

NEW AGE

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South Africa faces a crisis. Verwoerd's 'granite wall' policy spells danger to every South African. The only way out is a National Convention to draft a new South African Constitution for rights for all. The demonstrations timed for the eve of the Republic are directed against the minority government which is unfit to rule.

STRIKE CALL FOR MAY 29?

Declaration By National Action Council

A SUGGESTION that a call may be issued to the people to withdraw their labour power as part of the end-of-May demonstrations against a White Republic is contained in the Declaration of the National Action Council issued in Johannesburg last week.

Meanwhile, the belief is spreading that the demonstrations are going to take the form of a 3-day strike.

"STRIKE MAY 29" SAID ONE SLOGAN PAINTED ON THE WALL OF THE MAIN POST OFFICE IN CAPE TOWN LAST WEEK-END. A SIMILAR

SLOGAN WAS PAINTED ON A FACTORY WALL IN SALT RIVER.

Hundreds of thousands of leaflets carrying the message of the Action Council were distributed in all main centres of the Union last week.

The Declaration of the National Action Council set out the aims of the May demonstrations as follows:

OUR COUNTRY AND OUR PEOPLE FACE AN UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS. THE VERWOERD GOVERNMENT IS LEADING THE COUNTRY TO INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL DISASTER.

Internally, the Nationalist Government has answered protests against their policies and demands to abandon their rabid racialism by bannings, proscriptions, prosecutions and an increasing use of the police and armed forces against the people. This has only succeeded to inflame the people and to generate that bitterness in race relations which has created a charged atmosphere in the country. In the rural areas there has been increasing unrest; in Pondoland today there is a state of

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P.E. COLOURED FIGHT APARTHEID

Coloureds demonstrated at the opening of the new Coloured Affairs Department office in Port Elizabeth recently. ABOVE: Cape Town City Councillor George Peake headed the demonstration, BELOW: Some of the women who took part in the demonstration.

"Granite Wall" Policy leads to BLOODY CLASH AT WARMBATHS

Police Shooting, 2 Killed

From Besta Ujman WARBATHS.

THE African strike in Warmbaths, the small Transvaal town about 70 miles north of Pretoria, has brought almost the entire population of this popular holiday resort to its feet to demand the recall and sacking of the Native Affairs Department manager Mr. M. W. van Collier.

By Monday afternoon even the police were appealing to the Minister of Bantu Affairs to make the Van Collier sacking final and irrevocable.

The Minister had already acted over the week-end to suspend Van Collier but this was not enough for Warmbaths. The Village Council which appoints the town's BAD manager was meeting urgently as we went to press to insist on the complete removal of Van Collier.

For this man had brought the African labour force out in an almost total strike over three days. A trickle back to work started only after the announced suspension of Van Collier and also the police shooting and the death of two Africans.

The strike started on Friday sud-

denly when the BAD's Van Collier, absent for months during his arrest and then trial on an Immorality Act charge, reappeared in his office with a gun beside him on his desk.

Van Collier's trial had created an uproar. He was charged with several counts of immorality and crimen injuria. He protested during his trial that there was a "plot" against him in his Warmbaths location, that there must have been "a Native organisation" behind the plot.

He admitted in court that the majority of Africans in Warmbaths "hated" him owing to his introduction of influx control in Warmbaths. To everyone's consternation Van Collier was set free after his case had gone on appeal to the Supreme Court. On Saturday morning when he reappeared the location went on strike and the town came to a standstill.

POLICE ARRIVE

High-ranking BAD and police officers were rushed to the scene, Saracens with them. A tear gas charge was ordered on the assembled crowd on Sunday night and then firing opened. One man Paulus Masoga, aged 29, was shot dead on the spot. Another, shot in the head, died on Monday morning at 11 a.m. A third man seriously wounded was removed to Pretoria Hospital. Some

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NEW AGE LETTER BOX A WARNING TO THE CHIEFS

I want to point out to the Chiefs that the African people want absolute freedom, not a state within a state. If they sincerely want our independence, they must not demand only the independence of the Transkei.

We have very high respect for them, but it must also be clear to them that the Government is not our Father, and they must not tell the people that the Government is our Father. They should know that even the baby who is not yet born is demanding freedom. And we are determined to have it.

In their session, some Chiefs attacked New Age and Contact accusing them of being communistic because they are voicing the grievances of the oppressed people. These papers are helping the people because they tell us about things happening which we never

Fight to Realise Lumumba's Dreams

Without doubt the death of Lumumba shocked all the democratic people of the world. The American, British and Belgian capitalists contributed toward this tragedy by pressing for the recognition of the Kasavubu delegation in the United Nations.

The African states must not sit down while Tshombe is organising criminals from the western continent to kill democracy in Africa. They must not rely on conferences and the disarming of the opposing sides. I appeal to all the African States to kill the democratic regimes of Tshombe, Kasavubu and Mobutu. The imperialists want to use the Congo as a springboard against freedom in this continent. We must not cry over the death of Lumumba. While our comrade has fallen in battle we must fight for the realisation of his dreams. Arise, and fight for your freedom!

R. Z. MBANIWA
New Brighton.

Unity is Strength

I appeal to everyone who knows that he or she belongs to this African soil to preach about the gospel of Africanism. We have our leaders and they want us to follow them until we reach our goal which is just around the corner.

To all the youth I say: "Let us pick up our socks. Forgive freedom we go against the racists. Unity is strength."

P. MOGANO
Johannesburg.

Summit Conference of Women

Domination of one group by another, be it White or Black, cannot get us anywhere. The primary aim of all should be to reconcile our conflicting views to create a new South Africa and think in terms of posterity.

I have in mind a multi-racial "summit" conference of wives of businessmen, politicians of all schools of thought and other women of consequence in Africa south of the Sahara. My strong conviction is that because of motherly affection women will be best able to provide us with a workable solution to our problems.

S. P. KOTI
Meadowlands.

read in other papers.

The chiefs should bear in mind that if they start demanding independence tomorrow they will also be named communists. The finger that is pointing at the communists is pointing at them too.

Uhuru. Forward to freedom.
E. K. NZIBE
Nyanga West.

White Man Must Learn to Love the Black Man

I am not a politician, but I congratulate the democratic countries of India, Malaya, Ceylon, Ghana and Canada for telling the South African Prime Minister of his racial policies until he had to withdraw his application for membership of the Commonwealth.

I think our Prime Minister met his Waterloo and I hope his mind will now function properly. He is called a doctor by mistake. I think he must go back to school where he will receive proper lessons.

The time has come for all the people of the world to unite and have one people. If the white man wants to be happy in South Africa he must love the black man. The black man can work for everybody and must never be despised.

A. W. MAAPOLA
Pretoria.

Union Also Has Its Mobutus

Patrice Lumumba lived for his people, worked for his people, sacrificed for his people and finally died for his people. He did not want to change into a traitor or a sell-out, but wanted to rule his country with full independence.

The hands of Kasavubu, Mobutu and Tshombe are stained red with his blood. I maintain that the most vicious ruler of Lumumba's death is Dag Hammarskjöld.

We know that the Union is permeated with Tshombes, Mobutus and Kasavubus. Many of the chiefs in the reserves fall in this category. Political ferment is mounting and soon Verwoerd and his stooges will be compelled to accept integration. We shall live together on the basis of equality and brotherhood.

Long live Lumumba!
W. T. SOCI
Nyanga.

REPUBLIC MEANS NOTHING

TO NON-WHITES

May 31 1961 is chosen as the occasion for South Africa's unenviable departure from the Commonwealth. On this date South Africa switches over to become a Republic.

To the Black majority of the population, however, who have not been consulted about so vital a constitutional change in the land of their birth, the departure will carry little or no meaning whatsoever. It should be crystal clear to any thinking white South African that the ideology of apartheid will fall in South Africa.

South Africa, long-standing member of the British Commonwealth and which has today been forced out by other member countries who have a profound sense of respect for human dignity and

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Wonderful Stand

As a regular reader of your wonderful New Age I want to report to the world what stand you have always taken and what I feel of you.

You are an everlasting battle which favours neither colour nor creed. Though blacks and white rattle all, I am counselled here.

To the unbalanced your words are a Cutting knife. For all that peruse

Pray to your lasting life. There is none except thee.

R. J. KAFWARIMAN
N. Rhodesia.

Apartheid Stinks

We will keep on fighting the Nationalist government until we are free in Africa—one man one vote. I hate apartheid and the men who are introducing it.

Please, Dr. Verwoerd, change your policy of apartheid before 31st May 1961. If not, that day will be the end of your government.

Banutofand is smelling badly because it is surrounded by your rotten apartheid policy. Mokhebe, Lutuli, Sobukwe, Mboya, Gizenka, Nkrumah join hands together and attack Nationalist policy. Long live the freedom leaders—black or white.

STEPHEN M. MOKIBA
Maseru.

EDITORIAL

THE WAR DANGER

WE ask the South African people, especially the Whites and the Nationalist Government which claims to represent them: Do you want civil war? Do you want to see the ugly violence which has scarred Algeria, the Congo, Angola, Kenya and other territories in recent years? Do you want that sort of thing here?

Do you want to live in an atmosphere of terror, constant police raids and arrests, race hatred, threats and possible bloodshed? Do you want your children to grow up in an armed camp, surrounded by guns and explosions, with no prospect of the sickening tension ever subsiding?

We ask these questions because this is the future in store for South Africa under the present policies of the Nationalist Government.

The Minister of Defence, Mr. Fouché, made it clear in the Senate last week that South Africa is preparing for war. War against whom?

"Internal security would be the first obligation," the Minister said.

"Internal security" means the Government plans to take action against its own people, that it fears that the majority of the people will not be loyal to it in a crisis.

The crisis we face does not come from abroad, however. It is a crisis forced on us by the "granite wall" policy of the Prime Minister, who believes that to make any concessions to the Non-Whites will be interpreted as a sign of weakness and is therefore not prepared to budge an inch.

Verwoerd is not prepared to make the "adaptations" some Nationalist intellectuals and "Die Burger" are asking for. He demands unconditional surrender and submission to apartheid.

If the Prime Minister knew anything about human psychology, of which he was once supposed to be a professor, he would know that his inflexibility, far from inducing his opponents to accept his point of view, is convincing them that it is futile to seek any form of compromise and turning them steadily towards the path of direct action.

And if the Prime Minister understood anything of the recent history of Indo-China, Malaya, Cyprus, Cuba, Kenya and especially Algeria, he would know that "granite wall" policies are not only terribly costly in blood and tears for both sides, but are in the long run completely ineffective.

The changes which, one still hopes, can be secured by consent are eventually brought about by force. For no people on earth are prepared to submit indefinitely to unendurable tyranny.

The "war" for which Dr. Verwoerd and Mr. Fouché are preparing is already lost as far as the White supremacists are concerned. The history of the last 10 years, the exclusion from the Commonwealth, the votes at UNO—all make it clear there is no room for White Supremacy in the modern world.

Why, then, must South Africans be expected to pay the price for something which is doomed anyway? Why must we continue to have these senseless beatings, jailings and shootings, the hatred and the tension?

The whole atmosphere in South Africa could be changed overnight and the dread of "war" lifted from our lives for ever—if the Nationalists would make the one simple move the people are asking for and call a National Convention of all races to discuss a new constitution.

It is better to spend a year in negotiations round the conference table rather than a day in armed conflict in a bitter civil war. Are the Nats even afraid to TALK to the people's leaders?

Treason Accused Patriots

Now that the ghastly "treason" trial is over the accused have emerged not as criminals but as patriots who have suffered for five years. The women amongst them need special mention for standing up to five years of merciless torture.

It is easy to see that the result has angered the Government who promptly replied with a three-month long ban on meetings of the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions.

South Africa treason is being committed by the people who rule us. Angry bans and penalties will not help them because the racists already have one foot in the grave. Massacre and slaughter have not helped any feudal ruler in history—nor will they help Verwoerd.

A. READER
DEMOCRAT

Police Must Leave Us Alone

Recently, while passing through Grahamstown, I was standing in front of the GNA corner of High and Bathurst Streets with four men whom I had not seen for five years. A white policeman came up and told us to keep moving.

A similar incident had taken place in East London last year when two African men were beaten up by a white policeman in Oxford Street. They were told that Oxford Street is for Europeans only and that Buffalo Street is for "Kaffers."

When will these Nationalist supporters realise that the land belongs to all who live in it and that all are equal in the eyes of God irrespective of race, colour or creed?

F. MAKANA
East London.

ANOTHER WAVE OF RAIDS AND ARRESTS

Police Bid To Stop End-of-May Demonstrations



Seven Indian families living in Kort Street, Johannesburg were given one hour's notice to quit their homes recently. Some found shelter with neighbours. The last man to move is shown here, after he had pleaded unsuccessfully for an extension.

If it can the Special Branch will try to nip in the bud the nationwide demonstrations timed for the eve of the White Republic, and the raids on offices and homes last week were proof of this.

In JOHANNESBURG about 15 different premises were raided by plain clothes detectives armed with warrants.

The warrants authorised them to search for documents relating to two bodies: the National Action Council and the Continuation Committee of African Leaders. The offences alleged were set out in the warrant, and included the Unlawful Organisations Act, the Sup-

pression of Communism Act, the 1927 Native Administration Act, and legal provisions dealing with incitement and prohibiting strikes by Africans.

The raids were timed for an unusual hour: about an hour before office-closing time.

Among the offices raided were those of the Congress of Democrats, the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions, New Age, and the homes of Messrs J. B. Marks, W. Sisulu, N. Mandela, D. Nkomo, A. Kathrada and W. B. Ngakenane.

DOCUMENTS REMOVED

From the Johannesburg office of New Age the detectives removed one copy of New Age, one copy of Fighting Talk, the text of the Pietermaritzburg Conference resolution and the declaration of the National Action Council printed elsewhere in this issue.

A typewriter and duplicating machine were seized from one Orlando home. Detectives raising the Nkomo home would not let Mrs. Nkomo make any telephone calls.

In CAPE TOWN the homes of three members of the S.A. Coloured People's Congress executive and two Coloured volunteers were searched by Special Branch detectives who were looking for documents connected with the forthcoming demonstrations.

NO WARRANT

After the appearance in the Peninsula of leaflets calling on the Coloured people to prepare for the demonstrations detectives visited the home of Cllr. George Peake last Wednesday. Cllr. Peake was not present and when asked by Mrs. Peake whether they had a warrant to search the house, the detectives said no warrant was necessary. The detectives said that they wanted the leaflets and the duplicating machine used for printing them. After a fruitless search they left.

The home of Mr. T. Barden, another CPC executive member, was searched at about the same time.

Two volunteers were questioned by detectives who were also trying to find leaflets. A few leaflets were taken from one man, and letters from the Coloured National Convention Committee were taken from the other.



"The first varmint Communist 'lay a hand on this here outpost of Western D'mabcracy is a dead Communist, or my name's not Killer Fouché."

Last Friday detectives again visited Mr. Peake's home, still looking for documents and leaflets connected with the demonstrations.

ARRESTED

The home of Mr. E. Desai, another CPC member, was also searched on Friday and Mr. Desai was arrested on allegations of possessing an unlicensed firearm. His case was remanded to May 12.

Last Wednesday night detectives entered a house in Langa and detained Mr. A. Sibeko, Mr. J. Ngwevela, Mr. O. Mpetsha and Mr. Njamela. A number of documents were seized.

Three of the men were held overnight by the police, and detectives accompanied Mr. Sibeko to his office in Cape Town in order to search it. They were unable to locate the caretaker of the building, and Mr. Sibeko was allowed to go provided he undertook to be present at the office the next morning. Mr. Ngwevela and Mr. Njamela were released the next day.

Mr. Oscar Mpetsha was charged with contravening the Suppression of Communism Act by attending a gathering and released on R100 bail.

Coloured Support For Mass Demonstrations

Biggest Campaign in Cape History

CAPE TOWN.

COLOURED people throughout the Western Cape are preparing for mass demonstrations at the end of this month. Directed by the S.A. Coloured People's Congress, which is working with the local Action Council, numerous committees established throughout the Peninsula are busy working in their respective areas, holding meetings and drawing more people into what has become the biggest political campaign undertaken by the Coloured community.

In areas beyond the Cape Peninsula similar campaigning is under way.

Officials of the CPC have stated that the current campaign for demonstrations against Verwoerd's white republic surpasses the one conducted by the Franchise Action Council in 1951 when workers stayed home on May 7 in protest against the removal of Coloured voters from the common roll.

VOLUNTEERS

The first leaflets in the present campaign were recently distributed throughout the Cape Peninsula and the country areas by hundreds of Coloured volunteers.

"Prepare for May!" the leaflet stated. The Coloured people were urged to prepare to demonstrate with the African and Indian people on the eve of the republic should the Government not accede to the demand for a national convention.

The CPC said that over 40,000 of these leaflets were distributed in the Cape Peninsula. The same leaflet, translated into Afrikaans, was distributed in the country areas.

Volunteers reported to CPC headquarters that the message of the Congress had been well received. Many people had told them that families were stocking up extra

groceries in preparation for the period of the demonstrations. Other reports are to the effect that housewives doing their Saturday morning shopping have also been talking enthusiastically about laying in stocks of food.

In various factories in the Peninsula workers are discussing the campaign.

POLICE RAIDS

Shortly after the distribution of the leaflets the homes of several CPC executive members were raided

by Special Branch detectives who were searching for documents connected with the forthcoming demonstrations.

The CPC has called upon the Coloured people to stand firm in the face of police intimidation, and have urged them to ignore "spineless" leadership. "Freedom will not be given to you on a plate," the latest message to the people from the CPC stated. "White banter is showing signs of defeat. Stock up your food. Tighten your belts. The time has come."



The Coloured people's rally at Newclare that was banned on Sunday took place all the same, in Bontoni, 30 miles away. Here Mr. Stanley Lollan, vice-president of the S.A. Coloured People's Congress, attacks the ban.

3,000 COLOUREDS CAME TO BANNED MEETING

JOHANNESBURG.

THE largest Coloured meeting held in the Transvaal for many years was abruptly ended last Sunday when police hastily posted up notices banning the meeting on pillars and lamp-posts in Newclare Square.

The meeting had been called to declare that the Transvaal Coloureds stand right behind their Cape counterparts who have lined up impressively behind the call for demonstrations on the eve of the republic.

The Sunday Newclare rally which was stopped short drew over 3,000 Coloureds from Johannesburg, Pretoria, Springs, Krugersdorp and Bontoni.

The meeting had been called by the Coloured People's Congress and the Transvaal Coloured Progressive Association.

Organisers arranged for the transportation of a section of the meeting to Bontoni, 30 miles away. There the police again attempted to intimidate those who were attending the meeting.

Despite this the meeting continued with over 100 people in attendance. Speakers included Mr. Stanley Lollan, CPC vice-president in the Transvaal; Mrs. Mary Moodley of the CPC Bontoni branch, and Mr. Jodrey Beck, secretary of the CPA.

The meeting protested strongly at the denial of free speech to the Coloured people, and demanded that a republic not be declared until the views of the non-whites had been heard. The meeting pledged to work for the success of a Coloured convention.

A series of meetings on the Reef have been planned by the two organisations.

COLONIALISM RESPONSIBLE FOR ANGOLA DEATHS

All hell is being let loose by the Portuguese colonialists in Angola in a desperate attempt to crush the popular demand there for national independence and democracy. Every day scores, possibly hundreds, of Africans are massacred by well-armed Portuguese police and troops. The pretext for these massacres is the story that a thousand Whites have been killed by terrorists—yet in all previous reports sent out by the Portuguese it appeared that for each White killed about 30 Africans were killed.

It is true that the Angolans (mainly African, but some Whites too) have gone over to direct action against colonialism. BUT THEIR ARMED ATTACKS HAVE IN THE MAIN BEEN DIRECTED AT MILITARY, POLICE AND PRISON POSTS—NOT AT CIVILIANS. As a result of the colonialist terror, in which whole villages (men, women and children) have been wiped out, there have been anti-settler reprisals in certain areas.

But the responsibility for the terrible loss of life in Angola lies squarely with the Portuguese colonialists who refuse to give an inch to the universally accepted demands of the people of Angola for freedom and a better life.

THE TWO LIBERATION PARTIES IN ANGOLA

THE Government of Portuguese dictator Salazar is battling against the two strong historical forces of this decade: the democratic forces which have overthrown Batista, Syngman Rhee and other American and Asian dictators, and the nationalist forces which have brought independence to the countries on the borders of the Portuguese colonies.

Between March and August 1959 over 200 people, mostly members of MPLA, were arrested; about 50 of them are now detained in the military jail of Namua, and the rest are in the concentration camps of Bie and Baia dos Tigres. They include seven Europeans and come from all walks of life: civil servants, engineers, clerks, printers, teachers, one architect and one well-known doctor. The seven Europeans were tried in the Military Court of Luanda last August, almost in secret, without the

immediately fired on by the soldiers. Thirty were killed and 200 injured. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY THE SOLDIERS WENT TO THE VILLAGES WHERE THEY KILLED OR ARRESTED EVERYBODY FOUND. THEY THEN SET THE TWO VILLAGES ON FIRE.

Elsewhere in Africa

A SIMILAR nationalist struggle is going on in the other African colonies.

As early as February 1953 about 1,000 Africans were killed in ST. THOMAS ISLANDS. They were protesting against the imposition of forced labour.

IN PORTUGUESE GUINEA, which is almost surrounded by the Republic of Guinea, the Partido Africano da Independencia da Guineia is very active. In August 1959 there was another massacre on the Pignity Quai Bissau, Guinea. More than 50 Africans were shot dead by the Portuguese civilians and soldiers because they demanded higher wages.

Some developments are expected soon in MOZAMBIQUE, since Tanganyika, now a self-governing territory, is on its northern border. A nationalist organisation, Mocidade Independente de António, already exists there.

Portugal's answer to this rapidly developing nationalist movement in the colonies is WAR.

There are now 20,000 troops in Angola, and an equal number is being built up in Mozambique. There are also enough troops in Guinea, Goa and Timor.

NATO-supplied arms have been sent with the troops.

Special paraatroop units are being trained by officers who have returned from the Algerian front.

Portugal has been strengthening her alliances with South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Spain, France and Belgium.

It seems that Salazar has also reached some understanding with Germany, whose Ambassador in Lisbon and whose industrialists have been visiting Angola and Mozambique often. The Portuguese and German Defence Ministers have been to each other's country.

But will all the resources of Portugal be able to stop the liberation struggle? Surely not. Salazar's Government is determined to fight till the end, even if he brings chaos to Portugal and the colonies.

THAT IS HOW PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM WILL COME TO AN END . . .



Delegates from all over Basutoland and the Union of South Africa attended the conference of the Basutoland Women's League of the Congress Party in Maseru recently.

Students Boycott Indian University

NEARLY 80 students at the Indian Tribal University at Salisbury, Durban, face the prospect of losing their enrolment fee and their place in the University as a result of a decree by the Registrar of the University affecting students who have failed to get the required 40 per cent pass in those subjects in which they failed in the matric examinations last year. THE STUDENTS ARE UP IN ARMS AND ONE DAY LAST WEEK THEY BOYCOTTED ALL CLASSES.

They state that they were led to believe they would get back their enrolment fee if they did not get through the subject in which they failed in the matric. It will be recalled that the Government faced with the total opposition of the Indian community to the new

University, went to great lengths to get students to enrol and made all sorts of promises in order to break the boycott called by the Indian people.

FORFEIT

Now the students are being told that not only will they forfeit their enrolment fee of R.12-50, but they will also have to re-write the whole examination. To make matters worse the aggregate required for University entrance has been increased from 40 per cent to 45 per cent. Finally, they have advised that Afrikaans will in future be a compulsory language.

Students interviewed by New Age stated that they would quit the University if they were compelled to re-write the matric examinations.

The Rector of the University, trying to avoid a serious explosion so

soon after the opening of the college, has advised the students to remain calm and promised that endeavours will be made to reach some settlement next week.

CONGRESS VIEW

Every effort has been made to keep the disturbances a secret, but the students are beginning to realise that they can only achieve success in their fight against the authorities if they rally the people behind them. They are afraid, however, that such support will be hard to get as they did not heed the people's call for a boycott of the University in the first place.

The Natal Indian Congress, according to Dr. G. M. Naicker, its President, has decided nevertheless to investigate the complaints of the students and to discuss what steps can be taken to assist them.

Swazi Progressive Party Demands Independence

JOHANNESBURG. SWAZILAND is being led gently along towards constitutional reform but the Swazi people are not being consulted about a new constitution for their country.

The newly formed Swaziland Progressive Party says that the Constitutional Committee chewing over the form of a new constitution does not represent the view of the Swazi; it is a committee without power to make binding decisions; and is heavily controlled.

The chairman of the committee is the Resident Commissioner of Swaziland, and its secretary and press officer are both government officials. The African members of the Committee are not elected but nominated. "The African public", says the S.P.P.'s statement, "has no direct voice in this Committee which will decide the future destiny of the people."

RACE HARMONY The Party affirms again "its traditional policy of friendship and race tolerance, fully believing that only through this will Swaziland remain peaceful and prosperous. The future of the Territory depends upon the Europeans who must change their unwholesome attitude of the past and descend from the unrealistic and highly provocative policy of white supremacy and apartheid."

PART OF THE SET-UP The Swaziland Progressive Party itself has no representation on the Committee. Those African members on the Committee are there by virtue of their membership of the National Council "which is part of the Government of the country." The S.P.P. is considering whether it should call on its members who are National Council members of the Constitution Committee to withdraw en bloc as a protest against their unrepresentative nature in the Committee. Judging from criticism in Swazi-

GOVT. FOLLOWS IN HITLER'S FOOTSTEPS

JOHANNESBURG. A Nazi war film at the University Great Hall, members of the Congress of Democrats distributed a leaflet called "Hitlerism is not Dead." The leaflet quoted the Minister of Defence (Hansard December 1959) to show that a situation close to war exists within our own country today. At that time the Minister said:

"You must not think we are arming against the external enemy—we are not. We are arming to shoot down the black masses."

The leaflet goes on to say: "Hitler's admirers, in the shape of the Nationalist Party leadership, have risen to power by the use of the same techniques of racism and hatred which Hitler used so effectively. . . . let us recognise that the race hatred of South Africa is the successor to the race obsession that brought about the holocaust of the last war. Let us further admit that by allowing the Nationalists to play on our alleged racial superiority we are being led to an end as glorious as that which befell the German people."

The leaflet goes on to appeal to all White South Africans to take a positive stand for the security and peace that a non-racial democracy offers to South Africa.

TRANKEI CHIEFS TAKE FRIGHT

"Independence Now" Demand Postponed

PORT ELIZABETH. BY their latest act in demanding independence—the "unequivocal rejection of the concept of multi-racialism," as Kaiser Matanzima correctly puts it—the Chiefs in the Transkei have nailed up their own coffin. Out of their own mouths they have declared that they do not want equality, and are going to continue to do everything in their power to ensure the furtherance of apartheid.

But the enthusiasm with which the people in the gallery welcomed Sabata's demand for freedom shows that the Chiefs were speaking only for themselves and have no backing at all except that of the Nationalist Government and its police and army.

Only one Chief could lift his head and voice to demand freedom, while the others were belly-crawling unable to look in the face the people who had hailed them as heroes a few days before when they spoke glibly of freedom.

Alone Paramount Chief Sabata Dalindyebo stood and asked the 119 other Chiefs who now backed apartheid unconditionally and sat as if Sabata's words were making no impression on them at all: "Why are we delaying this demand for freedom when our young men in the urban areas are being shot as a result of the demands for self-government?"

Denying that Bantu Authorities were in the interests of the Africans, Sabata said: "The Bantu Authorities restrict us, and we cannot do as we please. If we are sincere leaders, we will finalise this matter now."

As Chief Sabata bravely insisted

POLICE SWOOP ON PEDDIE AREA

PORT ELIZABETH. THE Peddie district of the Ciskei was recently invaded by large contingents of police who came in lorries, vans and troop-carriers all over the Eastern Cape.

The police, accompanied by Special Branch men, all fully armed, combed the hill villages of Peddie, searching houses for documents, guns and every other kind of weapon. As a result a considerable number of Africans were arrested, some being charged and sentenced to up to 5 months or £100 fine for being in possession of assegais, swords, knives or firearms.

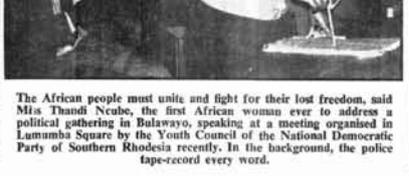
The Government-appointed chief, Gladstone Mphahla, is believed to be one source of the trouble in the area, as the tribesmen there do not recognise him. They claim that their

real chief is Douglas Msutu. It will be recalled that Chief Ndlovu Msutu, of the same family, was deported several times by the Government four years ago for opposing Bantu Authorities and eventually died in exile.

SITUATION TENSE

The situation in the area is tense, and Chief Mphahla is being guarded day and night by armed police. Tribesmen working in the Eastern Cape town of Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown are being screened on their arrival at their homes, or escorted out, presumably as first class "trouble-makers."

Dissatisfaction and opposition to the Bantu Authorities system has been mounting for some time, and the Government appears to be doing everything to prevent what happened in Pondoland from spreading to the Ciskei.



The African people must unite and fight for their lost freedom, said Mias Thandi Neube, the first African woman ever to address a political gathering in Balaurova, speaking at a meeting organised in Lumumba Square by the Youth Council of the National Democratic Party of Southern Rhodesia recently. In the background, the police tape-record every word.

TRANKEI CHIEFS TAKE FRIGHT

on freedom now, and referred to the deportations and banishment of people who advocated freedom, the people in the gallery went wild and applauded him.

GREAT PRESSURE In the four days during which the debate on Maninwa's motion stood adjourned last week the BAD Commissioners, Information Officers and all the other Nationalist agents worked overtime to get the mover and those who supported him—Sundi Majeke, Douglas Ndumase, George Ntantala and others—to withdraw the motion and express their confidence in the Nationalist apartheid policies.

It is noteworthy that since the session began not once has the word "apartheid" been used by the Nationalists or their agents. They now talk of "self-development" as if the leopard can change its colours and character if given another name.

SORDID TRICK After withdrawing a previous amendment that self-government should cover the Ciskei, Douglas Ndumase, who had been one of the most vocal opponents of the motion of self-government and independence, tabled an amendment asking for a Recess Committee to be set up.

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TRIUMPHANT ENDING TO MONTROSE'S TOUR

FROM L. W. Himson Montrose of Western Province ended their tour triumphantly when they defeated Arabian College—a Diamond City side by 17 points to three in their last match at the Union grounds in Kimberley recently.

The open rugby much expected from the Montrose team was absent. Not only was there too much kicking and aimless passing, but the referee did not help matters. The continual blasts of his whistle for a number of trivialities prevented several moves from developing and this in no way helped to brighten the game.

Except for their forwards who had the better of the exchanges, the Cape side did not impress. Montrose fly half Sayed Orrie scored 11 points, but it was the three penalties and one conversion which paved the way to his side's victory.

Although they were far behind their opponents, College tried to open up and play bright rugby, and had it not been for the clumsy handling of their backs, they might not have lost such a big margin.

The Kimberley side were put into the lead midway through the first half when the Griqua full back Alwie Aysen playing centre for College kicked a penalty. But the lead was short-lived, because Mont-

Racing at Kenilworth

The following are Damon's selections for Saturday: Juvenile Maiden Plate: KRY LEWE, Danger, Prohibition. Wynberg Stayers' Handicap: DEXTRY, Danger, Cumamat.

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Maiden Plate: MARIE CELESTE, Danger, My Fancy. Owners' Handicap: FIORELLA, Danger, French Drama.

rose not only equalised but were put ahead when Sayed Orrie booted his first two penalties to give his side a lead of half time.

After the interval Montrose added another eight points to their tally when Orrie kicked over his third penalty and converted a try scored by Yusuf Samsoodien.

After this there was a ding-dong struggle and the game showed a tendency to become over-robust, with referee Robert Burgess warning players on both sides.

An opportunist unconverted try by Aljie Mun gave Montrose their final points near the end.

SIERRA LEONE: INDEPENDENCE UNDER A CLOUD

THIS week the British Colony of Sierra Leone gained its formal independence. But the joy with which Africa usually greets such an event is not to be found in the case of this country.

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All the leaders of the opposition have been jailed; for demanding that elections be held before the country was granted independence.

High Rents, Low Pay, Turn Out

4,000 CRIMINALS A MONTH

Resentment Growing in Jo'burg Townships

JOHANNESBURG. HIGH RENTS TURN OUT 4,000 NEW AFRICAN CRIMINALS A MONTH IN THIS CITY.

This is the number of Africans charged each month in the Kliptown courts for being behind with rents of their municipal township homes. For, among Africans only in South Africa, to be in arrears with your rent is a criminal offence, and as in the days of Charles Dickens, you can go to jail for this debt.

Special courts sit at Kliptown to hear these cases. These courts have their own prosecutors and clerks employed by the Johannesburg City Council.

Failure to pay rent by the seventh day of the month is a criminal offence.

The council says that the local superintendents notify tenants who have not paid to appear before the superintendent to explain the reasons for not paying on time.

Midnight Raids

Residents in the south-western townships, however, complain that they never receive the notices from the superintendents.

Instead they are raided at night or at dawn by municipal police and taken to the super-

intendents' offices where they have to wait until the following morning.

The superintendents arrive at 9 a.m. but many of the defaulters have to wait until noon before their cases can be heard. Some of these people then find that they have been brought in as a result of errors in the books; but they lose a day's pay anyway through being absent from work.

Rent Law

The rents law came into force in 1957 when the Native Urban Areas Act was amended. This was after the Johannesburg City Council had lost the rent test case brought by the Africans in the townships who were fighting the new rent scales.

This law stipulates that a person earning over R30 a month has to pay an economic rent. This means the basic rent plus 60 cents for every R2 above the R30 income. The rent varies with the type of house.

Widows

One of the restrictions which the Africans find most irritating is that when a man dies his widow is often not allowed to continue in occupation of her house. Even if she is self supporting, she must have a guardian.

An official of the Non-European Affairs Department of the Council said that the cases of the widows were treated according to "their merits"—whatever that means. He would not comment further.

Welfare Fund

The official explained that in cases where the breadwinner is seriously ill and unable to pay rent, social workers investigate the case. The department may then pay the rent from a registered welfare fund administered by the department for needy cases. But do the superintendents and other officials really investigate such cases? Back at the Kliptown Court New Age interviewed Stanford Matshedhi of Naledi. He was on crutches, having fractured his right foot at work.

On January 7 he had appeared in Court charged with being in arrears to the extent of R16.80. He was fined R2 or 20 days imprisonment and ordered to pay the arrears by the end of March.

He paid half of the arrears and was then injured. He was in hospital for a month. When he came out early in April he was told by the superintendent to produce his letter from the doctor to the Court.

In Court he was told to take the same letter back to the superintendent!

The superintendent should never have sent him to court in the first place. The Council's fund should have been used to help him because it will be months before he gets his workmen's compensation.

Needy Cases

Then there was the case of aged Mrs. Molly Mitya, a widow of Orlando East, in arrears for two months. She told the Court that

her sole support was her daughter who had been ill during the two months and therefore unable to work.

The Court took a lenient view and ordered that she report the matter to her superintendent who, incidentally, was in Court.

But why was the superintendent in such a hurry to issue summons in the first place?

Arrest — Another Job Lost

Mrs. Yvonne Mosia, of Dube, came into the dock when the name of her husband was called. She explained that her husband had been out of a job for some time. He had recently got a job as a commercial traveller and could not appear personally for fear of losing his newly acquired job. She told the Court that she was



Stepping out of the Kliptown Magistrate's Court is Mrs. Yvonne Mosia, whose husband is in arrears and must now be arrested.

prepared to pay her husband's fine and abide by the Court order. This was refused and a warrant of arrest was issued against her husband for contempt of court.

There is no standard fine for these rent cases. Different magistrates impose different fines. They range from R1 to R10 with alternatives of prison sentences from a week to a month.

Tenants who continually fall into arrears are eventually ejected from their homes.

Council's Excuse

The Council claims that it can do nothing about the rent problem. The money used to build the

JAIL FOR THE POOR



A group of people from the municipal townships of Johannesburg waiting outside the Kliptown, Johannesburg, Magistrate's Courts to answer charges that they are in arrears with their rents. This Court hears 4,000 cases a month on these charges—and they are all criminal charges.

houses is a loan from the Housing Commission which must be repaid. The rents are laid down by the Government.

The Commission has refused to allow the building of cheaper houses for the lower income group—which includes the majority of Africans.

R418,000 Owed

The Council claims that it is owed R418,000 in rent arrears. A whole army of well paid officials have been employed to recover the arrears.

Mr. Lucas Fouche, the Council's Non-European Affairs public relations man, maintains that Johannesburg is the only city where the rents are subsidised. Realising that the R30 monthly income limit set by the Government is inequit-

able, the Council only imposes economic rents on an income of R40 upwards. The difference is paid by the Council and costs about R1 a year.

Ill-feeling

Nevertheless the majority of Africans feel strongly that rents are too high and should be lowered; the fierce discriminatory rent law should be scrapped; and administrative snippricks resulting in arrests and jailings should be eliminated.

FEELING ABOUT THIS ISSUE IS RUNNING HIGH IN THE TOWNSHIPS. THERE COULD BE AN UGLY EXPLOSION AT ANY TIME.

UP MY ALLEY

ONCE upon a time Algernon Impala fell in love with a cockatoo in the Kruger National Park. . . "Tut, tut," said Kerkbode Kudu. "You can't do that. This liberal-humanistic tendency must come to an end. Separate development, old man. Separate development. Can't allow mixed marriages and all that, you know."

Algernon Impala was broken-hearted. . . Kerkbode Kudu could be right, because I've never yet heard of an impala marrying up with a bird. . . But I must still hear of a red or brown or black impala or horse or dog refusing to mate with a white one, just because of the different colour. . .

Dr. Malherbe's claim that God started apartheid is strictly for the birds.

AND now a drive-in cinema will be opened down here with one half of the parking space for Coloureds and the other half for Whites. . .

We've now reached the stage when ever motor cars can't mix.

SO Bass Verwoerd has just been given a degree of Doctor of

Laws by the Potchefstroom University. . . Well, he's had a lot of experience with laws. . .

Mostly of the unsavoury kind.

I SEE that Sneecktown Calling will be returning to the SABC. . . It will probably replace the news service.

MEANWHILE the SABC bass, Dr. Goebbels (sorry, I meant Hertzog) has referred to the late Patrice Lumumba as "uncivilised, dishonest" and a "gangster".

See, Doc, I bet you wouldn't take a trip to Stanleyville and do a repeat performance.

AN order issued to pupils at a school in Canada prohibits kneeling, hand-holding, sitting alone at lunch, or boys and girls sitting in cars—under penalty of dismissal for persistent offenders. . . The order is aimed at keeping the sexes apart from the time they get on the school bus in the morning, until they get off in the afternoon. . . Up spake a pupil leader: "Why the segregation? This isn't South Africa." . . Such is fame. ALEX LA GUMA.



PLASTER BANDAGE AND RED TAPE: This resident was injured at work. The doctor's letter was shown to the superintendent, who nevertheless ordered court proceedings against him for rent arrears. The court read the letter and sent him back to the superintendent. Here he is puzzling over the red tape involved in his case.

**Communist Leader
In Laos**



PRINCE SOUPHANOU-VONG, leader of the Communist Pathet Lao forces in Laos, whose striking successes over the American-backed troops of puppet Boum Oun have thrown the West into a tither. The American Time magazine reported last week that Pathet Lao has already captured half of the whole country, meeting with little resistance from the Royal Laotian Army. Britain and Russia support the restoration of the government of neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma, but increasing United States military intervention in Laos is threatening the East-West cease-fire plan.

AMERICA

**Invaders Surrendered in their Underwear!
CASTRO HIMSELF LED
VICTORIOUS CUBAN TROOPS**

FIDEL CASTRO, PRIME MINISTER OF CUBA, PERSONALLY COMMANDED THE CUBAN TROOPS THAT SMASHED THE U.S.-BACKED INVASION OF HIS COUNTRY TWO WEEKS AGO.

This emerges from firsthand reports from Cuba which show that the people there rallied immediately around their revolutionary Government, isolated the fifth column, smashed the invaders, and celebrated in triumph their great victory in defence of their freedom.

The Real Story

FURTHER proof of America's share in the attempted invasion of Cuba came to light yesterday as over 500 prisoners taken by the Cuban militia at Girón Beach were rounded up, stated one report.

Many of them surrendered, in their underwear, as they had torn off the U.S. paratroopers' uniforms they wore. But the tale they told showed what had happened.

HUMANE TREATMENT

While Premier Castro was reported as being engaged in supervising the final military operation, President Dierkx went to inspect the prisoners to see that they were treated humanely.

He heard them say they had been recruited and trained for two months in Florida, then transferred to Guatemala, where they underwent further training under the supervision of U.S. officers.

They were taken to Puerto Cazoras, in Nicaragua, and were then shipped to Cuba in invasion craft escorted by U.S. planes and destroyers.

CASTRO PERSONALLY

AN official account of the fighting said ten enemy aircraft were shot down, "mostly flown by American pilots," and the 175 paratroopers from C-46 transport aircraft from Nicaragua "fought with great ferocity."

It said "the invading mercenaries refused combat from the moment Premier Castro personally assumed command, developing a basic tactic of confined artillery fire on two fronts while the in-

fantry attacked in the centre, forcing the invaders to retire into the marshes where they were trapped.

"The final coup given by Battalion 148, advancing from Santa Clara was directed personally by Premier Castro.

"During the attack on military and civilian targets mercenaries used B-26, B-29 and F-86 aircraft and one amphibian.

"Three Sherman tanks were destroyed by artillery fire."

JOYOUS TUMULT

HAVANA became a citadel instantly at Castro's announcement of a national state of alert, reported U.S. correspondent Joseph North.

It was the same all over the island—in the factories, the farms, and in the schools. Workers remaining at the point of production instantly volunteered to do the work of their brothers who were off with the militia.

The full story has yet to be told of the epic feats of valour of these heart-breaking young soldiers and militiamen, many still in their teens.

They stood fast and counter-attacked under incessant aerial bombings. The communists tell of great supplies of weapons and equipment captured from the invaders. They include heavy Sherman tanks.

The enemy was able to make the landing under a heavy umbrella of aerial cover. But the covering planes were obviously disoriented and at least nine were shot down by the morning.

The beachhead established was at Cayo Piva Girón, a place-name that will go down in the history of freedom, as Cubans are saying in the joyous tumult that is Havana, Santiago, and all the cities and palm-covered countryside between.

FIFTH COLUMN ROUTED

THE invasion was prepared by the North American imperialists as part of a plan to engage the counter-revolutionary fifth-column in terrorist actions, sabotage and assassination. But this plan was smashed, declared Bas Roca, general secretary of the Cuban Popular Socialist Party.

The rapid and energetic mobilisation of the Revolutionary National Militia, of the Committees for the Defence of the Revolution, and of all the security forces in the cities, ordered by Premier Castro, paralysed the fifth column.

In a few hours the counter-revolutionaries were rounded up.

"The invasion showed the strong links that unite Cuba's armed forces with the entire Cuban people. IT SERVED TO SHOW THAT OUR REVOLUTION IS NOT ONLY PATRIOTIC AND DEMOCRATIC, BUT ALSO SOCIALIST."



Fidel Castro.

**NEGROES WRITE
TO ADLAI**

THERE was a stir in UNO last week when Cuban Foreign Minister, Dr. Raúl Roca, read out the text of a message from Mr. Robert Williams, president of America's National Association for the Advancement of Coloured Peoples, which had been asked to pass on to the U.S. delegate, Mr. Adlai Stevenson.

It said "Now that the U.S. has proclaimed its military assistance to peoples desirous of repelling aggression, the oppressed Negroes of the south urgently request tanks, artillery, bombs, money, and the use of American bases to destroy the racial tyrants who have betrayed the American Revolution."

The "Star" Falls

I aim at the stars. A Columbia release of a Charles H. Schneer production.

In Antwerp, Belgium, when this "Wehrer von Braun story" opened recently crowds stormed the Rex Theatre and the film was yanked. Reason: during World War II this identical theatre was hit by a V-2 (made by Von Braun) and 700 civilians were killed.

The film is made with the cooperation of the U.S. Army and Department of Defence.

But the net purpose of the film, with the very charming Curt Jurgens playing the lead, is to justify the West's rescue of this man from charges of wanton murder of civilian populations, and putting him to work against the potential "enemy", the USSR.

Jurgens seems uncomfortable in the role. Herbert Lom is a believable patriot German, Gia Scala, a pretty Allied spy. The intent of the film is to make you feel good that this bird is "on our side." ● You won't.

PROFILE

**World Plotter No. 1 —
he stands in the shadows**

BEHIND President Kennedy stands the sinister man in the shadows who gave the signal for the invasion of Cuba.

He is Allen Welsh Dulles, born April 7, 1893, brother of the late unlamented U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and head of the notorious Central Intelligence Agency since 1953.

Dulles Central Intelligence Agency has been so much up to its eyes in the conspiracy against Cuba that Cuban emigres themselves said that its initials, C.I.A., now stood for Cuban Invasion Authority.

"One immediate consequence of the whole unfortunate affair," said the Times recently about the crushing defeat of the Dulles-planned attack on Cuba, "should be a

severely critical look at the powers and organisation of the Central Intelligence Agency."

The last exploit of Mr. Dulles and his C.I.A. which hit the headlines was when, on the eve of scheduled Summit talks, he sent the U.S. spy plane across the Soviet Union.

As long ago as December 1918, Dulles, then a young diplomat in the U.S. delegation to the Peace Conference, produced a document entitled "Lithuania and Poland, the last barrier between Germany and the Bolsheviks."

Dulles came out strongly in favour of intervention against the Soviet Republic.

It was his performance in Switzerland from 1942 to 1945 as representative of the U.S. Secret Service that gave him his dubious reputation as a "master spy."

It was in Switzerland that Dulles negotiated with emissaries of Himmler's notorious S.S., discussing even the preservation of nazism under some sort of compromise to end the war, while the official Allied policy was unconditional surrender.

Within a year of heading the C.I.A. he was master-minding the

attack on Guatemala, which had elected President Arbenz and a Government which was set to the liking of the mammoth U.S. firm, United Fruit Co.

He was now in supreme charge of a department which, according to him, was to carry out a policy of "liberation, not containment," toward the Soviet Union and the Peoples' Democracies.

Funds for the Dulles "dirty tricks" department were stepped up, plans for espionage and sabotage were increased, and everything done to cause trouble with the Soviet Union.

But time has shown that it is not only over Cuba that Dulles and his men have given what The Times calls "bad intelligence advice."

As long ago as December 1956, Dulles told a conference at Princeton University that Soviet students "were becoming restive," that "the leaven of education has begun its work, and the men in the Kremlin have a hard task ahead to hold the process in check."

Yuri Gagarin has shown Dulles and the world the results of this leaven of education, but not in the way that Dulles hoped. He was as wrong about Soviet students as he was about the Cuban peasants.

No wonder The Times complains bitterly that, because of Dulles and his C.I.A., President Kennedy "was misinformed about the strength of the invaders, the effectiveness of Castro's forces and the willingness of the majority of Cubans to swing into revolt against Castro when the signal was given."



ALLEN DULLES, (brother of John Foster Dulles) directed Cuban invasion.

SPORTS CALL FOR MAY 29?

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emergency with thousands of people in jail because of their opposition to the policies of this Government.

The National Action Council is convinced that all right-thinking people must realize that the intensification of such a policy will ultimately bring disaster to all peoples of South Africa. The "granite-wall" attitude of the Government and their "last ditch" stand policy spell danger for every single South African.

Disowned by World

Already these policies have brought the signs of economic and diplomatic disaster to South Africa in its relations to the peoples of the world.

The Commonwealth governments have disowned South Africa, a world-wide boycott of trade relations is spreading everywhere, economic sanctions and diplomatic isolation are the subject of discussion at the United Nations Organisation and are close at hand. The mal-administration of South West Africa is being powerfully challenged.

The total effect, therefore, of the policies of the Nationalist Government which have their

roots in the traditional policy of white supremacy and black inferiority has resulted in a decline in the standard of living of all the people of South Africa.

No Solution

The Nationalist Government which has precipitated this serious crisis in our country can offer no solution, save the mobilisation of the army and the building of concentration camps for their political opponents. This preparation of violence by the Government is provocative and is in fact an incitement to violence. It is bound to aggravate the situation.

Only the people of South Africa can now save the country by calling a halt to these suicidal policies; by thinking radically and acting boldly before the Nationalist Government drags us all with it to national disaster.

The National Action Council declares that the African people who constitute two-thirds of the people of our country, and who when united are a vital and potent force, have issued a bold call for the immediate solution of our problems. The 1,500 elected delegates coming from 145 African organisations who attended the

All-Indian African Conference at Pietermaritzburg on the 25th March have demonstrated the unity of the African people.

National Convention

The Conference made a demand that the Union Government should convene by not later than the 31st May, 1961, a National Convention representative of all the people of South Africa, irrespective of race, colour or creed which will have sovereign powers to determine in any way the majority of the representatives decide a new non-racial democratic constitution for South Africa.

The All-Indian African Conference was under no illusion that the Verwoerd Government would easily and willingly accede to this demand. Indeed, one of the purposes of the conference was to cement the unity of the Africans in order to exert effective pressure together with other racial groups to change this situation.

During the coming weeks therefore and especially on the eve of the Government's Republic Day, May 31st, the African people together with their allies are determined to conduct country-wide mass demonstrations and mass protest actions in support of their demand. It is primarily to organise these mass demonstrations and protest actions that the National Action Council exists.

Human Rights

The African people have always demonstrated against their disabilities and these demonstrations are based according to the existing local problems. During the period prior to the Republic Day efforts will be made to direct demonstration not merely against specific disabilities but for the demand for fundamental human rights. The most powerful weapon of the oppressed people of South Africa has always been their labour power and they may well be called upon to withdraw their

labour power for a specific period. The demonstrations of the African people have always been conducted peacefully and the forthcoming demonstrations will be conducted on the same basis.

These demonstrations will not be directed against any racial group but against a minority government which has already proved its unfitness to rule and yet rides roughshod over the opinions and aspirations of the overwhelming majority of the people. The main target therefore of the demonstrations will be white domination in all its manifestations.

The National Action Council hopes that those who are opposed to the policies of the Nationalists but do not yet see their way clear to give active support to the forthcoming struggle will at least remain neutral and will do nothing to give the impression that they support the Nationalists against the demonstrations of the oppressed people.

The demonstrations might affect industry and commerce but we would like to assure those concerned that this will only be incidental and we hope that they will support an effort to bring conditions of economic prosperity and political stability to the country.

Non-Co-operation

The demonstrations before Republic Day will only be the beginning of a sustained struggle against the white domination of the nation. The Pietermaritzburg Conference has called:—

"On all Africans not to cooperate or collaborate in any way with the proposed South African Republic or any other form of government which rests on force to perpetuate the tyranny of a minority; and to organise a united front in town and country to carry out consistent actions to oppose oppression and win FREEDOM."

This call gives every section of the people of our country an opportunity to participate in some form or another in demonstrating their rejection of a Verwoerd Republic. The National Action Council invites all democratic South Africans to support and emulate this action in their own interests.

These are means of peaceful pressure to force the Government either to conform to civilised standards or to give way to one which will.

No Turning Back

We know that this is a bold, radical course which we have embarked on. There is no turning back. In such a time of crisis anything less than bold, courageous and radical action will be useless. Throughout the country those who shrink from such bold action—the Parliamentary opposition amongst them—are proving utterly incapable of participating in the success of the Nationalist Government or saving off economic and political disaster. It is the time for boldness and courage.

In the name of the African people, therefore, we appeal to all South Africans to show us their courage and for action now, before it is too late. We appeal for support and co-operation of all sections of the community, for solidarity with us in what we do, and for appropriate action by whatever way they can help to resolve this crisis.

Only through the maximum unity of the anti-Nationalist forces and joint effort can we all go forward to shape the future multi-racial South Africa which will be rid of the scourge of White domination and racial discrimination and which will be able to hold up its head amongst the democratic nations of the world.

Bloody Clash At Warmbaths

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injured lie in Warmbaths hospital, among them one shopkeeper injured by a stone because he refused to close his shop during the strike.

Warmbaths agreed that Van Coler was the cause of the trouble. New Age discovered that in 1958 40 Whites signed a petition for the removal of Van Coler because his indiscriminate arrests on petty charges were going too far. Nothing happened. Van Coler remained and the authorities of Warmbaths took until last Monday to realise that only his permanent removal and the announcement of this to all the people of the town would end this crisis.

Advisory Board members and African constables living in the location are sleeping in the bush to avoid the African people who suspect they haven't done enough to have Van Coler kept out.

COMMISSIONER TOO

The Chief Bantu Affairs Commissioner, Mr. B. J. Liebenberg, rushed from Pieterburg to Warmbaths to deal with the emergency situation there, confirmed to New Age he had telephoned the BAD Minister asking for the immediate dismissal of Van Coler. By 4 p.m. on Monday the Minister had told him no decision could be taken until Thursday. The Commissioner immediately summoned an Advisory Board meeting there, confirmed to New Age he had arrived and when given the Ministerial message to convey to the people they left in the company of the police.

The township residents later reported that these two men were pointing out young men to the police who immediately arrested them as having had something to do with the previous night's demonstrations.

Mr. Liebenberg looked hurt when asked whether any steps would be taken to induce residents to return to work.

"We will not force anyone," he said, "although of course we'll give protection to those wishing to return."

While this interview was going on, the sound of cuffing and slapping could be heard from the lock-up in front of which the Commissioner was standing.

ARRESTS

The police commandant said 24 had been arrested, mainly for damage to property in the location.

A canvass of White opinion in the town confirmed that both English and Afrikaans-speaker residents are hostile to Van Coler and would have him removed from office.

An eye-witness of the shooting incident on Sunday night said: "I saw the police did not fire tear gas to disperse the crowd but fired into the air first. After three minutes they opened fire on the crowd though they were 30 or 40 yards away."

Early on Monday morning the police sitting on top of their Syrens were enjoying themselves shouting obscenities in Afrikaans at every passer-by while within the township there was mourning for those who were killed.

A large turnout is expected at the funeral of Paulus Masoeta, the first man to die in the shooting.

SPORTS SHORTS

● Most welcome recent news is the decision of the Soccer Federation and the newly formed S.A. Soccer League to work together. This is essential if we are to have a united soccer organisation.

The Soccer League seems to have run into some trouble with the Orlando Pirates, but this is just the kind of teething troubles we must expect in the beginning.

● Duncan Pitso, Butcher Birds star wing, has finally got his passport to play professional rugby in Britain. A farewell function for him has been arranged by his club.

Unfortunately, it seems as if Gabby Daniels, the W.P. player who is already in Britain, has been unable to settle down and is returning to the Union.

● The attention of high schools throughout the country is directed to

the announcement that a national high schools sports tournament will be held in Durban during September under the auspices of the Natal Association, acting on behalf of the South African Senior Schools Sports Association.

There are many regional associations for schools and they should all make an effort to have teams and representatives at this first-ever event. Natal have an excellent reputation for arranging things well—we can expect a high standard.

● Our Kimberley correspondent, Lenne Hinson, has reported that the South African Coloured Rugby Tournament will be held in Cape Town during September (under 19). If this tournament comes off, surely it will provide a good opportunity for introducing non-racial sides from all provinces?

GREETINGS

Asha Hassan—Wishing you a very happy birthday sweetheart. I kiss you for every candle. From your loving mother, Ashraf and Naidoo and family.

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