

As May 31st Demonstrations Draw Nearer

# S.A. HEADS FOR NEW CRISIS

## Government Shaken By People's Determination

ONCE AGAIN, BECAUSE THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT OF DR. VERWOERD REFUSES TO MAKE A SINGLE CONCESSION TO THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE, SOUTH AFRICA IS HEADING TOWARDS A CRISIS.

● Support for the anti-apartheid demonstrations at the end of May continues to grow. Last week-end at Afrika Day meetings in all centres thousands of people pledged to take part in the demonstrations if the Government refused to call a national convention of all races to draw up a new constitution for South Africa.

● Meanwhile the indications are that the Government plans to act quickly in an attempt to nip the people's plans in the bud. A NEW WAVE OF ARRESTS AND RAIDS CAN BE EXPECTED AT ANY TIME.

● Last week both the Prime Minister, Dr. Verwoerd, and the Minister of Justice, Mr. Erasmus, acknowledged that the situation was serious and warned that they were prepared to take drastic action if necessary. Verwoerd went further and threatened to muzzle the opposition press.

● Last Saturday Die Burger, in its main news story on the front page headed "Non-Whites incited to action," quoted extensively from Chief Lutuli's Afrika Day message and also from last week's issue of New Age. On Monday of this week, Die Burger followed this up with a leading article warning that the activity of "enemies" both inside and outside the country was precipitating "altogether the most serious crisis in South African history . . . not in the undefined future but in the next couple of months."

● In this tense atmosphere, the South African Peace Council has issued a last-minute appeal to the Government to avoid internal strife by entering into immediate negotiations with the people's leaders. (See page 3.)

# NEW AGE

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## Africans Welcome Coloured Support

"Together We Can Win Freedom"

JOHANNESBURG.

THE African people welcome with open arms the call of

the Coloured People's Congress to the Coloured people to struggle side by side with the African people, says an open letter addressed to the Coloureds by the National Action Council, the body appointed to carry out the action resolutions passed by the Pietermaritzburg All-in African Conference.

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Part of the huge crowd that attended the Liberal Party's Afrika Day meeting on the Grand Parade, Cape Town, last Sunday. (See page 3.)



Mr. Reg. September, Secretary of the Coloured People's Congress, told the Cape Town Afrika Day meeting: "We are no longer prepared to let the African people struggle alone."

# SOVIET SPACEMAN SHOWS THE WAY

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# NEW AGE LETTER BOX CONTACT AND KASAVUBU

Before independence Mr. Kasavubu pretended to be a friend and supporter of Mr. Lumumba, the rightful Prime Minister of the Congo regime (Brutus and Caesar). But a few days after the celebrations Kasavubu stabbed Lumumba in the back and expelled him from his premiership, even planning his murder by the Belgians (the most unkindest cut of all).

I wish to connect this shameful incident with the attitude shown by Contact, so-called South Africa's non-racial forthrightness, towards our struggle for freedom in our lifetime. This paper claims it is against discrimination, yet it divides the African people, diverting them from the right track to freedom. After reading Contact for some time, I have come to the conclusion that Contact is not for African freedom at all, but that it stands for white supremacy. Despite the pictures of African leaders that it publishes, it divides the African people, diverting them from the right track to freedom.

Psychologically Contact always encouraged hatred between the followers of Chief Lutuli and Robert Sobukwe. Lutuli always advocated unity in the struggle for freedom. Contact has recently attacked the Soviet Union in its protest against the murder of Lumumba by the Belgians. In fact Contact is showing us that it is rejoicing over the death of Patrice Lumumba, while the African people from Cape to Cairo are shedding bloody tears for having lost this soul.

Contact does not see the blunders made by Mr. Hammarskjöld in the Congo. Contact has appealed to all people in Africa not to allow the Soviet Union to gain through the death of Lumumba because the Soviet Union aims at replacing Hammarskjöld by somebody sympathetic to it. Does Contact think we are happy at what the Western powers have done in the Congo? We may be the slaves of the Western powers now, but we are not babies who do not THINK. Contact's behaviour in our struggle is that of Kasavubu towards Lumumba and I am afraid that when the Africans gain their freedom in this country from Verwoerd's tyranny,

Contact will stab them in the back.

I want to appeal to Contact to change and join us in our struggle for freedom in our lifetime. We have never been ruled by Russians in this country. We are the slaves of the Western powers and it is they who tell us to choose east or west. Contact must tell our oppressors to establish their practicality and capability, not to confine us in farm jails or construct big camps for us as if we are Mr. Bowdler's wild animals. Contact must not just tell us that Moscow is hell and New York and London are heaven. We have eyes to see and brains to judge. Phambili ebanliti!

E. L. VARA  
Cradock.

## Congo Solution

The so-called Congo Federation form of government proposed by some of the Congo pseudo-politicians is a method of furthering the sordid aims of stupid tribalism which once reduced the Congo to a chaotic state.

If these politicians have got something with them called patriotism, why do they not dissolve their sectional governments and hold a fresh general election for a single consolidated government for their country?

WILSON B. NGCAYIYA  
Johannesburg.

## We Want A National Convention

Chief Lutuli and the African leaders, tell the "deliberate deaf" ears of the powers that there should be a national convention for South Africa sooner—the sooner the better.

Apartheid is doomed and no power can maintain its existence indefinitely. "South Africa belongs to all who live in it—Black and White." Africa is awakening.

LAWRENCE NKOSI  
Botha's Hill.

## BEWARE OF THIS SPY

A well-known spy working for the Special Branch was seen in Pondoland recently. He is a young man of about 25, has a diploma in book-keeping and commerce, and, while in Pondoland, claimed to be working for an African newspaper, now long defunct.

He has an office in East London, greets you by saying "Hallo comrades" (read "duhurn" "mayibuye" and he also uses ANC and PAC slogans in his conversation. During the state of emergency many people were arrested in East London through the efforts of this man.

Beware of this sell-out. The man is smart and speaks sweetly. Yet he is a serpent.  
L. MAKANA  
East-London.

## A Reply To David Evans

I most heartily disagree with Mr. David Evans on your article re Contact.

He says "Political observers... put forward opinions subsequently regretted."

New Age is by no means at the distance. I should say it is at the very heart of the liberation movement.

Also New Age cannot be said to be making petty attacks on Contact, rather the reverse.

Why on earth all this emphasis on anti-communism by Contact? Why the wastage of valuable reading space?

I doubt if one in 100,000 people in S.A. even know what is meant by communism. All they want is a say in the government, and rightly so. This is an accepted part of any democratic government in the world.

When the people of S.A. have reached this stage then it will be time to worry about party politics. Now we must all row together to save ourselves from a meaningless poverty-stricken dictatorship.

Why then this ridiculous tub-thumping by Contact about something that does not concern us?

I venture to foretell that Mr. Duan, as fantastic as it may sound, will eventually fall backwards into the hands of the Nationalists to prove his anti-communism. Indeed he seems to have no option now.

F. M. JOYNER  
Natal.

## Railway Policeman Make Trouble

"While in the queue to buy train tickets one morning, a railway policeman decided to ask each individual passenger where he or she was going to, asked for the money and passed the money and information on to the booking clerk—a waste of time, as can be imagined.

My turn came and I was not prepared to speak through any interpreter, which the policeman did not like. He then told the booking clerk not to give me two tickets, but give others in the queue had been given."

We know that South Africa is about to become a Verwoerdian Republic. But South Africa is not yet a police state. All I wanted was a railway ticket to Johannesburg and back, not a passport to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference.

I am sure this type of behaviour is not covered in the SAR penal regulations. Surely South Africa is not yet Nazi Germany?

HENRY TSHABALALA  
Johannesburg.

# SOVIET SPACEMAN SHOWS THE WAY

"It is the White man to whom all the progress must be ascribed of which people all over the world at present boast and in which all participate. White and Non-White, and from which the freedom of all of them has sprung."—The Prime Minister, Dr. H. F. Verwoerd, speaking in Parliament on March 23, 1961.

OUR Prime Minister was once a professor at Stellenbosch, but in making the above statement he reveals either his ignorance or his dishonesty.

Modern civilisation is not the product of the White man alone. People of all races and all countries have contributed to it through the centuries. In mathematics, medicine, astronomy (to mention only a few branches of science), the contributions of Non-White scientists, especially in the earlier centuries of their development, were of decisive importance.

The first man was put into space last week by the combined effort of the White and Non-White scientists of the Soviet Union, who enjoy an equal status.

Yet Verwoerd, with epoch-shaking events taking place on all sides of him, still clings to the outmoded ideas of the ox-wagon era. To him, the freedom enjoyed by some of the former colonial countries today was the gift of the White man.

If that is true (which of course it isn't) why does Verwoerd find it so hard to grant the gift of freedom to his own Non-White peoples?

Of course the opposite is the case. The White man in South Africa (or to be more precise, the Government which rules in his name) is cursed throughout the world for denying freedom to its Non-White citizens.

## "Peaceful Co-Existence"

In the same debate Verwoerd issued an "appeal to the Non-Whites of South Africa, to every group of them, not to believe that South Africa and its Government do not want to be the protector of their rights. In fact it is the fundamental policy of this Government and of the voters of South Africa that each of them should have the right to govern their own racial area or racial group, when they have developed to that stage... It is our object to have co-existence, not domination."

"Co-existence" is Verwoerd's new fancy phrase for apartheid! Defending his rule, Verwoerd boasts that the Africans in South Africa are better-paid, better-educated, more advanced than in any other part of Africa. Yet, while (in his opinion) less developed peoples of Ghana, Guinea, etc. are free to enjoy their independence, he continues to deny all rights to the South African Africans, despite their higher level of development.

"In their own racial areas," such as Pondoland, Tembuland, Zeerust and Sekhukhuland, far from enjoying self-government, the Africans find themselves ruled by force by White soldiers and police acting under emergency decrees sanctioned by a Parliament of Whites only. Despite the fact that De Wet Nel recently proclaimed that "order" had been restored in Pondoland, hundreds of detainees still rot in the jails.

THIS IS THE REALITY OF VERWOERD'S "CO-EXISTENCE."

In this space age, with man standing on the brink of great new voyages of discovery among the stars, and with the Afro-Asian peoples marching towards freedom and independence with giant strides, Verwoerd and White supremacy are an anachronism—sordid, brutal and completely out of date.

## An Inspiration

The achievements of free peoples everywhere must be an inspiration and a stimulus to us in South Africa to make a tremendous effort to break the fetters which chain us to the past. Verwoerdism, colour bars and racism must be outlawed from our way of life just like witchcraft, sorcery and all the other mumbo-jumbo of mediaeval superstition.

The Non-White peoples of our country must be freed to take their rightful place in the world, to acquire knowledge and skills like other free peoples, to make their full contribution to the civilisation of the space age, and to enjoy its fruits. The scientists, engineers and technicians of which our country stands in such great need today can be trained in vast numbers from amongst the ranks of our Non-Whites. Once the race barriers are down, the way will be opened to a life of abundance for all.

Today, with a Soviet man in orbit, all can see that the greatest standing block to our national development is Verwoerd and the colour bar. Then let us have done with them, once and for all. Let us put an end to race hatred and divisions. Let us, Black and White together, unite and fight to rescue our country from the sterility and backwardness to which it is doomed by Verwoerdism. Let us hasten to rejoin the mainstream of humanity flooding ever more rapidly towards a glorious future for all the peoples of the world.

Perhaps the first man on the moon will be a Black man. PER ARDUA AD ASTRA. REMEMBER THE END OF MAY.

# A TIME FOR DOING—AND GIVING!

MAN in Space... Bombs on Havana... Nats on the Run... People on the Move... and NEW AGE IN TROUBLE!

Ridiculous isn't it? Ridiculous that New Age should have to worry about how to keep going at a time like this; ridiculous but true.

Dangerously so, for never have our country and our people needed our paper as much as now.

Elemental political forces are on the move. What happens today, tomorrow, next week or next month will shape our future, for good or ill, for many years to come.

New Age has a vital role to play in shaping that future. We can only do so effectively if we have sufficient means. And

with us. MEANS MEANS MONEY.

Give us that money. Give it to us more generously than ever before—and give it immediately.

DELAY MAY SPELL DISASTER!  
THE TIME TO GIVE IS NOW!

Last Week's Donations:

Cape Town: C.P.E. R20, R & B.R.3, Rimo R10, E.N. R10, Nick R1, Rubar R15, Cnoa R6, John Mollibelo (Lumumba Pictures) R750, E.M.B. 96c, J & N R6, R.J.K. 33c, Cake Sale R36.30, Africa Day R16.60.

Johannesburg: R.I.R. R4, Playboy R6, B. R10, Metal R2, Medic R4, Cliff R2.  
Port Elizabeth: Babs R2.10, Workers' Friend R14, Wagon Wheels R20, Grand Total: R196.79.

# "We Don't Want War, Internal or External" CONSULT WITH NON-WHITE LEADERS SAYS PEACE COUNCIL

## AFRICANS WELCOME COLOURED SUPPORT

(Continued from page 1)

The Pietermaritzburg action resolution has a clause calling upon "the Indian and Coloured communities and all democratic Europeans to join forces with us in opposition to a regime which is bringing disaster to South Africa."

The open letter to the Coloured people is prompted by the joint meeting of Cape Town Coloureds on the Grand Parade recently which resolved to line up with the African people in the political struggles of the next few months.

### EQUAL ALLIES

The letter says: "We accept the Coloured people as full and equal allies in the battle for freedom. We have waited and worked for this. For, once the oppressed peoples of South Africa achieve full unity, victory will be within the grasp."

"Decades of White supremacy rule have shown us that racialism is the most powerful weapon used by our oppressors to divide us. White supremacy rule has herded us into separate ghettos; ruled us under different sets of restrictive regulations; applied the colour bar with varying degrees of harshness; and has tried to spread the poison of race hatred into our ranks. These tactics were meant to divide us. Instead they have united us."

"The African people know full well the misery and poverty that job reservations will bring to the Coloured people, for we suffer under the colour bar in industry. We who have been uprooted from our homes times without number know the sufferings that the Group Areas Act will bring to the Coloured people. The African people lost their meagre political representation in Parliament and now the Coloured people are being strangled with the loss of the Coloured seats."

### NEXT VICTIMS

"The Africans have always been the first to fall under the axe of the apartheid executioner; not far behind them the Government has lined up its next victims: the Coloured people and the Indians."

"OUR ANSWER TO THE HATED POLICE OF REINE RULE AND DIVISION CAN BE ONLY BROTHERLY UNITY AND STRENGTH."

"The hated South African Government has never before been so isolated and shaky. The present state of crisis is caused by world condemnation on an unprecedented scale; deepening economic difficulties; and the mounting anger of the South African people."

"THE UNITY IN ACTION OF THE AFRICAN AND COLOURED PEOPLE, OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE AND DEMOCRATIC WHITES, CAN BRING THE HATED SYSTEM TO AN END."

"The call of the Pietermaritzburg conference for nation-wide action to compel the convening of a National Convention to draft a new constitution was addressed to all South Africans. The Coloured Congress has the honour of having been the first to respond to the call with vigour and boldness."

"FORWARD TOGETHER TO FREEDOM!"

### JOHANNESBURG.

THE fervent demand of the peoples of the world today is for the prevention of war at all costs, says a statement by the South African Peace Council. From overseas, we hear of campaigns for nuclear disarmament and for total disarmament, of governments working to achieve summit conferences, of discussions at the United Nations for the preservation of world peace. All these represent efforts to settle international differences by a method other than the terrifying one of modern warfare.

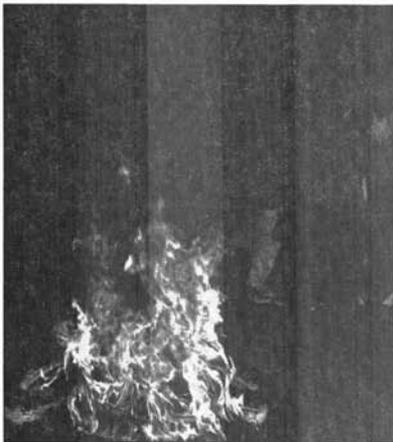
But our own government is preparing for war. Parliament is asked to increase its grant for the armed forces. The Minister of Justice announces, moreover, that the new armaments are not intended for international warfare, but for use against the "enemy from within."

### WITHIN OR WITHOUT. WAR IS WAR.

The South African Peace Council believes that it is as immoral for a state to prepare for war against its own population as it is to prepare for war against another country. We believe that it is better for any disagreement—whether the disagreement be international or internal to any country—to be settled by negotiation instead of by the use of armed force.

We recognise that the condemned policy of apartheid, and that alone, can precipitate open warfare in our country.

In the interests of internal peace, we therefore call on the Government at this late hour to consult with acknowledged leaders of the various races with a view to lessening the painful tension in the country, and as a preliminary to working out a practical and lasting solution to our race problems.



Bonfires were lit in all the Johannesburg townships on the night of Afrika Day. This one in Alexandra Township lasted more than three hours.

# AFRIKA DAY MEETINGS

## 5,000 in Cape Town

CAPE TOWN. THE people of the Cape Peninsula once again indicated their support for mass demonstrations on the eve of the republic when an audience of over 5,000 who attended the Afrika Day celebration on the Grand Parade last Sunday gave enthusiastic applause to all references to demonstrations at the end of May.

The meeting, which was called by the Liberal Party, was addressed by

speakers from the Congress alliance and other organisations.

"The Coloured are no longer prepared to allow the African people to struggle alone," said Mr. Reg September, Secretary of the Coloured People's Congress amid cheers from the audience.

### EVE OF REPUBLIC

Mr. September said that the African people had called for demonstrations throughout the country on the eve of the republic. "The days when the Coloured people stood aside will not be repeated."

The Rev. Clive Macbride, of the Anglican Church, said that the political, economic and social wolves must be chased out of God's flock. "We say to the oppressors: Let our people go. And at the end of May we will show them what we mean."

In spite of a sudden downpour of

rain the crowd remained fervent and enthusiastic. When former ANC member Elliot Ntuba appealed for funds, a shower of coins rained on the platform from among the crowd.

Advocate A. L. Sachs, speaking on behalf of the Congress of Democrats, said that the white people must actively dissociate themselves from the policy of apartheid.

"Instead of grumbling about Verwoerd the white people should show their support for a national convention of all people at which a new constitution for South Africa would be drawn up", Advocate Sachs said.

### TRAITORS

Those South Africans who had volunteered to fight for Tshombe in the Congo were traitors to South Africa, Advocate Sachs went on. Tshombe himself was a traitor to Africa, for he was the murderer of Lumumba.

Mr. Peter Hlul, chairman of the Cape Liberal Party, urged the people to be ready when the call finally came for them to act. "The Government is beaten," he said. "All it needs is a push."

The meeting adopted a resolution pledging to work for a non-racial democracy for a national convention of all the people of South Africa at which the constitution for a new South Africa would be drawn up.

Other speakers were Messrs J. C. A. Daniels and Hamming Maja of the Liberal Party, Mr. Norman Dan. Els from the Coloured National Convention committee, Mr. C. Mase of the African General Workers' Union, and Mr. Zollic Malindi.

A large contingent of Special Branch detectives made notes of the speeches.

## COD Man Detained

## Durban Crowd Angered

### DURBAN.

A MASS meeting to commemorate Afrika Day almost ended in a riot when members of the Special Branch detained Mr. Ronnie Karsuls, one of the speakers, and demanded that he hand over notes of his speech. Only the timely intervention of some of the organisers

and the release of Mr. Karsuls saved an ugly situation.

Mr. Karsuls, who represented the Congress of Democrats at the meeting which was organised by the Women's Federation, was stopped at the end of the meeting and when he refused to hand over his notes was taken to a nearby tea room to phone his legal representative.

As the news got around that Mr. Karsuls was in custody, the people surrounded the police, in spite of the presence of a number of armed, uniformed policemen, and demanded that Mr. Karsuls be released.

When it was pointed out to the people that Mr. Karsuls was not in any danger, the crowd replied that that was what was said about Patrice Lumumba before his arrest and death.

Finally some of the organisers managed to persuade the Special Branch to release Mr. Karsuls and the jubilant crowd carried him shoulder high through the streets.

The meeting itself, which was first advertised on Friday, was a great success. The organisers of the meeting informed New Age that the reason for the late advertisement was to avoid having the meeting banned.

## Liberal Party's New Economic Policy

### JOHANNESBURG.

The Liberal Party in the Transvaal at its week-end annual conference adopted a draft new economic policy which proposes an equitable distribution of wealth and income to be achieved via taxation.

This revised economic policy must go before the party's national conference later this year. The policy is intended to outline the shape of "a non-racial welfare state."

The conference was due to take place at the Duncan Hall but moved when it was realised that Non-Whites are not admitted to this Council Hall. About half the delegates were Africans.

Conference appears to have taken no official notice of the call for a national convention and the eve-of-republic demonstrations. No resolutions were passed on this topic.



A bumper celebration party for the release of the treason trialists was held at Benoni on Afrika Day. Among the speakers: Mrs. Lilian Ngoyi and the Rev. D. C. Thompson.

# ROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES

## OUT OF THIS WORLD STAGE BY SPECTATOR

### The Ace of Space



Major Yuri Gagarin, the 27-year-old pilot of the 4½ ton Russian spaceship Vostok (the East) that circled the earth in 89 minutes last week.

# Soviet Triumph Is Triumph For All Mankind

## THE "BACKWARD" PEOPLE SOAR AHEAD

**THE first man in history to make a journey into space—this is the achievement of Yuri Gagarin, the Soviet spaceman. This venture was rightly described by Sir Bernard Lovell, head of the Jodrell Bank Observatory in England, as "THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE HISTORY OF MAN."**

**EARLY on the morning of Wednesday, April 12, Yuri clad in his space-suit climbed into the rocket Vostok (East) to begin his historic journey. One can imagine his feelings as he saw the faces of his friends for the last time before the door of the spaceship was sealed. Then at 8.7 a.m. (S.A. time) the rocket took off with a roar and headed into space. Alone in space Gagarin looked down at the earth and saw rivers, mountains, cities and the huge fields of the Soviet collective farms. The sky looked black and the sun shone many times more brightly than on earth. The earth was bluish and the horizon was tinged with orange. The whole scene was one of incredible beauty.**

While in space nothing has any weight. Objects floated around in the cabin and the chair in which

he was sitting was suspended in mid-air. During this time Yuri ate food in a normal manner and recorded his observations. He passed over oceans and continents as he raced through space and after circling right round the earth he arrived again over the Soviet Union. Then braking rockets slowed his progress and the spaceship sank back towards the earth to land in a previously chosen spot.

**THIS is how a correspondent described his home-coming: "The phone rings. A voice full of emotion says: 'Yuri is with us.'" Then the news was flashed to the people of the Soviet Union and to the whole world. When the Soviet people heard of the successful return of their cosmonaut they were filled with the deepest joy. The biggest crowds ever known since the end of the second World War thronged Moscow's Red Square. All traffic stopped in the streets when loud-speakers announced further details of the flight. All one old woman could say was to repeat over and over again, "I'm so glad. I'm so glad..."**

**THE Soviet people had every right to rejoice in their great triumph and the peoples of the world rejoiced too with them at this newest symbol of man's triumph**

over nature. New Frontier President Kennedy of the USA sent a congratulatory message and then asked of his advisers: why was America not able to do the same thing?

As the news flashed around the world many people must have wondered why Russia has led the world in the conquest of space. It is not that the Russians are cleverer than other peoples. We know that people of all nations have equal ability in science as in all other fields of human activity. Moreover, who would have guessed in 1917, when Russia was a backward country under the tyranny of the Czar, that she would be the first to put a man into space?

The secret of Russia's success is simple according to the beaming Soviet Premier Mr. Khrushchev. Any country can follow it. The fact it is not secret at all; the Soviet Union tells the world how she did it. Mr. Khrushchev declares that the space flight was a triumph of socialism. All nations, even the most backward, have the capacity to achieve scientific wonders if it is only that they are not hindered by the selfishness that these potentialities can develop to their fullest extent, says Khrushchev.

It is true that America may soon follow Russia by putting a man into space; she certainly has to

industrial capacity. But what chances have the countries of Africa got of conquering space under the present set-up?

Yet there is no reason why in future times African spacemen should not circle the earth and even travel to distant planets.

To begin with, the Russian Government apparently does not have the albatross of racial segregation and discrimination hanging around its neck as our Government does... Could this be one reason why we lag behind in the world that's a-coming? We think it is...

Russia's proud claim is that everyone has an equal chance to go

### S.A. Congratulations To Khrushchov

**JOHANNESBURG.** SOUTH African congratulations on the achievement of the first Soviet man's journey into space were cabled to Premier Khrushchov by the S.A. Society for Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union.

The cable read: "The South African Society for Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union sends heartfelt congratulations to your government and people magnificent achievement sending man into space. We feel sure that this success is in best interests of all desiring peace. We in South Africa still continue to strive for establishment of closer bonds of friendship and understanding between peoples of our two countries. We are greatly inspired in this task by your success. Rev. D. C. Thompson Chairman."

Another reason was given by the leading conservative Negro newspaper published in New York, the *Amsterdam News*, which wrote on October 12, 1957, "Whenever officials of our Government can find time to look up from the problem of Little Rock they glance at the sky and say, 'Wonder how those Russians are able to get ahead of us to the horizon of the new world?'"

to University and reach the top in the world of science. The Russian scientists are drawn from the whole population, not just a section of it. All education in Russia is free and at University students are even paid an allowance by the government. Thus Russia turns out more scientists and engineers

than any other country. The Russians feel that competition and that this pays dividends not only in the field of science. Their economy is rapidly overtaking that of

America and we can expect that in the future Russia will take the lead in more and more fields. IN THE WORDS OF THE SOVIET SONG, THEY WILL BE "FLYING HIGHER, AND HIGHER, AND HIGHER."



Kenya African leader JOMO KENYATTA broke an eight year silence when he received members of the press at Maralal, 160 miles from Nairobi. He said "I hope I shall soon be able to meet you as a free man..." In reply to questions he said "I am not an enemy of Europeans"...

Picture shows JOMO KENYATTA and his wife on the balcony of his detention home at Maralal when he spoke to members of the press recently.

# MOSCOW — LONDON — NEW YORK BY ROCKET

**THE dogs Chernushka (Blacky) and Zvezdochka (Little Star) have just made trips on Soviet rocket ships from the Soviet Union to space and back.**

The next stage is space flight by man. But rockets can also make freight and passenger trips round the earth, taking people in a matter of minutes from one continent to another, from the South to the North Pole.

**Fuel** Passenger rockets have not yet been built. The main difficulty is loading the rocket with sufficient fuel at the start for its flight, and also for braking on landing.

No doubt this problem will be solved in time. For a rocket to reach any part of the world, its range must obviously be half the earth's circumference.

But if we look at the map of the Northern Hemisphere, it will be seen that, starting from Europe, half that range will be quite sufficient for most flights. The range of the Soviet rockets launched to the Pacific was in fact more than half.

A passenger rocket could, for instance, travel from Moscow to New York in 1½ hours, and, if required, stop at London on the way, which would only add 15 minutes to the travelling time.

Let us imagine how such an intercontinental flight would be made. The path followed by the rocket would form an ellipse. The greater the distance between the point of departure and the destination, the longer the ellipse.

Rockets would leave the cosmodrome vertically, regardless of the direction or distance of their destination. This is mainly in order to pass through the denser layers of the atmosphere as quickly as possible. The rocket would turn on its course at quite a low altitude.

**Rocket Train** The most suitable rocket for long-range flights is the multi-stage rocket or, as Konstantin Tsiolkovsky called it, the rocket-train, consisting of two or more smaller rocket units.

Suppose we are travelling non-stop from Moscow to New York by six-stage rocket. The first stage

**Prof. A. STERNFELD** the well-known Soviet space scientist, looks at the possibilities of intercontinental passenger and freight traffic by rocket.

This article was written just before Yuri Gagarin was launched into space.

gives the rocket a speed of 4,500 m.p.h. and takes it to a height where air resistance is insignificant. Nineteen miles up, the first stage is dropped and the second, then third-stage rockets come into action to give the necessary speed of 15,000 m.p.h.

One hundred and seventy miles up, the motors are switched off and the rocket continues its flight by inertia, like the shell fired from a gun. Its speed gradually diminishes.

At a height of just over 300 miles, it is travelling at 13,500 m.p.h., and at twice that altitude

at 12,000 m.p.h. Finally, at the "ceiling" of 775 miles, the rocket speed is at its lowest—11,000 m.p.h.

The travellers will have a magnificent view of the earth. As the rocket climbs they will see increasing areas of the earth's surface not only on the side of their destination, but on the other side from Moscow.

When the rocket is one-third of the way to New York the outlines of the Ural range will be visible with binoculars.

It will be a different scene as the rocket flies over London. At that point of the journey all areas of the earth for 840 miles around will be visible, and the horizon will be bounded by the Urals foothills, the Black Sea, the Mediterranean, part of the North African Coast, the Atlantic Ocean and Iceland.

Passengers watching the heavens from a west-bound rocket will observe the sun halt and then start to move at great speed from west to east!

Calculations show it will appear to travel in the other direction at

nearly 14 times its usual speed. When the rocket has passed a "ceiling," it will again start a gain speed, reaching a speed of 15,000 m.p.h. at a height of 10 miles.

That is when braking will begin, with the help of the rocket motors. The remaining three stages will now be used in braking—a process which will last three minutes, 3 long as take-off—before the rocket gently lands.

Non-stop flight from Moscow to New York will take 30 minus three seconds. The time difference between two cities is considerable—seven hours 28 minutes eight seconds. So, if we leave Moscow in 4 days, we shall enjoy 4 longer by six hours 58 minutes.

### Shorter

A traveller arriving in Moscow at night will spend a night short by seven hours 58 minutes if he left New York on New Year Eve he would be able to see a New Year twice—on both continents.

The high-speed flights I have described will differ from conventional travel only in the short duration of the rockets' time in the heavens.

We hope we shall see the day when the papers announce that "an intercontinental ballistic rocketliner from Moscow lands today in the New York cosmodrome."



# POPULAR REVOLT IN ANGOLA

**JOAO Cabral, London representative of the Angola people's movement, said recently that what had begun as a spontaneous demonstration of the Angolans against Portuguese repression had now turned into a continuous mass resistance which could easily become a war of independence.**

Mr. Cabral was commenting of the armed struggle of the Angola people now being waged against the Portuguese in that territory. Referring to the cause of the armed struggle, he pointed out that the Africans were incensed by the arbitrary arrests of three Africans by the Portuguese colonialist authorities and the bombing by aircraft of the African quarter of Luanda, the capital of Angola.

### REFUTES "ATROCITIES"

Refuting the allegation by the colonialist authorities concerning Angola people's "killing of settlers" he said that the "atrocities stories" being put out by the authorities of Angola were intended as a cover for their own emergency military programme. The building of air strips was now being pressed forward by night as well as day, and a battalion of nearly nine-hundred men had moved to Camrona, whereas pre-

viously no troops had been stationed in this area. Cabral also refuted the Portuguese allegation that the events in north Angola were the work of "foreigners or invading terrorists".

"This is a local popular revolt... but of course they (the Portuguese colonialists) dare not admit it," he said. In the meantime the police force in Angola will be increased by

1,000 men as an initial move apart from the contemplated increase in the effectiveness of the "State Security Police" and "Customs guards."

This was announced recently by the Portuguese Overseas Minister Lopes Alves in Luanda. He was reportedly invested with special powers to carry out large-scale suppression there.

He disclosed that the Salazar government intended to give an external loan of 15 million pounds to meet the expenses for suppressing the uprisings of the Angola people and to maintain colonial rule there.

# Cuba Invaded: "We Will Win" Says Castro

**LAST week-end bombers made sudden attacks on Cuban cities causing several casualties. At least one crashed into the sea and the others made off towards Florida, USA. This unprovoked attack, which could obviously not have taken place without American aid and encouragement, was the cause of an emergency meeting at UN.**

The air attack was followed the next day by a full-scale rebel invasion of Cuba. The US-backed invaders landed at several places along the Cuban coast.

Cuban patriots reacted quickly to this new threat to their hard-won independence. The militia were mobilised and moved to cut off the invaders. AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON BUT THE CUBAN PEOPLE ARE FIRMLY IN THEIR RESOLVE NOT TO ALLOW AMERICAN IMPERIALISM TO REGAIN A FOOT-HOLD ON THEIR ISLAND AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL REPEL THE AGGRESSORS.

# A LETTER TO NASSER

By Cecil Williams



President Nasser.

Your Excellency,

Many South Africans admire you for the magnificent part you have played in the liberation of your country from the oppression of colonialism. In addition, we continue to be profoundly grateful for the vigorous action you have taken against the tyranny of apartheid in South Africa.

We believe that your actions on our behalf arise from the conviction that race discrimination is anti-democratic; that it diminishes the power of democratic principle and practice in the world; that it is your concern for the expansion of democracy in the world which has called forth your

contribution to the struggle against apartheid.

We are nonplussed and saddened, therefore, to learn that in your own country you permit the most abhorrent anti-democratic practices, namely the persecution and torture of political non-conformists.

(See New Age March 23, 1961.)

I appeal to you, Sir, to strengthen the forces of democracy in the world by widening the practices of democracy in Egypt. This, I believe, you can achieve by—

1. Ordering the immediate cessation of harsh, cruel treatment of political

prisoners.

2. Bringing all political prisoners to your courts of law to answer specific charges. OR RELEASE THEM.

3. Extending the fundamental civil liberties of freedom of speech, movement, association and organisation to all the peoples of Egypt.

I make this appeal not only in the interests of the Egyptians who are suffering in your prisons and camps, but also in the conviction that with a wider democratic basis your country will be able even more strenuously to assist us in South Africa to progress to a fully democratic state.



Cecil Williams

## ... And A Letter To New Age

Sir—In sending you a copy of the letter I have addressed to President Nasser on the question of the detention and torture of political prisoners in Egypt, I would like to pass on to your readers what the Turkish patriot, Nazim Hikmet, said to me a few years ago.

He said we democrats must never tire of sending off letters of protest against victimisation and persecution of political prisoners in other parts of the world. (He assumed, of course, that we would be protesting like mad against such persecution in our own country.)

And then this great man recalled how his own release from goal AFTER SEVENTEEN YEARS IN TURKISH PRISONS was brought about by the immensity of world protests to the Turkish government coupled with the demonstrations in Turkey itself. The largest procession in Istanbul was led by his aged, blind mother, carrying a placard, "Release my son".

I hope the words of Nazim Hikmet will encourage your readers to respond to every appeal for protest made in your paper.

CECIL WILLIAMS.

## WERE PONDOLAND LEADERS KIDNAPED?

### Minister's Reply To Court Application

DURBAN.

AN application has been made to the Eastern Province Division of the Supreme Court demanding the immediate release of four Pondo leaders who were taken into custody by the police when they were released from Maritzburg jail recently.

The Pondo leaders—Mbambeni Mdzikela, Theophilus Tshagela, Mpin Ndaba and Mavene Noshambane—were released from Maritzburg jail on March 15 after winning their appeal against a conviction for addressing an illegal meeting in

Pondoland last August.

A fifth Pondo leader who was convicted with them was not released at the same time as he was serving a sentence on another charge.

#### ADVOCATE'S AFFIDAVIT

In support of the application to court demanding their release, Mr. R. I. Arenstein submitted an affidavit from Advocate A. S. K. Pitman who was with the men at Maritzburg when they were taken into custody again.

Mr. Pitman said that two plain-clothed members of the police were present outside the prison when he arrived with a warrant of release. One of the police, Sgt. Sweetman, informed him that he was going to take the Pondo leaders to Bizana jail as soon as they were released.

"I asked him why . . . and he informed me that he was going to detain them under the emergency regulations relating to Pondoland. I replied that that was surely not legal as the regulations were only referred to applied only to five districts . . . in Pondoland and did not include Pietermaritzburg.

#### OFFENCES ALLEGED

" . . . Detective Sweetman said that he would then arrest them for offences committed in Pondoland."

Stating that he then asked the detective if he had warrants for their arrest, his affidavit continues: "He informed me that he had but that warrants were not necessary. I replied that he would then have to inform the prisoners that he suspected them of having committed offences other than the one with which they had been charged and found not guilty and that as their legal representative I would like to be present when these allegations were made to them."

Advocate Pitman's affidavit goes on to state that after Detective Sweetman consulted with the Officer Commanding the Transkei Police by telephone, he informed him that the four leaders were being detained under the Emergency Regulations and that legal representatives were not allowed to speak to prisoners under those Regulations.

#### MAKING SURE

Stating that he wanted to make sure what Detective Sweetman was going to do, Advocate Pitman asked the detective whether he was arresting the leaders because he had reason to believe they had committed an offence or whether he was

merely detaining them under the Emergency Regulations.

"I asked him to tell me which it was as I would like to write down the reasons in his presence," adds the affidavit.

"Detective Sergeant Sweetman said, 'I am arresting the four accused on grounds of reasonable suspicion that they addressed unlawful meetings.'"

"When I had written down what he had said I asked him, 'Is this correct?' I will read it to you.' He interrupted me and said, 'I am giving you no information whatsoever.'"

#### MINISTER'S AFFIDAVIT

In a replying affidavit the Minister of Justice, Mr. Erasmus, stated: "I aver that it would be highly inconvenient and also expensive, and might well result in a disturbance of the peace, to produce applicants (the four leaders) in Court merely to be present at a legal argument."

"For these reasons . . . I resist the application for the production of the applicants in Court for the purpose of this application; I resist the application for the release of the applicants and the alternative claim that applicants be allowed access to legal representation at this stage," he stated.

#### ILLEGAL MEETINGS

An affidavit by the officer in charge of investigations in Pondoland, Mr. Benji, stated that he found that all the trouble started "at a multitude of illegal meetings and gatherings at various locations in the Bizana district, which were attended by thousands of Pondos and addressed by agitators."

"Pondos from Flagstaff, Luikinki and other areas attended the meetings and spread the movement. They encouraged resistance to tribal authority, taxation and other reforms of Government control and authority."

After hearing argument the Court postponed the application sine die. In the meantime whilst the four leaders languish in jail, they have no recourse to their lawyers and do not know what charges they will have to face.

## UNEMPLOYED

There are about 300 Africans unemployed in Grahamstown. Many people are facing ejection from their homes for non-payment of rent.

## TRIBUNAL ON P.E. BUS DISPUTE

PORT ELIZABETH.

The tribunal to enquire into the dispute between the Bay Passenger Transport Company and its African staff of 200 bus drivers, conductors and other categories of employees opened its enquiry on Monday last week.

The tribunal was set up in terms of an agreement arrived at between the workers and the employers to end the 40-day bus boycott two months ago.

The workers are demanding an increase in wages for drivers and conductors from R14 to R20.25 per week, and a 33% increase for all the other categories.

They also demand improved conditions of work, that opportunities for promotion to the position of inspector and clerks should be thrown open to the workers on certain routes, and that the Company should grant facilities to enable the employees to carry on legitimate trade union work.

The tribunal's umpire is Mr. A. van de Sandt Centlives, former Chief Justice of the Union. The workers' representative was to have been Mr. Govan Mbeki, but as he was not available when the tribunal began its sittings, Miss Ray Alexander took his place. Mr. O. P. F. Horwood, of Natal University, is the bosses' representative.

Mr. Joe Slovo is appearing before the tribunal on behalf of the workers, and Mr. Harry Snitcher Q.C. for the company.

## UP MY ALLEY

SO you want to be a spaceman, huh? . . . Well, botchie, you'll have to become a Springbok first . . . According to "an Afrikaner's" description of Yuri Gagarin, reported in Die Burger, he looked as handsome as a Springbok centre! . . . That's about the highest you can rise in the estimation of Afrikaners! . . . So that—if we had only beaten the Russians to it—the launching of our own spaceman would have been announced to the world something like this . . .

WE are now taking you over to Ellis Park for the launching into space of South Africa's first cosmonaut, Springbok centre Japie van der Gargalgie . . . The referee has just come on to the field and the crowd is going wild . . . And here comes our hero, walking across from the dressing rooms . . . He is wearing a new green and yellow jersey, the famous Springbok colours, and waving to the crowd . . . The whistle goes for a scrum, van der Gargalgie is just outside the 25 yard line, it looks as if he's going to score a try . . . The crowd is cheering their heads off . . . Yes, ladies and gentlemen, history is being made today . . . There's two minutes to go before the final whistle, and the referee is starting the count-down . . . And there he goes . . . A bottle hung from the Malay stand has just struck van der Gargalgie's noodle and he is really seeing stars . . .



By ALEX LA GUMA

hurry up when it comes to sending one of da blacks overseas . . . But then, he's a black boy.

AY, mon, said a canny Scot the other day. If meester Mas' Tshombe be thinking of turning heel-lander 'is the stone of Soene he'll get agin the head.

## Apartheid Paper For Africans

JOHANNESBURG.

A new weekly newspaper "to give the Bantu political leadership in accordance with the South African tradition and to promote the Protestant religion" is to make its appearance this year.

The newspaper is to be published by a newly-formed company called Sabkor Ltd. (S.A. Bantu Industrial Corporation), which also aims at establishing companies for starting border industries. The nominal capital of the company is £100,000.

The paper, which will be published in Xhosa, Zulu and Sotho, will be edited by Dr. A. M. Dekker, founder of the Christian Literature Fund.



The women who went on the deputation to demand the lowering of the price of bread are (back row, from left to right) Mesdames G. Smith, L.J. Abrahams, A. Silinga, D. Tamana and G. Qalinga. In front are Mrs. K. White, Mrs. Raisha and Mrs. F. Ntaya.

## Meetings Banned For 3 Months, But Sactu Deputation Sees Govt.

### Protest Against Bread Price Increase

CAPE TOWN.

**T**HE recent increase in the price of bread resulted in two Government officials having to face a deputation of eight determined women last Friday. The women wanted the price of bread reduced and were not interested in the amount of statistics the officials produced to prove that the increase could not be avoided.

The women represented the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions, the Cape Housewives' League, the Zionist Church of Africa, the Mother's Union, the women's section of the Langa Vigilance Association, and the Federation of S.A. Women.

"VERY BUSY"

The women, who had arranged to meet the Minister of Finance, were received instead by two officials, Mr. Brown and Mr. De Swart, representing the Ministries of Finance and Agriculture respectively. The deputation asked why they could not see the Minister of Finance as arranged, and were told that he was "very busy in Parliament."

The women came to the point and said that they wanted the price of bread reduced because the working people could not afford to pay the increased price.

Mrs. G. Smith, one of the deputation, pointed out that since other commodities were steadily going up in price, the poor turned to bread as the cheapest food, that it had become a staple diet. Since this too had been increased in price, the people were finding it difficult to feed their children properly.

STATISTICS

The officials then attempted to show that the increase could not be avoided. They produced statistics on the prices of machinery, tractors and oil and a host of other things. The women were not interested. They did not understand the rigour of statistics, they said. All they wanted was that the price of bread be reduced.

Messrs Brown and De Swart then produced more figures to show that although brown bread was cheaper, the majority of people bought the dearer white bread.

# "S.A. Mission Must Go"

## Italian Workers Demand Trade Boycott of S.A.

**F**rom Our London Correspondent  
**T**HE workers of Italy are incensed by the exchange of trade missions between the governments of Italy and South Africa and through their trade unions and other organisations are actively working towards a mass boycott of South African goods.

THEY ARE DEMANDING THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY CEASE ALL TRADE CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND THAT IT REQUESTS THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE MISSION AT PRESENT VISITING ITALY TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

The 3½ million strong General Confederation of Labour (CGIL)—the most powerful of the three trade union federations in Italy—in a statement issued this week declares that the official contacts with the Italian Government "with a Government that bases its existence on the shameful system of apartheid and the most hateful forms of racial segregation" have caused indignation and concern among the workers. Further, these contacts will substantially damage the general interests of Italy.

UNPLEASANT ROLE

"The recent visit of Mr. Martignelli, Italian Minister of Foreign Trade, to South Africa and the arrival of a South African economic mission in our country, places Italy in the unpleasant role of a friend of the racists at a time of the greatest isolation of the reactionary South African regime. This must be cast as an equivocal light on the whole policy of the Italian government towards the new African nations. Feed justified suspicions about Italy's policy, alienate sympathies and place our country among the nostalgics of Colonialism."

The CGIL says this policy may seriously damage Italy's trade relations with the independent African states.

"This fact is more serious if we consider that there is an international campaign of boycott of South African goods now in progress, a campaign supported by all African countries and numerous Asian countries as well as by all international trade union organisations, including the ICFTU."

In the light of this, the CGIL regards the South African trade mission as an "offence to the good sense as well as the interests of our country and to the spirit of democracy and international solidarity of the Italian workers."

The CGIL is now consulting with the other trade federations and especially the dock and maritime workers' union to find ways in which the attitudes and interests of Italian workers may be effectively expressed on this question.

MASS CAMPAIGN

Other Italian organisations and political parties are also concerning

themselves with the question of trade relations with South Africa. The Italian Anti-Colonial Committee, with headquarters in Rome and sponsored by members of Parliament from all the parties, as well as prominent public figures, is planning to subject the government to severe parliamentary criticism and to organise meetings all over Italy during May.

## TRANSKEI CHIEFS HIT BANTU EDUCATION

### Their Children Suffering Like All The Others

PORT ELIZABETH.

**A**T a meeting held recently in the Rotary Hall at Umata, Kaiser Matanzima, chairman of the Transkei Territorial Authority, surprised everybody by launching a vicious attack on Bantu Education, and demanding that English should be the medium of instruction while Afrikaans and African languages should be taught as subjects.

"Wonder of wonders" some of the people who had him speak said as they left the hall.

The meeting had been arranged by Mr. Hans Abraham, the Commissioner-General, although he was not there in person. Complaints and questions had been put to him by the policemen—chiefs about the manner in which Bantu Education was being implemented. It is widely felt that through Bantu Education many children are being denied an opportunity to acquire education.

WEEDING-OUT

The chiefs complained that the weeding out that takes place at the Standard 2 level condemned thousands of children at an early age to life outside school. They complained even more bitterly against the bottle-neck at Standard 6.

According to the present arrangement standard 6 passes are graded 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Those who pass 3rd grade are issued leaving certificates which merely indicate, if an employer should want proof of educational attainment, that the holder did attempt standard 6.

As a result of this grading hundreds of pupils are denied the opportunity to proceed to Junior Certificate. And the children of the chiefs and stooges have been hit as hard as anybody's.

Further, because the Chiefs are in a better financial position to provide for post-primary education for their children, they are not prepared to accept a position in which their own children are condemned to work as unskilled labourers in the mines, on the roads and on the sugar plantations, as Chief Tutu Ndame said.

Chief Tutu was even more outspoken bitterly that the Nationalist Government had placed them "self-rule", but was now imposing on them a type of education they did not like. He said it was no wonder that the people were up in arms against the Chiefs and the Bantu Authorities, and he prophesied that more heads would yet be chopped off.

DEMAND ENGLISH

Tutu Ndame said when he was overruled he was able to converse with people from various parts of the world because he could speak English which, he said, was a universal language. He was referring to his trip two years ago under the auspices of the M.R.A.

The Government had sent from Pretoria, Dr. van Zyl, Professional Assistant to the Director of Bantu Education, to try to ally the activities of the Chiefs about the future of their children under Bantu Education. He was surrounded by lesser lights in the Bantu Education Department.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Schools' principal teachers from the Tembuland and western Pondoland districts, chiefs and sub-chiefs, inspectors and school supervisors.

Advisory Board

Resigns

EAST LONDON.

The East London Advisory Board has resigned en bloc after fierce accusations at a public meeting that they were sell-outs and stooges of the Government.

The dispute arose over the payment of the 2s. lodger's fee, to which the people are strongly opposed.

NZO JAILED

Mr. Alfred Nzo, former ANC National Executive member, has been sent to jail for two months for being in Alexandra Township without a permit. Mr. Nzo had taken his conviction on appeal to the Supreme Court, but the judges' decision went against him.

## SACTU Will Be Represented At

# ALL AFRICAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE IN MAY

From B. Lipman

JOHANNESBURG.

**T**HE first conference to inaugurate the new All African Trade Union Federation will take place in Lagos, Nigeria, in mid-May.

At the conference the Federation will adopt the draft constitution that has been drawn up by the Steering Committee, which already represents 19 African countries.

The South African Congress of Trade Unions, which is a senior member of the committee, reports that it is proposed that Africa be zoned into regions of trade union

activity, and that Johannesburg should become the headquarters for a region which will include South Africa, the British Protectorates, the Central African Federation, and Portuguese East Africa.

It is not proposed that the new Federation should affiliate to any international trade union body.

INDUSTRIALISATION

Questions to be discussed at conference will include those of industrialisation for the newly independent countries of Africa, the general raising of wages and productivity, and the ending of exploitation on a colour-bar basis, as in South Africa.

Conference is expected to take a strong stand in support of economic and trade union sanctions against the present South African government, and to ask the workers of all other African countries to refuse to handle South African goods.

Killed in Fight

EAST LONDON.

One African was killed and another injured in a fight between two groups of African youths at a beer dance in Kwelewa, East London district, recently. Thirteen of the 40 youths involved were arrested.

## OUTLAWS IN CAPE TOWN

### Hounded by the Pass Laws

#### CAPE TOWN.

**T**HE hardships of the African people under the pass-laws are an ever-recurring theme. Last week New Age was presented with two more cases, those of Wilson Sylla (23) and Albert Finca (23).

Wilson Sylla came to Cape Town in 1948. Last April he returned to his home in Mount Fletcher for a short while. When he returned to Cape Town to take up employment, he was refused permission to seek work here.

His previous employer volunteered to take him back, and was told by the BAD authorities that it was all right—provided Mr. Sylla went all the way back to Mount Fletcher first, to get a permit from the magistrate there to come to Cape Town.

#### R20 FOR FARES

Mr. Sylla did this, at the cost of R20 for fares, and on return to Cape Town, took up employment. But for some reason or other he lost his job after 3 days, whereupon the BAD authorities at Nyanga told him to return to Mount Fletcher.

He then appealed to the Chief Native Commissioner, and the Nyanga office was instructed to find a job for him on the farms. Mr. Sylla took a job on a farm in Klipheuwel and went back to Nyanga to register. There his reference book was taken from him and he was told to come back on April 12.

When he returned to the Nyanga office last week, he discovered he found that a large number of other African men whose passes had also been taken in by the office, were being taken to a van and taken to some unknown destination.

Mr. Sylla hurriedly left Nyanga, and today he is a bewildered man, wandering around, afraid to return to Nyanga to fetch his reference

book in case he also should be loaded on to a van and whisked away. Today he is practically an outlaw in this area.

#### HAND IN GLOVE?

The case of Albert Finca also reveals that employers and officials are working hand in glove to secure a plentiful supply of cheap labour for the former.

Mr. Finca came to Cape Town and found a job on a dairy farm in Lansdowne. His boss took him to Nyanga to register, but all that happened was that his number was taken, and the formalities of registration were by-passed. The dairyman then told him that he had to work for 6 months before he could become registered. It appears, according to Mr. Finca, that most of the other workers on this dairy farm are there under the same conditions.

#### CONFINED

They were also informed that they had to remain on the premises, because if they were arrested outside their employer would not be responsible. The men are therefore confined to the farm.

Mr. Finca did not work only for 6 months on this farm, as arranged. Instead, he worked a whole year without being registered, and then he was dismissed.

He, too, is now apparently in the area illegally, since he has not been registered. All intents and purposes, he is another outlaw.

## ZANZIBAR HAS CARETAKER GOVT.

**B**ECAUSE of a deadlock in the Legislative Council, a caretaker government has been formed in Zanzibar as an interim measure until the holding of new elections next June.

The British Colonial Secretary has assumed the function of Chief Minister in the caretaker government. Al Muhin, leader of the Zanzibar Nationalist Party and leaders of the Zanzibar and Pemba People's Party and the Afro-Shirazi Party are also members of the caretaker government.

In the elections in January the Afro-Shirazi Party won 10 seats, the Zanzibar Nationalists nine, and the Zanzibar and Pemba People's Party three. The latter two parties joined in an alliance. Later a candidate of the Zanzibar and Pemba People's Party went over to the Afro-Shirazi Party, thus producing the present deadlock of eleven to eleven in the Legislative Council which has 22 seats elected and eight appointed.

In the face of the strong desire for independence of the people of Zanzibar, a British protectorate since 1890, the British authorities were compelled to agree to the holding of the elections.

Unless otherwise stated, F. Cameron, of 6 Barkers St., Cape Town, is responsible for all political matter in this issue. Johannesburg news from Ruth First, R. Rosta and Joe Gaphu, of 189 Progress Buildings, 154 Commissioner St., Cape Town news from A. la Gums, of 6 Barkers St., Durban news from M. P. Nalcker, of 602 London House, 118 Grey St., Port Elizabeth news from Greville Mshali, of 30 Court Chambers, 120 Alderley Street.

**WITH** all sports codes making big advances, the question is often asked: "what about rugby?"

This is especially strong in the Transvaal. Border and Eastern Province.

**WELL** THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO MOVE.

● The Eastern Province Coloured Union has deleted its racial tag.

● The union is open to all rugby-players.

● Together with the African union it is planning a tour by a non-racial team which will travel to the W.P. and Transvaal.

● Funds for this tour will be put in trust for the non-racial open Federation which will be set up shortly.

● THE UNION HAS WRITTEN TO THE S.A. BOARD WITH A REQUEST THAT MATCHES BE ASKED FOR AGAINST TOURING SIDES SUCH AS THE WALLABIES AND THE LIONS.

This progress will depend on the support of the S.A. Coloured Board. Recently this Board had its AGM. The Secretarial Report is a pathetically APOLOGETIC document—apologising for inaction. WORSE—it makes excuses for the present racial set-up shielding behind location permits and the Group Areas Act.

THIS IS THE KIND OF NONSENSE WE HEARD FROM THE ALL-WHITE GOLF UNION—WE DON'T EXPECT IT FROM BODIES SERVING OUR INTERESTS.

A welcome note in the report was the suggestion that the HQ should be moved from Kimberley. If this happens, we can expect real progress—nothing has happened since the Board took root in Kimberley.

## Cheers This Week

Must go to Tiny Abed for his outspoken criticism of the all-Coloured Rhodes Tournament to be staged by the Coloured rugby unions in June; it is time this was scrapped. But there is still some hope.

THE OPEN UNIONS WILL SELECT THEIR PLAYERS FROM ALL RACIAL GROUPS—no the old Coloured-only line will be a thing of the past.

## And Good Wishes

To the S.A. Netball Board who have agreed to stage their national tournament in Port Elizabeth during September. Let's have more of the small bodies in the regions linking up with the Board for a biggest-ever tournament!

## More Sport Break-

### Throughs

● The Pakistan and West Indies Cricket Boards will demand that S.A. revise her race policy in cricket before she is admitted as a member of the Imperial Cricket Conference after "republic day."

### BIRTHS

NAIDOO—to Vasendha (Phyllis) and M.D., a son on 4th April, 1961. Both well.

### ADDRESS WANTED

Will anyone knowing the address of Mr. Fezile Mbi please communicate with New Age immediately. We have an important personal letter for him.

# Ruggerites Swing Into Action

\* SCOREBOARD \*

\* by RECORDER \*

● The Secretary of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games Federation has agreed to consult SASA when the question of S.A.'s re-admission to the Commonwealth Games is discussed.

● Biggest news of all: THE ALL AFRICA SPORTS FEDERATION IS READY TO GET TOUGH. This body of all African countries will take concerted action if S.A. sends racist teams to international events. This is such an important development that it must be dealt with in a special feature.

● Otto Mayer, Chancellor of the International Olympic Committee, has sent SASA a copy of the latest IOC bulletin; it contains an article stating that it is only a matter of time before the non-white countries dominate the Olympics.

We are getting ready to enter the FINALS in our fight for non-racial sport!

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