# FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUL TO OPEN INDIAN YOUTH CONFERE



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# "FASCISM SHALL NOT PASS"

**FRENCH** WORKERS

-SEE SPECTATOR'S ANALYSIS OF FRANCE'S CRISIS OVER ALGERIA ON PAGE 4

THE 13th annual conference of the Transvaal

Indian Youth Congress will be held at the Duncan Hall (City Hall) on Sunday, May 25. from 10 a.m.

THE FORMER SOUTH

AFRICAN VICE-CONSULL IN THE BELGIAN CONGO. MR. PATRICK VAN RENS-BURG. WILL OPEN THE CONFERENCE.

Mr. Van Rensburg resigned his post in the Belgian Congo last year because he could no longer defend his Government's longer defend his apartheid policy.

This conference is expected to be one of the biggest and best the TIYC has held, as in-terest in the Youth Congress is mounting and house meetings held in different areas have had good attendances and aroused much support. Aspects of orga-nisation and problems con-fronting young people will be discussed at the conference.

# OMY AND ASSAU

# **Prisoners Terrorised by Gangsters**

A CRIMINAL court, with its own judges, prosecutors and lawyers, is conducted by prisoners in the remand cells at Roeland Street jail, a released prisoner told New Age this week.

When a man is brought into the prison for the first time, he is handed over by the warders to the charge of the "old lags" among the "rosecutor asks the prisoner."

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'Have you got any food?

"No." "Money?"

"Take him away and beat him," the judge snaps, "Don't come hew with empty hands next time."

And the man is taken over to the other end of the remand cell, where he is set upon by the "court orderings" and sometimes given a beating. Knocked down and kicked mercilessly; at other times, subjected to the most inhuman tortures.

## WATER TORTURE

On one occasion a prisoner was ordered to drink four tins of water. Then, with distended stomach, he was attacked and beaten by the others so violently that he vomited

all over the cell.

(Last September New Age reported the case of a prisoner who, after being given the "water torture." was given an "injection" with a bicycle spoke and died from his

a bicycle spoke and died from his injuries after leaving the jail.)

At times the remand cell presents a scene of nightmare horror as groups of men fight grimly in the half light, showing one another no mercy as they trade kicks and blows.

The New Age inferenced on first

The New Age informant, on first coming into Roe and Street jail, was pushed around by the old lags and told to take a shower. It was a cold, rainy day, and the water was ice-cold. He was given no soap or towel, and afterwards no soap or tower, and afterwards had to run and jump about until he was dry and could put his clothes on again.

# HE REFUSED

Then he was brought before the "court." However, he spoke up straight away and said he refused to accept the jurisdiction of the "court."

"court."
"I am a member of the African
National Congress," he said. "You
can't try these things with me."
At this stage one of the "defence
counsel" put in a word.
"I propose," he said, "that we

leave this man alone. He is a Congressman and he fights for us."

There was general agreement in ne "court," and the prisoner was allowed to go. He was even granted privileges, like extra blankets to sleep on.

### PREACHING POLITICS

The New Age informant spent one week-end in jail before being released on bail. On the Sunday the

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## ATTEMPTED RAPE

On the Sunday night, as he lay sleeping, the New Age informant heard a terrible screaming coming from the next room. After a while it ceased. The next morning he

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# PREPARE FOR **JUNE 26. SAYS**

JOHANNESBURG.

THE African National Congress
has called upon all freedomoving South Africans to make
June 26 a day of re-dedication to

June 26 a day of re-dedication to the bitter struggle against triumph-ant Nationalist tyranny. In a statement to New Age the ANC also called upon the workers to prepare themselves for further struggles for a living wage and the minimum of 21 a day. The country the country of the country of the triumnal said. "The intensified per-turn of the country of the triumnal said." The intensified per-

scution of the people under the rass laws and influx control is driving people to desperation as witnessed in such areas as Zeerust witnessed in such areas as Zeerust There are an increasing number of people's leaders and chiefs who are accused of not being faithful to the Government. The removal of peo-Government. The removal of peo-ple from one area to another is being conducted with provocative uthlessness. The Government is proceeding arrogantly with the in-roduction of distorted racialist education. There is no relief for the economic plight of the people; instead rent and transport charges

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# INDIANS ORGANISE TO FIGHT **GROUP AREAS ACT**

# Successful Meetings in Natal

DURBAN.

TWO well attended meetings of Indian rate payers and residents unanimously rejected the Group Areas Act and suggestions to co-operate with the Group Areas Board by submitting plans for the setting aside of areas for the Indian community.

Board to make proposals for the demarcation of areas, the Indian people of Umzinto, on the Natal South Coast, called a mass meet-

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When approached by the Town | ing of Indian ratepayers and resi-

ing of Indian ratensyers and residents to consider this request.

The local Ratensyers' Association, who were desirous of submitting plans for the establishment of Indian areas, invited Mr. P. R. Pather, President of the Natal Indian Organisation, to put forward the view of his organisation which was for the submission of plans to the Group Areas Board. At the end of Mr. Pather's speech and the property of the Natal Indian Congress, was also present and a request was made for him to address the gathering. gathering.

### INJUSTICE

INJUSTICE

Mr. Singh, who had been invited to attend the meeting by a group of local residents, explaining the implications of the Act stated that "no just plans could emanate from a grossly unjust law as the Group Areas Act."

"Any submission of plans for the setting aside of areas is tantamount to accepting the principles of the

to accepting the principles of the Act," stated Mr. Singh. Having heard the two viewpoints the meeting unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the views expressed by Mr. Singh and electing him as their spokesman to put the case of the Indian people of Unzinto before representatives of the Local Town Board, who came to the mass meeting immediately it concluded its deliberational of the Controlled its deliberations.

After Mr. Singh had expressed the views of the people to the representatives of the Town Board, the Chairman of the Board pro-mised the meeting that the views



Mr. J. N. Singh

of the Indian people would be taken into consideration when the matter came up before the Town

## AT VERULAM TOO

At Verulam, on the North Coast, where the local Ratepayers' Association had decided to submit plans to the Group Areas Board

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# NEW AGE

# THE SCARS OF BATTLE

I have worked in an engineering if firm for about six years, and after the stay-at-home protest week, on April 17, the director of the firm ordered me to be called on my

When I got to his office he called me into another office, as called me into another office, as there were other Europeans present, whom he asked to leave, when we were alone he told me that as I am the leader of the that as I am the leader of the control of the service of the

ur Bureau. On arrival at the Labour Bureau On arrival at the Labour Bureau I was told to leave Port Elizabeth immediately for Stutterheim, where I was born, although I have worked in Port Elizabeth for 12 years, and have two children, one five and the other two years old. These are the scars of the batter.

battie.

Therefore, fellow Africans.

"Forward to Freedom," especially
the youth; let us get courage from
such men as A. S. Gwentshe.

Mayibuye!

E. D. NGOYI

# Rent Increases in Boksburg

Port Elizabeth.

The rental crisis is brewing once more in Stirtonville-Boksburg. People have been issued with forms to fill in on their once necessary people have occur with forms to fill in on their period of being in service, and their wages. Also the number of children still attending school, and the wages of the senior, working children.

The rental increases are likely The rental increases are likely overly according to the income feach family.

No action has been undertaken of far to combat the rental

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Boksburg.

# Teachers and Politics

On May 16 stooges of the NAD, the Teacher-Quislings alias

NAD, the Teacher-Ouslings alias CATU, met at Blair Helen Bantu School in the Kingwi.liamstown district us a mark of appreciation to the Herrenvolk for "half a loaf is better than better than the better than the better than the continuation of these sell-outs that there were teachers from Alice and Middledrift. There seemed to be a diversity of opinion among the members of the CATU. for some at the meeting argued that a at the meeting argued that a teachers' organisation is synony-mous with politics (too late to realise that!) and therefore the Association must bring to the no-tice of the authorities instances of of the authorities insta airness to the teachers.

Other teachers with slave men-

Other teachers with slave men-naity argued that such a step would be detrimental to the wer-fare of the teachers and in the task lose even the small crumbs bey get from the master's tables. In the meantime CATU or CATA has taken an upper hand and I dare say that with the inten-sification of apartheid and oppres-sion teachers will realise that ties and that "divided we fall, united we stand."

ORSENER.

OBSERVER Kingwilliamstown, C.P.

# POLICE BROKE BARBERTON STAY - AT - HOME

On Saturday night more than 1.000 people 1,000 people attended a huge meeting in Barberton to discuss the stay-at-home. Only three people voted against the resolution, and were in favour of go-

tion, and were in favour or go-ing to work.

On Sunday, April 13, the police arrested Mr. P. Mhlanga and Mr. S. B. Sedibe and searched their houses, which stand next to one another

On Sunday night all of a sudden there was a burst of singing by the people on every street corner in the locations. Then r a while there was silence.
midnight a quick marching
nded on the streets of the sounded on locations and there was knocking on the coors, with people shouting "Au hatwe Kusasa." Then nare ers quickly dispersed sleen to

to sleep.

On the morning of April 14 there was 100 per cent. stay at home, until the police from different parts of the Eastern Transvaal, including Nelspruit, White River and Komatipoort arrived armed to the teeth. They went up and down the location streets with loudspeakers shouting to the people to go to work peacefully and not to wait for mishaps. After that the workers poured out of their houses and went to

During Monday and on Tues During Monday and on the the following people were ar-rested: Godfrey Sedibe, Agripa Malinza, Hezekia Nkosi, Man-gana Matebula, Michael Nkosi, Godfrey Sedibe, Agripa Malluza, Hezekia Nkosi, Mangana Matebula, Michael Nkosi, Phineas Mabuze, Sampse, Mars, Maria Luhlzane, Mrs. E. Mavuso and Mrs. Sophia Mnisi. Their case will be heard on May 22.

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Barberton.

# Who is Dr. Tsele?

It is not true that the oppressive It is not true that the oppressive Whites with their blood-thirsty police and army were too strong to have made the stay-at-home campaign a failure on April 14, but some hirelings within the Congress movement, the Madzunyas, Leballos, Nkomos and the like fought hard to win a partial and temporary psychological batand temporary psychological bat-tive for the bosses. Is it necessary to have such luke-warm but poisonous and dangerous elements

poisonous and dangerous elements in the Congress ranks?

During the past weeks we have heard a statement by one of the men who advocated "Africa for Africans" (contrary to the policy of the Congress movement) adversing a White gathering in decising a White gathering in the contrary to the policy of the defunct of the defunction of the defunct Communist Party. Can anyone tell us who is this Dr. Tsele and what part he has played Tsele and what part he has played in the bitterest people's struggles?

I believe he has betrayed our struggle.

"COZYN"

# WE MAP THE FUTURE

ONE day last week a very O'NE day last week a very good friend of ours walked into the office, took a quick glance at the board in front of the desk and asked why we were mapping out the course of the Orange River!
We had to do a lot of talking the convince him that in fact to convince him that in fact it was the graph of our weekly sales and not part of a map showing this river meandering across the width of South

But if he was shaken a bit by these ups-and-downs of our sales of New Age, imagine his reaction when shown a graph (kept in the top drawer of the desk) tracing the amounts of Donations which have been re-Donations which have been re-ceived this year. Nothing would convince him that it was not in fact a replica of the graph traced by the very sensitive needle at the observatory dur-ing the San Francisco earth-

And that is how we live here And that is how we live here at New Age when it comes to looking after the expenses of the paper and seeing that it is kept going. The donations are so irregular that we do not know from one week to another what to expect and therefore how to plan ahead.

We appeal to our readers and supporters to help us

straighten out this Donations straighten out this Donations-graph by sending in donations regularly each month. Begin now to put aside that little bit for the paper so that we can be assured of a regular income each month. Sending in your donation should become as re-gular a feature of your monthbudget as paying your rent your landlord or paying the Il for that new frock you just bought.

We assure you the donation to us will be more welcome and more greatly appreciated than those other items in your budget, to say nothing of the greater good it will do in the

fight for freedom which Nev Age carries on every week, Send in your donation now. Last Week's Donations:

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# EDOM IS INDIVISIBLE

EVER WHERE on the African continent we are being taught n that freedom is indivisible. In South Africa, the denial fundamental human rights to the Non-European people led to the steady abrogation of the rights of the s well. Today a Native Commissioner refuses the Whites Liberal

arty permission to hold a conference because more than 10 Afri 10 Afri may be present—and gatherings of more than 10 Africans are prohibited by Verwoerd's proclamation of April 11, pealed despite widespread public protest. Thus a ban not yet

clapped n Non-Whites hits the Whites as well. And t the other end of the continent, we see France standing on the nk of fascism because she will not grant freedom to the Algeria people. The French crisis does not flow from her constitu onal inability to form a stable government on the basis of pro rtional representation; it flows from the refusal of the French ttlers in Algeria to make any concessions to the native populati n, n, who have been fighting, and dying, these many nd years for the right to self-determination and indemonths pendent ationhood.

will not save France-just as apartheid will not save F South It is not intended to. The Fascists have no new solution offer for the problems of either France or Algeria.

All they want is the right to silence public criticism of the old hich more and more Frenchmen could see were leading policies,

Sim rly, in South Africa apartheid has not solved any of the pro which the Nats have tackled since they came to erword weakly excuses his failure by saying: "Wait ... 78 ... 88." But already it is clear for all to see eid has made matters worse, not better. Race relations at their worst ever, and will get still worse before they power until 1 that a today get

Africa, as in South Africa, there is only one solution is for the dominant White group to concede to the Non-White groups full democratic rights. "But," h, "the Algerians have the same rights as ourselves. a part of France." They forget the Algerians have not French have—the basic right to independence, to rule and deci e for themselves.

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Simil rly in South Africa all the fancy Nat and SABRA
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da about allowing the Non-Whites "to rule themselves
their
wa races" (which is all eyewash anyway) ignores the
ndam tal reality that final power would rest, not with the
on-W tes but with the Whites, who would continue to exercise propa in their fundam Non-W overall

is no substitute for freedom. Whites who live in Africa to live with Non-Whites on a basis of full equality. they will eventually have to pack up and get out-or be thro out, as will happen in Algeria before De Gaulle is verv m

### HE ZARYA INCIDENT

r on board the Zarya c "j" is the English "y" tion) supplies a me t more information than in your issue last week. Iking with some other (the Go in pr with a containe He was com nonsense when f there

Iking with some other including Igor (Tgor is to boviously) in the docks, m amongst some men n standing in a corner, up to them a couple en who asked for and matches, bliged them, of course, one of them wanted to round our ship. As ous that more people ow and visit us, we cigare "We and the be sho we were should agreed

ow and visit us, we were returning with ur ship to show her e took her to be a regular dock slacks, a d in our country such women k-workers also wear

slacks. "They had hardly entered the first cabi adjacent to the gang-way (Igo and two other sailors, and one ilor was sleeping) and ilor was sleeping) and ot even Igor's cabin. police came on board it was when th Igor and the woman.
Igor away, handcuffed
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As we reached the laboratory 

said: "All of us on board respect said: "All of us on board respect Comrade Rusanova. We respect all our women. We are all on equal terms, no one is inferior to the other in any way." It was his verdict on a sordid affair that could not have hap-pened anywhere else in the world. Cape Town.

# "Fighting Talk"

FIGILING 121K

The latest issue of "Fighting Taik" features the famous forbidden article on "Torture in Algeria" by the French writer and philosopher Jean Paul-Sartre. Inspired by a book by the former clitor of the Algerin newspaper "Alger Republicain," describing his own tortures at the hands of the French paratroopers, this article was suppressed in France II is a French paratroopers, this article was suppressed in France. It is a grim and powerful exposure indicting France for the use of torture. "Fighting Talk" is the first South African publication to print excepts

cernts,
Other articles in this issue include
one on Parliament and the Voter
by George Irwin, the Congress
Movement by Duma Nokwe, and
On Nuclear Weapons by Cecil On Nuc Williams.

# Police Follow Up Clues In La Guma Shooting

WHO fired two shots at New Age reporter Alex la Guma on the night of Saturday

The C.I.D. have stated that they are determined to find the culpris, who described themselves in a letter posted to Mr. Ia Guma on Tuesday, May 13, as "The Patriots." The leter said: "Sorry we missed you. Will call again."

THE POLICE SAID THAT MR.
LA GUMA WAS SHOT AT WITH
A HEAVY AIR RIFLE AND
THAT THE SHOTS COULD
HAVE PROVED FATAL IF HE
HAD BEEN HIT IN A VITAL
SPOT

Certain clues are being followed

PHONE CALL Three Three weeks ago Mr. Henry Naude, Asst. Secretary of SACPO, received an anonymous phone call

from a person claiming to speak on behalf of "The Patriots." The voice over the telephone said: "We are going to get you, and there's nothing you can do about it."

### SACPO NOT INTIMIDATED

"If these incidents are attempts to intimidate our members and frighten SACPO out of political activity then I am afraid that the people responsible are wasting their time," said Mr. Reg September, General Secretary of SACPO. time," said Mr. Reg Sepfember, General Secretary of SACPO. "SACPO will not be deterred from "SACPO will not be deterred from the control to best. No amount of threats and gangster tactics will prevent us from doing our duty to the Coloured people. The attempts to shoot Mr. La Guma and threaten Mr. Naude use the methods of criminals and people."

Mr. La Guma said he would not Mr. La Guma satu ne would not be intimidated either from his work on New Age or in SACPO. "As far as I'm concerned it's business as usual," Mr. La Guma said.

# PREPARE FOR JUNE 26

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are being increased regardless of the extreme poverty of the people The Nationalist Government will multiply these grievances a thou-sand-fold.

### MATERIAL OFFERINGS

MATERIAL UPFERINGS
In order to prosecute their
struggles the people must be prepared to support not only morally
but by their material offerings, said
the ANC General Secretary, Mr.
O, R. Tambo. The implementation
of the freedom struggle called for
the maximum sacrifice financially
and otherwise. the maximum and otherwise.

"Our people still fall short in this regard," the ANC stafement continued. "They have not measured up to the financial needs of situations such as Zeerust and the Ireason trial."

### SITUATION REVIEWED

The National Executive Commit-tee of the ANC had reviewed the political situation created by the return of the Nationalist Govern-ment and the partial failure of the "stavethoms" stay-at-home

"stay-at-home."
"Strijdom has made it clear that the return of the Nationalist Party with an increased majority in seats and votes is a mandate to the Nationalist, to implement apartheid with greater determination. In this situation the ANC is the only organisation which can confidently and effectively lead the people against new violent onslaughts on their rights."

# ANC Protest To French Consul

JOHANNESBURG. In a telegram to the French
Embassy in Pretoria the African National Congress last
week called for the withdrawal

week caused for the withdrawal of French troops from Algeria. The ANC asked for its strongest protest to be conveyed to the French Government at the setting up of a military dictatorship of the French army in Algeria. This nove would have serious international repercussions, Congress warned.

# Sodomy and **Assault** in **Roeland Street** Jail

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heard that a few men had attempted to make an indecent assault on a young prisoner of about 15 years

young prisoner of about 15 years, who had only been saved by the intervention of a warder.

When the other prisoners knew that there was a Congressman in their midst, they crowded round him to ask questions about the ANC and the political situation in general

general.

He to'd them:
"So long as we Africans fight
among ourselves like dogs, the
White man will remain the boss in
South Africa. Here in jail you
don't see a White warder hitting the
Africans. It is the prisoners themselves who do this dirty work for
him.

"My friends, until we stand to My friends, until we stand to-gether, we will never be free."

There was a chorus of agreement from the prisoners, Some of them looked astonished, as if they had never thought of it before.

# ORGANISATION

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"If I had stayed in jail another week," he told New Age, "I could have got the prisoners organised. Then there would have been no more beatings and killings.
"Every African is terrified that if he goes to Roeland Street, he may not come out allve, because we have all heard what goes on there. Yet if would be so easy for the form. it would be so easy for the prisoners to co-operate instead of fighting one another."

# WORKERS WILL BE HARD H BY FARE INCREASES Storm in opposition to this move."

# SACTU Calls For Protest Campaign

JOHANNESBURG.

WORKERS of all races in the Golden City will be hard hit by the increased tram and bus fares which come into operation on July 1.

up to sixpence. For the next three stages it goes

For the next three stages it goes up to ninepence. After that, a shilling—whatever the distance, inside the municipal boundary. For those, living in the boundary for the stage of the stag

Minimum fare for any trip goes not be sixpence. After the meat three stages it goes for the next three stages it goes for the fare that, a shilling—whatever that, a shilling—whatever that the sixpence of th

## INCREASE THE RATES

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the big ratepayers don't use public
transport—and those are the people
whom our City Council looks after
"A depressing feature is the failtre, so far. of labour organisations
I Johannesburg to raise their
voices in protest. What a contrast
to the fighting spirit of the Alexanfar and other PUICO users last
year! year!

"My Congress is prepared, with the Labour Party, the Trade Union Council, and any other organisa-

# APARTHEID ANGLE

The Johannesburg branch of the Congress of Democrats, in a leaflet on the increases issued in the city ast week, says:

"It is costing Johannesburg 590,000 a year to obey the orders of the Transportation Board that trains and buses must be reserved exclusively for Europeans, on the one hand, and Coloureds, Indians and Africans on the other.

"Apartheid costs money-your money."

The Hon. Mr. Justice Lucas also made a strongly-worded protest against "this disgraceful thing" last week, and called upon the public to use their power to stop it.

"I am appalled at the readiness of the people of Johannesburg to knuckle down to the Council's higher fares," he said in a news-paper interview.

But the National Council of Jomen and the Housewives But the National Council of Women and the Housewives' League are not taking it lying down. They have condemned the increases and called for a public enquiry into the transport system So has the Trade Union Council.



This is Roeland Street jail, home of more than 1,000 prisoners of all raises—some awaiting trial, some

# "WE INVESTIGATE EVERY COMPLAINT." SAYS SUPERINTENDENT

said:
"I know nothing about this case apart from what you tell me. We have a warder on duty day and night in that section and all complaints are promptly investigated.
"All the same, I must admit that we do have a problem with these jail gaugs from time to time, You must understand there are a lot of prisoners locked up in the cells at night and it is the tendency of the type of African who comes to jail to sneak at a high latfic when comes to jail. to speak at a high pitch when conversing, so it is possible that some-body might be assaulted and even shout and the warder would not hear it.

A SKED to comment on the above through the yards seeing every report, the Superintendent of Roeland Street jail, Col. T. Pepler, said:

"I know nothing about this case apart from what you tell me. We have a warder on duty day and night in that section and all comitions are all the sections of the section of the section

"The African can be a very good servant but he can also be an indis-creet master. Unless you keep pro-per control over these people, there will always be some amongst them to assume control and dominate the others when they are in the cell at night. If any of these people are pointed out to us, we lock them up separately from the others, "If an assault is committed, we

hout and the warder would not ear it.

DAILY VISITS

"But either I or my assistant goes are handed over to the police, and the police are handed over to the police, and the police are handed over to the police, and the police are handed over to the police, and the police are handed over to the police.

"As for the African preacher, we have ministers of all religions coming to preach to the prisoners. But I can give you the assurance that no ministers are allowed to come into the jail unless their bona fides are known to the Department."

The New Age reporter asked him whether he did not think these things happened because there was inadequate supervision in the jail.
"Definitely not," replied Col. Pepler,

New Age: "What then do you suggest should be done to put an end to the gang problem?"

Col. Pepler: "Perhaps that is a question of policy that I don't feel inclined to discuss. I can only say that all complaints will be investigated."

# WHAT ARE WE

Here in Africa there is only no of two names for people. you call me Non-European, If you call me Non-European, I should call you Non-African. "Bantu" means people, not only with a black skin: "Native" means a person not only an African; "Kaffir" is non-sense; "Coloured" means nothing also, except that you have a colour,

Tell me, Dutch and Afri-kaner, what is the right one? K.K.M. Woodstock, Cape.

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AGAINST MEETINGS BAN

standstill, are not impressed by Mr. Prinsloo's statement that "we are still within a reason-able time limit."

The Rand Daily Mail, on

May 12, published an editorial criticising the continuation of the ban which, it said, "is ap-

parently now being used to prevent certain political meet-

imposed for one object is now

being applied for other and different objects."

The Cape Times, calling for

"Thus the ban which was

IOHANNESBURG.

DESPITE the assurances given by Mr. Prinsloo, chief information officer of the Native Affairs Department,

who said last week that "the

ban will be lifted as soon as i

fantastic ban on meetings of

more than ten Africans is still

in operation practically

It was imposed by a notice

of Dr. Verwoerd in an Extra-

ordinary Government Gazette, on April 11, in order to dea

with an alleged "emergency"-

the peaceful national protes week decided on at the

the General Election is more

than a month past. All that is

needed is another notice can-

celling the ban, Dr. Verwoere

pen. Yet he has not done so.

Millions of African people

trade union and numerous gerous results.

SHORT STORY

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The last two competitions here a rousing success, and brought a great deal of talent to light. Help make this one a success too by preparing your contributionnow. All entries should be accompanied by a stamped, addressee envelope so that manuscripts may be returned to the authors who the competition is over.

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competition. Contributions are invited from readers and should

gravely affected by the ban which has brought political

The prizes offered are:

OPPOSED WOMEN'S PASSES

The "emergency" period of

Workers' Conference.

reasonably possible.

# Sav French Workers

that French imperialism is in a more desperate position than its American and European allies. It was knocked to pieces in the stubbornest and stupidest of rearguard battles against the Viet-Nam liberation forces. It was left shaking a futile fist at Egypt after Britain and the U.S. had made face-saving withdrawals. It stood alone in Algeria while the Algerian liberation army prepared to form an independent government, and the U.S. stood by hoping to pick up the pieces as it had in Viet-Nam.

Once-mighty France has be-come a second-class power and the French ruling class has been left sadly licking its wounds. The editor of Le Monde—which holds a position in France roughly comparable to that which the Times holds in Britain-admitted this, a fortnight before the attempt at military coup began, in a series of articles bitterly entitled "Simple Thoughts for Has-Beens" in which he declared that "even those who were most hopeful have come to despair."

In Algeria, he said, acting with the blindness and obstinacy so often demonstrated by future has-beens, the French pretended to ignore what was happening in China, Indo-China, or Indonesia."

Prophetically he warned that final disaster would come "if we persist in the role of a has-been, living in a world of the past, using our last resources in multiplying reckless gestures."

Now the right-wing has made Now the right-wing has made its "reckless gesture" by seizing power in Algeria in an attempt to impose a fascist regime in France headed by De Gaulle.

# Stupid?

Political commentators, both of the left and the right, have long taken into account the possibility that French imperialism would seek this solution. But having taken it into account almost all have dismissed it as unlikely.

K. S. Karol, the perceptive French correspondent of the New Statesman for example, said a fortnight before the revolt: "What a willtan a military course of the control o about a military coup d'etat? My answer is this: the French right is as Mollet remarked, 'the stupidest right wing in the world,' but it is not quite as stupid as that. It has not forgotten that Paris is ringed by the 'red belt,' and that the one thing which would re-create the Popular Front is an attempt to overthrow the Republic." And conservative opinion such as that reflected by the Le Monde series. showed that the "responsible" right was aware of the folly of any attempted coup.

But events have proved once again that the forces of imperial-ism do not always act with logic. They have a lunatic logic of their own which drives them to their own destruction. This was seen in the suicidal attack on Suez. It was seen in the bombing of the Tunisian village of Sakiet

# Will the De Gaullists Succeed?

The question now is whether the predictions that a coup would fail will be proved correct. Have

TT has long been obvious the De Gaullists over-reached

Their one hope for success was their Algerian coup would panic the French centre-parties and either paralyse them or win over the streets. But there were no fascist mobs, no parades calling for De Gaulle, no army mutinies. 

# WORLD STAGE by SPECTATOR

And the Pflimlin Government won a decisive 416 to 114 majority for its emergency measures, perhaps more important as a demonstration of parliamentary solidarity than for the value of the measures themselves.

A fact which stands out undeniably is that the backbone of French democracy in the present crisis has been the Communist Party.

This has been reflected even in the SAPA reports which empha sise the importance of the Communist support for the Pflimlin anti-fascist measures. Not only is the French working class, whose party is the Communist Party, a physical basis for an anti-fascisl

Also, and perhaps almost equally potent, it creates a factor which the moderate conservatives fully appreciate: that if they, the conservatives, sell out to the fascists, the last remnants of working class support for the right wing parties will disappear and both the fascists and the moderate right will have to deal with a popular front of all progressives.

## Fantastic Slanders

The events in France have certainly put the lie to a series of fantastic slanders of the French Communist Party which have received publicity not only through the despatches of commentator Pieter Lessing, in the morning newspapers, but also in the Bantu World and even Africa South. These said that the French Communist Party was likely to soft-pedal its opposition to the aggressive French war in Algeria and ally itself with the De Gaullists in a Communist-fascist alliance!

Thus Lessing said: "With the backing of the 150 Communist



deputies, Soustelle's Right-wingers might be able to scrap the Con-stitution and thus establish an authoritarian regime. The Kremlin therefore stands to gain allowing French Communists co-operate with Soustelle . . . In short the Communists may find the proposition highly attractive. (Bantu) World was saying last week: "The Communists are now whipping up public feelings against freeing the Algerians." (What a blatant lie that is!)

And even Africa South carried an article by Claude Bourdet saying that the Communists were In actual fact it has from the

the democratic movement: "Once he has sold all of our democratic institutions down the river, the Al-gerian colons (white supremacists)





very beginning been the Commu-nists and the Communists alone who led the fight for peace in Algeria. As the party's secretary Jacques Duclos declared in parlia-ment in the vote of no confidence in the Gaillard government:

"The Communist Party France has said again and again that the war against the Algerian people is against the true interests of France. Events are proving how correct we have been."

# "Negotiate"!

He called for negotiations with the Algerian Liberatory Movement—the solution subsequently put forward by the Movement's representative at the Ghana Conference-and declared: "The right wing says the solution is stronger repression in Algeria. The Communists say the solution is quite different: a Popular Front and peace." The C.P. programme on Algeria declares that a French withdrawal "is the absolute im-perative which must guide all our actions."

The French Communists are by no means isolated in their deter-mination to stand firm against fascism. A broad anti-fascist front has been forged over the months during which Gaillard, by bowing to every pressure of the white Al-geria lobby, has made the task of the fascists simpler.

As Jean-Paul Sartre said pro-phetically of Gaillard's attacks on will but have to cross the sea and

is by no means confined to intel-lectuals. Far more significant was the substantial gain in Communist votes first in the Marseilles and other parliamentary by-elections and then in the recent county council elections when the Communist vote of 1.717.741 was almost 200,000 higher than the pre-vious elections in 1951—an in-crease L'Humanite considered "all the more remarkable because since the last election seven years have passed during which the bourgooisie have left no stone untigned to weaken the Communication to the co

In the campaign against fascism one crucial question has not yet been answered. This question is not: "How long will the 'Socialist Party leadership—the most anti-socialist in the world—continue in the tradition of the pre-Hitler German Socialist Party and refuse unity of action with the Communists even in moments of acute danger?" The answer to that question is not in doubt. There will be no change from the leadership of the Socialist Party. But the decisive question is: "To what extent will the Socialist Party rank and file continue to follow its corrupt leadership, at the risk, as in Germany in the 1930's, of helping to pave the way to fascism?"

General De Gaulle's men in Algeria have made this a question to which the answer will soon be The world can have conthat the French working

FROM VERWOERD Key Question

this district took place at Vryburg, in terms of Proclamation 110 of

Chief Setlhoapile "she will no longer be my wife,"

THE Chief of the Barolong tribe in the District of Vryburg is being "investigated" by the Government for his opposition to passes for women. Last week an enquiry into his women of Genesa will not take conduct as Chief of the Barolong of reference books."

Chief Joseph Setlhoapile was confronted by the Native Commissioner with a number of charges (about nine in all) but key to the

. that you are not in favour of the issue of reference books to women, on the contrary you composed the issue of reference to the was in the witness box for about three hours. opposed the issue of reference books to women . . ."

To date the Chief's wife has not taken out a reference book.

During last week's inquiry before He was exhaustively cross-ex-

THAT BANTU FINANCE CORPORATION

# NAT. IMPERIALISTS PLAN TO **ROB AFRICAN PEOPLE**

PORT ELIZABETH. OPENING the second annual session of the Transkeian Territorial Authority which has been established under the Bantu Authorities Act, Mr. B. Young, Under-Secretary of Native Affairs for the Reserves, announced the intention of the Nationalist

the lifting of the ban, said:
"Millions of South African
citizens . . . have had an Government to establish a Bantu Finance and Investment elementary political right suspended." Corporation.

Its purpose is stated to be to help Africans in the reserves to The fortnightly "Contact" warns that the ban on trade establish "commercial, industrial, mining, financial and service prounion activities may lead to unrest a mong industrial workers, and that the tempo-This speech was followed last rary immobilisation of the ANC "could force the organi-sation underground—with dan-

week by the promulgation in the Government Gazette of regulations which will make it possible for Africans to be granted allot-ments in African areas, under title, for business use. Under a previous proclamation in 1955 allotments in townships and rural villages on Native Trust land could be granted only for "resi-dential purposes." Now Africans can buy allotments for business

purposes as well.

But they don't get freehold tenure. The Minister is given the power to declare an allotment for-feited if the holder is convicted three times of any offence under regulations for the control of the township in which it lies. The Minister may also cancel the allot-ment if it is proved to his satisfaction that the holder "is acting a manner prejudicial to the

Thus the allotments will be for "good boys" only; and even the "good boys" will have no chance of developing into full-blown Black capitalists because they will still be under the control of the Minister in everything they do.

WHAT'S THE GAME? Nevertheless, it is clear the Nationalist Government is trying to promote some sort of business undertakings in the Reserves What have they got in mind?
First of ail, the Government is

that, in return for influx control, it is providing facilities for the Africans to "develop in their own areas." This would enable them to claim that the apartheid policy did bring some benefits to the

African people.

But, despite all the hardships created by Section 10, there is no question of the Government being prepared to cut off the supply of cheap labour to the European areas. The African is in the

# By GOVAN MBEKI

European industrial areas and on the European farms to satisfy the labour needs of industry, com-merce, agriculture, public and personal services. The rulers and the capitalist class they serve have a vital interest in the perpetuation of this source of cheap labour. without which organised industry and commerce and mining would come to a standstill.

Why then should any intelligent why then should any intelligent man expect the Government to set itself the task of destroying Euro-pean industry by eliminating cheap African labour? Why should it dump such labour in the reserves to swell the population of Black toware or to wain industries Black towns, or to main industries whose sites have not yet been de-fined, to say nothing of the nature and capital requirements of such

BLACK CITIES—BUT NO TRANSPORT

Some of these Black cities which the Nationalist Government claims apartheid tas bestowed upon the Africans are Hammanskraal in the Transvaal, where less than 500 two-roomed houses have been built; and Zwelitsha near Kingwilliamstown, where there is a textile factory that thrives be-cause it pays low wages. Both these settlements provide labour

for the surrounding farming interests, as also does Umlazi near Durban.

It the Nationalist Government

is sincere in its planned pro-gramme for an "industrial revolu-tion" in the reserves, why does it neglect the communications, water non-in the reservely may aves a neglect the communications, water supplies and nelectricity? No rail-supplies and nelectricity nelectricity nelectricity. Transvor over some of the worst roads in the country.

THE City Transvar Company's Arcas and the schools, in jobs and arcas and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason and the schools, in jobs and rail-supplies and reason a

In addition to the sisal growing project which is still at an experimental stage, the only other type of industry which Mr. de Wet Nel forecast when he addressed the Ciskei Bunga a few years ago was the making of cheap coffins from rough-sawn pines.

THEIR OWN AIMS

areas, the Nationalists are also looking for openings to establish their own industries where there is less competition. They are al-ready building cheap labour fac-tories in or near the reserves. The contemplated, and more are contemplated, and the whole of the upper it would not be surprising if

guaranteed a regular supply of chean labour and a protected mar-ket for the disposal of their pro-

To the Nationalists the reserves To the Nationalists the reserves are looked upon as colonies. These men do not realise that in the evening of its life imperialism is being caught in the maelstrom of history under which it is being drowned together with its defenders. Blinded by an irresistible upon to be bed of the colonies of the c tenders. Blinded by an irresistible urge to build an empire based on the maintenance of a superior race myth, they are determined to do anything which will be of benefit to the Afrikaner yolk,

NATIONALISTS SEEK ALLIES In the second place, the Na-tionalists are trying to win over a section of the African people who, they hope, will support the apartheid policy by being allowed to share in the exploitation of their fellow-men.

When the members of the Transkei Bunga and subsequently those of the Ciskei, and later Cyprian Dinizulu accepted the Bantu Authorities Act, they hoped they would acquire powers that would enable them to exercise real authority over those who fell within their area of jurisdiction. The Government promised them sufficient support to ensure that they got maximum obedience from "their whiters" 'their subjects."

It went further and promised the establishment of industries and opening of avenues for the employment of their youth for whom there would be no need to go to the cities where they would fall under "foreign influences." The promise of the establishment of industries was not intended so much for the chiefs as for a nascent middle class most of whom would be drawn from the

educated ranks. It is for the creation and maintenance of this class as Nationalist allies that the Finance and Investment Corporation will be estabhelp a few Africans to run shops that will stock goods that have been produced in Nationalist-con trolled factories that are being established on the borders of the reserves. Owing to the poverty of the peasants a few such traders can command tremendous influence as people within a radius of 10 miles become indebted to them.

COMPULSORY SAVINGS TO FINANCE APARTHEID

It has always been the policy of the Nationalist Government that the Africans must pay for the machinery of their own exploitation under the apartheid scheme In order to finance those Africans who are going to be the commer-cial agents for the sale of the apartheid policy, the Africans themselves are going to invest in this Nat-sponsored and controlled Finance and Investment Corpora-

How is this to be done? In the first place, Verwoerd is planning legislation—which it has been announced will come up during the next session of Parliament-to increase African taxation and to extend taxation to African women. This Bill was dropped last year in the face of widespread protests from the people, but is being revived again.

being revived again.

Then we can expect a whole host of "thrift" schemes, officially sponsored, by means of which the Africans would be robbed of a portion of their earnings which would be handed over to the Firms.

nance Corporation. nance Corporation.

The Government's policy is that if the Africans are to hang, they must pay for the rope, hangman and the entire elaborate machinery designed to lead everyone to the gallows—which is what the acceptance of apartheid is. The Acrican people can be expected to put up the stiffest resistance to these colonialist schemes of the

# LANSDOWNE RESIDENTS REJECT BUS APARTHEID

Apartheid, introduced on the buses from Claremont station as would be discussed by the execu buses from Claremont station at from Monday 19, first came to the notice of residents last Friday when long that we have the state of the notice of residents last Friday when long that we have the state of the National Transportation Commission separation of races will take place on City Tramway vehicles from Claremont Station to, Wetton, W THEIR OWN AIMS
While the Government serves the interests of industrial capital the interests of industrial capital and as it is at present organised and amount of the control of the cont

The first two rows of seats on the lower deck—for eight passengers—will be for Europeans only, and the two longitudinal seats over the rear

Afrikaner imperialists.

"Political opportunists at our meeting attempted to precipitate immediate action against the apartheid regulations," Mr. Ramsdale said. "But they were turned down. We must first find out whether the people are prepared to back up a

Asked whether an active boycott campaign was envisaged, Mr. Ramsdale said that his organisation was considering a house-to-house canvass among the local people to gather support

tories in o'r near the reserves, and more are contemplated.

It would not be surprising if preferential treatment were to be given to companies that not only support unreservedly the Government's racial policy but are Afriment's racial policy but are Afriment's racial policy but are Afriment's arbitration of the preference of the pref



Right in the swing of it.

IF the so-called "Patriots" think that I'm going to kick up a hullabaloo about them in this column, they're mistaken.

I have only the heartiest con-tempt for whoever they may be

CAPE Town Whites made a rush to get their identity cards and it seems that apart from criti-cisms of their looks in the photographs everything was hunky-dory with them.

Carrying a pass doesn't appear to worry them much, because I guess they don't expect a cop to come up and say "Waar's jou pas?"

But you can bet there are a lot of Africans wishing those Whites had a black skin for a day. the day they forget to take their passes out with them . . just so that they know what it's like.

THE public have got so used to the Russians sending sputniks way up yonder nowadays that asking anybody to comment is like pointing at any star up there and asking him what he thinks

The best I could get out of a fellow-passenger on the train home was: "Oh, it's just another one of those things."

**B**UT nobody gets used to these Immorality Act cases. Especially when some high shot "stoops low." The latest stooping session in Krugersdorp brought an M.P. to the defence of the stooper.

### DEATHS

ALLY: New Age regrets to announce the death of the father of Rahima and Fatima, two well-known members of the Congress movement. Mr. Ally supported them in their activities and always had a ready welcome for all all members and friends of the familia. family

"He's an example to his fellow men," said the M.P.

That sounds like incitement to

contravene the Act, to me.

WHAT is this I see? After rubbing my eyes I'm convinced that what I'm reading is the real McCoy. South Africa is sending a shooting team to compete in the world small-bore championships in MOSCOW in August.

August.

I wonder where they got their passports from

BAAS Strijdom made utterances the other day to the effect that his republic would be a de-mocratic one . . "I don't think



By ALEX LA GUMA

either the English-speaking people

or the Afrikaans-speaking would tolerate anything else."

I might be wrong, but I be-I might be wrong, but I be-lieve that there are some millions of other people in S.A. who wouldn't tolerate S.A. who wanything else.

A ND further Herr Strijdom says he has information from the "Bantu in their own reserves" (apart from the "Communists and the Leftists") that the poice of the Government was such as to encourage voluntary allegiance to the state.

Another Strijdom special hand-

THE Congresses say they're pre pared to sit down and talk to anybody and tell them where they stand. But the Unity boys don't believe in conferences, summit or

They can't reach that high.

# Tennyson Makiwan on the New Dance Rhythm

# **KWEL**

# MZALA!

THEY say our South Afribecoming a hit overseas. One of the largest dance organisations in Britain has taken up this South African dance "The Kwela."

Record companies are pressing kwela records as fast as they can kwela records as fast as they can go, and disc jockeys are pushing the music over the radio and television. Even more noteworthy, British author Wolf Mankowitz has used a kwela record "Tom Hark" as a theme tune for his play "The Killing Stones."

Of course what is good enough

Hark" as a theme tune for his play "The Killing Stones,"

Of course what is good enough for Britain is always good for us here and lo! our commercial radio is now playing kwela music for all of us to hear. In the past this music was restricted to the Bantu programmes of the S.A.B.C. and was the private property of township social life.

### ITS MEANING

ITS MEANING
What is "wella"? I suppose
like its other waz counterparts
'live,' 'Reboy' and 'Rock' it Roll'
it has no real meaning. A few
years ago the African bands introduced this new type of music.
And at those hot 'non-stop' dange
sessions the fans would at intervals form a ring round the ace
couple, clapping hands to the
rythm and yelling 'kwela
rythm and yelling 'kwela
'cousin' being used in the same
way as "hep cat." The screaming crowd would then turn to the
hand, urging it on with "Tshisa!"
(Make it burn.)
The music itself, as I have

(Make it burn.)

The music itself, as I have pointed out before, is simply the adaption of African traditional music to the jazz tempo—with a bit of improvisation. The appeal of the music to township Afriof the music to township Afri-cans was terrific. You did not have to buy a music album be-fore you sang the songs—you knew them.

The entry of the recording companies into the lucrative trade of selling African jazz (kwela) re-cords helped the music to achieve a great deal of refinement. It is cool music. Unlike rock 'n roll the kwela isn't a series of physical jerks. It is much smoother

### PENNY WHISTLE

The introduction of the penny The introduction of the penny whistle into the music gave it its mass form. Its exponents needed no longer to be the professional band members who alone were active to be a supplied to the professional band members who alone were active to be a supplied to the professional band members who alone were active to be a supplied to the professional band of the professional

But of course the musicians, like the children who were told that the 'shining stone' they were playing with was really a diamond, never really knew that they had scored a big scoop.

Many who preferred to play

Many who preferred to play the the American "modern jazz" were pushed by hunger to play the kwela and make a few pounds from recording.

On the other hand the record-

On the other hand the recording companies have all along seen
the new music as a gold mine.
They employ several talent
scouts to go around getting both
anateur and professional groups
to make records. Scoot of reyou hear teem morning and
afternoon blaring from the record
shors.

shops.
Now a big break through has been made with the opening up of the overseas market.

FAME AND FORTUNE

If the same pattern which without raised Elvis Presley, Tommy Steele and others from nonentities of neo-millionaires when rock in roll topped the hit parade were

fortune

the road to fame and would lie ahead for the of the kwela hit. e snag is that many of African musicians are recording companies by which pay the musicians trate for each recordtop But the tied to con only a t rate for each record-ing and which leave royal-ties and copyright with the recording co panies.

As f r the composers of the

r the composers of the ften nobody ever knows alone greets them with they deserve. Though 1 t some talent scouts their names to compoer or composed or 1. The percentage due to the composer then the pirate's pocket. that a body like the of Southern African stepped in to protect the songs, them, the fa notice have s sitions than v paymen

Artists stepped in to protect the interests of our musicians and to compel the recording companies to offer better contracts.

one of the aims of the it was founded. What This about a progress report from the



Spokes Mashiane, King of the Kwela.

# SACTU Protest To I.L.O.

JOHANNESBURG.

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The S.A. Congress of Trade
Unions has lodged a protest to the
International Labour Office in
Geneva and to the Secretary of
Labour on the exclusion of SACTU
from the selection of a workers'
delegation to the 44th session of
the I.LO.

delegation to the 44th session of the IL.O.

Representing 46,000 workers, SACTU is the only non-colour-bar trade union co-ordinating body in South Africa, yet it has again been cold-shouldered by the Govern-ment in the choice of workers' spokersmen.

spokesmen.

Not only that, but this year the
Trade Union Congress has also
been left out, and is thinking of sending its own man as an ob-server. Candidate in mind is Mr. L. C. Scheepers, of the Leather Workers' Union, whom the TUC is also sending to the Common-wealth Trade Union Conference in

# S INNING ISCS

t to have the kwela at home? Well, here f the latest releases. the American  $\mathbf{Y}^{\mathsf{o}\mathsf{U}}$ right are some Claude pianist with the

Africa's

of the

the American recently came out here ud Shank Quintet, plays Mashiane, South y whistle and kwela J 222, ou'd like to have some now being released in ey are recorded here on

Britain 'Bantu rds as well. kes" TJ 132 by Spokes Mashiane

ood" NV 3058 by Peter 'Cool Makana

If you penny histle discs featuring Spokes Peter you will have just about all the penny whistle music Peter

want. you want TLP 1047. w African jazz releases Other worth ha Nkosi' are played by Zacks kosi's BMSC

2091 and 'Z" JP 2090. Section Watch his column and I'll be more kwela hits.

### ZEE UST ARSON CASE 9 nt to Prison

JOHANNESBURG n from Braklaagte, near found guilty on ges in the Rustenburg last week, and sen-Zeerust, arson Circuit

# **INDIANS ORGANISE**

(Continued from page 1)

on the advice of the Natal Indian Organisation, a well-attended mass meeting, which included prominent Indian and African residents of the area, unanimously rejected this standpoint.

Under the chairmanship of Mr.

I C. Meer, ex-Treason Trialist and banned Vice-President of the Natal Indian Congress, the meeting heard Mr. Alan Paton and Mr. heard Mr. Alan Paton and Mr. John Didcott, of the Liberal Party, and Mr. J. N. Singh and Mr. H. E. Mall, Vice-President of the Natal Indian Congress, condem

Natal Indian Congress, condemn the Group Areas Act and the suggestion to work the Act by submitting plans for race zoning.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. M. V. Gumede, a local Medical practitioner, and Mr. Simon Davids, the principal of the Verulam Indian High School, state the people of Verulam were than the people of Verulam were declared the air and for putting forward a clear-cut policy in regard to the Group Areas Act.

### OBJECTIONS

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Within a week of this meeting, hundreds of individual objections to the proposals before the Board "expressing total opposition to the removal of any person of any race from his home or place of business." have been submitted by an Action Committee which was formed as a result of the meeting. This Committee is preparing a comprehensive memorandum on the implications of the Group Areas Act which will be submitted to the Group Areas Board when it meets to consider the proposals meets to con now before it. to consider the



De Gaulle waiting for the Call.

# MIDDLE EAST

THE upsurge of the liberation movement throughout the Middle East which has followed the adoption by Egypt of a policy of independence from imperialist domination was making things

# AMERICA The

# Vote that Meant 3 Years

One vote in the nine-man U.S. Supreme Court has meant three years more in jail for American Communist leaders Henry Winston and Gil Green, By five votes ston and Gil Green. By five votes to four the court confirmed the heavy sentence imposed upon them for "contempt of court when they jumped their bail."

This three years was added to the five years they

This three years was added to the five years they are already serving under the anti-communist law. They were convicted on indictments which, in subsequent appeals, the supreme court has held to be invalid, but these appeals have not assisted them for the point was not taken in their own case

# **KENYA:** Pritt may not be Available for Trial

It is not yet certain if Mr. D. N. Pritt, Q.C., who defended Jomo Kenyatta, will be able to appear for Tom Mboya and the other African leaders who are facing charges of incitement in Kenya

lacing charges of incitement in Kenya.

Mr. Pritt is at present appearing of the Communist-led government of the Indian state of the Communist-led government of the Indian state of the Court against an unitary of the state Education law which is aimed at bringing schools under government! schools under government

# Arabs in Revolt Against U.S. Domination

difficult for the West through-

out that area last week. In Lebanon American-puppet premier Chamoun was fighting for survival against a people's resistance movement determined

resistance movement determined to get him out.
Further south Britain was in what Mr. Aneurin Bevan described in the House of Commons as "little less than a state of war" against the tiny Yemen. Yemen's crime was that it had displeased Britain by supporting the support of the state of the st Britain by supporting the people of neighbouring Aden in their demand that Britain permit them to join the United Arab Republic.

Only in Iran did the West nave

Only in Iran did the West nass cause for self-satisfaction. There, in spite of world-wide protests, an army firing squad executed Khosrow Rouzbeh, one of the leaders of the illegal Tudeh (Communist) Party. Last month two other Tudeh leaders month two other Tudeh leaders, sentenced by the same court-martial, were shot.

# CHILE FOLLOWS ARGENTINE AND **BRAZIL-Lifts** Communist Ban

THE Chilean Chamber of Deputies has voted to revoke the regulations for the "Protection of Democracy," which have made the Communist Party illegal in that country since 1948.

It is expected that the Senate

It is expected that the Senate will take the same stand and the Communist Party will be legal once more. This is the third progressive development of this kind in the Latin American scene in the mast for weeks.

Latin American scene in the past few weeks.

A week ago the Argentine Communist Party paper La Hora was permitted to publish and two weeks previously Luiz Carlos Prestes, leader of the Brazilian Communist Party, hunted by the police for ten years, came back into public

life,
It is expected that the Brazilian Communist Party will be

EUROPE Sensational Rebuff for U.S.

# GREECE'S HUGE LEFT **SWING**

# **Electoral Trick Backfires**

HE Left-wing E.D.A., backed by the illegal Communist Party has more than doubled its strength in the Greek general election, to win second place and become the

official opposition party.

In a sensational success it polled 926,299 votes (24.4 per cent) against 1,559,997 polled by the National Radical Union, led by former Premier K. Karamanlis.
The Liberals have dropped to third place, polling 787,061, about 19 per cent. Fourth came the

# WEST GERMANY Nazis Legal. Communists Banned

The old Nazi Party is legal

The Bill for the repeal of occu-pation law which has now been put before the Bundestag for enput before the Bundestag for en-actment incorporates a provision annulling the allied decision on the disbandment of the Hitler National-Socialist Party and all its organisations. The Bundestag has already examined the Bill and has not found "anything reprehen-sible" in it.

sible" in it.

The Frankfurter Rundschau
says: "The National Socialist
Party with all its organisations, in
contrast to the Communist Party
of Germany, is now no longer

or Germany, is now no longer under a ban.
"Thus, thirteen years after, the Nazis have again won a notice-able victory."

with 404,050 votes and last, the Populists (Extreme Right Wing) with 112,380 votes.

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By gaining second place E.D.A.
will share with the National
Radical Union the bonus of approximately 80-100 seats which
the new electoral law offers to
the two parties which secure the
biggest number of votes.

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This electoral law—called "re-inforced proportional representa-

# **HUNGARY**: Soviet Intervention was Correct—Gomulka

THE Polish United Workers' Party leader, Mr. Gomul-ka, said in Budapest last week:

ka, said in Budapest last week:
"We regard as correct and
necessary the decisions taken
by the Soviet Union to give
help to the forces of Socialism
in Hungary.
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stadium.
"It was an utterly tragic thing that there could have been misled people on the side of the counter-revolution, people who thought they were ple who thought they y fighting for a good cause," said. Mr. Gomulka yester ended his visit to Hungary, a yesterday tion" was manufactured a few days before the outgoing Parlia-ment was dissolved, by the then two major parties—the Radicals of Mr. Karamanlis and the Libe

### THEIR MISTAKE

Both these parties—which are the main instruments of American the main instruments of American domination of Greece—were convinced that they would secure first and second place at last Sunday's election and thus get the 80-100 seats' bonus, at the expense of the other parties, especially of FDA

EDA.

The EDA has 78 seats against 173 for the Radicals and 36 for the Liberals, E.D.A, had only 18 seats in the last Parliament.

The Radicals and the Liberals never expected that E.D.A., which at the 1952 election polled just over 10 per cent of the total, would increase its vote enough to have any chance to win the boto have any chance to win the boto.

would increase its vote enough to have any chance to win the bonus seats. They were very mistaken. The policy of national independence and neutrality, and support for the freedom of Cyprus, put forward by E.D.A., its uncompromising opposition to the establishment of U.S. nuclear bases of Greate will be seen of the control of the control of the stablishment of the control of the stablishment of the control of the establishment of U.S. nuclear bases on Greek soil, its demand for general amnesty, for the lift-ing of the ban on the outlawed Communist Party, and for a 50 per cent. increase of wages and pensions have clearly received a tremendous response.

### BIGGEST VICTORY

That is why E.D.A. increased its vote from 180,000 (without the women voting) in 1952 to 926,000 (with the women voting) in this abstract. in this election

This is the biggest-ever electoral

E.D.A. now becomes the offi-E.D.A. now becomes the offi-cial Opposition and from this position will be able to fight even more vigorously for its progres-sive policies, and hope to win over in the not too distant future the majority of the Greek people.

# ASIA

# AND LAOS LOOKS LEFT TOO

The independent kingdom of Laos, established—together with Cambodia and North and South Viet-Nam—as an independent Viet-Nam—as an independent state when the French were driven from what was then Indo-China (see map), held its first ational election last week.

The Neo Leo Halssat—some say that that is Laotian for Communist Party—won a landslide victory, with 12 out of 21 seats, It is led by Prince Souphanavong, probably the only prince in the world at the head of a left-wing party.

Party.
Until now, Laos, like Viet-Nam, has been divided into a northern and a southern sector,

each with its own government. And just as in Viet-Nam there

And just as in Viet-Nam there was a communist government in the north and an anti-communist government in the north and an anti-communist government in the South.

Last November the leaders of the two sectors, amidst the rejoicing of the whole of Laos, agreed to form one single government. The 39 member parliament of the South was to be increased in size to 51, and the country's first national election would be for the extra twenty seats. (A by-election caused by the death of a southern member brought the tally to 21.) brought the tally to 21

brought the tally to 21.)
With 8 supporters in the existing
parliament to add to its 12 M.P.s.
the Neo Lao Haksat is the biggest party. It has the support also
of a number of independents and
small groupings and is therefore
almost certain to be the leading
force in a new coalition government.



### COLOURED TRAFFIC COPS

# CITY COUNCIL MAY SEND DEPUTATION TO SWART

# "Strongest Objections" from Traffic Committee

CAPE TOWN.

THE Cape Town City Council's Traffic Committee is perturbed over the new regulation which drastically curtails the authority of Non-European traffic officers, New Age learns. The regulation will come into effect from July 1.

City Council to raise the strongest objections and to send a deputation to the Minister of Justice.

"Undesirable implications" would arise out of incidents where a Col-oured traffic officer was unable to deal with a European offender, was the opinion of the Committee.

### AMENDS RIGHTS

Published on March 28 and signed by Minister of Justice Swart, signed by Minister of Justice Swart, this latest move amends the rights of Coloured traffic police as laid down in Government notice No. 212 published in the Government

Gazette on 17/2/39.

Acting on the authority given him under the Criminal Procedure

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The Committee has asked the Act, the Minister has now declared traffic constable's authority when the Committee has asked the Act, the Minister has now declared traffic constable's authority when the Committee has been constabled and the committee has been con Act, the Minister has now declared that local authorities must obtain from the Commandant of the South African Police certificates deeming that officers in uniform, and unarmed, employed by them are competent to fulfil the duties of peace officers in relation to a specific schedule, "provided that a Non-turopean officer who is deemed a peace officer in terms of this regulation may discharge and exercise

lation may discharge and exercise the said powers and duties in re-spect of Non-Europeans only."

### SCHEDULE

The schedule referred to affects a ties will not go unchallenged.

wehicle after an accident; (d) inter-fering with or obstructing an officer in the performance of his duties.

in the performance of his duties,
As the matter is still being considered by the City Council, Councillors have been unwilling to comment at this stage, but indications are that Swar's more against Cape Town's Coloured traffic police will electio objections and protests from all quarters, and that the National Council of the Council o

# SACPO MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN STARTS THIS WEEK

CAPE TOWN.

SACPO's Union-wide campaign to recruit 10,000 members will begin this week.

The campaign will take the form The following are Damon's canvassing, distribution of leaflets, and will centre around issues affect-ing the people in different areas: Group Areas, job reservation, race classification, rents, housing and many others.

Elaborate posters have been printed and will appear in almost all centres in the Union, together with thousands of leaflets, explaining SACPO policy to the Coloured people, and calling upon them to join the organisation.

All members and election helpers in the Western Cape have been mobilised for the campaign in this area and the same will be done in other areas.

### TARGETS SET

The regions have been divided up and targets set up, to be fulfilled by the end of this year: Cape Western 7,000. Eastern Cape 2,000, Western 7,000. In turn these areas have been divided into local dis-tricts, towns and villages and the main targets split up according to the size of the Coloured population and other factors.

The campaign is the sequel to the recent election campaign when SACPO gained considerable support and drew many people into its activities.

Already, SACPO says, people in far outlying districts like the north-western Cape have started showing an interest in its activities and meetings have been held there, organised by contacts.

With every member pulling his weight, SACPO is confident that the targets will be fulfilled.

# ANC EXPELS MADZUNYA AND LEBALLO

JOHANNESBURG Messrs J. Madzunya and P. Leballo, of Alexandra and Orlando East respectively, were last week expelled from the African National Congress.

The letters to them notifying them of their expulsion set out a number of reasons.

a number of reasons.

In the case of Mr, Leballo he was charged with having consistently worked against the policy of the ANC, in particular having opposed the Freedom Charter, the policy of racial co-operation of the Congress, and then publicly campaigning against the Stay-athome on the eve of the general election in April.

Mr, Madzunya was charged, among other thines, with Agriculture of the congress of the

among other things, with his behaviour at the Special con-ference of the Transvaal ANC in Pretoria where he took pos-session of the Congress car.

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# SPORTLIGHT



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RUGBY

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change of eadquarters.

The fat lies not in the Board officials b t in the affiliated units. The fight may be hard for it is difficult to convince a lot of people who hold erent views. But perust triumph in the severance especially the cause is good. One vince people overnight cannot co vince people overnight and expect to have these changes in

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next thing cate with II affiliated units, sub-amended clause, and mitting th asking for their support, together with a s tement setting out the benefits ived from rotation. They in turn will discuss the matter in and mandate (I say r many delegates withmandate.

mandate, r many delegates without a man the vote contrary to the
views of their Union, especially
when lobb ing goes on prior to a
Board m their delegates in
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We full realise that the Board at Kimber is stagnant, and little if any pr gress has been made. I admire t League for their progressive ews, but cannot help ressive ews, but cannot help ondemnin their attitude. They ha e lost the first round by condemnin

seceding, t I would at this stage appeal to them to reconsider this hasty deci on and seek re-affilia-

hasty ucu or in.

It is all very well to seek consolation by orming a Federation of all unions in the Western Province, a progres e step indeed, but it defeats the purpose. Inter-Union a progres e step indeed, but a defeats the purpose. Inter-Union matches a all right as far as they go, but p yers of today strive for bigger h ours, and this step will that privilege. It is also doubtful hether the Bantus can affiliate to this Federation without the contri the sancti of their national body

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tern Province Union, the from this province, is to the Board. It disattitude of the

wholeheartedly with the rotation of headquarters. So they have much in common, and if only common-sense could prevail, much progress could be made. Incidentally, the Union has not been approached to join the proposed Federation.

# SOCCER

The South African Soccer Federation, thwarted by the Minister of Interior who refused to grant passports to their official delegates, has found an ally in the Hon. Minternational Table Tennis Federation and Table Tennis Federation and Table Tennis Federation and Table Tennis Federation at the proposition at those of the proposition at the proposition at the proposition of the proposition and the same position as table tennis, so Mr. Montagu will not be entirely important of South African affairs. Other sports which are also seeking world recognition will find this new-found friend a great benefactor. The South African Soccer Fede

Good work, Messrs S. L. and George Singh. May the Federation's application be favourably con-sidered. And our sincere tranks to Mr. Ivor Montagu. May he fight our case in the manner it deserves.

### WE HEAR IT SAID

That an 8-man University of Natal badminton team will be in Cape Town during July for a series of matches. Clubs who are anxious to play them should write to the Secretary, Non-European Medical

to play them should write to the Secretary, Non-European Medical School, Durban.

That the Inter-Race soccer fixture between the S.A. Africans and S.A. Indians will take piace at Durban on July 6, and will mark the opening of the new Curries Fountain ground.

That the S.A. Cricket Team to

Fountain ground.

That the S.A. Cricket Team to tour Kenya will be announced on May 31 in Johannesburg at the meeting of the Board of Control.

That a new candidate for the managership of the Team has appeared—none other than the populate David Westerwisch who was not as

lar Basil Waterwitch, who was and still is a great cricketer. His choice

be popularly received.

That £40 allowance will be That £40 allowance will be given to each player selected to go on tour. Not a very big figure, especially as they will be 9-10 weeks away, but some sacrifices will have to made to pioneer this first-ever tour.

That at least ten, and most likely, twelve W.P. players will be included in the S.A. Team.

That Y. Lakay, the Mellethander, should be considered for the Kenya tour. Last season he scored four brilliant centuries, and is incomparable as a fieldsman. Owing to matrimony, he did not That £40

is incomparable as a fieldaman, Owing to matrimony, he did not play in the Barnato tournament, and thus was not qualified to represent the S.A. Malays, Left-handed batsmen are sadly lacking in S.A. delight expensive the state of the state

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