

Workers' Conferences Call For Intensified Boycott, and **Action To End Passes**

 An intensification of the economic boycott of Nationalist products and a call for direct action in the anti-pass campaign were among the main decisions taken at crowded workers ferences in all main centres of the Union last week-end,

 Solidarity with the struggle of the South African workers was voiced at a mass meeting attended by over 7,000 people at Trafalgar Square, London, last Sunday to launch a month-long boycott of South African goods.

Boycott Call From P.E.

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hearty singing of Freedom songs, greeted the announce-THUNDERING roar of applause, followed by the ing of a boycott of the products of the biggest canning concern in the country.

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Thursday, March 3, 1960 **6.**

The ANC, together with other nembers of the Bishop's 14-organisation committee, staged a silent anti-pass demonstration on the City Hall steps in Johannesburg last veek. Sixty women, mainly Africans, with a sprinkling of Indian vomen and a few men, stood at the base of the City Hall steps, cirrying posters bearing such slopans as: gans as:

"Pass Laws-Slave Control." "Influx Control Must Go."

"Freedom and Justice-Not Pass Laws.

"Pass Laws Are Pillars of Op-

"Johannesburg City Council Not Government Agents."

"The Reference Book is the Curse of the African People."

About 30 yards behind this group, on the steps immediately in front of the City Hall, stood a group of White women carrying posters in English and Afrikaans, reading:

"The Pass Laws Do Not Protect White or Black."

"Pass Laws Do Not Prevent Crime—They Make Criminals of Law Abiding People."

"The Pass Laws Destroy Family life—Money for Food Becomes Money for Fines."

A large crowd of between 800 and 1,000 people watched this denonstration.

A Black Sash leaflet was distributed during the demonstration. (See dory on page 3).

Congress Call on Union Festival

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THE CONGRESS MOVE- THEIR LAPELS, AN ITEM MENT THIS CALLED ON ALL SOUTH AFRICANS TO DEMON-GOVERNMENT'S UNION GREAT MAJORITHESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS SOUTH AFRICANS.

WEEK OF BLACK CLOTHING A SIGN THAT FIFTY YEARS OF UNION HAVE AFRICANS TO DEMONBROUGHT MISERY AND
STRATE AGAINST THE
SUFFERING TO THE MAJORITY OF

BY WEARING BLACK—A A Statement on the Congress BLACK BUTTON, A BLACK | Congress Stand on the Festival issue was re-

Congress announces in this statement three positive acts for activity counter to the official Festival celerations. One is the wearing of black, this to start from March 5, the day of the official Government opening of the Festival. Second is the Congress call for counter demonstrate. gress call for counter demonstra-tions in all parts of the country, these to culminate in May 31 mass

gatherings everywhere.

The counter demonstrations will be organised under the Congress cry "This is not our Festival. We cannot—will not—join in it."

Third is a Congress call to all groups and individuals to attend a national conference on Sun-(Continued on page 7)



"The doors of learning and culture shall be open to all" said a large ban ner carried by demonstrators when the apartheid Coloured "University was opened in Beliville last Monday. (See page 3.)



CONDITIONS FOR RETURN OF ZEERUST REFUGEES

In commenting on a statement in the African Echo of the 20.2.60 by Chief Edward Ramokopana by Chief Edward Ramokopana Lentswe of Witkleigat, Ba-hurutshe Area, Zeerust District, I sincerely thank him for his sympathetic idea that all the Bahurutshe refugees must return to their homes and that peace and order be restored in the Ba-hurutshe area. I would like to point out a few things that could restore an area of the peace and proper as the peace area.

peace, narmony, and proper as mainstration in the Ba-hurutshe area. (1) Chief Edward Lentswe, including the Chiefs in the Moilwa Reserve, should take into high consideration the deaths of the Ba-hurutshe people who were brutally killed, assaulted, and persecuted during the tribulation and disaster that occurred. Moreover, those who lost their lives as refuges in the Bechuanalland Protectorate and in other parts of their lives are found to the control of the control o

return of the refugees depend on terms of agreements that: (a) The Chief Paramount of the Ba-hurut-Chief Paramount of the Ba-hurut-she, Chief Abraham Pogiso Moil-wa II, is reinstated and recognised as the State Paramountcy of Moil-wa Reserve and Tribe as his law-ful inherited rights. (b) That the Ba-hurutshe refugees in the Be-chuanaland Protectorate and else-where in the Union; including the oba-nurisine rerugees in the Bo-chuanaland Protectorate and else-chuanaland Protectorate and else-chuanaland Protectorate and else-torate and protectorate and else-five banished tribesmen as follows: Ramadiba Mokşatihe of Witklei-gat. Boas Moilwa, Moswana Mol-wa, Moswana Molwa, Moswana Mol-wa, Moswana Moswana Moswana (3) That it is agreed that by-gones be bygones and that all Chiefs undertake that there be no tribal prosecutions for any incr-tugees enter the area without per-mits because they fled from the tribulation that occurred. (4) That the Chiefs undertake that the properties of the refugees

(4) That the Chiefs undertake that the properties of the refugees will be found undamaged, includ-ing livestock and utensils. I would also suggest that Chief Edward Lentswe should outline which of

these grounds stated in here have been settlel and under which terms of ageement.

Tam,
The Reresentative of the Refugees and Secretary for Chief
A. P. Noilwa II,

FRANK S. MODISE Lobatsi, Behuanaland. * *

Transke Chiefs Make The People Suffer

In the Tanskei, there is some misconduct being committed by many Chiefs By writing to you I

many Chief. By writing to you I am trying to expose their bad rule among the people. We have o assemble and voice our views and show the people how to gait their freedom. The Bantu Autlorities are extorting the people you making them pay by cattle to become their favourites, which inpoverishes instead of enriching them.

Since I arrived in the Transkei.

ites, which inpoverishes instead of enriching thom.

Since I arived in the Transkei, having been banished during the bus boycott I have noticed that many chiefs do not act according to the law.

Freedom n our time in Africa.

Chief Zwelimile Ntlokondala P.O. Idutywa

* * Mine Boy

I went to a compound, saw him dance wildy
This was recreation, made him

seem carefee.

Here and there others like him were lost in tumult; But void was the soul . . . All was mere pretence. He worked and worked for next

to nothing, Worked, pained from morn till

evening, or fat and selfish bosses and mean shareholders

Who never seem to have a human conscience.

WALTER M. B. NHLAPO 7414 Orlando West. Johannesburg

WE LIVE ON BORROWED

OUR newsprint crisis took cven ourselves by surprise this time. We were expecting to pay for our next consignment of newsprint by the cond of March. Instead of which it had to be paid for at the end to be paid for at the end to be paid for at the end to be printed last week.

Pawment was only made printed last week.

Pawment was only made consistle by the magnificent response of our supporters and also the very hard work of our hannesburg. Branch. Manager. Thanks to them we were able to meet a bill of £1,500 last Monday.

BUT-some money had to BUI—some money had to be borrowed in order to meet our obligations and has to be repaid within the next two weeks. So although we are confident that the money will be collected, our crisis is still with us.

Each month is a struggle for us. You must share our strug-

gle and help us overcome our crises. We know you will—this has been demonstrated so many times in the past that we have confidence in you for the future.

But please don't delay! One slip-up may spell the end of New Age!!

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£2.16.7. J & R (part Xmas present) £10.

Port Elizabeth: G.M. £1. Grand Total: £536 9s. 1d. *****

HOW CATO MANOR RIOT STARTED

Kindly accept my humble letter about the recent riots at Shum-ville, Cato Manor, where nine constables were killed.

In all the papers I have so far read, two facts which led to the riots have been omitted:

It is nowhere stated that the police, on that fatal Sunday, went to Nsimbini, a part of Cato Manor, to quell a faction fight between the Amachunu and people of KwaMaphumulo. After quelling the trouble, they confiscated their shields and sticks and they went snieus and strees and they went about dancing and waving these like warriors going to a battle. In a highly strung area like Cato Manor and in the afternoon when most people have consumed an amount of liquor, this in itself is sufficient propositions to street. amount or liquor, this in user is sufficient provocation to start serious trouble. And, as the police went about singing and dancing and arresting people for liquor offences and other trivial offences,

people became alert.

And there was one little spark which had to start all the trouble: which had to start all the trouble: When the police came to Shum-ville, they had an argument with a woman about quite a trivial matter, and they said that that woman was checky when she answered back, and they hit her. The policy has safed why user the account of the policy had been appeared to the safed when the safed why user the account of the safed why user the safed swered back, and they fit her. The onlookers asked why were the police beating that woman? At the same time others shouted and said the police had gone too far. "Hit the police!"

"Hit the police!"
"Awashaywe amaphoyisa!"
And without further warning stones rained from all over, the riots had started and there was no way of escape for the police.
Cato Manor. B. MFEKANE

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Boydell Doing BAD's Dirty Work

The Hon. Mr. Thomas Boydell recently sent a letter to the Cape Times saying Mrs. Mafekeng had been rightly banished.

I say, if she had done wrong, why was she not given a chance to appear in our courts of justice?

The world as a whole is still waiting to hear what serious crime has been committed by this trade

union mother.

Mr. Boydell says two African Mr. Boydell says two African ministers warned their members not to associate themselves with Mrs. Mafekeng. How stupid they are. This woman worked hard to improve wages and conditions for improve wages and conditions for the workers as well as for these two clergymen so that they can

two creasure.

support their families and congregations financially.

Mr. Boydell's letter is an insult to all mothers who will be doing their duty as Mrs. Mafekeng did.

Mr. Boydell seems to be nothing but an information officer for the Bantu Administration Denartment.

Nyanga H. MARAWU

No Confidence in Monckton Commission

The Monckton "Advisory" Commission's inadequate terms of reference and its arrival in the Federation at a time of great uncer-tainty, fear and suspicion look a typical refinement of the White man's traps.

man's traps.

Any observer, even if witnessing the Commission's activities from this long distance, cannot but feel that its findings and its recommendations will be a foregone conclusion.

If Sir Roy Welensky genuinely desires to convince us that his amdesires to convince us that his am-biguous partnership policy means the Black man's full participation in his imposed Federation, then he, Sir Edgar Whitehead and Sir Robert Armlage hab etter end their state of emergency immo-diately, and rather work out an acceptable formula without the ad of "advisory" commissions in order to win Sirk PoPo KOTI Labameshur. Johannesburg

EDITORIAL

THE SENATE FARCE

LAST week the House of Assembly debated the Senate Bill. The Government proposed to reduce the size of the Senate and restore the principle of proportional representation in its election. The various opposition groups came forward with their alternative suggestions.

The Government's Senate is to be an all-White body repre-

senting Whites only with the exception of a single Governmentnominated Senator who will represent the Coloured people, (It is rumoured that as a result of strong pressure from its own side, the Government may be prepared to make a "concession" and allow two Government-nominated Senators to represent the Coloured people!)

At the end of this session the existing form of representation of Africans in both Houses of Parliament will disappear, so that IN THE NEW SENATE THERE WILL BE NO REPRESEN-TATION FOR AFRICANS AT ALL. The Government justifies this by saying that Africans must look to the Bantu Authorities in their "homelands" and not to the White man's Parliament for expression of their point of view.

From the Government, of course, one expects nothing but vicious and reactionary policies. But it is a shocking scandal that not a single opposition motion or speech put forward the claim for the right of all people to vote for and sit in the Senate, not in racial blocs, but on the basis of universal suffrage without distinction of race, sex, creed or colour.

After all, we are living in 1960, not 1910-and 1960 is the year in which one African country after another is sweeping towards freedom and independence. Neighbouring Basutoland has just had its first elections by secret ballot for the Legislative Council. Macmillan's "winds of change" speech is still ringing in

Yet NO ONE IN OUR PARLIAMENT—NEITHER UNITED PARTY, PROGRESSIVE, LIBERAL NOR INDE-UNITED PARTY, PROGRESSIVE, LIBERAL NOR INDE-PENDENT—COULD GET UP AND SAY, IN THE WORDS OF THE FREEDOM CHARTER, "THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN! EVERY MAN AND WOMAN SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR AND STAND AS A CANDI-DATE FOR ALL BODIES WHICH MAKE LAWS. THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE SHALL BE THE SAME, RE-GARDLESS OF RACE, COLOUR OR SEX, ALL NATION. AL GROUPS SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS!

There could be no more complete exposure of the unrepresentative nature of our Parliament. It is not that these things are not being said in our country. Millions are saving them, but they are not being said in Parliament, which has become so exclusive that even reality dare not show its face there.

How long can this insanity continue? It is high time for the South African people to put forward the historical slogan "No taxation without representation" and to campaign for it ceaselessly until it becomes a fact.

NEWS FROM THE O.F.S

Mr. Philemon Modisaot-sile (88) appeared in the Native Commissioner's Nchu in August last vear and was sentenced to two weeks or £2 for allowing his livestock to graze on Government land.

The Native Commissioner warned Mr. Modisaotsile that he had caused a lot of trouble with his animals in the past, and that if he confinued to apoear in court his livestock would be confiscated.

In defence the old man said that he could not see well and was unable to walk great distances to attend to the cattle.

attend to the eattile.

Soon after that he was summoned again for not paying ering fees and went to the BAD office to pay the account. The next day he was arrested and after being kept in jail was brought before court last month and charged with failine to answer a summons.

He was released on bail of £6 and subsequently fined £3.

The deported chief of the Borolong, Tshabidare Moroka, was arrested in Thaba Nichu last December and sentenced to two months or £15 for being unlawfully in the district. He was given four hours to get out. The chief had come on a short visit to his home-

Chief Moroka appealed to peo-ple the world over to see how Ban-

Authorities treated human beings.

The Barolong people have called upon the Government to lift the deportation order and allow Chief Moroka to return to Thaba 'Nchu which is his home.

● The first thing that strikes you when you enter Brandfort is the number of young Africans hanging around. Most of them are not working: they are either from school or prevented by the influx control from seeking work in the large towns. Many of them have to beg the BAD authorities for work permits, and I understand that permits are only available for those going to the mines. Tailways. The first thing that strikes those going to the mines, railway oads department and municipali-

Where work is available on the surrounding farms wages amount to between 15/- and £2 per month, and those earning more than £3 are considered lucky.

Recently a large number of mu-nicipal workers in Brandfort were dismissed because the Council said there was no work for them but they were immediately replaced by convict labour from the Grootvlei and Bloemfontein jails.

The dismissed workers had been earning 15/- a week.

I G KGASANE

Thaba 'Nchu.

Anti-Pass Campaign **Invades City Hall**

Multi-Racial Demonstration In Johannesburg

VICTORIES FOR CANNING WORKERS

THE campaign against the pass aws reached into the City Hall on February 23 when on African National Congress deputation handed a memorandum on the pass laws to the Council's legal adviser;

Congress and members of the 14-man Committee under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Johannesburg staged a silent anti-pass demonstration on the City Hall steps;

The Council galleries were crowded out by White and Non-White spectators to hear Clir. Kathleen Mitchell, Progressive Partle lader, speak on the abolition of pass laws and influx control.

LAMBERTS BAY

The trade union official, Mrs. An-

HOMES THREATENED

When Mrs. Liz Abrahams, Gene-

management.

Mitchell, Progressive Party leader, speak on the aboutton of pass naws and munx control.

The ANC deputation was composed of Mr. James Hadebe, Transburg laid the deputation. Compulsory late visitor's gallery of the City posed of Mr. James Hadebe, Transburg labour exchanges, and the visitor's gallery of the City Council should be replaced to the council should abound mean the party labour exchanges, and the peak. A large crowd of Alicinal Congress members who was considered to the council should inform the past labour exchanges from the peak. A large crowd of Alicinal Congress members who was considered to the council should inform the past labour exchanges from the peak. A large crowd of the Council should inform the past labour exchanges from the peak. A large crowd of the City of the C ricans filed into the back of the gallery in which the Europeans

ricans filed into the back of the gallery in which the Europeans were sitting.
This intruriated Nationalist Councillor Mr. Eben Cuyler, who first of all proposed a motion that the Council should "go into Committee", which would mean that no audience would be allowed. This motion was defeated. He then moved that, as the Council had never come to any decision on the

meeting and again decided not to go TOOLS AND CLOTHING

Over 200 workers at a fish can-ning firm in Lamberts Bay walked out of their jobs in protest last month when the chairman of their union branch was dismissed by the When they went to the factory to draw their wages the next day they were told to bring in all their pro-tective clothing and tools. This the workers did willingly, and in the face of their determination the man-agement finally agreed to meet the union officials.

The trade union official, Mrs. Annie Brown, was dismissed on February 9. When the workers asked the
management for the reason for this
action, they were told that Mrs.
Brown had been cheeky to a foreman 4 months before. The workers
thereupon left the factory in protest After discussions the management After discussions the management agreed to reinstate Mrs. Brown, but on condition that she stayed away from the factory for two weeks without pay. This the workers were not prepared to accept, and when they received their pay they were also given notice to quit their homes within one week.

In retaliation the management threatened to put them out of their homes which are owned by the firm. The workers were compelled to re-turn to work. Unshaken by this treatment the workers stayed out, refusing to respond to the whistles which announce the arrival of the fishing boats. The management finally surrendered, reinstating Mrs. Brown immediately and withdrawing all the notices. ral Secretary of the union, and another official from the Paarl Branch visited Lamberts Bay, the manager of the factory refused to meet them, saying that he did not know of any trouble at the cannery.

STRAND

In Somerset Strand canning workers gained another victory when they stopped work in protest against the dismissal of two of their number last month.

The workers remained at their places but refused to carry on working unless the two were reinstated. They were chased from the factory by a foreman and remained out until the following day when Mrs. Abrahams and the local union committee met the management

Abrahams and the local union committee met the management.

At first the management refused to reinstate the two workers, but in the face of the solidarity of the workers further discussions were held and the dismissed workers finally reinstated.

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never come to any decision on the subject of mixed audiences at Council sessions, the provisions of Council sessions, the provisions of the Separate Amenities Act should be immediately invoked. This mo-tion was also defeated, whereupon Mr. Cuyler, followed by five hench-men, walked out of the Council chamber. chamber

FIGHTING SPEECH

In a fighting speech Mrs.
Mitchell asked the Mayor of Johannesburg: "Have you ever been
to the Native Commissioner's court in Fordsburg? Has the Chairman of the Non-European Affairs De-partment? Indeed, any member of this Council?

"Have you seen the pass laws being applied in court?
"I can assure you, Mr. Mayor, it

being applied in court?

"I can assure you, Mr. Mayor, it takes as long to convict a man for leaving his pass in his pocket as it takes him to walk from door to box, as it takes him to walk from door to box, as it takes the Magistrate to say the words "25 or five weeks," and that process goes on for all the working hours of every day in three working hours of every day in three two fixed hours of the working hours of every day in the corresponding hours of the working hours of the pass laws, said Mrs. Mitchell, have not stopped Africans from entering the urban areas, nor the economic demand for labour. "It is poverty and starvation which drive a man to town ... Surely it is better to improve the rural areas, to ... insitute a basic minimum wage ... than to hound a man by day and night from the day of his death with police and courts and anagistrates police and courts and magistrates

Coloured Conference in Jo'burg

JOHANNESBURG

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A conference of representatives
of the Coloured community, sponsored by the Southern Transvaal
Region of the Race Relations Institute, will take place on Saturday,
March 19. Papers will be read on
mployment and the conomic
situation, housing, education and recreation, and the "co-ordination of
the
take of the conference will be held at
Race Relations headquarters,
Auden Hall, in Branmfontein.
Representatives of Coloured

Representatives of Coloured bodies have been invited to attend, and any members of the community wishing to be present are invited to apply for registration forms from P.O. Box 97, Johannesburg.

From This



Coloured university students have been shut out of the University of Cape Town

.....To This



and forced to attend the apartheid "university" opened in the premises of an old primary school at Bellville.

POLICE PATROL AT OPENING OF COLOURED "UNIVERSITY"

A vanload of police patrolled the street in front of the apartheid Coloured "university" at Bellville when it was officially opened last Monday, and a large number of Special Branch detectives took notes of slogans carried by demonstrators rotesting against projecting against pr protesting against university apart-heid,

A vanioad of police patrolled the treet in front of the apartheid coloured "university" at Bellville then it was officially opened last fonday, and a large number of stoggagarded decletive sook national stoggagarded college half had to run provided the stoggagarded last form of the stoggagarded stoggaga

"NO FINES" SOBUKWE

PAYS HIS FINE

PORT ELIZABETH.

LAST week Pan-Africanist leader Mr. Mangaliso Sobukwe, accompanied by some of his lieutenants Potlako Le-

of his licutenants Potláko Leballo, S. Ngeodo and E. Maxa, were reported to have held some house meetwhich they explained the Africanist policy.

In an interview that was given wide prominence in the local Press here, Mr. Sobukwe was reported to have told one of the beat dailet the profit of the press here, and the second of the press here, Mr. Sobukwe as a severet meeting.

as a secret meeting.

Mr. Sobukwe repeated that in the campaign against pass laws his organisation would see to it that the leaders were the first to go to jail. They the first to go to jail. They would not pay any bail or fines when they were arrested. He said they had already made arrangements in his 31,000leaders to take the places of

those arrested.

Barely two days after he had made this statement in battery two days after he had made this statement in Port Elizabeth, an opportunity offered itself when Mr. Sobukwe and his group were arrested at East London for entering the location without a pass permitting them to be in the location.

When New Age phoned East London to find out when they would appear in court, the lo-cation authorities said Mr. Sobukwe and his group had paid admission of guilt of £1 each and left East London immedi-ately thereafter.

ately thereafter.

In Durban a much-publicised meeting of the Africanists at the Bantu Social Centre was a flop. A handful of people who turned up last Friday were told the meeting had been cancelled because permission. e said they had already made rangements in his 31,000- for the meeting could not be strong Africanist Congress for obtained.

chaos, confusion and stagnation.

CONCESSION

BRITISH LET GERMAN TIGER OUT OF THE BAG

sionist, revenge-seeking West German Wehrmacht is haunting Euorpe.
Following in the footsteps of their

predecessors before the last World War, the British Govern-ment in the early 50's backed the creation of a new West German

Army as a "bulwark against Communism."

The rulers of Britain are now alarmed at the creation for which they were largely responsible. West Germany, as the dominating influence in the European Com-mon Market, haz emerged as Brinion Matter, na. enterget as Britain's chief economic rival in Europe. Now to back up Bonn's economic power, a mighty German military machine which is rapidly threatening to surpass that of Britain, has come into

being.
IT IS NOT SURPRISING,
THEREFORE, THAT IT WAS
THE BRITISH WHO FIRST
SPOKE OUT IN ALARM AT THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND SPAIN FOR THE CREATION OF A WEST GERMAN ARMS SUPPLY DEPOT IN SPAIN.
After the British Government had

attacked the Germans for negoti-ating behind the backs of Nato, the Americans also suddenly threw up their hands in horror and expressed their surprise at Bonn's action.

The West Germans complained that

they were being misreported as usual, for they insisted, they had in fact informed their Nato allies the negotiations with the Franco Government

The probabilities are that the West Germans had in fact got the prior

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economy is entirely reliant on dollar aid, and the Spanish Army is equipped and trained by the Americans. The close governmental ties between the fascist regime of Spain and the American rulers were emphasised only a few months ago when President Eisen-hower paid an official visit to Spain.

WORLD By SPECTATOR

Why then has the U.S. State Department hastened to rebuke West Germany for the proposed military tie-up with Spain? Because once the British had let the cat out of the bag, the Americans dared not seem to be backing an alliance which must be extreme-

The Americans have always felt that one 'reliable' ally is worth half a dozen unreliable ones. And the only 'reliable' allies they have managed to find are the dictator ships and former enemy countries of Europe and Asia.

The frightening picture is emerging of a Bonn-Madrid-Washington axis to replace, or at least supplement, Nato, many of whose members are proving too sensi-tive about U.S. domination for e likings of Washington, TRADITIONAL LINKS

As far as the West Germans are concerned, they, of course, have strong traditional links with Franco. It was Nazi troops and supplies that enabled Franco to defeat the Republican forces dur-ing the Spanish Civil War, and in gratitude Franco supplied troops for the Nazis in their war to en-

slave the world.
et the West German aims go
further than re-establishing traditional military contacts and fitting in with American military designs. The location of Spain is important, for it dominates the Western rranean and most of North

WHAT BONN WANTS WHAT BUNN WANIS
As the London Times has pointed
out, a supply depot on its own
would be virtually useless to the
West Germans, because communications between Spain and Germany are not very good.
What the Germans obvious

the Germans obviously want

Firstly, to have their first postwar military base in Spain. Such a base would clearly not be intended for use against the Soviet Union, but would be a threat to North Africa, where the French have large interests, and to British shipping, particularly of oil supplies, passing through the Straits of Gibraltar

As before the War, the expansionist aims of the German monopolists are not directed only against the East, but against the West as

Secondly, the Germans want to set up armaments factories in Spain to produce the limited number of weapons which they are at present prohibited from manufacturing in Germany itself.

approval of the American State One of the terms of the agreement Department for their Spanish between the West European nabetween the West European na-tions whereby West Germany was GUNS AND DOLLARS to be allowed to revive her Army, was that W. Germany would not Spain has become a virtual dependency of the U.S. The Spanish be allowed to manufacture ato mic weapons.

> But the terms of the agreement were confined to W. German territory. The Bonn Government might claim that there is nothing legally to stop them from manufacturing atomic weapons, say, in

> It has been reported that W. Ger man scientists co-operated closely with French scientists in the pro-duction of France's recently tested atomic bomb. Now the West Germans are eager to go ahead with the production of their own bomb. Once they are producing atomic weapons in Spain, they will argue that it is pointless preventing them from producing their own A-bombs in West Ger-

The contempt of the Bonn rulers for treaties and agreements made with their Nato allies is clearly illustrated by the case of Alfred Krupps, munitions king, who year after year has continued to build up his colossal coal and steel empire despite promises to the 'Allies' that he will dismantle

"ASTONISHING"

The degree of involvement of Wash ington in Bonn's plans to make W. Germany a major atomic-weaponed power, was repealed in an article in the independent American weekly brought out by I. F. Stone.
The article was entitled: "Sensa-

tional Senate Revelations the Press Failed to Report, Atomic Arms for West Germany Via a Phoney Emergency?" It pointed out that an exchange on the U.S. Senate floor on February 8 indicated that the U.S. was getting ready to play a "very dangerous trump card in the coming Summit negotiations."

During the exchange Senator Monroney expressed his opposition to Eisenhower's recent statement that he favoured providing U.S. allies with nuclear weapons.

To Monroey Senator Gore made an "astonishing reply." He said: "Perhaps it might be as well for Mr. Khruschov to know that if he insists upon a Berlin ultima-tum either in the disarmament conference or in the summit conference, such a course of action might be taken by the United

The article stated that these revelations indicated that Washington had been considering using the threat of a nuclear-armed West Germany in the coming Berlin negotiations, or giving such arms to the Germans, and perhaps also to the Turks and the Japanese, in advance of the summit meeting.

Yet just as Britain's support of German re-armament eranged on her, so will the creation of a Bonn-Madrid-Washington-Tokyo axis boomerang on Washington.
On the one hand there is no

guarantee that even America's 'reliable' allies will not turn on her when they feel the appropriate moment has come.
ON THE OTHER HAND, WASH-

PORTER OF THE MOST RE-ACTIONARY, POPULARLY DISLIKED REGIMES IN EUROPE AND ASIA.



FAREWELL TO MINERS OF COALBROOK

"MY tears are falling on the ground under which so many of my beloved people are buried," said Basutoland's Paramount Chief, Bereng Seciso, in his moving tribute to the dead miners of Coalbrook, at last week's memorial service to the victims of the tragedy.

The 15,000 strong crowd roared "Khotso" (Peace) as Bereng ended his speech.

"I plead for fair treatment for the men who work in this industry, as well as for the families of the vicms," said Bereng.

He would be failing in his duty He would be failing in his duty if he did not mention the many Basutos who had perished in the South African mines. "It is hoped that the sweat of their labours is appreciated by the government of this country and the mine administration."

Thousands of South African of all races paid tribute to the dead miners. From early in the morning there was a steady stream of peo-ple converging on the footbal ple converging on the football ground where the service was held. Some of the widows had travelled long distances to attend the service.





THE weird unreality of the

debate on the Senate Bill

cans realise just how wide the

gap is between Parliament and

One does not need even to speak

of Nationalist policies: the Progressives and Mr. Basson were not very nuch better, and as for the United

Party, it is not really a subject one

nentions in polite company these

Consider the colour "policies" which were proffered to the coun-

try during the debate:

he people.

elect Coloureds to the Senate. How

reasonable" that there will be only one Senator for the Coloureds out Coloureds M.P.C.'s. one Senator for the Coloureds out of 54. He will simply be a Government "stooge". What kind of representation would Mr. Bloomberg like to see in the Senate? He did Affairs Council should have a voice in the nomination of the one Sena-tor. Mr. J. W. van Staden, M.P., said no—already the Coloured peo-

COMPARISON

Mr. Basson might say that it is ple were getting one Senator for fantastic that the Government 30,000 registered voters, whereas it should behave in the way it is doing, but Mr. Basson's own policy, one Senator for every 50,000 re-

a single Party in the Union Parlia-

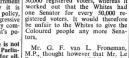
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The New Senate–Much

Ado About Nothing

doing, but Mr. Basson's own policy, and the policy of the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Government's po- Coloured people any more Senalicy, which is utterly unreal.

The fact remains that there is not



M.P., thought however that Mr. Le Roux's request was "fair", and he urged the Minister to consider it.

This game was played out with straight faces. Later, it appeared that Mr. Le Roux's proposals might be acceptable to the Government. In fact, it was even suggested that Mr. Le Roux was put up by the Government to make the request. In the Durban City Council is conducting a vendetta gainst the conducting a vendetta gainst. And all for one nominated White him.

Consider what it adds up to: The the information that in addition to the Basuto and Portuguese East African victims at Coalbrook two Linon Africans lost their lives, and the Linon and the Lives, and the Lives and the

removed from the people, then changes are inevitable. These changes will not be brought about from within Parliament, because the actors in the play are concerned only with each other.



By One of the Beat Generation.

Cato Manor

ANC Leader's House, Shop and Church Hall Demolished

From M. P. Naicker

DURBAN.

MR. Ashmon Nene, me of the most prominent suing the Corporation for wrongthe most prominent leaders of the African National Congress in Cato Manor, claims

After several attempts o demolish his shop in the Two Sticks area of Cato Manor, Counil officials last week destroyed a part of his home, his shop and a Church hall adjoining his house which he built at his own cost. THE DEMOLITIONS TOOK

PLACE WHILE HE AND WIFE WERE IN COUR

is a mirror of a m

In an interview with Nev Age, from as far as 100 miles away, at-Mr. Nene said that he dd not know where all the equipment—branch of the ANC prepared meals

benches, tables, etc.—from the Hall shad been taken to.
"The demolishers have evertaken In the afternoon Special Branch

MOROLONG OUT ON £25 BAIL

shop and home. Mr. Nene has handed the matter

ully demolishing these buildings.

Mr. Nene said that if the authori-

ties thought they could get rid of him by these methods they were in

for a rude shock.
"My duty is to my people and as

long as they need me, I shall re-main in Cato Manor and continue

to do my Congress work," he said

white be just a joke—so who cares whether there are one or two?

A MIRROR

This fantastic debate would not be worth mentioning except that its a mirror of Parliamentary politics. It was a carefully argued, much publicised and gravely important debate—about nothing at all! The situation which Members discussed KIMBERLEY

Six officials of the Kimberley ple from surrounding districts, some

The changes will be effected by the audience on whom the consequences of the play are being inflicted. They cannot suffer it very

They cannot suffer it very

away in,
site," he added,
some of his furniture an other received a call from Vryburg that the work of the whole of the Kimberley ANC from his shop were left on the was in Vryburg and had been sent roadside outside what had ben his post-haste to do their spying.

The Tragedy of the Widows



T has now been confirmed that two Union Africans died in the Coalbrook mine disaster.

Canon A. J. Calata travelled 600

miles from Cradock in the Cape to take part in the memorial

trict and the second from the Trans-kei. They are Boy Thekiso, of Zeerust, whose next of kin is his wife, Betty Thekiso, and Maphuthuza Seba, of Engcobo in the Trans-kei, whose next of kin is his brother,

is the first time the names of the Union victims of the mine accident have been published because for some unexplained reason their deaths were not announced in the official mine casualty lists.

New Age Wishes All its Moslem Readers Well Over The Fast

the information that in addition to the Basuto and Portuguese East

names on the missing list came to light, some in Basutoland and some in the Union, but 13 additional

names were added.

The British High Commission Territory authorities are now trying to trace the dependants of the 222 and to date have a complete list of dependants in about a dozen cases. It is thought it will be another month before most of the other de-

pendants have been traced.

The South African Congress of
Trade Unions has announced it is Trade Unions has announced it is anxious to help the dependants of mine workers in claims for compensation and in other ways and urges miners' families to get in touch with its Johannesburg head office.

The statutory inquiry into the disaster by the Department of Mines was due to open at Sasolburg this Wednesday.

DETECTIVE Sergeant Nathaniel Sogoni of the Special Branch, Port Elizabeth, gave evidence on sixty meetings that he attended in Port Port Elizabeth, gave evidence on sixty meetings that he attended in the Eastern Cape, mainly in Port Elizabeth. In his evidence-in-chief he said that to the best of his ability he took down what the speakers said. Under cross-examination by the defence he said his Faults have good

tion by the detence ne said ins English was good.

Mr. V. C. Berrange (for the de-fence) read the notes which Sgt. Sogoni took down when Walter Sisulu, former Secretary-General of Sisulu, former Secretary-General of the ANC, spoke at Veeplaats, Port Elizabeth, on March 28, 1954.

This Is Sqt. Sogoni's Version of a Speech **By Walter Sisulu**

It must come back! I am going to express myself in a foreign language because 4 years ago I was solution privileged during 1950 I had to address a meeting informing people to observe the 26th June protest. On that day the Port Elizabeth was leading in its action on the protection of the protection o beth was leading in its action on general.

the 31st May, 1952, the ANC on the sist may, 1952, the ANC and Indian Congress who met in Port Elizabeth took a decision to go into action. The date was an-nounced to defy unjust laws Moses Kotane was appointed to be the first to defy the unjust laws. The people of Eastern Cape led the people in

is campaign.
On the third occasion I have come to announce another decision

RESOLUTION ANC resolution adopted in December last year. This is the re-solution Executive Committee em-powers the ANC to make prepara-tions for all peoples conference. To this the conference decided that the ANC Executive calls upon the ANC, Indian Congress and Demo-cratic. Decided to hold the general cratic. Decided to hold the general election of the representatives to attend this conference. This decision is that all people as from 18 years will be able to attend this conference. The aim is to have people to decided how they shall govern in the New Democratic country. We want the people to take part in this. The volunteers are expected to take an extensive action—

TAKEN A LEAD.

TAKEN A LEAD

In all previous campaigns the Eastern Cape has taken a lead in the whole country and I hope you the minimum wages should by £1

TREASON TRIAL A Detective Is Cross-Examined **About His Notes**

will again do the same. The de- per day. Another resolution is that on the farms in the reserves and fiance campagn has raised the people in the reserve should be in the cities. fiance

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It is important in the struggle—
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Swart sensored they be had de-When the Minister of Justice Mr. Swart sponsord that he had destroyed the caapaign of unjust laws he forgot tha our wisdom was going further. It does not matter the campaign hanged the political affairs of X Suth Africa—

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Whilst we have gained strength
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become members. The leaders of
the Cape want 10,000 members before the 26th Bay. I hope that towards the end of April all Africans
will be memers of the ANC.
Throughout al these 40 years of
existence the ANC has repeated
said that all nembers should carry
out the duties of uniting. The policy of the AIC is to work with
other organisations of any section other organisatons of any section which agrees with it.

TWC CAMPS

On the other side there is camp of Dutch peole led by Malan, Strydom and others and on the other side then is a camp of de-mocratic progess led by A. J. Luthuli.

Luthuli.

The resolutions taken by the ANC are of imortance. One of the resolutions is bycott. I also wish to say that the bycott policy has no distinction. I also wish to say that the economic boycott is to have skilled work for our African people and good treatment. Branches have been instructed to scerve approval from the National kecutive from time to time. Over-sas capitalists are aware of this ict and they are not at ease. They
ill not allow themselves to be
sisled by the propaganda of newsppers. There will be no stability
hilst the Government is still stub-

I have already referred to the 2nd

allotted more land Our women folk are being made

to carry passes in Port Elizabeth under the guide of protection.

This Is Walter Sisulu's Version of His Speech

Fellow Africans, Friends, Comrades! Four years ago I was privileged no amountee at a gather-ing of merchan 15,000 Africans at New Batton the decision of the African stone Date Orgress to stage a National Date Orgress to the Carlo Date Orgress of the Orgre

On the 31st May, 1952, the Joint Executives of the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress meeting at Port Elizabeth announced the decision to go into action on June 26th 1952 and issued from here instructions to Moses Mauane Kotane to be the first volunteer to defy unjust laws in S.A. This marked the beginning of the now historic campaign for the Defiance of Unjust Laws which ushered in a new period in South African history. Needless to say the people of the Eastern Cape again led the country in this great campaign. into action on June 26th 1952 paign.

RESOLUTION

For the third time on the soil of Port Elizabeth on this 28th day of March, 1954, I am to announce yet another decision. During this last week-end the four National Execu-tives of the democratic camp met in Durban in response to an ANC re-solution adequates. solution adopted at the last annual national conference at Queenstown

national conterence at Queenstown in December.

The resolution is as follows:

"Conference instructs the NEC to make immediate preparations for the organisation of the Congress of lo make immediate preparations for the organisation of the Congress of the People of South Africa whose task shall be to work out a Freedom Charter for all peoples and the People of South African Holls on Conference and the People of the South African Indian Congress, the S.A. Coloured People's Organisation and any other democratic organisation and any other democratic organisation for the purpose of placing before them the Plan of Congress and obtaining a truly representative of the South Plan of Congress and obtaining a truly representative of the ANC, SAIC, SACOD and SACPO representing the Africans, Indians, Europeans and Coloureds decided on the holding of a general election throughout the length and breadth of SA. On the Length and breadth of SA. The Conference of the form the People of the People

elect representatives, people's repre-sentatives to a Congress of the Peo-ple. It is planning through this ple. It is planning through this election to contact every person in every corner of S.A. over the age of eighteen, irrespective of race, of eighteen, irrespective of race, sex, colour or creed. The purpose is to get the people themselves pursues of a mass campaign in which they themselves participate, to save the people of the properties of the people of the pe the future destiny of S.A. You will therefore realise what a great amount of work you have before you. The field workers, the volun-

teers are now expected to carry out extensive plans so as to get in touch with every individual in the mines,

TAKEN A LEAD

TAKEN A LEAD
In all previous campaigns the
Eastern Cape has enhanced the
prestige of our organisation even in
the international world. I have no
doubt that in this campaign too
you will be equal to the task.
The campaign for the Defiance of
Unjust Laws lifted the freedom
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There is wisdom in the change of tactics according to the objective conditions and circumstances of each given situation. The important thing in a struggle for liberation is to raise the level of political consciousness of the people to the sciousness of the peopl

future struggles.

Ours is an honest and true effort to secure peace and happiness for all in S.A. When the Minister of Justice, Mr. Swart, boasted that he had crushed the Defiance Campaign he was ignorant of the feet paign he was ignorant of the fact that tactics have to change and our gains and positions be consolidated. Military strategists know that this is the A.B.C. of military art, and some one has said "War is the con-tinuation of politics by other means and conversely nolities is the conand conversely politics is the coninuation of war by other means."
No matter what anyone feels or thinks about the Defiance Campaign, the fact is that it changed the political life of S.A. WE HAVE GAINED STRENGTH

The vacillating elements both in The vaciliating elements both in our camp and in the ruling class have been exposed, they have been forced to make their clear choice. Whilst we have gained considerable strength the ruling class has been confused and divided. The coming into being of different parties is very significant. The change in their attitude on the question of franchise, however wild and unrealistic their suggestions may be, is of great! chise, however wild and unrealistic their suggestions may be, is of great importance. Although the last election was won with a large majority by the Nationalists it gave a false impression of strength to the governing party. The very fact that a party with so warped and dangerous a policy should have won a victory in the world of today is a sign of the profound crisis that exists within the oppressor group in the court in the option. in the oppressor group in the country. In this connection it is important that we must constantly ex-pose the real motives of the Na-tionalists with regard to the future life of the people of S.A.

As far as we are concerned we ms ara as we are concerned we resolutions which demand a £1 a know our friends and our enemies, day minimum wage for the worder know the weaknesses of our longanisation and its potential on the European farms and in the strength. The Defiance Campaign reserves, and the general demands created strong and reliable volundary workers, in 1952 the Congress dom from the crushing burden of membership shot up to more than taxes?

100,000—an increase of more than 75 per cent. over the previous year. Although in 1953 there was a slight drop due to the comparative lull, it must be said however that the quality of the membership was much improved last year. This year we will require an unprecedented increase in the prempership of the we will require an unprecedented increase in the membership of the ANC. The Cape leadership has called for 100,000 for the Cape alone by June 26th this year. I hope that by April 20th every single African in the Eastern Cape will be a member of the ANC.

Another important factor is the strentbewhip of our ties as the strentbewhip of our ties as the

Another important factor is the strengthening of our ties as the major group in the country with the other national groups. Throughout its forty years of existence the African National Congress has patiently and tirelessly explained to the people of South Africa that there must be concertain between the people of South Africa that there must be co-operation between all on the basis of mutual respect and complete equality. In this policy the ANC has been joined by organisations representing all groups who have unreservedly thrown in their lot with the Africans. These correspications such as cans. These organisations such as the SAIC and SACPO and the Congress of Democrats are not mere sympathisers or so-called friends of the African people, they are firm, sincere allies in struggle, prepared to do and die, marching in the same mighty army of liberation that will soon turn the fascist darkness into the democratic dawn of a new S.A.

TWO CAMPS

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There is a clear division in the country which admits of no middle groups and fence-sitters. On the one hand is the band of reactionaries led by Verwoerd and Strydom. On the offier is the camp of democracy and progress under the able and enlightened leadership of of the ANC, firmly supported by our allies in all sections of the population. population.

The resolutions of our last annual

conference may not appear spec-tacular yet they are of far-reaching importance. There are two of these which are already being implemented in the Eastern Cape. I refer to the implementation, first of all, of the economic boycott resoall, of the economic boycott reso-lution. I wish to say that plans for its application in other provinces are now ready, I also wish to say that the economic boycott policy is non-racial. It is a form of legiti-mate pressure to secure specific de-mands of the people for skilled jobs, better treatment and higher wages. Our headquarters takes great care in the use of this wea-pon. The branches have been inpon. The branches have been in-structed to get the approval of the provincial headquarters in the ap-plication of the economic boycott from time to time. I think at this from time to time. I think at this stage that I must correct the completely false concepts held by the South African commercial and industrial groups together with the mining and farming industries.

(Sisulu further referred to other resolutions which demand a £1 a the work of the work of the total the complete of the complete of

SOGONI CROSS-EXAMINED

Mr. V. C. Berrange (for the dence): Do you agree with me Sgt. Is your English as good as your Sgoni that Mr. Sisulu may have Xosa?—I claim so. Mr. V. C. Berrange (for the defence): Do you agree with me Sgt. Sogoni that Mr. Sisulu may have said what I have just read?—Yes. said what I have just read?—Tes.

Mr. Berrange: I want to suggest to you Sgt. Sogoni that not only have you left out a lot but you used your own words.

Sgt. Sogoni: I tried to cope up with his speech but he was too fast.

Mr. Berrange: Is your Xosa as ungrammatical as your English?

Sgt. Sogoni: I cannot answer that. Mr. Bernange: I suggest that your English is so bad that no reliance can be placed on your reporting. Sgt. Sogoni: That depends on the Court, I cannot say so.

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Mr. Berrange: In spite of the incorpeter?

Sgt. Sogoni: That depends on the Court. I cannot say so.

Sgt. Sogoni: Yes.

Mr. Berrange: Your report is full then re-examined Sgt. Sogoni.

ALLEY UP

NO doubt there are many good Nats who would be pleased if Japie Basson never darkened the doorstep of that House in Parliament Street again. Fancy suggest-ing that hotnots sit in Parliament

with them.

Take it easy, Japie, you could

get banned.

However, with due respect to Japie's good intentions, ons bruin mense have no wish to sit in Parliament—not as representatives of liament—not as representatives of ons bruin mense, but as representatives of whoever votes for us, black or white. Neither do we want rights awarded us on the best of winning back our good-best of winning back our good-eause some kindhearted Nat recause some kindhearted Nat recause some kindhearted Nat recause some conference or other, so he might as well sit with us. some conference or other, so he might as well sit with us. The property of the break of the break of the break of the break of the hickes, and we demand our rights as South Africans.

BUT the Nationalist Parliamen tarians of course can answer even Japie Basson with sensible and high-level arguments for turn-ing down his shocking proposals. Said Baas de Villiers or vasco:

"The Government has already
fone much for the Coloured peole. It should be remembered that
ap to now they had had only one
representative in a Senate of 90,
and now they would have one in a
Senate of \$3."
And Mr.
Yan Der Wath of
South West African and United

Nations fame: "Do you mean that you want white staff to serve Non-Whites in the House?"

DEAR Mr. Schoeman, so you've

DEAR Mr. Schoeman, so you've got a surpuis. Maybe some of can be used to bring about some ort of comrabeliness and agreement among the staff of your callways. I have noticed signs of crible dissension.

The other motion blated out hat the eight-thrity would run exers to Pinelands. "First stop-inclands," yelled the conducting when it arrived, But the driver hought to hell with it and stopped all stotions, including places of all stotions, including places of all stotions, including places and the stopped of the place of

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AFRICA

WORK STARTS ON ASWAN HIGH DAM SITE

THE Egyptian town of Aswan, which until recently at-tracted only archaeologists and tourists by its ancient monu-ments, has now entered a new phase in its life. More and more people are arriving there every day to work on the biggest hydro-engineering project on the African continent-the Aswan High Dam.

Since the ceremony of breaking the ground on January 9, the final preparations have been completed -spurs and a road have been laid and equipment brought up and installed.

Excavation and earth-removal work began on the lower course of the future diversion canal on Febru-

A GREAT DAY: The start-A GREAT DAY: The starting of work on the Aswan Dam was a milestone in the history of the people of Egypt and all Africa. The pictures here show local peasants (above) come to watch the giant excavators at work, and (below) singing and dancing to make the control of the contro

ary 2. The job of removing the first blast rock fell to Ahmed Nizyamov, a well-known Soviet excavator operator. He brought into service the first Voronezh diesel excavator with a 44 cubic foot bucket.

foot bucket.

The second diesel excavator, operated by Grigory Duzik, has
started working on the building
site of a siding in the approaches
to the head section of the canal
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second stage of the project.

Some 35,000,000 cubic feet of rock will be brought from the lowland course of the canal and placed into the body of the dam. Work on the diversion canal and principal dam will be conducted simultaneously. simultaneously.

The Soviet government's a ne Soviet government's agreement to the request of the government of the United Arab Republic to take part in the construction of the second section of the dam will thus cut the time of construc-tion and yield a substantial eco-nomy in funds nomy in funds.

SOVIET-ARAB CO-OPERATION

Various items of Soviet equipment continue arriving in Aswan by a continue arriving in Aswan by a continue arriving in Aswan by a continue arriving in the components of degradating machines have already come in, while lorries of the Gorky Motor Works, a second batch of 25-ton Minsk lorries and a great deal of other equipment are on their way to Aswan. Huge electric power shovels with 14t cubic feet buckets will be arriving shortly. An important task facine the So-

An important task facing the Soviet specialists and mechanics consists in training their Arab colleagues in the operation and efficient use of Soviet machines

An important task lacing the Soviet specialists and mechanic consists in training their Arab colleagues in the operation and difficient use of Soviet machines and equipment.

Arab specialists say that the Arsan project will be a good training ground for them and for Arab machine operators. Distincterested restricted or the properators. Distincterested restricted results within a short space of time and Arab machine operators consistent with the properators of the properators of the properators of the properators of the properator of the properato







WEAR BLACK

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day May 29. The theme of the second for a 29. The theme of the second fifty evers of Union and our joint will for a just multi-racial society."
The slogan of this conference is suggested as "A new constitution and a new South Africa."
Other Congress plans for the nounced at present.
Chief Lutuli's statement is brief and to the point. "The Union Festival is a festival of racialism, of the triumph of White supremavg government over the rights of the majority of the second of the peep second our rights, have tight-ened the screw of the pass laws when we asked for freedom, given us Bantu Education and tribal colleges when we proved our equality.

ASIA Soviet Aid to Indonesia **Shakes Rightwingers**

THE announcement that the Soviet Union is to grant Indonesia long-term credit of £89 million for the construction of Indonesian industry. has come as a great blow to those circles in the West who were hoping that under the control of anti-Communist Army leader, General Nasution, the Indonesian Government would renounce its policy of positive neutralism and friendship with the Soviet Union.

Despite elaborate "security" measures by the Indonesian Army reminiscent of the treatment meted reminiscent of the treatment meted out to Mr. K. on the first half of his U.S. trip, millions of Indone-sian people turned out to greet the Soviet Prime Minister during his recently ended tour of the country.

On his arrival in Diakarta more on his arrival in Digastra more than a million people were reported to have lined the route from the airport to the centre of the city in order to welcome him. The main themes of Khruschov's addresses to the Indonesian

people were:

The fight for independence must be continued. "Just as the tiger does not eat grass, so colonialists will never voluntarily leave countries they have once colonised." (Foreign capital still colonised." (Foreign capital still has a strong hold on the Indonesian economy, and the territory of West Irian is still under Dutch control)

The Soviet proposals for dis-armament if realised would release enormous funds for aiding under-developed countries;

The Soviet Union in the

meantime is prepared not only to grant moral support to the coun-tries recently liberated from colo-nial rule, but also to make avail-able to them practical aid.

It was this latter "threat" that particularly alarmed right-wing elements in Indonesia.

"Worried anti-Communist leaders here," reported Dennis Bloodworth from Bandung in a recent issue of the London Observer "feel daily more convinced that the Republic's 'rich uncle' is going to announce a new and spectacular Soviet aid programme for the country which may draw it once more towards the Communist

Bloodworth makes it clear that the Soviet offer of aid will have an important bearing on internal Indonesian politics.

He points out that General Nasution, with support from other political parties and anti-Commu-nists in the Administration, has succeeded in "limiting severely" the activities of the powerful In-donesian Communist Party.

To balance the Army's rising power, President Sukarno has listened to the advice of left-wing counsellors and has appointed left-wingers to the Administration, adds Bloodworth. But Sukarno is more and more being blamed for the country's deteriorating economic simation.

"Not only may Mr. Khruschov's visit provide a psychological shot in the arm for the left-wing but an offer of massive economic aid will go far towards redressing the balance for President Sukarno."

Now the aid has been forthcoming

CHOU TO VISIT NEHRU

THE prospects of a major improvement of India-China relations, which were severely strained over their border dispute last year, have been considerably enhanced by the announcement that Chinese Premier Chou En-lai will visit New Delhi in April for talks on the frontier question with Indian Prime Minister Nehru.

In accepting the invitation to come to India, Chou Enlai declared that the two countries "must not waver in their common desire for a peaceful settlement of the issue on account of temporary differences of opinion, and certain

unfortunate and unexpected incidents.

PEKING WANTS TALKS ON **CHINESE** IN INDONESIA

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tial regulation last November, prohibited all aliens in places other than capitals of first and second-class autonomous districts from running small businesses or

engaging in retail trade.

SINCE the promulgation of this regulation, local war-time administrators in many parts of Indonesia have intensified discriminatory measures against Chinese residents. Not only have the Chinese

been banned from trading but in many cases have also been

forced to abandon their homes and property in the villagand move to specified areas.

Ninety per cent of the over-seas Chinese in Indonesia are labouring people who actively support the aims of the Indo-nesian revolution and whose industriousness contributes to the development of Indonesia's national economy

The small traders against whom the discriminatory measures are directed play a vital role in promoting commodity exchange between rural and lithan areas urban areas.

Attempts are made to justify Attempts are made to justify the discrimination against Chi-nese nationals on grounds of "security" and "prohibition of foreign capital."

It is of significance that the Indonesian Government, while taking such drastic measures against small village traders has failed to touch big foreign monopolies like Caltex and

Standard Vacuum Oil compa-

TIGER It even throws the door wide open to increased penetration of American and Japanese capital.

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Widespread sympathy and
support for the overseas Chinese exists among the Indonesian labouring people, among
whom they have lived in amity
for generations.

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ness of the efforts of imperialist circles to poison relationships between China and Indonesia and a strong determination to defeat this

WORKERS' CONFERENCES

(Continued from page 1)

Farmers who belong to the cooperative, it was announced, are
part and parcel of the machinery
stated that the P.E. factory of the
co-operative had repudiated all
agreements between it and the ANC
on the granting of facilities to the
trade union to carry out its work
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The Moslem Institute was packed and people came from all parts of the Eastern Cape, including Kirkwood, 50 miles away, to attend the conference. Delegates from Utilenage chartered special buses.

The main resolution on the economic boyeout expressed profound appreciation of the solidarity showly national liberation movements in

Africa and the British people who are supporting the boycott. The conference called upon the workers to carry the boycott campaign into their factories and homes.

ANTI-PASS CAMPAIGN

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In a resolution condemning passes
the conference called upon decentminded people to come out openly
against the pass laws that create
misery for the overwhelming majority of the people of this land.
The conference reiterated determination to fight for the recognition
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committees to fight for £1 a day.

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On the forthcoming jubilee celebrations conference called on all people and organisations not to organise functions in support of the festival and to regard the period of the celebrations as a period of mourning. mourning.

A very large number of Black and

Sports Flashes

- The non-racial South African Soccer Federation has decided to renew its application for affiliation to the International Soccer Federation (F.I.F.A.). It has written to the 83 member countries of FIFA asking for their support at the Congress in June.
- S.A.S.F. have also renewed their invitations to Ghana and Egypt for soccer teams to tour the Union.
- The South African Weightlift-ing Federation has written to the all-white Weightlifting Union setting out the terms on which it is pre-pared to work with this body for the Olympics. If these terms are not accepted, the Federation plans to ask the world body (F.I.H.C.) to take disciplinary action against the white
- The Federation has also announced that it will be staging preliminary Olympic trials in Kimberley on Easter Saturday before asking for a full Olympic trial jointly with the white weightlifting body.
- Papwa Sewgolum, Dutch Open Papwa Sewgolum, Dutch Open champion, suffered a shock defeat at the hands of unknown Sookraj Harry in the Beachwood Caddies Championship. Papwa showed true sportsmanship in his smilling com-ment: "My opponent deserved to win—I never played so badly".
- win—I never played so badly".

 The South African Sports Association has asked that all All Blacks tour petition forms—even the blank ones—be returned. The light against the exclusion of Maoris goos on and it is hoped that readers will be decisive. Walter Nash, if an expension that it would cause ill-feeling if the All Blacks tour were cancelled. Does he realise how much ill-feeling the tour has already caused, and how much as already caused, and how much as already caused, and how much

has already caused, and how much more is still likely if it is not called

White Special Branch were present under the personal supervision of their chief, Heiberg.

Cape Town

CAPE TOWN.

A large crowd composed of several hundred workers of all racial groups filled the Salt River Munici-pal Hall last Sunday when the con-ference of workers of the Western

Cape was held.
A feature of the conference was the presence of a large number of people from the country districts.
In spite of intense heat, discussion

remained lively as speaker after speaker came from the floor to take part in the debates. part in the debates.

A member of the special branch
was escorted from the hall by Mr.
Archie Sibeko early in the proceedings.

The conference was opened by

The conference was opened by Mr. Bassadien, chairman of the Western Province Building Workers' Union, and the main speakers included Messrs N. Daniels, B. January, Zolly Malindi, A. La Guma and Mrs. L. Abrahams.

Resolutions adopted by the conference called for

- the intensification of the eco-tomic boycott in the Western Cape
- a united effort by all workers, rganised and unorganised, to bring bout the abolition of the industrial colour bar and the opening of all occupations, trades and professions to all workers irrespective of colour or creed;
- the authorities to spend more money on better homes for workers close to their places of work;
- a minimum wage of £1 a day or all workers.

Conference also condemned the I.C. Act and the Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Act as contrary to the principles of the United Nations Charter of Human

Anti-Pass

Action Call From

Jo'burg

TWO large and spirited workers conferences over the week-end, one in Johannesburg attended by close on 2,000 people, and one in Pretoria of 800 workers, called for "immediate and effective steps to bring the pass law system to an end

The Johannesburg and Reef con-ference held in Johannesburg's Trades Hall was crowded out with participants lining the walls, jam-ming the doors, perched on window-sills and squatting at the foot of the conference platform.

The Pretoria conference continued for an hour and a half past the scheduled time, so lively was the discussion. Passes and wages were the main subjects of the conference, with job reservation next.

Resolutions adopted at the two conferences condemned the pass laws as one of the foundations of the cheap labour system which pre-vents Africans from selling their labour power freely and keeps wages at starvation level.

NEW LABEL

Mr. Mayekiso, who spoke on the colour bar in industry, said job reservation was "a new label at-tached to an old rotten baby of oppression." Job reservation, he said, was intended to preserve the White man's monopoly of political

He warned the White worker not to allow himself to be used by the Nationalists in oppressing his fellow workers. Any action the workers workers. Any action the workers could take to destroy the colour bar in industry would depend on the workers' readiness for action, said Mr. Mayekiso.

Mr. J. J. Hadebe, Transvaal ANC

Mr. J. J. Hadebe, Transvaal ANC Secretary, called on the people to prepare for campaigns to be launched by the ANC. A call was made for the people to intensify the boycott of two brands of Nationalist goods during March month, the peak of the boycott campaign in Piticia.

maren month, the peak of the boy-cott campaign in Britain.
Mrs. Christina Matthews, the workers' leader who served a jail term for her part in the April 14 strike last year, told the meeting of her jail experiences and was loudly applauded.

Strike Call

From Durban

AT one of the biggest conferences ever held in Durban. the SACTU plan for a provin-cial stoppage of work unless recognition is granted to African trade unions was unanimously adopted amidst wild scenes of enthusiasm at the workers' conference last week-end.

Con the opening day there were at least five times the number of people outside the hall as inside. The people remained until the end of the meeting in spite of the presence of over 100 armed police in army trucks and a fire engine.

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The conference proper, which was held on the following day, Sunday, was as overcrowded as the day before, despite hurried arrangements to extend loudspeaker facilities to the subsidiary hall and library at the subsidiary hall and library at Speaking at the public open session on Saturday, Mrs. Viola Hashe, National Vice-President of SACTU, National Vice-President of SACTU,

sion on Saturday, Mrs. Viola Hasne, National Vice-President of SACTU, said that she had heard of the pro-gress made in Natal by the trade union movement but had never imagined that it was as great as it

really is.
"The recognition of African trade "The recognition of Atrican trade unions is the major question confronting the African working people and unless this is accepted by the employers and those in authority we shall have to use the traditional and only weapon that the working class has—the strike weapon," she said.

LIBERATION

The struggle for national libera-tion was inextricably linked with the struggle for higher wages and better working conditions, said Mr. Billy Nair, SACTU organiser in Natal, "We must work with increasing vigour, organise factory committees and join the trade union voluntees corps that will be established short-

corps that will be established short-ly," he added. Mr. Moses Mabhida, chairman of SACTU, naming a leading bakery in Durban, said that the boycott launched against this firm for refus-

and power freely and keeps and wages at starvation level.

The pass laws are an intolerable form of discrimination and can no longer be suffered in Africa during the Freedom Fear of this countinent, said the resolution.

The conferences pledged unreserved support for all "effective support for suppo

PRISON FORCED TO RELEASE FARM LABOURER

JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Simon Legodi, arrested under the pass laws while stacking bricks for his farmeremployer, was released by the Modder B jail after a habeas corpus application to court.

His affidavit filed in cour ris allicavit filed in court told the whole story. He had been arrested while crossing the road to buy food for lunch from a butcher's shop. His passbook was in the pocket of his jacket in the premises his jacket in the premises where he had been ordered to stack bricks. The African constable who arrested him asked for £2. Legodi had no money. The constable said he would take £1 for his release. When Legodi could not pay he was handcuffed and taken to the police station and from there to the Native Commissioner's

His case, he said, lasted two minutes. He was fined £5 with

the alternative of five weeks in

prison.

A messenger from his employer handed the Native Commissioner his passbook after sentence had been passed on him, but the Native Commissioner said the fine was £5 and not the £2 offered by the mes

essenger. That afternoon Legodi was taken to the Modder B jail. Four days later he was placed in a truck with nine other men and sent to a farm as a labourer.
"We slept under one canvas

"We slept under one canvas cover and were given sacks to wear. Men accused of not working hard enough had their faces painted with yellow paint."

Some days after—as a result of the court order—Legodi was taken back to the Modder B prison and released to his employer, who had paid the balance of his fine.

D'Oliviera's Last Match In The Union

CAPE TOWN.

BASIL D'OLIVIERA, South Afri-Can Non-White cricket captain, who last month signed on as a pro-fessional for the Central Lancashire League cricket club in England, will League cricket club in England, will be making his last appearance in Cape Town over the week-end when he leads a team of prominent Non-White cricketers of Western Province, many of whom have represented their national teams in the past, against Gerald Innes XI at the Claremont C.C. grounds.

This match has been arranged

Inis match has been arranged primarily through the fine gesture of Innes, who agreed to this game as a benefit match for D'Oliviera for whom a silver collection will be made on the ground. Innes XI will be the strongest available comprising most of the W.P. Currie Cup players.

players.

D'Oliviera has a slight setback in the composition of his side, for with the Moslem fast on, many of the Malay stars are unlikely to participate. The Abed brothers have, however, agreed to play, as a gesture to D'Oliviera, with whom they have pleasant memories of the East African tour.

D'Oliviera's run of success with the bat has been phenomenal for in the last three weeks he has scored 65, 207, 105 and 106 with only once out. What a glorious climax it will be if he, in this benefit match, clinches it with another sparkling performance, which will not only boost his morale, but also enhance his already overflowing prestige when he makes his debut in Eng-land in the middle of April.

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