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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Suggests It to Be

Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands.

There is a vast difference between apartheid and Hitler's Nazism. It was to exterminate the whites of South Africa have now turned toward South Africa's blacks. The wish is to perpetuate the system wherein the races are separate and the white race dominant. Do not suggest that apartheid is evil; it is to point out that it is. Mr. Jackson says it is. More violence and bloodshed originate from South African policy to the world; but from a black effort to end apartheid system.

K.H. HECHT.
Solna, Sweden.

Who sees some analogy between Mein Kampf and Hitler — I myself see it. One should ponder whether in countering anti-Semitism the course urged by Mr. Menuhin would be more effective than that suggested by Mr. Menuhin.

ROBERT A. DUDLEY.
Vienna.

Robert B. Goldmann (*Letters, June 27*) suggests columnist William Pfaff's comments on Israel (*May 27*) by saying that he "pretend[s] superior competence in assessing Israel's national interest as being 'ironizing and manipulative,' and that 'Israelis are competent to analyze their own national interest.'"

Would he grant the same privilege to Austria and the Austrians?

JOHN H. BOTHWELL.
Bath, England.

Protesting Nuclear Tests

Just when I was beginning to feel hopeless about the attitude of my fellow Americans, I came upon a gem of an opinion column written by John E. Mack, "Nuclear Tests: People Could Stop Them" (*June 21*). The column not only inspired me to respond, it rekindled my hopes that the true American spirit is alive and kicking. The Mack family's personal stand against the nuclear arms race should be an inspiration to us all.

I am in total agreement with you, Mr. Mack, in your observation of America's uncanny ability to point a finger at any and all, except herself. Since my arrival in Europe six months ago, my awe at our willing dormancy on key political issues has only increased.

Next year I will return to my home in northern California with an awakened sense of what needs to be done. If the Macks are still protesting in Nevada, I will no doubt have the honor of meeting the enlightened and caring family.

ROBIN A. BLACK.
Abbenbroek, Netherlands.

Reagan Facing the Press

Regarding the opinion column "Downhill Ever Since Truman" (*June 14*):

Edwin M. Yoder's underlying attitude toward the president of the United

States emerges: caustic choice of "imperial" as word for Mr. Reagan's "that long red carpet to reporters." Is he to slink

As one who watches press conferences on television from remote parts of the world, I am at least as much put off by postulatory bombast from the press as by questions as there may be contrived slough in the air.

The reference to Question Time in the British Parliament is too good. The lack of courtesy which is the use of "Will the hono- rable member..." — meaning in fact "dishonorable" as tone does not do justice to the forthright, logical or worthy alternative and intelligently conducted conference in which an informed and respectful press might deal with issues before a poised, knowledgeable president of America.

W.E. K.

Safire and Anno Domini

William Safire (*Language*) is quite right in stating that the "far-reaching grammatical error" of adding "A.D." after "July 1969" is a plaque left on the moon. Please send him up to make his suggestion: "A.D. July 1969." Please again. It should be "July, A.

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