Column/Kenneth D. Leiter

Apartheid cannot die quickly

As I ran through the doors of the Johannesburg train station to catch a train to Pretoria, a black porter stopped me. "You cannot enter through here," he said. "This is the colored entrance.

"That is the car for the bloody Kaffirs. Why would you want to ride with those animals?"

My watch said 5:15; the train left at 5:14. This was not Apartheid - South African trains are as precise as the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. Hurrying the conductor, I was surprised to find myself sitting in the right car. As the train pulled away from the station, I turned to see the train workers yelling at me. I had not, I quickly realized, made the wrong car.

In the seat next to me sat a very interested opinion section.

Column/Sharalee M. Field

Where have all the flamers gone?

Well, folks, it's Thursday, and once again I have one lonely letter for today's opinion page. Columns are not usually the bulk of the opinion pages. These pages, instead, filled mostly with "feedback," and not at all of it is generated by Simon L. Garfield's columns. They are the voices of the MIT community exasperated, bewildered, of whatever is happening. And sometimes, the expression of the opinions which I held over the weekend. I have been strangely silent lately. Created, this matter is edited by a breeze. It Kendall's. This edition I keep to my mum's繁忙 just as well as to other random political happenings. To be read is a bit small.

A letter from the "Tech" gossip again" variety and divestment as well as the issues of pornography, abortion, and environmentalism. I heard a statement which I heard over and over again from Englishmen, Afrikaners, and even a few educated blacks.

The man on the train left me in Pretoria with one comment that I will never forget, "Change will come, but it must come slowly. Otherwise there will be chaos, destruction, and death."

Chief Gatshe Bafulezi, the leader of the six-million member Zulu tribe and a most respected black leader, has publically voiced his opposition many times to disinvestment and sanctions, though he is hardly satisfied with his government's policies. United States Secretary of State George P. Shultz PhD '49, in an address before the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., mentioned that opinion polls in South Africa by reputable organisations reveal that the overwhelming majority of black workers are opposed to disinvestment by American firms. I had heard for most of my life about the revolving system of white-imposed segregation between blacks, Asians, and co- towns on the one hand, and the whites on the other. For at least five years I had thought of going to this nation, which despite its beauty and varied attractions, was as abhorrent to me as Germany is to some Jews. I certainly could not directly understand the plight of South Africans (Please turn page 5)