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we read so frequently in this column?

The kind of legerdemain by which Rothman lumps "most American liberals" with "reactionary Afrikaners" can put him in the same bed with the latter, because some variant of "you see, it is more complex than you think" has by now become the standard response of all apologists for the South African government's policies.

Thanks to a resolutely free and unfettered press and television, both of which are effectively muzzled in South Africa, US "liberals" grasp rather too well the slide into disaster that may have already begun. To work in South Africa as a scientist today only helps to prolong a regime whose collapse is inevitable, and the sooner Rothman and others realize this, the better for the world.

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I was perturbed by letters in your October issue that suggest a degree of misconception about the nature and functioning of the University of South Africa.

It is a completely multiracial university, open to all who qualify for admission. Nonwhites make up close to 40% of its student enrollment, including hundreds from neighboring black states.

All appointments are done on merit, and there are blacks on its tenured professional and lecturing staff.

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Where credit is due

In an announcement by Wiley-Interscience of a forthcoming book, *Interferometry and Synthesis in Radio Astronomy*, which appeared on page 84 of the January issue of PHYSICS TODAY, the names of my two coauthors were inadvertently omitted. They are James M. Moran of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and George W. Swenson Jr of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

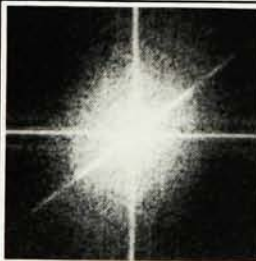
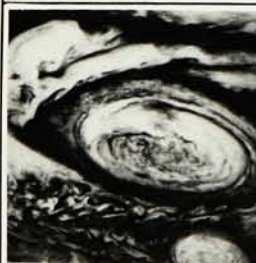
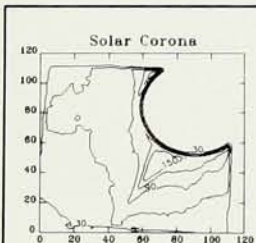
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Correction

July, page 78—In the story on the winners of the National Medals of Science, Robert Hofstadter (Stanford University) was inadvertently given a middle initial. He does not have one. □



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