

"HANDS OFF THE MIDDLE EAST"



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Congress Leaders Condemn Anglo-American Invasion

WORKERS SHOCKED BY NAT. BUDGET

"Everything Is Going Up Except Our Wages"

JOHANNESBURG. "I THOUGHT they were cheating, when I went to buy cigarettes and told to pay more."

"Everything is going up except our wages."
"These people are really fighting us."

This was the spontaneous talk to be heard among Africans everywhere, in the buses

and trains, in reaction to last week's budget statement.

The people's shock was unmistakable and they did not hesitate to put the blame on the shoulders of the Nationalist Government. This is in direct contrast to the reaction of the White public as reported in the daily press. "It (the budget) hurts the man-in-the-street very little," said the Rand Daily Mail.

On the other hand the Africans saw in an already gloomy picture, an underlining of all the dark shadows.

1. Rents have gone up.
2. Fuel and in several respects transport costs are up.
3. Now foodstuffs and whatever few luxuries the people could afford are going up.

CYNICAL ATTITUDE

Mr. Thomas Nkobi, national organizer of the African National Congress, stated that the budget revealed the cynical attitude of the ruling classes who, while exempting the high income groups from certain types of income tax, have decided to increase the taxes of the lowest paid section of the population.

Trade unionists interviewed by New Age, felt that the authorities had not only side-tracked the vital question of increasing Native wages but by the increases in taxation and the cost of living had dealt a severe blow to African living standards.

Mr. Urish Makia pointed out that in the furniture industry, of whose union he is secretary, there have been no wage increases for the past ten years. Meanwhile, the authorities had admitted that there has been a constant devaluation in the value of money.

WOMEN MUST FIGHT

Speaking on behalf of the ANC Women's League Miss Bertha Mashaba, National Vice-President, said that the women should fight the threat to extend taxation to them with all the means at their disposal.

"Economists have stated that an African needs at least £23 a month to support his family. Yet it is common knowledge that the majority of Africans earn only £11 a month. The bus boycott has shown every one that the Africans are earning very little," she said.

"But now what do we find? Wages for the Africans have not been increased, but the Government wants women to pay taxes as well." Mrs. Ruth Matsone, another women's leader and a housewife, said that the women should not only oppose the threat of taxation to them but must also fight the increased taxation imposed on their husbands.

THE South African people have responded sharply to

the Anglo-American invasion of the Lebanon and Jordan.

"Hands Off the Middle East," stated a resolution adopted unanimously at a mass meeting held by the Cape Western Region of the ANC at Langa over the week-end. Nearly 1,000 people attended.

"We protest very strongly against the Western imperialist powers intervening in the affairs of the independent states of the Middle East.

"We demand the immediate withdrawal of American and British troops in the area. We call upon our government to denounce the aggressive action taken by the Western Powers against the Lebanon, Iraq, and other Middle East countries.

Executive Committee of SACPO:

SACPO supports the people of the Middle East who are today struggling for independence and liberation from imperialism and its lackeys. American and British troops in the area will not intimidate nor deter the people from pursuing their just struggle for freedom. The presence of these forces, however, constitutes a grave threat to peace, and SACPO is of the opinion that they should be withdrawn immediately and the people of the Middle East left to settle their own affairs.

SACPO calls upon the Coloured people to show their solidarity with the Arab people's struggle against imperialism in every way possible.

Mrs. Lizzie Abrahamson, secretary of the Food and Canning Workers' Union:

We think the British and American

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Give August Month To New Age

THIS week we are taking the unprecedented course of launching a NEW AGE MONTH in August. We are appealing to all individuals, trade unions, the Congress and any other sympathetic body to help us make this month one in which an all-out effort will be made to boost our sales and above all collect money for the people's paper.

We are fully aware that several of the Congress organizations had made preparations weeks ago to hold functions in an effort to swell their own coffers; but we are pleased to announce that both the Cape Town COD and the local SACPO branch have agreed to switch over these functions so as to aid NEW AGE. And this is what we are asking you all to do in this month of August.

Your paper is in dire need of funds and unless the effort is made this month, the Nats will have scored their greatest victory over the liberatory movement since coming into power. The simple truth of the matter is that unless the

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"NON-WHITES MUST UNITE AND FIGHT FOR FREEDOM"

—Egyptian Judge

CAPE TOWN.

"YOU are responsible for the future of your country. All Non-Europeans should unite to fight for liberty, freedom and dignity, against discrimination," the Hon. Egyptian Judge, Amin Abou Helf, told a gathering of Moslem youth here last week.

The Judge who is a vice-president of the world table tennis body, is in South Africa for the table tennis tournament, and also to negotiate the formation of a Pan-African Table Tennis Federation.

He told the youth at the meeting that they should not organise themselves on sectarian and religious lines.

"Work with all groups. This is your land, join with others and work for its future," he said.

NASSER'S REVOLUTION
Discussing Egypt, he said that Nasser's revolution came about be-

cause of the bad and corrupt Government of Farouk. Land reforms have now been introduced and it is hoped that every farmer will have enough to lead a comfortable existence. Youth were playing an important role in the country. Social groups would go out from the towns to assist the peasants. The Judge said that many farmers had gone to Port Said, after "the flagrant aggression of the British and French," to remove the rubble and help build up a new town.

Justice Helf said that the Egyptian Brotherhood had been banned because it wanted to dominate the Government of the Revolution. Gen. Neguib had had nothing to do with the revolt against Farouk; he was merely used as a figurehead. When he started to work with the Moslem Brotherhood, he was removed and replaced by Nasser.

President Nasser was no dictator, he said. "Why would people as far away as Iraq and the Lebanon shoot his name if he were?"



Judge Helf.



Mr. Nokwe was found not guilty of being without a reference book, or failing to produce a reference book on demand.

Also charged with being in the area without permission and failing to produce a reference book was Mr. George Njama. His case is still pending.

All visitors to New Brighton nowadays are screened before being allowed to enter and most Europeans are turned back at the checkpoints.

NEW AGE LETTER BOX MORE ON HUNGARY

The foreword to the report on Hungary published in *New Age* on June 26 says: "We do not necessarily agree with everything stated in it."

Well, I believe that you have done a greater injustice to the report than the South African Press did (they ignored it) and in worse taste too. A paper such as *New Age* should not make its readers suspicious of its contents without giving any positive counter-facts—either you make proper comment, or none at all.

Following in your slippery footsteps came a Mr. Goldberg of Johannesburg who puts you on the back. He is the enemy of Kasser and the friend of Israel who is only to anxious to be enlisted in the camp of the warmongers.

Many mistakes were made by the ruling party in Hungary. Dissatisfaction would have ended with demonstrations and subsequent adjustments, but never in bloodshed and cruelty had not outside forces together with confused, weakly and inexperienced leaders changed it into a counter-revolution.

If not for Russia, the warmongering U.S.A. would have been invited right on to the shores of the Soviet Union and we might have had a terrible world war. Whatever socialism had built up would have been destroyed. We should never forget the bitter struggle the U.S.S.R. had to wage against bloodthirsty murderers. I am all for morality when dealing with nations and your self defence has to be as realistic as your aggression.

The left-wing movement has become in foreign matters a bit too respectable, coming close in some of their nationalistic or pacifist clothes to the ruling "respectability." The old, bitter self-sacrificing life and death struggle for a new and better world—such as it was envisaged—was waged more in blood and tragic sacrifices than in too gentle and unreal-sounding words.

TRUTH.

Cape Town.

To "Contributed"

Will you please supply your name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a mark of good faith. All correspondence should be signed.

EDITOR.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

Cape Town:

B and B £3, Anonymous £6, Check £3, N.M. £1, Harry and Mari £10, Wedding £5, Kendoo £1, Salt River 10s., Bernard and Ruth £25, Unity (Guarantor) £5, R. (Guarantor) £5, Windowpane £1, G.G. £5, A.T. £5, I.K. £1.

Durban: A.D. £2, J.N. £3, T.C. 10.6d., A.N. £1.1, Jutta £2.2, Sastri College Chronicle £1.1, Merabank N.I.C. £3.43, Dr. G. G. M. £10, Sufferer Youth League 10s., Nurses 8.7d.

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TOTAL—£228 11s. 11d.

HISTORY OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT

• Africanist View

L. Forman is trying with a diabolical plan to show in a strike-called History of the Liberation Movement that the militant action and strikes were learnt by the Africans from the white-civilised workers and genius communists like Bill Andrews because the black workers are not clever enough to think a strike.

What about in Rhodesia, Ghana and Nigeria where nobody ever heard of Bill Andrews and communists but the Africans were still capable enough to organise trade unions?

This is the same COD propaganda that everything good comes from the Europeans and Indians. Chief Lutuli sits quiet with it but he should come to the Africanists and lead them.

J. SALENI

East London, Cape.

• Christian View

I wonder what Mr. Mokubbe Charles Boshlelo means when he says (Letterbox, July 3) "Christianity has successfully taught the Africans to be passive to all indignities and to endure all injustices in the hope of rich reward in the world to come." It is because of this Christianity that Africans accept their lowly and inferior position in life.

This is a lie and if Mr. Boshlelo is a supporter of New Age he will be confounded by the very educational account of the history of the liberation movement by Mr. L. Forman where he proves that the Ethiopian Church was one of the first ones to fight against the basokop. That Church, part of Christianity. Reverend Tile was a Christian minister.

S. MADIKIZA

Worcester, Cape.

Let Us Mount the Pulpit

Brothers, we have no case in history where there has been a nation without religion. So let's forget about fighting without religion which in this case is the Christian religion. My view is that religion and politics are inseparable. What would we give to the people in place of Christianity if we took it away from them? There cannot be freedom without religion!

I suggest that it is our duty to mount the pulpit and from there teach the people the truth that they must start by striving for happiness here on earth in order to go to that other world of everything.

Umata, C.P. Z.A.M.

EDITORIAL

HANDS OFF THE MIDDLE EAST

THE mask is off. The whole world can now gaze on the ugly face of Anglo-American imperialism in action.

There is not the slightest basis for the allegation of Communist subversion in the Middle East. In Egypt the Communist Party is outlawed and its leaders are in jail. In Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Jordan—the countries immediately affected in the present crisis—there is hardly any industry, no highly developed and organised industrial working class, only a small Communist movement. There is not a Soviet soldier in sight anywhere.

In the Lebanon a United Nations committee has found no evidence of large-scale interference from outside, and has said there is no reason for the United Nations or anyone else to intervene in order to prevent such interference. Their opinion has been endorsed by the Secretary General of the United Nations himself.

Yet the moment the nationalist revolt occurred in Iraq and the pro-Western government was thrown out of office, the United States and Britain, screaming "Communist subversion," landed in force in the Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan and brought the whole world to the brink of war.

Once again we see the Anglo-American imperialists using naked force to prevent social change which is adverse to their interests. They want stooge governments in the Middle East countries, not independent nationalist regimes. They want to retain control over Middle East oil, and refuse to the peoples of the Middle East the fundamental right to decide their own affairs for themselves.

The Nationalist Government of South Africa, which has itself had to wage a bitter fight for independence from British imperialism, in the Middle East crisis pledges its support for British imperialism against another people who are fighting for their freedom. Why? Because the peoples of the Middle East are Arabs, who in this country would be classed as Non-Europeans—and our Nationalist Government is not in favour of freedom for Non-Europeans anywhere in the world.

Furthermore, our South African Nationalists, like all chauvinists, are showing they are not really opposed to the exploitation of one nation by another—provided they are included in the ranks of the exploiters.

Eric Louw, who cheerfully commits South Africa to the Western camp, should bear one consideration in mind: if the West makes one false move in the Middle East and plunges the world into war, the intercontinental ballistic missiles will start flying. With the Suez Canal closed to shipping, Cape Town and Durban become inevitable targets, not to mention Johannesburg with its uranium.

THREE H-BOMBS WOULD SUFFICE TO WIPE OUT TWO MILLION SOUTH AFRICANS AND BREAK OUR ECONOMIC BACKBONE.

South Africa is in the front line today. All South Africans should make it plain to Eric Louw that they are not prepared to die for Anglo-American imperialism and should demand:

- Hands off the Middle East!
- Withdraw all foreign troops from the affected areas!
- Respect the right of all peoples to national independence!

GIVE AUGUST MONTH TO NEW AGE

(Continued from page 1) pressive movement acts now, the Government will see the strongest and most hard-hitting propaganda weapon opposed to them folding up and dying because its own supporters failed to see the danger before it was too late.

Well, we are not prepared to retreat so ignominiously before the enemy. We are putting up the danger signals boldly and as glaringly as possible so that you are all aware of the position and there can be no excuses afterwards.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

For this month of August we expect everyone to organise around NEW AGE. A few of the things that we suggest are

that dances, film evenings, book sales, lectures, picnics and sales rallies be organised. In every district, whether it be in Lower Houghton or New Brighton, Cape Manor or Nyanga, everywhere, you must think of one scheme whereby they will make all people around them NEW AGE conscious. Here we have suggested only a few of the things that can be done. The rest we leave to your own ingenuity and drive. It is easy to suggest only a few of the more of our sixpenny stamps being sold or great drives being mounted by those old campaigners to boost the total of £5 per month guarantee!

We reiterate that it will only be possible to make this NEW AGE MONTH the success it

must be, if all the Congress organisations, especially, get all their branches and members to co-operate.

THIS NEW AGE MONTH should not only be confined to the people in this great event. We are asking all our supporters in every little village of the Union to do everything they can to participate in this great event. Every penny collected and every NEW AGE sold is a nail in the coffin of those who are trying to bully and frighten the people of our country. Send in your money and reports of what you have done in your area to our office.

UNITY OF ACTION

New Age has been a faithful servant of the oppressed

people for years now. We have fought alongside the people throughout these difficult times. We have not failed you. We are indeed proud of our support of the mighty Congress movement and the part we have played in the struggle for freedom in this country.

What we are now asking you to do is to see that this unity of action is not broken and the sorely oppressed people deprived of their authentic voice in the affairs of our country. EVERYBODY. EVERYWHERE. WHO READS THIS, REMEMBER, WE DEPEND ON YOU IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST TO MAKE THE GREATEST EFFORT YOU HAVE EVER MADE TO KEEP NEW AGE ALIVE.

YET ANOTHER CAPE TOWN LEADER EXILE

SHORTLY after the exile of Greenwood Ngotyana, Cape Town is to lose another of its outstanding people's leaders—John Motloheloa.

Last week his lengthy legal battle to resist Government attempts to deport him came to an end when his application for a permit to remain in the area of the Cape Peninsula was refused and a removal



order was issued against him. John grew up in the Free State and early in his life learned that only through hard struggle and self-sacrifice would the working people of South Africa achieve their

liberty. More than a dozen years ago he came to Cape Town, where he threw himself into the battles being waged by the local Congress.

STOWED AWAY

In 1955 he achieved a long-standing ambition by traveling overseas. He went the hard way—stowing away under a lifeboat for most of the voyage, and spent some time in the Hungarian Peoples Democracy. Though while abroad he was stricken by illness, his trip was an inspiration to him, and he returned to the South Africa in 1956 enthused by the strength of the world-wide battle against exploitation of man by man.

Fighting back against his illness, John became the chief *New Age* seller in Cape Town. He soon broke all records with his energetic campaigning for the paper in the shantytowns, at bus queues, in buses and in trains.

People of all races were amongst his customers—Africans, Coloured Indians, and even a large number of Europeans to whom he introduced the message of Congress for the first time.

Every crowd to John was a meeting. If he travelled in the train then every person in his carriage heard about the freedom struggle; time and again he would be locked up at the instance of irate ticket examiners, and each time he would be released by the prison authorities who found him to be too "dangerous" an influence amongst

the other prisoners, and even amongst the warders!

IN JAIL

Now John is in prison once more, awaiting deportation. The Native Commissioner who issued a removal order against him refused an application by the defence that the order be suspended for a week to enable John to cement his customary union with his wife Pauline by means of a legal marriage. (The date for the marriage had been fixed several weeks before the order was made.)

John's "crime" was that he was that strange entity, a "foreign native." Evidence was led at his trial that he was born in Basutoland and brought to the Union when only a few months old.

He does not know Basutoland at all. The only relatives he has there were those who gave evidence against him at the trial. Basutoland to him is a strange country, and he is to be an exile there.

Yet John has learnt that even in prison he struggle can be carried on. He will not be an exile in Basutoland for long. With his strong personality, his clear thinking, and his determination that he spare an ounce of his energy in the battle for liberation, he will soon win a place for himself in the hearts of the people of Basutoland as he will always remain in the hearts of the people of Cape Town.



The delegation speaks to the Mayor's secretary.

PAARL WOMEN SEE MAYOR ON PASSES

CAPE TOWN.

AFRICAN women in Paarl attended a report-back meeting last week to hear the results of an interview by a delegation with the Mayor or Paarl. The delegation was elected on June 26 when Paarl women marched on the Town Hall to protest against passes for women. The Mayor's secretary arranged for them to interview the Mayor a few days later.

The delegation was met by the Mayor, the Town Clerk, the Chairman of Native Affairs and the Location Superintendent.

ARRESTED AT DEATHED

Describing the hardships experienced under the pass laws the woman mentioned the case of a man who was arrested at his mother's deathbed in the middle of the night. She died while he was on the way to the police station. The delegation protested against the removals to Langubaya location after people had spent considerable sums of money on erecting dwellings in other parts.

The people had no confidence in the Advisory Board to handle their grievances, the delegation said.

The Mayor gave the assurance that the points raised by the delegation would be considered at the next meeting of the Council. In the meantime there would be no arrests of women who were unable to prove the length of residents in the area and who could not trace their former employers for references. These women would be required only to make statements to the Council. The Council would also consider compensation for those who had to move to the location.

At the report-back meeting they also passed a resolution against the deportation of Basutoland nationals from the Union.

GRAAFF BEGS THE NATIONALS TO LET THEM WORK

By C.P.E.

THE headline in last week's *New Age*—"The U.P. Throws in the Towel"—was fully substantiated by the "no confidence" debate.

United Party speakers, one after another, repeated Sir de Villiers Graaff's offer of "co-operation" long after it had been rejected with scorn by the Prime Minister.

Even in his final speech, when the debate was over, Sir de Villiers turned to the Nationalist Party, and said: "The United Party's offer still stands."

What were the terms of the offer (surrender is a better word)? That the United Party was prepared to assist in the implementation of "certain aspects" of apartheid. What aspects? In the absence of any criticism of the apartheid policy as it was unfolded over the past 10 years, we can only assume that Sir de Villiers has no reservations.

On the republic, too, Sir de Villiers implied that he was prepared to discuss terms. It was left to a backbencher (Mr. R. Swart—Zulu) to declare that the republic was "repugnant" to the United Party: Sir de Villiers did not say so, either in his introductory or concluding speech, and according to newspaper reports Mr. Swart is in trouble with his party colleagues for being so outspoken.

Not even the *Cape Argus* could stomach this. In an angry editorial, it said: "We do not entirely blame Mr. Strijdom for replying to an offer of co-operation

with a demand for unconditional surrender. We blame far more those who, being anti-republican, have not dared to raise their voices; who gather at political party meetings and from some confused notion of fact or tactics condemn their own convictions. Out of this dissembling has been generated a whole conspiracy of silence.

"READY TO JOIN UP"

"What can the Nationalist leaders think but that silence gives consent? Sir de Villiers runs all the very real risks of being thought ready to join up with the Nationalists—and let be plainly said that there are many who have been alarmed by that very thought—and all he gets is a brush-off."

I do not propose to dwell on the subject this week, but in case anyone is misguided enough to think that the U.P.'s capitulation is of no importance politically, may I urge them to bear some points in mind: The first is that the U.P.'s sell-out has been to abrupt and so far-reaching that it has evoked hardly any protest (as yet) from United Party supporters.

The second point is that this sell-out can seriously impair the anti-Nationalist cause. Tens of thousands of U.P. supporters are likely to be plunged into despair or bewilderment, and the whole level of opposition to Strijdom lowered dangerously. We can only trust that other U.P. members, in their revulsion, will seek out political organisations in which to continue the struggle.

"NEW RIGHT-WING SOUND" Anti-Nationalists cannot be expected to keep a close watch on

all the intrigues, conspiracies, and manoeuvres that will characterise the U.P.'s behaviour in future, but if *Die Burger*, which for 10 years has tried persistently to stick the label "democrat" on the U.P., is ready to admit that "a new right-wing sound" is being heard from the U.P.'s ranks, then democrats at large should heed the warning. What is vitally important, is to know that *toenlering* is being attempted from the U.P.'s side, and to realise clearly what it may lead to.

Every anti-Nationalist should have grasped by now that the lesson of the 1958 general election was that the struggle for democracy has shifted almost entirely from inside Parliament to outside Parliament (even if the Opposition in Parliament itself was not the real force in the struggle over the past few years, it was militant enough to pretend to the formal leadership). Now even that role is being surrendered.

To transfer the struggle almost wholly to outside Parliament is easier said than done. It will require a tremendous effort on the part of every anti-Nationalist and in the view of the suddenness of the U.P.'s collapse, it will require also considerable speed, because if the U.P. is dissipating its energies in time-wasting manoeuvres, easier said than done. It will require their energies. Their legislative programme is ready: special criminal courts, higher taxes for the Africans, university apartheid, further fleecing of the Africans to pay for the "development" of the Reserves, the transfer. Fort Hare to the government, etc.

People may scoff at Dr. Verwoerd for his crazy notions, but hit by the Verwoerd-empire is growing. Meadowlands, Zeerust, Sekukhuleni— one upheaval after the other, but the unpalatable truth is that Verwoerd has bludgeoned his way through to BAASSKAP, even if it is BAASSKAP over a desolate battlefield.

NO CAUSE FOR PESSIMISM

There is no cause for unnecessary pessimism: the anti-Nationalists have every cause to place their faith in the future. But it must not be thought that the Nationalists will "take it easy," or try to make their policies more acceptable to "world opinion."

Verwoerd has had an opportunity to make one brief speech in Parliament so far, and already he has warned the Native Representatives that they will soon be kicked out of Parliament, contemptuously rejected the right of Africans to be known as Africans (they are "Natives" or "Bantu," he says), and declared that he is steaming ahead as fast as possible with the Bantu Authorities system.

Couple this with the advance warning that has been given of the legislative programme, and the future pattern becomes very clear, indeed!

The five-year period that lies ahead, undoubtedly, is going to be a decisive period in South Africa's history. It might not be as spectacular as the preceding periods, but it will be crucial.

Indian Youth Hold Durban Conference

"Over the last decade there has been forged a steady and sure alliance of the National Organisations of our peoples. The alliance embraces not only the African, Indian and Coloured people but also our white fellow countrymen. Immense though our achievements in this respect already are, the consummation of our task requires greater effort to foster and strengthen this alliance," said Mr. H. E. Moll when he opened the biennial conference of the S.A. Indian Youth Congress at Durban last week.

The Gandhi Library was full to capacity for the opening of the conference which is the first to be held in Durban. Delegates from the Transvaal and Natal were present.



Launders in Daily Express, London
"Cheer up, darling, the situation's never so bad that a few well-chosen words from Mr. Dulles can't make it worse."

U.S. ECONOMIC CRISIS HITS WEST GERMANY

GROWING signs indicate that the U.S. economic crisis has hit West Germany, the biggest industrial country in Western Europe, according to a report from Bonn.

The principal features of the West German economy during the first quarter this year, according to the West German Federal Bank, were: greater stagnation in industrial production, further reduction in exports and sale of company shares by many proprietors.

FIRST TIME

The present situation has worsened. In May, industrial production dropped by 0.6% compared with April and 0.4% compared with May last year. Though the percentage is not big, the significant point is that this is the first drop in West Germany's industrial production since the end of the Second World War.

With the development of the American economic crisis, the market demand in the capitalist world is steadily dwindling. The purchasing power of all the raw material supplying countries is decreasing generally, while the cutthroat competition among the monopoly groups is becoming more and more acute. All this has gravely affected West German industry which largely depends upon exports for its existence.

EXPORTS DOWN

West German exports in April dropped 5% and in May 6% compared with the same months last year. This is the first downward trend since March 1953. Although West German Minister of Economic Affairs Erhard said that there would be no economic "recession" in West Germany, it is generally believed in West German economic and industrial circles that the "good prospect" of post-war industrial expansion and the export trade boom have now ended.

YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL! . . .

"The U.S. Pavilion's art show at the Brussels Fair is limited to the work of artists under forty-five. The officials feared that an artist over forty-five probably would have a leftist record."—New York Post.

. . . POOF!

"Government blow-ups said that Schifano's protest fight against racial discrimination and his membership in the Independent Party proved he was a Communist."—National Guardian.

Eisenhower said U.S. Marines must be landed in Lebanon to protect the "independence and integrity" of that country from outside intervention. The only outside intervention came from America, as the report of the United Nations Observer team shows. This report, which exposes one of the greatest lies in history, has been labelled the

TALE OF TWO TERRORISTS

THE two "terrorists" were the Chamoun Government's sole evidence of "massive intervention" by the United Arab Republic.

The U.N. observers' report said that one of the men was an illiterate Syrian army deserter of 21, the other his 17-year-old friend. From their "conflicting evidence" it was "not possible to draw any firm conclusions."

SOLE EVIDENCE

Stressing that these two were their sole material evidence of the presence of any Syrians, the observers' report—submitted to the U.N. by Secretary-General Hammarskjöld—declared:

"In the circumstances, the group must conclude that the complexity of these two persons in terrorist activities or their participation in acts of rebellion (as members of an organised foreign terrorist group has not been established beyond reasonable doubt).

ALL LEBANESE

Reporting its careful examination of daily reports from its patrols and its visits to all fighting areas, the observers' group concluded that "the vast majority" of the armed men involved in the

FRANCE: FASCISTS CONTROL PRESS, INTELLIGENCE

FRANCE has moved one step further down the road to fascism.

M. Jacques Soustelle, former Governor-General of Algeria and darling of the Algerian "ultra," has been appointed Minister of Information.

He replaces André Malraux, who was reported to be in conflict with the Algiers junta over questions of Press freedom.

Soustelle played a leading part in the Algiers coup of May 13 and in the plot to install De Gaulle in power.

The appointment of Soustelle is not the only recent victory for the Algiers junta since De Gaulle became Premier. Five of the military conspirators behind May 13 have been given key staff jobs in Paris.

The Deuxieme Bureau—the intelligence and counter-espionage organisation—is now in the hands of the junta, after two previous chiefs were recently replaced.

In London: Afro-Asian Students Meet

THE Fourth Afro-Asian Students' Conference in Britain was held in London last week.

Young men and women from various countries in Africa and Asia and now studying in Britain, discussed the great advances recorded at the Cairo and Accra conferences.

The conference was addressed by the Indian Ambassador in London,

fighting "was in any case composed of Lebanese."

Land mines seen near Baalbek, in an area not held by the opposition, were of British and French makes.

NORMAL

On infiltration of armed men across the border, the observers note the traditional freedom of movement in these areas of traditionally armed people, adding: "Habit of mutual assistance in

peaceful as well as in troubled times have been regarded as a normal expression of tribal solidarity."

"UNDER DISPUTE"

In the Bekaa area observers saw about one company of uniformed Syrian soldiers; but this was an area "where the location of the border is under dispute and is not known to the local inhabitants," though the area was "generally considered Syrian."

IN VIENNA—WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL GETS SUPPORT

THE Austrian Government's decision to allow the holding of the next World Youth Festival in Vienna has the support of all members of both coalition parties in the Austrian Government.

This was stated by the Austrian Federal Chancellor, Julius Raab, in reply to criticism coming from certain quarters against the decision.

The forthcoming World Youth Festival of Youth and Students due to be held in the Austrian capital from July 26 to August 4, 1959, will be the seventh in a series of international festivals organised every two years by the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students.

FIRST IN WEST

It will be the first youth festival of its kind to be organised in a "Western" country, and should draw even greater participation from youth of the West than ever before.

Replying to critics, the Austrian Chancellor said:

"Some time ago the organisers of the World Youth Festivals asked the Austrian Government to allow the Festival to be held in Vienna next year."

"NO PROPAGANDA"

"We asked the organisers to give us a statement in which they pledged themselves to abide most strictly by the laws of Austria and particularly to make no political propaganda. This statement was given, whereupon we told the organisers that no objection was raised against holding the Festival. . . ."

"I would further point out that the Federal Government's decision on the holding of this Festival was unanimous, which means that all members of the Government of both coalition parties were of one mind. . . ."

The Festival Programme will include concerts by the world's leading cultural figures, a huge sports meeting second only to the Olympic Games, carnivals, dances etc. and will be enjoyed by people of all races from all over the world.



A group of young people at one of the world youth festivals.

IN CAIRO: AFRO-ASIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE PLANNED

FORTY-FIVE countries have been invited to attend a conference of Afro-Asian youth to be held in Cairo next February in accordance with one of the resolutions of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Conference.

This was announced by the Secretary of the United Arab Republic (UAR) High Council for Youth, the organiser of the conference, at a press conference called by the Permanent Secretariat of the Afro-Asian Conference which is sponsoring the conference.

Apart from youth organisations of the countries which participated in the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Conference, youth organiza-

INDIA: KERALA ELECTION RESULTS

In the first by-election held for the Kerala State Legislature since the Communists won a majority and formed the Government of this Indian State, a Communist woman candidate was elected.

The importance of this victory lay in the fact that her opponent was an Indian Congress Party candidate, supported by the Praja Socialist Party and the Muslim League, and the communists faced a completely united opposition.

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tions of other African and Asian countries may also attend.

The international preparatory committee will meet in Cairo next October to finalise the programme of the conference.

LOCAL FESTIVAL

The conference aims at intensifying mutual understanding, solidarity and friendship among the youth of Asia and Africa. Discussion on the role of the youth in strengthening Afro-Asian solidarity in social, cultural, technical, and athletic fields will be held during the conference.

The UAR High Council of Youth will organise a local youth festival during the conference to invite the participants to visit the construction schemes and places of interest in the UAR.

