

Chiefs Demand Independence Now, But

TRANSKEI SELF-RULE PROPOSAL IS A FRAUD

White Man Will Stay Boss Under Government Plan

From Govan Mbeki
PORT ELIZABETH.
ALARMED by the wide-spread unrest in the Transkei, as well as by overseas criticism of its policies, the Government is embarking on a shameless campaign to bluff the people that it is prepared to grant self-government in the Transkei "in a few years."

Before the Transkei Territorial Authority, now meeting for a fortnight's session, a motion was introduced by Mr. L. Maninwa requesting the Nationalist Government to grant self-government to the Transkei and make it an independent state in accordance, as he claims, with Government policy.

Commenting on this motion, the BAD Minister, Mr. de Wet Nel, said the Transkei might get self-government "in a few years. It all depends on the Bantu himself, and his ability to take over the administration."

Speaking in an atmosphere of excitement, Douglas Ndamase said that they demanded freedom now.

Hurried meetings between the Commissioner General Hans Abraham and highly placed officials in the Bantu Authorities hierarchy were taking place at Umtata behind closed doors.

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Mr. Nelson Mandela, Secretary of the National Action Council.

May Demonstrations

Africans, Coloureds Write To Verwoerd

BOTH the National Action Council appointed in terms of the Maritzburg Conference resolution and the Coloured People's Congress have written to the Prime Minister warning him that unless the Government summons an all-race national convention before Republic Day, May 31, country-wide demonstrations will be held in protest.

The letter of the National Action Council sent to the Premier 7 days ago, says that in addition to the demonstrations, the African people will be called upon to refuse to cooperate with the proposed republic. The letter was signed by Mr. Nel.

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NOBODY SHOULD BE FOOLED BY MR. DE WET NEL'S TALK OF SELF-GOVERNMENT. NEITHER HE NOR HIS BOSS VERWOERD INTENDS GIVING THE TRANSKEI REAL INDEPENDENCE.

Mr. de Wet Nel made it clear in the same speech that the Whites would remain in the Transkei "for many generations" and that for as long as the Whites were in the Transkei, they "will be governed by the White Government; the Bantu will only rule their own people."

Thus for at least 100 years to come, in Mr. de Wet Nel's picture of things, the White man will still be boss in the Transkei. This is not the road to independence; this is merely White domination under another name.

GREAT EXCITEMENT
Meanwhile great excitement has been caused in chiefs' circles by the forthright manner in which some chiefs have expressed themselves in the demand for self-government and immediate independence.

After Maninwa had spoken to his motion, chief Sandi Majeke spoke at length. He claimed that since the Government had excluded Africans from the franchise and denied them representation in Parliament, it should honour its promise to grant self-government.

The Bantu Authorities' Supervisory Officer and Chief BAD Commissioner walked out of the chamber, followed by Kaiser Matanzima, to consult on the embarrassing situation created by this demand. Kaiser then returned to tell the chiefs to postpone the discussion and refer the motion to their people.

OPPOSITION
Immediately chief Sabata sprang up to oppose. He said that when the African representatives were removed from Parliament there was no consultation with the people and when Bantu Authorities was introduced there was also no consultation.

He was sure the people would welcome an announcement to grant independence. He demanded that a decision should be taken at the present session of the Authority.

PROTEST AT U.S. EMBASSY



University students held a demonstration in the street outside the U.S. Embassy last week in protest against the invasion of Cuba.

In Cuba, Laos, Algeria, Outer Space . . .

Smashing Defeats For Imperialism

IN THIS WORLD OR OUT OF THIS WORLD, THE DETAILS VARY, BUT THE OVERALL PICTURE IS THE SAME. EVERYWHERE IMPERIALISM IS RECEIVING HAMMER BLOWS FROM AN AROUSED AND ADVANCING HUMANITY.

In CUBA the US imperialists tried to smash the achievements of the Cuban revolution by means of armed invasion. The attackers were Cuban, but their arms, finance and training American. They were smashed. In LAOS the US imperialists have manoeuvred for 7 years to pre-

vent the people of that little Kingdom from setting up an independent, popular regime, and to force that country to be used as a base from which to threaten People's China. They have been humiliated.

In OUTER SPACE the US big brass, regarding the race to con-

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gave in provocative actions against the Tunisians and the Moroccans, but this will only have the effect of increasing the size of the forces ranged against them.

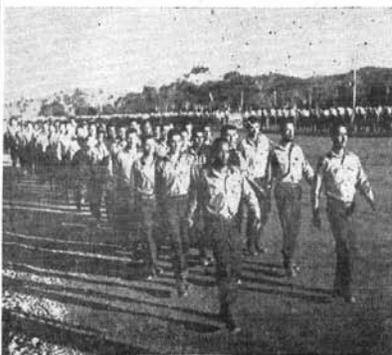
Similarly in France itself they will receive short shrift.

The imperialists of today prefer to mask their economic domination of foreign territory with the trappings of political independence, and the war in Algeria will prove to be an increasing blot on the new image of France which de Gaulle has been trying to create. Popular feeling is massively in favour of peace in Algeria, even if this means an independent Algeria.

THE DIEHARD COLONIALISTS IN ALGERIA HAVE DUG FOR THEMSELVES A DITCH IN WHICH THEY PROPOSE TO MAKE A LAST STAND. THIS DITCH SHOULD PROVE TO BE THEIR GRAVE.

AMERICA THEY STOOD FIRM

Coloured, White and Black—these Cuban militiamen united as one to smash the U.S.-backed invasion.



CRY FOR HELP SMUGGLED FROM MOZAMBIQUE STOP THE MASSACRE!

Portuguese Troops on Rampage

JOHANNESBURG.

A CRY for help from Mozambique has filtered through into South Africa and asks for urgent United Nations intervention to stop the Portuguese massacres in this colony bordering on the Union.

The Mozambique African De-

mocratic Movement smuggled out of Portuguese East Africa the copy of the cable which says:

"We call the special attention of radio and telegraph stations all over the world to transmit urgently the following message specially addressed to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

The message says: The African population of Mozambique is in a desperate

situation. Police and Administrators are arresting daily hundreds of Africans and mixed persons (Coloureds) in Lourenco Marques, Beira, Nampula, Quilimane, and villages in the interior.

We confirm the massacres of African labourers by Portuguese troops last month on cotton, sisal and sugar plantations at Mueda Vila, Carbral, Milange, Xinavane.

WE ASK FOR THE IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION OF UNITED NATIONS TROOPS TO AVOID THE BEGINNING OF TERRORIST ACTS SIMILAR TO ANGOLA OR KENYA.

Black and White can live together in harmony in this country but

we need to extirpate colonialism and racism practiced directly and indirectly by the Salazar regime.

● The cable is signed "Mozambique African Democratic Union—Zambesia."

Angola: Savage Reprisals Fail To Halt Independence Struggle

PORTUGAL'S dictator Salazar is trying hard to see that the wind of change shall not be permitted to sweep away colonisers in Portugal's African territories. He is prepared to carry out the words of his November 1960 speech, in which he said that they would stay in Africa "with the plough in one hand and the sword in the other."

In order to do his the Salazar regime is prepared to massacre 1,600 Africans a day, as is happen-

ing at the moment in Angola, according to reports from there. Thousands of Portuguese troops are in the territory and whole villages continue to be wiped out in reprisals against the Angolese people's struggle against Portuguese colonialism.

Recent reports state that the Portuguese authorities claim to have captured 14 members of the Angolese freedom movement whom they claim to be leaders of the uprising.

But later reports state that a month of guerilla warfare by the Angolese has brought the colonial regime in the territory near to collapse and even senior officials express doubts that the Portuguese can conquer the rebels.

AFRICA FREEDOM AND UNITY

The All-African People's Conference held in Cairo recently was a great demonstration of Africa's determination to smash imperialism. These pictures show: (right) delegates entering the conference hall in which hang photos of Patrice Lumumba and Jomo Kenyatta next to a banner reading Freedom and Unity; (below) the delegation from the lawful (Stanleyville) Government of the Congo listening to the proceedings.



LUMUBA UNIVERSITY

THE Soviet Union has decided—"In memory of Patrice Lumumba, the outstanding leader of the national-liberation movement of Africa, the hero of the Congolese people and the Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo, who gave his life in the struggle for freedom and independence of his country, to confer the name of Patrice Lumumba on Friendship University in Moscow which in future is to be known as Patrice Lumumba Friendship University."

NATAL LEADERS IN EXILE

Dr. Dadoo Denies Press Reports

LONDON.
In an exclusive message to New Age, Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, prominent member of the S.A. United Front in London, categorically denies repeated press reports that the United Front plans to set up a South African Government-in-exile.

Dr. Dadoo writes: Recently reports have been circulating in a section of the world press to the effect that some South African leaders in exile closely associated with the South African United Front are preparing to set up a "Provisional Government of South Africa hostile to Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd's regime."

"MINISTERS" MENTIONED
This report, which was widely carried by the world press, emanated from a French press agency known as the AFP. It went on to say:—"That a source close to South African political refugees here recently revealed that the setting up of a Provisional Government of South Africa in Cairo or another African capital was being considered by the United South African Front," a nationalist movement formed by five African and Indian organiza-

tions which have been banned in South Africa. The 'Provisional Government' would be headed by Yousef Dadoo, leader of the South African Indian Congress, with Mr. Nan P. Mahone, member of the Executive Committee of the 'Pan-Africanist Congress' as 'Foreign Minister'."

Following on this report, the Political Correspondent of the Daily Express, a leading London daily, had the following to say in its April 7 issue under a four-column headline in bold letters "Rulers in exile challenge Dr. V."

"An attempt is to be made to set up in Tanganyika a rival South African Government which would challenge Dr. Verwoerd, attack his apartheid policy, and support the African people of his country against him. Backing for this scheme is believed to have been promised by Mr. Jans Nyerere, the African Chief Minister of Tanganyika, which becomes independent of British control next December.

SECRET DECISION

"The decision to establish the anti-Verwoerd Government in exile was taken secretly by the Pan African Congress, a Red-tinted organisation which meets in Cairo.

"As possible leader of the rebel 'Cabinet' the African organisers are grooming Philip Kgosana, the law student who led a protest march of 30,000 Africans on Cape Town after the Sharpeville shooting last year.

"While in Tanganyika Mr. Kgosana told a reporter that he was going to London to meet leaders of the Pan African Congress, but refused to give his reasons.

"Working closely with the Congress is the London-based South African United Front.

"Soon after Dr. Verwoerd announced that South Africa is leaving the Commonwealth an Indian leader of the Front, Dr. Yusuf Dadoo, flew

from London for talks with African leaders in Cairo.

"Dr. Dadoo, a man of known Communist connections, returned to London early this week and it is now believed to be actively 'pushing' the project to establish Mr. Kgosana and the rival Government in Tanganyika."

NO TRUTH IN IT

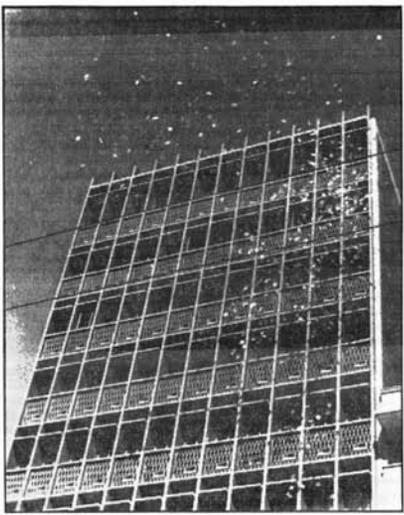
In so far as the South African United Front is concerned it can be stated categorically that there is not a grain of truth in these reports. It is obviously a sinister attempt on the part of the imperialist press and mischief-makers to sully the good name and reputation of the South African United Front, discredit the leaders of the Front as irresponsible elements and confuse the people both in South Africa and abroad.

It does not require a great deal of political understanding to realise that a "Government-in-exile" cannot be formed nor can it function without the consent and approval of the people whom it claims to represent. It would not only be foolhardy but sheer adventurism to form a "Government-in-exile" which is responsible to no one except those who form it.

COLLECTIVE DECISION

This is a fundamental principle which can only be considered by the recognised leadership of the people of South Africa, both at home and abroad, collectively when the need for taking such a decisive step arises.

In conclusion I wish to assure the people of South Africa that we shall continue to carry out the main task for which the Front has been set up, namely that of winning maximum world support for the struggle against apartheid and white domination by urging the governments and peoples of all countries to take effective steps to isolate completely the Fascist Republic of Verwoerd in the international field, diplomatically, economically and culturally.



Congress of Democrats leaflets were scattered from a high building in the centre of Durban last week. (See "Manual Workers Storm Durban City Hall" on page 4.)

NATAL SWINGS INTO ACTION

DURBAN.

THE Congress Alliance in Natal has swung into action following the clarion call of the All-Indian conference held in Maritzburg a month ago.

The Natal Indian Congress has issued thousands of leaflets to the Indian people headed: "Defeat Apartheid Republic!" "Demand a National Convention."

"The era of the ox wagon as represented by the Broederbond

Republic is definitely at an end," states the leaflet, calling on all Indians, "businessmen and workers, lawyers and doctors, bus drivers and bus owners, market gardeners and market stallholders, students and teachers, farmers and farm workers, sportsmen and sporting bodies, men, women and youth to rally to this call for a National Convention.

"The time to call a halt to the terror and misery of Apartheid is Now! We cannot and must not allow the Verwoerd regime to continue to stifle our progress any longer."

POLICE RAIDS

In the meantime the Special Branch has increased its activity throughout Natal. Raids have been carried out in various centres.

Last week the offices of SACTU in Durban were raided and leaflets advising the people of the Maritzburg conference were confiscated. Two days later further copies of a similar leaflet were taken away from the offices of the Durban Residential Association. The search warrant declared that all documents in connection with the All-Indian Conference and radio equipment could be taken.

ON HOMES

This was followed by raids on the homes of a number of people in the Midlands area, carrying warrants seeking documents in connection with the Maritzburg conference, the Natal Indian Congress, the African National Congress, SACTU and CGB, members of the Special Branch raided the homes of Mr. T. H. Gwala, banned SACTU Chairman, of Maritzburg; Mr. S. Chetty, Secretary of the NIC, Maritzburg; Mr. Archie Gumede, former Secretary of the banned African National Congress Branch; Mr. Paul Bhika, Northern Nares organiser of the Natal Indian Congress, and several others from Edendale and Howick.

Meanwhile the Regional Action Committee of the All-Indian Conference has planned a Natal-wide drive to popularise the Maritzburg decisions.

CELEBRATE MAY DAY

JOHANNESBURG.

All South African workers are being called upon to celebrate May Day, the traditional working class holiday instituted by the First International Working Men's Association in Paris in 1887.

A leaflet issued by the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions reminds the workers that this year they will be celebrating this great day in the shadow of the declaration of an apartheid-ruled South African Republic.

However, says the leaflet, the defeat of imperialism and the growth of the independent countries of Africa will spur them on with renewed strength to fight for decent living conditions in South Africa.

The May Day celebrations of the S.A. Clothing Workers' Union are to consist of a workers' pilgrimage to the grave of Gana Makabeni, the secretary of the Union, at Croesus Cemetery, also a May Day meeting all May Day at the Trades Hall. All workers are invited to join this union celebration. Buses will take workers to Makabeni's grave at 9 a.m. on Monday and the all-day celebration with music and sports will commence after that. Buses will leave from the Trades Hall.

Trade unionists are urged to attend also the Sunday May Day celebrations at the home of the union chairman, 49 Orlando East, near the Donaldson Community Centre. This celebration will last all Sunday.

The Clothing Workers' Union, the oldest African union in the country, is celebrating its 33rd anniversary this year. The union was formed on May Day, 1928.

Case Collapses Against New Age Reporter

Not Guilty of "Subversion"

JOHANNESBURG.

THE case against New Age reporter Joe Qabqi and Andrew Mlangeni collapsed like a pack of cards in the Lydenburg Magistrate's Court last week. They were charged with making subversive statements to a pro-Government Chief witness.

The Crown called more than one day's evidence, the Crown withdrew the main charge at the conclusion of defence counsel's cross-examination of the main Crown witness Sestanis Phala.

On the first day the Crown had to ask for an adjournment for 90 minutes to meet a Defence application for particulars as to which of the two accused had made the alleged subversive statements. The Crown came back to say that all the statements except one had been made by Joe Qabqi and interpreted by Andrew Mlangeni. The exception was the statement: 'Hierdie kaaptein

van julle is sleg want sy wil nie braan eie emese help nie.' The Crown could not say which of the two accused had made this statement, but the Crown submitted both accused had associated themselves with the statements.

The charge was one of making subversive statements on Native Trust Land following the visit of the two men to the Boomplaa area near Lydenburg to report the forced removal of the African tribe from this land.

The accused, said the Crown, had said: 'The white government is bad and we Africans must stand together to get rid of it.'

Under cross-examination the main Crown witness Sestanis Phala departed from his original statement. He admitted that the two men he had met at the house of the Chief witness had introduced themselves as reporters and said they were checking on the removal. He admitted

that at no stage did the two men make statements to a group of persons among whom were the Chief witnesses. This was in direct conflict with the charge sheet. In his evidence the witness did not quote any of the statements alleged in the charge sheet. He had altogether different versions of what the two accused had said. He could not explain to the court the conflicts in his evidence.

There were other Crown witnesses lined up outside the court but after the cross-examination of Phala, the Crown announced it could not proceed.

Messrs Qabqi and Mlangeni were found guilty on the lesser charge of entering the trust area illegally. They were fined R20 each.

Seated in court were three Special Branch men from Pretoria and Johannesburg, a fingerprint expert and the Chief Native Commissioner of Sekhukhuland.

Smashing Defeats For Imperialists

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quer the heavens as a battle for national prestige rather than a scientific endeavour involving all humanity, announced some years back a crash programme to catch up with the Soviet Union. The programme—crashed.
In ALGERIA, de Gaulle announced several years ago that Algeria was and would always be part of France. French imperialism set itself the task of holding on to Algeria at all costs. Now, Algerian colonialism writes in its own blood its defeat.

No wonder that "the predictions of Kennedy's campaign followers that there would be a brilliant 100 days at the start of his Administration have been long discarded" (Time Magazine, April 21, 1961).
It is not that Kennedy is a fool and Khrushchov a genius. It is a question of which way the tide is running. And the dramatic events of the past few weeks have demonstrated beyond all doubt that the tide is pushing headlong towards the liberation of all humanity from colonialism and oppression, thrusting aside the bitter last ditch resistance being put up by imperialism.

CUBA: A SMASHING BLOW

IN 1954 the people of the central American state of Guatemala elected to power a government pledged to social reform and presented a challenge to the vested interests of the US monopolists who controlled the country. The popular regime was short-lived, for the US organised an army of mercenaries, who were directed by the US Central Intelligence Agency, to attack the country and overthrow the Government.
Today Guatemala is being used by the Americans as a springboard

for the invasion of the next country in Latin America to challenge the might of US imperialism. revolutionary forces in Guatemala American officers are training large numbers of anti-Castro rebels for an attack on Cuba. In Florida and Louisiana thousands more are being mobilised and armed with the full knowledge and presumably the approval of the US government. An alternative Cuba is being created, with a programme based on the restoration of expropriated Cuban property to its original owners (many of them large American corporations), has been set up on American soil where it issues daily bulletins announcing its plans for invasion. CIA funds, it is credibly reported, are being poured into what constitutes an organised attempt to overthrow the government of a neighbouring country by force.

So wrote the distinguished British critic Kenneth Young to the London New Statesman earlier this month BEFORE the actual invasion of Cuba.
"The Cuban revolution, learning from the mistakes of Guatemala, has developed certain features which make it impossible for US imperialism to invade Cuba now and overthrow this glorious people's revolution."

So wrote Jacob Arbenz, exiled ex-president of Guatemala, in Havana last October—well BEFORE last week's invasion of Cuba. Yvan was right, but so was Arbenz. The Americans have worked feverishly for well over a year to overthrow by armed force the Castro regime in Cuba. The plan was worked out by Allen Dulles, brother of the late John Foster Dulles, and head of the Central Intelligence Agency. He worked in conjunction with the ex-Batista elements who had plunged Cuba in blood for seven years before the Castro forces came to

power. Eisenhower gave his full backing—the dirty work in the front line was to be done by emigres and mercenaries, while the dirty work behind the scenes was to be done by US military and intelligence personnel.
The new President Kennedy took over Dulles' plan lock stock and barrel. The counter-revolutionary invasion should proceed, he felt, only the public front of the invading forces should be changed so as to replace the ex-Batista men with more "acceptable" persons. All the while the different groups of Cuban emigres have been wrangling with one another, vying to catch their master's eye. Finally the invasion plans matured. Hundreds of invaders, possibly thousands, were landed at different points in Cuba under cover of a heavy air, artillery and naval bombardment. On that day the Cuban people were supposed to rise against the "tyranny" of the new government.

The Cuban people were certainly aroused, but not against their government, which had brought them untold benefits in the way of land, schools, houses, and, above all, dignity, but against the invaders who wished to restore the nightmare of US overlordship.

The invaders were routed by the popular militia. Many Cubans died heroically in defence of the freed fatherland, and the peaceful economic progress of the country had been impeded.
Yet Cuba has emerged from its latest trial with greater prestige, more popular support both internally and externally than ever before. With the support of the mighty socialist camp, with the support of the hundreds of millions of men and women throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America, and above all, with the support of her own people, CUBA HAS DEALT A SMASHING BLOW TO U.S. IMPERIALISM, AND WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DEFEAT ANY FURTHER EFFORTS MADE TO UNDERMINE HER SOVEREIGNTY AND LIBERATION.

OF THE NINE MILLION ARAB INHABITANTS OF ALGERIA, MORE THAN ONE MILLION HAVE BEEN KILLED, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED OR FORCED TO FLEE THE COUNTRY. NO LESS THAN 2 MILLION PEASANTS, AND PROBABLY NEARER 3 MILLION, HAVE BEEN FORCED OFF THEIR LAND INTO ENCAMPMENTS SURROUNDED BY BARBED WIRE AND GUARDED BY FRENCH TROOPS.

But no force on earth can stop the struggle for liberation. Instead of growing weaker, the Algerian Liberation Army has grown stronger, until today it has the support of practically every Arab in the territory. It also has the support of a number of Algerian Jews as well as a few Algerians of French descent who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with their Arab comrades.

The cost to France of the dirty war in Algeria has also been tremendous. Although the US has to a large extent financed and equipped the French army in Algeria, France has lost tens of thousands of her sons, and has gained the reputation of being the torturer of the Algerian people.
Instead of growing stronger, French colonialism has grown weaker under the prolonged assault of Algerian freedom fighters. Realising that all his attempts at "pacification" were doomed to failure and under pressure from the US to bring about a settlement so as to halt the growing solidarity of the Algerians with the countries of the socialist world, de Gaulle has been slowly pushed into a position where he has recognised the right of Algeria to self-determination.

His acceptance is grudging, and qualified with all sorts of conditions which show that he still thinks and behaves with the mentality of a colonialist, but nevertheless he was clearly prepared to give way to the demand of the great majority of both Frenchmen and Algerians to bring the war to an end.

The major obstacle to a peaceful settlement has all along come from those French colonialists who have vast financial interests in Africa as well as their friends in France itself. For years they have been putting pressure on the de Gaulle Government, countering its mass desire for a peaceful settlement. Their weapon has been the large number of supporters they have high up in the Army.

These professional militarists thrive on war, and can call for and get support from thousands of members of the Army who have been corrupted by long years of colonial warfare.

The fascist-inspired militarists have now tried to seize power, first in Algeria and then in France itself. But their efforts are doomed to failure. They will never defeat the Algerian Liberation Army, for even with the full support of the French Army, they were unable to do that. They might well end.

The African Municipal Workers' Union then appealed to the Con-



Now Listen Mr. Mayor

ABOVE: Municipal workers demonstrate with placards outside the Durban City Hall in an endeavour to see the Mayor.

RIGHT: Mr. Memory Makalisa, Secretary of the Municipal Workers' Union, addressing the workers after the police had failed to disperse them. Only after Mr. Makalisa had spoken to them did they leave.

"We Want £1 A Day"

Municipal Workers Storm Durban City Hall

From M. P. Nacker
DURBAN. DURBAN municipal workers are up in arms at what they consider a snub to their trade union when the Mayor refused to meet a delegation of their representatives to discuss their demand for £1 a day.

The union, which was formed two years ago by the South African Congress of Trade Unions, submitted demands for improved working conditions and higher wages last November. The Council replied that a Committee was investigating wages and conditions of the workers and that no useful purpose would be served by meeting the Union.

The union followed up by asking the Mayor of Durban to intervene and to meet a delegation of the union to discuss the problems raised in their memorandum.

MAYOR'S REPLY
The Mayor's reply was that he was prepared to meet the union only if the Department of Labour arranged such a meeting.

In a further letter to the Mayor the union pointed out that it refused to use the machinery of the Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Act, which in the words of Mr. Ben Schoeman, was meant "to bleed African trade unions to death."
The African Municipal Workers' Union then appealed to the Con-



gress Alliance to assist in getting this matter resolved. The Natal Indian Congress and the Congress of Democrats addressed letters to the Mayor pointing out that they fully supported the union in its demand for higher wages and better working conditions.
The COD followed up its letter by appealing directly to the ratepayers of Durban. Last Friday, during the lunch hour, COD volunteers dropped thousands of leaflets in the centre of the city main thoroughfare. The leaflet called on the ratepayers to insist that all Municipal workers be paid £1 a day.

Following on this the Municipal workers themselves demonstrated outside the City Hall last Saturday and demanded that the Mayor meet their deputation. It was reported to them that the Mayor was away. After angry scenes, in which the Mayor was accused of running away from the workers, the workers left, some stating that the only way in which their grievances could be brought to the notice of the public was by strike action.

The Union's Executive has called an urgent meeting of its members for next week to discuss further steps to be taken in the dispute.

WORKERS REJECT BERENG'S APPROACHES

From Jones G. Kgsame MASERU. ATTEMPTS by chiefs to take over the working class movement in Masera met with no success after suspicious workers rejected overtures made at a meeting supposed to have been called by the Paramount Chief Bereng.
A few days after the recent two-day general strike in Masera a Mr. Kabi and Chief Putsoa called a meeting at Phiri's Bush Court. The meeting was called in the name of the Paramount Chief and the workers were told that he personally wished to address them.

Well over 200 people attended and waited for the Paramount Chief to appear.
Time passed and no Paramount Chief turned up. Then Mr. Kabi stood up and called on the people to listen. He said that the Paramount Chief had issued instructions that he and Chief Putsoa of Masera should take the names of all those workers who had lost their jobs as a result of the strike.
WORKERS' REPLY
This announcement resulted in cries of "We want to hear from the Paramount Chief in person, and when did Bereng become a trade

P.E. COLOUREDS BACK MAY DEMONSTRATIONS

Meetings Addressed By Peake and Barden

PORT ELIZABETH.

A MEETING called by the Port Elizabeth Planning Committee for a Coloured Convention last week greeted with applause the news that Coloureds would support the mass demonstrations planned to take place on the eve of the Republic, at the end of May.

The meeting expressed its unqualified approval of the decision to embark on these demonstrations. Referring to the growing determina-

tion of the Coloured people to organise against apartheid, Cllr. George Peake, who addressed the meeting, said: "The Coloured people mean business. Their object is to fight Dr. Verwoerd's cancerous regime."

Dr. Verwoerd pledged to support the Coloured convention to be held either in May or June, to call on parents to reject the republic medals which are being offered to school-children; and to consider calling a non-racial convention of all organisations in the Port Elizabeth area.

DU PLESSIS' POOR RECEPTION

In the meanwhile, Dr. I. D. du Plessis received a poor reception at the Wool Exchange where he attended a ceremony to launch a branch of the Coloured Affairs Department. Dr. du Plessis had invited school principals to attend with their scholars, but only one principal turned up, and no school children.

SLOGANS

Outside the wool exchange Coloured people demonstrated with placards bearing the slogans: "Du Plessis' Clapnet, not wanted," "Traitors support Du Plessis," and "Coloureds against domination."

Cllr. Peake and Mr. Toefie Barden, a member of the CPC executive who accompanied him, stood at the head of the demonstrators.
Later Cllr. Peake and Mr. Barden left for Uitenhage to address another meeting which agreed to support the call for Coloured

national convention and set up a planning committee.

The Port Elizabeth planning committee will be holding a meeting in the Crispin Hall, Port Elizabeth on May 23. Over the weekend meetings will also be held at Somerset East, Cradock and Queenstown.

Jo'burg Coloureds on the Move

JOHANNESBURG.

The militant stand now shown by the Coloured people in Cape Town is making an impact on the Coloured people in Johannesburg. As ever before the Coloured people are talking about their leaders in tele buses and trains on their way to and from work. Today it is no more what Sir De Villiers Graaff said in Parliament but the message of Mr. George Peake to the Coloured people.

In order to consolidate the support of the Coloured people for the Cape Town stand, to show their indignation at and rejection of apartheid, the South African Coloured People's Congress (Transvaal region) and the Transvaal Progressive Coloured Association will hold a rally at Newclare on Sunday, April 30, beginning at 10.30 a.m.

Among the speakers will be Mr. Geoffrey Beck, Secretary, Transvaal Progressive Association; Mr. Stanley Lollin, Vice-President CPC, and Mrs. Mary Moodie, CPC Benoni branch.

"HANDS OFF CUBA"

Students Protest To American Embassy

CAPE TOWN. SEVENTEEN students holding placards picketed the building which housed the United States Embassy in Cape Town last Friday. They were protesting against the American-backed invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro rebels.

Two members of the Special Branch and a police van stood by during the demonstration.

SAW OFFICIALS

After standing with their placards for an hour the students entered the building and asked to see the Ambassador. Officials agreed to interview a deputation.
According to a spokesman for the students, the American officials wanted to know why they had not lodged their protest through "usual channels". The students replied that diplomatic channels were closed to the majority of the South African population, and the Government delegation at UNO did not represent all the people of this country.

They said that they protested against the attempts of the United States to bring about the overthrow of the popular government of Cuba.

TO WASHINGTON

The officials said that they would convey the opinions of the deputation to Washington.
They also assured the students that no one on the Embassy staff had been responsible for the apples thrown at the students from the

building while they had been demonstrating outside.
The spokesman for the students told New Age that when they left the embassy, members of the Special Branch went inside to see the Americans. When they also lodged a protest at the invasion of Cuba?



ALGERIA: LAST DITCH OR GRAVE?

ONE of the first groups of people to send solidarity wishes to the people of Cuba were the leaders

of the Algerian Provisional Government, who for nearly seven years have been waging a bitter war against French imperialism for the sovereignty and liberation of their own country.
In November 1954, after all avenues of peaceful protest had been closed to them, the people of Algeria went over to armed struggle against French colonialism. The cost to Algeria of the continued refusal of the French to grant that country self-determination has been frightful.
OF THE NINE MILLION ARAB INHABITANTS OF ALGERIA, MORE THAN ONE MILLION HAVE BEEN KILLED, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED OR FORCED TO FLEE THE COUNTRY. NO LESS THAN 2 MILLION PEASANTS, AND PROBABLY NEARER 3 MILLION, HAVE BEEN FORCED OFF THEIR LAND INTO ENCAMPMENTS SURROUNDED BY BARBED WIRE AND GUARDED BY FRENCH TROOPS.
But no force on earth can stop the struggle for liberation. Instead of growing weaker, the Algerian Liberation Army has grown stronger, until today it has the support of practically every Arab in the territory. It also has the support of a number of Algerian Jews as well as a few Algerians of French descent who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with their Arab comrades.
The cost to France of the dirty war in Algeria has also been tremendous. Although the US has to a large extent financed and equipped the French army in Algeria, France has lost tens of thousands of her sons, and has gained the reputation of being the torturer of the Algerian people.
Instead of growing stronger, French colonialism has grown weaker under the prolonged assault of Algerian freedom fighters. Realising that all his attempts at "pacification" were doomed to failure and under pressure from the US to bring about a settlement so as to halt the growing solidarity of the Algerians with the countries of the socialist world, de Gaulle has been slowly pushed into a position where he has recognised the right of Algeria to self-determination.
His acceptance is grudging, and qualified with all sorts of conditions which show that he still thinks and behaves with the mentality of a colonialist, but nevertheless he was clearly prepared to give way to the demand of the great majority of both Frenchmen and Algerians to bring the war to an end.
The major obstacle to a peaceful settlement has all along come from those French colonialists who have vast financial interests in Africa as well as their friends in France itself. For years they have been putting pressure on the de Gaulle Government, countering its mass desire for a peaceful settlement. Their weapon has been the large number of supporters they have high up in the Army.
These professional militarists thrive on war, and can call for and get support from thousands of members of the Army who have been corrupted by long years of colonial warfare.
The fascist-inspired militarists have now tried to seize power, first in Algeria and then in France itself. But their efforts are doomed to failure. They will never defeat the Algerian Liberation Army, for even with the full support of the French Army, they were unable to do that. They might well end.
The African Municipal Workers' Union then appealed to the Con-

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR JOURNALISTS

JOHANNESBURG.

The South African Society of Journalists invites applications for the Dan Jacobson Scholarship Fund, which was bequeathed by the late Mr. Daniel Jacobson, a distinguished South African journalist, to help Non-White journalists (African, Indian or Coloured) who desire to further their education in some form.

The scholarship is worth £55 a year and is awarded annually. Applications should be addressed to the Dan Jacobson Fund, c/o Council of the S.A.S.J., 25 Cornation Building, 23 Simmonds Street, Johannesburg.

AFRICANS DON'T FANCY THIS PAPER'S PROSPECTS

JOHANNESBURG.

DR. FRANCIS JOSEPH LANGUAGE, professor in Ethnology, University of Bloemfontein, and a leading member of SARRA, is one of the five top-ranking supporters of the Government who are to publish a "Bantu newspaper" towards the end of the year.

For a number of years, Dr. Language was manager of the Non-European Affairs Department, Brakpan, where he was extremely unpopular with the African people. He was convicted for assaulting an African leader and teacher, Mr. David Bopape, caused a one-day strike by the local residents when he recommended Mr. Bopape's expulsion from teaching, and was believed to be responsible for the high rents that have brought about untold hardship to the people of Brakpan location.

When the people of Brakpan hear that Dr. Language is one of the directors of a new "Bantu newspaper" to be published, they clutch their fists as if they had already read the newspaper.

The other directors of this newspaper, whose policy is hidden but vague phrases include two DRG ministers, Mr. Tertio Christo Eberhuyen, who was a minister for 40 years, and Dr. Abraham Marthinus Dekker who was a

minister for 14 years; Mr. Daniel Hendrik Celliers Du Plessis, the Nationalist-appointed manager of the South African Railways, now retired; Professor Samuel Pauw, Rector of the University of South Africa, and Dr. Nicolaas Jacobus Terblanche. The managing director of the newspaper will be the Zulu-speaking Dr. Dekker. The newspaper is to be a daily, and if it goes it will start as a weekly. It will be published in Zulu, Xosa and Sotho. There will be a White and African editor and a mixed staff. The newspaper is expected to be sold at 25 cents.

Dr. Dekker said that the newspaper was not in any way connected with the Bantu Affairs Department nor with Bona monthly magazine. The directors were not politicians and the newspaper would have neither the Nationalist nor United Party flag.

TRANSEI FRAUD

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The chiefs voiced dissatisfaction at the announcement that the BAD Secretary wanted to meet privately hand-picked chiefs and heads of regional authorities. Among those who were invited to these private talks were Saul Mabude, Monakali and Sangoni, who are known for their unquestioning support of apartheid.

FALSE HOPES

Other motions raising false hopes among the people also show how confused the Transkei stooge chiefs are about the whole BAD programme.

One motion requests the Government to expedite the setting up of industries inside the territories. But while some chiefs call on Whites to invest in such industries, others, like George Matanzima, Kaiser's brother who gave up his legal practice to join the Bantu Authorities, do not want to hear anything about White capital being invested in the Keises.

The latter do not state, however, where the peasants are to find the money to finance industrial projects.

DUAL COURTS

Another motion asked the Government to open up opportunities for the promotion of Africans to positions of BAD Commissioners.

The Chief BAD Commissioner expressed himself as being in favour of such promotion, but talked of having two types of courts—one apparently manned by Black BAD Commissioners and the other by White BAD Commissioners.

The Chiefs did not see the contradiction. On the one hand they ask for an independent state, and on the other hand they still request to be allowed to serve as BAD Commissioners in a subservient capacity.

CEREMONIAL OPENING

Mr. Hans Abraham, the Commissioner-General for Khasoland, announced that the BAD Minister had appointed a Departmental Commission to investigate the working of the Bantu Authorities in the Transkei. No doubt this was done to allay widespread public dissatisfaction with the operation of the Bantu Authorities, and to give the impression that with the correction of a few shortcomings the rickety system could be made to work.

HOODWINK

But a glance at the personnel of the Commission is sufficient to show just how dishonest the Nationalist Government is, and how crudely it attempts to hoodwink the public. The Commission consists of BAD Commissioners drawn from the areas where there has been trouble recently; of people who are trying to make the Bantu Authorities work, such as the Supervisor of Bantu Authorities; of Chiefs and other stooges who have sold their souls for a mess of Nationalist postage.

These are the agents of the Nationalist Government which has brought untold misery and hardship to the 2 million people of the Transkei. And now, with the brutal cynicism that is characteristic of the Nationalist administration, the perpetrators of these cruel deeds are supposed to pass judgement on themselves.

It is as if Hitler were to have appointed Heinrich Himmler, Adolf Eichmann, the head of Belsen and other Nazis responsible for the deaths of millions of Jews and others to investigate how humanely they might have carried out the extermination of the Jews.

NO FIREARMS

For the last three years the Government has been begging on the question of issuing arms to the chiefs, who have been pressing for them in order to protect themselves against the anger of the people. The

Government has dismissed the request saying: "Not every chief and headman is in danger of his life merely because he carries out Government policy". The Government is willing to issue licences to Chiefs only in "exceptional cases."

The Nationalist Government is, in effect, showing that it distrusts its own stooges, in spite of the fact that these men risk their lives by enforcing the unpopuliar apartheid laws. The extent to which this panic has spread is shown by the fact that the wild motions in which they thank the Government for making use of the police and the army to suppress brutally the reasonable complaints of the people against the Bantu Authorities.

There is not one motion in the long list which condemns the excesses of the police and the army during the emergency in the Transkei.

ROADS FOR ARMY

Instead of providing money for urgently required health and social services, the Government has promised to spend more than a 1 million Rand on roads.

The reason why the Government is anxious to construct new roads and to improve the existing ones is obvious—it is to make it easy for units mobile force and army units to dash from area to area suppressing by force the people's opposition to Nationalist tyranny.

NEW AFRICAN SHOW OPENING



A new theatrical venture coming up is the Africa Artists' Association production of 'Frustrated Boy,' which opens at the Selbourne Hall on May Day for a 12-day run. A musical comedy, 'Frustrated Boy' sets out to depict township life in a series of 15 scenes. With a cast of 75 artists under the direction of Mr. J. G. Dambusa, secretary of Africa Artists, and with music and lyrics by Messrs. Jerry Mphahle, Edgar Mohapi and William Tababala, this promises to be a colourful and dramatic show. Leads will be taken by Johannes 'mad Joe' Leshabane and Rose Lekhothano. Our picture shows Nelson Mtembe inciting people waiting outside the post office to burn their passes. The crowd listens to him attentively.

AFRICANS, COLOUREDS WRITE TO VERWOERD

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son Mandela, Honorary Secretary of the National Action Council.

The letter says: "The Pietermaritzburg Conference carefully considered the grave political situation facing the African people today. Delegate after delegate drew attention to the vicious manner in which the Government forced the people of Zulus, Xhokhulencand, Pondolanc, Nongoma, Tumbeland and other areas to accept Bantu Authorities. The earnest opinion of the Pietermaritzburg Conference was that the dangerous situation in which race relations were deteriorating could be averted only by calling a sovereign national convention re-

presentative of all South Africans to draw up a new non-racial and democratic constitution. Such a conference would work out solutions to preserve and safeguard the interests of all sections of the population."

The conference resolution was sent to Dr. Verwoerd together with this letter. The final paragraphs of the letter stress that demonstrations will be conducted "in a disciplined and peaceful manner."

NO ILLUSIONS

The letter concludes by saying that the National Action Council is under no illusions about the countermeasures that the Government might take.

"South Africa and the world know that during the last 13 years the Government has subjected more and more of us to merciless and arbitrary rule. Hundreds of our people have been banned and confined, scores banished, many arrested and jailed on a multitude of offences. During the last 12 months we have gone through a period of grim dictatorship in which 75 people were killed and hundreds injured while peacefully demonstrating against pass laws. Martial law was declared and the normal rights of citizens suspended, political organisations declared unlawful and thousands flung into jail without trial.

"Your Government can only take these measures to suppress the forthcoming demonstrations and these measures have failed to stop opposition to the policies of your Government. We are not deterred by threats of force and violence made by you and your Government and will carry out our duty without flinching."

The S.A. Coloured People's Congress says in its letter to Verwoerd: "The history of the Coloured community under successive white Governments has been one of race discrimination and their treatment as an inferior people in this land of their birth. As a result of the policy of white supremacy upheld by these governments the few whites possessed by our people in the past have been systematically plundered."

RIGHTS DESTROYED

With the advent of the Nationalist Government the lot of the Coloured community had deteriorated further, the letter continued. The meagre franchise rights Coloured men possessed had been destroyed by the Nationalist Party Government and replaced by farcical separate representation. Deprived of democratic political rights, no people could advance.

Signed by Mr. B. Desai, Vice-President, and Mr. R. Septemper, General Secretary, the letter continued: "We are burdened with the system of white supremacy and your policy of apartheid. Our homes are being taken away from us and our right to work threatened; inferior

economic status and separate universities prevent the progress of our children. These are but a few of the hardships experienced under the present system of white superiority in South Africa. Everywhere, day by day, throughout our lives we are faced with the hated sign 'whites only.'"

WHITE REFERENDUM

The Government was now about to declare a republic based upon a referendum which had been restricted to whites only. The non-white people had never been consulted on the future of the country in which they lived and which they cherished.

UP MY ALLEY

So you like Elvis? ... Well, just out of the army, he made two singles and six songs on TV ... And for this performance he received a sum of moola that could have paid the salaries of 25 school teachers in the States, 42 misters or 63 farm workers ... It would have provided a year's training for 40 nurses or for a year in college for 125 youngsters, or fed 3,000 children for a year.

And we talk about Jane Mansfield's statistics! *

If I am allowed to repeat an old rick ... Imports of Castro oil are risen in Miami and Washington over the last few days ... There are plenty of sore tummies in that part of the world ... To say nothing of swamp fever. *

I HEAR that there in CT names are packing the pantries (reparation) (in a speech and said: The country stands on the threshold of a new era. The future for the next 150 years looks pretty, clean and prosperous ... And she didn't mean Christmas. *

NOTICE in an American sea-ther's use of a new weapon. Ven-neral disease is on the rise. In-

fectious syphilis cases have risen 200 per cent nationwide and are nearly double that rate in big cities. Don't overlook the free prophylactics provided aboard ship ... *



By ALEX LA GUMA

Hurray for Yankee civilization! You get the prophylactics FREE! *

THE Herr Doktor, speaking at the George celebrations, delivered himself of a speech and said: The country stands on the threshold of a new era. The future for the next 150 years looks pretty, clean and prosperous ... By George! I wonder whose side he's on.



Mr. Barney Desai, Vice-President of the Coloured People's Congress.

"WE THEREFORE DECLARE TO YOU NOW, THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN NO LONGER TOLERATE THIS LIFE OF INFERIORITY."

"We say to you that we, and our African and Indian fellow-oppressed are as much South Africans as the white people are; and as such we demand an equal right to decide on the future of South Africa."

Smashing Defeats For Imperialism

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gave in provocative actions against the Tunisians and the Moroccans, but this will only have the effect of increasing the size of the forces ranged against them.

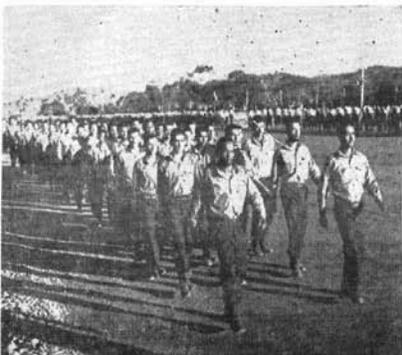
Similarly in France itself they will receive short shrift.

The imperialists of today prefer to mask their economic domination of foreign territory with the trappings of political independence, and the war in Algeria will prove to be an increasing blot on the new image of France which de Gaulle has been trying to create. Popular feeling is massively in favour of peace in Algeria, even if this means an independent Algeria.

THE DIEHARD COLONIALISTS IN ALGERIA HAVE DUG FOR THEMSELVES A DITCH IN WHICH THEY PROPOSE TO MAKE A LAST STAND. THIS DITCH SHOULD PROVE TO BE THEIR GRAVE.

AMERICA THEY STOOD FIRM

Coloured, White and Black—these Cuban militiamen united as one to smash the U.S.-backed invasion.



CRY FOR HELP SMUGGLED FROM MOZAMBIQUE STOP THE MASSACRE!

Portuguese Troops on Rampage

JOHANNESBURG.

A CRY for help from Mozambique has filtered through into South Africa and asks for urgent United Nations intervention to stop the Portuguese massacres in this colony bordering on the Union.

The Mozambique African De-

mocratic Movement smuggled out of Portuguese East Africa the copy of the cable which says:

"We call the special attention of radio and telegraph stations all over the world to transmit urgently the following message specially addressed to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

The message says: The African population of Mozambique is in a desperate

situation. Police and Administrators are arresting daily hundreds of Africans and mixed persons (Coloured) in Lourenco Marques, Beira, Nampula, Ougilima, and villages in the interior.

We confirm the massacres of African labourers by Portuguese troops last month on cotton, sisal and sugar plantations at Mueda Vila, Caroral, Milange, Xinavane.

WE ASK FOR THE IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION OF UNITED NATIONS TROOPS TO AVOID THE BEGINNING OF TERRORIST ACTS SIMILAR TO ANGOLA OR KENYA.

Black and White can live together in harmony in this country but

we need to extirpate colonialism and racism practiced directly and indirectly by the Salazar regime.

● The cable is signed "Mozambique African Democratic Union—Zambesia."

Angola: Savage Reprisals Fail To Halt Independence Struggle

PORTUGAL'S dictator Salazar is trying hard to see that the wind of change shall not be permitted to sweep away colonisers in Portugal's African territories. He is prepared to carry out the words of his November 1960 speech, in which he said that they would stay in Africa "with the plough in one hand and the sword in the other."

In order to do his the Salazar regime is prepared to massacre 1,000 Africans a day, as is happen-

ing at the moment in Angola, according to reports from there. Thousands of Portuguese troops are in the territory and whole villages continue to be wiped out in reprisals against the Angolense people's struggle against Portuguese colonialism.

Recent reports state that the Portuguese authorities claim to have captured 14 members of the Angolense freedom movement whom they claim to be leaders of the uprising.

But later reports state that a month of guerrilla warfare by the Angolense has brought the colonial regime in the territory near to collapse and even senior officials express doubts that the Portuguese can conquer the rebels.

AFRICA FREEDOM AND UNITY

The All-African People's Conference held in Cairo recently was a great demonstration of Africa's determination to smash imperialism. These pictures show: (right) delegates entering the conference hall in which hang photos of Patrice Lumumba and Jomo Kenyatta next to a banner reading Freedom and Unity; (below) the delegation from the lawful (Stanleyville) Government of the Congo listening to the proceedings.



LUMUMBA UNIVERSITY

THE Soviet Union has decided— "In memory of Patrice Lumumba, the outstanding leader of the national-liberation movement of Africa, the hero of the Congolese people and the Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo, who gave his life in the struggle for freedom and independence of his country, to confer the name of Patrice Lumumba on Friendship University in Moscow which in future is to be known as Patrice Lumumba Friendship University."

START PICKING FOR THE FINALS

THE formation of the All-African Sports Federation is a major break-through for all sports. With all the countries of our continent fighting the colour-bar in sport, we must win soon.

The Federation will oppose the colour-bar bodies in S.A. and press for their exclusion from international events. And, with the assistance of SASA and the campaign Against Race Discrimination in Sport, led by Antony Steel, they will KNOW ALL THE FACTS.

Because of this, the non-whites must, in all sports codes, make their stand clear. Racial bodies in rugby and cricket and hockey will be OUT. And the bodies which accepted subservient affiliation to the white bodies WILL ALSO BE OUT!

Pick your teams, now, and see that your national bodies are non-racial!

not truly representative.

Information Please!

Many areas would like to know more about the S.A. Netball Tournament to be held in Port Elizabeth in September. Will the S.A. Netball Board please supply details?

Good Luck SASWA!

A South African Sports Writers' Association has been launched in Durban. The Natal Sports Writers' Association has appointed a Steering Committee. Among their immediate jobs must be:

- ★ Publishing SASWA.
- ★ Getting it to be broadly representative of all provinces.
- ★ Uniting all sports writers—White and Non-White.
- ★ Planning the inaugural meeting.

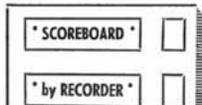
Congratulations!

To the first officers of the newly formed South African Soccer League. May they be a force in the building up of sporting unity and may they prosper. They are R. K. Naidoo (President), R. Latham (Secretary), and A. Tango (Treasurer).

Cheers This Week

To blunt-spoken Chummy Maset of Johannesburg who wants more progress and less squabbling in Cricket. Says Chummy: "Big changes are taking place. The time has come to end racial-

ism in our sport—and cricket is no exception."



The International Field

The New Zealand Cricket Board of Control has received a protest against the tour to South Africa from the Canterbury Council for Racial Equality. It must also consider the protests and appeals of the South African Sports Association.

In Brief

Mrs. P. J. B. Kwaza of Port Elizabeth has kindly supplied the following information: Union Rugby Club (P.E.) visited the Cape over the holidays for a successful tour, beating Buffaloes 11-3, Tembu 13-3 and Busy Bees 9-3. They lost to Vultures 0-3 and drew with Blue Birds 3-3.

Sipo Nzozeu of Spring Rose sustained a fractured arm in a rough match against a Cape Town team.

Two Soccer teams made history in Port Elizabeth during the holidays. Morocco Lions of De Aar walked off the field after a dispute in a match against Transvaal Jumpers: the first time ever in P.E.

A Kimberley Correspondent has given further news about the poor showing at the annual meeting of the "S.A. Coloured Rugby Board". The President, J. Kester, was urged to negotiate with the African body for a Federation but replied that it was impracticable. Yet the Board is negotiating for a Coloureds vs Africans "test" match in Cape Town! (Louis Mshizana, President of the S.A. African Rugby Board has spoken out strongly in favour of non-racial rugby and is likely to oppose this "test").

The headquarters of the Coloured Board are to remain in Kimberley, in the hands of the same old firm, in spite of a recommendation that they should be moved.

Racing at Kenilworth

The following are Damon's selections for Saturday:

Wynberg Open Handicap: MARK TWAIN. Danger, Muscovite.

Kenilworth Handicap (First): BRIGHTNESS. Danger, Debonair.

Kenilworth Handicap (Second): SQUEEGEE. Danger, Outer Deck.

Kenilworth Progress Stakes: IN JEST. Danger, Caramba.

Wynberg Progress Stakes: WEST POINT. Danger, Full State.

Maturity Stakes: ELBA GATE. Danger, Raider.

Maiden Plate: MILITANT. Danger, Popular.

Juvenile Stakes: HIGH LEISURE. Danger, First Swallow.

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Paarl Workers Complain

CAPE TOWN.

WORKERS in Paarl were up in arms against the local Commando last week. They were complaining about the noise the Paarl Commando was kicking up with machine-gun fire and mortar bombs during manoeuvres carried out during the night.

Paarl residents lost a lot of sleep as a result of the noise and Mrs. Liz Abrahams, secretary of the Food and Canning Workers' Union, Officer Commanding the workers, entered into sharp negotiations with the "enemy," namely the Department of Defence.

Unable to get through to the Minister, Mrs. Abrahams spoke to

a Lieutenant Botha of the Department of Defence on the telephone the next morning.

The workers could not afford to lose any sleep, she said. They had to get up very early in the morning and the noise caused by the manoeuvres might turn out to be the cause of their losing pay for being late. Manoeuvres had been carried out during the day in the past, why should they be held at night now? Mrs. Abrahams asked.

The peace talks ended with the lieutenant saying that he saw Mrs. Abrahams' point, but he could do nothing about it. However, he assured Mrs. Abrahams he would try to see that it did not happen again.

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Trade Union Bosses Get the Sack

CAPE TOWN.

A REVOLT in the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association recently resulted in all members of the executive committee except the secretary being swept out of office.

The clean-up of the executive was due to their secret negotiations with the City Council last year resulting in wage agreements which dismayed the majority of the workers.

The executive of the White and Coloured association negotiated with the Council and agreed to a regrading scheme in terms of which all higher paid employees received increases. Most of the middle group of workers received less and the labourers who form the bulk of the workers employed by the municipality received the worst of the deal.

These workers had been receiving a starting wage of £3.12.0d. with increments of one penny an hour. The new regrading scheme fixed their wages at £4.12.0d. a week for 5 years.

INFURIATED

Not only did this raw deal infuriate the workers, but the fact that the negotiations were carried on in secret without their consultation angered them still further. The executive committee of the association refused to give them any indication of what was going on, stating that they were pledged to secrecy. It was only after the negotiations were

over that the workers found they had been committed to the new agreement by their executive.

So, when the annual general meeting of the association took place on April 9, the executive committee found themselves under heavy fire from the workers, and were quickly removed from office.

Those who came under the axe were Mr. I. Viljoen, President; Mr. Minter, Treasurer; and Messrs G. Rudolf and Tregunning. Mr. H. Holmes was retained as secretary. Mr. Rudolf thereafter stood for election to all the vacant positions and was soundly defeated each time.

MARCH 1960, MAY 1961
Apart from these events, dissatisfaction with the former executive had been brewing since March last year when the influence of the Unity Movement was seen in the negative attitude of the Association towards the African anti-pass demonstration which took place at that time.

Last week, an official stated in the press that the association was non-political and that if individual members took part in the demonstrations at the end of May this year, they would probably be sacked.

This statement, it is learned, was greeted with dissatisfaction by the municipal workers, and the Secretary was subsequently compelled to state that the demonstrations were still to be discussed by the association.

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