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In the first place, Mr. Coe categorically claims that "there have been no refusals of South African gold by black African nations." This claim is not only unfounded, but is also veiled in fallacy. African nations have refused and are still refusing South African gold.

Mr. Coe also makes a mockery of common-sense by

Puzzle omission crosses readers

By Liz Austin

It happened again. One would think that after last semester a lesson had been learned. But, once again, the crossword puzzle was left out.

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And once again this semester a tirade of angry readers flooded the Daily Nebraskan office with phone calls and letters protesting the decision and demanding an explanation.

We can't even use the excuse of a bad memory, because the crossword puzzle wasn't forgotten; it was left out on purpose.

The reasoning for this as one reader called it, "inhuman and intolerable" decision was the overabundance of news.

The size of the Daily Nebraskan on any one day is determined by the amount of advertising space sold. Because of the ASUN elections, there was more news that day which couldn't be held until a later date.

If the crossword puzzle had been printed, then a news story would have been left out.

It doesn't seem illogical that a newspaper would consider it more important to print a news story instead of the crossword puzzle. Any editor on any newspaper probably would have made the same decision.

All things considered, it was probably a brave move on the part of the editor to run the news story over the crossword puzzle, as some of the complaints from insanely irate readers have been near life-threatening.

If editors are forced to make such decisions again, I'll fear for their lives, but will agree that news should get preference over the crossword puzzle.

claiming that the hydroelectric plant in Mozambique was donated by South Africa with South African personnel operating the harbor "as a free service." Using his logical trend, I may be right to say that the Soviets' action in Afghanistan and to the Afghan is "a free service."

A second revelation of nonsense with confidence is seen in Mr. Coe's claim "that the blacks of South Africa are not the original owners" of the land. This statement rebels against all historical evidences. The black man had not only been living in South Africa as early as 13,000 B.C. as evidenced by the Fishoek human fossils, and the piercing and projectile tools found in the Cave of Hearths, but also further archeological investigations in 1905 and 1929, using radio-carbon techniques indicate that these blacks living in this region had organized social structures was typically African. Even when the Dutch (the first known whites to come in contact with the blacks) arrived in Southern Africa, they found the Hottentots and the men (as they were labeled by their new friends and settlers).

Thirdly, Mr. Coe delves more irresponsibly into absurdity when he claims that no black can claim South African citizenship and is thus not eligible for membership to labor unions, etc. The blacks in South Africa are deprived of their rights to exploit their natural resources and forced to succumb to hazardous, inhuman and servile conditions for their livelihood. Is this Mr. Coe's conception of a free work-force? Mr. Coe's article echoes the existence of clearly apparent racial discrimination in South Africa, and claims that he was not allowed to buy anything from a black-owned store; but he does not say who prevented him and how. Was it the blacks? Doesn't Mr. Coe know that government laws prevent blacks from competing with whites even as skilled laborers and businessmen? Doesn't he know that the average yearly earnings of the black South African is less than \$250, which is more than 10 times less than that of his white counterpart? Doesn't he know that before the blacks are even employed in these gold mines, they have to undergo a grueling steepest 6,000 feet below the ground?

Doesn't he know that South Africa is not only a police state, but is the only government on earth whose government is based upon race and which practices as well as propagates the doctrine of racial supremacy. South Africa is therefore a threat to world peace and to mankind; for it upholds racialism and colonialism and equally challenges the world movement towards the dignity of man. Principles of human equality and self determination are denied by law and the constitution. Didn't Mr. Coe see all these during his visit to South Africa? Mr. Coe might have gone to Mars thinking it was South Africa, otherwise the voice of his education would have brought him closer to reality.

Finally, Mr. Coe made mention of murders. Who murders who? News media repeatedly depict the blacks of South Africa as cooks, servants and laborers of white families, yet Mr. Coe is audacious enough to claim that blacks murder whites at every opportunity. Such a statement can even make angels in heaven weep. Steve Biko, Nelson Mandela and hundreds of black nationalists and scholars have been tortured and killed. Thousands of innocent children are being massacred in an attempt to reduce the black population in South Africa. In 1976 over 132 black school children were shot and killed because they protested peacefully against the imposition of African language in schools. If this is not murder, give me your conception of murder. What has Mr. Coe to say about Amnesty International's Report of South Africa 1979? Most daring of Mr. Coe's revelation is that all African Nations admire and respect South Africa. What a good spokesman! May African Nations respect and admire Mr. Coe just as they respect and admire South Africa.

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