doubt quaking in his shoes.

Why can't The Post and its columnists who have written on South Africa, such as Richard Cohen and William Raspberry, admit that if slowing economic growth would be bad for black South Africans, then speeding it might actually hasten the demise of apartheid?

Supporters of disinvestment may wish to make a moral statement, but as Mr. Cohen points out ["An Evil Un-Simplified," op-ed, April 26], "Morality is cheap when someone else pays the cost." Isn't it time instead to accept that the United States should be encouraging more American investment in South Africa? That would step up the internal economic forces that really threaten apartheid.

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Next Battleground in the Cong

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WASHINGTON - It was the second tense appearance by the harassed assistant secretary of state for Africa, Chester A. Crocker, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to defend the administration's much-maligned policy of "constructive engagement" toward South Africa.

Senator Paul S. Sarbanes, a Maryland Democrat, was proceeding in lawyer-like fashion to crossexamine the professorial Mr. Crocker, widely regarded as the policy's chief architect and its staunchest remaining defender.

Why, the senator asked, was Mr. Crocker still defending the policy at a time when so many Americans of all political persuasions had come to the conclusion that it had failed? Wasn't it clear to the administration that something more was needed to bring about meaningful change in South Africa's system of apartheid?

"The issues are complicated, but you better start coming to grips with them because you are sitting what is going on around you," bellowed a clearly irritated Senator

its Nicaraguan policy, the Reagan administration is about to engage Congress is another highly controversial one. This time the battle will be over why economic sanctions against South Africa would be bad policy when they were good policy with regard to Nicaragua.

The heated exchange before the early May hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, if it did nothing else, highlighted the extent to which the Reagan administration has been thrown onto the defensive as it seeks to cope with the ground swell of public demand - even among many conservatives within the Republican Party - for the imposition of some kind of punitive measures against Pretoria.

whole southern Africa policy aimed at getting the Cubans troops out of Angola, independence in South-West Africa and orderly change under way inside South Africa — is increasingly coming under attack in various quarters, both Republican and Democratic.

One result is that many Republicans, particularly in the Senate, there ... in total isolation from where 22 of them face re-election in 1986, are taking their public distance from the administration and staking out their own independent Fresh from a bruising battle over positions on South Africa.

"For most Republicans, the ad- Democrat of I ministration's policy provides no political cover," remarked a Senate staff aide. "The administration isn't even mouthing the right words. Mr. Crocker's approach to reform just doesn't sell.

For the first time, there is every indication that both the House and the Senate will pass legislation this session, even over the opposition of the administration, aimed at stepping up U.S. pressure on the Pretoria government to accelerate the pace of change and scrap its apartheid system.

In the administration's struggle to head off sanctions against South Africa, President Ronald Reagan's decision to impose a trade embargo In fact, the administration's on Nicaragua has come at an extremely awkward moment. The embargo has served to complicate greatly its own argument that such measures imposed on white-ruled South Africa would be counterproductive and, as Mr. Crocker told the Senate, "simply bad public policy" setting important precedents "with worldwide implications."

"Can anyone seriously doubt that it is far worse to live today as a black man or woman in South Africa than as an opponent of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua?" asked Representative Stephen J. Solarz, can Airways to tl

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"If total sai against Nicara say that partic not justified ag he added.

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