

# BIGGEST EVER ANC CONFERENCE



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From Joe Gqabi

DURBAN.

THIS was one of the most impressive, if not THE most impressive conference the ANC has ever held. I have never seen such courage, such sense of responsibility, high spirits and determination, as shown throughout this conference.

THE MOST IMPRESSIVE FEATURE WAS THE PRESENCE OF DELEGATES FROM THE RURAL AREAS, OF NATAL AND THE TRANSKEI. THE AGE-OLD CUSTOM OF THE ZULUS PROHIBITING WOMEN FROM SPEAKING PUBLICLY HAS BEEN BROKEN.

Zulu women in traditional dress impressed the entire conference with their determination and militancy. During the debate on Bantustans the Zulu women almost dominated conference as one after another rose to speak.

There was a clear exposition of conditions under which they live since the introduction of Bantustans. They realise that the chiefs are selling them out, and proclaimed their determination to stand fore-square behind Congress despite the warnings of Native Commissioners that Congress misled them.

The opening session held at Currie's Fountain on Saturday afternoon was the biggest ever held and was attended by about eight thousand people.

Fraternal greetings were received from the fellow-Congressmen, Mr. Mburumba Kerina for the South West African petitioners at UNO, Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister of People's China, and the World Peace Council.

## PACKED TO CEILING

CLOSED session of conference which was held in the Bantu Social Centre was attended by 386 delegates from throughout the Union. After lunch the Conference was again thrown open to the public and waiting crowds surged into the hall packing it literally to the ceiling, and many could not get in at all.

- Resolutions adopted:
- Condemned Erasmus' scheme to reorganise the Army in order to suppress all opposition to the Nationalists;
- Called on all democratic countries to refrain from supplying arms to the Nationalist Government;
- Condemned Bantustan as a gigantic fraud;
- Directed the National Executive Committee to draw up

plans for rural organisation to meet the challenge of Bantu Authorities;

- Urged the intensification of the anti-pass campaign and the economic boycott.
- Other resolutions also called on all democrats to organise massive counter-demonstrations during the Union festival, and

- Condemned the banning and banishment of leaders;
- Increased taxes and the separate universities act.

The NEC was asked to make necessary preparations for the golden anniversary of the ANC in 1962 to include country-wide celebrations.

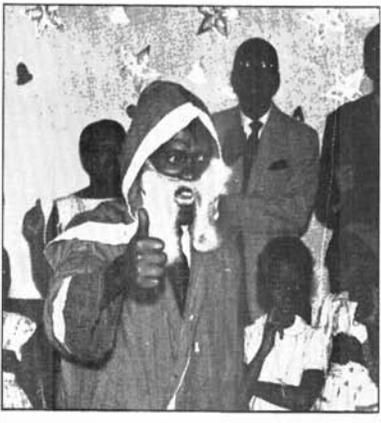
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## FATHER CHRISTMAS GIVES AFRIKA! SALUTE

(Right): Nothing nicer than a bottle of cool-drink and cake. And loads more of good things to eat for the children of all races who played happily together at the party.

(Below): Where else could you find such a Santa but at the Xmas party given by the Treason Trial Defence Fund in Johannesburg for the children of the accused.

Few recognised James Hadebe, secretary of the Transvaal African National Congress, behind that fuzzy beard, until his ringing voice broke into the strains of Inkosi Sikalele! F Afrika.



## P.E. CANNING WORKERS STAND FIRM

"FOOD and Canning workers all over the country are carefully watching the fruit as it comes into their factories, and will refuse to work fruit from Port Elizabeth," said Mrs. Abrahams, general secretary of the Food and Canning Workers' Union.

This action is being taken in solidarity with the workers of LKB in Port Elizabeth who have been locked out as a result of their refusal to accept a Wage Board Agreement which will mean nearly 16 per cent. reduction in their wages.

Last Monday, December 7, at about 2 p.m. the works manager of LKB told the workers that their wages would be reduced by up to 11/- per week on a £3 pay envelope as from Friday, 11th December. He threatened them with

summary mass dismissal when the workers refused to work for less money; and told them to leave the factory and to return the following day at 2 p.m. to fetch their wages. The works manager then took their time cards and more than 1,000 African and Coloured workers were locked out.

All day Tuesday, the workers waited patiently outside the factory gates.

**MILITANT SPIRIT**  
On Wednesday morning the workers again reported for work but were told to wait outside until 2 p.m. Late in the afternoon the workers were paid for 7 1/2 days' work on the old wage rates.

That night the workers held a meeting and from the militant spirit it was obvious that there would be no submitting to the cut-throat wage demands of the bosses.

On Thursday the bosses succeeded (in spite of Index Control Regulations) in obtaining a contingent of about 50 African workers from the Ulmberg Labour Bureau, 21 miles from Port Elizabeth. When these workers expressed surprise at the low wages LKB wished to pay them, and queried the fact that there were no other workers in the factory, they received no satisfactory replies from the boss; and decided to leave their new jobs.

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## NINE DEAD IN WINDHOEK — See Editorial on Page 2

In Windhoek, S.W.A., 12 Africans have been buried in a mass grave. They were killed in a clash between the Africans of Windhoek location and police and troops.

This clash was the direct result of the refusal of the local authorities and the South African Government to listen to the demands of the people.

The African people of South West Africa don't want to live under the yoke of the Union's apartheid laws, they want to be

placed under the care of the United Nations;

The people of the Windhoek location have consistently said that their removal to a new location many miles away would entail hardships for them. They told the authorities that to move them forcibly would lead to trouble.

But as usual, their pleas and demands were ignored by the authorities, resulting in bloodshed and loss of life.

## PLEA TO STAY SEKHUKHUNI EXECUTIONS — See p. 5

# NEW AGE LETTER BOX

## ONE CONGRESS—Can We Learn From The "Progressives"?

The Progressive Party according to the papers has thrown open its doors to all irrespective of race, religion or colour. It has also laid stress on franchise with of course special reservations which will exclude the mass from direct representation. Although it is too early to pass judgment on the Party, and more especially since I have not had more information, I think the primary aim of the Party is to isolate the intelligentsia from the mass.

But what impressed me most was to see that the Party has opened its doors to all. In this respect the Party is definitely more progressive than the Congresses which are still functioning as to tinct racial organisations, instead of forming one powerful organisation.

It is admitted that the various Congresses were called into being by specific political necessities arising out of the problems facing the problems of the particular group at the time, but things have changed since. As demonstrated through the various Acts passed in Parliament the Government is making an all-out attempt to maintain white supremacy. We in turn are assisting the Government by dividing ourselves into various racial groups.

At no time were we prepared for a single Congress to now (as already shown by the sporting bodies in South Africa) and it is the opinion of my colleagues and I that the longer the delay the merging of the various Congresses, the more harm we are doing to the liberatory movement.

VINO O MAHESKAR  
Ireland.

### Inhuman Actions by Chiefs

In Basutoland, elections are now hovering close. Every true patriot is doing his utmost to interest his neighbours and other citizens to have share in this first, important election. Every member, especially the commoners, look to be very pleased to have been granted such an intensive right of making laws for their adopted

fatherland. The spirit towards elections indicates frankly the love of those who love Basutoland. This is the right step towards true democracy.

Accompanying this are the inhuman instructions issued by chiefs towards the commoners irrespective of sex or age. Every one is ordered by the instruction of the chief to drive his or her sheep or cattle to the cattle-post. Any failure to fulfil the requirements of these instructions meant a penalty inflicted on the commoner. Many widows of over seventy years of age have been arrested for their failure, cripples and the blind have paid heavy fines because they are said to have defied the chief's order. Many commoners who reared up to three hundred sheep are now bankrupt because their animals disappeared at the cattle post. Many people have paid more than 50 because they opposed this inhuman practice.

The Congress branch at Moko-roane's has sent a petition to the Paramount Chief about these matters.

M. MOKOROANE  
Mohlale's Hoek, Basutoland

### New Age—The Weekly Bread

The great work done by the New Age newspaper has not been noticed by millions of people in the whole of the African Continent.

The news is given correctly in details. In it you learn a great deal of politics. Yet the daily papers fail to give out news as this weekly issue is doing.

I fear many people are missing the weekly bread which they could enjoy, and later preach the gospel of freedom to others.

The reason why it has not reached many more people is because it is written only in English. Therefore the Congress must play its part to educate these people with politics.

S. A. GUMEDE  
Mbatubata.

### A Chief's Reply

My attention has been drawn to an article in your issue of the 5th November, 1959, appearing on page 8, under the name of George Mbele, entitled: "WILL HE BE EXILED?"

I wish to correct a certain impression it has created. The writer states inter alia that "... His absence from the Eshowe function was interpreted by many as an indication of his open hostility to the establishment of Bantu Authorities and rumours are rife amongst leading members of the Tribe that Chief Buthelezi may soon be exiled for his opposition to the Government."

I consider this article to have been very unfortunately couched. The truth of the matter is that I did not go to the Eshowe function, merely because I was not invited to attend and I learnt from official sources that attendance was by invitation only. I did not boycott the function as it implied by your correspondent.

I would further like to add that I never have I ever declared any hostility to the establishment of Bantu Authorities to your correspondent or to anybody either now or at anytime. The Bantu Authorities Act is permissive and therefore voluntary, that is at least legally speaking. My tribe has told officials that if it is voluntary, they would like to watch how this act works at places where it has already been accepted, before reaching a decision. As I am merely a servant of the people, I cannot force the issue since they have been given a choice by the Government. At one meeting I expressed the view that it would have been better if it was compulsory, since its 'voluntary nature' continually places us Chiefs between the Devil and the deep blue sea. I have never opposed the Government either by act of omission or omission as is averred in this article by your correspondent. The speculation about my leaving to live in the Government, to God and to the future.

A. N. MANGOSUTHU  
GATSHA BUTHELEZI  
(Chief of the Shesha Tribe)  
Mahlabati, Zululand.

(Mr. Mbele apologises for any inconvenience his report might have caused. The report was that of comments by a number of tribesmen at Eshowe.—Editor).

### We Love S.A.

South Africa is our country and we love it. We have grown up with the idea of serving it. The only thing that can kill the evil spirit which attempts to turn us to Afrikaner ideology is we must have fruitful confidence to our leaders. Whatever contribution we make to the good of South Africa and the African continent abroad, must be our own contribution derived from our own history and tradition and arising spontaneously in our own breast so that we will not wear the cast-off clothes of another man.

F. J. KODI  
Johannesburg.

### Sacked Without Reason

I have been dismissed from my employment as a catering salesman at Volksrust without reason at 24 hours notice. I wrote a letter asking for an explanation and it has not been answered since November 12.

I cannot say what was the reason for my dismissal, but I can only attribute to the fact that I have been doing my best as a Congressite here on the border of Natal and the Transvaal.

I hope that the power that he will come to their senses and regret what they have been doing to the African people for the last 300 years.

L. J. P. Mkakene-Khumalo  
Charlestown, Natal.

## EDITORIAL

# UNO MUST TAKE OVER S.W.A.

MR. ERIC LOUW may feel that he deserves a pat on the back for his prophetic vision over the events at Windhoek, but there is nothing else for which he is to be congratulated. Twelve dead and many more injured cry out in condemnation of his and his government's policies towards the people of South West Africa.

EVERY DROP OF BLOOD SPILT AT WINDHOEK IS A STAIN ON THE GOOD NAME OF SOUTH AFRICA WHICH NO AMOUNT OF CURSING AT "AGITATORS" OR BLAMING THE UNITED NATIONS, WILL EVER BE ABLE TO ERASE.

The general reason for widespread unrest and public disorders in South West Africa is the same as the reason for similar phenomena in the Union: a despotic form of government which no longer even pretends to take the wishes of the governed into consideration; a government which more and more relies on armed force to push obviously unpopular policies down the throats of unwilling people.

There is, however, a further reason for the present unrest in South West Africa, and that is the ever-growing and ever-more clearly expressed demand of the people of that territory for independence from foreign domination. And the foreign domination they want to rid themselves of is that of South Africa.

The habit of thinking of South West Africa as part of the Union, a kind of fifth province, is one that has persisted for many years in all political circles. The developing struggle of the people of that territory is presenting the problem in a new light, and it is time for a fresh assessment of the situation.

South West Africa does not belong to the Union of South Africa; that is the salient fact from which all else flows.

The territory was conquered by force of arms during World War I by South African troops fighting a war for imperialist aims. South Africa continued as the occupying and administering power subject to the peace treaty which followed. That treaty, and the subsequent obligations assumed under the old League of Nations, gave the Union the temporary right to administer South West Africa under certain conditions.

It did not give the Union the right to grab the territory as its own, nor did it give the Union the right to trample on the most elementary human and political rights of the inhabitants.

By denying the people of South West Africa the right to self-determination, by denying them the right to any say in the control of their own destinies, the Union has violated both the legal and the moral obligations it assumed under the peace treaty.

Former German conquerors and colonists, who looted the land and murdered the people, have been given the franchise, all the political rights anyone could hope for. The Ovambo, Damara, Nama, Herero and other indigenous African people, for whose "liberation" South African troops ostensibly fought in the first Great War, are still oppressed, denied all opportunity for political advancement.

The only difference for them is the fact that South Africans are now acting the conqueror in place of the Germans.

Turn and twist as they like, the South African imperialists will not be able to escape the consequences of their policy.

The Union has lost the moral, if not the legal, right to continue in occupation of South West Africa.

To remain in occupation of South West Africa against the clearly expressed demand of the people is to commit an act of international aggression.

The people of South West Africa no longer wished to be tied to the Union, to be governed by an alien power.

They want to govern themselves: that is the essence of their demand that the territory be handed over to the United Nations so that it may be administered in a humane and civilised manner.

SOUTH AFRICA MUST ACCEDE TO THAT DEMAND.

## NEW AGE XMAS DANCE

L. J. P. Mkakene-Khumalo  
Charlestown, Natal.

## LONDON, DUBLIN JOHANNESBURG

New Age has friends and supporters everywhere. Our London Committee sent us £100, fifty of which came from two very good and staunch friends who have never ever forgotten to give us a Christmas present.

Another group of readers, studying in Ireland, sent us four pounds ten shillings.

The workers of the Anglo-Union furniture factory in Johannesburg also sent us a Xmas box—three pounds six and six collected in amounts varying from a ticky to five shillings. (A good idea for others to follow!)

From Johannesburg to London to Dublin, many people with one common cause—the determination to see that New Age keeps up the good fight for justice in South Africa.

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**TOTAL: £269 17s. 6d.**

# Anti-Nat Boycott in Britain Sweeps Ahead

## London Conference Soon

THE campaign for the boycott of South African goods is sweeping ahead in Britain, with South African House opposition to the anti-apartheid movement coming a feeble second.

London will see a delegate conference on January 17 to launch a boycott month from February 20 to March 19. This has been announced by Mr. Teanyson Makiwane representing the African National Congress, and Mr. Patrick van Rensburg, formerly secretary and Transvaal organiser of the Liberal Party.

The aims and organisation of the boycott were explained at a London meeting called by the Committee of African Organisations.

### VICIOUS ASPECTS

The immediate aim of the boycott called for in Britain is to protest at the three most vicious aspects of South African racial policy: the treason trial and banishments of African leaders, the extension of the pass laws and the low living standards of Africans.

The boycott month from mid February to mid March has been fixed for next year for the period when the export of South African fruit to Britain is more than at any other time, but the organisers hope the boycott will be main-

tained by many people before and after that period.

The first phase of the campaign is to find sponsors, the second will be the conference in London in January, and the third, the intensified campaign itself when the organisers hope that dockers will refuse to unload South African imports.

The campaign has received wide support from such leading figures as Bertrand Russell, Canon Collins, Lord Altrincham, John Stonehouse M.P. and Dr. Donald Soper. A number of trade union councils are backing the boycott. Local boycott committees have been set up in Birmingham, Newcastle, Manchester, Oxford and Cambridge.

The London Co-operative Party has decided to urge the Co-operative Wholesale Society not to handle South African goods.

### SIGNS WANTED

Shops are asking the boycott organisers for signs saying "We don't sell South African goods."

South African House sent an Information Officer to Oxford and Cambridge to try to convince students not to support the boycott.

because, ran one of the reasons, it would hurt the African people most of all. Official statements putting forward this policy have been posted to the universities that have passed resolutions in support of the boycott.

Some firms handling South African goods have launched an advertising campaign under the slogan "Buy South Africa," a slide carrying this slogan shown

at one London cinema recently, was greeted with a loud 'boo' from the audience.

ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS OF THE BOYCOTT ARE REASONING: "DR. VERWOERD HAS REFUSED TO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF REASON. LET US SEE IF HE WILL DISMISS OUR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WITH AS MUCH CONTEMPT."

## And 55 Million Workers are asked to Follow Suit

### BRUSSELS.

OVERSEAS moves to boycott South African goods have been considerably strengthened by the decision of the sixth Congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, meeting in Brussels last week, to join the boycott in protest against apartheid.

Representing 55 million workers in 92 countries, the I.C.F.T.U. congress said the "racial, inhuman and brutal policies" of the South African Government "violate all concepts of decency and morality."

It condemned "South Africa's refusal to grant African workers the right to collective bargaining and various other trade union rights."

### "SOLIDARITY"

Congress asked members "to take all efficient steps to organise the boycott of South African products and with the help of Governments, workers and consumers of their countries, to show their solidarity with the South African people and exert the strongest possible economic pressure on the South African Government and force it to change its inhuman racial policies."

The possibility of extending the boycott of consumer goods to industrial goods and raw materials was discussed by the Congress.

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## PASS ARREST CAUSES PAARL LOCATION DISTURBANCE

CAPE TOWN. HARD on Dr. Wet Net's praise of the Africans for not having associated themselves with the events arising out of Mrs. Mafekeng's commitment came a flare-up between residents and police at Langubaya location, Paarl last Sunday night.

The disturbances is said to have arisen out of the arrest on a permit charge of an African woman by a location officer on Sunday evening. Crowds gathered in protest and a

### SPILT MILK

JOHANNESBURG. WHILE the sanitation and deficiency diseases stalk African children living in the locations and townships around Johannesburg, more than 370,000 gallons of skim milk have been thrown away on the Rand in the past year. The reason given by farmers at the Transvaal Fresh Milk Producers' Association meeting in Heidelberg last week was that the Association had lost its contract to supply hospitals with 1,000 gallons a day and their milk sold in the locations had been severely cut by "pit rate" dairy farmers.

But a year ago the price of milk was raised from 6d. a pint to 7d. a pint though the Association complained that milk is sold to hospitals and in the locations at lower prices than the farmers are paid for the milk.

## Lived there 20 years, now Villagers are FORCED TO MOVE

From Temba Mqota

### PORT ELIZABETH.

IN the Kirkwood district of the Eastern Cape, the inhabitants of six settled and established African villages are being removed to a bare and barren area called Bontrag.

Tembon has run very high in this area and the people are bitter against the authorities. These villages have been established for more than 20 years, but the removal orders have been imposed on the inhabitants so suddenly that only hardship and want could follow in their trail.

The Municipality, under whose authority these removal orders have been issued, alleges that the farmers in the Kirkwood district who draw their labour-force from these villages should bear the burden of housing their workers. These workers have now been thrown out of their homes and carted to a bare veld where there are neither water nor any semblance of sanitary facilities. They draw hard and sour water from a well some one mile from their new home at Bontrag. For this water they are taxed 10/- a month.

### HESSIAN AND WOOD

As most of the menfolk are away at work during the day, their families shelter from the sun, wind and rain by putting up makeshift dwellings of hessian and wood, others just squat helplessly on the open ground.

The Municipality justifies its mercenary action by saying that they intend to build a sub-economic housing scheme at Bontrag as soon as they can obtain a Government loan for that purpose. When the Municipality was asked why it did not first put up the houses before de-molishing the settled villages, their retort was that the unsettled people could go and find themselves houses in a Municipal location and pay a rental to their occupation.

## "Going Up?" — Whites Only! AFRICAN LIFTMEN SACKED

### JOHANNESBURG.

THE Nationalists have given African liftmen a nasty Christmas jolt by January 4 job reservation comes into force here and African liftmen must be given the sack.

Several firms have even jumped the gun and have replaced African liftmen with White girl attendants already.

While some firms are slumping liftmen to on other jobs and keeping them in employment in other departments, other liftmen face an uncertain future. Are they to be thrown on to the streets?

### JOB RESERVATION

The State tell their voters and supporters that job reservation is to protect Whites

from competition from Africans. Yet liftmen's wages are less than £15 a month, including cost of living allowances. Some protection this is, pushing any group of workers into wages so wretchedly low!

Protesting against job reservation before the Industrial Tribunal that sat in 1958 the National Union of Distributive Workers pressed for a minimum wage of £45 a month and the principle "the best man for the job."

Said one of the Commission members, Mr. George McCormick: "And if 'Natives' get these jobs?"

The NUOD spokesman: "THEN GOOD LUCK TO THEM!"

- Racing at Kenilworth**
- Wyberg Open Handicap: TIME TO SHINE. Danger, Court.
- Wyberg Handicap: B. TIME BOMB. Danger, Trumpeter.
- 3 and 4-Year-Old Handicap: NORTHWIND. Danger, Fast Car.
- Kenilworth Progress Stakes: REFRACTION. Danger, Pen Royal.
- Wyberg Progress Stakes: SIR WALLACE. Danger, Gun Cap.
- Juvenile Stakes, 5 furlongs: HAPIER. Danger, Tudoroma.
- Juvenile Stakes (Fillies and Geldings): GOLD PANATA. Danger, Country Cousin.
- Maiden Plate: GREEN ARROW. Danger, Sir Bulter.



"UNEASY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN."

MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT-SYRIA STRAINS

all sides, and the people soon began to blame the Baath for the disappointments and difficulties of Union.

The Baath's overwhelming defeat in the National Union elections last July 8 revealed the extent of Syrian resentment to union-in-practice. Reeling under this shock, it received another in the form of President Nasser's clearly implied disapproval.

WORLD STAGE this week is by TABITHA PETRAN reporting from CAIRO.

it was in 1957, the barley crop barely a third. But Cairo's policies are also responsible: the textile, cheese, shoe, leather and cigarette industries, among others, are hard hit by Cairo-imposed trade policies.

Suppression of democratic institutions, however imperfect they were, has weakened the trade unions (which are now government-controlled) at a time when unemployment is spreading; hence wages are being cut and hours lengthened.

NEXT WEEK—SPECIAL

A full report by the well-known American reporter, Anna Louise Strong, on the INDIA-CHINA BARRER DISPUTE. The report was written shortly after the writer had returned from an extensive recent visit to Tibet.

FINAL BLOW

The party soon split. At a conference in Beirut, one group led by Michel Aflak, its so-called theoretician, insisted the Baath should maintain its ideology and programme and reassert its identity.

Unquestionably, some of the "sacrifices" imposed on Syria are necessary if any real economic development and industrialization is to be achieved.

What Syrians appear to resent is their subordinate role in planning and executing programmes. Their resentment feeds on the suspicion that in Cairo's plans Syria is slated to remain largely agricultural while industrialization is concentrated in Egypt.

Upshot of the Beirut conference was the expulsion from the Baath of Hourani and other prominent party leaders, not only from Syria but also from Jordan and Iraq.

Although the Baath was never as strong in Syria as its own and Western propaganda claimed, its collapse is a reflection of the state of affairs in Syria. Amer's appointment would seem to be the final blow, ending any role or influence it may have had in the UAR regime.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

Reverent against the arrogance of the Baath and the Egyptian leadership, the role of the Baath deepened by the economic difficulties of the past two years. Two bad harvests and a partly to blame: the wheat crop in 1958 and 1959 was less than half what

They cite, for example, laws such as those recently decreed governing banks and insurance companies; Egyptian banks and insurance compa-



Brig. Kassim: Wounds Healing.

IRAQ MURDER PLOT

AMER'S appointment follows the failure of the attempt to assassinate Iraq's Prime Minister Abdul Kerim Kassim.

Baghdad holds the UAR responsible for this attempt and links it to the reported massing of UAR troops on the Syrian-Iraqi border. Cairo's Al Akbar stated: "Amer's appointment is directed against Iraq."

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSPIRACY WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN TO ELIMINATE KASSIM, BLAME THE COMMUNISTS, AND SO INDUCE THE IRAQI ARMY TO CRUSH THE COMMUNISTS, THUS PAYING THE WAY FOR A UAR-IRAQ "RECONCILIATION."

RIGHTIST

At the same time, Mohamed Toema, a leader of the National Union's predecessor, the Liberation Rally, a rightist who has been somewhat in eclipse in recent years, was brought into the cabinet.

With the return of these missions and the absence of any indications that Western loans will be forthcoming, the mean while, Czechoslovakia offered a new loan. Cairo wits comment: "Katsound (Minister of Economy) went to Washington and came back with a loan from Czechoslovakia."

Swart to Pay £1000 Damages To Duma Nokwe

JOHANNESBURG.

ADVOCATE Duma Nokwe, Secretary-General of the ANC is to receive over £1,000 damages in settlement of an action he brought against the former Minister of Justice, Mr. Swart, and two police constables for alleged assault.

He has been offered £877 lobs to the Government, plus costs amounting to at least £250.

Both policemen were charged and convicted for assaulting Mr. Nokwe in November last year.

Charles Mills was sentenced to a fine of £50 or 30 days, and Jan Scholtz £10 or 10 days.

LIONEL FORMAN

I should like to present you my condolences in connection with the untimely death of Lionel Forman. I did not have the pleasure of meeting him but he had won my sincere esteem as a communist and arms. It is a great loss to everyone struggling for the freedom of the African people.

Please give my most sincere sympathy to his wife. Sincerely yours, DR. I. POTEKHIN, Institute of Ethnography, Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Moscow.



These women formed pickets outside the Jabavu municipal office last week from six o'clock each morning. They blocked the gates leading to the offices and sang "Senzenka Sibantjiswa iHigh Rents."

Their husbands, they complain, lose a day's pay when they are rounded up for arrears rentals.

Raiding police knock up the families in the middle of the night. These families are paying their current rentals but are being prosecuted for the arrears that have mounted up since the new economic rentals were enforced.

RAND RENT RAIDS PROTEST

JOHANNESBURG. WOMEN of Jabavu decided last week they could not stand the rent raids and prosecutions any longer. They picketed the location municipal offices and demanded the superintendent give their grievances a hearing.

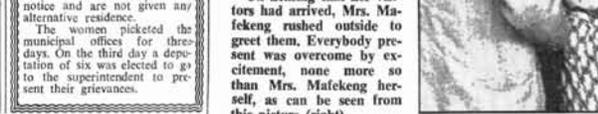
Mr. De Root, the superintendent refused to meet the women. Instead he advised them to elect a deputation to see him in his office.

The women, on the other hand, wanted Mr. De Root to come out of the municipal premises to address them. This deadlock led to a complete standstill of the administration.

Women said that they were fed up with their husbands being dragged out of their beds at 2 a.m. by the municipal police and taken to the superintendent's offices where they had to wait until 9 a.m., only to be issued with summonses to appear in court.

Mr. Matekeng is seen here (right) overcome by excitement as she greets her visitors.

On hearing that her visitors had arrived, Mrs. Matekeng rushed outside to greet them. Everybody present was overcome by excitement, none more so than Mrs. Matekeng herself, as can be seen from this picture (right).



Later on, when the initial excitement had died down, the whole group posed for a happy picture (LEFT). On the extreme left is John Motsheloa, an old friend of Mrs. Matekeng's, who was deported to Basutoland from Cape Town several months ago, where he is now an active New Age seller.

Those who are against atomic bombs, in the Sahara or anywhere else, will recognize the value of a film like On The Beach which will be launched with a world-wide preview in 19 different countries at the same time on December 17. Those indifferent might come away from the show having learned something of what the peace-lovers of the world strive for.

All in all, it ought to be another convincer that it would be far better to dump all the nuclear weapons in the sea than having a few survivors of mankind marooned on the beach.

It might also be interesting to note that of course the choir may by all means adopt a resolution to perform in public—but the resolution would first have to be considered by the Department.

STOP SEKHUKHUNI EXECUTIONS —pleads ANC

Appeals Dismissed

"STOP the executions" is the plea which has been wired by the African National Congress to the British Prime Minister Mr. MacMillan and

WOMEN ASK FOR CLEMENCY

The Federation of South African Women sent the following cable to Her Majesty the Queen:

"Women of all races beg you to intercede for clemency for the fourteen Africans, including one woman, a mother, awaiting execution following tribal unrest after the imposition of Bantu Authorities."

But a message received by the Federation from the Secretary of the Governor-General said that representations to the Queen were referred to his Ministers for consideration by the Governor-General.

The Federation's cable was sent to Buckingham Palace, not to the Governor-General. Was it ever received by the Queen?

Mr. Gaitskell, leader of the Labour Party, following the dismissal in the Appeal Court last week of the appeals of 14 Sekhukhuni tribesmen, including one woman, against sentences of death for the murder of a sub-chief and his bodyguard.

The tribesmen were convicted of murder following unrest in Sekhukhuni arising out of the imposition of the Bantu Authorities Act.

"RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU INTERCEDE SWART REQUESTING HE EXERCISE CLEMENCY AS NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL." SAYS THE ANC TELEGRAM.

Two of the appellants had their appeals upheld in the Appeal Court, they are Mapheliso Kgoloke and Lesburu Jack Nkademene.

Those awaiting execution are as follows: Makopete John Kgolote, Mahab Jack Mariri, Matchele Johannes Ngwagwe, Sepopotje Jim

Mariri, Moriti Simon Moganedi, Makalopete Jim Morwane, Mareshe Klaas Madinane, Kgoloke James Malahlangue, Sibebe Johannes Marloke, Monomahane James Molahane, Morwane Frans Swaledi, Chiefness Madingone Pholokwe, Kgore Jim Makolone, Hope Johannes Mariri. Chiefness Pholokwe is the mother of two small children aged five and two years respectively.

Commenting on the plea to the British Prime Minister Canon John Collins said he would do all in his power to save the Sekhukhuni tribesmen from death.

"Now that Mr. Swart is free from party political considerations I beseech him to do everything in his power to see that the South African Government behaves in that spirit of mercy which is the peculiar distinguishing mark of its Christian faith."

Last week-end Canon Collins discussed the matter with our new Governor-General who promised to consider it carefully.

P.E. CANNING WORKERS STAND FIRM

(Continued from page 1)

It is this spirit of solidarity among the workers which has caused the management to resort to all sorts of methods of inducement. They have tried to persuade the workers to return to work under the new agreements until the management and the Union have completed negotiations.

SUSPICION Even the bosses' offer to provide accommodation inside the factory for Trade Union officials was turned down as the workers considered it an attempt to spread suspicion among the workers that the Union officials had been bought by the bosses.

Last Sunday the workers voted to stay away from work until the old wage rates are restored and urged all other workers not to work at LKB under the reduced rates of pay.

Deputations of food and canning workers in other areas will see employees to ask them not to implement Wage Determination No. 179, but to retain the Conciliation Board Agreement reached between the Union and the bosses.

THE SPIRIT OF THE WORKERS IS MILITANT AND THE BOSSES ARE CLEARLY WORRIED ABOUT THEIR "STAY-OUT-OF-THE-FACTORY" DEMAND AND UP TO THE TIME OF WRITING THE BOSSES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FILL THEIR FACTORY WITH SCAB LABOUR OR TO IN DUCE THE LOCKED-OUT WORKERS TO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE ROBBED OF NEARLY 16 PER CENT. OF THEIR WAGES.

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UP MY ALLEY

THE holiday season having opened, Cape Town has been entertained among other things by the massed voices of the Eoan Group Choir in the "Messiah" which seems to have become a regular annual feature looked forward to by music lovers here.

The Coloured Affairs Council choir however performed behind closed doors this week and music critics will have to wait for Dr. LD's official hand-out before they can give vent to their opinions of the renderings by these male impersonators.

It might also be interesting to note that of course the choir may by all means adopt a resolution to perform in public—but the resolution would first have to be considered by the Department.



ALEX LA GUMA.

# BIG ANC PARADE IN CRADOCK

**CRADOCK.**  
THE Cradock branch of the ANC recently organised one of the biggest demonstrations ever held here. The demonstration was against oppressive laws and injustice.

More than 270 volunteers took part in a poster parade which moved up and down the streets attracting many people to the demonstration.

Among the placards was one congratulating Professor Malan on his courageous stand in resigning from Fort Hare.

Certain members of the Special Branch travelled all the way from Grahamstown to Cradock to attend the demonstrations and although no arrests took place, police went to the houses of some of the demonstrators the following day and asked for their names.

**"THE CROAKING OF FROGS DOES NOT PREVENT CANDLE FROM DRINKING IN THE RIVER."**



Attractive posters were displayed. Seen here are Miss N. Malgas (left) and Mr. Z. Malas, two of the demonstrators.

## After ANC Youth League President's Visit Youth League Zooms in E. Cape

From Temba Mgqela  
PORT ELIZABETH.

THERE are many signs that the youth in the Eastern Cape have begun to organise themselves on a mass scale. Youth activities such as picnics, croquet games and a dance club have successfully been started and the enthusiasm of the young people seems to be unquenched.

Recently, this area was visited by the President-General of the Youth League, Mr. Pat Molosa, who enjoyed great interest among many branches of the Youth League. A number of social gatherings and political discussions were held during his brief stay. The Youth only wished he could have stayed longer.

**BROADEN ORGANISATION.**  
Speaking at a mass youth rally Mr. Molosa explained the nature of the Youth League and the functions which it was its duty to perform. He strongly encouraged the youth to broaden out their organisation to accommodate all the cultural and sporting demands of the young people.

**FESTIVAL OF OPPRESSION.**  
Referring to the 50th Anniversary of Union celebrations that are being organised by the Nationalist Party, Mr. Molosa said: "These celebrations are nothing but an attempt to deceive us into joining our oppressors in a despicable glorification of 50 years of oppression under the Act of Union 1910."

HE URGED THE YOUTH LEAGUE TO SET UP INDEPENDENT FESTIVAL COMMITTEES, DRAWN FROM RANKS OF YOUTH FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND OF ALL RACES TO PREPARE FOR THEIR OWN NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

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## From Opening Speeches at A.N.C. Conference

### WE COME FROM BRAVE STOCK —Chief Lutuli

From M. P. Naicker  
"THE liberation struggle is on in earnest in our own South Africa and in the rest of Africa," declared Chief A. J. Lutuli, exiled President-General of the African National Congress, in his Presidential address which was read out in his absence to the mass opening session of the 47th national annual conference of the ANC.

"The number of men and women persecuted for their political faith and stand by the Nationalist Party Government since it came into power in 1948, is the largest in the Union's history," he said.

Stating that this year alone close on 4,000 people, mostly women, have been victims of the Nationalist Government's tyranny, Chief Lutuli added: "To these champions of the noble cause of Freedom and Democracy I say: 'Money to give you we have none, but in full measure we express our deep felt sympathy and admiration. We are proud of you!'"

"The tragedy of our situation is that the overwhelming majority of white South Africa support the

Nationalist Party on the colour issues. That is why the official opposition, the United Party, tried to out-Nat the Nationalists. Few would mourn its demise."

Stating that Dr. Verwoerd, "a potential dictator, has succeeded in gaining undisputed control of the Nationalist Party and in turn of Parliament, Chief Lutuli said that this meant that "we have entered a most crucial and decisive stage in our struggle for freedom."

"The task of the ANC in this situation is to encourage and build a spirit of defiance to oppression and the courage to resist oppression," he added.

Continuing he added: "We are not without strength and some advantages. Ad nauseum I have said that white South Africa is vulnerable. We are a giant that does not know its strength. We come from a brave sturdy stock."

Dealing with the Boycott, Chief Lutuli stated that "our sympathisers are organising overseas boycotts of South African goods," added that this should be an incentive to us in our limited boycott here in South Africa.

"We can mobilise and harness our economic power as workers and as consumers to strengthen our liberation movement."

## "Unbreakable Friendship"

—Dr. G. M. Naicker

"I REGARD it as an honour to be here because I believe that the African National Congress is the most potent force for democracy in this multi-racial land.

"Your Congress in alliance with the other Congresses and democratic forces is destined to be in the vanguard of our mighty non-violent army leading our country to a non-racial democracy for all," said Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the South African Indian Congress, when he officially opened the ANC National Annual Conference.

"Although our beloved Chief Lutuli is not with us we know that every breath of his existence is dedicated to the cause of Freedom," he said.

Stating that a great tide of freedom was sweeping across the Continent of Africa, Dr. Naicker said that in South Africa too there was a great upsurge for freedom.

Never in the history of our country were the forces of democracy so united as they are today to meet the challenge of racial oppression and tyranny. An unbreakable friendship, alliance and unity has been achieved between the African and Indian people in their resolve to defeat Apartheid and segregation, he said.

Detailing the various demands of the Congresses, Dr. Naicker dealing with the demands of the workers, said that every worker is entitled to at least 41-a-day and it is his right to belong to a recognised Trade Union.

"We therefore ask for an increase in wages for our people and we fight for equal trade union rights," he added.

Urging the people not to divert from the non-violent path, Dr. Naicker said: "Let us march forward with the cry of Africa! and make our country a happy place for all the different races who inhabit it."

"Forward to a South Africa free from racial discrimination!" concluded Dr. Naicker.

# MISSIONARY ARRESTED FOR TREASON

## Review of "Candle In The Heart"

THERE has been an immense revolution in the thinking of many Europeans in South Africa. Who but the keenest students of politics could have foreseen it ten years ago?

"A Candle In The Heart" produced by the Trinity Players at the Intimate Theatre, illustrates this trend once more.

Ten years ago it would have required considerable courage of so-called "leftists" to stage this kind of play for wide audiences. Yet the significant thing is that it has

been chosen from 94 entries in a competition organised by "The Star", and that it is being produced by the Trinity Players the official Gloucester Drama Group.

**WELL WRITTEN**  
Of course, it is a good play. It is well written, it has strong moments of tense drama and action, yet it achieves this with a minimum of technical effects, relying largely on its own inherent idea and emotion.

The story centres around Frederick Almes a missionary who is under arrest for alleged treason, and involves a number of typical South Africans, including the exceedingly well-typed members of the Special Branch. The ending is a little senseless and somewhat detracts from the value of what precedes it.

### ALMOST PERFECT CASTING

The Trinity Players must be congratulated on an almost perfect casting. The central figure of Frederick Almes, played by Donald Saunders, is beautifully controlled and dominates the scene when he is offered treason, and involves a number of typical South Africans, including the exceedingly well-typed members of the Special Branch. The ending is a little senseless and somewhat detracts from the value of what precedes it.

Phyllis Barnes as Isobel Howes suffers from a little nervousness which is at times misplaced, but Arthur Wilby, as her husband Jacob, is the perfect "Mine Host" in a small village hotel. Mr. Levinson, the Jewish traveller, is done by an exceedingly English Noel Beal, yet achieves warmth and humanity. Robin Scott-Smith as Lawrence Domites is a little stiff and formal even for a businessman. Barry Spriggin and Betty Macphail carry off their by no means simple parts exceedingly well.

It is a pity that this thoughtful play was only on for a few days and limited by the size of the theatre to a small audience. And it is likely that this Christmas play will be played to Non-Europeans?

ELI WEINBERG.



## Dr. Asvat Resigns From T.I.C.

THE following resolution was passed by the Executive Committee of the Transvaal Indian Congress:

"The Executive Committee has given weighty consideration to recent unpleasant internal occurrences involving a number of personalities, which to some measure threatened the harmonious functioning of the organisation. In the belief that unity will be maintained, Dr. Asvat, of her own accord has tendered her resignation from the Executive and Working Committee, which with great regret the Executive accepts.

### DADOO POLICY

"The Executive Committee of the Transvaal Indian Congress following the adoption of the Dadoo policy considers that it is the primary task of the organisation to build and maintain the maximum unity among the people. To this end it has and will continue to do all in its power to prosecute this policy.

"The Executive at the same time places on record the many years of unstinting service rendered by her to the organisation in particular and the cause of the freedom of the oppressed people in general. It applauds her resolve to continue to bear this cause uppermost in her heart.

"The Committee appeals to all Congressmen to redouble their efforts and work so that the progress of the Transvaal Indian Congress and the movement as a whole will continue towards greater success.

## Poems Published

A collection of poems, "The Dark Goddesses," by A. Yousof of Fortsburg, Johannesburg has been published by The Mitre Press, London.

Mr. Yousof is 28 years old and first started writing poetry about five years ago. This volume of 27 poems is his first. In "The Dark Goddesses" the author has dispensed with traditional metrical forms for a prose form in order to permit the expression of a wide range of feeling.

## Latest Fighting Talk

The December issue of Fighting Talk is another bright number full of interesting articles which range from an account of South Africa's exiles to an article on Tretchikoff and another on Teplehy.

The latest issue deals with Fort Hare, the Immorality Act and Africa and the United Nations. It is on sale at all New Age offices at 6d. per copy.

HELP SELL NEW AGE

## THESE PICTURES TELL A MILLION TALES



On October 26 the inhabitants of the Cuban village of Socorra were peacefully going about their business, when an aeroplane suddenly swooped down upon them from the skies and rained bombs down upon them. Two of the villagers were killed and a number wounded. THE AEROPLANE RETURNED TO ITS BASE IN FLORIDA, U.S.A.

The attack, far from striking terror into the hearts of the people of Cuba as it was supposed to do, aroused the Cubans as never before in defence of their newly-gained independence and freedom. A million people assembled in Havana alone to denounce the U.S. imperialists for allowing the agents of the overthrown Cuban dictator Batista to use bases in America for armed terror attacks against the people of Cuba.

The Americans at first hotly denied that they bore any responsibility for the attacks, but this denial only served to increase the anger of the Cubans. So powerful were the demonstrations that followed that the officials in Washington were compelled to eat their words, and they finally undertook to see to it that the bombing raid would never be repeated.

● Meanwhile the enemies of Cuban freedom continue to reveal new plots for the overthrow of the Castro Government, but every time they are frustrated by the strength and unity of the Cuban people, who are overwhelming in their support of the new popular regime.

A million Cubans recently gathered in the streets of Havana at a giant rally to protest against the bombing of unsuspecting Cubans by American-based aeroplanes. The pictures show (left) one of the victims of the bombing and (below) part of the huge crowd gathered in angry protest against the U.S. for allowing aircraft to leave her soil on the murderous venture.



## AFRICA BELGIAN SOCIALISTS CONDEMN CONGO POLICY

THE Chairman of the Belgian Socialist Party demanded that the Congo be given independence within the "Belgian Community" and denounced the Government's plan to send more troops to the Congo. Mr. Volland urged immediate "round table" talks with representatives of the political parties of the Congo.

In Brussels students of the Free University were attacked by fascist elements during a demonstration against the sending of more troops to the Belgian Congo. The fascist set fire to posters condemning government policy in the Congo while the police stood by. Many youth organisations and

the Socialist General Federation of Labour have passed resolutions expressing their opposition to the sending of troops to the Congo.

The minister for the Belgian Congo, Mr. De Schrijver alleged, during a debate in the Belgian Parliament, that the meeting of Congolese people for independence was unlawful and said that the Colonial authorities and the security forces were not responsible for the massacre at Ruanda Ruidi. He rejected the proposal of the Belgian Communist Party for immediate negotiations with the Congolese people and insisted on going ahead with an "election" which will further delay Congo independence.

### Travelling Competition?

## LIKE IN ASIA

THE hearty reception given to President Eisenhower on his recent trip to Europe and Asia stands in marked contrast with the cold welcome which the late John Foster Dulles used to receive when he made similar journeys.

The nature of the receptions given to the two men is partly attributable to the personal charm which like possessives and Mr. Dulles never had.

BUT THE MAIN REASON THAT LIKE WAS WELCOMED WHEREVER HE WENT WAS THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE COUNTRIES HE VISITED WISHED TO APPLAUD THE MAN WHO HAD MET WITH SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV AND THUS OPENED THE WAY FOR A DRAMATIC REDUCTION IN WORLD TENSIONS.

Cold war thinking was clearly uppermost in his mind when he spoke to the Government



leaders of the three Central Treaty Organisation (Cento), formerly Baghdad Pact) countries he visited, namely Turkey, Iran and Pakistan. In these speeches he emphasised that America would continue to provide military aid to these countries and that there was no question of dissolving existing military blocs.

The outlook for disarmament must remain bleak as long as the U.S. continues to allow the most reactionary of its allies to call the tune on the subject.

● Perhaps the most important feature of the tour was that it was felt to be necessary at all. Ike is the first U.S. President to visit Africa and his visit to that continent shows how important it has become in world affairs in recent years.

Meanwhile . . .

## MR. K. TO AFRICA

DURING his recent visit to the Soviet Union the President of the Republic of Guinea told reporters that he had invited Soviet Premier Khrushchov to visit his country. Khrushchov had not yet replied to his request, but he would be able to greet the Soviet Premier in Guinea soon.

● Earlier this year Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia also extended an invitation to Khrushchov to pay a visit to Africa, and unconfirmed reports stated that Mr. K. was likely to pay a visit to a number of countries in West Africa as well as to Ethiopia some time next year.

# Barred Books: Russia Gives The Reasons

COMMENTING on the withdrawal of books from the British book exhibition now on here, Mr. Alexander Rybin, head of the Soviet publishing organisation Glavizdat, said recently:

"We were anxious that not a single book should give cause for misunderstanding, disapproval or indignation among visitors.

"Any suggestion that we are afraid of these books is ludicrous. Certainly the Soviet Union would not collapse if they were exhibited," he said, adding that a large number of foreign books by authors of all shades of opinion are published in the Soviet Union.

"We were prompted solely by the desire to aid good feelings between our two countries. We want the exhibition to help friendship and mutual understanding. For us friendship with the British people is the most important thing of all."

tracting two to three thousand visitors a day, clearly demonstrates that the books objected to contained passages offensive to any Soviet reader.

Many drew parallels between the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany in the struggle against which virtually every Soviet family lost at least one member, couched in the best cold-war spirit and could in no way contribute to the exhibition's aim—the furtherance of Anglo-Soviet friendship and understanding.

### THE AGREEMENT

The representatives of the British Council had readily agreed that the books objected to should not be exhibited and had thanked their Soviet opposite numbers for their advice, stressed Mr. Rybin. They, too, were anxious that nothing should stand in the way of the success of the exhibition, which Mr. Rybin added, contained nearly 4,000 books instead of the 3,000 provided for by the agreement.

He also pointed out that the agree-

ment also provided that both in the case of the present British exhibition in Moscow and the Soviet exhibition to be held in London early next year, either party had the right to propose the withdrawal of any book regarding which it had doubts.

### HITLER ON COVER

He listed the main grounds for objection:

- Some distorted the foreign and internal policy of the Soviet Union;
- In others, attacks were made upon the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies;
- Others gave a distorted picture of the policy of the Soviet Communist Party in the field of art;
- Others gave a distorted anti-Soviet picture of the Hungarian events of 1956.

One volume had also been withdrawn because it had a portrait of Hitler on the cover and many photographs of Nazi generals inside. Many visitors to the exhibition were unable to read English, Mr. Rybin pointed out, and would judge a book solely by its appearance.

"Regardless of the contents, this question is too acute for us. Why should we advertise a man who has caused so much grief to our

people?" interjected his assistant, Mr. Somov.

### WILLIAM MORRIS

Regarding the volume of verse and essays by William Morris which is among those withdrawn, Mr. Rybin underlined that the objection in no way concerned William Morris himself or his writings—another book of his letters remained on the shelves of the exhibition.

BUT, HE EXPLAINED, IN THE COMMENTARY TO THE SECTION ON ART AND SOCIALISM, A PARALLEL, OFFENSIVE TO A SOVIET READER, WAS DRAWN BETWEEN HITLER, GERMANY AND THE SOVIET UNION.

In Joyce Carey's "Art and Reality" it is alleged that political freedom does not exist in the Soviet Union, that the entire spiritual life of the people is controlled and man himself turned into an automaton.

Here, too, a parallel is drawn between Socialism in the Soviet Union and fascist regimes.

Elizabeth Frank, in her book on Margot Fonteyn, the British ballerina, repeats cold-war propaganda allegation that the Soviet Union was guilty of aggression in Hungary and that Soviet tanks killed women and children in Budapest.

Spotlight—by Joe Gqabi

# Will Non-Whites Get Real Chance to Make Olympic Games?

**NOTWITHSTANDING** the tentative arrangements being made by Non-White amateur sport administrators to send a team of Non-White sportsmen to participate in the Olympic Games next year, it looks as though the promise made by Mr R. Honey, a few months ago that there will be no "discrimination on racial grounds" when it came to the selecting of a team to the Olympic Games, will not come true.

Present indications are that Non-White sportsmen are going to be robbed of the opportunity of representing their country in the Olympic Games either by constitutional technicalities or by apartheid conditions. In White amateur national sporting bodies are expected to affiliate to the White national amateur sporting bodies before they can have a hope of sending representatives to the Olympic Games. More often than not, the terms of affiliation to Non-White amateur sporting bodies are such as to place Non-White sporting bodies in an inferior position—third rate members.

## CONFUSSION

There is already confusion among Non-White amateur athletes and cyclists administrators regarding their position in the Olympic Games, particularly in the Transvaal.

The South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association will hold the National Meeting in March or April next year at King's Park in Durban and in Maseru, Basutoland. Almost at the same time, the Europeans will hold their championships in Cape Town.

It is hoped that from these trials the best candidates for the Olympic Games will be selected. Mr. D. F. Botha, Recreation Officer of the Native Affairs Department of the Anglo-American Corporation and National secretary of the South African Amateur Athletics and Cycling Association, told New Age that his organisation has already affiliated to the South African Athletic Council (White body) and has accepted the terms in that his organisation will have equal rights the same as on the affiliated White bodies to the SAAC. But Non-Whites will not compete with and against Whites in this country.

Not only that, Mr. Botha's Non-White association will not ask visiting teams to compete against them. But they may, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE WHITE ASSOCIATION, invite Non-White teams to compete against his association. In spite of all this, said Mr. Botha, the team to be chosen for Olympic and Empire Games will be "purely on merit."

**"LAWS AND CUSTOMS"**  
How come? According to Mr. Botha, the prescribed conditions are in accordance with the "laws, customs, and traditions of the country." And, that his organisation at its last Annual General Meeting held in Durban in April this year accepted them. "These conditions," said Mr. Botha, "have not been objected to except by one district—the Central African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association."

**WHO IS RIGHT? Because Mr.**

S. Crute, president of the Central Transvaal African Athletics and Cycling Association denies that the terms of affiliation to the white body were discussed by Non-White administrators.

## NON-WHITES EAGER

Notwithstanding all this confusion, Non-White sportsmen are eager to get to the Olympic Games. Mr. Crute is of the opinion that the "ability of Non-Whites can only be assessed if (a) tracks for the purpose of training are available all the time; (b) trials are held together with the Whites on the same track at the same

time because in athletics the conditions of the track and state of the weather are important factors.

Yet in spite of the fact that Non-White sportsmen lack the necessary facilities required for training and to develop their talents to the best of their ability, they are told "we do not mind you representing your country in international games if you produce the same performances, if not better, than the Whites."

● *Rather a tricky business this, and it remains to be seen whether the "Olympic Games" dream will come true.*

## FOOTBALL CONFERENCE OFF Bantu Must Disaffiliate From Whites

THE conference between the two national soccer groups—the S.A. Bantu Football Association and the S.A. African Football Association—will not take place this week.

The decision to call off the conference was arrived at in Durban last week-end when the S.A. Executive met S.A. Soccer Federation officials.

The conference will only take place when the Bantu Football Association disaffiliates from the F.A.S.A. (the White National body).

The S.A. African F.A. will welcome a move for the long-awaited

unification of the two bodies, S.A. African and Bantu F.A. The S.A. Bantu F.A., on the other hand, at the beginning of last season, made a hasty and rash decision of throwing in their lot with the Whites, falling prey to the numerous promises of expert coaching, referees, lectures, and arrangement of tours to and from this country, promises which have remained unfulfilled and will probably remain so.

The Pretoria Bantu S.A. have already seen through the folly of being a sub-unit of the Whites and have resigned from the national Bantu body and joined the N. Transvaal African Football Association.

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## "Let Mrs. Mafekeng Return To Paarl"

### Australian Workers Protest to Verwoerd

"WE request the South African Government to withdraw the banishment order and to permit Mrs. Mafekeng to return to her home town, Paarl, to live in peace with her family."

This message was sent to the Prime Minister, Dr. Verwoerd by the Federal Council of the Australian Food Preservers' Union.

"The report of the banishment of Mrs. Mafekeng created great discussion in Australian trade union circles," the Preservers' Union also told Dr. Verwoerd. "And the banishment order has lowered the prestige of the South African Government in the eyes of the Australian people."

"The people of the world, with their love of democracy, call for the right of all persons irrespective of colour or creed to enjoy a decent standard of

living and freedom from oppression with the right at all times to a fair trial and the right to appeal."

## INDIA

In a letter to the Food and Canning Workers' Union here, the food workers of India said, "The brutal repressive measures taken by the S.A. Government in unleashing the terror of police armed with machine guns on unarmed workers in Paarl is viewed with indignation."

"We salute the valiant martyr who laid down his life and admire the courage and undying spirit of those injured."

"We shall always wish glorious success to all those South African workers who have organised themselves to end colonial slavery, economic exploitation and political oppression."

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