

# South Africa Waits For May 29

IN furtherance of its demand for a National Convention of all races to draw up a new constitution for South Africa (which has been rejected by the Government) the National Action Council appointed in terms of the All-in African Conference at Maritzburg has called for a 3-day stay-at-home starting on Monday, May 29.

The secretary of the National Action Council, Mr. Nelson Mandela, has called upon all South Africans, Black and White, young and old

● To stay quietly at home on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday May 29 to 31 in protest against the

Government's race policies.

● Not to take any part in any celebrations for the Europeans-only republic on May 31.

● Not to indulge in any form of violence, nor to allow themselves to be provoked into violence by the police. Persuasion, not force, is to be used to get people to join in the stay-at-home.

● Not to take part in any street demonstrations or processions which might lead to a clash with the police.

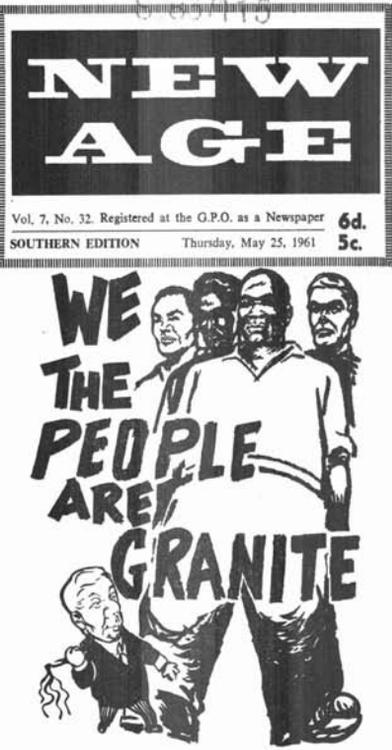
At the time of going to press indications were that there would be massive support for the NAC's call. Coloureds, Indians and a

number of Whites in all centres had pledged to take part in the demonstrations side by side with the Africans.

Meanwhile, however, tension was rising as the Government took counter-measures. Raids and arrests, the banning of meetings and the call-up of the Active Citizen Force showed the Government was preparing for some sort of show-down, armed with new powers including the ability to hold arrested persons in jail for 12 days on any charge without bail.

In this emergency atmosphere, anything could happen. May 29 may prove to be a turning point in South African history.

# THE PEOPLE DEMAND A NATIONAL CONVENTION



S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS PO BOX 4068, JHB.

This is the Congress of Democrats answer—plastered up on walls in South African towns—to Dr. Verwoerd's so-called granite-wall policy: "WE—THE PEOPLE—ARE GRANITE."

**New Age: What is the aim of the 3-day strike?**  
**Nelson Mandela:** It is not only a negative protest against the Verwoerd Republic, but also for the positive demand of a National Convention.  
 It is necessary to recall the essentials of the Pietermaritzburg Conference resolution: we demanded a National Convention with sovereign powers to determine a new non-racial democratic Constitution; and we coupled this demand with the resolve that we would undertake a countrywide campaign of non-co-operation with the Government—any government—which rests on force and perpetuates the tyranny of a minority.  
**New Age: How do you evaluate the effects of the strike?**  
**Nelson Mandela:** Even before the strike has taken place it has had widespread effects.  
**ONE:** It has wiped the face of the Republic off the political map and super-imposed the real politics of the Non-White struggle for Non-White rights.  
**TWO:** It has alerted the whole country to the hopelessness of expecting change to come from the direction of the Nationalist Party, with the plateland behind it. There is fast-growing recognition that the only solution is for

## STRIKE AIMS EXPLAINED BY NELSON MANDELA

The call of the Pietermaritzburg All-in African Conference for a NATIONAL CONVENTION has caught fire in South Africa. Liberals and Progressives, the Black Sash, churchmen, student leaders and prominent South Africans in many walks of life are echoing the call of the African people, endorsed early on by the entire Congress movement.

Here NEW AGE publishes an exclusive interview with NELSON MANDELA, spokesman of the National Action Council of the All-in African Conference. The interview discusses the aim of the three-day strike; the African view of the National Convention demand, and the difference between a National Convention as seen by the Pietermaritzburg Conference and the plans for a multi-race consultation now abroad.

a new National Convention, a new Constitution, a new Government.  
**IDEA CATCHING ON**  
 The idea of consultation is catching on, as the only alternative to an armed clash. Among the groups expressing support for it are the Black Sash, Progressives, Liberal Party, the Methodist Church, Cape Town and Natal University staff and student bodies, prominent individuals not necessarily affiliated to any political group.  
**New Age: There is talk of a multi-race national convention some time in June?**  
**Nelson Mandela:** I understand the Liberal Party and the Progressive Party among others are today actively canvassing a plan for a multi-race assembly some time in June or July after the declaration of the Republic. The figure has been mentioned of 400 prominent South Africans as participants.  
**New Age: Would you take part, presuming you were able to?**  
**Nelson Mandela:** The idea of a multi-race conference is a good one. Whenever they have been invited to take part African leaders have done so and at times they have initiated such consultations.  
 To be really useful the convenors must not seek to exclude any organisations or individuals; participation must be dependent only upon support for the aims of the consultation. Also, such a consultation, to be really representative, must have overwhelming Non-White representation.  
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Shame On You,  
 Mr. Glyn Thomas  
**NEW AGE BANNED  
 AT WITS.**

JOHANNESBURG.  
 New Age must not be sold at the University of the Witwatersrand.  
 The vice-principal of the University, Mr. I. Glyn Thomas, has written this to student Mark Weinberg and warned him that as a student he is "subject to disciplinary control by the University Council."  
 The warning letter says specifically: "The University is a private place controlled by the University Council, which does not permit the distribution of publications of outside bodies, whether distributed by students or others. I must therefore instruct you to desist from distributing copies of New Age or similar material within the University."



## DRIVE IMPERIALISM OUT OF AFRICA

Africa is on the march to freedom, although the conquistadores are not bowing before the African people and do not want to see them free.

We know the meaning of Western democracy. Countless millions of the sons and daughters of this continent were enslaved and sent to foreign countries on the pretext of routing barbarism, strife, disease and ignorance and replacing them with Christianity, but those who resisted Christianity were maimed by the Christians' bullets. After subjugation, our continent became a market of cheap labour, a source of raw materials and a safe place where the Western monopolists can be sure of the immunity of their industries.

We are not recognised as human beings, and our living conditions are still no better than those of a White man's dog. When you think of the rotato fields, the diamonds and gold mines, you realise our working conditions are akin to those of slaves. When our leaders voice the people's demands, they are sent to concentration camps.

Our brothers who are free politically must watch the imperialist wolf with its bloodstained mouth and its stomach filled with the blood and bones of the working people of this continent. The imperialists are trying to make a come-back to this continent, employing some of our brothers to guard their profits.

The people must oppose this dirty trick of the imperialists who have made our continent an abyss of backwardness, disease, crime and oppression. They must check those of our brothers who are for the exploitation of man by man. With this sort of thing in practice we are not free. Nobody, regardless of colour, must prosper at the expense of others.

The wealth of the creators must be the goal of the people.

R. Z. MBANJWA  
New Brighton.

### Support From Ghana

I thank you for your recent inspiring letters.

The speech delivered by Mrs. Hilda Bernstein at the peace conference was really excellent. A number of my friends here who read this speech in your paper were deeply impressed. I am sure that the proposal to hold an "All Africa Peace Conference" will be welcomed with enthusiasm by the majority of people on our continent.

Living away from my dear country has brought me into touch with the good wishes and support which decent people everywhere are giving to our just struggle for liberation.

It will not be long before our unhappy country of fear, misery and despair will become a happy land of peace, security and opportunity.

Keep up the good work.  
ARNOLD SELBY  
Accra, Ghana.

### We Want Self-Government

We prefer self-government, not this anarchy policy. It is not the imperialists who will fight for the freedom of Basutoland, and the independence of other African countries. It is the blacks and some of the whites who will do the fighting, and "New Age" and "Makalote" our newspapers.

Sons and daughters of Africa, your Mother Africa is being raped by imperialists of the West, therefore exorcise them now. Time will be no more realisable.  
Long live the youth of the BCP, long live Basutoland, and long live our mother Africa.

M. S. MOKIBA  
Maseru.

### Our Children Must Not Be Slaves

Sons and daughters of Africa, I once more appeal to you to support us on May 29 in our demonstrations against Verwoerd.

It is high time you pull up your socks and fight for freedom even if you don't belong to any political organisation.

Remember what happened on January 21 and March 21, 1960, when many African lives were lost at Coalbrook and Sharpeville.

If you are really oppressed, you may have to sacrifice with your lives, but bear in mind that you are fighting for your children, who must have a better life than you. For nobody wants his or her child to be a slave.

Freedom in our lifetime.  
L.M.

Evaton.

### Lumumba's Work Will Be Done

Rest in peace, Patrice Lumumba, his work you intended will be done.

I thank Mr. Moretele who passed away recently, just as his few leaders were being accused of breaking the hard tie under which they were accused.

These leaders will still lead even in the valley of death. The vote is left with you, Mr. Lutuli, Mayibuye!

Mr. Nkwe, the world is watching you. Move in the direction of your heart intends—that is to FREEDOM.

Chief Zwelilime Ntlokondala  
Idutywa.

### Peaceful Protests Are Met With Bullets

It has happened many a time when people protest over something the S.A. Government sends its security men (Special Branch) to collect the names of those seemingly active in organising such a protest. In a short space of time those leaders are victimised or deported.

When people have resolved to hold a quiet, peaceful, mass demonstration against a law, they suddenly are hit with tear-gas, baton charges, tear-gas bombs dropped from spotter planes and a spray of bullets.

Should they be opposed to moving to wherever they are forced to go, municipal lorries and demobilisers are sent in company with the police.

South Africa is a police state. The Nationalist Government has been in office for the last 13 years and has done nothing to further the progress of the African in this country, or for the continent as a whole.

DAMN WORKER  
Port Elizabeth.

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### Fight Bantustan

The Government, that is the Bantu Administration Department, has taken drastic steps to turn Zululand into a Bantustan. This is of course a breakdown of our unity and one of thousands killed and one of South Africa's beauty spots. All that the Government pretends to do, like the decreasing of cattle and steaming stones to Bantustan, which is an erim and deadly rock used to submerge the black man of South Africa in misery and poverty in the future.

Men, let us all unite and fight Bantustan. It is no good, but a bringer of sorrows. Let us all unite, not only among the Zulus, but also with the Tsongas, Swazis, Basutos, Pondos and all other black people, and no longer refer to them with contempt. "A kettle boils by keeping the fire burning, if I let the authorities know our true feelings.

AFRICA JALI

## EDITORIAL

### VERWOERD'S REPUBLIC IS DOOMED

NEXT week South Africa will be formally proclaimed a republic and Mr. Charles Robberts Swart, father of the Suppression of Communism and Public Safety Acts, as well as compulsory flooding, farm jails and the treason trial, will be installed as President.

Whatever significance the republic may have for the Nats, for the majority of South Africans it means a concentration camp whose inmates are denied all civic and human rights.

This republic is being ushered in during a state of emergency in which all meetings are banned, people can be arrested and jailed for 12 days without bail and thousands of ordinary citizens dubbed "criminals, loafers and stotists" have been rounded up in mass police raids throughout the country.

In order that the "volk" can celebrate in "peace," the rest of the population has to be put in chains. A republic that is born in these circumstances is obviously not destined to last the 1,000 years nowadays demanded for their regimes by all paranoid dictators.

Not all the Government's preventive measures and intimidation can draw the people's protest at the inauguration of a White republic in which they have had no say. The detention bills, parades of saracens and armoured cars, arrests, jailings, flights of jet planes and helicopters, raids and searches only serve to emphasise that the overwhelming majority of the population want no part of this republic and have pledged themselves not to co-operate with it in any way.

Not even the "volk" can derive any joy from the advent of a republic so hated by the majority of the people, and indeed by the whole world. It is like the birth of a Mongolian idiot—the parents have to accept responsibility for it, may even in time become attached to it, but are dogged all the time by the thought that it is hideously abnormal and doomed to die before it has outlived its childhood.

Respective of the outcome of next week's protests, the events of recent weeks have shown the true strength of the people and the real weakness of the Government. During these tense May days, the call for a National Convention representative of all the people at which a new constitution for South Africa would be drawn up, first voiced at the Maritzburg all-in African conference, has been echoed among all sections of the non-Nationalist population—and, who knows, perhaps secretly in some Nationalist hearts as well.

Almost everybody in South Africa favours some sort of negotiation rather than a continuation of the unbearable tension through which South Africa has been living since Sharpeville.

The time was never more propitious to step up the people's drive for freedom until the apartheid granite wall is finally breached and a new era of government by consent can be substituted for the Verwoerdian police republic which is the cause of all our troubles.

### AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE POLICE

I went to Welcome Estate recently to see my brother-in-law and I was wounded in the head, so I went to Athlone police station to make a statement.

One of the European police where I went to make my statement said: "Kaffer, jey is dronk. Wat makeer die kaffer?" So I told him I was never more propitious to step up the people's drive for freedom until the apartheid granite wall is finally breached and a new era of government by consent can be substituted for the Verwoerdian police republic which is the cause of all our troubles.

I ran out to my van, got inside and closed the door, but he came out and opened the door and pulled me out of the van and kicked me. He nearly kicked my arm off. One of my friends had to save my life so that I could run away from there.

Then I went to the Phillip police station to make my statement and then I had to be sent to the hospital to save my life, because I lost a lot of blood.

It is a disgrace for the Athlone police to behave like this. I have lived in Athlone from 1953 to 1958 and never had any trouble

with the Government and in my life I have never been in jail. This is the first time I have been in trouble.

So I just think what happens to a kaffer. I thought the police station is to go to if you get into trouble, but I see you are more likely to be killed and it is better to run into the bush.

Nyanga East.

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### ALWAYS CHASED AWAY

The police came to search my house saying they were looking for ANC books.

It's a funny thing, but the Government cannot give us any place where we can rest. We are always suffering, we can't talk or build but are always chased away.

R.P.G.

Bethal

### THE ANSWER TO BRUTE FORCE

BRUTE force, the attempted intimidation millions of South Africans, is the only answer our fascist government is prepared to give to the just demands of the people. The Sword is very much in evidence in our country today.

But the Pen, someone once said, is mightier than the sword. It is a honest task trying to stab an idea with a bayonet; one can't shoot it down with a sten-gun either!

Ideas, however, don't walk around on their own two feet. They have to be carried by word of mouth or by the written word. And the written word becomes of paramount importance when opportunities for the spoken word are denied.

To defeat the Sword the Pen must have ink.

New Age, appearing weekly now, needs lots of ink, lots of paper. It needs offices, telephones, a staff of specialists

trained in the use of the Pen. These things cost money, lots of money.

DON'T LET YOUR PEN—NEW AGE—RUN DRY FOR LACK OF MONEY. SEND YOUR DONATION TODAY!

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Port Elizabeth:  
Brothers R3,10, Greens R2,10, Doc R2.

Cape Town:  
Ally Sisters R4, Double Yolk R4, R & M R10, Jumble R10, Norbas R10, Bob R4, Bush R4, Minerals R10, Hot Water R6, Carts R40, Dou R50, A.B. R4, S.A. R10, Kat R10, Anon R4, Anon R2, Johnny R10,50, S. 90c.

Grand Total: R369.80.

# ACTION COUNCIL'S CALL TO WHITES

## "Stay Away From Republic Celebrations"

JOHANNESBURG.

**THIS** week the National Action Council which is calling the 3-day strike turned to the Whites and issued a call to them to stay away—not from work but from the so-called 'celebrations' for the Verwoerd Republic.

The Republic is being inaugurated in grim days, says the NAC, to the accompaniment of the mobilisation of the police and the army, and of the panic-stricken rush to arms of some White communities.

No community or body of South Africans can afford to 'celebrate' the inauguration of the Republic under these crisis conditions.

**SOLID WHITE FRONT?**

The NAC warns: "The more widespread participation the Nationalist Government gets in its Republican celebration programme, the more it will be strengthened in its granite-white policy. The White people must realise that widespread participation by them will present to the Non-White people

a picture of a solid White front against them. THIS WOULD BE FATAL FOR THE FUTURE OF RACE RELATIONS IN OUR COUNTRY."

The NAC urges that South Africans of all political persuasions and members of all community organisations, members of youth movements and the Churches, should abstain from taking part in the celebrations, even if they are already committed to participation.

"The aim of the Nationalist Government is to get South Africans to confuse patriotism to South Africa with loyalty to South Africa's present Government. In some quarters there seems to be the dangerous view that because the Government is inaugurating the Republic and has made the 'festivities' state-sponsored, all who love South Africa must take part. We have fallen on evil days if we identify loyalty to South Africa with loyalty to the present ruling political party.

**NEW PHASE**

"The declaration of the Republic will open a new phase

of intensified suppression of the civil rights of all South Africans. The African people will play no part in these 'celebrations.' We appeal to all South Africans and particularly the White community not to allow themselves to be identified with the Nationalist Government.

"Some local authorities have already taken this stand. It is not too late for other sections of the community to follow."



Mr. E. G. Rook, Chairman of the Coloured Federal Council, introducing Councillor George Peake to the Durban meeting last week.

# DURBAN COLOURED ON THE MARCH

## Rousing Reception For George Peake

**DURBAN.** Durban's Coloured community which, until the beginning of the campaign for a National Convention, was poli-

tically dormant, surprised even local Coloured leaders last week when over 1,000 people jam-packed the St. Raphael's Hall and overflowed into the grounds to hear Cape Town City Councillor George Peake.

In a hard-hitting speech frequently punctuated with applause, Mr. Peake called on Durban's Coloured community to support the call for a National Convention.

Urging the Coloureds to throw in their lot with other anti-Nationalist forces, Councillor Peake said: "We must cease to practise Apartheid amongst ourselves".

In answer to a question, Councillor Peake told the gathering that if a general strike was called for the end of this month, then the Coloureds must join it.

Mr. E. G. Rook, Chairman of the Coloured Federal Council which

called the meeting, said that "Die Burger" had urged the Coloured people to be patient because many Whites, including Nationalists, were doing some hard thinking about the future of the Coloured people.

"Hard thinking is not going to satisfy us. We have been silent too long. We must make our voices heard," he said amidst tremendous applause.

A resolution passed unanimously at the meeting stated that the coloured Federal Council "is strongly opposed to the policy of apartheid or any other policy which discriminates in any way on the basis of race, colour or creed," and demanded a National Convention of all races.

**FOOTNOTE:** A meeting which Councillor Peake was to have addressed in Port Elizabeth on Tuesday of this week had to be cancelled owing to the Government's blanket ban on all meetings until June 26.

# Liberals' Call For End Of May

JOHANNESBURG.

**THE** Liberal Party is distributing leaflets addressed to "the people of South Africa" asking them to turn aside for a few days at the end of May to mourn the wasted years and re-dedicate themselves to a united non-racial country.

The Liberal Party hopes for the end of May stay-at-home demonstrations is believed to follow pressure within the Party, especially from its Non-White members, for a firm decision on the attitude of the Party to the demonstrations.

The Government, says the one-page leaflet being distributed nationally, "claims it is carrying out the will of the people. WHICH PEOPLE? The Nationalists or the voiceless millions?"

The slogan of the leaflet is "Maribé Banyé—Let Us Be One." The Liberal Party has also sent a letter to employers asking them not to take punitive action against any workers who stay home. One of the only peaceful extra-parliamentary pressures open to Non-Whites is the withholding of their labour, the letter says. "We appeal to you not to dismiss workers who take part in the stay-at-home."

# Two Charged Under Unlawful Organisations Act

PORT ELIZABETH.

Two men—Freddie Masi and Alfred Hani—were released on bail of R200 each last week when they appeared in court charged under the Unlawful Organisations Act with furthering the aims of an Unlawful Organisation.

It is alleged that the two men were found distributing leaflets in connection with the Maritzburg Resolution of the All-African Conference. The case has been remanded to June 7th.

# In Support Of The Africans Durban Students Will Not Attend Classes

DURBAN.

**AT** a lively meeting of students held at the University of Natal last week, a resolution pledging support for the historic decisions of the Maritzburg All-African Conference was passed by an overwhelming majority.

The meeting decided not to attend classes on May 29, 30, and 31 and to set up an Action Committee to work out what form of protest should be conducted by the students.

All shades of political opinion were represented at the meeting, and attacks and doubts expressed by the Unity Movement were effectively answered by pro-Congress students.

In reply to allegations that the All-in African Conference was racialistic, as it was only representative of Africans, students supporting the resolution pointed out that the African majority, which had to bear the brunt of the most vicious attacks on the Non-Whites in South Africa, of necessity had to face the crisis situation relying on their own strength.

However, the final resolution adopted by the African people showed clearly that, far from being racialistic, they called for co-operation and were desirous of extending the hand of friendship and solidarity to all races.

**FOOTNOTE:** Witwatersrand University students are holding daily lunch-hour meetings this week, culminating in a mass general meeting on Thursday to support the demand for a national convention.

The sponsoring bodies, which include a large number of student societies including student Christian

organisations on the campus, have invited speakers from the Progressive and Liberal Parties to address preliminary meetings and on Thursday the student representative; are due to make a final appeal and put the convention demand motion before the students.

# TVL COLOURED UP IN ARMS



Mr. Stanley Lollan, of the S.A. Coloured People's Congress (left), called on the Transvaal Coloured community to stand with the Africans in the three-day stay-at-home starting on May 29. Mr. G. Beck (right) also spoke at this meeting in Newcastle.

U.S. Trade Union Boss Meany

# "BRIBES AND THREATENINGS" WORLD LABOUR

"THE 57-MILLION STRONG NON-COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS, WHICH HAS HAD AN UNHAPPY 11 YEAR'S EXISTENCE, HAS BEEN SAVED FROM THREATENING COLLAPSE." London Observer, March 18.

In this article, based on reports received from America and Europe, Spectator shows how the big boss of the U.S. trade union world, Mr. George Meany, has been bullying and bribing the ICFTU in order to make it an instrument for the better carrying out of U.S. foreign policy. The main purpose of the ICFTU in Meany's eyes is not to further the interests of the world's workers, but to "fight Communism" and further the interests of Washington.

Meany controls the purse of the ICFTU—and calls the tune.

**GEORGE Meany, President of the 57-million strong United States trade union federation A.F.L.-C.I.O., is a typical trade union boss, used to having his own way in all matters, especially on foreign policy.**

When he proposed resolutions at AFL-CIO meetings to intensify the cold war, those who disagree keep still in the interests of unity. But Meany's efforts to export his views to international labour groups have touched off rugged fights. His notion that he can call the tune because the AFL-CIO pays most of the bills has not always been taken kindly.

Last January the Intl. Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) came close to ruin when Meany withheld a cheque for \$221,000 because the organisation rejected his nominee for a post on the ground that he was a US intelligence agent.

AFL-CIO leaders are also threatening to withhold funds from the UN's Intl. Labour Organisation (ILO) because it published a survey reporting favourably on Soviet trade unions.

The Independent Labour League in the Thirties, organised by Jay Lovestone after he was expelled from the Communist Party. Lovestone went on to a career in the AFL as a foreign affairs expert dedicated to undermining the USSR, taking Brown with him.

The Chicago "Daily News" reported in 1955: "It can be stated without qualification that the CIA . . . has in recent years obtained much of its primary information about international communism from Lovestone." Lovestone is at present Meany's foreign policy adviser and speech-writer.

When Brown was re-appointed, Meany refused to pay \$221,000 to the ICFTU Solidarity Fund, due last Dec. 31 for the period from 1957 to 1960. Meany complained that the reorganisation plan had bogged down and his pet aid-Africa project was suffering. He reportedly told a meeting of AFL-CIO leaders that he would just as soon pull out of ICFTU and administer aid directly.

But a compromise was reached at an AFL-CIO executive committee meeting Jan. 21, with an auto union president Walter Reuther

finance, administration, and publications, Press and publicity. At least two new union training centres are to be established, one for French-speaking Africa and the other for Latin America.

## ILO Report on Russia

One of Meany's "independent activities in world labour" is to try to lay down the line for the International Labour Organisation.

An ILO team of experts from Britain, France, Poland and Ceylon recently completed parallel on-the-spot surveys on "the trade union situation" in the US and the USSR. The US had no representative on the study mission but it checked the report prior to publication. The USSR sent an official interpreter, read the report and asked for some amendments.

J. Tyurin, deputy editor of *Trud*, the Soviet trade union daily, wrote of the report that, despite some shortcomings, it was "a serious and conscientious survey of new and complex problems . . . based on objective and incontrovertible facts."

But the American journalist C. L. Sulzberger, writing in the *New York Times*, said United States trade union leaders were outraged when they compared the ILO reports on the USSR and USA.

## Social System

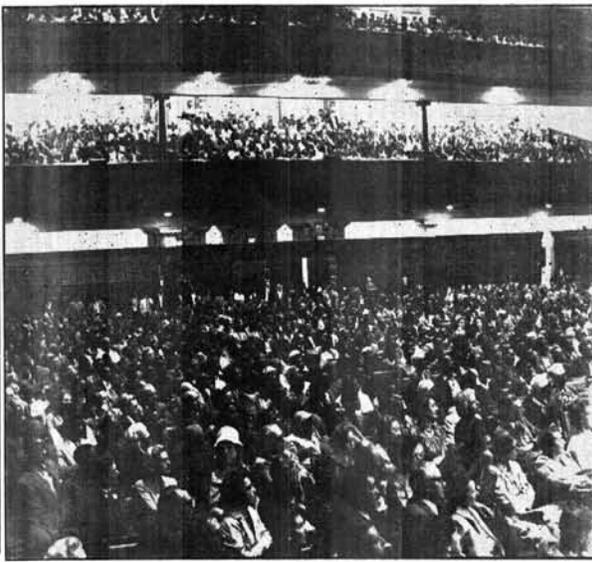
The ILO report said: "The situation of the Soviet trade unions can only be clearly understood if the difference between the conditions of private capitalism and those of the Soviet state is considered . . . The omnipresence of Soviet trade unions cannot fail to strike any visitor who has had an opportunity to go a little off the beaten track and to get briefly into touch with industrial and agricultural enterprises."

AFL-CIO officials exploded. Lovestone said the ILO report was "a fake which completely distorts the picture in favour of the Russians."

US Steelworkers' officials are preparing a report for Labour Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg calling for "a complete review of US labour's attitude towards the ILO."

Rudy Fuell, of the Machinists' union, said the report "definitely kills any possibility of an AFL-CIO donation" to the ILO International Institute for Labour Studies.

But John Price, the Englishman who headed both the US and USSR surveys, said: "Whatever reservations may be made about the USSR report, it must be remembered that this is the first occasion since the Soviet regime was established that the Soviet Government has allowed a mission from an inter-governmental organisation to make an on-the-spot study in the Soviet Union and bring out a report which is a public document."



ABOVE: A section of the huge crowd which crammed the Durban City Hall to pledge support for the demand for a National Convention at a symposium organised by the Durban branch of the United Nations Association.



RIGHT: Speaker at the symposium discussing the programme with the Secretary of the U.N. Association, Mr. A. I. Meer. From the left, Mr. Meer, Col. Peter Francis, Archbishop Denis Hurley, Mrs. Fatima Meer and Mr. H. J. Bhengu.

## 2,000 BACK CALL FOR CONVENTION

S.A. Belongs to All, White and Non-White

### DURBAN.

AT a multi-racial Symposium called by the Durban branch of the United Nations Association last week, former South African Senator, Dr. Edgar Brookes, Professor of History and Political Science at the University of Natal, said, ". . . In the difficult days which may come upon us at the end of this month, it is no use making fine speeches if you intend dismissing your employees for not being at work."

Over 2,000 people—both White and Non-White—who packed the Durban City Hall pledged to work to bring about a National Convention, "to plan a new South Africa which all our people can accept as their own."

Tremendous applause greeted Mrs. Fatima Meer, former member of the Natal Indian Congress Executive, when she said that she was convinced that the pattern of democracy which was being fashioned by the Non-Whites was one which nobody had any reason to fear.

"It is one which opens its doors to all South Africans," she added.

These Intimidators Are Not Arrested

# GOVT. TERRORISTS ATTACK CONGRESS HOMES

## CAPE TOWN.

AS preparations for the demonstrations against Verwoerd's republic intensify, pro-Government terrorist groups have been active in attempts to intimidate Congress members who are active in the organisation of the demonstrations.

Last week a petrol bomb was thrown into the Matiland home of Mrs. R. Kara whose son, Mohamed, is a member of the Coloured People's Congress.

Windows of the homes of three other members of the CPC were smashed by stones.

All the incidents occurred during the early hours of the morning. In a statement to *New Age*, Mrs. Blanche La Guma said that she was awakened at 1 a.m. on Thursday morning by the ringing of the phone. When she answered it a man's voice, obviously disguised, asked to speak to Alex La Guma.

Mrs. La Guma replied that he was not home, and the voice said: "Tell your husband to watch his step. We are going to get him. You won't see him alive after tonight."

**KU KLUX KLAN**  
The man, speaking in a deep voice and rolling up his sleeve, said: "This is the Supreme Commander of the Ku Klux Klan." He repeated this twice.

At about 3:30 a.m. Mrs. La Guma heard the sound of a car drawing up outside the house. Two heavy huds against the front wall followed, and then the sounds of footsteps running away and the car moving off. Mrs. La Guma called her neighbours and it was found that two heavy stones had been thrown at the windows, breaking one pane.

**LINE ENGAGED**  
Mrs. La Guma's attempts to ring the local police failed as the station line remained continuously engaged. She reported the matter to the Ash-leson Police in the morning.

"I acted on the instructions of the Police Chief who has said that all threats of intimidation should be reported," Mrs. La Guma said. "I trust that they will act speedily to find the culprits."

"We refuse to be intimidated," Mrs. La Guma added. "I have every confidence in the political work in which my husband is engaged, and we will not be intimidated by pro-Government hoodlums."

Neighbours have arranged to guard Mr. La Guma's home.

**SHILLAR PHONE CALL**  
A stone was hurled through the lounge window of the home of Cllr. G. Peake in Woodstock shortly after the incident at Mr. La Guma's home. Mrs. L. Peake said that she received a phone call similar to the one received by Mrs. La Guma. A man's voice said: "Your husband will be dead tonight." Cllr. Peake was in Durban at the time of the incident.

Still later a stone shattered the window of an upstairs room of the home of Mr. Ebrahim Desai, another CPC executive member. Mr. Desai's father, Mr. M. Desai, rushed outside in time to see a black car of German make drive off.

**PETROL BOMB**  
A petrol bomb was thrown into the house of Mrs. Kara in Matiland

in the early hours of the morning of Tuesday May 16. The bomb, made out of a wine bottle crashed through a window setting alight curtains, a settee, a carpet and a chair.

Mrs. Kara and her two daughters, Fatima and Khadija, were sitting in the kitchen when they heard the bomb explode. When they rushed into the lounge they found a pillar of flame rising on one wall. They managed to put the fire out with blankets and water, and called the police.

**ACTION COMMITTEE**  
This incident occurred after members of the local action committee had been distributing leaflets about the end-of-May demonstrations in the area.

A statement issued by Mr. Barney Desai, vice-president, and Mr. Reg. September, general secretary of CPC, stated that the attacks on the homes of CPC members were made by pro-Government secret organisations.

"We consider these to be acts of political vandalism, and naked intimidation aimed at persons involved in resistance to apartheid."

The statement continued: "Colonel Muir, Officer Commanding police in the Western Cape, warned that if they closed in sympathy against intimidators. The fact of the matter is that our supporters are being intimidated."

**SHOPKEEPERS**  
The CPC also said that members of the police force had been visiting non-white shopkeepers and threatening that if they closed in sympathy with the stay-home demonstrations at the end of the month, their licences would be withdrawn.

"We call on the people to resist these Gestapo tactics," the CPC statement concluded. "We are confident that our people will stand firm and that these tactics of intimidation will not affect the course of our demonstrations at the end of this month."

## This Scandal Must Stop!

# WOMEN JAILED FOR HIGH RENTS PROTEST

SEVEN African women are serving jail terms of two and four months after losing their appeals against their conviction for organising protests against high rents.

Originally 12 women, two of them girls of 16 and 17, were charged with public violence arising out of disturbances outside the Jabavu superintendent's house during a high rent protest by Jabavu residents last week.

The protests were preceded by memoranda to the Johannesburg City Council. The women complained about high rents and the indiscriminate arrests of tenants in the early hours of the morning.

Disatisfied with the replies of the Council the women staged daily protests outside

the location office, picketing and telling the residents not to pay the high rents.

They were arrested and charged before the Kliestown court.

All 10 were sentenced to 4 months imprisonment without the option of a fine. The two girls who had supplied tea to the women during the demonstrations were sentenced to 3 months in jail or a fine of £20 each suspended for 3 months.

The sentences of 4 months on Mrs. Emily Mokgethi and Mthabab Mabanywa were upheld by the Supreme Court and the rest were reduced to two months.

The 8 women are: Mesdames Violet Makgoka, Miriam Diphoka, Priscilla Langa, Selma Hlakane, Tryphina Hlatywayo, Gettrude Ntshakala, Joseline Xulu and Elzina Maseole.

# Advisory Boards Refuse To Give Information

Jo'burg Anti-Strike Move Fails

## JOHANNESBURG.

MR. W. J. P. Carr, manager of the Non-European Affairs Department of the Johannesburg City Council, failed to get members of the location Advisory Boards to become informers for his Department or do anything to break the stay-at-home beginning on May 29-31.

A meeting of the Executive of the Johannesburg Joint Boards was called by Mr. Carr to discuss the strike.

Presiding over the meeting, Mr. Carr told the members that his Department was concerned with the proposed stay-at-home and wanted to know what the views of the Advisory Boards members were. He appealed to them to give information on whether the planned demon-

strations were going to be violent or non-violent and whether in their view the stay-at-home was going to be a success or a failure.

### FIRST SURPRISE

Mr. Carr's first surprise was that the members were not prepared to give an opinion on this matter. Only two or three spoke, after which the subject had to be dropped abruptly.

One of the stooge members of the Board said he did not think the strike would be successful. He was in touch with the people and he thought press reports were exaggerating the mood of the people.

### "GET OUT"

This led to heated remarks between Mr. T. Moses, chairman of the Joint Boards, and Mr. Carr, and the NEAD Manager said Mr. Moses should leave the meeting or

he himself would do so.

Mr. Moses said Advisory Board members considered they were leaders of the African people not on political, but only civic matters.

After Mr. Moses had withdrawn the matter was dropped without any decision being taken.

But outside the Board room members of the Boards congratulated Mr. Moses for being so outspoken and putting their case so clearly.

The view of some of the members is that if they give information to the Non-European Affairs Department, they will be regarded as traitors by their own people. This is not the first time Mr. Carr has made attempts to break African struggles in the townships of Johannesburg. During the Alexandra bus boycott of 1957, Mr. Carr called nightly meetings with members of the Advisory boards and his so-called chosen leaders of the African people.



After losing their appeal, the Jabavu women, seen here with their attorney, surrendered themselves to the police.

## Meany's Boy

## WORLD STAGE By SPECTATOR

A long-simmering feud broke into the open at the ICFTU congress in Brussels in December, 1959. Meany wanted a general overhaul of the organisation, including the removal of general secretary J. H. Oldenbroek because he had grown "soft on communism."

He also proposed intensive aid to Asian, African and Latin American unions to ensure their commitment to the "free world."

Aligned against Meany were British Trades Union Congress leaders and most other European union officials. They ranked at his opposition to summit meetings and general disarmament. They were also touchy at his references to Western colonialism in Africa.

**British steel union leader Harry Douglass saw the issue in underdeveloped countries as the need to "fill empty bellies," rather than to enlist the people against communism.**

A compromise continued Oldenbroek in office until last June and set up a committee to study reorganisation.

Omer Becu of Belgium replaced Oldenbroek last summer and four assistant general secretary posts were created. In December, Meany nominated Irving Brown, AFL-CIO European representative for one of the jobs. But he was not appointed because, according to the *Washington Post*, "some European unionists . . . view him as an operative of the Central Intelligence Agency and not as an independent unionist."

## The Compromise

Brown has been cited often as a CIA agent. He was a member of

acting as mediator. Meany withheld the general cheque and sent the cheque. But ICFTU officials agreed that the funds would be earmarked for Africa. ICFTU president Arne Greier and Becu also agreed to have reorganisation plans ready for a March 13 meeting in Brussels.

## Meany Wins

Meany said that the AFL-CIO would announce at the March meeting whether it would continue to support the Solidarity Fund and to what extent. He also said that the AFL-CIO would continue independent activities in world labour.

Meanwhile he sent a letter to all members of the ICFTU executive, containing a passage, regarded by many as an ultimatum, in which he stressed an American contribution to the ICFTU was completely subject to its reorganisation on the lines he had indicated.

**One European trade union leader said the letter was "a mixture of threats and bribery."**

But the threats and bribes seem to have done their work. The March 13 meeting of the ICFTU executive committee adopted Meany's plan. Two leading ICFTU officials lost their jobs: Charles Millard, the Canadian director of organisation, and Jay Krane, his deputy.

The plan creates the posts of heads of departments covering fi-

# Thousands Arrested in Mass Police Raids

## Govt. Bid To Prevent May 29 Stay-Home

WITH only a few more days to go before the massive anti-republic demonstrations, the police are throwing their whole weight into their own campaign of intimidation. Thousands of people have been arrested all over the Union, in what the authorities describe as "routine" operations against so-called "vagrants and toists."

In JOHANNESBURG alone 130 Africans were arrested in two days.

Nearly all those arrested and appearing before the Native Affairs Commissioner's Court in Fordburg are being remanded in custody for at least a fortnight.

Then the convoys of trucks and police vans carry the men to Modder B jail, on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

Five Native Commissioners, sitting in five crammed courts, last week rushed through cases at the rate of about one every two minutes.

From early morning dozens of police pick-up trucks and vans shuffled between numerous Rand jails, where the Africans had been detained, and the Commissioner's Court.

When the New Age reporter visited the Court one morning, hundreds of men who had been picked up on alleged pass offences were crowded into small cages in the yard. They were surrounded by barbed wire and chicken wire, and stood or sat uncomfortably on the floor.

Asked when their cases would be heard, a police officer said that they would first be remanded for 14 days, and sent to Modder B prison.

"We are arresting 70 a day here in Johannesburg and the courts are too busy to hear the cases now. In any case they are all toadies and loafers and must go back where they came from," he said.

**WOMEN AND BABES**

Outside the holding there were a large number of women patiently waiting to find out what had happened to those near and dear to them. Many had babies on their backs or were accompanied by

school-age youngsters. The policeman at the door refused to allow them inside, and they watched for their men when the kwelwas arrived with fresh loads or left for Modder B.

### VIOLENCE FEAR

In DURBAN the African people are angry. Reports reaching New Age indicate that if the raids continue they may lead to large-scale violence in the City.

Last week three African "Black Jacks" and a European City Constable had to flee for their lives when angry people stoned them as they railed fruit vendors at the Central Bus Terminal.

A statement issued by the Joint Congresses in Natal said that the police raids were obviously aimed at intimidating people in the face of the overwhelming support received for the call for action by the people.

"We cannot accept the statements by the Government that these raids are routine and we condemn this method by the authorities as yet another indication of the jack-boot march to a fascist republic," the Congresses said. "We demand that all those arrested during these raids be released forthwith."

### LEAFLETS

In the meantime the National Action Council has issued 50,000 leaflets calling on the people to "Defy Intimidation."

The leaflet, headed "Victory is Ours", states that the Nais are on the run. Only a Government which was losing its grip on the country would do what the Nationalist Government was doing. "Rally to the call for action on May 29, 30, 31," the leaflet ends.

In the EASTERN CAPE mass arrests have been made in New Brighton and Zakele in Port Elizabeth. Hundreds of Africans were collected from streets and homes.

### DISPLAY OF FORCE

Prior to the raids there was a display of force with jet planes which flew over the city several times.

Police have also questioned many leaders. Among them was Mr. Ray Mhlaba, who was warned that as

one of the people directing the plans for the general strike next week, he would be prosecuted if there was trouble. Mr. Mhlaba was also telephoned by an unknown person who told him he would be arrested under the detention Act.

Mr. Erasmus and Mr. D. Brutus, members of the planning committee of the Coloured Convention, were also among those visited by the Special Branch.

Messrs. Canzibe Ngxini and Stanley Marwaqa were asked what part they had played in the recent bus strike and boycott.

### "HELL!"

Urgent messages from the TRANSKEI describe the position there as: "The police are giving us hell."

The homes and offices of well-known former members of the banned ANC and PAC in EAST LONDON and GRAHAMSTOWN were visited by the Special Branch during the recent union-wide raids.

Mr. George Komani of East London was taken to the Fleet Street police station where he was held for questioning. He was released later. No political arrests were made but some documents were taken during the raids.

### "DANGEROUS WEAPONS"

In Grahamstown police confiscated what they said were dangerous weapons. They said they were endeavouring to curb the activities of "toists." One man was arrested for being in possession of daggs and another for refusing to stop his car at a police road block.

The court of the Bantu Commissioner at Langa, CAPE TOWN, was kept busy every day last week as hundreds of Africans held in the mass raids appeared on pass offences.

Police in cars, vans and riot-trucks have been active at bus-stops and railway stations, plugging people into their vehicles and rushing them off to the police stations.

## United Front Call in Tanganyika

DAR ES SALAAM.

S.A. United Front representatives in Dar Es Salaam have called on Africans in East and Central Africa to hold demonstrations in support of those to be held in South Africa next week.

In a statement to all African organisations and people in East and Central Africa, Mr. J. J. Hadebe and Mr. G. Hadebe said: "You are hereby called to hold demonstrations in your own areas in sympathy with your people in the Union of South Africa. Pass resolutions and send them to the Government of the Union."

The people in these areas have also been asked to send messages of support to Nelson Mandela, Secretary of the National Action Council in South Africa.

## S.A. SUPPORT FOR EICHMANN

JOHANNESBURG.

Johan Schoeman of Broedersdorp, South Africa's most vocal Nazi supporter and Jew-hater, has published a booklet in which he says he has offered £100 to Eichmann's defence. He appeals to others to do the same.

The booklet praises Eichmann for the work he did in trying to rid Germany of the Jewish people.

## IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN IN SOUTH AFRICA!



This poster for the film "Oceans 11" shows film stars Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra walking down the street next to a figure that has been blacked out. The missing man is Sammy Davis Jr., but because he is a Negro, South Africans must not be allowed to know that he can walk in the company of White men. This poster was on display at the Colosseum Theatre, Cape Town, last week.

## UP MY ALLEY

WHAT'S all the panic about? ... Why, even the Mayor of Cape Town has got herself a .45 and gone and joined a shooting club ... Last week I cheered her, but this week I'm jeering her ... It's no use saying shooting clubs are not political either ... Whites seem to be under the impression that the black hordes are going on the rampage ... Come off it, folks ... Lay them pistols down ... Shooting clubs only help to pour oil on the fire ... And we expected better of the Mayor in this time of tension.

coat came down the line, looking at everybody, and peered at me ... The queue moved on ... Somebody said: "Here!". My heart froze, I held on to the briefcase ... "Hold out your hand" ... I held out my free hand, holding on to the precious briefcase with the other ... "Next please," said a lady in a starched white uniform ... And by then I had swallowed my polis sweat.

I SEE that Spanish dancer Luisito and his troupe will not upset themselves about events in this country while they are on their tour ... Only interested in

THE other day I slipped quietly into an alley and took an inventory of the contents of my briefcase ... Result: one stale sandwich, one scratch-pad, blank typing paper, half-bottle of cough mixture, one envelope covered with mysterious symbols (probably code), ball-point pen and one pencil without a point ... And all these are supposed to be the tools of an intimidator ... Phew! From now on I'm going to carry a golf bag.

SO, clutching my briefcase under my arm I joined a queue in one of the suburbs ... Several ladies escorting a convoy of small children eyed me suspiciously ... I strengthened the grip on my briefcase and tried to look as innocent as possible ... The queue shuffled forward ... A man in a white



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art, said the maestro ... Us blacks are also interested in art ... I wonder whether we'll get a chance to see them doing their stuff.

IN Cuba Castro is prepared to exchange rebel prisoners for bull-dozers ... It'll be a push-over, somebody remarked.

## FIRST POLITICAL ARRESTS—BAIL REFUSED

THE following arrests have taken place in the last week—apart from the ugly police swoops for passes, permitted beer, bread-knives and "pokors" (so-called "dangerous weapons"): Ahmed ("Kathy") KATHRADA—Transvaal Indian leader, former treasurer Transal, arrested in a Fordburg street at 10 a.m. on Thursday morning; removed to Marshall Square by the Special Branch; lawyer refused access to him. Charge: unknown.

Thomas T. NKOB—former national organiser of the banned African National Congress, arrested in Bloemfontein. Bail refused.

Gabriel DICHABA—New Age sales agent, arrested in Bloemfontein. Bail refused.

John K. NKADIMENG—Arrested as he entered Sekhukhuland after applying for a permit on May 3 to visit his mother. The police took him into custody because his car left the main road, they said. Bail refused. Case adjourned to June 2. Police threaten charges additional to the permit contravention. Defence application for bail to the Supreme Court being prepared.

6 YOUNG INDIANS from Pretoria and Johannesburg are still in cus-

tody after their arrests in Pretoria a fortnight ago.

Sam MAGALEFA and Titus MOALUSI of Western Native Township—arrested under a leaflet distribution. Bail refused.

ARRESTED AND RELEASED

Newly elected Liberal Party vice-chairman Drake KOKA arrested, held for 24 hours, then released. No charge pending.

New Age street-reeller Hoshiah TSEHLE arrested, New Age bundle in his hand, poster round his neck, by police squad car. Released not long after on the order of Special Branch Colonel Spengler himself.

NOT ONLY NEW AGE BUT EVERY PAPER IN TOWN IS CARRYING STRIKE NEWS. HE TOLD HIS POLICE INFERIORS! Four students of the University of Cape Town were arrested recently on an allegation of painting 29 strike slogans on city walls. They were released on bail.

Several members of the Coloured action committees in the Peninsula were detained by the police when discovered distributing leaflets in connection with the anti-republic demonstrations. Four of them, including three young women, were kept overnight in the cells and released the next morning.

**AFRICA** Politically independent Soon, But Economically Still in Colonial Stranglehold

# TANGANYIKA STARTS FROM SCRATCH

**THIS** month saw the introduction of self-government in Tanganyika and by the end of the year the country will be fully independent.

This territory with its 500-mile coastline facing the Indian Ocean, was once the cherished colony of the German Kaiser. From 1884 to 1918 it was occupied by German troops and German businessmen. After the First World War, it became a British Trust Territory, administered by a governor ap-

pointed by Whitehall. The country is nearly four times as big as the whole of Great Britain (including Northern Ireland). Its population, however, is only one-sixth of Britain's—8,500,000 of whom all but 120,000 are Africans. The capital of Tanganyika is Dar es Salaam, a city of 128,000 inhabitants, and the country's chief port, from which valuable exports are shipped to many countries, but chiefly to Britain.

## INDUSTRY RETARDED

The production of the country is the familiar one in Africa—and, in fact, in almost every colonial country. Industry has been deliberately retarded and the country used by the big British monopolists as a source of primary products.

Out of these, vast profits have been made through the super-exploitation of African labour. These products include sisal, coffee, raw cotton, diamonds, cashew nuts, hides and skins, mica, gold and other metals.

Out of these, very little development of manufacturing industry and the minimum of capital investment. The golden rule of colonial exploitation is the highest possible return for the smallest possible outlay.

That is why Tanganyika, like all the other countries emerging from eighty years of foreign domination, inherits a condition of economic backwardness which faces it with appalling problems in reaching its independence.

"I am afraid we will be unable to manage without foreign capital," said Julius Nyerere recently.

The British imperialists boast of how they have prepared Tanganyika and other colonial countries for independence. But Tanganyika is a classic example of the granting of independence when the alternative would have been the total loss of the country as a source of profit.

So they hand over to Mr. Julius Nyerere and his colleagues a country starved of capital and economically geared to the needs of the British monopolists.

They believe they can still extract huge profits from the labour of the people and continue to control the development of the economy. **THEY DO NOT RECKON. HOWEVER, WITH THE POWER OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE TO BURST OUT OF THE ECONOMIC STRAITJACKET OF IMPERIALISM JUST AS SURELY AS THEY HAVE BURST THEIR POLITICAL BONDS.**

● The party which forms the government is the Tanganyika African National Union (T.A.N.U.), which, under the leadership of Mr. Julius Nyerere has a record of victories over the past few years and has amply demonstrated that it has the support of the African people and, indeed, of all forward-looking people in Tanganyika.



## Brief Comment

### Mr. K. To Meet Mr. K.

**NEXT** month the long-awaited meeting between U.S. President Kennedy and Soviet Premier Khrushchov is due to take place in Vienna. The occasion will give Kennedy an opportunity to recapture some of its prestige which dropped so drastically after the debacle of his "tough" policies in Cuba and Laos. Khrushchov has shown time and again that he is willing to settle by negotiation the prob-



lems of disarmament, an ending of cold war tensions and the future status of troubled spots like Berlin.

Other problems—such as those raised by the anti-colonial drive in Asia, Africa and Latin America—will be solved by the peoples of those continents themselves, who must be free to choose the sort of society in which they are to live. The world will be grateful to Kennedy if he curbs his generals and intelligence agency men, and fulfills his election promises by meeting Khrushchov at least half way.

### Tough Talks At Evian Between Algerians and French

**FRANCE** is preparing to quit Algeria—in the political sense. Economically she still wishes to hold on, especially to the oilfields in the Sahara. Had the French conceded Algeria independence years ago, she would probably have had no difficulty in leaving behind Arab politicians who could be relied on to preserve French economic control of the country.

But after more than 6 years of a bitter revolutionary war of liberation, the Algerian people will no longer be prepared to return to the old colonial economic set-up.

The talks between the French Government and the Provisional Algerian Government at Evian are likely to be prolonged and difficult.

## AMERICA Class divisions in the hereafter!

### Castro To End Cuban Cemetery Racket

**PROBABLY** no country today has such a high percentage of people who insist they are Catholics and openly challenge their spiritual leaders, writes CEDRIC BELFRAGE from Havana.

The hierarchy has never been very popular in Cuba.

● It backed Franco during the Spanish Civil War, though the people were overwhelmingly pro-Republican.

● It backed Cuban dictator Batista during his bloody regime, with but a couple of honoured exceptions.

● It now backs the USA in its attacks on Cuba, just as the US Catholic hierarchy openly backs the Cuban counter-revolutionary forces.

The Church leaders are particularly upset at the vast amount of property they have lost through the nationalisation of land. The revolution has doomed the rest racket.

The Church still has the cemetery racket, but Castro's latest

speech numbers the days of that too: it is to be nationalised. For each body buried in Havana's vast Cristobal Colon cemetery, the Church till now must get its dollars—a rising tariff from an unmarked wood-covered grave in the pauper section to a bare wooden cross to a classy vault.

In the poorer sections the fees cover only a three-year period under quarantine, after which the bones are removed and the space used for a new customer.

The wealthy section of this cemetery—a stunefing projection of the class system into "hereafter"—contains hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of ornate, hideously carved into angels, virgins and Christs presiding over the misfortune of Cuba's robber baron families.

Some of the most lavish monuments and inappropriate texts mark the denotations of ailing Cuban Presidents, from Jose Miguel Gomez ("he rose from nothing to 8 million dollars" the guide tells you) to recent incumbents who finally learnt you can't take it with you.

But such is the strength of tradition that Habaneros still pay the extortionate charges—under rising protest—to bury their dead there. Today it is an extraordinary cross-section of Cuban life and its troubled history. Revolutionary martyrs lie next to Batista killers—alike with fresh flowers on their graves—and a graveyard points and says: "THIS WAS A REBEL HERO WHO FOUGHT 15 BATISTA GOONS UNTIL HE FELL: THIS WAS A TORTURER WHO KILLED 98 OF OUR PEOPLE AND THIS ONE SPECIALISED IN BURNING WOMEN WITH RED-HOT IRONS."

In the gravediggers' hut the Church's dwindling power to bamboozle the faithful is symbolised by the wall-slogans: "He who betrays the poor betrays Christ," "A Christian is one who serves his country without abandoning God."

## Socialism Inevitable, Says Nehru

NEW DELHI.

The tremendous forces released by scientific and technological developments could not be left to private control, Prime Minister Nehru told the 34th annual session of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry recently. Socialism was inevitable.

The whole growth of modern society was socialistic and only through socialism could a society be established in India in which everyone was free from want and hunger. In such a society, private enterprise must be related to public purposes, said Mr. Nehru.



## NOW LOOK WHO'S TALKING!

'The American people are not complacent about Iron Curtain tanks and planes less than 90 miles from their shore'—President Kennedy after the U.S.-backed Invasion of Cuba flopped.



This map reproduced from the London Tribune shows some of the officially announced American and NATO air-bases which are on the perimeter of the Soviet Union and China.

● **HELP SELL NEW AGE!**

# People Demand National Convention

(Continued from page 1)

New Age: Would this be the National Convention of the Pietermaritzburg Conference wanted? Nelson Mandela: No, there are differences. Multi-race conferences are useful and we will actively be going to make them a success now and at all times, but the idea of a multi-race forum must not be confused with the Pietermaritzburg conference demand, and the campaign of the National Action Council for a National Convention. This is not just a verbal quibble.

New Age: What is the difference? Nelson Mandela: Our resolution stipulated that the National Convention must have sovereign powers to draft a new constitution. We also believe—open a strike call is aimed at this—that no such Convention will come about without mass pressure from the people.

The May demonstrations and the demand for a National Convention are inseparably linked, as is also our resolution to open a period of mass non-co-operation with the Government until it accedes to our demand.

A multi-race assembly could achieve much in spreading understanding and co-operation between the opponents of the Nationalist Government and in clarifying their common approach and methods of co-operation.

## NO REARER

But without mass campaigning it will bring the day of a real National Convention to draft a new Constitution no nearer.

We are entering a period when people's struggles will be the decisive factor and this cannot be overlooked. The Pietermaritzburg conference was ready to face up to this: the National Action Council has started to carry out its mandate. Much still remains to be done.

If we go to the proposed multi-race assembly—as I think we should—it would have to be with this perspective in mind. We are still under the mandate of the Pietermaritzburg conference.

## ELECTED

Our view of a NATIONAL CONVENTION is one composed not of any hand-picked assembly of

## White Youth and The Republic

JOHANNESBURG.

Of Johannesburg's 191 schools only 40 will take part in the Republican activities and media-holding ceremonies. The Central School Board says it has nothing to do with Republican ceremonies in the schools; the programme is the baby of the Johannesburg Republic Festival Committee, headed by a managing director of "Die Transvaler".

Jewish Youth Organisations under the Zionist Youth Council will parade in Pretoria to erect the Republic. The Council has been considering whether it can also parade youths to march past the Dome of the Milner Park evening flag-raising ceremony. A spokesman for the Council said this is beyond notice. We are participating as citizens of South Africa, like the Boy Scouts and the Vortrekker Youth.

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prominent South Africans of the different race groups, but of the elected representatives of all sections of the people.

This is the only way to get true representation. Especially is this so in a time like the present when the true leaders of the African, Indian and Coloured people are all banned from

## HUNDREDS AT NEW BCP OFFICES

MASERU.

THE Basutoland Congress Party's new offices in Maseru were opened recently with a display of great enthusiasm on the part of members and supporters of the Party.

The BCP Youth League paraded through the streets singing national songs; large numbers of people attended the official opening ceremony; a presentation was made to the leader of the BCP, Mr. N. Mokhebe.

On the arrival of the Youth League procession at the Pitsa Stand where the official opening of the offices was to be performed, Mr. Mokhebe and Mrs. G. Molisoane, president of the Women's League, were escorted to the platform while the thousands who attended rose to their feet in honour of the leaders.

The meeting was opened by a Minister of the AME Church, Mrs. Molisoane then addressed the crowd and said that all the women of the world were taking part in the fight against all forms of oppression. Referring to the Comso, she said that Thobane should receive the same treatment he had meted out to Mr. Lumumba.

## JEERED

When a representative of the Paramount Chief, Mr. Putsa, was called upon to speak he was jeered by the crowd who apparently had little confidence in the chieftainship system. They were however, asked by Mr. Mokhebe to give Mr. Po-

attendance at gatherings and restricted in a dozen different ways from political life.

Every multi-race discussion in our race-divided country is an advance. But in this crisis period the prime task is not only to talk together but to act together and to organize together for our common aim: the defeat of the Nationalist Government.

A multi-race conference could take steps along this road to our demand for a new National Convention and a new Constitution.

Isosa a hearing.

In his own speech Mr. Mokhebe said that the offices of the Party faced the mountains because the BCP was still struggling uphill to free the Basuto people. The office had been paid for by the subscriptions of the members, and had cost £500.

After he had spoken he was presented with a traditional Basuto blanket.

When the ceremony was over the crowd milled around the building, trying to get in and look it over. Those who were lucky enough to gain admission were delighted with the new offices, and after dark people were still streaming in.

## Hospital Workers Exempted

CAPE TOWN.

The S.A. Coloured People's Congress and the local Action Council have informed the municipal health committee that medical staff and other workers at hospitals will not be called upon to participate in the anti-republican demonstrations next week.

Workers at the water filtration plant have also been given exemption from the stay-at-home call.

## CANNING DISPUTE WITH MALMESBURY FIRM

CAPE TOWN.

CANNING workers in the Malmesbury area find it impossible to live on the wages prescribed by the Wage Determination, the Food and Canning Workers stated in a memorandum to the Industrial Tribunal.

The Tribunal is handling a dispute between the Malmesbury workers and Messrs. J. J. Du Toit, a canning firm, after the Conciliation Board failed to reach an agreement.

The workers want an increase of R2 a week on all existing wage rates; three weeks annual leave on full pay; three weeks sick leave; and that Messrs. J. J. Du Toit become a member of the Fruit and Vegetable Canning Workers' Medical Benefit Fund.

The workers also want the wage determination amended in order to move workers to a higher grade.

At the Conciliation Board meeting called to settle the dispute in March Messrs. Du Toit had made it clear that they did not wish to negotiate with the union. This was a denial of the main principles of

the I.C. Act, the union declared.

Last year appeals had been made to employers of Non-White labour to increase wages. The union appealed to the Tribunal to grant the workers of Malmesbury an award which would satisfy their needs.

## Racing at Milnerton

The following are Damon's selections for Saturday:

Maiden Plate, 8 furlongs: STRANGE, Danger, Jingo.

Juvenile Stakes, 6 furlongs: SYBIL'S CALL, Danger, My Son.

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Progress Six: CHERRY SLEIGH, Danger, Popular.

Trial Handicap, 5 furlongs: CARAMBA, Danger, Kebrun.

Progress Ten: WEST POINT, Danger, Honey Brune.

# "NOW IS THE TIME"

A Message From Elizabeth Mafekeng

Dear fellow workers in South Africa,—Though I am not able to be with you in your struggle to achieve your glorious target on May 29, 1961, I feel very sure that you have realised that today THE POWER IS IN YOUR HANDS.

Through the use of the weapon of your labour power, you will find that nothing can prevent FREEDOM IN OUR LIFETIME.

My appeal to you at this time contains no new ideas, but is a reminder of the vital parts of the Freedom Charter adopted at Kliptown in 1955. The whole world knows that on that day you said:

"We, the people of South Africa, declare for all our country and the world to know that South Africa belongs to all who live in it: Black and White, and that no government can justly claim authority over us if it is based on the will of all the people."

And dealing with the wealth of the country and the land, the Freedom Charter said:

"The national wealth of our country, the heritage of all South Africans, shall be restored to the people."

Now it is time to strike a blow for these things. The decision of the Pietermaritzburg



conference was right and well-timed, and is gaining support everywhere, even in Basutoland.

The present people's leadership is highly progressive and has shown the way forward to everybody. Even the former PAC and the Liberals have no other course but to follow whole-heartedly.

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