

# JAILED SHOUT 'AFRIKA!' AN.C. MEN

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## Federation Africans Stand By Their Leaders

From a Special New Age Correspondent in the Federation



"IMPERIALISM IS DEAD Y'KNOW. LIKE THESE 'ER . . ."

# 'MASSACRE PLOT IS A LIE'

ANC Leader Explains How the Violence began

IN scenes reminiscent of the days of the "treason" arrests in South Africa, 435 African National Congress leaders in Southern Rhodesia were arrested at dawn and transported to temporary detention camps at the beginning of the "emergency" here.

SHOUTING 'AFRIKA!' IN RICH, THUNDEROUS VOICES. (Continued on page 5)

### MASS PROTEST IN LONDON



AN African beating a drum heads a demonstration of 1,000 people through London's West End protesting at events in Nyasaland. At a meeting in Hyde Park

after the march the demonstrators were told by Mr. M. W. Kanyama Chiume, one of Dr. Hastings Banda's lieutenants: "There shall be no other masters but ourselves in our land."

NEW AGE is now also in possession of the text of a letter from a leader of the Nyasaland African Congress giving the lie to the fantastic allegations by the Federation government of a Congress plot to massacre people.

It was written five days before the declaration of the emergency—by Mr. H. B. Chipembere, Member of the Nyasaland Legislative Council and treasurer of Congress. He has since been arrested.

"Do not listen to any stories about the disturbances being the result of a plan by Congress," Mr. Chipembere wrote.

#### POLICE, MAYBE

"Nobody ever sat to plan these riots. If any people did, it was the police and officials and the settler politicians above them.

"If the disturbances had been planned there would have been more trouble than there is at present," he wrote.

Mr. Chipembere told how in recent weeks many Africans were "beaten as they innocently walk through the streets—not only at night but also during the day.

"They are beaten and told 'We are beating you because you follow Dr. Banda and his Congress' or 'We want to show you where power lies—Dr. Banda is not the Governor of Nyasaland,' or as in the case of the boys of the Blantyre Mission School three days ago, 'We are beating you because of what your politician brothers are doing and saying against Europeans.'

#### THE PATTERN

"The general pattern is as follows:

"Dr. Banda happens to be passing by on his way to some public meeting or interview with a top Government official. Thousands line the road to cheer him all along his way.

"The police come to disperse these crowds with the excuse or fear that the crowd might 'obstruct traffic' on the road or cause a 'breach of the peace'.

"Anyone who asks why he is being dispersed is beaten and arrested for 'obstructing a police officer in the performance of his duties.' This has happened in Ncheu many times.

"Arising out of such arrests we have frequent trials of Congress members. Other members and supporters come to attend the trials in their thousands.

"The police are called in (not only the regular police but also the armed 'police mobile force' in riot uniform).

#### CLASH

"A clash occurs and all sorts of deadly weapons are used, even killing people with batons or bullets; this was the pattern in Ncheu on February 20.

"There are over 200 branches of

Congress in Nyasaland now as against about 80 in May last year. With the rise in political consciousness there is a greater outcry for public meetings; but these cannot be held without written police permits for which an application with seven days' notice has to be made.

"They would like to be able to meet at any time to discuss their problems and their future; and so, in many cases, they naturally tend to meet as often as they like without going to the police for a permit.

"The Nyasaland Government (Continued on page 4)

## ANC Plan For Peace

THIS IS THE NYASALAND AFRICAN CONGRESS' PLAN FOR PEACE IN NYASALAND.

It was put forward in London last week by Mr. Kanyama Chiume, Member of the Legislative Council of Nyasaland and publicity secretary of the Congress.

- 1 Troops should be withdrawn forthwith;
- 2 The state of emergency should be ended;
- 3 Dr. Hastings Banda, Congress leader, should be allowed to return;
- 4 African Congress should be allowed to function properly;
- 5 An independent judicial commission should be sent from Britain to Nyasaland. (Mr. Chiume said he would have no objection to the Labour Party proposal for a Parliamentary Commission.)
- 6 A new Constitution should be worked out on the basis of "one man one vote" in an independent Nyasaland.

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# NEW AGE LETTER BOX

## BRITISH TO BLAME FOR NYASALAND VIOLENCE

The Nyasaland African Congress has never planned violence in Nyasaland. Only the people do not want Federation, that is why things are like this today—all because the British Government imposed Federation against the will of the people because she wants to rule Nyasaland for ever.

The people of Nyasaland fought very hard for the British in both world wars. Thousands of Nyasas died in these wars to help the British Empire, but look what is happening today?

We want no more white man boss in Nyasaland and away with the Federation of Roy Welensky the engine driver.

You Nyasas must not forget what Dr. Banda said when he landed at Chilika airport last year from Ghana. Dr. Banda said: "Don't expect that freedom is in this briefcase, but it is with you." And he was given a leopard skin with the N.A.C. slogan "Kwacha" written on it, and a broom to sweep Federation away.

New Dr. Banda has swept Federation away. There will be no Federation or Dominion status next year, Nyasas must unite together and voice their protest to self-government now and away with Federation.

Dr. Nkrumah went from prison to the Assembly in Ghana, and so will Dr. Banda go from prison to the Assembly in Nyasaland. There is no doubt Dr. Banda is the future Prime Minister of Nyasaland because very soon the government will be out of the hands of the Whites.

NYASALA

Johannesburg.

## Let's Forget Beer

I am black. Because of my colour I have no food, no education, and no say in the administration of the country. I am begging. I ask for more apartheid, because I have been told that there are only two things that may be given to Africans: work and beer. And after drinking beer we kill each other so that the "baas" may laugh.

Just recently I passed my J.C. but because of all the money which has been spent on building beerhalls I am not able to further my studies.

I want to know if we forget about beer, what will happen? Let us do that and shame the devil. If we do we can die speaking the truth, it is better.

MOHLVOVA RAMAKATANE Daveyton, Benoni.

## Is Hell Any Worse?

Can anybody tell me if Hell of which I have so often heard is more severe than the conditions under which the African people live in this small land of South Africa? If less severe, surely, we see no reason why my fellow Africans should have any fears of the so-called Hell after death.

Let us look forward to the time when the adopted Freedom Charter will come into being when every one irrespective of colour, race or creed will live together peacefully, friendly and free from the bondage of oppression.

OPRESSED

Langa, Cape.

## Charlie The Dictator

Was it the poet who was claimed to be "the unacknowledged legislator of mankind"? But it was the film, "With the re-issue of "The Great Dictator," his name must surely be Charlie, Charlie the Chaplin-Dictator be Great.

In the life of every artist there usually stands out one achievement which vindicates his birth. It seems that the pendulum of Charlie's comic genius had to swing on the up and up until no less an event than World War Two, for the blending of stark reality itself with his stark fantasy.

How utterly absolute does his peroration, ring in a world where "freedom," "the good life," "fight for right" have become tarnished with repetition.

Here Charlie, playing his own two extremes of tormentor and tormented—comes out as the magnetic pole dictating the only course mankind can follow out of its folly—brotherhood of the people, opposition to tyranny.

Hurrah for Charlie at the helm!  
ABRAHAM BELL  
Cape Town.

## They Don't Want Passes or Chiefs

We the women of Rooijantsfontein say again to the Nationalist Government that we don't want passes, and we are not going to carry passes and we say, jail rather than passes.

Neither do we want the son of the late Chief over us because he is so like his father. We shall tell the Government that we do not want one of that house, we want liberation.

ANC MEMBERS  
Lichtenburg.

## S.A. Like An Old Piano

Today apartheid is like a jambok to an African. I think most people know when this white, apartheid, was born. It was made after World War II and was made a shepherd. He became a mad shepherd and all the sheep were scattered.

Because of apartheid we pray separately, but worship one God. What will happen to a piano if the black notes were taken out? The music would not sound like before. God created black and white people for the same purpose as there are black and white notes on the piano.

But today S.A. is like an old piano with some of the white prime minister. I would advocate harmony not apartheid.

SHUHEULARO KODISANG.  
Wilberforce, Evaton.

## Nats. Don't Like Us—But The People Do

If we need any further proof of the Government's distaste for New Age, we have it in the treatment of Mr. N. P. D. Tshawe of the Orange Free State. Because this man wrote to our paper, taking up the challenge of the Clairwood Branch of the Natal Indian Youth Congress to see who could sell most copies of New Age, he was immediately visited by the Special Branch, questioned and searched.

This is not the only instance of police intimidation against our sellers and agents—it has happened time and again.

New Age is a perfectly legal, registered newspaper, and this police action is completely unjustified; in fact it represents a serious infringement of the freedom of the press.

The Government may not like New Age, but the people like it all the more. And they want to see it grow from strength to strength.

We have told you before that we must pay for our next quota of newsprint at the end of this month—that means £500 over and above the £1,000 that we always need. And our newsprint has to be paid for IN ADVANCE. This means that unless we have the money, we won't have anything to print our news on.

But we can have the money—if everybody tackles the job

in hand with vim and vigour. We all want to keep New Age going. And WE CAN keep it going. It's up to you to do what you can. New Age is literally in your hands.

£165 was raised at a party in Cape Town last week (some of it in promises). And we see that Johannesburg also has its first entry for the competition. A group of young Indian friends raised £16.11.8.

Special thanks also to the group of friends who organised the book sale which raised £21.12.0 in Johannesburg.

### Last Week's Donations:

- Cape Town:
  - L.K., Bliz 10s., Buk 2s.
  - SACT River 2s. 1. and H. 2s.
  - H.T. 2s. 1. and R. 2s. 1.
  - Nick 10s., Bob 2s. 1., F.S. 2s. 1., Robert 2s. 1.
  - W. 2s. 1., Max 2s. 1.
  - B.W.A. 2s. 1., Ally 2s. 1.
  - Harry 1s. M.W. 10s., Mica 2s. 1.
  - R. 2s. L.L.W. 2s. 10s. Xmas Present 10s.
  - Happy Birthday (Haltold and Friend) 2s. 6s. 2s. 1.
  - A.F. 4s.
  - Happy Birthday (London Visitor) 2s. 4s.
  - Happy Birthday (K. and M.) 2s. 10s.
  - Happy Birthday (Mr. P.) 2s. 10s.
  - Happy Birthday (D. and E.) 2s. 1.
  - Birthdays Party 2s. 10s. 2s. 1.
  - Collectors 2s. 10s.
- Johannesburg:
  - Harry 2s. 1.
  - Jumble Sale 2s. 10s.
  - Booksale 2s. 12s. 1.
  - Dr. A. Monthly 2s. 6s. 10s.
  - L Leslie 2s.
  - Party 2s. 10s. 11s. 8d.

TOTAL: £224 19s. 16d.

## EDITORIAL

# Congress Must Be On Guard

AS a result of the crisis in the Central African Federation, White Africa is falling over itself to demonstrate the reality of its supremacy over the Blacks. A state of emergency has been declared in the Rhodesias and Nyasaland, the ANC has been banned, fascist laws are being placed on the Statute Book, men and women are being hunted down by heavily armed "security forces" and their homes destroyed—all by way of demonstrating the moral superiority of that "Western civilisation" the Whites are pledged to uphold and in whose name almost any atrocity can be committed, it seems, with impunity.

Not surprisingly, the Nationalists in South Africa are rubbing their hands with glee to see the British in trouble again. Once again, they point out, it is the British, the most hostile critics of apartheid in South Africa, the apostles of integration and partnership, who are forced, gun in hand, to keep the Black man in his place. "Developments elsewhere in Africa were a complete justification of Nationalist Party policy in South Africa," said the Minister of Finance, Dr. T. E. Dinges, last Friday night—conveniently ignoring the slaughter in Zeerust and Sekukhune-land, the resistance to passes for women, the rash of strikes, the deportations and banings, the treason trial, the men rotting away their lives in exile at Frenchdale, not to mention the university spying and other bestialities which the apartheid policy has brought to our unhappy land.

At the same time, while they rejoice to see the British in trouble, the Nationalists wholeheartedly approve the stern measures they have adopted to crush the ANC in their territories. In fact, they are even a little envious. They wish they had as feasible an opposition to deal with as Welensky. They wish they could arrest people in their hundreds and put them away, without trial, as Welensky and Armitage do. They wish they could ban and outlaw, burn and demolish, with no De Blanks, Centlivres, Patons, Feethams or Professors du Plessis to say them nay.

In fact, some sections of the Nationalist Press have already suggested this might be a good time to ban the ANC here. After all, the British are doing it and getting away with it; if Swart were to do it now, there could be no outcry from overseas. Never mind that there is no earthly reason why the ANC should be banned; the C.A.F. authorities have had equally little reason to declare their state of emergency, yet they are getting away with it.

The Government is undoubtedly under some pressure at the moment to take action against the Congresses. The liberation movement should be on its guard. All forms of provocation must be rejected, and the Congresses must be ready to defend themselves against any assault which the Nationalist Government may launch against them.

But in the last resort, the best form of defence is attack. With the fires of freedom blazing from one end of Africa to the other, this is no time for the Congresses in South Africa to be on the defensive. Freedom Day, April 15, and South African Freedom Day, June 26, are in the offing. The country is waiting for the Congresses to give a lead.

## THE SIGN OF AN AGITATOR

The recent stevedores' strike at the Durban docks once again indicates that South Africa is riddled with agitators.

Mr. C. R. Swart, the Minister of Justice, shares my views on this matter.

Take the stevedores' strike for example. The strikers and the bosses were on the point of getting together to negotiate a peaceful agreement. All of a sudden a group of agitators arrived on the scene and baton-charged the strikers.

On one occasion, I was sitting under a tree, discussing Job Reservation with a group of factory workers, when a bunch of these self-same agitators turned up and their leader who called himself "Kaptain" something or other, told me, in a loud voice, to "bugger off," otherwise he would tell his gang to hit me and my friends with the long sticks they were carrying.

Like Mr. C. R. Swart, I feel that we must be on guard against these agitators and the general public should be warned about them. They can be identified by the following signs: they wear khaki uniforms, the fair-skinned ones wear a revolver strapped at the side, the darker kudd one carry a murderous looking truncheon. They either ride around at a high speed in pick-up vans or strut along the streets as if they've bought the town. Their most popular sport appears to be a game called "knock-knock," which requires that you bang loudly on the doors of African labourers' shacks at dead of night and shout "Puma jong, waar's jou permit?"

Anyone answering to the above description is an agitator, and those who want peace and harmonious race relations should steer clear of them.

M. J. FLETCHER.  
Durban.

## Police Take Notes Of Prayer

KIMBERLEY.

People attending a meeting called by the Bathing National Council in the Galeshewe Communal Hall, Kimberley, last week to announce the successor to the tribe's chief who died recently were shocked and surprised when police took notes of prayers while the meeting was being opened. They did not take notes of the hymn.

Speakers urged followers to get rid of tribalism and work for a better South Africa. They explained how cattle were killed during the Rondapet squabble and how chief Galeshewe was arrested and sent to Robben Island where he remained for eight years.

"If missionaries did not come to us carrying the Bible in one hand and a spear in the other, the Bathing would have been a powerful nation," a speaker said.

## Sekhukhuneland Sequel

# 25 tribesmen charged With Murder

**PRETORIA.** In the dock of the Old Synagogue where once the treason trials sat are 25 tribesmen from Sekhukhuneland charged with murder following the death of a chief and his bodyguard. The Government on the issue of the imposition of Bantu Authorities.

The court looks much the same as it did during the treason hearings and the many volumes of record of that case still stand in the bookshelves near the bench and tables for the Crown and defence.

Before the judges, however, is the well of the court stands a table of exhibits: piles of stones and bundles of weapons, among them sticks and some assegais. Daily the African public gallery is crowded with the tribespeople of those in the dock.

Among the 25 accused are three women, one young boy and several old, lined grey men, four of these in the back row dressed in rags with bare feet.

The trial is expected to last at least another two weeks. On Monday the eighth witness was giving evidence and there are another seven Crown witnesses. All the witnesses for the prosecution are women.

One of these women witnesses, Mantse Sepogosi, cross-examined on Monday by Mr. Edward Haddad for the defence, said that after the attack on the chief and his bodyguard she and others had sat together discussing the incident and counting the number of people they had seen there.

Mr. Justice Theron asked: "You did this before the preparatory examination?"

The witness said: "Yes."

The Judge: "So at the preparatory examination you knew the names of those you had seen and the names of those other persons who said they had seen?"

Mr. Haddad put it to this witness: "You could not have seen the chase or the assault on the chief. There will be evidence for the defence that you weren't there at all at the scene of the attack."

### CROWN CASE

Outlining the Crown case, the public prosecutor said the chief was attacked by about 60 men and women. They chased him for about half a mile and he took refuge in a hut. He was driven out and killed outside.

The Crown's case would be that

the whole group decided they would kill the bodyguard, but on this point the Crown would rely entirely on circumstantial evidence. "When you say there were no eye-witnesses, I mean nobody saw the killing."

### OTHER TRIALS

Several other trials of Sekhukhuneland tribesmen will also take place before the Supreme Court in Pretoria.

Others still who appeared in the mammoth preparatory examination in Lydenburg have been committed for trial in the Magistrate's Court. These summary trials will start during April in Lydenburg.

## Spies At Lovedale—And

# 2 STUDENTS ARE SENT HOME

From Our Correspondent

**LOVEDALE.** ABOUT 230 students of Lovedale were sent home last week when they protested against the expulsion of four of their colleagues following students' complaints against a boarding master.

The trouble started when students complained that this master was responsible for giving them porridge and water, without sugar. The boarding master then called a students' meeting, which he promised that the service would be improved in the near future.

The students were shocked when immediately afterwards the Superintendent of the institution singled out four students who were alleged to be "ring-leaders". The four students were loaded on to the institution's lorry and carried to Kingwilliamstown.

### ANOTHER SPY

One of the four had previously reported that he had been the Superintendent's spy in 1958. When the students discovered that he was a spy, he confessed and said that the Superintendent had promised him "free education." After his exposure, he told the Superintendent that he was not prepared to spy for him any more. There is a feeling of bitterness among the students who may be paying old debts by expelling this student now.

Two students reported that they were also told to watch and report on some Fort Hare students. When the students demanded to know why the four had been expelled, the Superintendent threatened to call the police.

### PARENTS SUMMONED

Two prominent Africans who were summoned to the school to help deal with the trouble were Dr. Mzimba, of Fort Hare, who is reported to have told his sons not to associate with "that mob"; and Mr. W. M. Isotsi, President of the All-African Convention, whose son was involved.

It is understood that Mr. Isotsi reached an agreement with the Superintendent that his son should not be expelled.

The students continued to demand the return of the four expelled students. Then the Superintendent

## Police Again Baton Women

JOHANNESBURG.

MRS. Josephine Makhohe was in the queue for reference books at the Johannesburg pass office when she and others were batedon by police after a minor fracas—and some jostling at the police—in the queue.

Mrs. Makhohe's back shows a patchwork of blue bruises, her right cheek is bruised and her hands are swollen.

She told New Age the women were queuing quietly for their reference books when a fight broke out between two women in the front of the queue. A number of the women then started making a noise.

When the police intervened to silence the women someone in the queue shouted: "We have come for reference books, not to be bullied by stupid Boer police." This remark met with general laughter.

This annoyed the police who threatened to baton the women. A

voice from the back of the queue shouted: "We came for passes and we now receive a baton as our price." This was enough for the sergeant to order a baton charge to disperse the women.

No stones were thrown at the police, New Age was told.

## Nokwe Sues Police For £3,000

JOHANNESBURG.

Advocate Duma Nokwe, secretary-general of the African National Congress, has sent a letter of demand for £3,000 to the Minister of Justice and the two European consuls who Mr. Nokwe alleges assaulted him last year.

The trial of the two consuls is still proceeding before the Magistrate's Court.

## POLICE DETAIN WOMEN ANTI-PASS PICKETS IN P.E.

PORT ELIZABETH.

THE police acted quickly at the Walmer location when they detained more than 20 women from New Brighton who were part of a group who went to demonstrate in Walmer where the reference book unit has been stationed for more than a week.

The women arrived in the location about 7 in the morning and a few women who had already started a queue while waiting for the unit to start work at 8, dispersed. It was, however, not long before the police came in vans. They demanded to know if the women from New Brighton had permits to enter the Walmer location. The women replied that they had none, but that since women from New Brighton who came to get Reference Books were not required to get permits to enter the location they objected to the discrimination.

## Prayer Meeting for Treason Accused

Cape Town.

A prayer meeting in aid of the Treason accused will be held in Bunga Avenue, Langa, on Sunday, March 22 at 3 p.m. A collection will be taken towards the Treason Trial Defence Fund.

In a statement to New Age, the Reverend K. J. Malukazi called on all churches and ministers of religion to pray for South Africa to gain peace among all racial groups.

"I appeal to all Africans to give and collect donations for our children who are facing this terrific case, the treason trial. Furthermore, I call upon all Africans, Afrikaners or others, to give up their disputes and come together into one body, the African church."

Those who wish to get in touch with the Reverend Malukazi can visit him at 1688 Transit Camp, Nyanga.

In the meanwhile some of the pickets were already persuading those women who had come to get the Reference Books. One police officer turned on Mrs. Frances Baard and saying: "Hier is 'n groot agitator," seized hold of her and shoved her into a police van. Some of the pickets followed demanding to go with her to jail.

As the police hustled Mrs. Mankhala, another of the pickets, some of the women who had come for the Reference Books began to protest loudly at the rough manner in which the police bundled her into the van.

Within a short time all the pickets were herded in the yard of the Walmer police station. At intervals of about 2 minutes one after another was released and taken to the bus stop. The police escorted them into town and ordered the bus conductor to allow them to go without paying their fares as the women declined to pay and said they had no fares.

Mrs. Baard and a few others to whom the police referred as "groot agitators" were driven in the police vans to New Brighton.

Before clearing the pickets in the area, the police had arrested three other women. These join a few others arrested over the week-end, among whom is Mrs. Florence Matomela. The police were also looking for some women who were reported to have taken reference books forcibly from those who had just received them.

### THIS WEEK

The unit was due to start operating in the P.E. urban area on Monday, March 16. It will be stationed at the Mount Road Police Station, which is in the heart of a large white residential area that employs thousands of domestic servants. The two other centres from which the unit will operate are a Government building in Newton Park and the Korsten Police Station.

called in the Magistrate, the Regional Director of Bantu Education and the Circuit Inspector, Mr. Potgieter, all of whom told the students that if they continued with their agitation the Government would close down the institution.

This annoyed the police who

TOLD TO GET OUT

In the afternoon, the Superintendent called the police and told the

students that they must be out of Lovedale by 9 o'clock the following morning. At the time of writing about 350 students have been told to go.

There is a widespread feeling among parents and students that a commission of inquiry should be appointed to get to the bottom of the trouble which has been plaguing the school ever since it was taken over by the Government under Bantu Education.

## NOW 5 WANT TO BE AFRICANIST OPDGO

JOHANNESBURG.

WITH only 15 days left before the Convention of the Africanist Group—April 4-6, the crack within the Group is widening day by day. There are two more candidates for the presidency, Z. Muthuping and P. Raboroko. And there has been a sudden change of the venue of the Convention from Queenstown to Johannesburg.

At a recent meeting of the Transvaal Africanist Group held in Orlando, the officials reported that the reason for the change of venue was that the African National Congress branch in Queenstown had merged with the All African Convention for the purpose of week-end conference. Because of this it was felt necessary to make a change.

With Muthuping and Raboroko contesting, there are now five members of the Central Committee clamouring for the leadership position.

### TWO IN RUNNING

Most of the Africanists, however, believe that a stiff fight for presidency will be between P. Leballo and R. M. Sobukwe. The other "two" factor who are likely to count against "Professor" (the name the Africanists have given Sobukwe) is that he is said to be "losing his position" as a lecturer at Wits University and will not go far enough.

A. P. Mda has now been relegated to the background. He is not

known by the new men in the Africanist movement and his activities in Congress in past years are also unknown. "We are not going to give positions to people who do not know and who are not doing anything," said a staunch Africanist.

In their opposition to the Africanist National Congress, the Africanists have been working hand in hand with Vincent Swartz' "Movement for a Democracy of Content". In Alexandra Township speakers from the two groups have of late been appearing on the same platforms at open-air meetings.

### ANC DENIAL

The Queenstown branch of the A.N.C. has denied the allegation that the venue of the Africanist Convention has been changed because the A.N.C. had merged with the A.A.C. and was organising "chaos" to break the Convention. The true position is that the Africanists have no following in Queenstown, says the A.N.C. The few supporters they have are not in a position to arrange a convention.

## Another Multi-racial Conference

Johannesburg committee held a meeting of sponsors from all parts of the Union in Johannesburg recently to discuss next steps.

It was decided that another multi-racial conference should be called and an official statement is to be released shortly.

'THERE IS NO PANIC AMONG AFRICANS. THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO SHOW PANIC ARE THE EUROPEANS.'

'WE MEAN TO BE FREE'

By HASTINGS BANDA

Full text of the protest to the Governor of Nyasaland before Dr. Banda's arrest.

Nyasaland African Congress, P.O. Box 30, Blantyre, 23rd February, 1959. To His Excellency the Governor of Nyasaland, Government House, Zomba, Nyasaland.

My own name, in the name of the Nyasaland African Congress and the vast majority of the Africans of this country, I protest in the strongest possible terms, against the sending of outside troops from Southern Rhodesia to Karonga, Fort Hill and anywhere else in this country.

No doubt the Government will argue that the action was made necessary by the situation in Karonga or in the Northern Province, as a whole. My people and I do not, and can never accept this view. We do not believe now, and will never believe at any time in the future, that the situation at Karonga or anywhere else in the Northern Province is beyond the reasonable and effective control of the Government of the Protectorate.

is not you who has sent the troops from Southern Rhodesia to Karonga, Fort Hill and other parts of Nyasaland. It is the European settlers of Central Africa, in particular European settlers of Southern Rhodesia, in league with settlers of like mind in Nyasaland.

We know that there have been constant consultation between the Federal and Territorial European politicians in Southern Rhodesia and Federal and Territorial European politicians in Nyasaland since October 26th, since October 26th, the settlers in Central Africa has talked of what it calls a "Show-down" with Africa.

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Our original suspicions and fears about the Federation are now confirmed beyond any reasonable doubt, and our continued opposition, amply justified. Whatever you may say or think, we are not deceived. It

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say this is contrary to public meetings' law and so the police are sent to disperse the gatherings.

POLICE SHOOT

"When the people refuse to move or show mere reluctance to move (or even when they ask why they must move) they are arrested for 'unlawful assembly'."

"Sometimes they are not even told to move. The police just come and beat or shoot."

"After referring to beating in the streets, the letter continues: "Most of the men who have died or are in hospital with serious injuries are the victims of this strange campaign of destruction of human life."

"We of the Congress mean to press our demands with even greater vigour now and we are determined to achieve victory."

Call Off The Tour

The Johannesburg Inter-Race Cricket Board has announced that it is opposed to the Worrell cricket tour coming to the Union. This West Indies tour, the Board says, is based on racial discrimination and on the acceptance of apartheid, which will endanger the demand for international recognition by Non-White sportsmen.



ABOVE: At the Durban City Hall recently 2,300 Durban citizens, mostly Europeans, voted unanimously against the Durban City Council's proposal to make Cato Manor, White Group Area. BELOW: An audience of hundreds of Indians at the Johannesburg City Hall recently heard the Group Areas Act condemned by Ex-Judge Feetham, Chief Lutuli and Alan Paton as an "act of robbery."

GOVT. PLANNING NEW GROUP AREAS FORMULA

Indians May Keep Businesses If They Accept Residential Segregation

CERTAIN changes seem to be coming round the corner in the application and administration of the Group Areas Act.

The new Minister of the Interior, Mr. Naude, is understood to have called for reports from the chairman of the provincial Group Areas Board, and there is a noticeable slackness on the Group Areas front.

Perhaps a bottleneck is one reason. In the Transvaal alone 36 applications heard by the Group Areas Board are still awaiting decision.

It is now apparent to all, not least the Government, that its grandiose Group Areas scheme is not showing results. The Group Areas Development Act is giving the Nats a headache. They had banked on this measure making Indians pay for their own ghettos or group areas but the machinery of the Act is proving cumbersome and unwieldy.

STRAWNS IN THE WIND There are, however, other straws in the wind too. The departure of Mr. de Vos Hugo from the chairmanship of the national Group Areas Board (to the Bench where he will take up his

position in Griqualand West from the end of this month) is seen as a sign that some pressure may be lifted.

The Pietersburg group area proclamation is said to have been ready for some time, but its publication is being held up. It has not yet been signed by the Minister of the Interior.

HELP SELL NEW AGE

JAILED A.N.C. MEN "SHOUT AFRIKA"

AND HOLDING THEIR THUMB UP THE ANC MEN MARCHED INTO THE CAMP WITH THEIR HEADS HELD HIGH. IT WAS A SCENE TO SHAME THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO WISH TO SEE AFRIKA FREE.

The whole area was surrounded by armoured cars, tanks and troops. Africans gathered in their thousands to cheer their leaders as they were brought in.

Volunteers People who had gone to make inquiries about their relatives were detained and interrogated about the workings of the Congress. On the first day many ANC members volunteered to be imprisoned but the authorities did not oblige.

White Anti-Nats Hold Unity Talks Johannesburg earlier this month initiated talks between representatives of the Federalists, UJENSA, the progressive Association, the Black Sash and the Liberal and Labour Parties.

TORIES EMBARRASSED There are persistent rumours of a Conservative split—extending even to the cabinet—over the British acquiescence in the Rhodesian government's "show-down" plot.

Chief Lutuli speaks to White South Africans New Congress of Democrats Booklet on Sale Now "FREEDOM IS THE APEX" Price 6p.

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BRITISH PEOPLE CALL FOR PEACE IN NYASALAND

Police Lies and Brutality Exposed

Publicity has been given in almost all newspapers to reports from eye-witnesses in Nyasaland demonstrating the complete futility of the government-sponsored standers against the African National Congress, and exposing the brutal methods being used by the government forces.

Writing from Blantyre to the Manchester Guardian, Mr. Albert McAdam, a Church of Scotland missionary, refuted government allegations broadcast by the BBC, and the Federal and SABC news bulletins that Congress-incited African mobs had attacked the missions at Livingstonia and Blantyre.

"The independent Labour weekly 'Tribune' which is backed by the British shadow Foreign Secretary, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, now carries above its title a flag with the words 'The Paper That Fights For African Freedom'."

ANSWER TO HISTORY In a forceful editorial it says: "Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary who dragged Cyprus through our years of unnecessary bloodshed and suffering, must answer to history for the deaths of Africans whose only crime was to demand freedom."

"The men who defended this wickedness and folly must be driven from office. Otherwise, many more lives—African and British—will be lost, and our country's reputation will once more be discoloured."

They fear that the whole of Africa will rise in support and de-

Domination by the Settlers

The sending of troops from Southern Rhodesia to Karonga, Fort Hill or any other part of this country, confirms our original suspicions and fears about and against Federation. All along, we have argued, among other things, that Federation means domination of Nyasaland by the European settlers of Southern Rhodesia, whose political views are the same as those of the European settlers of the Union of South Africa.

Our original suspicions and fears about the Federation are now confirmed beyond any reasonable doubt, and our continued opposition, amply justified. Whatever you may say or think, we are not deceived. It



'Help! A plot!' Also in the London Observer.

# Schoeman Wants Africans to Pay for Railway Deficit

ONE of the main ancillary functions of the South African state railways is to subsidise White labour. The railways also have an enormous number of potential voters. So railway matters are taken very seriously indeed by our members, and in the annual debates which come under the railway budgets many, many hours are devoted to discussing, sometimes with much heat, the lot of the White railman.

Last week followed the accepted pattern. The Minister, Mr. Schoeman, announced a deficit of £7,600,000, upon which the United Party seized with glee, ignoring similar and larger United Party deficits, and many shouts of "inefficiency", ignoring also the fact that the undoubted inefficiency of the railways has not noticeably deteriorated since the Nationalists took over.

**FACTS IGNORED**  
The plain and simple fact that bungling and inefficiency must certainly result when skin-colour becomes a criterion of employment at industrial wages, and elaborate systems of protection are made out for one section of the workers, was ignored.

According to the General Manager's report of last year there were 110,549 Whites employed by the railways, and 122,240 Non-Whites, not classified into racial groups.

Apart from a few passing references to the Coloured people by Coloured Representatives Abe Bloembergen and C. Barnett, there is reference in more than a week of talk to the grossly underpaid African workers was made by Mr. Len Lee-Warden.

Mr. Lee-Warden pointed out that although the railways employed slightly more Non-Whites, the total cost £5,800,000 a year compared to the £7,000,000 earned, under miserable and sweated conditions, by the Non-Whites.

In Australia, he went on to say, a railway labourer got an average of £12 10s. a week. In South Africa African men with families sometimes have to work for 6s. a day.

**HATED ADMINISTRATION**  
Mr. Lee-Warden's statements that the Africans hated the administration—not unnaturally—and that they were often brutally treated by bullying White overseers drew up-roar from the Nationalist benches. A barrage of interjections and cross-talk between the two sides of the House eventually led him to appeal to the Speaker.

"May I join in this debate?" he asked.

Mr. P. J. C. du Plessis, of Bloemfontein, the first Nationalist speaker, showed he had the interests of the workers (White) firmly at heart.

The Nationalists, he cried darkly, knew the United Party had constituted the African workers for—

## Maisels to Defend Lady Selborne Accused

Johannesburg  
The last of the story of the police baton charge on the women of Lady Selborne, Pretoria, has not yet been heard.

Leading barrister Mr. A. I. Maisels, Q.C. (of Treason Trial fame) will appear for the six Pretoria Africans, among them Dr. Tsele, who are being charged later this month with holding an illegal meeting in the township at the time of the police action.

And there will be further echoes of the incident in the civil actions against the police being instituted by a number of people hurt in the baton charge.

Europeans. This terrible fact, hotly denied by the United Party, had taught the railway worker his lesson, averred Mr. Du Plessis.

The railway worker was also indignant about an espionage system the United Party had introduced, he said. No one said anything about the students of the University of the Witwatersrand.

**SCHOEMAN'S REPLY**  
In a long and turgid reply, "Ben the Bully" Schoeman, as he is becoming known, viciously attacked the chief United Party spokesman, Mr. Hamilton Russell, who, Lord knows, had been inoffensive enough.

**By Our Parliamentary Correspondent**

He had been misrepresented, he said. He had not really promised to resign if he did not make a success of the railways. In any case he was not married to this job, and if Dr. Verwoerd was not satisfied the resignation of Minister Schoeman would come forthwith.

Besides the railways were a great and roaring success.

The Prime Minister seemed satisfied, and so we surprise are to keep Mr. Schoeman for a while.

## RETRENCHMENT

Before he finished, however, he promised a grateful House to decrease the number of African workers "to a large extent". He would take radical steps to do this, he swore.

## NATS CALL FOR "LAST DITCH STAND"

Provincial Council Debate On Non-European Franchise

**CAPE TOWN.**  
UNDISGUISED hostility and anger broke out in the Cape Provincial Council last week when the United Party unexpectedly moved a motion opposing the Government's intention to remove the African Representatives from Parliament and the Provincial Council, and to create "Bantu States."

Panic could be clearly seen in speeches by leading Nationalist Councillors when they appealed for a last-ditch stand by the Europeans. "We cannot suppress Black Nationalism in South Africa," said Mr. J. N. Malan, MEC, leader of the Nationalists in the Council.

"The one hope is to canalise it and lead it in a particular direction. You cannot dam it."  
"The time has come when we must stand together or die," cried Mr. S. L. Muller, Nat. member for Worcester. What good would come from consultation? he asked.

The Africans would only ask for "equal rights and everyone know what that would lead to. For what no longer be a place for the White man in South Africa."  
**NATS TO BLAME**  
Interjecting, Mr. B. Turok, African Representative for Cape Western, asked what responsible African leader had ever said there

This seemed to be Mr. Schoeman's only definite idea of how to reduce the deficit—which is many times more than the total African wage bill. In other words, this seemed to be Mr. Schoeman's idea of how to reduce a deficit without offending a voter.

One of the main United Party criticisms was of railway "socialism". Many speakers pleaded for free-enterprise hauling.

Railway competition with private road-hauliers, said Mr. Ronald Butcher of Durban, was not nationalisation. It was something worse—pinney and robbery.

**MAKE AFRICANS PAY**  
Mr. J. C. Greyling, a truculent Nat. from Ventersdorp, gave his view of social services and the African people, and summed up, very adequately, the Nationalist view on the alleviation of poverty.

"Free" education and "free" health services, he said, had reduced the Africans of most of the factors which restricted the birth rate of the Whites. So efforts must be made to give the Non-Whites more responsibility for health and education.

In other words, blinkered Mr. Greyling would like more taxes—for the non-voters. The many taxes Africans pay, indirectly and directly, a lot of which goes to subsidise White services, Mr. Greyling ignores.

"If any violence occurs in this country it will be due to the Nationalists' recklessness," he said.

Describing the threatened removal of African representatives as another step to the elimination of all Parliamentary opposition and the creation of a one-party state, Mr. Turok explained that while the African people disapproved of communal representation they believed in using their meagre rights to demand the universal franchise.

"The theory of Bantu States is a fraud and confidence trick being pulled on the Whites," said Mr. Turok. The Africans knew well enough that the Nationalists did not seriously intend to create such equal rights. In the end and perhaps, however, the Nats now had to find an alternative to the policy of bassack which was clearly doomed by the rising tide in Africa.

**THEIR OWN ARMY?**  
Warning the Nationalists of the implications of their proposals, Major A. Z. Berman (U.P.) said

A.N.C. Please Note  
**"ZONK" NOW RUN BY THE NATS.**  
JOHANNESBURG.  
"Zonk," the picture magazine for Africans, has been taken over by Die Afrikaanse Pers Bepok, the owners of Die Vaderland.  
Co-editors are Mr. Ben Havenga and Mr. Jan Victor, managing director of A.P.B., and Dr. Albert Herzog, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.  
"Zonk's" former owner, Mr. Ike Brooks, retains only a small holding, but will remain managing director.  
Mr. Brooks said: "I expect no change in the policy except that future issues will be larger, will incorporate more colour and will contain more editorial comment."  
He added: "I sold my brain child to Afrikaanse Pers Bepok because I felt that with their excellent organisation, they could build it into a greater and better magazine, which would all be in the interests of the Non-Whites."  
With the Nationalists now firmly in control, it is certain that "Zonk" from now on will toe the Nationalist line.

**UP MY ALLEY**  
"NATURALLY our apartheid laws will be strange to them (the West Indies cricket team) and some embarrassing situations are bound to arise. But the tourists have agreed to accept anything of this sort in a good natured way."  
—A spokesman for the Western Province Cricket Board.  
CROWN prosecutor Oswald Pirow has been seen talking to M.P.s in the lobby of Parliament last week.  
Hatching another conspiracy?  
EVERY time people rise against British imperialism in any part of the world, the well-worn labels of bandits, terrorists or gangsters are pinned on to them. It's Nyassaland's turn now, and already we are reading of the rounding up of "gang leaders."

By the way, some of them are inevitably "Moscow-trained"—and  
The Board might want the tour to go on at all costs, but isn't it a bit of a cheek to ask your guests not to mind if they are insulted?  
I've heard people muttering that "Zonk" sales won't be what they used to be now that the Nats have taken it over.

By ALEX LA GUMA

news reports add with triumph that Nyassaland's Flax Mpsuuli spent some of his adult life in that capital.

AND Conservative members in England are frowning over Macmillan absent-mindedly addressing them as comrades.

**TO the Population Registrar:**  
Dear Sir, My great grand-mother was a Javanese and married a Scotchman. My resultant grandpa espoused a lady from Grialquand whose father, a Chinese immigrant, had taken to wife a member of the African group, hence my old man. My mother is a Polynesian. What am I—"other Coloured" or "other Asiatic"? Yours truly, WORRIED.

**COLOURED VOTE**  
The removal of the Coloured voters from the common municipal voters' roll was tackled by Mr. Turok earlier in the session. The disfranchisement of the Coloureds from the Municipal roll would mean a loss of status, he said. "The promise of full authority in their own areas is only a bluff," said Mr. Turok. "The African people have no authority in their areas, for their chiefs are mere stooges, and the Coloured people will be no better off. In the end, perhaps, White burgomasters will be forced on the Coloured people just as the Africans have White location superintendents in their areas."

Appealing to the Administrator to leave the Cape alone, Mr. Turok said the proposed measures would only increase tension and race hatred here.

**From the Population Registrar:**  
Dear Sir, Yours is an interesting case. After consultation with the Group Areas people we have decided to classify you as ETC. With best wishes for a promising future in the Population Registrar. (Enclosed please find pass.)  
**HEADLINE:** My Fair Lady may come to the Union. With kind permission of the Immigration Department?



# A LEFT HOOK FOR DE GAULLE

## Swing Back To French Communists

THE swing back to the Communists in France revealed by three parliamentary by-elections last month (New Age March 5) was impressively confirmed at last week's nation-wide municipal elections, when the over-all Communist vote revealed that once again one Frenchman in every four supports the Party.

"The people have now had a taste of what De Gaulle has to offer," said the French newspaper *L'Humanite*, "and they do not like it. As it becomes more and more evident that the Communist Party was correct—even though it meant going against the public trend—in standing firmly against De Gaulle, the support for the Communists will grow still greater."

The Communist gains were balanced by heavy losses by the U.N.R., the right-wing party which backed De Gaulle.

### VOTES REGAINED

In most of France's major towns the Communist candidates regained the votes lost in last November's General Election and in many places surpassed previous results.

In Paris, the Communist Party gained 327,458 votes—29 per cent. of the total. This was 52,600 more than in the November vote, and also well up on the last municipal elections in 1953 when the Communists won 293,994 votes—26.7 per cent. of the total.

The Union for the New Republic (U.N.R.) the Gaullist party organised by M. Jacques Soustelle, Minister-delegate to the Premier's office, with 251,000 votes in Paris lost 49,000 compared with last November.

### TOP IN MARSEILLES

One of the most striking advances of the Communists was in Marseilles, where the Party came

top of the poll with 96,000 votes—19,000 more than last November. The U.N.R. lost 10,000 there.

The U.N.R. vote also dropped markedly in Toulouse and Lille, and in Lyons, the home ground of M. Soustelle, where it dropped to third place behind the Radicals and the Communists.

The *News Chronicle* headlined its report of the elections, "Painful Left Hook Hits De Gaulle."

"The pendulum has swung back quicker in France than anyone had expected. The unexpected factor is the completeness of the swing for while the Right has suffered and the extreme Left has gained, the moderate independents have heavily lost ground... an eight per cent jump in the Communist municipalities has started many Gaullists."

# AFRICAN YOUTH MEET MAO



Five African delegates to last month's Afro-Asian Youth Conference in Cairo are now visiting China as guests of the Chinese Young Communist League. The five youth delegates are Toure Sid Mohamed from Guinea, George Seeda and Joni Mnyali from Kenya and Lamsanwoofa Clement and Ranaudramarielo Julian from Madagascar. Here they are seen with the Chairman of China's Communist Party, Mao Tse-tung and Vice-Premier Chen Yi.

# RHODESIA FOLLOWS IN VERWOERD'S FOOTSTEPS

## Press Is Intimidated - Editor Resigns

National Congress. The European "opposition" is voiceless and intimidated.

The press is not yet completely government controlled, although certain issues of papers from the Union have been banned—an ironic note when it is considered how the United Federal Party prides itself on being so much less repressive than the Union government. But independent papers are becoming slyer of government criticism.

The usually bold Central African Examiner, published in Salisbury, appeared on the day of the second reading of this pernicious bill with a leader comparing Sir Edgar Whitehead, the Southern Rhodesian Prime Minister, to Abraham Lincoln.

### EDITOR RESIGNS

On that day its Associate Editor, Mr. Clyde Sanzer, resigned. The muffling of such a paper as the Examiner is indicative of the diminishing of freedom in the Colony.

Included in the category of organisations whose "activities are likely to endanger the public safety, prejudice the security of the Colony or promote feelings of hostility between different races or sections of

the community" are the Southern Rhodesian African National Congress, all four branches of the Congress movement in the Federation.

It is a strange situation where you have the Dominion party, the party representing extreme right-wing White opinion, protesting at the "harshness" of a bill introduced by the party that says lip service at least to "partnership" and "progressive measures," but that is what happened in the Southern Rhodesian parliament.

### ALARM, DESPONDENCY

It was left to a Dominion Party man to interject: "that is absolutely disgraceful," when the Minister of Justice said that "in the particular circumstances which we face the only thing to do" was to "presume" a man was a member of an organisation if he attended a meeting, until he proved otherwise.

There has been much "alarm and despondency" in Southern Rhodesia—caused by the declaration of the State of Emergency on February 27. Under these regulations, which expire on March 27, it is an offence to cause or spread alarm or despondency!

lined the point by declaring that General Kassem "may soon face another revolution."

Two days later the Manchester Guardian joined in and said of the Iraqi Government that "few observers expect it to last long," and followed up the next day by talking of "new anti-Government coup attempts."

The Daily Telegraph could hardly be expected to refrain from giving advice to General Kassem. On February 13 it told him to act against Communists and friendship with Russia and warned "if he fails to act, he may be overthrown."

### From Our Salisbury Correspondent

UNDER the cloak of the Nyassaland "emergency" the Southern Rhodesian government is taking the last steps required to bring their country fully in line with the apartheid policies of Dr. Verwoerd by introducing its own "Suppression of Communism Act," the Unlawful Organisations Bill.

Prime Minister Whitehead is even going one better than Verwoerd, for, believe it or not, his piece of legislation is a nastier piece of work than South Africa's Suppression Act.

For, says the Bill, in the case of the prosecution of a person alleged to be a member of an unlawful organisation, or of a person attending a meeting of an unlawful organisation, the onus is placed on the accused to prove that he is not a member of such an organisation.

**POLICE STATE**  
Southern Rhodesia is rapidly becoming a police state, with the only opposition coming from the African

## BIG NEWS AT A GLANCE

FRANCO who has spent £4 million on a huge Civil War memorial, while tens of thousands of Spanish children are starving, is now faced with a new embarrassment. His orders that the war dead be dug up and transported for reburial at the new memorial have aroused a wave of outraged protest. Relations are unanimous in insisting that the dead should not be disturbed.

NIGERIA, when it becomes independent in October 1960, should take over as part of the Nigerian Federation the neighbouring U.N. Trust territory of Northern Cameroons, a U.N. mission has recommended. In the Southern Cameroons opinions were divided and a plebiscite should be held.

CHINA has chartered 126 ships to facilitate trade expansion with foreign countries, according to a leading Hong Kong shipowner. The vessels, mostly on time charter, are British, Dutch, Swedish, Norwegian, Panamanian and West German and are expected to be used to carry a variety of Chinese agricultural exports.

WEST INDIES FEDERATION government has appointed its only woman—and the only white person—in the country's cabinet, as representative to Unesco. She is Mrs. Phillip Allfrey, and she describes her election to parliament by an entirely Coloured electorate as a remarkable symbol of the country's freedom from racialism.

## Tribute to Hanged Iraq Leaders

THREE leading Iraqi Communists hanged in 1949 have been granted a posthumous amnesty to mark the country's appreciation of their services.

The three men were Youssef Salman, secretary-general of the Iraqi Communist Party, and Zaki Mohammed Bassem and Hussein Mohammed Shihbi, both members of the Party's political bureau.

The amnesty decision was taken last week by the Justice Ministry's General Amnesty Committee, which found that the three Communists attempted to liberate the country and reform the ruling system, "so their action deserves the country's appreciation."

# Iraq Crushes Right-Wing Revolt

THE popular government of Iraq is now more firmly in the saddle than ever following the swift and decisive crushing of a revolt aimed at overthrowing Prime Minister Kassem and taking the country into the Egypt-dominated United Arab Republic.

The revolt began after a huge demonstration protesting against the signing of the American Military pact with Iran and Turkey—Iraq's neighbours—was attacked by Right Wing groups in Mosul,

and several people were killed.

Three days before, the Kassem Government had begun operating the land reform in the Mosul area—which meant expropriation for the big feudal landowners. Within 24 hours the reactionary revolt broke out.

During the revolt the rebel radio broadcast messages which, it claimed, came from the Iraqi city of Mosul, but it has now been established that it was in fact operating from Syria.

The smashing of the revolt has been a bitter blow to the imperialist powers.

For weeks British newspapers have been prophesying, with ill-concealed glee, that a plot to overthrow the Government of General Kassem was well advanced.

The Times spoke a month ago, on February 9, of a "coup to be engineered by elements of the Iraqi Army in the spring." Its leading article on the same day under-

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## Racing at Kenilworth

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Kenilworth Handicap (Second): TOPPLE, Danger, Rebuke.

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# Coloured Officials Refuse to Mixed Cricket Match

From a Special Correspondent Cape Town

WOULD AN ordinary, unofficial and friendly game between two racially mixed cricket teams endanger the chances of the West Indies tour of South Africa coming off in November?

Officials of the Western Province Cricket Board seemed to think so when they had a match planned between two mixed sides captained by Basil D'Oliviera and Owena Wynne called off last week.

The cricket administrators who are handling the tour are doing so with kid gloves and don't want to give the Nationalist Government and the Minister of the Interior the slightest reason for cancelling the visits of the visiting West Indians.

So mixed playing is out, until the tour is over anyway. The game between the teams headed by D'Oliviera and Wynne would have been the first of its kind, but the Board officials were afraid it would probably have irked the granters of visas. So they advised the Coloured cricketers not to take part.

In their anxiety to do nothing to offend the Nationalist Government, the W.P. Board officials scraped what would have been the match of the year.

A number of Springboks were to have taken part—in addition to Wynne, Nel, Innes, Fuller and Westcott had agreed to play. All the Coloured players were willing, but were forced to back down when the Board officials said "No."

In its place the usual annual match between a Coloured team captained by D'Oliviera and a White team captained by Innes took place last Sunday.

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BUT WYNNE AND OTHERS WERE NOT INTERESTED IN THIS APARTHEID GAME AND REFUSED TO TAKE PART IN IT.

## TABLE TENNIS

A member of the Western Province Board executive gave as one of the reasons for being against the D'Oliviera-Wynne match the withdrawal last week of the passports of the Non-White table tennis players as they were preparing to leave for Dortmund, Germany, to play in the world championships. This was seen as Government retaliation against the Non-White Board, which had refused to sanction a tour of South Africa by a White Australian team because there would be segregation in the seating arrangements.

"As much as I'd like to have seen a match between the mixed sides we do not want to do the slightest thing to jeopardise the tour of the West Indians," this official said. "A match like that would have upset the whole tour, and we cannot allow it to cause us to miss a chance we have been waiting for 20 years."

## INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The official said the tour would help Non-White cricket towards international recognition. "We played the Kenya team and showed that we are in world class. Our games against the West Indies will be a step further towards showing that Non-White cricketers warrant international status."

He added that the West Indies would play in all the major centres, excepting in Port Elizabeth. "Everybody there is against the tour," he said.

I think the scrapping of this game will make many more people throughout South Africa turn against the tour.

# SOME STRIKERS FINED £15—AND SOME 10s.

African workers at the de Beers dynamite factory near Somerset West had refused to go back to work although warned by their bosses and representatives of the Labour Department to do so, was given in the Somerset West Magistrate's Court last week.

On trial were two of the strikers, Messrs. J. Nyesha and E. Mgeni. They were charged with inciting to strike or, alternatively, with taking part in an illegal strike of Africans. They both pleaded guilty to the alternative charge, and were fined £15 (or 15 days) each.

Evidence for the Crown was that there had been unrest in the factory after new wage scales were introduced whereby about half the workers received increases and the others none.

Talk of strike action spread through the factory, and several meetings were held between the workers and the bosses. The bosses maintained that wage rates were contained in their head office at Modderfontein, and that the matter would be taken up there.

When the bosses refused to give an undertaking that there would be a wage increase for ALL the workers, the workers decided not

to go back to work.

On the second day of the strike the police were called in and "unruly police" protection of the workers went back to the factory.

Under cross-examination Crown witnesses admitted that it was possible that the workers had been induced to believe that the workers were going to get a pay increase. The strike was conducted peacefully and it did not appear that there had been any intimidation.

"These cases are cropping up all over the country," said the Magistrate, Mr. J. Carmie, in imposing sentence. "We cannot allow strikes."

AT BELLEVILLE In the Bellville Magistrate's Court last week 22 Africans who had gone on strike at the Atlantic Organic Fertilisers were fined 10s. (or 4 days).

Evidence was given that the Africans had refused to go to work and had demanded a wage of 10s. a day. Police and labour officers were called and the strikers were arrested.

Passing sentence, the magistrate, Mr. J. B. Smith, said: "Things must be done properly. If you had done this properly, this would never have happened. I am not imposing a heavy sentence, but let it be a lesson to you."