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## How to rescue security

"THE public must take notice of the fact that our enemies will in future want to undermine us with greater hatred and venom than ever before. Between them and us stand the police."

THUS Mr Vorster, in the course of a statement yesterday on the recent police activities.

He is quite right. But he could have gone further. He could have said that anyone, including the police, who uses totalitarian methods, bullying or torture, or dishes out racial injustices or indignities, turns the people against the State and helps South Africa's enemies.

Besides, it ought not to be just the police who stand between our enemies and us.

There ought to be a great reservoir of inter-racial and intergroup goodwill and loyalty too.

In fact there is such a reservoir. One can see it operating in all sorts of ways. In the co-operation among race groups at work, despite disparities and artificial barriers. In personal crises. Even in the imposed political systems.

And it is evident in the very fact that so many people are trying to prevent the security system from alienating the people from the State.

Mr Vorster, with monumental misunderstanding, calls it "inciting feelings against the police." It is nothing of the kind. It is a desperate attempt to rescue the residual confidence and concord among the different peoples here which is South Africa's most dependable shield.