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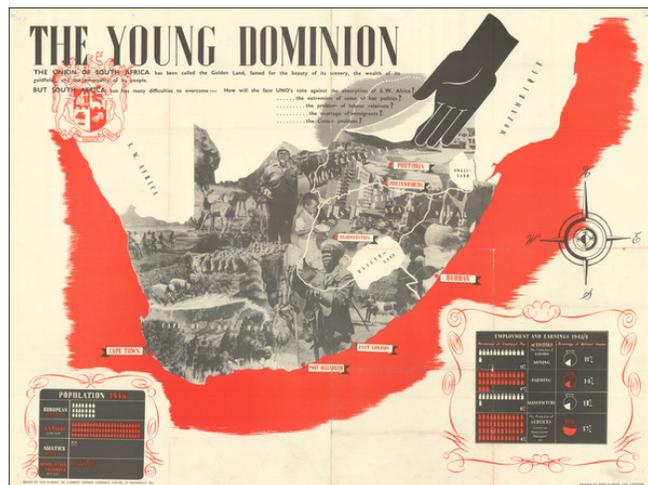
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(South Africa) Map Review No. 23 The Young Dominion

Stock#: 95527
Map Maker: Bureau of Current Affairs
Date: 1947 March 15
Place: London
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 30 x 40 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

Printed in the immediate aftermath of World War II, this 1947 issue of *Map Review* is a remarkable example of modernist persuasive data visualization and cartography, charting the contours of a rapidly changing world. This particular issue, focusing on South Africa—also referred to as "The Young Dominion" and the "Golden Land"—not only offers geographical information, but also invites the viewer into a discussion of the socio-political challenges facing the region during this time.

This map provides a unique glimpse into South Africa at a crossroads, grappling with issues of labor relations, political extremism, immigration, racial tensions, and its stance in the United Nations Organization regarding the incorporation of South West Africa. These concerns, presented alongside the depiction of the country's stunning natural beauty and rich goldfields, paint a vivid picture of a nation attempting to balance its allure and its challenges.

Embellishing the geographical representation are images scattered across the interior of the map, a modernist photo composite offering snapshots of everyday life across the nation. These pictures, a blend of people and activities, enhance the viewer's understanding of South Africa's socio-cultural texture, providing glimpses of the human element often concealed in conventional cartography.

Also included is an announcement to subscribers, recounting the temporary suspension of the *Map Review* and *Current Affairs* due to the fuel crisis, and the necessary adjustment of subscription fees due to rising printing costs. On the verso, an infographic outlines Britain's 1947 economic plan, emphasizing the struggles to reallocate manpower and transition to a post-war economy. This multifaceted document, therefore, offers a unique insight into not only South Africa's specific situation but also the broader, global



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shifts unfolding in the mid-20th century.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map poster printed on both sides, with wear at the folds and some minor soiling.