

JUNE 26th:

DAY OF PROTEST

NEW AGE

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No Buying on Friday

"On Friday June 26 do not buy, do not go to any shops, do not drink at beerhalls, keep away from cinemas, dances and places of entertainment.

"June 26—Freedom Day—is a day of protest and a Day of Mourning for those killed in the Cause of African Freedom."



This is the call which has been heard throughout South Africa as members of the Congress move

ment—the African National Congress, S.A. Indian Congress, S.A. Coloured People's Organisation, S.A. Congress of Democrats, and the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions—have gone into action to rally the people to observe June 26, traditional Freedom Day.

Mass Rallies Sunday

Sunday June 28 is to be a day of mass rallies throughout the country as a demonstration against the pass laws and a protest against the ban imposed on Chief Lutuli.

BOYCOTT THREAT CREATES PANIC

Beware of Fake Leaflets, ANC Warns

AS the deadline drew near to June 26 and the official commencement of the boycott of Nationalist products this week there

was plenty of evidence of the desperate counter-measures being taken by those who are going to Parliament and there were attempts to create confusion.

confusing the issue was the distribution of leaflets last Monday calling on the public to boycott meals. This was a crude attempt to create confusion because no such leaflet has been issued by the ANC.

The leaflets which purported to have been issued by the ANC national offices in Johannesburg, were found pasted on shop windows walls and other places used by the public, and called upon Africans, Coloureds and Europeans to boycott meals and mesic products mutton, beef and poultry.

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70,000 DURBAN EVICTION FILES GO UP IN SMOKE

Removal Scheme Will Be Delayed



Angry women, who have smashed their way into a beer hall, hurl the mugs at advancing police.



A bus is completely wrecked.

DURBAN women last week destroyed 70,000 files containing all the details required by the City Council to carry out its programme for the removal of people from their homes. The removal scheme is certain to be delayed considerably.

The files went up in smoke with the municipal buildings during the Cato Manor demonstrations. Of the 70,000 files only one solitary one was salvaged.

The information which was destroyed had taken over three years to collect. The Municipality, which is determined to evict the people concerned, will now have to begin again.

The protest went into its second week with a boycott of the buses in Claremont Township.

THE angry flare-up led by the African women of Cato Manor, Durban, last week, in which four were killed and hun-

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NEW AGE LETTER BOX

WON'T BE LED BY A CORPSE

THE people of Sirronville are opposed to the decision of the Boksburg Town Council that they must bury their dead at Vlakplaats instead of at Dunsuwt, which is nearest to them. When the Advisory Board rejected a meeting at Sirronville with the aim of convincing the people that

the Town Council was concerned with the welfare of all Boksburg residents.

They offered a bus at £1 10s. to convey the funerals into Vlakplaats, although the cost of a bus to Dunsuwt is £2.

The people told the officials that they don't want to be bluffed by this decoy offer.

They told the officials that they would not be led from their present homes to Vlakplaats by a corpse. The plan of the funerals was to get them to move to Vlakplaats. The people there could use that cemetery but those of Sirronville would use the usual one at Dunsuwt. But, I am sad to say, some people have now given in and are using Vlakplaats.

McCORMICK P. NKAMBULE
Boksburg

We Don't Want Atom Tests

I AM sure that all the peoples of Africa will rise up against the proposed use of the Sahara Desert as a testingground for the French atomic and nuclear weapons. We all know of the indescribable dangers to human life and our future existence which are presented by the radiation caused by these tests.

Of course the French imperialists like their American brothers are not worried about the millions of corpses and deformed humans that their military madness will cause. They are not concerned with the people—let us show them that the people are concerned with them and their militarism.

Even a Nationalist M.P. said in Parliament recently that South Africans should urge and support a ban on nuclear weapons. If a Fascist can see this, then we who truly love peace, say so a hundred times louder and more often.

Peace concerns us, Africans! Let us raise our voices in support of it, and against imperialist war weapons and their weapons.

MRS. J. MOFOLO
Alexandra, Johannesburg

BIG 'REPORT-BACK' MEETING AT KIMBERLEY

From Ronnie Joel

ONE of the biggest crowds ever seen at an African meeting in Kimberley packed the hall in Gale-shewe Village recently to hear a report of the recent anti-pass rally and conference held in Johannesburg.

The report was read by Miss M. Gooiemann, who was a delegate to the conference together with Mr. J. R. Mabe.

SPECIAL BRANCH

Members of the Special Branch and uniformed police were busy taking notes as each speaker took the stage.

Mr. J. M. Itholeng, the chairman, opened the meeting and addressed the people on the potato ban.

Among freedom songs sung at the meeting was one, "Maseke ga a jewel!" meaning "potatoes are not being eaten."

The meeting demanded the immediate lifting of the ban on Chief Lutuli, and the ending of convict labour on farms. The people were asked to boycott potatoes until further notice.

GENERAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The regional conference of the Kimberley African General Workers' Union held at the same hall recently was also a great success.

Before elections took place, the chairman, Mr. A. Mosata, asked the uniformed police and members of the Special Branch to leave.

After showing some signs of reluctance, the police left.

"The people find it difficult to choose leaders in the presence of police," said Mr. Mosata. The presence of armed uniformed police at ANC meetings in Kimberley has always been condemned by the local people.

Resolutions adopted at this conference also called for the lifting of the ban on Chief Lutuli and the continuation of the workers' campaign for £1 a day.

Conference demanded better local transport facilities for workers and the employment of African bus inspectors; expressed its dissatisfaction with the treatment of old-age pensioners, and called for substantial increases in pensions.

EDITORIAL

JUNE 26th

WHY have the Congress chosen June 26th as the date for the launching of the economic boycott and the symbolic one-day abstention from shopping and entertainment?

It is because, for all who strive for a free South Africa, June 26th is a historic landmark in the long and bitter struggle to establish, against a merciless despotism, the people's rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

On June 26, 1950, the people of South Africa observed a day of prayer, mourning and dedication. In the biggest towns this took the form of a general strike. The people followed the call of the African National Congress, together with the Indian Congress, the former Communist Party and other organisations. They were protesting against the Suppression of Communism Act—then a Bill before Parliament—and other oppressive laws.

DEFIANCE!

On June 26, 1952, the Congress movement launched the Campaign of the Defiance of Unjust Laws. During this famous campaign ten thousand brave volunteers voluntarily went into imprisonment in protest against pass laws and other discriminatory legislation.

On June 26, 1955, the three thousand delegates at the Congress of the People in Kliptown, in the midst of a massive police raid, adopted the historic Freedom Charter clause by clause.

They stood with heads bared, to pledge: "These freedoms we will fight for, side by side, throughout our lives, until we have won our liberty."

On June 26, 1957, responding to the Congress call, tens of thousands throughout South Africa demonstrated in favour of demands for the abolition of pass laws, a national minimum wage of £1 a day, and against apartheid and bannings. Johannesburg industries came to a standstill, and peaceful meetings and processions were held in many parts of the country.

The decision to launch the economic boycott on June 26th means that the year 1959 can—if every democrat stands firm and unflinching—be made to rank in historical importance with the great years of Defiance and the Congress of the People.

Courtesy and Kindness

THIS Government is not even polite, because it does not try to help females, especially those of the black people, instead of helping them it puts a big stone on their heads. The stone is the pass laws. Courtesy is goodwill, and goodwill is prompted by a heart full of love and kindness to everybody. The ANC policy is composed of courtesy and kindness to blacks as well as Whites.

I will always lift my thumb and pray God to strengthen the ANC forever.

D. T. SHABALALA
Pinetown, Natal

Letter to Lutuli

THE Government discovered that you were gaining support from all the nations in the Union and abroad, and they were losing their best men who could see and believe that the Government is leading us to disaster. But the Government is too late, because they cannot lock the light in a cage.

After five years you will come out as a man willing to give his thoughts and ideas to the world. As Professor Kruger predicted, you will be the first President of South Africa in the next twenty years. But if we drive our car fast, it will be within five years.

T. S. SELLO
Germiston

70,000 EVICTION FILES BURST

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dreds injured, is part of the fight for survival of the African town workers.

Goaded by a bureaucratic and unscrupulous Native Administration Department; hounded and persecuted by the police for pass; and in beer raids, the people lost all patience and fought back in an effort to stop the latest move of the Durban City Council to destroy more homes in their area and to destroy all their livestock.

This area which has for some years been the hot-bed of seething discontent among the people will never have peace until the authorities realise that a living wage must be paid to the African worker and that basic civic amenities must be provided for their livestock.

The disturbances can be traced back to the angry demonstrations that followed the demolition of 40 homes in the Kwa Mnyamasana district of Cato Manor, when the people who were made homeless besieged the offices of the Native Administration Department until they were provided with alternate accommodation. (See New Age, Mar. 5).

MORE HOMES DESTROYED
Last week, once again, homes were destroyed by the Council's bulldozers. Following on this was a circular issued by the Manager of

the NAD, informing the people that all their livestock will be destroyed by the 30th of this month. Almost simultaneously, people who had been allowed to brew beer on permit were told that in future they will not be allowed to do so.

All these incidents led to a demonstration organised by the group who decided that the Cato Manor beer hall must be boycotted.

They marched on the beer hall and forced all their menfolk out of it, and in the process destroyed furniture, fittings and utensils.

By the end of the first day the anger had become so great that there were crowds of men starting to try to destroy all the beer halls, and to stop Municipal buses from entering the area.

Two Municipal buses were burnt and beer halls in and around the city were destroyed on the following day.

For the first two days the anger was directed against the Municipality only, but following the intervention of the police, sections of the crowd turned against everything in their path.

Several women interviewed by New Age claimed that the burning of Indian shops in the area was due to a handful of male rioters who pointed out the fact that Indian buses had been running to and

from the township throughout the disturbances without interference.

AERIAN SHOP

Among those whose shop was completely destroyed in the area is one belonging to Mr. A. W. Champion, a leading anti-Congress member of the Local Advisory Board.

Summing up it is clear that the time has come for the City Council and the authorities to realise that the people cannot take any more of the brutal and inhuman treatment that is meted out to them daily.

Pass and beer raids, bans on their leaders, and the continuous pin-pricks of apartheid must stop.

DECENT PAY

What is more, the people must be paid a living wage, for it is the miserably low wage that is the basic cause of the disturbances.

Women don't want the men to patronise the beer halls because it reduces their already low income. They want to brew beer because they want to supplement their income.

Now can the people be expected to accept the housing conditions that exist in this area indefinitely. Decent homes and basic civic amenities must be provided for in order to avoid a recurrence of such incidents.

DON'T LET OUR SPUTNIK GO PHUTNIK

THOSE who have read anything about sputniks will know that, to keep circling the earth intact, the sputnik has to keep going at a certain, constant speed. Once the speed slows down, the satellite enters the earth's atmosphere and is very rapidly burnt out.

New Age is very much like a sputnik. To keep circulating we need a certain, constant flow of money. Once that flow slows down we enter the thick, dangerous atmosphere of debt, debt and more debt. Without added impetus to lift us out of that atmosphere, we shall just burn up.

We get our speed from your donations. As we have pointed out time and time again during the last few months, your donations have not been coming in fast enough. Our speed has slowed down and the heat is on.

Not enough donations; no speed; no speed, no New Age.

Unless you step up your support immediately, New Age will simply stop circulating.

That is all there is to it. We cannot continue to run without your support.

Don't wait until New Age finally and irrevocably disintegrates into a bright memory. Bright memories may be pleasant, but they are of no practical use in the political struggle.

Keep New Age in circulation! GIVE US YOUR DONATION IMMEDIATELY.

Last Week's Donations:

Cape Town:
Film £4.10, P.W.B. 9s., McSweeney £1, B.H. £10, Cheque £2, Chem. £1.3, Premier 10s., Joe £1, Aiky Sisters £1, Harry £1, S.F. £25, Band £1, Aid 10.6d., Fru £2, Dr. K. £1, S.S. £1, Bert 10s., Ken £1, C.S.L., Unity £5.

Port Elizabeth:
G.M. £1, Doc £1, Babs 10.6d., Zenile 1s.

Johannesburg:
P.C. £1.10, Doc £5, Boots 10s., Friend £20, China 10s., Lewis £5.

TOTAL: £95 12s. 6d.

"I had a son by the name Cornelius Mokgoko...." A heart-broken mother wrote to New Age. And we then helped to trace the story of how

HE DIED AT BETHAL

THE police stepped in last week in Bethal to exhumate the body of a Pretoria African arrested under the pass laws and shanghaied to a Bethal farm, where, according to evidence given at the inquest he was brutally beaten by "boss-boys" and the farmer.

The dead man is 24-year-old Cornelius Mokgoko son of Mr. and

Mrs. Johannes Mokgoko of Vlakfontein, Pretoria.

The death certificate said young Mokgoko had died of virus pneumonia but witnesses who had worked beside him on the farm until his death told another story.

In court were the farmer Mr. R. Meiring and two African foremen.

Mr. Johannes Joubert, Labour official of the Bantu Administration and Development at Pretoria said that Mr. Mokgoko was arrested on

March 2 for failing to pay Poll tax for 1958, and for failing to register at the Pretoria labour bureau as a work seeker.

He Was Beaten

According to Mr. Skosana, Mr. Mokgoko arrived two days after he (Skosana) came to the farm. Cornelius was severely beaten by the African foremen on the farm as he could not work fast. "Cornelius complained of cramps in his

hands as he was not used to the work. He had an open wound on his back caused by the beatings in the fields. The boss boys were saying that he was lazy and did not want to work." On the third day, Cornelius's body was swollen and he was in pain and could not work. The foremen beat him with knobkerries and an old hosepipe. Cornelius was bleeding through the ears, nose and mouth.

"The farmer arrived at the fields and the boss boys gave a report to him about his laziness. Then one boss boy held him by the head and the other by the feet while the farmer was beating him with a piece of hosepipe."

They Were "Sold"

Mr. Frans Leballo, said that he was arrested the same day as Cornelius, and they were "sold" that day to the farmer. When they arrived at the farm their clothes were taken from them, and they were given grain sacks to wear. They were locked in every day and night including Sundays. Beatings were the order of the day on the farm said Mr. Leballo. "Cornelius was beaten more often than anyone else because he was slow. On the third day on the fields, Cornelius pleaded with the boss boys to send him home.

"He pleaded to be put under shade and given water. But the boss boys refused to do so and said that he must first complete his row of beans before he could get water."

He Was Kicked

Mr. Leballo said that the farmer came to the fields and found Mr. Mokgoko half sitting, half lying. The boss boys made a report to him and the farmer kicked Mr. Mokgoko twice on the chest and he toppled over. Later one of them was sent to call the farmer, but when he arrived Mr. Mokgoko was already dead. The body was on a lorry and took it to a stable near the compound. The following day, the farmer at first refused to allow them to bury the man. But all the workmates on the farm insisted that they wanted to bury him and refused to go to work. Later, they buried Mr. Mokgoko. The case was adjourned to July 8, when more witnesses are to be called.



Mr. and Mrs. Mokgoko: "Our boy was killed."

Boycott Threat Creates Panic

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The leaflets cite the New Age story published on June 11 of bad farm conditions, in order to strengthen the argument for a false boycott. It is written in English, Zulu and Sotho.

The ANC in Johannesburg has announced that it did not issue this leaflet.

COUNTER-BOYCOTT

The purpose of these lists, the ANC said, must be to create confusion in the public mind about the official economic boycott campaigns in Cape Town.

Successful boycott means economic disaster," the leaflet says. "Any measure to stand by which White South Africa is sold to the Natives?" Recipients of the leaflet were urged to boycott the product of the "traitor" canning company whose products are not on the ANC list.

OTHER BOYCOTT NEWS

The Rembrandt Tobacco Company last week started a legal action in which it charged its major rival, the United Tobacco Company with "assisting and collaborating in the proposed boycott of its products by the African National Congress.

Rembrandt is claiming £5 million from U.T.C.—the biggest sum ever claimed in a civil action in a South African court.

Rembrandt's letter of demand gave U.T.C. one week to pay the £5 million or else action would be instituted against them.

U.T.C. has requested this claim and says it will defend the action.

CAPE CONGRESS MEETING PAKED

CAPE TOWN.

The Robing Room of the City Hall was packed to capacity and people stood in the passage outside, last week for the meeting called by the Congress of Democrats to protest against the banning of Chief Lutuli and the farm labour scandal.

An enthusiastic audience heard Mr. L. B. Lee-Warden M.P., speak on "Bantustan and Banning," Mr. Z. Mafindeni on "Passes and Farm Labour" and Mrs. S. Forman on the "Responsibilities of Europeans."

Several people joined the Congress at the conclusion of the meeting.

"I HAD a son by the name Cornelius Mokgoko who was arrested for a pass offence and was sent to the farm Bethal to serve his sentence when suddenly to my surprise I was informed that he was killed on the farm and buried there without my consent. Now my question is, what should I do? Because up to now there has been nothing done or shown to me of my son's whereabouts. Please, people, I am asking for help and advice."

This is the letter sent to New Age by Mr. Johannes Mokgoko, father of the dead man in whose death an inquest was held in Bethal last week.

The witnesses who came forward at the inquest were traced by African National Congress members in Pretoria, and New Age.

March 2 for failing to pay Poll tax for 1958, and for failing to register at the Pretoria labour bureau as a work seeker. Mr. Mokgoko, said Mr. Joubert, voluntarily entered into a contract to work for two months on a farm and was sent to the farm of Mr. Meiring that same day.

In reply to a question by Mr. Fleisheke appearing for Mr. J. Mokgoko, Mr. Joubert said that he did not take the arrested man to any senior officer or prosecutor after he had "consented" to work on a farm.

Mr. Samuel Skosana said that he was arrested in Vlakfontein near Pretoria on February 6 for not having a pass. Two days later, he and others, were taken to the Commissioner of Bantu Affairs in Pretoria. They were given the alternative of going to jail or to work on a farm for two months at £3 a month plus food and quarters. They were asked which of these they wanted to work on the farm. They were

Must These Men Starve?

JOHANNESBURG. MEN released from Eastern Transvaal farms by farmer who realised they were using labour contracted to them under an illegal scheme and driven back to Alexandra are hanging about the townships unable to earn a living because the NAD authorities refuse to give them permits to seek work.

Officials at the local industrial control office make them report to the bureau each day and then tell them to "Come Back."

New Age interviewed 13 men brought back from the farms since the farm labour scandal broke and the contracting system cracked up and found that all but two of the men are settled township residents, family men with wife and children

"We want specials to look for work," the men say. "We want work—but not on farms!"

A favourite notion of the Nationalists is that men sent out to farms under the pass laws are new arrivals fresh from the countryside.

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in the area, and men who have worked for Johannesburg firms continuously for some years.

CITY MEN

One man shanghaied out to a farm because his pass was not in order has been in Johannesburg since 1940 and has a wife and four children living in Alexandra.

A third man has lived in Alexandra since 1940 and has held steady jobs with a dairy and a grocer.

A fourth man sent out to a farm is a carpenter with a daily labourer's pass who has been living in Alexandra for the last 15 years and has a wife and five children there.

Two of the 13 had been born in Alexandra Township but that didn't stop them being shipped out to farms. Two men had worked for a leading building firm in Johannesburg one for six years without a break.

So the stories went on. The exceptions to this general pattern were a youngster of 23 who had come to Alexandra from a farm near Pretoria, and another young African who had come to the township from Northern Natal because, he said, he had to earn money and there was no work at his home.

All 13, asked if they wanted to do farm work, shook their heads vigorously. "NO!" they said.

...AND THE SCANDAL STILL CONTINUES

The announcement in Parliament by the Minister of Bantu Administration that the "farm labour system" has been suspended temporarily would have been welcomed—declared the ANC Youth League, last week—but for the fact that two days after this announcement was made, African prisoners were seen being loaded on to lorries at the Native Commissioner's office. These men were

being sent to the farmers again.

The appointment of Commissioners of inquiry composed of people in whom the Africans have no confidence is a gesture of contempt towards the sufferings of the African people.

The African National Congress Youth League is astonished at the Minister's statement that the only thing wrong with this system is that Africans have been placed in cells overnight before being taken to a departmental official to be placed in employment.

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KERALA: 'COMMUNISTS ARE DEFENDING DEMOCRACY'

THE two-year-old Communist Government of the Indian State of Kerala is facing its most severe test as all the opposition forces in the State are making an all-out attempt to create a situation of chaos.

The specific issue on which the anti-Communist agitation has been carried on is the State's new Education Act, but that Act has really been used as a rallying point for all the opposition elements.

This campaign is directed to wrecking the Communist Government, whose programme and conduct of affairs threaten the privilege and patronage of the landlords, industrialists and reactionary religious forces.



The campaign, which was triggered off by the burning of school buildings, has resulted in five deaths when the police were compelled to fire on a crowd which was attacking students intent on going to school, and the arrest of hundreds of

WORLD STAGE By Spectorator

pickers who tried to stop children from going to school and government workers from going to work.

Who are the leaders of this campaign?

● First and foremost are the **LANDLORDS** of Kerala. As a result of the most systematic land reform yet carried out in India (though by no means as drastic as might have been) the landlords have been prevented from evicting tenants from their land and a considerable amount of land has been given to the poor peasants.

● Next come the **PLANTATION COMPANIES** whose workers are now protected by the Government which has assisted them in securing better wages and improved conditions of work. The Government has also assisted the smallholders in their struggle to break the grip of the plantation monopolists.

● Also in the alliance are the leaders of the **NAIR CASTE**, which was formerly the dominant caste in Kerala and from whose ranks the State's leading industrialists came. In order to protect their profits these people are unscrupulously taking advantage of India's old bugbear, communalism.

● In addition the strong **CATHOLIC HIERARCHY** is throwing its weight behind the agitation. Writing in the *London Observer*, Cyril Damm ironically characterises their leaders in the following terms:

"Bits of boys and tottering old men join in shouting public abuse of the Communists, against a background of well-advertised Communist violence."

"No doubt part of the reason for this unusual heavy is that the leaders of the anti-Communist campaign include the heavily bearded priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, serenely attached to notions of martyrdom."

● Then come the **POLITICIANS**. Most of the various groupings inside the Kerala Congress party support the agitation, as does the *Fraja Socialist* party, the *Muslim League*, as well as a number of smaller parties.

INSECURE ALLIANCE

"Yet there is something unlikely, and perhaps insecure, about this alliance of Christians and caste

Hindus, of Socialists and former landowners, and of Congressites whose notorious jealousies gave the Communists their opening in Kerala," writes Dunn.

"When Congress announced a Press conference, the *Fraja Socialist* promptly announced one of their own for an hour earlier, although the two parties are supposed to be one in this campaign."

As the crowds, instigated by these various forces, moved on the schools, Central Government forces moved into Kerala.

The pretext for sending in Indian troops to protect Central Government property, but some Congress leaders have openly been working for Central Government intervention on the side of the Opposition.

NEHRU'S STAND

Prime Minister Nehru virtually endorsed, in a statement made at Coimbatore, the tactics of disruption being used in Kerala by the Congress leaders.

HE DID THIS DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE MAIN ISSUE OF THE OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN, THE EDUCATION ACT, HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BY THE KERALA GOVERNMENT.

As a result of discussion the Kerala Government accepted a number of amendments and the approval of the Central Government.

Nehru's statement gave the green light to the violence now taking place in Kerala, although he knew that the Chief Minister of the Kerala Government, Mr. E. M. S. Namboodiripad, had proposed that the Opposition meet him to discuss differences.

LAND REFORM

So great, however, was the public indignation inside and outside the Congress Party that Nehru made another statement on June 10.

In this second statement he said he was entirely opposed to any kind of picketing of schools in Kerala and said that he was opposed to unconstitutional action to overthrow a constitutionally elected Ministry.

Addressing a rally of 50,000 people in Bombay on June 7 Kerala's Chief Minister explained what really should have been set out in "sheet" which the Opposition is laying against his Government.

One of the worst crimes of the Kerala Government, he said, was that during its two years in office it had implemented its election programme, including an agrarian reform Bill which benefited the workers and peasants at the expense of the big landowners and plantation companies.

"They know full well," he said, "that at the end of five years, the Communist Party will not only come back to power in Kerala, but that the Communist 'disease' will spread to Tamilnad, Andhra and other States."

The Communists are getting support not only from their known supporters and allies throughout India. To conclude with a final quotation from Dunn:

"They are therefore able to set themselves up as the pained defenders of democracy against the subversive goings-on of the direct actionists—an attitude in which they have the heartening support of virtually all the Press of India."



G BOY! WHAT A SESSION! THIS IS THE LIFE FOR COOL CATS!

BAN! BAN! BAN!

Frightened Govt. Tries To Silence Opposition

JOHANNESBURG. With the banning of Duma Nokwe and Piet Beylweid at all gatherings for the next five years the Government has attacked



Duma Nokwe.

four top leaders of the Congress movement in the last three weeks. The Government action, in the teeth of the immense wave of protest against the bans on Chief Lutuli and Oliver Tambo, illustrates its complete disregard for public opinion.

Special Branch detectives chased after Mr. Nokwe when he left Congress offices by car to catch a plane to visit the trouble spots in Durban and to address a series of meetings in the protest campaign against the banning of Chief Lutuli.

The police car raced ahead of the car carrying Mr. Nokwe and drew up in front of it. Out jumped two detectives. One said to Mr. Nokwe: "We want to read something to you!" and out came the banning notice under the Suppression of Communism Act, signed by the Minister of Justice.

When Mr. Nokwe later returned to Congress offices he found the detectives who had served the banning order on him standing grinning on the pavement.

Despite the ban on his attending meetings, Mr. Nokwe left for Durban available for a petition signed by 100 people and sent it to the Resident Commissioner.

issued in 1954, confined him to Johannesburg for two years as well as prohibiting him from attending gatherings.

Teacher, Convict, Advocate

Apart from being one of the youngest men to hold leading executive position in the ANC as its secretary-general, Mr. Nokwe is the first—and only—African barrister in the Transvaal. The Government has used the provisions of the Group Areas Act to prohibit him from occupying chambers in the centre of Johannesburg.

Mr. Nokwe was a high school teacher till he went to prison as a volunteer during the Defiance Campaign and was dismissed from his post for taking part in politics.

"Bans do not frighten us, nor will they stop us or the African National Congress," Mr. Nokwe told *New Age*. "On the contrary, they achieve the opposite of what the Nationalists intend. They accelerate the pace of the African freedom struggle."

"I will carry on the work to the best of my ability and will continue to serve the cause of my people. The Government is free to do as it pleases. In the meantime Mr. Baartman's family is also in difficulties in Worcester."

Afrikaner, Soldier

Special Branch detectives got Mr. Beylweid out of bed to serve the Minister's notice on him at 11 pm. last Friday.

Piet Beylweid, an Afrikaner, born in the Free State, was foundation chairman of the Congress of Democrats. He is a prominent and respected member of the Congress leadership, played an important part in the Congress of the People campaign and the preparation of multi-racial conferences over recent years.

During the war he was a member of the Afrikaans sector of the S.A. forces radio in Cairo. He was national organiser of the S.A. Labour Party during the 1953 general election, was a member of the national executive of the Springbok Legion.



Piet Beylweid.

Mr. Beylweid is the 46th member of the Congress of Democrats to be banned since the inception of COD, but, said a statement from its head office last week, the bans have not wrecked the organisation and will not succeed in doing so. The Congress of Democrats will continue to go from strength to strength.

Major's Mabieskraal Meeting Movie

RUSTENBURG. A police Major armed with a cine camera drove out to the Mabieskraal district near Rustenburg to film a group of people under a tree. He spent some five minutes "shooting" with his camera and then ordered the arrest of seven people. They were driven to Pielsberg and then Rustenburg and detained in the police cells.

They are Mrs. Kate Nkato, Messrs Vic Goldberg, Stephen Segalo, Mohobo, Henry Tote, and two men from a Mabieskraal village. The seven will appear in court in Rustenburg on June 30 charged with taking part in an illegal gathering in the Reserve.

The police let slip that they knew the seven were coming to Mabieskraal. The Special Branch, they said, had told them to look out for them on the Sunday afternoon.

'POTATOES: SUPPLY GOOD, DEMAND POOR'

Report of Division of Economics & Markets

THE boycott has hit the Port Elizabeth potato market far more severely than any natural calamity. It is complete, and any attempts by the authorities to break it are futile.

Round and round the town the story goes: the bigger a potato is, the stronger the evidence that human blood manured the soil in which it grew. Although this may be used in a figurative sense, the stories of bad treatment of farm labour have become so strong that the eating of a potato is becoming associated in the minds with eating human flesh itself.

The Council has supplied quanti-

ties of potatoes to their administration offices in the locations. The municipal police are instructed by the local Superintendents to persuade people to buy potatoes which they offer at 5/- per pocket. In addition the municipal police offer to deliver them in vans at the buyer's home.

But the determination to boycott the potatoes is so strong that they have remained at the offices without buyers.

SPECIAL BRANCH
The Special Branch are frequenting the market and informers are planted among the people, evidently to assess the mood of the buyers, and to find out if there is no incentive. But, while detectives may not compel them to buy what they do not want, Not only have the potatoes dis-

appeared in the shops inside New Brighton and Zakale and the smaller locations in the Eastern Cape, but shops in the suburbs too that do some trade with the Africans have ceased buying potatoes.

The division of Economics and Markets in its week-end Report has summed up the position about potatoes thus: Supply: Good; Demand: Poor.

Help! Police! Potato Protest!

A EUROPEAN householder in Florida, Transvaal, called the police out to question, and, she hoped, arrest, two *New Age* sellers carrying posters on the potato boycott and Congress leaflets calling on people not to eat potatoes in protest against slave farm labour conditions. The police read the circulars carefully, confiscated some leaflets and blank ANC membership cards, took the names of the two *New Age* agents, and let them go.

Less lucky was ANC National Organiser, Mr. Tom Nkomo. He spent several nights in Marshall Square cells dressed in the sacks he was wearing for the Congress demonstration against forced farm labour.

Mr. Nkomo is being charged with a pass offence under the Urban Areas Act. His pass book was demanded by Special Branch detectives at the demonstration on the City Hall steps. Also arrested was Mr. E. Ntshabane.

Mrs. Susan Mhangala was detained for a while and then released but not before one detective had said to her: "Why do you allow yourselves to be misled by Indians and Jews?"

In the meantime Mr. Baartman's family is also in difficulties in Worcester.

Mrs. Baartman, 24, is a canning worker but is at present unemployed due to the off-season in the industry. Her husband worked as a dyer in a Worcester textile mill until he was banished.

In addition, her youngest child aged 1 year is ill and requires medical attention.

TO FOLLOW HUSBAND

To add insult to injury, Mrs. Baartman said the Superintendent of the Kweze location summoned her to his office recently and suggested that she follow her husband to where he had been banished.

"And who will pay my fare to Zululand? The Government?" asked Mrs. Baartman.

She was told that she would have to find the fare herself.

"My husband didn't go into exile of his own accord," she replied. "He was banished by the Government. I am not interested in banishing myself."

The Cape ANC visited the Baartman family last week and are arranging assistance for them.

Congress organisations and the local Consultative Committee have expressed their strongest protest against the banishment of Mr. Baartman.



New Age sellers outside Park Station in Johannesburg wore sacks, with potatoes round their necks, as they sold the issue of the paper that gave news of the potato boycott and the boycott of Nationalist tea, coffee and cigarettes.

RAND POSTER PARADE

The potato boycott is catching on fast on the Rand.

Street demonstrators last week carried posters saying "Slave Labour Produces These Potatoes," "Don't Eat Potatoes," "These Potatoes Are Blood Stained," "Pass Laws Break up our Homes." They are the talk of the trains, the buses, the townships.

The workers' lunch time order for fish and chips is becoming "fish—no chips, please."

Johannesburg's Market Master reported a slump in potato sales last week.

Townships at first slow to boycott potatoes are now joining in fast.



Liberal Party Lutuli Protest

5,000 people gathered on the Johannesburg City Hall steps last week at a meeting called by the Liberal Party to protest against and demand the withdrawal of the bans imposed on Chief A. J. Lutuli and Mr. O. R. Tambo, President-General and Deputy-President of the African National Congress.

In this period of economic boycott there is an increasing demand for information on how the whole South African economic system works. In this article BRIAN BUNTING gives

THE ROOF THAT THE AFRICAN LIVING STANDARDS ARE FEELING

THE Minister of Labour, Mr. De Klerk, has tried to ascribe the whole "recession" in South Africa to the fall in the world prices for our primary products such as copper, platinum and wool.

But let us take the situation in the clothing industry, admittedly the hardest hit by the present slump. In August 1952, nearly 20,000 workers of all races were earning their living in the Transvaal garment factories. Today the number is fewer than 15,000. The decline in the industry set in as early as 1954.

A similar position is to be found in the leather, engineering and other industries.

An article on the crisis in the clothing industry in the issue of the "Financial Mail" of May 1, 1959, puts its finger on the problem.

"The most serious of the industry's problems is the failure of the market to expand as fast as production capacity."

Put in plain language, that means that the people of South Africa are too poor to buy the clothes they produce—and the boots and other goods which are being made by the manufacturers call "overproduced" today.

OVERPRODUCTION

Overproduction? What is this overproduction? Are the people overfed, overclothed, overhoused? Have you, dear reader, got too many pairs of shoes, too much food on your table, too many suits to wear?

In a country whose per capita standard of living is amongst the lowest in the world, whose people go cold and hungry, where unemployment is at a post-war peak and thousands don't know where their next meal is to come from, talk of "overproduction" is absolute nonsense. We could produce ten times what we produce today and still not have enough for everybody.

The trouble is not that our factories produce more than people need, but that they produce more than people can pay for. And the main reason for this is that the bulk of our population are grossly underpaid and receive far less than their fair share of the national income.

Under capitalism—and this is true of any capitalist country—goods are produced not for use, but for profit. The farmer, factory owner, mining magnate produces goods, not primarily to satisfy the needs of the whole population, but to make a profit. What he makes and the quantities in which he makes them, are determined not by what people need, but by the amount of profit he reckons he can make out of it.

NO PLANNING

The fact that the economy is dominated by the profit motive means that production is unplanned, for each employer seeks to ensure profits for himself, irrespective of the needs of society, and these profits can be produced only by outwitting competition with other employers, each trying to corner the market and get the biggest return for himself. Co-operation under capitalism is impossible—unless by way of monopoly, which is equally harmful to the interests of the mass of the population and equally harmful in the fixing of arbitrarily high prices.

The basic law of capitalism is: "Each man for himself and the devil take the hindmost," and in South Africa the devil's appropriation is growing higher every year. Capitalism cannot ensure a steady level of development, or proper utilization of the country's resources, or full employment for our people.

Capitalist development, right from the birth of the capitalist system, has been marked by alternate booms and slumps. The reason for this is again to be found in the essential mode of operation of the capitalist system.

MAKING A PROFIT

How does the capitalist make his profit? Mainly by underpaying his workers. Yes, even the highest paid workers under capitalism do not get their fair share, and the lowest paid get barely enough to keep them alive. The workers are unable to buy everything he needs, and since the vast majority of the people are workers, this means on a national scale that the community cannot absorb the total product of its agriculture and industry. In a period of so-called "boom" this underpayment means the workers are concealing, but eventually the gap between production and consumption grows to the point where the decline in sales affects profits and the employer stops producing, because naturally he cannot afford to produce at a loss. Workers are thrown out of their jobs, there is even less money in circulation to buy goods, and so the crisis deepens and greater and greater sections of the community are dragged down into the depths.

These factors are inherent in capitalism anywhere in the world, and no capitalist country has yet been able to avoid them. In South Africa, our economy has suffered from them just like that of any other capitalist country. But in addition, we have had to bear the economic burdens flowing from the operation of the colour bar.

It is mainly because of the colour bar that the extremes of wealth in our country are greater than in most capitalist countries. The ability of the bulk of our people to absorb the products of our economy is correspondingly reduced.

AFRICAN SPENDING POWER

The Government claims that the African population today has a spending power of £1,000,000, a day, or £265,000,000 a year. One does not know on what this calculation is based, but let us accept it as accurate.

There are approximately 14,000,000 people in South Africa, of whom 3,000,000 are Whites, 1,500,000 are Coloureds, 500,000 are Asians and 9,000,000 are Africans.

So 9,000,000 Africans, who constitute 65 per cent of the total population, get £365,000,000, or only 20 per cent of the total national income. The rest goes to the other sections of the population, mainly of course, to the Whites.

At this point the capitalist economists tell you: "Very well, may be this is not fair, but a reduction of the national income won't make the national income bigger. It will merely mean that one section will get more and another section less, but the total amount available for distribution will remain the same."

True, so long as the economy is static. But the fact is it is the chronic poverty of the bulk of our people which is preventing a steady increase in our national income. People who live below the breadline, who are driven from pillar to post under the pass laws, who are compelled to remain for the most part as unskilled, untrained labourers—such people cannot raise their standard of living, increase their skill and productivity. Yet it is mainly on the increased skill and productivity of the South African workers that further increases in the national income must depend.

In his address to the annual meeting of the Anglo-American Corporation recently, Mr. H. F. Oppenheimer made the statement: "The economic expansion of the country has benefited all races, and the standard of living of Africans, which is still far too low, has risen particularly rapidly than that of the Europeans."

INCOMES DECLINE

Mr. Oppenheimer is the biggest capitalist in the country, but he is not the best informed. For the facts show that it is precisely in the post-war period, and more markedly since the Nationalists came to power, that the real income levels of the African people has declined. The Race Relations Survey on African taxation issued in 1958 stated: "In every case where comparable income and expenditure figures are available, between 69 and 78 per cent of African families in the areas concerned (in their survey—ED) have incomes below the minimum necessary to provide the barest essentials of healthy living."

The Institute of Race Relations had estimated that an income of at least £25 a month was necessary for the average African family of five, but they were getting only between 69 and 78 per cent of this amount. Furthermore, the position was getting worse:

Between 1950 and 1954 in Johannesburg average family incomes increased by 24 per cent, but the minimum essential family expenditure rose by 33 per cent. This meant the monthly deficit increased by 55 per cent, owing mainly, of course, to the increase in prices during that period.

Thus the decline in the rate of increase of the national income is reflected in the decline in living standards of the bulk of the population.

But Mr. Oppenheimer is also wrong in saying that the standard of living of Africans has risen more than that of Europeans. Official figures quoted in a memorandum submitted by the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions to the Wage Board sitting in Cape Town recently show the following position:

Wages of Non-Europeans as percentage of wages of Europeans (European Wage = 100)

	Africans	Asians	Coloureds
1935-36	19.9	27.8	37.2
1940-41	20.3	31.1	37.2
1945-46	26.8	43.4	44.4
1947-8	25.0	42.0	42.8
1956-57	19.0	31.7	31.7

The position of all sections of the Non-European workers in relation to the Europeans is far worse now than before the war. Moreover, the

above figures include all Non-European wages. If a comparison were made only between the wages of unskilled Non-Europeans and skilled Europeans, the ratios would be even more shocking.

The only period when the ratio of Non-European wages to European wages improved markedly was during the war—and it is significant that this was also the period which saw the greatest extent of absorption of Non-Europeans, especially Africans, into secondary industry, the greatest increase in industrial production, and the greatest overall expansion in the national income and the income per head of the total population.

Conversely, the lesson must be learned that today the decline in living standards of the Africans is paralleled by a decline in living standards of the whole population. It is clear that if the demand for an all-round increase in African wages were granted, it would set in motion a process of expansion which would bring benefits to all sections of the population.

GOVT. FAILURE

In this crisis, however, the Government has failed completely to come forward with a positive programme of development which would put an end to the slump and raise national production and consequently national and per capita income to new and more adequate levels. Instead it has put forward

proposals designed for one purpose only—to protect the Whites at the expense of the Non-Whites.

The measures proposed by the Government are:

- job reservation to ensure that Europeans get first preference for available jobs;
- relaxation of restrictions on the hire-purchase of cars;
- amendment of the Unemployment Insurance Act to enable the Minister of Labour to use monies from the Unemployment Fund to subsidise employers who might otherwise sack their workers.

● relief works for the unemployed.

This is merely tinkering with the problem, hindering the disease instead of trying to cure it. Furthermore, it can be said that the first two proposals have gravely alarmed the employers as a whole and must be included amongst the factors which are frightening investment capital away from South African industry.

The capitalist class demands a free enterprise system based on free capital and free labour. The restrictions on both which are involved in the Government's proposals have been described as "unfitting" by spokesmen of the Chamber of Industries.

At bottom, however, it is the apartheid policies of this Government (which are an intensification of the colour-bar policies of its predecessors) which make a solution of our economic problem impossible.

UP MY ALLEY

FOR days now I have been suffering from an abnormal lassitude. My energy has dwindled and in spite of frequently polishing my glasses there are persistent spots in front of my eyes. Also I have developed a boil in a most inconvenient place. You've guessed wrong. It's in my left nostril. Clearing the nasal passages has become a torture and all I need now is to catch a cold. Pray heaven it doesn't happen!

Thus a state of near collapse I staggered to the office of my veterinary surgeon and after having examined my back and told me to "sit tight" a few times he announced the verdict.

Starch. I lack starch.

"EAT plenty of potatoes," he prescribed. "Your starch content is terrible. Roast potatoes, boiled potatoes, mashed potatoes, potato chips hot and oily, french fries and potatoes, and you might also try a little potato salad on the side."

"Doctor," said I. "Don't you know I've been eating a potato boycott for weeks now? Think of those farm labourers being kicked around and buried without their folk knowing about it. Not to mention those farmers' damn potatoes is the least we could all do to protest."

"Hum," he replied after a little time of argument backwards and forwards. "Perhaps you're right. I was just thinking of ordering a large tin of steak and kidney for my lunch, but with you peering watchfully over my shoulder

I'll have to settle for a couple of eggs—with the steak of course."

"WELL," he said a while later, dabbing his mouth with a piece of gauze bandage. "At least I can have a cup of tea and a cigarette without interference."

"But," I said, feebly, "You're drinking the wrong brand of tea and smoking the wrong



By ALEX LA GUMA

cigarette. There's an economic boycott on, too, you know."

"Grr," he spluttered on his tea and cigarette all at the same time. "Won't you leave me alone! Now I'll have to get my wife to change my grocery order, too. I thought you came here with lassitude and a boil."

After having given me a jab with a hypodermic needle and prescribed aspirin, I crawled feebly from the surgery, leaving him chewing his nails and staring guiltily at his packet of cigarettes.

Some people have to learn the hard way.

EUROPE

UNITED FRONT WINS IN SICILY

First Coalition Including C.P. Since Cold War

THE coalition of Communists, Left-Wing Catholics headed by Signor Milazzo, Socialists and other groups (World Stage, last week) has won the election for the Sicilian regional Parliament. The intervention by the Vatican, which threatened Catholics who allied themselves with Communists, was defied.

The final results declared were (1955 results in brackets):

Christian Democrats 24 seats (37); **Communists** 21 seats (20); **Socialists** 11 seats (10); **Neo-Fascists** nine seats (nine); **Monarchists** three seats (nine); **Social Democrats** one seat (two); **Liberals** two seats (three); **Union** (Milazzo Catholics) nine (no comparison).

The Christian Democrats, who had been trying to regain power are outnumbered by the Milazzo group, Socialists, Communists and Social Democrats.

The Left section of the Christian Democrats, under Signor Milazzo, split the Christian Democratic local government in Sicily eight months ago and formed a new government in alliance with Communists, Socialists and some Right Wing groups.

VATICAN INTERVENES

Both the Italian Christian Democratic Government and the Vatican have intervened strongly in the election to push the orthodox Christian Democrats back into power.

ASIA

Japanese

Communists and Socialists to Co-operate

THE Japanese Socialist Party would join its efforts with those of the Japanese Communist Party in struggle against the Japan-U.S. "security treaty" and for the restoration of Japan-China diplomatic relations.

This was said by the socialist Party General Secretary during his recent meeting with the Communist Party General Secretary at the Diet Building.

The transcript of their talks has been published by the Communist paper, *Akaha*.

People's organizations have been set up to campaign for both objectives nationally and in the localities.

Socialist General Secretary Inejiro Asanuma said during the talks that the normalisation of Japan-China relations required the efforts of all Japanese.

To break the current Japan-China deadlock the Socialist and Communist Parties and the General Council of Trade Unions should join the National Council for the Restoration of Diplomatic Relations with China.

Communist Party Secretary Kenji Miyamoto said that to crush the Japan-U.S. "security treaty" and restore Japan-China relations it was imperative for the Socialist and Communist Parties to unite.

Vienna Prepares For Festival

Vienna, the scene of the VII World Youth Festival in July this year, is preparing to be the host city to 17,000 young people from all parts of the globe.

Of these 2,500 will come from Asia, 1,500 from the Middle East and 1,000 from Africa.

The nine seats won by Milazzo's new party represented a real gain of four—four more than the total of five dissident Christian Democrats who founded the party eight months ago.

Similarly, the Christian Democrats' 34 seats represented a gain of two. As the Milazzo defection had left them with only 32 deputies in the regional Parliament.

The Communists gained a seat, the Right-Wing Monarchists and Socialists being the chief losers.

It appeared likely that the Communist, Milazzo group and Socialists will be able to form

a Government without the support of the Right-Wing group that has voted with them for the last eight months.

The Right-Wing group supported the Left parties' coalition because it, too, opposed the authoritarian methods of the Christian Democratic Government in Rome.

Behind the election battle was the demand of the Sicilians for a greater share in the control of their own country, much of the riches of which are drained off by the capitalist monopolies of North Italy, who use Sicily as a reservoir of cheap labour.

It was also the first example for some years of a wide coalition, including Communists, putting up for election in a West European country.

GENEVA: NO CAUSE FOR GLOOM

"DON'T allow yourself to become pessimistic because of the length of the conference. Remember, this is the first occasion in four years in which the Big Four Foreign Ministers have met, and it takes time to narrow differences."

This is the advice given to the "man in the street" by British journalist Sam Russell, who is on the spot in Geneva.

The conference has now been adjourned till July 13. At one stage last week it appeared that under the influence of West German Chancellor Adenauer, the conference was heading for collapse. But, as the American magazine *Time* remarks, "U.S. Foreign Secretary Herter and Co. . . were reluctant to accept the propaganda onus of ending the conference."

Furthermore, pressures in Britain and America were strongly directed towards some sort of Ge-



Gromyko—hopeful

neva settlement to be followed by a Summit Conference.

● In **BRITAIN** both the Tories and the Labourites are anxious to gain support in the months before the next British election, issued statements in support of such a settlement. Said British Prime Minister MacMillan: "We have to be reasonable and try to work out new arrangements."

Addressing 50,000 Welsh miners and families in Cardiff, Labour's Shadow Foreign Secretary, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, took a more definite stand. "There is no justification at all for the Geneva talks to break down. If they do, it will be largely because the Western Powers are anxious to avoid a summit conference."

● **AMERICA** the advocates of a flexible Geneva policy remain cool, despite opposition from the Pentagon. At the end of May the New York Herald Tribune reported that most diplomats in Geneva seemed to be in favour of an interim agreement on West Berlin, based on reducing Western garrisons in the city and tempering radio broadcasts beamed to East Germany and Eastern Europe.

Influential columnist Walter Lippmann reflected the views of many Americans when he suggested a "politically neutralised" West Berlin under the supervision of U.N. civilian personnel with the approval of the Big Four and the two German states. Lippmann said that this should oblige the West to "close down its espionage and propaganda agencies."

Meanwhile, in **WEST GERMANY** itself Adenauer's position remains far from secure. The hastily patched up agreement between himself and his chief rival in the Christian Democratic Party, Herr Erhard, not to split the party forces will gain.

"On the surface," reports *Time* "Adenauer's control of his party and his victory over a Social Democratic victory in the next West German elections will be considerably increased. In either event the peace forces will gain."

● It is ironic that the **FRENCH**, who a few years ago did so much to assist in making the Geneva conference successful, are now ranged full-square alongside the West Germans. De Gaulle seems to have passed his delegation with the most diehard reactionaries who are quite prepared to see a powerful West German army armed with nuclear weapons rather than come to terms with the Soviet Union.

● The **RUSSIAN** attitude, as expressed by Foreign Minister Gromyko, continues to be one of cautious optimism that a settlement can be arrived at.

AMERICA

TALE OF TORTURE SHROUDS LYNCHING

By ART SHIELDS

A POPLARVILLE, Miss. GHASTLY story of the mutilation of Mack C. Parker, Negro lynch victim, while he was still alive is being told in Pearl River county and the country around it.

I heard this story shortly before the decayed body of the 23-year-old lumber worker was found in the shallow waters of Pearl river.

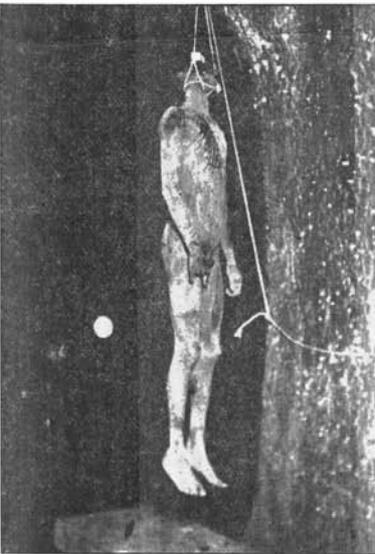
The story, which leaked out of the sheriff's office, is accepted as a fact by the Negro people, though it may never get into court records.

THE STORY says that one mobster was about to shoot Parker when the hooded men broke into the jail cell. The mobster's gun was levelled to shoot when other lynchmen yelled at him to put the weapon down. They wanted Parker to suffer more before he died.

Parker was incapable of suffering, however, when the sadists stopped beating him. He was unconscious from the blows of clubs, fists and garbage can, and lay inert on the steel floor.

Then a bucket of cold water was splashed on the victim's face to revive him and one of the sadists pulled out his knife. The blade had a razor edge. And, in a few minutes, the savage operation was over and the young man's genitals were tossed out.

The same fate had befallen many other Negro lynch victims in the deep south.



"The same fate has befallen many other Negro lynch victims in the Deep South."

much decayed for identification by other means.

A clue to the identity of the kidnappers was found when the autopsy was performed in Bogalusa, La., a few miles from Poplarville, the FBI reports. The nature of the clue was not revealed.

No Poplarville Negroes will talk publicly about the white terror. The fear of reprisals is too keen.

SHERIFF OSBORNE MOODY will do nothing, the Negro people say. He will do nothing

because he is too involved in the murderous tragedy. That Moody left the jailhouse unguarded on the lynching night and the fact that the mobsters knew exactly where to look for his keys seemed damning indeed.

American democrats of all colors are shocked at the failure of the authorities to bring the hooded cowards who did the lynching to book.

LITTLE LIBBY - THE ADVENTURES OF LIBERATION CHABALALA

by Alex ha Guma

LITTLE LIBBY IS BEING FOLLOWED BY SERGEANT SHARK



SPORTLIGHT

by

"DULEEP"



DOUBT ABOUT NON-WHITE OLYMPIC REPS.

THE S.A. Olympic Association last week confirmed Mr. Reg Honey's promises made to the IOC in Munich, that Non-White sportsmen would be considered for the Olympic Games. But it made a clarification that it was left to the controlling bodies of each sport to ascertain whether a Non-White is up to the required standard.

This assurance, however, is looked upon with doubt by the "Manchester Guardian," which maintains that it was easy for Mr. Honey to make promises at Munich, but his body does not select the various teams—it only connives at the practice of racialism by its affiliated members, who govern the various sports in the Union.

This paper further feels, that the S.A. Olympic Association, if it wants to practice the Olympic laws, should advise its affiliated bodies to cease practicing racialism in sports, failing which their affiliation cannot be continued. "If there are no Black faces in the next South African Olympic trials or teams, the IOC's duty will be clear—to have done this humbug," is the concluding paragraph in the "Manchester Guardian's" comment.

Further, Mr. Honey's confirmation that the Government will grant passports does not apparently hold much water, especially after what the chairman, Gen. H. B. Klopper had to say on the matter. "I cannot speak for the Government, but when the football authorities had a similar problem, Government officials said they would give passports to non-European soccer teams, who wish to compete in international matches outside the Union. At present an Indian from Natal is in Britain to compete in the British Open." (An Indian soccer team and a table-tennis team were refused permission to travel overseas—Ed.)

The chairman Mr. Klopper gives no authentic information on passports but is evasive, while the secretary (Mr. Honey), makes a statement to the world that the Government will grant passports.

deserves the highest praise once again for undertaking a thankless and hard job in catering for fair visitors during that week. So far he has proved himself a tireless worker.

Acces To Travel?

The Aces F.C. if they succeed with their negotiations for a tour of East Africa, will make soccer history, for being the first club side to cross the borders of South Africa. This no doubt is a fine venture and deserves every encouragement. It should be emulated by not only clubs, but also unions.

The manager of the Western Province soccer team to tour Natal next month, is none other than the popular Wymberg sports administrator, Mr. W. J. Herbert, who has probably managed more teams than he has had birthdays. So efficient and capable has he proved to be, that he at most times, is an automatic choice for a position he has served with distinction and credit for his association, province and national teams. In recent times he has been opposed by Mr. M. E. Segers, who is equally popular in both soccer and cricket circles. He lost his managership by a bare majority.

Sewgolum - Great Guns

The Durban Indian golfer, Sewsunker Sewgolum is going great guns in practice and has a fair chance of getting through the qualifying rounds, provided he has the nerves and temperament which are so essential in golf for such a big occasion as the British Open. His unorthodox right-over-left-hand grip, is the talk of all golfers.

Items

The motion to review and rescind the decision to support the tour of Worrill in November, by the S.A. Indian C.U. is not expected to obtain the required two-third majority. Mr. S. L. Singh and Mr. E. J. Haffjee are the proposer and seconder, respectively.

The S.A. Indian C.U. is strongly urging all its affiliated units to remove the racial tag, and emulate the example set by Western and Eastern Province, who now are known as the United C.U. and the E.P. C.U., respectively.

Racing at Milnerton

These are Damon's selections for Saturday:

3rd and 4-Year-Old Handicap: 1. CINC; 2. Muscovite; 3. Golden Honest.

Milner Handicap: 1. SUSPICIOUS; 2. Numplast; 3. Clear Head.

Vasco Handicap: 1. KING DICK; 2. Hope and Glory; 3. Crown Witness.

Moderate Handicap: 1. FAIR CIRCLE; 2. Burwick; 3. Scottish Heart.

Owner's Progress Six: 1. OPERATION; 2. Tasty Dish; 3. Top Travel.

Juvenile Plate: 1. JAMES HENRY; 2. Stonehaven; 3. Tropic Zone.

Maiden Plate: 1. SUN LASH; 2. Kenbren; 3. Dieppe.

Crutse Should Link With SASA

The deposed vice-president of the S.A. Bantu Athletic Association, Mr. S. M. Crutse, who has suggested to form a non-racial national sports body, was a few months ago criticised in this column, as met with further unfavourable response by both the Soccer Federation and the S.A. Athletic Board of Control (Non-Racial). The Board suggested to link up with SASA and work in collaboration with them, for that organisation is already doing what he intends doing. Their achievements thus far prove this point. Mr. Crutse's presence however within the ranks of SASA will no doubt be welcome and an asset, for he has proved himself a fighter and an advocate of non-racialism in sports.

Haffjee Again

The well-known Natal soccer and cricket administrator, "Big-Boy" Haffjee, has once again been appointed chairman of the Reception Committee for the Sam China tournament that is due to take place in Durban from the 8-16 August. He

TAXI OWNERS FIGHT APARTHEID

The Cape Taxi Owners' Association will hold its next General Meeting in the Robing Room of the City Hall, Cape Town, on June 28. All taxi owners are urged to attend this meeting, for the Government's amended "Motor Carriage Transportation Act" will deprive many operators of their livelihood, and the Motor Transport Commission has said that they are not concerned whether the taxi owners make a living or not.

In fighting this threat the taxi owners have had no support from the Coloured representatives in parliament. "Unless we join hands with other oppressed people in the progressive liberatory movement we will not be able to overcome taxi apartheid" concludes the statement by the secretary Mr. M. T. Bardien.

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