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## EDITORIALS

# Africa and betrayal

■ It's time for the state to learn if it added to the pain of Africa victims.

There will be grief as deep as the year that 1954 African prison riot roared down the sides of hills, its pain and anger and shame of betrayal still smoldering.

Cost the innocent, deeper injuries wounded or otherwise bruised and scarred by those killed during the rebellion of the prison staffed against its huge pain and anger. Eventually, more than 300 were killed in the rebellion.

The betrayal is something else again. That feeling rose to the surface, along with other emotions, during a storm that tore through guards and prison employees taken hostage during the uprising. Flashes from the prison were taken from those days of horror.

Many of these survivors are still bitter about the state's failed attempt of the riot that got the 40 people killed at Africa were shot by troops during the rebellion. They're also angry that the state's refusal to apologize for what happened and its failure to provide adequate compensation for those who suffered.

Apologizes at this historic are not likely. But they may come—and more compensation for those

who were killed. It's time to order a new study of the rebellion, the state's official behavior in the immediate post-riot years.

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Department of Law special investigation files relating to the Attica uprising