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Banishing words and stories: censorship in Banda's Malawi

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Abstract:

Censorship in Banda's Malawi had a universal reach, surveying and silencing written and intellectual texts and ordinary speech. In this paper, specially written for presentation at the 1996 International Book Fair Writers' Workshop Programme on the writer and human rights, the author examines the institutional and legal instrumentalities of censorship in Malawi and then attempts to explain 'vicious totalitarian nihilism from which the censorship sprang possible'. He explores the role played by the Malawian intelligentsia, in fostering a climate of fear and silence, notably through self-censorship and the internalization of a culture of submission. In many small ways, writers and intellectuals conceded political space to the State, but sometimes assisted in authenticating its authoritarianism. The culture of authoritarianism, which sustained censorship, was reproduced at many sites, in the home, the school, the workplace, in a complex spiral leading to and reverberating from the State headed by an infallible Life President. Only State tyranny, but also the totalitarian potentialities of civil society, of tradition, religion and patriarchy pose a grave danger to the creation of a free, humane and democratic society.

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