

DROP THE TREASON TRIAL!



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Govt. Must Intervene To End Prosecution Farce

ALMOST two years after the treason arrests on December 5, 1956, and four years since the police started investigating an allegation of treason against the foremost leaders of the Congress movement, the Crown case collapsed before the Special Court in Pretoria on Monday.

The accused were not even asked to plead to the charge, because the

prosecutor, Mr. Pirow, withdrew the indictment after it had become obvious that it did not hold water.

The case now goes to the Attorney-General for reconsideration. He may decide to indict again. Most probably he will refer the matter to the Cabinet.

DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA MUST MAKE ITS VOICE HEARD AT THIS MOMENT AND DEMAND THAT THE PERSECUTION OF THE ACCUSED MUST CEASE AND THE CHARGES AGAINST THEM BE DROPPED ONCE AND FOR ALL.

The lives of 156 people have been brutally disrupted over the past four years. They have been hounded from pillar to post, raided, arrested and imprisoned in the Fort for 16 days, brought back to court time and again to hear the Crown case against them. 91 of the original 156 are still technically under arrest.

And yet at the end of it all the Crown has not even been able to present a valid indictment.

The South African treason trial has been a blot on the name of South Africa.

It is time this blot was removed. The charges must be dropped and the accused granted their full freedom. This is the only way justice can be done in the present situation.

And the man who has been responsible for the whole sorry mess—the Minister of Justice, Mr. C. R. Swart—should be sacked immediately. He changed the law four times to suit the prosecution, but the case collapsed in spite of everything he could do.

WE SAY: NO MORE EXPERIMENTS AT THE EXPENSE OF

THE ACCUSED! DROP THE TREASON CHARGES! FREE THE ACCUSED FORTHWITH!

(For trial report see page 3)

Spent Their School Holiday Queuing For Passes



These Orlando schoolboys spent their ten days holiday in the pass queue at the location's influx control offices. If their teachers asked them to write essays about how they spent their vacation, it would make pretty dull reading. From morning till evening, day in and day out, they were made to sit outside on the lawn. At the end of the day they were told to go home and come back the next morning. The boys are under 16 and do not carry passes but they run the risk of being caught up in pass raids unless they have papers to show that they are scholars.

Ovambo Message Smuggled to U.N.O.

Full Story

CAPE TOWN.

"HAVING become victims of the vicious, totalitarian Government of South Africa, we, the people of South West Africa, humbly request the United Nations to revoke the mandate and to place the territory under the Trusteeship Committee of the United Na-



Mr. Ja-Toivo.

tions Organisation to end the misery inflicted upon us by the Government of the Union of South Africa."

This was the message smuggled to the United Nations by Mr. Toivo Herman Ja-Toivo on behalf of the Ovamboland People's Congress. In order to outwit the censorship, Mr. Ja-Toivo recorded the message on tape and sent it through the post (Continued on page 8)

POLICE BREAK INTO DEFENCE VICTORY PARTY

JOHANNESBURG.
ARMED police accompanied by representatives from Die Vaderland and Die Transvaler broke through windows into a party held on Monday night to celebrate the defence victory at the treason trial.

The home of Joe and Ruth Slovo was packed to the walls with happy Congressmen and women together with all the defence advocates and some members of the Treason Trial Defence Fund Committee.

The party began with a speech of thanks to defence leader Mr. I. A. Maitse, Q.C. and the whole of the defence team, to which Mr. Maitse replied with a short speech.

Similar thanks were expressed to the Bishop of Johannesburg and all the members of the Fund Committee and the Labour Party for giving their offices.

The chairman of the Labour Party Mrs. Jessie McPherson, who was present, in turn made a short speech of thanks to the accused.

INVASION

The people present were singing and dancing when suddenly reporters from the Nationalist press broke in and began to take photographs, followed by a large band of police who were armed.

One of the reporters hit Mr. Slovo in the throat and one kicked New Age reporter Alex la Guma, leaving a large scar in his leg.

A moment's fighting broke out when warrants for entry were demanded and were not presented. Leading Congressmen quickly called on the crowd to remain quiet in the face of the provocation, and the police were allowed to search the rooms.

Photographers were taking pictures all the time. **INTIMIDATION FAILED** When the police left the party

went on with renewed vigour. The intimidation had failed completely to dampen the celebration.

"Is this a fit of pique at the failure of the treason trial?" asked Mr. Slovo.

An action for trespass will be brought against the Nationalist press photographers.

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13. Do you realise that as long as people are frightened by this fascist Government, we will always have to collect £1,000 per month in lieu of adverts to keep New Age going?
14. Do you understand by now that you have a permanent responsibility to the liberatory movement to keep New Age alive?

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EDITORIAL

Anti-Communism Paves The Way For Fascism

THE Congress of Democrats and the so-called "Communists" in the Congress movement seem to be under heavy fire from certain quarters these days. It is understandable that the Nationalists and other supporters of White supremacy should attack them. What is not so clear is why those who profess to be anti-Nationalist should spend so much time running them down and positively organising campaigns against them.

No organisation or individual, of course, is exempt from criticism, and it is at all times open to anybody to voice that criticism and to expound a different point of view. Even when two or more organisations take action together, they should be free to criticise one another's policies so long as that criticism does not disrupt their unity.

But what can we think of those who, claiming to fight the same enemy, refuse to unite their forces? Churchill and Stalin joined hands to fight the Nazis during the last war. Why cannot the various groups of anti-Nationalists get together in the same spirit and face their common enemy, the Nationalist Government?

The reason is: BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE HATE COMMUNISM MORE THAN THEY HATE THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT OF DR. VERWOERD.

Of course they are free to think like that if they want to. But they must understand the lessons of history. And the one big lesson which history has taught us in the last 30 years is that those for whom anti-Communism is an obsession eventually help to pave the way for fascism.

The German Social Democrats refused to unite with the Communists, and so paved the way for Hitler. The French Socialists refused to unite with the Communists and so paved the way for de Gaulle—nay, even joined his Government rather than accept the alternative of a Popular Front.

Thus do the anti-Communists betray the cause they profess to espouse. And in this country, too, we say those who refuse to co-operate with COD because they think it is Communistic will eventually find themselves in Verwoerd's camp. They are already operating their own anti-Communism Act; it will not take long before they operate Mr. Swart's.

We say to all anti-Nationalists who are sincere and true democrats: put first things first. It is the Nationalist Government which is in power, not the Communists. It is the Nationalist Government's laws which oppress us, the Nationalist Government's police who arrest and persecute us.

We must learn to put aside our prejudices and unite to defend ourselves against the real enemy who is attacking us all right now. Failure to do so can only strengthen the Nationalist enemy and weaken the democratic front, making the road to liberation infinitely longer and more difficult.

have been exterminated.

What price those who have been objecting to Little Lemons being sent up in suits and the experimenting with dogs for the prolongation of life?

AN Afrikaans paper up here says that since "snobbery" has been comparatively foreign to

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By ALEX
LA GUMA
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the Afrikaner people, attempts to find an Afrikaans translation for this word have been of no use. Now it appears that there is snobbery among the volk.

So what's wrong with the word "snobbery"?

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THE Russians, we hear, will be seeing a number of American films, among which will be "Oklahoma."
But because of their numerous out-of-step failures, a little bird told me that the Americans have decided to leave out the song, "Anything you can do, I can do better."

NEW AGE LETTER BOX



LET THE WHITES BE THE MESSENGERS

The other day, I met a European friend of mine outside the Jerpe Street Post Office in Johannesburg. Like me, he had a slip to fetch some parcels from "Counter 17." We had a chat for about five minutes, and then he went to fetch our parcels, while I went round to the Non-European section.

After about ten minutes he came in to look for me in order to make an appointment. He had already got his parcels. I waited for half an hour, and then another half hour. I was still not served. Another forty minutes went past and it was only after about two hours that I finally left the GPO with my parcels. Some people were waiting with me, told me that sometimes one has to wait even longer.

The same thing happens (perhaps to a lesser degree in some cases) all over the country. The bank, the shops and other public places have adequate and prompt service for Whites, whilst the Non-Europeans, who are about 90% of the messengers, have to wait for hours in long queues before

Police Raids at Nyanga

The police raids at Nyanga location are causing hardship to African families. The people are being chased by the police like dogs day and night, searching for beer, passes etc.

Now the police are playing with people. If a woman is doing her washing 20 yards from her house and she happens to see the police van, she runs to her house for her pass.

The police arrest her while she is busy opening the door to get her pass which she left inside her house, and she must pay £1 to £5 for that. We appeal to the people of Nyanga to report these cases to the ANC offices at Nyanga, Langa, Kensington, Retreat and other places.

On Sunday, September 28, there was a reception of the chief at the sports ground, Nyanga. The police came to that peaceful reception and searched for passes, taxes. Many Africans were arrested. Nyanga. D. MANGINA

fore they are served.

As if this is not enough, most of the buildings have a separate lift (in some cases, two or three) for "Whites only," and only one for "Natives and goods," which may also be used by any White person and the lift for the Whites is always more than 50% better, all round, than the goods lift, which is the Non-European lift. So, even more time is spent here at the lifts.

Because a White person can do all the messages that a Non-White person can do in a quarter or less the time that the Non-White person does, don't you agree that it is logical and reasonable from the economic point of view that all messengers be White?

Johannesburg. INDIGNANT.

Release Treason Accused

CAPE TOWN.
A mass meeting of protest calling for the release of the treason accused and the withdrawal of all charges against them will be held on the Grand Parade, Cape Town on Sunday 19th October at 3 p.m. The meeting is being convened by the Cape Western Consultative Committee of the Congress movement.

The speakers will include prominent Congress leaders.

Release Treason Accused

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Sunday, Oct. 19th

at 3 p.m.
Prominent Speakers

Issued by the Cape Western Consultative Committee

Congratulations to S.A. Cricket Team

May I through the medium of your widely read paper,

take this opportunity of extending my heartiest congratulations to the South African Non-European cricket team, which had a very successful tour recently? I also wish to thank Basil D'Oliviera, the captain, and the manager of the team, for the wonderful performances by every member of the side on tour. I say that South Africans like me are indeed proud of you, and every one of you, and I pray that there be many more tours like the one which was successfully concluded.

To the selectors of our S.A. Cricket Board of Control, I say thank you for giving us such a grand team with such a wonderful captain. Keep up the good work for which we are grateful.

D. SHAIK

Natal.

UP MY ALLEY

Is there anything new about

Robey Leibbrandt's plan to organise a "so-called" Communist military organisation?

No, sir. They had them in Germany and Italy under Adolf and Mussolini. There they wore brown shirts or black shirts and they specialised in beating up, torturing or murdering those who did anything against their bosses. Anybody, not only Communists.

And released-traitor Leibbrandt seems to be confident that he will get support from Hoofier Verwoerd. Why not? The Nats let him out didn't they?

But like all of these values, they don't learn. They have all the oppressed millions of this country and democrats all over the world to contend with.

We advise Herr Leibbrandt to stick to the proper kind of hutching.

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I SEE that two hobbies in England have been hauled up in court for unpolice-mannek behaviour because they were rude to three people from Ghana.

If all the cases of insulting behaviour towards Non-Whites were reported in this country I bet the courts would be too busy to

handle any other kind of offences.

YOURS truly has just returned from a sojourn on a farm, and boy, I haven't absorbed so much fresh air in all my days. The farmer promised to game a new-born calf after me. I am still trying to decide whether the act is intended as a compliment, or otherwise.

Speaking of farms, farmers in S.A. have received aid from Communist China. They are reported to be using paraffin lamps which also operate a battery radio. I believe the heat from the lamp works the battery which in turn works the radio.

We trust that China has acquired many more new friends as a result.

Perhaps the said farmers are even tuning in to Radio Peking.

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IT'S a dog's life in Ewaton, they tell me. Readers say that the provincial authorities have been raiding the area and wherever they find a dog without a licence disc they demand 25/- in fines from the owner, plus 10/- for the licence. No money, and they simply blow his brains out. The dog's life man.
As a result hundreds of pets

ACCUSED JAIL AS CROWN JUDGE FLOTS

From Lionel Forman

PRETORIA. ACCUSED and spectators joined in lusty and jubilant singing of the National Anthem near the court on Monday amidst scenes of immense enthusiasm as the accused Congress leaders left for their homes following the breakdown of the "Treason" indictment and its withdrawal by Pirow.

Already when the court assembled there was excitement at the news of the Crown's application to amend the indictment still further which, in the words of Mr. Justice Rumpff, cut out nine-tenths of the case.

Excitement reached a higher pitch when Mr. Justice Rumpff interrupted Mr. Pirow soon after he began his amendment application saying: "It seems that the Attorney-General when drawing up the indictment did not give full consideration to the implications of allega-

tions of treason in peace time. All the cases quoted by the Crown refer to wartime or rebellion. (Laughter when Mr. Pirow protested, the judge withdrew his words.)

NOT ENOUGH. Mr. Matshe, for the defence, immediately argued that even Mr. Pirow's drastic surgery was insufficient to save the indictment, which was still completely defective. The defence was not concerned with Mr. Pirow's threat to re-indict the accused if the amendment was disallowed. "Let the Attorney-General go and think again about the charge," he said. That was precisely what the accused wanted.

Mr. Trengrove, in arguing for the application to amend the indictment, immediately came under a barrage of questions from Judges Rumpff and Bekker—the judges sometimes putting questions and listening to the replies and then repeating the identical questions.

After ten minutes, Judge Trengrove was in the middle of a sentence, Mr. Pirow suddenly jerked his gown pulling him down into his-

sent and then jumped up and announced the withdrawal of the indictment. As everyone realised that

Looks of complete amazement came over the faces of the Judges and the Crown advocates. Mr. Justice Rumpff immediately adjourned the court.

For several minutes nobody fully understood what had happened. It was the same as if the defence had triumphed, a wave of enthusiasm swept the court.

The effect of the withdrawal is exactly the same as if the defence application to quash the indictment had succeeded. The Attorney-Gen-

HE MUST RESIGN!



eral must now decide whether he will start again with a new indictment. A similar position prevailed after the sedition trial of Communist Party leaders following the great Rand African Miners' strike in 1946. Then the Crown never attempted to frame a new indictment and the whole case was dropped when the Nationalist Government came to power in 1948.

NEW LOOK Mr. Pirow told the court that the Crown would re-indict the accused immediately. The attempted amendment shows the line he will follow if that happens. He sought to add to the charge of advocating communism the words "inherent in which is the use of violence to establish a communist state"—an argument implying that every member of every communist party in the western world could be convicted of treason.

TREASON TRIAL DIARY TO DATE

- 1955**
- June 25-26: Adoption of Freedom Charter at Congress of People, Kiptown, Johannesburg.
 - Sept. 27: National welfare police raids on homes and offices of people throughout S.A.
 - 1956**
 - Questioned about raids in House of Assembly Swart announces 200 people to be arrested on a charge of treason.
 - Dec. 5: 140 arrested in dawn swoop. No bail allowed.
 - Dec. 12: 16 more arrested at dawn.
 - Dec. 19: Accused appear in court for opening of preparatory examination. Thousands gather outside to show "We stand by our leaders."
 - Dec. 20: Bail allowed.
 - Dec. 22: Court adjourns to Jan. 9.
 - 1957**
 - Jan. 9: Preparatory examination continues with handing in of documents.
 - May 23: Court adjourns for 3 weeks.
 - June 19: P.E. continues with handing in of speeches.
 - Sept. 11: Court adjourns until Jan. 13.
 - Dec. 16: Allegations against 61 persons withdrawn.
 - 1958**
 - Jan. 13: Crown ends its case. 94 accused committed for trial.
 - July 21: Parliament—3rd reading of bill to make Special Court legal.
 - Aug. 1: Trial starts. Judge Rumpff and Luntz asked to recuse themselves. Court adjourns for a week.
 - Aug. 4: Judge Lindoff recuses himself. Judge Bekker appointed in his place.
 - Aug. 21: Court quashes one charge, orders further particulars on the others. Court adjourns for one month.
 - Sept. 29: Pirow withdraws second charge under Suppression of Communism Act.
 - Oct. 10: Pirow withdraws speeches and documents.
 - Oct. 13: Pirow withdraws indictment.

Beni Women Firm Against Passes

BENONI. THE African women of Benoni and Watville Townships have solidly stood their ground in the boycott of passes for women since September.

The mobile pass issuing unit has abandoned the Department of Native Affairs as a centre for issuing passes in Benoni. The strength of the boycott has compelled the unit to shift to Daveyton Township 10 miles from Benoni.

With the assistance of members of the Daveyton Municipal police

and some members of the Daveyton Advisory Board, women were rounded up from their homes and a queue started inside the Police Station building; where the unit was operating. This, however, has not lessened the opinion of the women of Daveyton to the passes.

The municipal police and other agents go round the township telling individual women: "You are still here while hundreds of other women are taking passes, but this sort of 'wolf, wolf' gets the same rebuff it got in Watville and Benoni Townships. The women reply: "We shall be the last to take passes."

OFFICIAL VIEW Mr. C. W. Prinsloo, Chief Information Officer of the Department of Native Affairs, has said: "If the women do not come for their reference books we will take appropriate steps in due course. But we have faith in the good sense of the Natives to come forward and accept their books."

"Having a reference book does not mean a woman will be required to work. Neither will a woman be arrested for not having a book on her. These reference books do not have to be carried at all times. A policeman will accept a reasonable explanation for a woman not having hers in her pocket or bag."

"Some time ago I refused to give, however, any Native without a reference book at all will be prosecuted."

WOMEN'S FEARS This statement by the Information Officer has done nothing to lessen the fears of the African women of Benoni. Passing women in the Free State and Natal carry their passes round their necks and must produce them on demand.

The Benoni and Watville Advisory Board has written to the Director of Non-European Affairs refusing to co-operate in the issuing of passes.

The African National Congress Women's League is campaigning among the women, reminding them of the women's demonstration of August 1956. In a statement to the women they say: "The whole country is looking upon you to be solid in your streets. Do not look backward. Do not be intimidated. Keep the fires of freedom burning."

Salary Threat To African Teachers

PORT ELIZABETH. THE salaries of African teachers are once more being threatened. According to an announcement last week, their salaries will be reduced if, amongst others,

- (a) the number of pupils in a class falls below a certain minimum;
- (b) the examination results are bad.

Teachers in the sub-standards up to Standard Two will receive lower salaries than other primary school teachers, irrespective of their qualifications.

Expressing his disgust at these regulations, one teacher told *New Age* that the Nationalist Government was robbing the African teacher of their salaries in order to finance its evil plans to instil a feeling of inferiority in African children.

In both Scripture and the Social Studies the main theme is to instil in the young the idea that they must honour their "superiors"—those in authority—the headman, the dipping foreman, the stock inspector, the location superintendent, the police, the Native Commissioner and the Minister of Native Affairs.

Teachers are strictly supervised to see that they carry out this syllabus.

"One is left with no enthusiasm at all to teach," he said.

Post Office "Mistreated" A.N.C. Telegrams

PORT ELIZABETH. THE failure of the Post Office at Port Elizabeth to transmit telegrams which the office happened not to like, has highlighted the extent to which some civil servants allow their political feelings to interfere with the proper execution of their duties to the public that pays for these services.

On the 25th August last, the Working Committee of the Cape A.N.C. despatched three long telegrams, costing over £, to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and Mrs. Margaret Ballinger, M.P.

The telegrams protested against the brutal assault on Chief Lutuli by a group of Whites in Pretoria. The telegram to the Prime Minister called upon him to condemn this assault from the House and blamed the Nationalist Party for this act of bestiality.

The United Party were asked in the second telegram to condemn the assault in unmistakable terms and Mrs. Ballinger was also asked to raise the matter in the House.

On the same morning, the *New*

Age representative handed in at the Post Office for transmission to Cape Town a press telegram reporting that this was the first telegrams which the office had never received this telegram and in reply to an enquiry, the Postmaster had said that the message was mistreated by the messenger to whom delivery was entrusted.

The letter regrets the inconvenience caused by the failure of the service.

New Age learns that Mrs. Ballinger also never received her telegram and it is not known whether the telegrams were delivered to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

The A.N.C. is claiming a refund from the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs for the undelivered telegrams, the secretary of the A.N.C. told *New Age*.

"We would also like to know what the Department of Posts and Telegraphs is going to do to ensure its staff serves the public and not the interests of a political party."

POLICE BREAK UP ALEX. MEETING

JOHANNESBURG. THE police were out in full force to break up a Congress meeting in Alexandra on Sunday. Four Congress leaders were arrested.

The meeting was the first to be held in the area since the regula-

tions banning meetings in Alexandra were quashed in Court the week before.

Even before the meeting had started the police were there to intimidate the people, taking down the names and addresses of those present.

Shortly after the meeting had started, two troop carriers and squad cars filled with police crashed into the square where the meeting was being held.

The police then drew up around for a baton charge, and arrested the speaker and the chairman.

ALSO ARRESTED

Then when another two Congress leaders to the platform to appeal to the crowd to keep calm, they were also arrested.

Amidst jeers from the crowd the captain of the police ordered the meeting to disperse.

The arrested persons are Mr. B. Molewa, the local A.N.C. Chairman and Messrs. D. Mokonyane, S. Masemola, B. Ntsele.

The local A.N.C. branch immediately issued a leaflet protesting against police intimidation and demanding the right of free speech.

MURDER TRIAL: AND NOW 'HERE ARE 240 ACCUSED

JOHANNESBURG. South Africa's largest murder trial ever has now grown even larger with the joining of 30 additional tribesmen to the accused and the proceedings are expected to come to an end this week.

The prosecutor's son expected to ask that the 240 be committed for trial. All are still in custody.

brought into the proceedings almost at the tail end. The reason for the examination is now being read back to the accused and the proceedings are expected to come to an end this week.

SOUSTELLE CALLS FOR BAN ON FRENCH C.P.

JACQUES Soustelle, 46, energetic Minister of Information and French Premier de Gaulle's right hand man since the days of the war, has over the past few months felt it wise to tone down his speeches in order not to embarrass de Gaulle in his effort to present himself as the kindly father who would lead France to glory without doing anyone any harm.

But shortly before the recent referendum in France, Soustelle could contain himself no longer. Flushed with the prospects of success at the referendum, he called openly for the suppression of the Communist Party by the installation of outright fascism in France—the Communist Party being speaking at a politicians' lunch in Paris, this is how he put it:

"If the Fifth Republic is not to suffer the fate of the Fourth, it is necessary to act as once after the referendum so that the Communist Party cannot corrupt our new institutions as it infected the old ones."

As if to emphasize that he intended rough measures to be adopted in order to combat the Communist Party, he stated in this statement by saying that the Communists and the FLN (Algerian freedom fighters) were acting "in collusion."

LINKED WITH FLN

Already the French government has taken stern measures against the FLN.

Swiss A-Arms

The Soviet Government newspaper *Pravda* has said that the Swiss Government's decision to arm the Swiss army with atomic weapons "can threaten not only the traditional Swiss policy of neutrality, but the very existence of Switzerland as an independent and sovereign State."

ANC Mass Meeting at Nyanga

"The temper of the African people throughout the Cape Western area is reaching a breaking point against the actions of this Verwoerd Government," said a prominent member of the ANC Nyanga branch in an interview with *New Age* this week. "The people are particularly indignant at the way in which the Government has been singling out our most prominent and militant leaders for deportation. This has only served to make us even more determined to fight for our freedom and bring back our leaders here where they belong."

ANC is organising a mass meeting at the 'Kraaifontein' terminus on Sunday October 19, at 2 p.m. Prominent Congress leaders and local residents will address this gathering to protest against the day and night raids by the police; against the increase in poll taxes; against the women and the inhuman breaking up of families throughout the Union. "We appeal to all Congress members everywhere throughout the Cape Western area to attend and show Dr. Verwoerd's Government exactly what we think of its apartheid laws. We are more determined than ever to get freedom in our lifetime," he concluded.

the Algerian population in France. Special laws subject these Algerians to rule by the police.

The technique of Soustelle and Co. for suppressing the Communists is now becoming clear. The French people are to be whipped up into a state of hysteria against the Algerian "terrorists," and then "evidence" will be produced to show that the Communists are supporting "terrorism."

GENERAL ELECTIONS

The all-out attack against the French Communist Party will probably be delayed, however, until after the general elections in France next month. The technique of de Gaulle no doubt feels that it will be possible to cash in on his great prestige at the moment to smash the Communist Party by electoral means. To this end he has arranged that the forthcoming elections will no longer be based on a system of proportional representation.

WORLD STAGE by Spectator

The voters will have to choose candidates in single member constituencies. If no candidate gets an absolute majority on the first ballot, then a second ballot will be held. This will enable the anti-Communist forces to combine in a common front against the left-wing.

OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT

In this way de Gaulle hopes to eliminate the Communist Party as a parliamentary force, in which case de Gaulle will be able to rule with the aid of a subservient parliament.

This will not be the end of the matter, however, for the main strength of the Communists lies not in Parliament but in its close ties with the French working class.

If de Gaulle does succeed in keeping the Communists out of Parliament, he will then engage in an all-out attack on the organisation of the Party and on the French working class as a whole.

(Whatever pretence of democracy de Gaulle has put up until now, even his admirers admit that he is notoriously impatient of any form of opposition. During the war, Churchill and Roosevelt found his vanity insufferable, and they could hardly be called Communists.)

MONOPOLISTS

CONSPIRACY

Meanwhile standing in the wings applauding their actor are the French monopolists who see their dream of the return to the naked dictatorial rule of capital in France coming true.

WHILE IT HAS BEEN DE GAULLE, THE MILITARY MEN AND A FEW POLITICIANS WHO HAVE BEEN REPUTED FOR MAINTAINING THE RISE TO POWER.

These conspiracy dates back to 1956, and its antecedents can be

traced back to the end of World War II.

VICHY REGIME

The Vichy regime was breathing its last. It had been set up in 1940, at the time of France's debacle, and was maintained in power by the Nazi army. It gave the Two Hundred Families everything they had longed for.

But it collapsed in 1944, and Big Business began looking about for ways and means of reviving it.

The history of those days has still to be unfolded. But some of the salient facts are known. For instance, in January 1944 the Comité des Forges, the chief Big Business group in pre-war France, held an emergency conference at which it was decided to maintain the Vichy system or some re-branded version thereof.

And also this fact. In 1944, one of the Resistance organisations, OCM (Organisation Civile et Militaire) drew up a project for postwar political and economic reorganisation.

It envisaged a "presidential republic," a system which, on the admission of its authors, had all the hallmarks of the Vichy regime and followed the Comité des Forges pattern.

This was not surprising, for the OCM included many high-ranking officials and representatives of private business. It was led by two millionaires, Pierre Lafautcheux of the Rothschild group and André Leterpe of the Paris Union Bank.

REGENERATION

The monopolists tried hard to put through this programme after liberation. But they found it impossible, in the early post-war years, to hold back the regeneration of France as a bourgeois-democratic republic.

In 1947 the monopolists made a powerful attempt to capture Parliament through the Gaullist Rally, but de Gaulle did not get the support he hoped for.

By 1956 the monopolists were getting really alarmed.

The general elections of January 2, 1956, gave the Left a clear victory. "The Bourne is disappointed," the colonists—his elections and has reacted angrily," *Le Monde* reported on January 4, 1956.

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The monopolists went over to active preparations to achieve unrestricted control of the French State.

The plot was inspired by the Rothschild-Lafautcheux Union and other financial groups, and the operations centre was Algeria. This was not fortuitous. Algeria had become, in a way, the standard of the monopolists.

They had lost Syria and the Lebanon and Indo-China. If they lost Algeria they would lose everything. Besides, a considerable social stratum in Algeria supported the colonists—the rich French landowners.

And last but not least, there was an army of half a million, made up largely of men recruited by colonial war and "ripped" for an anti-republican push.

The rest of the story we know in broad outline. But the tale is far from over. In the long run the only political organisation that can maintain its power is one that satisfies the needs of the masses of the people.

De Gaulle and the people he represents can never do this. The de Gaulle regime is inevitably doomed to the same fate that met the Vichy regime of Pétain.



CONGRESS GUARD OF HONOUR FOR CHIEF LUTULI: Congress volunteers carrying Congress flags escorted Chief Lutuli to the Congress meeting held recently in Sophiatown.

Verwoerd Tells Transkei Chiefs: "Native Reps Will Go"

Secret Talks on New Machinery of Consultation

JOHANNESBURG.

DR. Verwoerd likes an air of mystery and importance about his doings and has been cagey about the reason why the Transkei Paramount Chiefs were brought to Pretoria for several days last week and were closeted with him in one session alone for as long as four hours.

"Close contact with the Chiefs," was the N.A.D.'s official reaction. That could mean anything.

Our guess is that Verwoerd brought the Chiefs up to Pretoria to tell them his plans for doing away with the Native Representatives in Parliament and to discuss with them how in future "THEY" with their tribal headmen, will act as the mouthpiece of the African people.

This was the main item on the agenda. Another was Verwoerd's advice to the Chiefs on how to deal with so-called "agitators." Much of the discussion also dealt with oiling the wheels of the Bantu Authorities system.

WHO THEY WERE

The Chiefs who took part in the talks were Botha Sogau (Pondoland East), Victor Poto (Pondoland West), Wabana Makaula (Baca), Sabata Mirar (Tembuland), Kaiser Matanzima (Tembuland Immigrants), Sandy Majele (Bhele tribe) and George Moshesh (Mooi Fletcher and Matatiele).

The Chiefs came to Pretoria at the special invitation of the Prime Minister, acting also in his other capacity as Minister of Native Affairs.

During the last session of Parliament Dr. Verwoerd said that he had no immediate legislation prepared for the abolition of the Native Representatives. But it is widely known that this is on the cards and will come up sooner or later.

There have been several pointers

in this direction.

An outstanding example was Dr. Verwoerd's refusal to see the Native Representatives when they wanted to plead the case of the Mamathola tribe faced with removal. Said Verwoerd: "I'll talk directly to the Natives themselves."

SHIREWOLD MOVE

Calling the Chiefs to Pretoria seems to be a better tactic than the original Verwoerd stunt of calling 'indabas' with the tribesmen in the reserves. The much publicised big indaba which Verwoerd himself addressed in most cases ended in fiasco.

Tribal spokesmen, putting forward well reasoned arguments, assailed the Nat policies for shreds. And the representatives of the Government had to talk to the tribal heads in the open and in the full hearing of their tribesmen.

No doubt the Chiefs have been greatly flattered by being the guests of the Prime Minister, and this move is a shrewd one on Verwoerd's part. The N.A.D. laid out the red carpets and organised a programme fit for important visiting statesmen. Luxury buses took them on sight-seeing trips to Afri-

CHIEF'S WIDOW HOUNDED BY N.A.D.

PORT ELIZABETH.

THE Native Affairs Department is shamefully harassing Mrs. Nofama Mntu, widow of the late Chief Ndlovu Mntu, who died in exile.

Sometimes she is served orders by letter from the Native Commissioner's Office, reading: "You are required to appear at this office at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 26, 1958, in connection with the affairs of Mntu's location."

At the office she is interrogated about happenings in the location of which she has no knowledge. Often she is accused of being responsible for

can townships, and the Chiefs were housed in the post residency specially built in Vlakfontein for visiting Chiefs.

The Transkei Chiefs are the first to be called to Pretoria, probably because the Bantu Authorities Act has been accepted by the Chiefs in the Transkei and Verwoerd now wants to go ahead as quickly as possible.

ASKED FOR MORE

At the Pretoria talks the Chiefs were asked to speak out and some of them made out a case for a bigger share of power under the Bantu Authorities system.

When tribesmen at some of the big indabas rejected Verwoerd's policy they said they would not partake of food made by the enemy in their absence.

The Transkei Chiefs seem to be willing to become Verwoerd's chiefs. They think they will get greater powers and independence. But they forget that the recipe still remains that of Dr. Verwoerd.

And they also forget that there is widespread opposition to Bantu authorities among the people of the Transkei. It only needs a spark to set it off.

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The N.A.D.'s vindictive treatment of Mrs. Mntu is certainly not helping to smooth its way for the application of Verwoerd's decrees in the Reserves.

The American moon-rocket has failed to reach its target, but the race for the moon goes on. In this article BRIAN MACARDLE shows that the idea of

SPACE TRAVEL IS NOTHING NEW

DO you think that the idea of space travel is something new? Twenty years old? Fifty? A hundred? Nothing of the sort. For nearly two thousand years space travel has been a topic with the writers of stories—right back to the time of Ancient Greece.

It was Lucian, the Greek historian, who pioneered space fiction some 1,800 years ago. A man of broad vision, he refused to be worried by petty scientific details. His heroes were the crew of a ship sailing off the coast of Greece.

One day a fierce whirlwind seized the vessel and whisks it through the air, depositing it a week later on the Moon. The crew got on well with the inhabitants and help them wage war on the Sun.

MOON LANDING
Lucian followed this work up with a sequel in which the hero acquires the wing of a vulture and the wing of an eagle and teaches himself to fly. He takes off and lands on the Moon, which he uses as a base for forays to nearby planets, thus anticipating by a couple of thousand years some of the plans being put forward today by ambitious scientists.

After Lucian the field of space fiction remained neglected for more than a thousand years. This was probably due less to a lack of imagination, than to the fact that the Church had decided there was no world besides the Earth.

Any writer who dared to suggest otherwise ran the risk of ending his career at the stake and having his works quickly suppressed.

So it was not until after the Reformation that we find the real boom in space travel beginning.

In 1638 an imaginative English prelate, Bishop Godwin, produced his "The Man in the Moon."

SPACE SWANS

This told of a stranded young man who trained a team of swans to draw a carriage through the air at 175 miles an hour. He lands on the Moon to find it inhabited by a delightful race who communicate with each other by fluting notes in varying combinations.

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man of great beauty that he is in Paradise, together with Adam, Eve, St. John, Enoch and Elijah!

Back once more on Earth, the dashing Cyrano finds himself in prison near Toulouse. He plans his escape with great originality—by building a machine to take him to the sun.

This consists of a box rather like a sedan chair with a series of holes in top and bottom. On top is what the intrepid inventor calls "Koushabethon," and which he vaguely describes as being made of crystal. He steps into the contraption and in no time he is sailing far off into space.

BARON VON MUNCHHAUSEN

It is not until the next century that we learn more concerning the people of the Moon from an authority who is about as reliable as Cyrano—the notorious Baron von Munchhausen. His method of space travel owes quite a lot to Lucian, for he tells us how, while sailing the South Seas, a hurricane blew over his ship at least a thousand leagues above the surface of the water and he travelled at a prodigious rate for six weeks above the clouds.

"At last we discovered a great land in the sky, like a shining island, round and bright, where coming into a convenient harbour, we went on shore and found it was inhabited." It was the Moon once again, of course. The Baron tells us he saw "huge figures riding upon vultures of a prodigious size, and each of them having three heads."

Baron Munchhausen was a great one for detail.

"Everything in this world is of extraordinary magnitude," he informs us. "A common flea is much larger than our sheep; in making war their principal weapons are radishes which are used as darts. Their shields are made of mushrooms and their darts (who radishes are out of season) are the tops of asparagus."

The Baron had an opportunity of meeting some of the natives of Uranus in the form of a large mastiff, with their eyes near the lower ends of their noses. They have no eyelids, but cover their eyes with the tips of their tongues when they go to sleep. They are generally 20 feet high."

NO CHEWING

As for the Moon's inhabitants, they were all at least 21 feet high, according to the Baron. He adds informatively: "They are not of the human species, but are called 'Ching' and 'Ching' and all dress their food by fire as we do, but lose no time at meals as they open their left side and place the whole quantity of food at once in their stomach, then shut it until the same day in the next month."

Their heads are placed under their right arm, and when they are going to travel, or about any violent exercise, they generally leave their heads behind them."

JULES VERNE

After taking leave of the Munchhausen accounts, one finds that even the scientific romances of Jules Verne seem almost colourless in comparison. It isn't long, however, before Verne's mastery of detail and skilled narrative have us completely entranced. His notable "From Earth to Moon," which appeared first in 1865, would be a minor classic in space fiction, if it were not for one glaring scientific error. They jetted the body into space, only to find it floats with the projectile in its flight, causing the other dog great

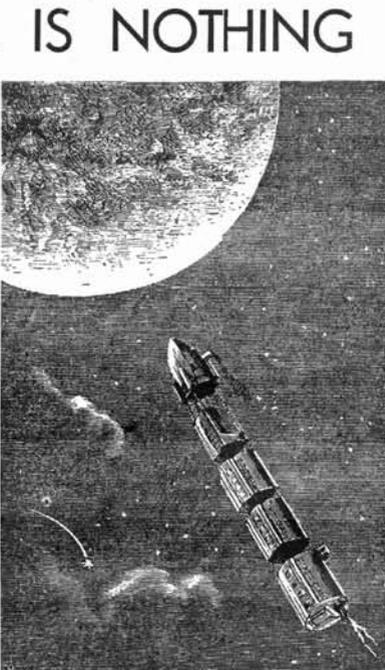
distress whenever the looks out of the porthole and sees her late playmate's corpse still haunting them.

In another work, Verne recounted how a comet struck the earth and caused a large chunk of it—comprising Gibraltar, Corfu, and a bit of Algeria—whirling off into space. After roaring haphazardly through the cosmos, the comet, together with its load, again comes in proximity to the earth and the passengers, by using a balloon, manage to return to the globe from which they were so abruptly torn.

H. G. WELLS

Verne's successor in the space fiction realm, H. G. Wells, was guilty of grave blunders when he wrote his version of Moon exploration. Confronted with the old problem of beating gravity, Wells put his tongue in his cheek and wrote a story in which the hero, called on to invent a strange substance called "Cavorite" which screened the objects it surrounded from the gravitational pull of the earth. Even to Wells's most fervent admirers this artifice was too hard to swallow. His space traveller's adventures on the Moon with Scientias and Moonwalkers were thrilling enough, but they lacked the realism of Verne and the airy nononsense of Munchhausen or Cyrano.

But, when all is said and done, these writers, however bizarre their notions may have been, at least envisaged interplanetary travel at a time when none of their contemporaries could have anticipated the Sputniks circling overhead.



Space train to the moon—an illustration from Jules Verne's "From Earth to Moon."

Protectorate Africans Deny to From Union

Round-up Intensified in Transvaal

JOHANNESBURG.

NUMBERS of Africans from the Protectorates who have lived here for very many years, have reared their families here, and are in steady, registered jobs, are being ordered out of the Union.

Such cases have been reported from Vereeniging, Benoni and Johannesburg's Western Areas.

About 50 men from Vereeniging took their quit notices to one attorney alone to ask for advice.

These orders are being issued to men from Basutoland and Bechuanaland through Mr. C. W. M. Prinsloo, head of the information division of the Native Affairs Department told New Age that men in registered employment since before 1954 and up to May 6 this year can remain in the Union until they leave their present job.

D-DAY

May 6 was D-Day for men and women from the Protectorates, who were ordered to apply for permits to remain in the Union, in terms of the Urban Areas Act.

The application for the permit is made to the local authority of the area there are two in Johannesburg, the Johannesburg municipality and the Restletment Board for the Western Areas (see Meadowlands) and the local authority makes a recommendation as to whether or not the permit should be granted, though the final decision lies with the Union Government.

Thousands of men are already on permit in Johannesburg but other local authorities seem to be trying to weed out men from the Protectorates.

These men are given no time at

all to wind up their affairs and they are deported. The Protectorates without prospects of finding jobs or knowing how they will support themselves and their wives and children.

ANOTHER FAMILY SCATTERED TO THE WINDS

From a New Age Reporter

BENONI.

THE wife told me her husband was at home but I would find him in a nearby house. He was sitting there like a man stunned by a heavy blow. Not one, but three heavy blows. In a week he had lost his house in the township, lost his job, and lost his right to be in Benoni and South Africa.

Mr. Joel Keketleshe has been ordered back to Basutoland. He came to the Union as a young man of 19 years, and now after living and working in Benoni for 19 years, he has been ordered to get out.

He is the father of four children, the youngest of them aged three. All were born in the Union. Keketleshe worked at the Amato Textile Mills for 13 years and became one of the most skilled

workers in his department. He was one of those victimised as a result of the February strike. After being unemployed for two months he found work with the South African Railways at Langlaagte.

HEAVY BLOWS

Just after he got this job the blows began to fall. He was told his house in Benoni's Waitville Location was being withdrawn. His application for a permit in terms of section 12 of the Urban Areas Act was refused and he was told to quit the Union immediately and report to the Native Commissioner at Ficksburg.

"I own no house and no fields in Basutoland," he says.



Mr. Joel Keketleshe, hooted out of Benoni.

This man acted as though his bill had been paralysed. It all seemed too much for him.

NO MONEY

He had no money for the fare to Basutoland, and though the order to leave took effect immediately he had no move to try to find the fare. Where was it to come from?

There was barely any food in the house, and the children were half-naked, with only portions of blankets pinned about their shoulders.

The Keketleshes had to vacate the Waitville house because the next tenants were waiting to move in, but still Joel Keketleshe seemed unable to make any move.

He talked expressively, when he could be drawn into saying something, and seemed incapable of making plans for himself, wife and children.

Two weeks later when New Age again visited his house he had already left. Another family had been scattered to the winds.

FATHER AND SON GO INTO EXILE



CAPE TOWN.

CAPE Town Congressmen and women said farewell to another departed leader last Sunday night when Nathaniel Molaoa left for Basutoland having been endorsed out of Cape Town under the Urban Areas Act.

From 8 p.m. members of Congress started arriving at the station and they carried Nathaniel shoulder-high along the platform.

Congress songs could be heard from far. As 9.15 drew near all were silent as Mr. Molaoa spoke.

"I am not being exiled," he said, "I am merely being transferred to organise in a different area. One day we will deport

the real 'foreign native' back to Holland. I call on all to stand together in the struggle for freedom in our country."

There was just time for the crowd to sing "Nkosi Sikelele Afrika and for Nathaniel Molaoa to kiss his wife and children before the train pulled out. With "Mayibuye Afrika," "Freedom in our Lifetime" singing in his ears, Nathaniel Molaoa left Cape Town. His sorrowing wife Irene sent her children to Nyanga in the care of friends whilst she returned to her work as a domestic servant in Clifton.

Our picture shows Nathaniel Molaoa with his young son Thomas aged four who went into exile with him.

Bosses' Responsibility to Increase African Wages

JOHANNESBURG.

"THE increases in African incomes have fallen by a substantial margin to keep pace with rising costs and . . . whatever the deficiencies in African wages may have been fourteen years ago, the position is well over ten times as bad at present," says an article by a leading Reef industrialist in a recent issue of the "South African Engineer."

"The reason for this deterioration is, of course, not far to seek," the article goes on. "A pointer is obtained from the fact that unskilled labourers in Johannesburg, not covered by a specific wage award, are paid £8 12s. 6d. per week, increasing to £8 16s. 7d. on the basis of a determination made in 1942 and not since revised.

"The plain facts are that the average employer is unwilling to raise wages on his own initiative, not necessarily because he is unsympathetic to the plight of the African, but because he fears the effect of unilateral action on his position in the competitive market.

"Wage increases are normally secured by the concerted action of employee groups operating through Trades Unions or by the threat of such action. In South Africa this weapon is denied to the African by legislation . . .

APPALLING

"The results of this situation are appalling. Not only has it forced a large section of the working population into gross poverty but it has

made the remedy extremely difficult. No industry welcomes a wage demand, but when the situation arises the industry concerned settles down to readjust itself and some of the results are certainly beneficial to all concerned . . .

"When, however, the situation has been allowed to deteriorate so far that to conform to the minimum demands of social justice it would probably be necessary virtually to double the wages of a large part of the country's labour force, it is not surprising that the problem of readjustment may appear genuinely beyond the abilities of most employers and that they should endeavour to blind themselves to its existence."

THE REMEDY

Pointing out that low wages result in increased crime, disease and the steady growth of race hatred, and the responsiveness of the Non-European population to teachings subversive of a social order which offers them hope of poverty and hardship," the article says action must be taken immediately to remedy the situation. Employers must not wait for the Government to move.

"The Government may have been remiss in not allowing workers to form unions to force you to pay them more. It may even have been more remiss in not compelling you to pay them more anyway."

But "Government has never forbidden commerce and industry to pay their employees a living wage. The responsibility lies squarely on our own shoulders."

"Verwoerd Cannot Kill Spirit of the People"

—Tambo Tells Natal ANC Conference

DURBAN.

THE position of the masses in the South Africa is akin to slavery," said Mr. Oliver Tambo, General Secretary of the African National Congress, when he opened the Provincial Conference of the Natal A.N.C. in Durban last Friday, October 10.

"There is no such thing as a home for our people. Jobs are being reserved for Whites. Africans are being forced on to farms as cheap labour."

"But every discriminatory law passed, every hardship imposed on the people has not been able to kill their spirit to continue with the just struggle to make South Africa a democracy where every section of the population will enjoy freedom."

SAVAGE RULE

Speaking about the future of South Africa, Mr. Tambo said that Verwoerd would deal with the country and its people as he had done with Zeerust. The murders, the killings, the mass arrests of people and the banishing of chiefs and leaders . . . those were the consequences of Verwoerd's policies.

His record in dealing with the people of Zeerust and Sekhukhune had earned him the leadership

of the Nationalist Party and the Premiership.

The Nats say "South Africa must be made safe for the Whites." Their position as masters over the Non-Europeans must be secured at all costs. To achieve this end we have the Bantu Education Act, passes for women, Bantu Authorities, the Group Areas Act and a host of other oppressive laws.

"The peoples' opposition to oppression, discrimination and slavery had given rise to mass arrests and mass trials such as the treason trial, he said. Thousands of people were being sent to jail for their opposition to tyranny . . . "These are good people made criminals by Government policy."

INFORMERS

Mr. Tambo condemned the informers and spies who were trying to destroy the peoples' movement. These people were trying to sow discord at a time when the peoples' leaders were facing a capital charge of treason.

"The Government's policy affects us all and we should therefore face the enemy together. A united struggle . . . our best answer to apartheid, which threatens to destroy South Africa. We have the task of bringing peace and happiness to all the people of this land."

AMERICA Workers and Students Demand New Deal**NEW SPIRIT STIRS MEXICO**

IN a few short weeks, the political landscape of Mexico has changed drastically.

When incoming President Adolfo Lopez Mateos enters the National Palace on December 1, he will have to deal with organized forces which were only trends on election day. The hope is that he will represent these forces rather than try to repress them.

These things have happened in a two-week period:

● A new kind of Mexican Labour leader, Demetrio Vallejo Martinez, was triumphantly installed as general secretary of the 100,000-strong railroad workers' union, the first rank-and-file worker in the history of the union to be directly elected to the post by his fellows.

● Tens of thousands of students, who over a previous weekend had paralysed Mexico City's transportation system by seizing scores of buses, conducted a huge and highly disciplined demonstration through the centre of town in their campaign against a fare rise.

● The government finally expropriated the 650,000-acre cattle empire of Cananea in the state of Sonora, property of the American heirs of the 19th century robber baron William C. Greene, site of the first great strike of Mexican labour in 1906, which for 40 years had defied the provisions of the Mexican Constitution and agrarian laws.

● Mexican national capital flexed its muscles in an unprecedented way when a group of Mexican businessmen and industrialists bought out the foreign owners of the principal telephone company in the country.

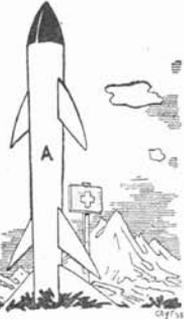


"BOY, the Yanks are giving the pole a thrashing. Their planes are over it, their subs are under it, and their moon rockets are up it."

STANDARD OIL

by Pablo Neruda

WHEN the large drill opened the way into the dark, and sank its implacable intestine stoney caverns into the subterranean riches
 Fire came up through the tubes.
 At the call of its world of dark depths, it met a pale engineer and a deed of property.
 Standard Oil had already arrived, with its lawyers and its boats, with its checks and its rifles, with its governments and its prisoners.
 Its fat emperors live in New York, they are suave and smiling assassins, who buy silk, nylon, cigars, petty tyrants, and dictators.
 They buy countries, peoples, seas
 Policemen, delegations,
 Distant territories where poor men watch over their maize like misers over their gold,
 Standard Oil rouses them, puts them into uniforms, points out to them their enemy brother
 And the Paraguayan makes war,
 and the Bolivian mourns in the woods with his machine-gun.
 A president assassinated by a drop of oil, a mortgage on millions of hectares,
 A swift firing squad in a morning alive with light, petrified,
 A new camp for subversive prisoners in Patagonia, a betrayal,
 snipers in the petroleum moonlight,
 a subtle change of ministers in the capital,
 a rumour like a tide of oil,
 and later the thud of a falling body,
 and you will see how
 over the clouds,
 ever the seas,
 in your house,
 glare the letters of Standard Oil,
 illuminating its dominions.

EUROPE

"We are doing it to make American tourists feel at home."

E. GERMANY PLANS EUROPE'S HIGHEST LIVING STANDARDS IN 3 YEARS

(George Lohv Writes from Berlin)

Left Majority in Swedish Elections

IN Sweden's recent local elections the Left vote rose nearly two per cent. since the return of the Labour Government, backed by the Communists last June.

The increase, from 49.6 to 51.4 per cent., was almost equally divided between Social Democrats and Communists.

This is thought to be an endorsement of the pensions policy on which the Government was elected. Although, ostensibly, the local elections were fought on municipal issues, pensions and other national issues were, in fact, in the centre of the campaign.

British Somaliland Demands Independence

COMPLETE independence and reunification with Italian and French Somaliland, were demanded at a recent congress held in British Somaliland by parties belonging to the National Association of Somaliland.

The congress demanded that the living standards of the people be raised and that the opportunity for elementary education be offered to the working people.

A resolution adopted by the congress supported "all measures aimed at guaranteeing world peace and security" and protested against "the attempts of the colonialist authorities to strangle the ever-growing national liberation movement."

The Somaliland National Association was uniting all patriotic forces within the country, the resolution said.

THE FIRST CONVENTION of the German Socialist Unity Party is barely one month old, but already the country is speeding toward the achievement of the main economic goal set by that gathering: to surpass West Germany by 1961 in per head consumption of all important consumer items and to finish the construction of socialism by 1965.

Evidently, the perspective of such a massive accomplishment has many implications, beyond the economic fact that, in three short years, the people of the German Democratic Republic will have the highest standard of living in Europe. Past accomplishments give no reason to doubt this goal will be achieved.

This interpretation is also shared by a number of papers in West Germany.

IN YEARS PAST it was common to read statements in these papers such as that "Eastern Germany cannot exist and cannot recover without West Germany" (Aachener Nachrichten in 1950). In the same year Die Welt (Hamburg) wrote of the five year plan then being undertaken here that, because of its "exaggerated" nature and because its basis was so "far removed from reality," it would "promptly lead to its opposite," namely economic chaos. There was no economic chaos but fulfillment of the plan.

NOW THE FRANKFURTER Allgemeine Zeitung, the most important West German paper, writes that the GDR "has created an industry, on a foundation of soft coal, which created astonishment at the Leipzig Spring Fair." As for not being able to live without West Germany, The Frankfurter Rundschau wrote after the Party convention that "under the emblem of co-existence, the real

race has started" to determine which Germany has the better social system.

THERE IS NO DOUBT as to the winner. It is also certain that the authority of the GDR, which has grown rapidly in the recent period, will mount still higher. While diplomatic recognition is still restricted to the Socialist countries, there are economic and cultural relations with a large number of countries. It is not only a question of trade, though that is very important. The products of this country, especially of its chemical and optical industry, find a ready market in many parts of the world. The key factor, however, is the increasing recognition that Adenauer's policy of forceful "reunification" is bankrupt, that the GDR is here to stay, that it is thriving from every point of view, and that it is playing an increasingly important role in European affairs.

21st CONGRESS OF C.P.S.U. NEXT JANUARY

THE 21st Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is due to take place in January next year. This was announced in Moscow recently after a plenary meeting of the central committee of the CPSU had been held.

The 21st Congress is not likely to cover the same wide ground of international and domestic affairs that was dealt with at the historic 20th Congress in February 1956.

In fact, the forthcoming Congress has been labelled a "special"

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AT HIROSHIMA?

WHAT really happened at Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, when the first atom bomb exploded?

Slowly we are coming to realize that the most ghastly event of our age is also among the worst documented, wrote Francis Flavius in the London Tribune recently.

For years the world accepted the American figure of 80,000—bad enough in all conscience—as the Hiroshima death-roll. But last year, returning from a visit there, Prof. Kotliak said in a Tribune

interview that the true figure was more like 200,000. This estimate is repeated by Fernand Gigon, whose careful reconstruction of events fills much of his new book, "Formula for Death."

He makes strong criticisms of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission set up by the Americans. In their view, "radiation only produces atomic disease in the moment after the explosion. . . . No effect can be felt by someone viewing the scene of the explosion afterwards."

But, says Gigon, "there were several fatal cases among people who went there looking for their families." Rescue workers and firemen were also affected.

LAST month, Dr. Darling of the ABCC, stated that there was no sign of any genetic damage to Hiroshima children.

Edita Morris, who has also carried out an inquiry on the spot, writes in the New Statesman recently, quoting Japanese figures: "Of 32,000 children born in Hiroshima, not less than 5,000—almost one in six—were deformed or still-born."

"This figure includes 1,100 with skeletal deficiencies or serious muscular weakness; almost 100 with deformed brains or without brains altogether; almost 200 without lips, and the same number without sexual organs; 25 with one or no eyes."

OVAMBO MESSAGE TO U.N.O. SPORTLIGHT



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concealed in a copy of the book "Treasure Island."

The message created a sensation when it was placed before the United Nations last week by Mr. Getzen, the Lincoln University student who, with the Rev. Michael Scott, is appearing on behalf of the Non-Whites of South West Africa to oppose the Union Government's fake partition plan.

Approached in Cape Town, where he works Mr. Ja-Toivo at first denied sending the message, suspecting that the journalists who had interviewed him might be members of the Special Branch of the Police. When he realised that the publication of his denial would harm the cause of his people at U.N.O., Mr. Ja-Toivo went immediately to the office of the newspaper which had printed it and asked them to publish a correction, which they did.

BUT NO NEWSPAPER HAS PUBLISHED THE FULL DETAILS OF MR. JA-TOIVO'S MESSAGE TO U.N.O. *New Age* brings it to you for the first time, so that all readers can appreciate why this message has been suppressed by the capitalist press.

Mr. Ja-Toivo's message reads: Mr. Chairman, having been denied the travelling means to New York by the Government of South Africa to address the United Nations personally, we have to use all means at our disposal.

To start with, on behalf of the indigenous people of South West Africa, I respectfully thank our petitioners at the United Nations. I would like to thank Father Michael Scott for his tireless work for the past 12 years at United Nations on behalf of the oppressed

people in South West Africa. I would also like to thank most sincerely Mr. Kerina (Getzen) who made it possible for the voice of the indigenous people of South West Africa to be heard before the United Nations.

My Chairman our patience is exhausted and we feel that the time has come for us to make our position clear before the world. Before the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly last year Mr. Kerina stated this among other things:

1. That South West Africa is not a colony of the Union of South Africa.

2. That the Union of South Africa has not conquered us by means of arms.

3. That the people of South West Africa have the right to appeal to any power for assistance to end the S.A. Government's inhuman oppression and atrocities in South West Africa.

COMMUNISM . . . Our problem in South West Africa is not against Communism. We have not suffered under Communism yet. All that we hear about Communism is from our White so-called guardians who are presently oppressing us.

It should be borne in mind that our problem is this: we are positively against the administration of the South African Government in South West Africa. I repeat once again that for the last 38 years the Government of South Africa has not done anything to fulfil her international duty which is: To promote to the utmost the material and moral well-being and social progress of the indigenous peoples.

The United States of America, while pretending to be the protector and upholder of the rights of the oppressed peoples, shows little concern for the well-being of the indigenous people of South West Africa. She must not continue to disregard her international responsibilities before the American-owned companies are extracting our copper and our vanadium, by the sweat and toil of our people.

— AND CHRISTIANITY . . . What is most striking to the Africans is the fact that we are told a great deal about the evils of Communism which I understand means equality and justice for all, irrespective of colour or creed. I believe if this is what Communism means to the people who call it an evil will also brand Jesus Christ a Communist who gave us the great

Commandment: "Love thy neighbour as thyself and do to all men as you wish they should do unto you."

The countries which are regarded as being under the influence of Communism are not represented by the Russians at the United Nations; they are represented by their own national interests and, in Southern Africa under the guardianship of the "Christian" civilisation, are exposed to the most inhuman treatment by our White paternalist guardians under the cloak of "Democracy."

IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT TRIAL

You have been told by our petitioners of the indefinite imprisonment of Rev. Hamtumbanga (who organised the petition to U.N.O. last year—Ed.) I would like to tell you that at this moment he is back in Ovamboland. I'll tell you what happened.

On the 15th of January, a delegation of five men interviewed the Bishop of Damaraland to find out how Rev. Hamtumbanga was imprisoned without a trial. The Bishop told the delegates that this was done by the Government and he could do nothing about it. After the delegation left he went to the Native Commissioner and told him that one Herero and three Ovambos went to see him in connection with the imprisonment of Rev. Hamtumbanga. He urged the Native Commissioner to send Rev. Hamtumbanga back to Ovamboland or else the trouble would stay.

The Chief Native Commissioner afterwards called Rev. Hamtumbanga and asked him if he wanted to return to Ovamboland. Rev. Hamtumbanga replied that he had no intention of coming to Windhoek; it was the Native Commissioner who brought him there. The Native Commissioner denied this, saying that Rev. Hamtumbanga was brought there by his friends and he wished to return to Ovamboland, he would give him his travelling pass willingly. All he must do is to make an application to his Bishop if he wanted to return to Ovamboland and if his Bishop permitted him to go back to Ovamboland he must fetch his travelling pass.

A WARNING

Rev. Hamtumbanga did not make any application to the Bishop as suggested by the Native Commissioner but to surmise he was called by the Native Commissioner and told that he was leaving for Ovamboland. Then the Native Commissioner strictly warned him not to hold any meetings in Ovamboland and not to continue writing the letters to the United Nations. He said that Rev. Hamtumbanga was not compensated for the unlawful arrest and for the damage done to his property during his absence by the Government. He was the Minister of Native Affairs, Dr. Verwoerd. This is how the people of South West Africa are oppressed and the world is looking at us without taking any action. We want a peaceful settlement of the question of South West Africa right now.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The time has come for the people of South West Africa to exercise their rights as human beings. Having become victims of the vicious totalitarian Government of South Africa, we the people of South West Africa, humbly request the United Nations to revoke the mandate and to place the territory under the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations Organisation to end the misery inflicted upon us by the Government of the Union of South Africa.

We also request the United Nations to send a Commission of Enquiry to South West Africa to study the appalling living conditions of our people on the spot and report back to the General Assembly.

CRICKET—

Immediate Plans

NOW that our victorious cricket team is back in South Africa, and the respective players are settling down to normal routine again, it is the duty of our national administrators to seek further fields to conquer. So far we have heard unconfirmed reports that the West Indies will be here in the 1959-60 season, and if this tour does materialise, then a series of matches should be held as soon as possible this year to act as a guide to our National Selectors. There is still a wealth of talent in the rest of the country, and the task of the selectors is by no means over simply because of the success of the players who went to East Africa. A number of these players failed on the tour and replacements have to be found, so let us not leave it until the eleventh hour to discover them.

At the "Welcome Home" tea party held in Johannesburg, a suggestion was mooted that the tour be played against the Rest of South Africa in Johannesburg this season. What an excellent suggestion, which should be seriously considered by the Board of Control, would be a step further recommending not one, but three or four such matches to take place in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, and if necessary Port Elizabeth. These matches would form an excellent medium of discovering new talent and also enable the respective provincial units to fill their coffers for the guarantees that will be required for the West Indies tour, for no doubt big crowds will be anxious to see our victorious heroes as a team—the team that so much won the hearts of the East African crowds.

At the "Victory Banquet" given last week in Cape Town, Basil D'Oliviera made mention of the excellent grounds they played on, and he wished to see the grounds for Durban, the facilities are primitive. It's a pity some of the leading speakers at that function did not mention this, and his assurance that the ground problem would be given top priority, for with the numerous tours that are being planned we will at all times be at the mercy of the Europeans who have the "goods" in grounds and facilities.

Cape Town especially must make a determined effort to acquire a suitable ground, like Durban's Kingsmead, for we have the population to attract crowds of 20,000 and over in any major encounter.

Cricket Board

W.P. has at last fallen in line with the other provinces, by forming two weeks ago the W.P. Cricket Board of Control, which in future will control cricket in that province. Mr. I.S. van Harte, of S.C.S. Col. F. Association fame, who is at the helm of affairs, is assured of co-operation and support from the affiliated Western Province and Eastern Province, the former to take place in Johannesburg, and the latter in Cape Town—with the request that National Selectors be present at both these matches. If these matches prove a success, which obviously they must, then the Board of Control's decision to

play future tournaments on provincial lines could be implemented before 1960.

We Hear It Said . . .

● That the W.P. Indian Cricket Union will soon be emulating the E.P. Union in deleting the racial tag to their name, although their doors have been open to members of all racial groups for the last eight years.

● That both the Transvaal African Soccer and Rugby Unions are retarding the progress of their national bodies. The Rugby Union owes the S.A. Board £260, which they are daily-diffying to pay, and thus are not eligible to participate in the national tournaments. The soccer body owes the S.A.A.F.A. approximately £125, which in turn has to be paid to Basutoland, who have refused to take part in the Moroka-Baloyi Tournament until this sum is paid to them. Come on Transvaal! Is this your contribution to the progress of sports?

● That Saxton Mabena, S.A. bantamweight champion who successfully defended his title against Paul "Gunfighter" Moshoeshoe, proved himself in the same top class as Jake Tull was and has a bright future if properly handled.

● That Non-European cyclists in Johannesburg have been given the opportunity of receiving coaching from the S.A. (European) Cycling Federation on Olympic and International racing methods. This commences from October 19, and amongst those who will take part is George Mazibuko, S.A. Champion. Messrs. W. Huth (Secretary), A. R. M. Harbour (Vice-Chairman) and the Chairman of the White body, will be undertaking this work.

● That when Joseph Jimmy, outstanding East London soccer player, collapsed on the field and died recently, his club members felt he should be buried in his football boots, with the coffin draped in the club colours. Thinking this not enough, they collected sufficient money to purchase a magnificent trophy, known as the Joseph Jimmy Trophy, for the best sportsman, on and off the field. The club the Stars of India, indeed paid a fine compliment to Border's most outstanding player.

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