

# IS GOVERNMENT TRYING TO PROVOKE TROUBLE?

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## Fantastic Show Of Force At Baragwanath Demonstration

JOHANNESBURG.

WHY the panic by the authorities over last Saturday morning's demonstration against passes for nurses outside the Baragwanath Hospital?

The women's protest, which passed off absolutely without incident, had the Johannesburg City Council in a state of nervous jitter which spread to Baragwanath Hospital itself, and then, the day before the protest, culminated in a hurried dash over to Pretoria by top men in Johannesburg's Council to meet Police Commissioner Rademeyer.

An air of complete secrecy surrounded the whole affair but it now seems clear that police plans over the women's demonstration were communicated to the City Council and led to its state of hysteria and panic.

What facts do emerge point to this: the police are itching for a pre-emption show-down with Africans somehow and somewhere and it was touch and go most of last week whether the Saturday morning anti-pass protest of the women was going to give them this chance of a bloodbath.

### PEOPLE CALM

Not that the women and their organisations were part of the panic at all. All week they went about methodically organising their contingents of women from Johannesburg townships and the Reef to arrive in an orderly and disciplined fashion at the gates of the hospital, and to wait outside while a deputation, chosen beforehand, waited on the hospital authorities to protest against African nurses having to produce identity numbers for registration, because they feared this as a prelude to the handing out of pass books to the nurses.

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## NURSES' GREAT VICTORY

JOHANNESBURG.

SATURDAY'S demonstration of women to Baragwanath Hospital against identity numbers for nurses, as a prelude to pass books, was told that the Nursing Council—which had been in anxious session a great part of last week—had decided that NON-WHITE NURSES WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH IDENTITY NUMBERS.

Baragwanath Hospital's Matron, Miss M. Simpson, said she had been authorised by the Nursing Council to tell the deputation that in future

- nothing on the nurses' certificates will indicate their race.
- the certificates will be valid anywhere in the world;
- examinations, syllabuses and certificates issued to Non-Whites will be exactly the same as those issued to all nurses;
- Non-White nurses will no longer be required to furnish their identity numbers.

The deputation then objected to the provision in the Nursing Amendment Act that requires nurses to state their racial group for the nursing register. Miss Simpson undertook to send the deputation's memorandum to the Nursing Council and the province.



Mr. Beyleveld speaking to a packed City Hall audience last Sunday afternoon.

# HUGE CITY HALL MEETING HEARS BEYLEVELD

## Scenes Of Wild Enthusiasm For Treason Candidate

CAPE TOWN. AMID scenes of unparalleled enthusiasm, Mr. Piet Beyleveld, the Congress candidate for the Cape Peninsula seat in the Coloured elections, was greeted by a packed City Hall last Sunday.

Mr. Beyleveld was met with storms of applause from the crowd of about 1,200 when introduced by SACPO president, Mr. Jimmy La Gumma, and cheer after cheer punctuated his speech.

The meeting took a pleasantly surprising turn when three women mounted the platform and gar-

landed Mr. Beyleveld, Mr. La Gumma and Mr. Reg. September, SACPO secretary.

A unanimous vote of confidence was passed in the Treason Trial candidate.

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## HUDDLESTON, DADOO, KAHN SUPPORT BEYLEVELD, VOGEL

AMONG the many messages of support for Mr. Piet Beyleveld and Mr. Piet Vogel, SACPO candidates in the Coloured elections in the Cape Peninsula and Outeniqua constituencies, were those of three national figures: Father Trevor Huddleston, Dr. Yusuf Dadoo and Mr. Sam Kahn.

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IF YOU DON'T GIVE IT

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Your indifference to our needs can kill New Age. Remember that before you finally lay this issue aside. The end of the month is almost upon us. DIP DEEP INTO YOUR POCKETS and let us have your money IMMEDIATELY.

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"WHERE ARE OUR DURBAN FRIENDS? ASLEEP?"

## Delays In Langa Labour Queue

On December 23, 1957, I lost my reference book and went to report its loss at Langa the following day. I was issued with a permit whereby the entry of a month another one would be available. On January 24 I again went to Langa with my two photos to apply for a new book. My fingerprints were taken on a form which had to be sent to Pretoria with the photos attached to it. I was told to call back at Langa on February 4.

On that day I was there, but only to learn that it had not come. I was told to check up again after three weeks, but since then, despite all my efforts to comply with the law, I have not heard anything of it.

The bus fare (2s. 6d. a day) has to come out of my own pocket, apart from which my absence from work when I go to Langa causes difficulties with my employers. At Langa I have to wait my turn in a long queue. Why can't the Labour Bureau send me the book when it arrives, as they have my address?

NOYEBO SAMELA

52, Searle Street,  
Cape Town.

## African Workers Must Organise

The Boer knows that Africans do all the heavy work on the farms but their earnings are a disgrace. No matter how many children he has his pay is £22.6, although the cost of living is extremely high. The capitalists are pleased with the great reserve of African labour so that they can replace worried workers with new ones. So we see that the wear and tear of the worker is calculated in the same way as the wear and tear of the machine.

The worker gets paid enough to keep him alive until he can reproduce more workers. This is good enough for the poor Africans, but not for the Whites who earn huge sums of money. However, many Africans do not even earn enough to exist and propagate themselves. I appeal to Africans that as they know the laws governing wages and prices they should organise together. The white capitalists should realise that they are breeding hatred.

We Africans know that history is on our side. Africa is our mother country.

SEBOLAI LUCKY

Kane,  
Johannesburg.

## Some Ministers of Religion Do Verwoerd's Dirty Work

Since the arrival of the NAD units here or the issue of the so-called "reference books," many women, young and old, have been the victims of abuses, assaults, deportations and dismissed from their jobs.

It is shocking to announce that these unwarranted actions were also taken against them by Government officials.

When news was first received that all those who did not apply for passes would lose their jobs, the ANC went round to various institutions to interview the officials, all of whom flatly denied that any such threat had been issued by them.

A spokesman of Rhodes University said: "We have never threatened the women with dismissal if they don't take passes. The passes are none of our business. We are only concerned with what happens at the university."

One young woman who works for a magistrate was carried in a

SIPO KOTI

95/B, Section N 8,  
Meadowlands,  
Johannesburg.

## EDITORIAL

## EXIT VERWOERD

VERWOERD'S announcement that he is preparing to lay down his "burden" as Minister of Native Affairs can be taken as a first-class victory for the progressive forces in South Africa, and especially for the Africans themselves. "Strijdom you have struck a rock," chanted the women when they demonstrated to the Union buildings against passes. But it is Verwoerd who has been broken.

Verwoerd boasts that he has laid the groundwork for apartheid, and that it is now possible for him to retire and allow someone else to carry on with the job. The truth is Verwoerd has not achieved success in any of the tasks he has tackled since he took over his portfolio.

● Despite the Urban Areas Act, Africans continue to stream into the cities.

● Women still refuse to take passes.

● There have been nation-wide protests and demonstrations against the "church clause"—and the whole world has condemned the Nationalist regime for a piece of Verwoerdian stupidity which was quite unnecessary in the first place.

● Bantu Education has been a flop.

● There is growing resistance in the reserves to Bantu Authorities.

Not a single completed task stands as a monument to Verwoerd's ten years of pitiless struggle against the people. On the contrary, on every side he has stirred up the hatred and opposition of the people, culminating in the workers' conference decision two weeks ago to stage stay-at-home demonstrations from April 14.

Having brought misery into a million homes and the country to the edge of chaos, Verwoerd is now to be kicked upstairs by the party bosses. His particular brand of apartheid mania is proving too expensive even for the Nationalist Government.

We say: Good riddance! Not one of his 10 million "wards" will cry for him.

And we add: Carry on the fight against whoever takes his place. The name of the Minister may change, but the policy remains the same.

DOWN WITH APARTHEID! FORWARD TO FREEDOM FOR ALL IN OUR LIFETIME!

## THE COLOURED ELECTIONS

NEXT week, on Thursday April 3, the Coloured people will go to the polls. The eyes of the whole country, of the whole world, will be upon them. Whoever is elected to Parliament will speak in their name.

Congress candidates are standing in two of the four seats which are being contested. Last Sunday's mass election rally in the Cape Town City Hall showed that there is growing support among the Coloured people for Congress policy. There has been no public demonstration like this in Cape Town for many years. All sections of the Coloured people were there to show their support for the candidature of Piet Beylved. Both the boycott and the United Party were completely rejected by practically the entire audience.

But the election is not yet won. Though there is only a week to go, there is still a lot of work to be done in both the Cape Peninsula and Outeniqua constituencies before a Congress victory can be assured. We urge every voter, every democrat, to concentrate all their energies on this task, strain every nerve to guarantee success. Victory is within the grasp of the progressive forces. Neither apathy nor complacency must be allowed to prevent Piet Beylved or Piet Vogel from entering Parliament.

In the remaining two constituencies, Boland and Karoo, where no Congress candidates are standing, we urge the voters to keep in mind one principle only: "Defeat the Nats." We are unable to recommend to them any candidate whose policies we approve of; but the correct course is to make sure the Nationalist candidates suffer an overwhelming defeat. There must be nothing in these elections to gladden Strijdom's heart.



## Stutterheim Women Protest Against Passes

The Magistrate's Court in Stutterheim could not accommodate the more than 200 women who rallied to protest against passes. Some stood outside the court, along the pavements and in yards. After the chosen speakers had condemned passes and called for the repeal of the pass laws, the Native Commissioner replied that the law was the law, and it was unyielding that the law should be repealed. But despite all his arguments, the women could not be shaken and the packed court resounded with their shouts of "and we have no room for passes," and "Asinamali!"

At the meantime the photographing team has arrived to commence its duties. Lorries from numerous farmers in the district have brought large numbers of women from these farms to have their pictures taken for the passes.

These women have been threatened by their bosses that if they do not co-operate they will lose their jobs. Among other things they were told that if they things they were doing that they and their children would be attended to by doctors, and the old-age pensioners who receive allowances every month from the Government will be scratched from the roll.

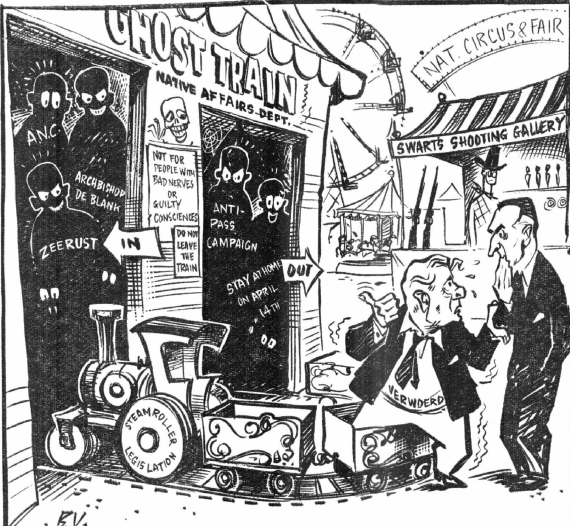
E. A. MFAXA  
P.O. Box 10, Stutterheim.

## No Freedom for the Moyei

The Batwana have taken our chief Mr. Mbwe Baruti as a headman at their kgotla and they told him that he would be paid as other headmen are paid. But since he started work, not in June 1957 up to date he has not been paid even a blue penny.

Why? Because the Moyei are taken to be donkeys. According to the Batwana policy, when a Moyei works, he must not be paid in food or paid. We say the Batwana are not doing the right thing.

SOLOMON M. MASASE  
P.O. Maung,  
Bechuanaland.



VERWOERD: "I'VE HAD ENOUGH. SOMEBODY ELSE BETTER TAKE OVER."

# EASTERN CAPE RALLIES TO VOGEL

## SACPO Candidate's Support Growing

**IN** Outeniqua (Eastern Cape) where SACPO Elizabeth, Mr. Piet Vogel, is contesting the elections for the Coloured seat, a big meeting at Uitenhage passed a vote of confidence in him and reports state that other towns along the Garden Route including George and Knysna are coming out in full support of his candidature.

At Port Elizabeth where nearly a third of the voters in the constituency are concentrated, a large crowd gathered at the Jarman Hall to hear Mr. Vogel.

The platform was decorated with banners bearing slogans. Unite as Never Before! Down with the Nats! Vote Vogel, the SACPO candidate, £1 a day for all workers.

**LOUD APPLAUSE**  
Mr. Vogel drew loud applause when he said that whether he was elected or not, he would always continue to fight for equality and the universal franchise.

In answer to a question as to what he hoped to achieve against 156 hostile members of Parliament, Mr. Vogel pointed out that he was part of a larger whole, the Congress movement and the oppressed people, who were struggling to remove the Nationalist dictators. What was important was that the Coloured people should make a demonstration of their stand in regard to apartheid and the Nationalist Government. By going to the polls and voting for the Congress candidate, they would be giving positive expression of their desire for full equality.

**A CHANGE**  
Mr. Jimmy La Guma, SACPO president, gave an outline of the reasons for SACPO's decision to take part in the elections. He showed that as all people were desirous of a change it was clear that only if the people themselves took an active part in the process which brings about that change, could it be effected.

The advocates of the boycott in the present circumstances were protesting the people from participating in the processes that brought about the changes desired.

**TEEN-AGERS**  
A number of teen-agers, supporters of the Anti-Cad, attempted to disrupt the meeting, and Mr. Deonckers was forced to institute legal proceedings against the group.

When Mr. Bloomberg called Dr. Gool to be put out, the same man who had beaten him up took him out of the hall and beat him further.

Dr. Gool is confined to bed with injuries of the head and body and has laid a charge of assault.

**AFTER THE FAILURE OF HIS SECOND MEETING IN Uitenhage, Mr. BLOMBERG ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS CALLING OFF ALL FURTHER ELECTION MEETINGS.**

### PORT ELIZABETH.

chairman, Mr. Desai, when he referred to a rumour that was spreading that certain members of the Unity Movement were agents of the Nationalists assisting their candidates to sneak into Parliament by advocating the boycott.

A meeting will be held at George this Saturday evening, in consequence of a telegram received by SACPO in Port Elizabeth stating that the people in George are 100 per cent in favour of voting and want to hear Mr. Vogel.

### HUDDLESTON'S SUPPORT

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Writing from Yorkshire, England, Father Trevor Huddleston, said: "I am most delighted to hear that SACPO is demonstrating as clearly as it is able to do its opposition to the present government's policy. Although I cannot claim to know the current situation as well as those on the spot, I have of course studied every single move during the past two years. I remember Piet Beylveeld very well indeed, and as far as I recollect, we appeared together on the platform at the Congress of the People in Kipton, Johannesburg.

I therefore have good reason to wish him well in the campaign and hope that he will safely be elected to Parliament in a demonstration of the determination of the Non-European peoples to resist the tyranny now being imposed upon them."

In a call to the Coloured people, Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, banned Indian leader, said: "On April 3, the Non-European voters of the Cape Peninsula and Outeniqua have a real opportunity of registering their emphatic protest against the apartheid system of the Nationalist government by voting solidly for Piet Beylveeld, the Treason Trial candidate, and Piet Vogel, the Congressman."

By voting for Beylveeld the Coloured people will be using one of the positive forms of demonstrating their determined opposition to race and every measure of racial discrimination and inequality of the Herrenvolk-minded Nationalists. They will be repudiating Dr. Piess and the notorious Coloured Affairs Department which has brought nothing but disaster to the Coloured community. They will be rejecting the reactionary Golding leadership.

"Vote for Beylveeld and Vogel!"

"The Nats must go!"

"Forward to freedom!"

"Vote for Piet Beylveeld and Piet Vogel," is Mr. Sam Kahn's message in answer to the big lie of racialism which Mr. Strijdom's Nationalist Party and Sir De Villiers Graaff's United Party use—that the White man is superior to the Non-European, and his white baasskap or supremacy must be permanently maintained.

"A vote for Beylveeld or Vogel is a vote for self-respect and pride, honour and confidence in yourself and in your people. It is a vote for a great future for the Coloured people, not as underlings to white bosses, but as proud equals in the great democratic partnership with white and Afri-

# HUGE MEETING HEARS BEYLEVELD

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At the end of the meeting the hall echoed to the strains of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" as Mr. Beylveeld was wildly acclaimed by the crowd.

### BIGGEST MEETING

Speaking to the biggest in-door Congress meeting since before the last war, and the biggest Coloured audience gathered for many years, Mr. Beylveeld said: "There can be no doubt that the Non-Europeans will never accept what both the Nats and the United Party want to push down their throats. In fact they have already made their attitude quite clear on this question."

"The African people through the African National Congress have taken their stand on equal rights for all people, of that there cannot be the slightest doubt. What applies to the African people equally applies to the Indian community."

"It however still remains for the greater majority of the Coloured and Malay communities to make their stand. We must ask the question, where does the Coloured people stand on the question of apartheid versus equality for all? There can be no doubt that they have yet to demonstrate their demand for equal rights."

Mr. Beylveeld said that he did not suggest to take part in this election voting in itself be sufficient to demonstrate that they wanted to suggest that this was one way in which it could be done.

The policy of the Congress movement was well known not only in South Africa but all over the world, Mr. Beylveeld continued. And the election of a Congress candidate to Parliament would be an effective means of demonstrating the Coloured people's rejection of apartheid, and their acceptance of full and equal rights for all.

"I am standing because SACPO and the Congress movement realised the necessity to fight this election. If elected I will be responsible to SACPO and the Congress movement," he went on.

Dealing with his opponents in the election, Mr. Beylveeld said that, although Mr. Bloomberg stood an independent, he was in fact sponsored by the United Party. Mr. Bloomberg had been a member of the United Party for a number of years and the people had to accept that they agreed with the policy of that party.

Mr. Kellner, up to recently, had also been a member of the U.P. Now he was an independent who represented nobody and was responsible to nobody.

Both Mr. Kellner and Mr. Bloomberg, who were employers, wanted to represent a community which they were not.

Mr. Bloomberg was a director of companies. "Both of them boast of what they have done for the Coloured people. Both of them promise to do things for you. I make no such promises, but I sincerely desire to work together with you as one body, to speed the realisation of a South Africa in which all people, irrespective of race will enjoy the same rights, and will have the same opportunities."

SACPO secretary, Mr. R. September explained the reasons for the decision to participate in the elections, and Mr. J. Alwyn Weyerster people's leader, speaking in Afrikaans said that it had taken him a long time to make up his mind to support the decision, but he was now convinced that it was a correct one.

Mr. Jimmy La Guma, who presided, pointed out that every one of the speakers on the platform had suffered terms of imprisonment in the cause of the people's liberation.

Mr. Brney Desai expressed SACPO's strongest condemnation of the brutal beating-up of Dr. Goolam Gool by supporters of Mr. Bloomberg. "We don't need to use such methods," he said, "because we have the support of the people."

At the end of the meeting members of the audience were invited on to the platform to ask questions. One or two adherents of the Unity Movement were ably dealt with by Mr. Beylveeld, and the huge crowd showed by their impa-

sion that they obviously wanted nothing to do with the boycott of the elections.

### CHANGED MINDS

After the meeting a number of people joined SACPO and volunteered to assist with the election campaign. Several old supporters of the United Party approached Mr. Beylveeld and said that after listening to him they were convinced that there was no hope for the Coloured people with the U.P. and that the road lay in the mass struggle of the people as advocated by Congress.

In addition to this, the incidents at Mr. Bloomberg's meeting, when Dr. G. H. Gool was beaten up, had caused them to change their minds in favour of Mr. Beylveeld.

# And Bloomberg, After Two Failures, Cries "Quits"

### CAPE TOWN.

In comparison with the huge success of Mr. Beylveeld's first public appearance since his arrest on allegations of treason, Mr. A. Bloomberg's meeting in the Woodstock Town Hall last week was a fiasco of violence and bloodshed, when Dr. Goolam Gool, a supporter of the boycott movement was kicked and beaten by about 100 of Bloomberg's supporters.

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# A LETTER FROM KRUSCHOW

**THE New Statesman and Nation** has achieved a unique journalistic feat with the use of its pages by U.S. Secretary of State Dulles and Soviet Communist leader Kruschow for an exchange of views of methods of achieving lasting peace.

Last November Bertrand Russell—now in the forefront of the huge British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament—wrote an open letter addressed to the U.S. and Soviet leaders calling on them to enter into discussion.

It must have come as something of a surprise to the New Statesman when Mr. Kruschow himself decided to reply to Bertrand Russell through the pages of the New Statesman.

**Kruschow—Dulles**  
In his letter he wholeheartedly welcomed Lord Russell's suggestion and said that he was prepared and eager to hold peace discussions at any time. A little later Dulles wrote in reply, saying that he too stood for peace but that it was necessary for the U.S. to keep on building nuclear weapons to prevent Communist aggression.

Mr. Kruschow has written again a full statement of his approach to political questions. Here is a portion of Mr. Kruschow's statement.

"So much combustible material has now been accumulated in this

nation. . . . The entire being protests against such perilous playing with fire. And just think—for the sake of what? They say for the sake of sense in a defence against possible attack. What attack do they have in mind? It turns out that what they are thinking of is everything against a possible Soviet attack.

"To such people one can only say: 'Come to your senses, gentlemen—what makes you think that the Soviet Union intends to attack the western powers? Why do you deceive your own people?'"

## What Logic?

"I often wonder what kind of logic it is that some of the leaders of the western countries apply. If the Soviet Union says that there should be an immediate ending of nuclear weapon

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tests in view of the danger threatening mankind, we are told: 'That's propaganda.' If the Soviet Union suggests a Summit conference he is called to examine urgent problems—we are accused of trying to weaken the western world. If the Soviet Union proposes the dismantling of all military blocs and the dismantling of all military bases, we are accused of wanting to set the western allies against one another; and so on.

"In everything connected with the Soviet Union Mr. Dulles tries to use 'Communist propaganda.'"

## Two Systems

"If we base ourselves on facts, we have to admit that in the world today there are two world systems—the new, Socialist system, and the old, capitalist system. Each is developing in accordance with its own inherent laws. And these systems were not born today or yesterday.

"Prior to October 1917, one system—the capitalist system—held undivided sway in the world. This system had asserted itself in the struggle against the system of feudal serfdom and had replaced that system practically everywhere on our planet. If you take a look at history you will soon become convinced that the new system was disliked by many at the time. History, however, did its job.

"As a result of the victory of the working class in Russia, a new state, a workers' and peasants' state, was born—the Soviet Republic. A new Socialist system was created over one-sixth of our planet. Even those who dislike this system cannot but admit that the people themselves have now become the complete masters of all their country's wealth, with full rights to build their own life.

## A Bloody Crusade

"There was no festive peals of bells to welcome the birth of the new Socialist world in Russia—only volleys from the guns aimed against the victorious people. Fourteen foreign countries launched a bloody crusade against the Soviet land. Tell me, on what grounds did they invade our country and attempt to drown the newly born Soviet Socialist state in rivers of the blood of the people? They did not like Soviet power and they planned to put a noose round the people's neck. Is it to be wondered at that the peoples of the Soviet land swept the inter-

ventionists from their soil, as a good housewife sweeps the rubbish from her home?"

"And then came the time for peaceful work, to furnish our house in a way that suited our people. And we all worked, oblivious of self, relying on no one, asking help from nobody—doing everything ourselves. It was hard, for we were creating a society never before known in history. Everything was done to hinder us and they threw spanners in the works, but Soviet men and women went resolutely forward, regardless of everything. For a long time the Soviet Union was the only Socialist country.

"And then, in 1939, the Second World War broke out. You know how that ended. The peoples of a whole number of countries in Europe and Asia refused to tolerate any longer a system that had brought them war and disaster. They threw out the unwanted governments which had betrayed the peoples, and set up in their stead the system of people's democracy; they followed the Socialist path of development.

## Their Strength

"The Communists, who had always devoted their lives to the cause of the people and who had always been in the very midst of the people, flesh and blood of the people—their Communist who, together with their people had experienced all the hardships and misfortunes and in every respect had set an example of loyal service to their country's interests naturally proved worthy of the great confidence of the people—the victorious people of the Socialist countries saw in deeds that they were worthy of the people's confidence.

## "Deliberate Confusion"

But, says Mr. Kruschow, Mr. Dulles "deliberately confuses questions concerning the class struggle in individual countries with questions concerning relations between the capitalist and socialist countries. I do not think this is done through lack of knowledge. No! Who should know better than Dulles that the class struggle in each capitalist country is explained by internal economic and political factors? They are not, says Kruschow, caused by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, although that policy sympathizes with the workers, colonial people in their struggle.

On the contrary, it is the imperialists who interfere in the affairs of other countries, says Kruschow, citing a number of examples from America's war with Mexico sixty years ago to France's current war with Algeria.

## "Who holds it up?"

Turning to the question of disarmament itself, Mr. Kruschow asks: "Who is holding this up. The Western Powers and above all the United States, refusing the solution of the disarmament problem. If the Western Powers are not ready to accept a maximum programme, then we have to suggest a minimum programme, in the belief that it is very important to make a first step in order then to solve one problem after the other until finally that day the peoples so long for will be reached, the day when war as a means of solving international problems will be excluded."

"(These extracts represent only about one-eighth of Mr. Kruschow's 9,000 word letter. **Readers of World Stage will find the whole in the New Statesman and Nation of March 15, 1958, on sale this week.**)"

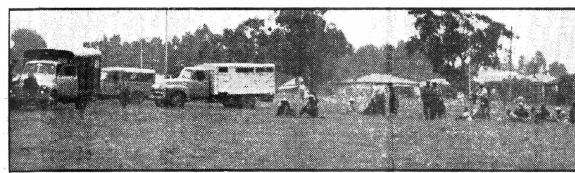


## THE NATIONAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

ABOVE: Beneath the Congress Bays the National Workers' Conference of March 16 met in Johannesburg to decide on national "stay-at-home protests" beginning April 14.

RIGHT: "I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE"—the Special Branch team at the conference came armed with notebooks and pencils, cameras and a pair of powerful binoculars wielded by Dr. Sgt. Hattings, of Treason Trial fame. Here the spy-man is having a good look at Mrs. Mary Ranta, one of the speakers.

BELOW: Unformed police did not interfere with the conference, but they were not far off.



## IS GOVT. TRYING TO PROVOKE TROUBLE?

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No invasion of the hospital by the women was ever intended, no interference with the nurses or in the wards.

Yet Baragwanath Hospital cleared a road for casualties from the demonstration; women doctors were warned to keep out of the way and not to report for duty; fire hoses were laid out across the hospital grounds and orders given for windows to be closed in case tear gas was used.

Hundreds of police were drafted into the hospital area (many more even than seen at the Congress of the People or any recent demonstration anywhere) and they stood in solid mass lining the hospital fences or at the ready with sten guns, rifles and revolvers in the hospital grounds.

Road blocks were set up and all

normal traffic diverted from the main Potchefstroom road. Orlando was sealed off and non-residents refused entry.

Big question being asked here is: Were the road blocks (obviously planned beforehand) meant to close the trouble area off from any eyewitnesses?

WANT A SHOW-DOWN? Everything points to this demonstration, planned as an orderly and peaceful one by the women themselves, being chosen as a chance of a show-down by the police authorities. They have been looking for such a showdown for some time, and the step-by-step banning of the African National Congress, the cancellation of all police leave, reports that all African meetings in Johannesburg and other urban areas are shortly to be banned, are all part of this police build up for the use of force against Africans

before the elections. "Operation Disaster" as it was nick-named by some at Baragwanath Hospital, did not come off quite this way.

The Johannesburg Council's frenzied activities before the weekend march, and of the Transvaal A.N.C. Women's League, had a one-and-a-half-hour long discussion with the hospital superintendent and matron and then to shouts of "Africa" and singing of Congress songs, reported back to the crowd still standing across the road, facing the hospital and the armed ranks of hundreds of police lined up opposite them.

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THE TALKS A nine-women deputation led

# WORKERS' CONFERENCE BRINGS REALITY INTO GHOST ELECTION CAMPAIGN

LESS than three weeks to go—before the most extraordinary election in South African history. What makes it so extraordinary?

The great central fact of the election, the utter ruin, bankruptcy and failure of the Nationalist Party's "apartheid" policy of violence and terror; the announced impending resignation of the chief architect of that policy, Dr. Verwoerd; the unmistakable signs that the majority of the people are preparing the most determined and serious protest action ever seen in this country, against unendurable poverty and repression.

The astonishing contradiction of the election: the stupefied political paralysis of the United Party in the face of this collapse; its failure to seize upon the disastrous breakdown of Nationalist policy—or even to draw it to the attention of the voters—and to put forward a sane alternative to the country.

NOT TO PLAN This election campaign is not going according to plan. Neither of the big political parties has shown the political understanding or flexibility to deal with the dramatic new turn in the political situation in the country, or even to grasp what is going on.

The election campaigns of the Nationalists and the U.P., planned carefully, long in advance, were designed to fit the usual pattern—the fantastic ritual which takes place every five years. Carefully insulated from the realities of our Sputnik Age and our suffering country, the presiding high-priests would compete in chanting the formalised, state slogans which pass for "politics" in these strange contexts.

The Nationalist Party intended to run a two-stage campaign. They would start, as indeed they have, by the old appeal to tribal loyalties—the U.P.'s "um-Afrikaans" and Sir de Villiers sends his sons to Bishops.

Then, dramatically unfolded, was to follow Act Two, "The Black Menace." Amidst hair-raising revelations of "incitement" and "trouble-makers" new drastic repressive measures would be announced.

THE CLIMAX The climax would be the banning of the African National Congress.

Already, last year during Verwoerd's whitewashing Departmental commission in the Marico

disturbances, witness after witness—obviously primed by the NAD—got up to tell Congress what was behind all the trouble and to ask respectfully that the Great White Chief do something about it.

Three weeks ago Verwoerd placed four large Transvaal areas under virtual martial law, decreeing that no one without a permit could enter or leave the Zeerust reserves, Sekukhuniiland, the Mamothala valley or Ramagooep's Zoupsansberg location . . . . Then Verwoerd told a hysterical Linden audience that he would use his unlimited powers under the 1927 Native Administration Act to

ban the ANC in areas under his jurisdiction. Three days later the ban was gazetted. Verwoerd, Supreme Chief of all Africans, dictator of the Reserves (Section 25), and boss of all Africans anywhere in the Union (section 27) announced that he was banning Congress in Zeerust, Ramagooep's location and the whole of Sekukhuniiland.

So far, according to plan. But something has come unstuck. The Great White Chief is surrendering his portfolio . . . .

"I LIKE DIV" The United Party's election campaign has been planned around the personality of Sir de Villiers Graaff. Following the latest techniques of the "I like" school of American publicity experts—whose philosophy is expressed in contempt for the public—"the suckers"—the whole idea has been to keep politics out of the election as much as possible. Graaff has been studiously neutral and vague. "Friendliness, helpfulness, co-operation, sincerity . . . . These are the platitudes

to which the U.P. offers, we are told, "the key." Graaff handles controversial issues, especially Non-European policy—as if he were afraid they might explode in his face. He denies indignantly that he or his party have any sympathy with the people's grievances, and anxiously asks "what the Government is going to do about the maturing general strike. He has no suggestions."

All the United Party's hopes are centred in attracting dissatisfied Afrikaners, especially urban workers, hard hit by the rising cost of living away from the Nats. Its task hasn't been made any easier by the obvious assistance given to the Government party by the de-limitation: but it stubbornly plodded away with the tactics that failed so wretchedly in 1953—studiously avoiding matters of real principle, pandering to backwardness and ignorance—in the mystical belief that the substitution of Graaff for Strauss will make all the difference.

In the Transvaal plateland U.P. candidates shamelessly accuse Verwoerd of "spending too much money on the Natives." In Natal they stoop to taunting the Nats with failing to segregate or even deport the Indians. Their revolting indecencies are tactfully kept out of the columns of the U.P. newspapers; but they go on, nonetheless.

There is nothing new about all this. The same nauseating and degrading debate has gone on, more or less, with various variations, every five years since Union.

## SOMETHING NEW

But this time there is something new. The rumbling and the grumbling that has gone on, outside the closed doors, where the White Masters discussed who was to govern and how; the voice of the governed—less this time swelled into a mighty roar that cannot be stilled and cannot be ignored!

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What about mass poverty and the demand for £1 a day? What about passes and apartheid? What about democracy? These are the real issues that face the country. Never mind about which school Graaff's children attend, or what happened in the Boer War. What do you say about these questions—who you are asking for a mandate to rule South Africa?

NAT ANSWER The Nationalist answer is obvious enough. Banns, batons and bullets—that's the answer, the only answer, they've had to every party's demand that has been made since 1948.

But it is, beyond all rational argument now, the wrong answer. It is proved by the fact that despite every vicious act and law, the suppressions, banings, arrests, deportations, iron curtains round reserves, reigns of terror . . . every dirty trick in the dictator's armoury—the people's resistance movement has gone from strength to strength. It was proved in the most striking and unmistakable way last year, when Schoeman had to eat his big, bold, stupid words out of the bus boycotts.

A continuation of this Nationalist policy can only lead the country to the gravest consequences: to unendurable tensions, to ever harsher and more insoluble conflicts and clashes—perhaps to civil war. No sane South African—probably not even the majority of the Nationalists themselves—can look forward to such a prospect without the gravest misgivings.

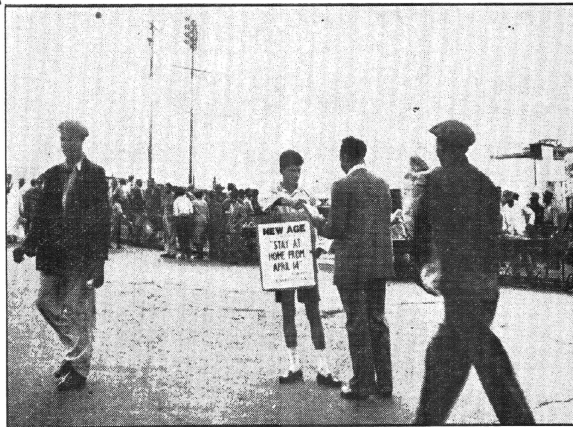
To be continued next week. (Written by M. Harmel, 102 Progress Buildings, Johannesburg.)



With big smiles, the women's delegation returns to report their victory to the crowd waiting outside the Baragwanath hospital.



## Police Confiscate New Age Posters



Members of the Special Branch in Durban, Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and Port Elizabeth confiscated last week's New Age posters—"Stay at Home from April 14"—and took down the names of New Age sellers.

In Durban, immediately this was reported, Congress volunteers, Billy Nair, Elias Kunene and Kesval Moonsamy, who were at the New Age offices at the time, immediately went out with posters and 250 copies of the New Age to the spot where the sellers were intimidated by the police. In the picture above we see 14-year-old Bhagwan, back at the spot where his name and address was taken by the police with a new poster selling his papers as if nothing had happened. Within an hour the three volunteers sold all their papers. There was no further interference from the police.

Similar reports were received from sellers in the other centres.

## TO SPEED £1-A-DAY CAMPAIGN

# WIN 20,000 WORKERS INTO TRADE UNIONS

—SACTU CONFERENCE

JOHANNESBURG.

THE third national conference of the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions, meeting immediately after the vital sessions of the National Workers' Conference here, set to without delay to

- plan for the campaign for a legal minimum wage of £1 a day,
- win 20,000 new workers into trade unions,
- organise mass workers' rallies, factory gate and house meetings to popularise the campaign,
- call for maximum trade union unity.

The presidential address of banned SACTU president Mr. Leon Levy, read to conference in his absence, stressed that the coming depression cannot be passed South Africa, and already the Government has taken such "depression measures" as reserving certain jobs for White workers only (this was before the courts last week upset job reservation in the clothing industry). Another such measure was the fixing by the Wage Board of wages lower than those at present paid.

"The workers have lost confidence in the Wage Board which is slow and inefficient, and are rapidly becoming aware of the biased structure of this wage-fixing machine."

Organisation and militant action, said the president, were the answer to these depression measures. Hence the £1 a day campaign, the campaign to win 20,000 new members into the unions, and the need for workers to press for wage increases and take effective industrial action to win them.

### Trade Union Unity

The presidential address made a strong appeal for unity.

"We seek at all times to co-

operate with all who are prepared to work in the interests of the workers. We are prepared to enter into discussion, on an equal basis, with any Trade Union or Trade Union Co-ordinating body, which wishes to establish unity on specific issues.

"Our efforts in the past have been rebuffed. The South African Trade Union Council has refused to join with us in any action. As a result, many of our affiliated unions have hardened in their attitude towards having any dealings with this body, but we cannot agree with them."

"The struggles of the workers require unity of all workers, irrespective of race or colour. No matter how often our overtures are rejected, we must look for ways of establishing our ideal—unity."

"We view with alarm, therefore, the establishment of the new South African Confederation of Labour which embodies the South African Trade Union Council and certain all-white federations of labour. We cannot agree that this new organisation can serve to create unity in the Trade Union movement as it denies membership to our Congress which represents the overwhelming majority of or-

ganised African workers and which is multi-racial in character.

"We urge the South African Trade Union Council to examine its attitude towards excluding our Congress from belonging to a Confederation which would truly seek to unite the workers, and to accept our offers of friendship."

"We have learnt that in the Cape Western Province a co-ordinating body of Non-European Trade Unions may be established. We regret this step and trust that those who are forming this new body will instead choose to enter our ranks. To them we extend the hand of friendship and we beg them not to split the workers into any more racial and exclusive groups. We offer them the opportunity to become members of our Executive and Local Committees and to join with us in solving our mutual problems."

### ANC Banning

Conference branded the arbitrary action by Dr. Verwoerd in banning the A.N.C. from areas in the northern and western Transvaal as a sinister subterfuge to the eventual total banning of the Congress. All (Continued at foot of next column)

## UP MY ALLEY

GOING through the mixture of comic pomposity and tearful snivelling which a number of "prominent" characters passed off as an appeal to voters in the Peninsula on behalf of "our old and tried friend," Abe Bloemberg, one gets the impression that the voters are expected to make their crosses next to something like the S.P.C.A.

Abe's "many deeds of kindness," "his magnanimity" are not specified, unless the characters refer to the point that "our old and tried friend" during the Royal visit was responsible for ensuring that the Non-European community were given the same functions as were given to the White community.

Anyway, I suppose one and all received a pat on the head from Abe for commending him to the suffering (sorry, "suffrage") of the voters.

● But to find a trade unionist, Edgar Deane, signing a letter for a member of the boss's party, and Cissy Gool, one-time styled as Joan of Arc of the Coloured people, following suit, makes one wonder how much longer the people are going to allow the wool to be pulled over their eyes.

ONCE thought that the S.A.R. did not allow political propaganda of any nature being displayed on stations. But now I see that some mysterious committee called "Anticom" are sharing the billboards along with the evils of drink.

"Liberty dies where Communism thrives." "Communism makes a beast of you," are two of the howlers that caught my eye.

● If all this is true, then it appears that we are really living in a Communist state and not in an Apartheid one.

● OF all the specimens battling for seats in Parliament, I think Mr. Roodt of the Christian

coming too much for Herr Doktor to handle?

OF all the out and out hypocritical, and un-Christian . . . words fail me . . . the statement by the Dutch Reformed Church welcoming the prohibition of the Calvinist Church in the Coloured reserves in Namaqualand takes the cake.

● Is this the thin edge of the wedge? We might be heading for the stage when the D.R.C. will be objecting to any other church functioning anywhere in the country.



Mr. Pitje.

## Lawyer Refused To Sit At Apartheid Desk —Fined £5

JOHANNESBURG.

Argument over apartheid seating arrangements for attorneys in the Boksburg court landed Mr. G. M. Pitje, a local attorney, in jail. Mr. Pitje was summarily convicted of contempt of court after he had lodged a protest against being told by the magistrate to sit at a desk other than that normally set aside for attorneys.

The week before another attorney, Mr. O. R. Tambo, who went to defend a client in Boksburg was subjected to similar treatment. When told to sit at an "apartheid" desk he withdrew from the case.

As soon as the magistrate told him that he should not sit at the attorneys' table Mr. Pitje asked what the reasons for his order were. The magistrate told him that "this is my court" and Mr. Pitje should do as he was told. Mr. Pitje asked that his objection should be noted, but the magistrate refused to do so and said that he would only listen to him if he occupied the desk set aside for him.

After some argument Mr. Pitje left the court. He was followed outside by court orderlies who told him that the magistrate had convicted him of contempt of court.

Mr. Pitje chose to go to jail rather than pay the fine of £5. He later paid the fine however, and noted an appeal.

★  
By ALEX  
LA GUMA



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Democrats is the most priceless. This gentleman appears to find his political inspiration through fasting, prayer and the contemplation of his navel inside the Voortrekker monument.

● Well, I suppose one can't really criticise him much for it. After all, a hang of a lot of others in the field seek their politics out of their thumbs.

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SO the Great White Chief, yellow-spine Verwoerd, alias "Die Kaffer Koning," is thinking of hanging up his war bonnet. Are the people of Zeerust bene-

(Continued from previous column) workers should prepare for effective protest action to combat the ban, said conference.

### Job Reservation

The conference resolved to take militant action against job reservation.

# UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES SOAR IN AMERICA

## 6½ Million, Including Short-time

**AMERICA'S** unemployed have increased by nearly three-quarters of a million in a single month, the latest official figures issued in Washington reveal—and this in the month which, according to Eisenhower, was to see the end of the "recession."

The soaring unemployment figures—6.7% of all workers—exceed the worst fears of the "orthodox" economists. But even these figures do not tell the whole story.

If short-time working (often two days a week) were taken into account, it would mean a further million registered as jobless, bringing the total to over 6½ million. The real figure may be as high as one in ten of the industrial wage earners.

### STEEL DOWN 50%

The figures were presented in a joint statement by the Departments of Commerce and Labour.

Unemployment in the manufacturing industries was estimated at about 10 per cent.

Industrial production is 9½ per cent below last year's peak.

Steel, the motor industry (down 24%), machinery and aircraft (down 18%) have suffered the worst decline.

The steel industry is running at just over 50 per cent of capacity. Car production stands at just over 84,000 cars per week compared with 146,000 cars per week a year ago.

### BANKRUPTCIES

Bankruptcies have reached a post-war record. Only retail sales and housing have not gone down with the rest.

President Eisenhower has promised a recovery this month and called the drift to slump by polite names such as "rolling readjustment."

But this has not stopped the New York Stock Exchange or the serious spokesmen of Big Busi-

ness from declaring that the end is not yet in sight.

The President knows of the downward acceleration but refuses proposals for a plan of public works.

### LONGER DOLE

He has however recommended the extension of unemployment pay from a maximum of 26 weeks to a period of 39 weeks of unemployment.

This recommendation was made after a report that the number falling out of benefit in the past four weeks was 137,000.

Senator Johnson of Texas has led the Democrats in calling for the financing of big public schemes, including military construction "to head off trouble before the situation gets out of hand."

### "CHAOS" AHEAD

Mr. George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations, also called for quick Government action to stop "economic chaos."

He wanted more arms expenditure, cuts in taxes and larger appropriations for roads, schools, hospitals.

But the hope of Big Business and trade union leaders that acceleration of the arms programme would revive the economy once again—as in previous arms drives—is not coming true.

The decline in civilian orders has

been at a faster rate than the rise in military orders.

### WORLD ALARM

Alarm over signs of an approaching slump in world trade and of increasing unemployment is being expressed in a number of countries.

### WEST GERMANY

The Federal Association of West German Industries said that West German exports could be expected to drop soon as a result of the falling-off in world trade.

The Association said that the "retarding influences" of the international economic situation had been felt by the West German export industry earlier than anticipated.

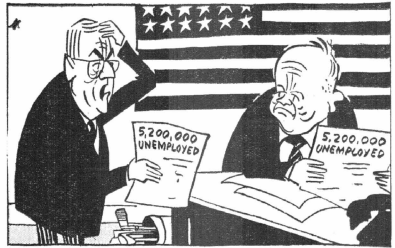
The future development in West Germany largely depended on whether it will be possible to balance falling export orders by stimulating the domestic market, it said.

### NEW ZEALAND

Mr. Arnold Nordmeyer, New Zealand's Finance Minister, said that the country was heading for a recession, but not a depression.

New Zealand's principal exports—wool, lamb and dairy produce—had all fallen in price or were receding, and there was no immediate prospect of improvement, he said.

"New Zealand must curb her propensity for spending now that she can no longer afford to pay for goods at previous levels," Mr. Nordmeyer said.



**DULLES TO EISENHOWER: "RIGHT NOW IM MIGHTY GLAD I DIDN'T ACCEPT KRUSHOV'S CHALLENGE TO HAVE AN ECONOMIC COMPETITION!"**

## SYRIA'S COMMUNISTS WILL FIGHT ON

—Says Bakdash

### PRAGUE.

**KHALED Bakdash**, secretary of the Syrian Communist Party, told the newspaper Rude Pravo here that, in the new United Arab Republic the Syrian Communists will continue to fight for "full Arab liberation from imperialism."

"When the question of unification of Syria and Egypt arose our party supported this idea because it was in agreement with the policy of our party and expressed the desire of the Arab nations for unity," he said.

"Our party supported the Syrian government, formed from the national front in which we were also represented. Our party likewise supported in principle the policy of the Egyptian government both in the Arab and international sphere.

"Our party will fight so that the interaction of these two political lines which have combined into one, lead to the continuation and successful development of the Arab policy of liberation," he said.

Bakdash, the first Communist to be elected to the Syrian parliament, left the country at the time of the union.

In Egypt the Communist Party is illegal, but continues its activities underground. In Syria, following the union, all political parties have been ordered to dissolve pending the formation of a non-party organisation on Egyptian lines. There is little doubt that the Syrian Communists, like their Egyptian comrades, will continue underground.

## Communist Mayor For Bombay

### BOMBAY.

Bombay is to have a Communist mayor—for the first time—during the year beginning next month. The United Maharashtra Party, which is composed of all the anti-Congress elements and which has a substantial majority in the city corporation, has after days of discussion unanimously nominated Mr. S. M. Mirajkar, a Communist, for election as mayor.

The Congress party, with only 54 supporters in a council of 131, is contesting the election just so that a Communist should not be elected unopposed.

## NEW JOURNAL

### PRAGUE.

A monthly theoretical and information journal is to be published here shortly for international sale. The decision to publish it was taken as the result of the meeting of the representatives of Communist and Workers parties in Moscow last year.

## FINAL PLANS FOR PAN-AFRICA CONFERENCE

### South African Govt. Will Not Be There

**ACCRA.** The leaders of most of the important African countries will meet here on April 15 for a Pan-African conference called by Prime Minister Nkrumah.

Ethiopia, Libya, Morocco and the Sudan will be represented by their Prime Ministers, and there is a possibility, says the Ghana Ministry of External Affairs, that Liberia, Tunisia and the United Arab Republic will be represented by their Presidents.

The conference will be held at Parliament House and the opening and closing sessions are expected to be held in public.

The South African Government was also invited to attend but said it would attend only if European countries with colonies in Africa were also invited. This proposal was rejected by the other countries attending.

The Ghana government has allocated £23,000 for the conference, for which intensive preparations are being made. Representatives

of a number of African countries have visited Ghana to discuss the arrangements and only last week.

Tom Mboya, Kenyan African M.P. had his passport held by the South African authorities when he landed at the Johannesburg airport on his way back from Accra to Kenya. He was not allowed to leave the airport.

The final agenda for the conference has not been announced.

The provisional list of subjects for discussion had six main heads. These were: (i) foreign policy with particular reference to the African continent; (ii) future of the dependent territories in Africa; (iii) the racial problem and steps to be taken to safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the independent African States; (iv) ways and means of promoting economic co-operation between African States; (v) the formation of concrete proposals for the exchange of visiting missions between the various countries; (vi) consideration of the problem of international peace in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations.

## A MILLION BRITISH WORKERS SAY 'NO' TO H-BOMB

### And 173 M.P.'s Join Them

### LONDON.

**THE** 1,300,000 strong Transport and General Workers' Union has joined in the great fight against the H-bomb which is dominating all political activity in Britain.

Its executive has urged the Labour Party and the Trade Union Council to "get cracking" in the campaign against nuclear warfare.

At the same time 173 M.P.s, including 16 Tories and two Liberals, have signed a motion demanding that the United Nations set up an authority for the abolition of weapons of mass destruction.

In response to the immense campaign the Labour Party and the TUC have at last come together with a joint policy statement calling on the government to make a serious effort to bring about summit talks in the near future and that it should immediately give a lead in

suspending H-bomb tests.

The statement also said that H-bomb patrols over Britain should be "discontinued forthwith" and that "no physical steps should be taken to set up missile bases in Britain before a fresh attempt has been made to negotiate with Russia."



Some of the women who were arrested on permit charges last week.

# More Women Arrested On Permit Charges

CAPE TOWN. Last Monday police made a raid for permits in the Elsie River district and arrested 26 women for being in the proclaimed area without permission. They were all removed in a kweka-kweta to the Langa police station and locked up.

When they were due to appear on Tuesday, a large number of women arrived in Langa from Nyanga, Rylands and Elsie River to attend the court case, and approached the administration offices for permits to be in the location. Officials informed them that since they were attending court no permission was necessary.

While waiting for the proceedings to commence the women assembled in an open space opposite the Native Commissioner's Court. Police arrived and demanded to see their permits to be in the location.

In spite of explanations that they had been told that no permits were necessary, all the women were arrested and locked up.

### RESIDENT ARRESTED

Mrs. F. Mamfanya, a resident of Langa was arrested along with them, when it was later found that she lived in Langa and needed no permit, she was then accused of interfering with the prisoners. Mrs. Mamfanya was kept in the cells until Wednesday, when she was taken to the Wynberg Magistrate's Court, and remained until April 15. Mr. Jiboo 69, was also arrested for talking to the women prisoners through the window of their cell at the Langa court. He too appeared at the Wynberg court with Mrs. Mamfanya and both were released on bail of £5.

Women arrested for being in Langa without permits were granted bail of £5 each, and those arrested in Elsie River £10.

Congress members organised ball games and the release of a number of the women was obtained on Wednesday. Food was also supplied to those who were still in custody. Sixteen women, many of them with babies on their backs, were still under arrest on Wednesday evening and several of them

were moved to Roeland Street jail. They were bailed out on Friday. The case of the Elsie River accused will be heard at Langa on April 9.

### Milnerton Racing

The following are Damon's selections for the racing on Saturday: J. W. S. LANGERMAN Memorial Handicap: KRUYER'S SELECTED, Danger, White Fang, Van Riebeck Handicap (Tops): MEDVA, Danger, Malta Story, Story, Dromedary Handicap: ROENI, Danger, Flying Rocket, Van Riebeck Handicap (Bottoms): KAMI, Danger, Hope and Glory, Moderate Handicap: JORUM, Danger, Belzina, 3 and 4-Year-Old Handicap: DE KLERK'S SELECTED, Danger, Tribute, Maiden Plate: WEE DRAPPY, Danger, Wild Bill, Juvenile Plate (Colts and Geldings): POPULAR SUN, Danger, Sun Again.

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## SPORTLIGHT

by

"DULEEP"



THE spirit of harmony, goodwill and co-operation existing among the various Non-European groups in the Western Province in sports is on a higher level than in any other part of the Union.

Africans, Indians, Malays and Coloureds, whenever anything big is taking place in sport, gather forces and assist one another. If, for instance, the Indians have a tournament, the other groups are there to assist in many ways, such as loaning their grounds, entertaining the visitors and, to top it all, supporting the matches in great numbers.

It has been my privilege to come into personal contact with representatives of all these groups, and the manner in which they endeavour to tackle any issue, as Non-Europeans, is something that I have always marvelled at and admired.

My admiration truly goes a little more towards our African brethren. The sacrifices they make towards any project for the building up of unity in sports, are most praiseworthy. Amongst their ranks they have such fine stalwarts such as H. H. Mzimela, A. Mshumela and S. D. Dvira in cricket, and Mr. Selo, Mr. Mzike and a host of others in football.

The manner of approach of these gentlemen is all the more commendable when it comes to unity as a group. There is a great desire on their part to co-operate and assist in building up a strong Non-European organisation, and on a high level.

When the Kenyans were here last season, and levies were imposed on each of the four units, officials felt that the Africans were not in the financial position to pay an equal levy, but our good friends were emphatic on paying their share, and they did it in good time. One can just imagine what sacrifices and work they must have put in, to meet the demands.

That is the type of spirit that exists among each group, and we sincerely hope that this spirit will prevail for many a long year, as rapid changes in sports are taking place. For the better, of course, and this unity is most essential.

### BOXING

The South African Middle and Welterweight champion, Joe Ngidi, who is at present campaigning in England, has emulated, to a certain extent, the wonderful achievements of Jake Tuli, by winning his first fight overseas against the much fancied Atfu Clotley of Ghana.

It can be recalled that Clotley twice went the distance with George Barnes, Australian holder of the Empire title. Many critics felt he had won the first match. Judging from this performance, our own Ngidi stands an excellent chance of annexing the Empire championship title, for Barnes is getting on in years and has declined in his boxing skill. Latest report received is that Barnes has agreed to meet Ngidi, although the Whites over here are striving to match their own champion against Barnes. An interesting factor arises: If Ngidi defeats Barnes, and becomes Empire champion, will the Whites press for him to defend the title against their champion, and where?

Notices have been sent out to numerous players in the Western Province to attend the Trial matches to be held in Johannesburg during the Easter week-end. Such notices have been sent out to the three Abud brothers, E. Petersen, T. Berhardien and Ben Malamba, and probably also to other Coloured players, such as D'Oliviera, Witten and company, of which I have no information though.

The officials of our parent body are leaving no stone unturned and are settling down immediately to tackle the task of selecting the best S.A. side to go on tour for the first time.

There is only one snag attached to this arrangement. The Malay players, because of the Ramadhan Fast, may be reluctant to play during this period, but this problem may be overcome some way or other.

A final word in parting and that is in the form of advice to the

members of the Selection Committee. Select the S.A. team on merit and ability. Provincialism should not come into consideration, and neither should the question of race. If 15 or 16 Coloureds or Malays must go, let it be so. There should be no appeasement of any group.

We want the best S.A. team to carry our banner across the borders, irrespective of colour, creed or religion.

### THE S.A. NON-EUROPEAN

#### CRICKET ALMANACK

After reading that the European Rugby Annual will cease publication, I immediately thought of the above-named cricket publication. I notice that after two publications no more was heard of it. The two editors, S. J. Reddy (P.E.) and D. N. Banda (Cape Town) did a wonderful job in introducing such an informative reference book, appearing to cricket throughout the Union of South Africa. The numerous data, statistics and news of all Non-European cricket made it interesting reading, and it is indeed regrettable that they have stopped publication.

I am reliably informed that the support was very poor. Only 1,000 copies were published annually and hardly 500 could be sold throughout the whole of S.A. Copies sold at 2/6 each. This apparently was too much for many to pay.

Let's hope publication will be revived in the near future. It would be a good thing for the S.A. Board to commission these two sports writers to revise this excellent annual. The selection of the "Cricketers of the Year" was a feature of this book.

### Algerian Day Meeting In Cape Town

CAPE TOWN. A meeting to mark Algerian Independence Day will be held on the Grand Parade, Cape Town, on Sunday afternoon, March 30, at 3 p.m.

Called by the S.A. Coloured People's Organisation, the meeting is in response to the call of the Algerian Solidarity Committee, which has appealed to freedom-lovers throughout the world to demonstrate their support for the Algerian people who are fighting for liberation from French imperialism.

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### £1 A Day Report Back Meetings

CAPE TOWN. Delegates to the National Workers' Conference for £1 a day held in Johannesburg on March 16 addressed several report-back meetings in the African locations last week-end.

Over 400 people attended a meeting held at Nyanga Emergency Camp at which the speakers were Mr. Mase and Mrs. C. Mombombi, Nzidza, T. S. Mamfanya and L. Kukulula.

The resolutions of the Workers' Conference were adopted unanimously at all meetings. Other meetings will be held at Nyanga Numbers 1, 2 and 3 this Sunday.

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