

# FLAGGER SWART TAKES OVER

**T**HE death of Mr. Strijdom last Sunday means that Mr. C. R. Swart, the Minister of Justice, is the man most likely to become the Union's sixth Prime Minister.

He was appointed Acting Prime Minister last week, and most observers consider that this gives him a big advantage over his nearest rival, Dr. Verwoerd.

However, Die Burger last Tuesday admitted that there were sharp differences in the Nationalist Party over the question of leadership. This means that the Verwoerd faction is determined to press its claim, and since they have a majority in the Nationalist caucus it is possible that he will win the day.

**Treason Arrests  
Were A Birthday  
Present for Swart**  
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Ingredients for this cartoon by Mere are: a pair of handcuffs; to make the spectacles, a baton (nose), two policemen's helmets (the eyes), a rifle (stiepieck of the spectacles), a number of sjamboks (hair), and a hangman's noose (tie).

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## End of First Stage in Treason Trial

From Lionel Forman  
**PRETORIA.**  
**ARGUMENT on the application by the 91 'treason' accused for the quashing of the Crown's indictment closed last week.**

By the time New Age is on sale the decision of the judges on the application will be known.

Here are the main points on which the prosecution and the defence differed.

### Definition of Treason

Firstly, the defence and the Crown differed on the fundamental legal question in the trial: What does treason mean?

The prosecution said that the essence of the crime of treason was the intention of the accused person—his desire to overthrow the state. The crime was the accused's "wicked heart," his "evil mind" and it was this which the court was asked to punish.

Although it was true that a person could not be punished for his thoughts alone and there had

to be some act committed before a charge could be laid, that act was no more than a manifestation of the evil intention.

No, said the defence. The law is quite different. It is the treasonable action which is most important and it is not enough to show that an action reveals a treasonable intention. It is necessary to show that the action was done in order to further the achievement of the treasonable purpose.

### Not a Quibble

Although the difference in viewpoint may seem to be a quibble over words, in actual fact it was fundamental to the case. For the Crown argued at first—though this was modified later—that there was a single act of treason, and that  
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## Bread Price Increase Would Be A Disaster

CAPE TOWN.

"ANY increase in the price of bread would be a terrific blow to us," Mr. J. Simpson, treasurer of the Peninsula School Feeding Association, told New Age this week, commenting on press reports that the price of bread may be increased.

"We need something like 40,000 children and their staple diet is a piece of Bremer loaf and a dish of rice. Our monthly bread bill at the moment is getting on to £500, so if the price of bread goes up only 10 per cent, say, we are immediately faced with an extra expenditure of £50 a month."

### PETITION

The Federation of South African Women is circulating a petition calling on the Government to maintain and increase the subsidy on bread, to ensure that the price does not go up.

"There are some groups first in the lower income class that find it impossible to feed their families adequately," states the petition. "If the increase in the price of bread becomes a reality, we will be faced with added hunger and malnutrition."

Mrs. Margaret Ballinger, M.P., said that any rise in the price of bread would aggravate what was already a very serious position as far as the health of the people was concerned.

"There are no statistics from which one can gauge what the health of the nation is today, and this makes the unfranchised and the additionally voiceless because the Government fails to provide any statistical service of the kind."  
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# WHITE THUGS BEAT UP CHIEF LUTULI

## Eye-witness Account of Pretoria Incident

**T**HE beating up of Chief Lutuli by Nationalists thugs in Pretoria last Friday night took place in full view of the cream of Afrikaner intellectuals, diplomats of four countries and overseas pressmen, and the ripples from the incident in that church hall spread right through the country and overseas.

The attack by the thugs was pre-arranged. A man claiming to be a Nationalist Party organiser had been active at least that morning recruiting hooligans for the attack on the meeting and before it started they had gathered near the statue of Paul Kruger on Church Square to plan their operation. Eye-witnesses said the attacking band numbered 30. Yet only 3 of them were taken to the police station for questioning and those detained were released on their own recognisances.

### THE OTHER SIDE

Imagine this incident reversed: a group of Africans attacking a white speaker at a meeting and being allowed to go home to sleep in their own beds that night! Think of the punitive measures that would be unleashed had it been Afrikaner thugs on the rampage! The mass raids, the beatings up in the police cells, the large scale reprisals! In fact, however, Africans have never attacked Whites at a political meeting in this fashion. This because

of bringing this type of thuggery into the racial arena belongs to the Europeans alone.

## "IN THE NAME OF AFRIKANERDOM"

PRETORIA.

The meeting had been arranged by the Pretoria Political Study Group, a small group mainly consisting of Afrikaner intellectuals, and Chief Lutuli was appearing as guest speaker. He sat on the platform of the packed hall behind a small table as the chairman Mr. J. H. P. Serfontein introduced him to the audience. The hall was filled with university teachers, church leaders and members of several foreign embassies in Pretoria.

Among the prominent individuals present were Prof. P. V. Pieterse (author of "No Further Trek"); Prof. J. P. Ver Loren van Themaat (prof. of constitutional law at Pretoria University); Dr. Verwoerd's son; and a Pretoria City Councillor.

The doors of the hall were wide open to receive late-comers and during Mr. Serfontein's speech a group of Afrikaner thugs marched in. Their leader, later arrested by the police, jumped on the platform

and told the baffled gathering: "Dit is die eerste keer dat 'n kaffer 'n vergadering toespeek. In die naam van die Afrikaner volk sal ons dit nie toelaat nie."

Then, with a blow of his fist, he sent Chief Lutuli flying off his chair. He was kicked as he lay on the floor. The other thugs spread out over the hall and started attacking the audience. Soon, steel chairs and tables were flying from one end of the hall to the other.

Mr. Serfontein made some attempts to ward off the attackers on the platform who closed in on him and three women organizers of the meeting fled Chief Lutuli up to guide him outside the hall. That gave the vandals another opportunity. They pushed the women aside (one of them received a kick in the stomach) and took hold of the chief. They dragged him across the platform and nearly succeeded in throwing him off the platform. But a slight diversion enabled the chairman and a few others to take the Chief safely outside the hall.

### LUTULI'S REACTION

While a European woman fetched water and bandages to tend to a bruise on his forehead, Chief Lutuli said, with a gentle smile: "We must not make too much of this. It is bad for us and bad for



Chief Lutuli.

them. They haven't grown fully spiritually yet."

When the intruders had done their work and were slowly leaving up and made three arrests. Three policemen stood guard at the door as Chief Lutuli re-entered the hall to deliver his lecture. He received an ovation from the audience as he mounted the platform.

## WHAT CHIEF SAID

His lecture was mainly devoted to the oppressive laws which contribute so much to the misery of  
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LETTER BOX

IS CONGRESS BANNING ITSELF?

It seems that the ban on meetings of more than 10 Africans will never be lifted and even meetings of the Advisory Board are difficult to hold as special permission has to be granted. So Africans are deprived of the only right they had—freedom of speech.

Why are South African Africans more unlucky than those of other parts of Africa? Is it because we lack unity, because the Nationalist Government has a tougher hand than that of the Imperialist government?

No, it is the fault of Congress itself. How many applications for members of the ANC have been turned down? Are we banning ourselves?

Comrades, it is time we turned over a new leaf. We are becoming selfish and conceited and hence we are overlooking the programme of action drawn up in 1949. The leaders have shelved Congress policies and even the women have refused to take part in the marches because the organisers have ignored their job.

Our organisation takes everything for granted and our members are not to be trusted. They stand up to the fascist tactics of Dr. Verwoerd.

How many branches are implementing the "M" plan? Why is the Youth League from East to West dormant?

I appeal only to those who believe in our victory. Come on youth and Congress leaders, and give this matter consideration.

Majibuye.  
"BUBELE" NTWAZIFANI  
L. Vici.

Afrikaans School  
Emloys Convicts

The Hoërskool Cillie is one of Port Elizabeth's educational establishments, catering for young Afrikaans.

This school has spacious play fields which are kept in excellent order, but, here's the rub—by convicts, who not the tennis courts and water the lawns, under the watchful eye of an armed guard.

I don't know whether "acclimatising" the kleinsias and kleinoens to the sight of African convicts labouring under their school flag is part of Christian National Education; or part of a process of instilling into the young minds, the warped ideology of "Baasskap," but as this appears to be the case, then my gravest suspicions concerning Christian(?) National Education are confirmed; namely, that it is not Christian, not National, and it is CERTAINLY not Education.

In the meantime, thousands of workers are unemployed as a result of the depression (or "recession," if you prefer). And the people in whose hands the education of children is entrusted employ convicts in place of paid workers, to keep the school grounds neat and tidy.

MELVILLE FLETCHER  
Port Elizabeth.

Nato Foments World  
War

The colonial people everywhere are on the march to complete economic and political independence. It might cost much tears and bloodshed and long terms of imprisonment, but the struggle of these people cannot be stopped. The kings on their glittering thrones and the bosses in their marble mansions are dead scared of the coming change.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation is fomenting trouble amongst the colonial people everywhere and wants a third world war. Their pile of weapons is very high and air bases are being constructed everywhere. The excuse for these preparations is that "Russia wants war," but Russia has never threatened any colonial country.

The South African Government has employed thousands of Africans as police—not to deal with crime, but to be used against their own people, show against show signs of standing for their liberation from the yoke of imperialism.

The Union Government, like its masters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, is preparing a third world war. What are the colonial people going to do about it?

T. W. THIBEDI

Transvaal.

Rickshaw Boy's  
Collapse

If you happened to be standing at the bus rank one Sunday afternoon you would have seen a middle-aged rickshaw boy approaching. He wore no plumes or decorations of any sort. His face wore a sad, dull expression. Slowly he came. When he lifted his foot it was with the greatest effort. His lips were dry, his eyes drooping. Each and every move he made was a painful struggle. Suddenly he fell heavily to the ground, unconscious. A few minutes later an ambulance carried him to hospital.

So is life for the oppressed people. Struggling every day with poverty and hunger, is not the Government itself guilty of high treason for trying to kill the black nation, indirectly, through starvation?

Let us keep this freedom fight in full swing for we are now nearer to our goal, and freedom will be achieved.

Maybuye!  
E. KHANYILE

Durban.

Music in the Bus

People in Alexandra Township who travel to and from work every day on the PUTCO buses are entertained with "music"—"Msakazo we Bantu a ba Khwe-layo." This "music" is in fact a great many advertisements inserted with the shrill sounds of the penny whistle flutes of the young African boys, and some of the worst gramophone records made by the poorest players. The noise is awful.

People who want to read or to sit and talk with their fellow-workers on the bus are made to shut their mouths and listen because of this horrible noise. Most people are opposed to this "music" and would like to see an end of it.

E. WILLIAMS.  
Alexandra.

EDITORIAL

WE DON'T WANT THE  
KU KLUX KLAN HERE

THE assault on Chief Lutuli last Friday was a piece of dastardly hoodliganism which all right-thinking people will condemn in the strongest possible terms.

Knowing the Chief, we also know that he will pity his assailants and be the first to forgive and forget their offence. Nevertheless, we urge in the strongest terms that the hoodligans should be brought to book and punished. Their action was not just a personal aberration but a symptom of the mass madness to which Nationalist policies are leading this country.

It is because Nationalist politicians are in day in and day out inciting the White population against the Non-Whites that such an assault is possible. It is because Nationalist politicians are denying human rights to Non-Whites on the grounds of their alleged inferiority that it is possible for thugs to invade a private meeting and proclaim that "the time has come for drastic action and we will not allow a kaffir to address this meeting."

Claiming to represent the Afrikaner people, they thereupon proceeded to give a demonstration of their alleged White civilisation by felling Chief Lutuli to the ground, kicking and beating him while he lay there, and brutally assaulting White men and women who tried to come to the Chief's assistance.

It is pertinent to point out that these thugs have the vote, but Chief Lutuli has not. We hope that the SABRA types and others who were present at this orgy will reflect upon this little lesson.

No doubt Verwoerd will try to make capital out of this incident by claiming it was to avoid precisely this sort of conflict that he passed the "Church clause" last year. Perhaps his son, who was present, will teach him the facts of life.

The race hatred which burns in the breast of those hoodligans flows from race discrimination and oppression. You cannot get rid of evil thoughts merely by repressing them. It is only when all enjoy equal rights and opportunities irrespective of race, creed or colour that all peoples will respect one another and such deplorable demonstrations of barbarism will be rendered impossible.

MR. STRIJDOM

THE death of Mr. Strijdom will be cause neither for mourning nor for rejoicing in the democratic camp.

He was the most forthright exponent of the principle of "Wit Baasskap," and as such had, and made, no claim to the love and respect of the majority of the people of this country.

But the policy will not be buried with the Premier. Whoever takes his place will continue where he left off; the country will still groan under the merciless burden of apartheid oppression.

Nationalists who mourn will pledge themselves this week to carry on his mission, and will recall his name and deeds to inspire further achievement in their cause.

We, on the other hand, urge our readers to play the ball, not the man, and dedicate themselves to the struggle against apartheid and for equal rights for all with renewed intensity.

Women Against Passes

The women of Rooijantjesfontein are against passes. We do not want to carry passes. Why? because passes have sent mothers to jail, mothers of 90 years who are still in prison. As Africans we know that history is on our side, Africa is our motherland.

ANC WOMEN'S LEAGUE.  
Lichtenburg.

You Can't Sleep Out  
in Sturtonville

Stanley Lebele, popularly known as "Hleco" in Sturtonville Location, was arrested for sleeping at the home of a friend, and fined £1 after spending a night in a police cell.

Stanley had a lodger's permit, and was well known to the municipal police. But when they arrested him they said that although he had a lodger's permit, he needed a visitor's permit if he wanted to be sleeping at the home of a house.

That's how it is in Sturtonville.

McKormick P. Nkambele  
Sturtonville, Boksburg.

"Colonial Office"

The national progressive organisations should bring pressure to bear on the Government by opening corridors to the JING Committee for Human Rights. This could be done by establishing a permanent colonial office for disseminating the daily trials of the people whose voices do not transcend the sovereignty of their government and whose sufferings are not ameliorated by annual reports to the governments forming UNO.

An office can be created whose sole purpose would be to inform all governments about conditions prevailing in the country.

C.D.

Johannesburg.

WE SURVIVE—BUT  
ONLY JUST

NOW that August is at an end and many people and organisations have made a big effort to help New Age, we are able to let you know that we are in a position to meet our current accounts. But we still owe money on the newspaper. We have overcome this crisis temporarily by plugging a smaller order than usual and so will have about six weeks respite in which to scrape enough money together to guarantee our supplies for this quarter. This of course means that we must appeal to our readers to keep up the good work to ensure that our paper comes out regularly.

We wish to express our thanks to all those who have seen us through this month. And also to explain our position to those (fostunately very few) who complain that we are "always having a crisis and pleading for money from the public."

New Age is not financed by big business men or by people who have private fortunes. And because of our support of the liberatory struggle, we have even been deprived of the benefits accruing to all other newspapers in the form of advertisements, in spite of the fact that our paper is so obviously a wonderful medium for this purpose to any courageous business man or firm. We are the voice of the working class and oppressed people of this country. We depend upon them in every way for our support and because we

have stuck to this principle of standing by the masses of people in their struggle for freedom, we are also suffering and struggling with them to survive.

New Age is proud of its record and also proud of the steady support it gets from the people. No other newspaper can boast of such devotion and support from the poorest section of the population which is fighting to survive. Please send us your money and support of the great struggle for freedom being waged by the oppressed peoples of our country.

And because we have confidence in their struggle for freedom, so we do have confidence that in the not too distant future New Age will not have to plead for money as we do today. By that time we will be the leading newspaper in the country.

Right now, though, we need your donation urgently. Please do not wait. Send it in now or bring your money direct to our offices.

Last Week's Donations:

- Care Town: S.U. (Guarantor) £5, Master Leslie White 7.6d., Friend £2, Mowbray 10s., Salt River £1, Lord Spenker £1.2, Socks £5, Furniture £2, Lawyer £1, Tailor £1.1.

- Johannesburg: Bernard £5, Leo £25, Card Party £15, Tailor £1, Mankind £25, Vic Monthly £5, Eddie Monthly £1, United Front £5.
- TOTAL—£101 0s. 6d.

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# AFRICA GERI A DEMANDS DEPENDENCY BY 1960

**T**HE Nigerian Federal Government has decided officially to press for independence by 1960.

This decision was arrived at after the Nigerian House of Representatives had agreed to a private members' motion urging that the Government demand indepen-

dence for Nigeria by April 2, 1960.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Baluba, told the House that he was considering with the Governor General methods by which the outstanding difficulties could be overcome in time.

He appealed to all members to treat independence as a national

issue, and not to try to make political capital out of it.

**BOTH PARTIES**  
Support for the motion came from the two main parties in the House, the National Council for Nigeria and the Cameroons, and the Action Group.

For years now the British Government has been trying to stall the granting of independence to what is now her largest remaining colony, in the hope of encouraging tribal and regional disputes so as to divide the independence movement.

The decision of the Nigerian Parliament now puts the Colonial Office in a spot. At a conference with Nigerian leaders in London last year, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Lennon-Boyd, refused to name a date for Nigeria's independence, claiming that the Nigerians present could not claim to speak for all Nigeria.

Now the Nigerian Parliament has made it plain that all Nigeria wants independence.

## AFRO-ASIAN WRITERS' CONFERENCE

**A** NEW Afro-Asian Conference, this time of writers from these two continents which have given so much to the world both in culture and civilisation, will be held in Tashkent (USSR) this October.

It will be the second conference of its kind, the first was held in Delhi in 1956.

A preliminary meeting to prepare for the Conference was recently held in Moscow, attended by Tara Shankar Banerji and Mukh Raj Anand, Indian writers; Ge Baotuan and Yuan Chou-po, Chinese writers; Yusef El Sebl and Mursi Saad El Din of the United Arab Republic; Sharaf Rashidov, Alexi Surkov, Alexander Chakovsky, Soviet writers.

### "RENAISSANCE"

The meeting issued an appeal to the writers of Asia and Africa will be stated:

"The writers of Asia and Africa which inspires the writers of these two great continents is that of a new world whose peoples will pass from the dark recent past to a shining Renaissance.

"Many intellectuals, among them the most prominent of this part of the world, have already reflected this dream in important works which give the promise of a real rebirth.

"We do not want to set up Asia and Africa in opposition to the countries which are habitually associated with the idea of the western world.

### NOT ANTI-EUROPEAN

"Quite the contrary, it is our aim to enable Asian, African and Western writers to meet each other and unite the cultural values of Asia and Africa."

and African civilization with the spirit of the European Renaissance . . .

"Today when mankind is threatened, the writer's talent can help in solving the problem of relations between men and eliminating the causes of international tension."

## ROBESON ACCLAIMED ALL OVER BRITAIN

**PAUL** Robeson, the great American Negro singer and freedom fighter, who for eight years was refused a passport by the U.S. authorities, is now having a triumphant concert tour of Britain.

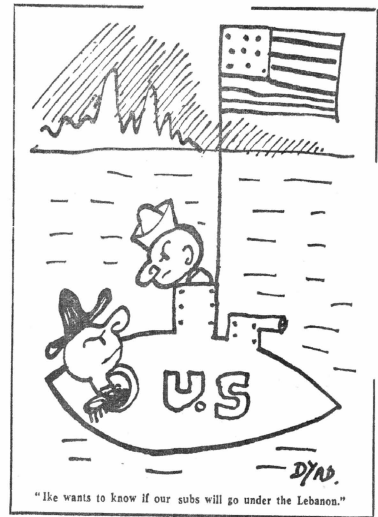
Press and public alike have given him a great welcome wherever he has been—and that includes all the major towns in the country. Particularly strong has been the reception he got from the miners of South Wales, where he attended the Welsh national Eisteddfod as guest of Anerin Bevan.

A new generation of young people who had never seen Robeson before has now come flocking to hear him sing. And Robeson's plan to sing to the ordinary folk in their thousands at cheaply priced concerts, is paying handsome dividends too.

Not only are concert managers all over the country after him—he has already made several appearances on television, and plans are under way for him to appear at Stratford on Avon as Othello.



After Britain, Robeson has a heavy schedule ahead of him. Tens of thousands of people look over his shoulder in Europe and Asia are due to hear his rich, resonant bass voice in his moving programme of folk and peace songs from all over the world.



"He wants to know if our subs will go under the Lebanon."

## PLAN TO SABOTAGE VIENNA YOUTH FESTIVAL

**A**LL-OUT attempts are being made by certain quarters in the West to sabotage the Seventh World Youth Festival which is due to be held in Vienna in August next year.

These Festivals, which have in the past drawn together about 30,000 young people of all races from all corners of the earth, have been held every two years since the war in a different East European capital. They have been one of the few bright features of the years of Cold War.

Next year, in an attempt to gain even greater support for the Festival from youth in Western countries, the Festival was due to be held in the Austrian capital of Vienna.

The Austrian Government, representing a number of coalition parties, unanimously decided to allow the Festival to be held there. Now, however, the reactionary elements in various Austrian youth organisations have come together and got the Austrian Youth Federation to vote against participation in the Festival.

### To Prague?

In Britain the Tory Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, frightened of the tremendous appeal that it will have for British youth organisations, has launched a bitter attack on the Festival.

## CYPRUS: 3,000 Ask to be Arrested

**P**UT in prison camps as hostages, 3,264 Greek Cypriots petitioned Governor Sir Hugh Foot recently.

"Come and lead us in a mass—to save your security forces the trouble of arresting us in drabs and drabs," they told him in a letter, offering to stay in the camps with all the other innocent people already there "until the injustice of it all dawns upon you."

A commentary on Lloyd's statement issued by the United Kingdom Information Office shows the lengths to which the opponents of the Festival are prepared to go to sabotage it.

The commentator threatens that the Festival organisers are likely to meet in Vienna highly organised and tough opposition, capable of upsetting the Festival apple-cart if they so desire.

"For this reason alone," the commentary continues, "it would not be surprising if the organisers decide to shift the setting to Prague where they can keep things under better control."

## Communists of Chile are Legal Again

**T**HE Communist Party in Chile is now legal again after ten years of complete or partial banning.

The "law for the defence of democracy," which first made the Party illegal, and, by reason of its name, became a mockery among the population, has finally been revoked by the Chamber of Representatives.

Voicing in favour of legality for the Communists was overwhelming. A rally of 10,000 in Santiago to celebrate the victory was addressed by leaders of the Communist Party and other parties in the People's Front.

Similar trends have been shown in other Latin-American countries in recent months. The Communist Parties of VENEZUELA, BRAZIL, and the ARGENTINE, after long periods of illegality, are now able to work freely again.

## Soviet Republic

Kalmuk has been restored as an autonomous republic by order of the Soviet government. During the war the Kalmuks were scattered in a deportation programme which was condemned by Mr. Khrushchov as heartless and unjustified in his speech to the 20th Congress in 1956.

## EAST-WEST TRADE EMBARGOES EASED

**A** LARGE-SCALE easing of the West-imposed ban on trade with the Soviet Union, China and the Socialist countries came into force on August 15.

Mr. Ian Harvey, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Affairs, in announcing this long-expected decision, said that the Government's "objective of confining the list to items of real strategic significance has been substantially achieved."

How far this is true will not be known until the technical experts who are now discussing details have finished their work and the list of the items freed from restrictions is published.

The discussions on easing the ban started in February and the Americans have stoutly resisted unanimous West European pressure to lift the bans except for purely military goods.

### U.S. OPPOSITION

West Germany, which has al-

ready developed a large trade with the Socialist East, and France, took a leading role in the discussions.

They pointed out that the bans had not prevented a big surge forward in production in the East and that large numbers of goods banned on U.S. insistence were now exported to these countries.

Under the growing threat of the American news hitting British and West European industry in the autumn the Americans were eventually forced to agree to the relaxations.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce issued a statement welcoming the news of the relaxations.

● A U.S. State Department spokesman said the revision of the embargo on goods to East-West trade announced in London would not affect the United States ban on trade with China.

## Communist Vote Up in France

**F**OUR French local government by-elections since de Gaulle took over have shown an up-swing in the Communist vote.

● In Corsica, still under military government, the Communist candidates in Penta-di-Casina gained 55 per cent of the votes. Two Communist councillors were elected.

This was in spite of open paratroop support for the "Gaulist-Union" list.

● In Pont l'Abbe, France, where the Communist vote went up from 29 to 32 per cent., a Communist councillor was elected with 5,184 votes. The Gaullist candidate received 3,433.

● In Saint-Florent, two Communist were elected, the Party's share in the vote going up from 40 to 44 per cent., while in Carbone, the Communist percentage rose from 20 to over 22.

PARLIAMENT

# Nats., Isolated, Grow Back to United Nations

**SOUTH** Africa is not returning to the United Nations because there are signs of a "more sympathetic" attitude there, as Mr. Louw claims, but because the threat of isolation has become very real.

This was revealed clearly in the debate in the Assembly last week on the External Affairs vote.

The Nationalist Government's walk-out from U.N. was the result of "interference" in our "domestic" affairs by India and other members. Now, suddenly, the Nationalists have decided to return to U.N. in full force. Why?

Nothing has happened to substantiate Mr. Louw's claim that U.N. is adopting a less critical attitude to the Union. On the contrary, South Africa will be in the dock at the next U.N. session again, and the criticism may be even more vigorous than in the past.

### Main Bones

Mr. Louw admitted, during the External Affairs debate, that the "three main bones of contention," the Indian question, the South-West African question, and the Union's colour policy, would be on the U.N. agenda once more. If, in fact, U.N. members were viewing South Africa with more "sympathy," one would have expected Mr. Louw to take a strong stand in the hope of obtaining more support than the Union got last time.

Instead, he is not even attending the sessions at which South Africa will be attacked (except, apparently for the discussion on South-West Africa, on which matter a "deal" seems to have been reached). He is funkier than!

"South Africa's attitude would be that such matters could not be discussed. If other nations wished to go on contravening the U.N.

Charter, they were at liberty to do so, but South Africa would not take part," said Mr. Louw.

What an admission of failure! In the past, South Africa at least tried to defend its position, hopeless though it was.

In one breath, Mr. Louw announced that there is a better spirit at U.N. towards South Africa, and in the next he baldly accused U.N. of trying to "muscle in" on Africa through the medium of the Economic Commission for Africa. Mr. Louw's objection to the Economic Commission, apparently, is that it will weaken the influence of the old school of African imperialists (Britain, France, Portugal, Belgium, and of course the Nationalists down south).

### Uninformed

When Mr. Waterson (U.P.) questioned Mr. Louw about his objections, Mr. Louw fumbled and gave newspaper commentators the impression that he was not fully conversant with the circumstances surrounding the creation of the Economic Commission. For a Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Louw is surprisingly uninformed.

The United Party were not much better. Pursuing the party's *toendeged* policy, Mr. Lawrence suggested that the South African approach to foreign affairs should be a bipartisan one. This is a fancy way of saying that the Nationalists should have a foreign policy that the U.P. could support.

Even Mr. Lawrence, noted as he is for his frivolous contributions to Parliamentary debates, cannot believe that a "bipartisan" foreign policy is possible involving surrender to the objectives of apartheid.

### Uninvited

It is apartheid, and all its accompanying horrors, that have brought the Nationalist Government into disrepute throughout the world. A "bipartisan" foreign

policy can only be achieved, if the U.P. agrees with the Government's apartheid policies. How can there be a "bipartisan" foreign policy in relation to India, for example, when the U.P. accepts the implementation of the Group Areas Act? The examples are endless.

Yet Mr. Lawrence said plainly: "It should be a policy supported by both sides of the House, so that it will be known that the policy of the Minister and of the Government has the will and desire of the people behind it."

Mr. Lawrence, for all his clowning, is not a fool. He knows what a statement of this kind means. It is a major gesture of collaboration, not on foreign policy, but on internal policy. The Nationalist Government, in fact has no foreign policy in the accepted meaning of the term; it merely has a series of hysterical reactions to world events and world opinion.

### Empty Gesture

Another *toendeged* move came from Sir de Villiers Graaff. He told the Assembly that in deference to the Prime Minister's illness, the United Party would approve the Vote without discussion. The rest of the Opposition, namely the African and Coloured Representatives, duly approved this empty gesture.

All in all, the foreign affairs debate got no one anywhere: it did not take the country further towards peaceful relations with other states; neither did it take the U.P. further towards its goal of total abolition. When the debate ended, South Africa was back exactly where it had started from.



## SPORT LIGHT

by "DULEEP"

THE S.A. Cricket Board of Control have, after waiting for a final decision from Basil Witten, appointed D. A. Asmal, the young school-boy wicket-keeper from Natal, as a replacement for S.A. just, at present touring East Africa.

Just how wise their choice has been only time will tell, for Asmal, as far as National Inter-Race Inter-Race Cricket goes, is a nonentity. It may be a promising cricketer as thousands of other cricketers are; and most likely only W. Varachai of the S.A. National selectors has seen him in action. For one am prepared to accept that he may be a good wicket-keeper, but is it a good choice? To shove such a young cricketer into top-class cricket is sheer folly, and may ruin a promising career, especially as he has had very little inter-provincial cricket experience.

The National Tournament in January reflected Abet and Witten as top class, with others far below provincial level. What surprise is it how Mr. Varachai, who serves on both the Indian and National panel of selectors, found Asmal not worthy of selection for the S.A. Indian Team and yet chooses this selfsame player for a national team (I emphasise here that he is the only selector, namely Asmal, whose capabilities and must have been instrumental in his selection).

In one way I condone the Board for choosing a wicket-keeper specialist; but on the other hand, taking into consideration the poor display of some of our recognised batsmen, would it not have been better to have a sound batsman instead, such as Behardien or Y. Lakay, recognised attacking players, who have proved their worth in

S.A. big cricket? To bolster our batting, which is obviously showing signs of weakness, would have been far a better investment in cricket. If Shaokor Ahmed can play in practically every match of Kenya's tour of S.A., then S. Abed can likewise, and knowing him as I do, he is quite capable of emulating this feat. Besides some of the players are good enough to substitute behind the stumps in the minor games, to give him the required break.

At the same time I wish Asmal every luck for he is a young cricketer, full of promise, and deserves all the encouragement. Let us hope this trip enables him to blossom into a great player.

### Cape Centres' Disaffection

The S.A. Indian F.A.'s selectors, Messrs. George Singh, A. R. Abet and B. D. Pavani are in for a lot of criticism in their selection of the National teams for the Federation matches, especially from the Boreders, who are so dissatisfied at the state of affairs, that they have threatened to resign.

Who can blame them? For to these selectors only Natal and Transvaal exist, and besides that, not one of the three selectors is in the position to serve in his respective Board, for they are absent from the San China Tournament at Cape Town, where all the talent was on view.

The Cape centres are equally dissatisfied with specially W.P.'s who had four representatives in the last S.A. XI and they all turned in excellent form, for they were absent from the Natal stalwarts.

Those self same players, like other Border and E.P. stars, have since been overlooked or ignored. If SAIFA is still interested in the selection of their best XI in future tournaments, other positive methods must be used and selectors must know their duties and responsibilities must be appointed, otherwise the Cape centres will attach themselves to other unions and provincial centres.

**We Hear it Said . . .**  
That Gibson Makatele, Johannesburg's 21-year-old, indoors left, has signed amateur forms for the Fourth Division English League Club, Shrewsbury Town.  
That India will be the second non-white country (the first is Japan) to take part in the World Golf Championship, held in Andrews, Scotland, for the President Eisenhower Trophy, from October 8-11.  
That the late Mr. A. Harry Naidoo, has been misrepresnted by most of the Non-European papers as being the President of the S.A. Indian F.A. He was in actual fact, the Vice-President, with Mr. G. Munsook, of Cape Town, the President.  
That Mr. M. John (H.L.P.V.) has been elected as Vice-President of the S.A. Indian F.A., to fill the late Mr. Harry Naidoo's vacancy.  
That the West Indies cricketers, Sobers, Smith, Ramadhin and Hunte have now accepted the terms of their Board to tour India later this year. This change of their attitude now ensures the success of the tour.  
That Brazil, world soccer champions, are to play the team at Stockholm both Black and White players who displayed excellent co-operation and team spirit, regardless of colour or creed.

## ANC and SACTU Plan Joint Campaigns in East Cape

From MELVILLE FLETCHER

PORT ELIZABETH.

**A** WELL-ATTENDED meeting of A.N.C. and African trade union delegates took place in Uitenhage on Saturday, August 23. The object of the meeting was—

1. To draw up a programme for the continuation of the £1 a day campaign.
2. To form a Liaison Committee between the Port Elizabeth Uitenhage branches of A.N.C. and the S.A.C.T.U. Local Committee.
3. To launch a mass organizational campaign for the enrolment of 10,000 workers into trade unions in the Eastern Cape.
4. To take drastic steps against the employment of convicts in place of paid workers.

**CO-OPERATION**

The delegates unanimously agreed to bring about closer co-operation between the A.N.C. and S.A.C.T.U. in the struggle for a minimum wage of £1 a day and the recognition of African trade unions.

A resolution calling for the boycott of all European-owned shops, unless the bosses agreed to increase wages, was applauded.

The mover of the resolution stated that in boycotting European-owned shops the Africans must not be motivated by racialism.

"The fact is," he said, "that the Whites have voted this Nationalist government into power, knowing that the consequences would be for our Africans. They voted delibe-

rately. Had they not voted Nat., they would have voted for the U.P. They would have to the same. Therefore, they cannot count on the support of African buyers."

This resolution was later amended to prevent the boycott being extended to White shopkeepers who identified themselves with the aspirations of the African people and paid their shop assistants a living wage.

### Racing at Kenilworth

The following are Damon's selections for the racing on Settlers Day, Monday, September 1:

Stayers Handicap: THUNDER CRASH, Dancer, Honest Town.

Wynberg Handicap (B): TEDDY, Danger, Explosion.

Owens Handicap: DEMOCRAT, Danger, Southern Drawl.

Kenilworth Handicap (2nd): REBEL, Dancer, Tenby.

Wynberg Stakes: GAMBLER, Danger, Cairn Foe.

Kenilworth Stakes: AIR TRAVEL, Danger, Antics.

Maiden Plate: SOUSA, Danger, Provisional.

Maiden Plate: DRACONIC, Danger, Gun Drower.

Last week Damon tipped 6 winners, 2 seconds, 2 thirds and 1 fourth place.

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