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Dear Sir

Your article "*When Italy Invaded Ethiopia ... 70 Years Ago*" (October 2005 New African) was

most interesting.

May I also suggest that the Battle of Isandlwana in 1879 when the Zulus defeated a British

army, also deserves to be mentioned along with the Ethiopian defeat of the Italians at Adowa in

1896 as one of the most important defeats recorded by an African people against European

invaders.

Also, it needs to be added that not only did Ethiopia suffer under Fascism in the 1930's, but

under Marxism in Mengistu's Red Terror massacres of 1974 to 1991. Literally millions of

Ethiopians lost their homes in the brutal forced removals, thousands of churches were

destroyed, and millions died in the man-made famine. Also the Royal Family of Emperor Haile

Selassie was murdered by the Communists.

It would also only be fair to mention that it was White South African troops who liberated

Abyssinia from the Italian fascists in 1941.

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