

# Stop Use of Convict Labour in Industry



**JOHANNESBURG.**—A call to the entire trade union movement to protest against the use of convict labour in industry was made last week by the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions. Convicts are being used by employers in the timber and preserved fruit industries on the East Rand, and in Benoni particularly, says SACTU.

Convicts can be seen at work any day of the week at Benoni's Colonial Timbers and in the timber yard of M. Seligman, at Dunsward, Benoni; also at the Langeberg Koöperasie Bepok.

While there is unemployment among Non-European workers on the East Rand and African workers are restricted by the Urban Areas Act from obtaining work in any town but the one in which they reside, the Government is using convict labour for the benefit of private employers and to undercut the wage standards of free labour. In some factories employers are coming to rely permanently on convicts.

**THIS IS A VICIOUS SYSTEM, SAYS SACTU, AND ALL UNIONS MUST VOICE THEIR OPPOSITION TO THESE INEQUITOUS PRACTICES.**

## INTENSIFY CAMPAIGN AGAINST PASSES FOR WOMEN

DURBAN.

The liberatory movement must intensify its campaign against passes for African women and the Population Registration Act, declared the joint meeting of the Executives of the African and Indian Congresses, the S.A. Coloured People's Organisation and the S.A. Congress of Democrats, held in Natal last week.

A resolution passed at the meeting condemned the Population Registration Act and the issue of passes to African women.

"These Acts," says the resolution, "are designed to regiment, degrade, humiliate and enslave the people in the country of their birth."

"This joint Executive meeting... reiterates the demand of the people embodied in the Freedom Charter: 'All shall be free to travel without restriction from province to province and abroad to town and from South Africa town to town.'"

"This meeting views with horror the prospect of African womanhood being placed at the mercy of the police and being subjected to the same sort of brutality now meted out to the men," declare the executives in a joint statement.

"We are confident that the African women will maintain the splendid struggle against the pass laws. It is therefore the duty of the African men and democrats of all races to join in the Congress struggle against the extension of the vicious pass system to women."

# DECEMBER 3, 4 SPECIAL SIGNATURE DAYS

## Freedom Charter Answer to Police Terror

JOHANNESBURG.

The week-end of December 3 and 4 should be set aside as special "Signature Days" when tables for the collecting of signatures to the Freedom Charter should be set up everywhere in all important places, says a statement issued by the National Consultative Committee of the African National Congress, the South African Indian Congress, the S.A. Congress of Democrats, the S.A. Coloured People's Organisation and the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions.

This should be the answer of the people to the police campaign against the Freedom Charter, says the Committee's statement.

The statement recalls the police raid on a table for the collection of signatures set up in Hillbrow on November 5, when once again, without any legal justification, the police intervened and confiscated all copies of the Freedom Charter

found there. "It is now apparent that the police have determined to use every possible means to prevent the Freedom Charter from becoming known to the citizens of South Africa, and accepted by them as the only possible alternative to Nationalist fascism.

"THE PEOPLE MUST GIVE THEIR ANSWER TO THE POLICE BY ENDORSING THE CHARTER WITH THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF NEW SIGNATURES."

### In Cape Town

A public meeting on the Cape Town Grand Parade on Sunday afternoon, December 11, is one of the many items on the agenda of the Freedom Charter signature campaign for the Cape Western Area.

On the morning of the same day, there will be a conference of all cultural and youth organisations where particular attention will be paid to Clause 8 of the Freedom Charter, which is headed: "The doors of learning and culture shall be opened."

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## SPLIT IN LIBERAL PARTY

### Mrs. Ballinger, Dr. Friedman To Lead New Party?

**CAPE TOWN.**—The resignation of Mrs. Margaret Ballinger, "for personal reasons" brings out into the open a conflict which threatens to split the Liberal Party from top to bottom and lead to the formation of a new party.

There has long been disagreement between the "conservative" Liberals, headed by Mrs. Ballinger, and the "liberal" Liberals, who are mostly members of the Johannesburg branch of the party.

Mrs. Ballinger has been angling to capture the support of the "left-wing" members of the United Party, and eventually to lead a sort of Liberal opposition in Parliament. The "liberal" Liberals have been dissatisfied with Mrs. Ballinger's leadership, as they feel she has concentrated on her Parliamentary ambitions to the exclusion of all other forms of political activity.

#### PRIVATE TALKS

Private talks have already been held in Johannesburg and Cape Town in order to discuss the possibility of a new political party.

Some of the initiative has come from Dr. Bernard Friedman, who is trying to escape political extinction. During his Hillbrow campaign Dr. Friedman declared that he would join the Liberal Party. He aims to join with the conservative-Liberals, who dominate the Cape Town branch of the party, and others

who have left the Unity Party, in forming a new party.

This new party would not be as liberal as the Liberal Party nor quite as conservative as the United Party. It would hope to cash in on the present discontent with the U.P. on the part of some people for whom the Liberal Party is too "left," and the Labour Party too respectable enough either.

#### NO SUPPORT

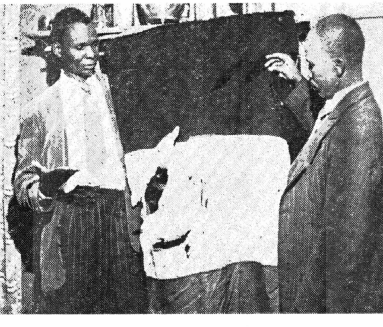
The funny side of these manoeuvres lies in the fact that the new party (if it is ever born) would be a committee of leaders in search of a few followers. Dr. Friedman's active workers in the Hillbrow campaign were mainly the liberal-Liberals of the Rand plus a few Labour Party people. Without them he would not have polled 1,000 votes.

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Singing "Mayebuye Afrika" and holding aloft banners demanding the repeal of the Urban Areas Act and an end to deportations, African women from all parts of the Peninsula marched through the streets of Cape Town last Friday morning. The demonstration attracted much attention as the procession, led by Mrs. Anie Silinga of Langa and Mrs. E. Nqose of Retreat, marched up Plunk Street on a circular route back to the Grand Parade. Also marching in front is Mr. John Mtshali, Cape Western Regional chairman of the ANC. The demonstration was organised by the local branch of the Federation of South African Women, which has stated: "This is only the beginning of our protest." On the same day as the march, the Congress of Democrats distributed thousands of leaflets supporting the women's protest.

# NEW AGE LETTER BOX



## A.N.C. FLAG SLASHED BY SPECIAL POLICE

On November 12 the ANC held a public meeting at the Bantu Hall, Lady Selborne, to discuss the increase in the P.U.T.C. but for. At this meeting the C.I.D. of the Special Branch were ordered to leave the hall. One left the hall immediately, but the other one was reluctant. He first went outside, but then came back and called Mr. Elias Ditsele, Mr. Ditsele refused, and the C.I.D. man was again ordered to leave. He left very angrily. When he got outside he found the ANC flag, which had been hoisted outside, blown down on to the ground by the wind. He took a knife out of his pocket, slashed the ANC flag and ran away. Someone who was outside reported to the chairman what had happened. The executive committee took the matter to the Hercules police station, but their complaint was not taken down, and they were told to report the matter to the head of the Special Branch himself.

The executive is now prepared to take the matter to court. Our photograph shows the slashed flag with (on the left) Mr. Griffiths Theko, and the treasurer of the branch, and (on the right) Mr. Isaac Kopany, the vice-secretary of the branch.

This incident shows how terribly the Nationalist Government is treating the African people in their motherland. This is the democratic Government that the Prime Minister, Mr. Strijdom, is referring to.

### Work Like Trojans

The only remedy that will cure the harsh treatment of Africans and the only way to escape the demoralising and bullying attitude of the white man lies in the establishment of a strong national body, e.g. the ANC. The white man's bullying attitude has forced the Africans to form their own union for self-protection.

Africans have discovered that in their land of birth they are treated as hewers of wood and drawers of water for the whites. They have no say in the legislation and no share in the government. The whites have formed a "white democracy" which does not recognise the existence of the African people.

Africans, let us be united. Let us work like Trojans for our rights and privileges. The time is now ripe for freedom and equality.

FRANK E. E. L. MAKANA, Grahamstown.

ring to. If in South Africa democracy means a police state, we had better do away with "Western Civilisation" because we are really misinterpreting it in a big way.

**Fellow Africans, the future belongs to us. Boldness will carry us to our destination. The forces of slavery—Verwoerd, Strijdom and the whole Nat. gang—are collapsing. Therefore, sons and daughters of Africa, forward to freedom for your children—Africa, Afrika, Afrika. Freedom in our lifetime.**

P. MAGANO, Secretary, Lady Selborne, Pretoria.

### The Church And Race Oppression

May I be allowed to add a few words to the criticism of Miss A. N. Kuse in New Age, November 24?

Miss Kuse says "... only one Bishop has taken the line of supporting the divine struggle of the oppressed people."

Perhaps Miss Kuse does not know (and I feel there are many who do not) that the question of retaining or handing over the Church Schools to the Government because of the Bantu Education Act was decided upon in each case by the Diocesan Synods. Now each parish and mission elects its own representatives for the Synod of its Diocese. In some cases Africans are in a majority. The Bishop of the Diocese then acts in accordance with the decision of Synod. Only the Diocese of Johannesburg voted in favour of not handing over school buildings—and the bishop acted on that decision. So no member of the Church should criticise the bishop on that particular matter; they should criticise their own representatives!

I do not think Miss Kuse (or any member of the Church) has anything to be ashamed of in her Church membership. As far as racial oppression is concerned the Church through her diocesan synods and Bishops has not been slow to make fearless pronouncements. They can be obtained from any (Anglican) Church Book Shop. I agree that more action may be required—and it is up to the laymen and women of the Church to spur on their bishops and priests in this respect. Do not be down-hearted Miss Kuse, there are many white people with you tooth and nail—bishops and priests among them. Every age has seen its champions—in Church and out—and this age is no exception. "PRIEST!"

Cape Province.

### Klerksdorp Wants A New Deal

May I announce through your columns that a mass meeting of the ANC Women's League will be held at the Klerksdorp Freedom Square (Gouberton) on December 4, 1955.

The main speakers will be: Mrs. L. Ngozi, President of the ANC Women's League, Mrs. H. Joseph, Secretary of the Transvaal Region of the Women's Federation and Father Huddlestone.

The main speeches will be based on:

1. Women's Pass Laws.
2. Increase of rents.
3. Election of the Location

On the last item there is much that has been a thorn in our already sensitive skin. Residents of the location do not take part in electing these members as they are simply nominated. Whom they are representing and what they have so far done is a dark mystery to one can account for. Residents receive a daily dose of crime in the presence of the so-called Location Board. Water-logged houses and dangerous gulleys in the streets are a common sight in the presence of the so-called Location Board.

Aware of the multiple sine of the Board we cannot blame ourselves to the conditions caused by the new beehall. Under-aged children are allowed inside only to cause heartaches to the residents who leave it. Deliberate assaults done openly have made people wild. Location police are indifferent and only cause further trouble by enterprising and searching them without warrants, thereby causing a general loss of property.

As a result of the raids carried out at Bosrand in the brickfield, the ANC Local Branch has made an appeal to the Native Commissioner and the Town Council that night raids should be completely done away with, for in the present period they cause dangerous effects and a loss of life.

The Location Superintendent has made it known to the people coming to the new location that they should not keep cattle and other domestic animals. A cow is the black man's bank and as such is part and parcel of his life. This order will definitely lead to bigger troubles than our fathers have ever before experienced.

A. MAJORO SEKWENA, Jouberton.

### African Prisoners

The life of an African prisoner in South Africa has been ably reported by Mr. Estu, Lion in New Age of November 17.

For statutory offences thousands of Africans have found their way into South Africa's jails where they are treated in a most shameful, brutal and degrading manner. The human spirit is crushed and demoralised by the cruel and unpoliticised tutors who hold con- law in the forts. It is hard to believe that a man with a Christian spirit and a sense of human dignity can for a moment be seeing the conditions under which the black man is treated.

Every street in South Africa leads an African to jail via the police station and the cell where thousands spend weeks and months to rot before they appear before the magistrates. Discharges are very rare.

The cells are cemented and very cold in winter as there are no heaters. Prisoners are packed to capacity in the tiny cells. Berths are full of lice and smell terrible. It is no wonder ex-prisoners complain of bad stomachs and sore feet when they leave jail. Food is not worth human consumption. Awaiting trials are kept locked all the day. No doctors visit cells to see to the care of life-threatening trials. The whole system is medieval. Can't South Africa progress along with other civilised countries in its treatment of prisoners?

C. DANIBE, Johannesburg.

## EDITORIAL

# FOR A NEW S. AFRICA

THE Administrator of the Transvaal, Dr. W. Nicol, opening a new Afrikaans high school recently, said the opening of every new school "further entrenched the maintenance of Western civilisation."

"Western civilisation," said the Administrator, who is a Nationalist, "meant human rights, democratic rights, freedom to think and speak, religious freedom, language rights, ethical social life, the rights of the individual and the opportunities for his advancement through his own efforts. For the maintenance of these ways of living and thinking we must always be on our guard."

Against whom? Reading Dr. Nicol's remarks, and thinking about South African realities, one can only conclude: against the Non-European. Dr. Nicol evidently had in mind the "danger" that the Non-European in South Africa are demanding a share of the Western civilisation, which he wants to preserve "for Europeans only."

It is perhaps ridiculous to take Dr. Nicol seriously. How is it possible, one may ask, for Dr. Nicol to boast of "human rights, democratic rights, freedom to think and speak," with the Suppression of Communism Act on the statute book, and police raids becoming ever more frequent? With newspapers banned, and the threat of censorship in the air?

How can a man speak of the value of "ethical social life" when the Nationalist Government, using its powers under the Urban Areas Act, is tearing wives from their husbands, mothers from their children, making a mockery of family life?

Dr. Nicol claims to stand for the right of the individual to have "opportunities for his advancement through his own efforts." Yet Non-European are denied those rights by law, and between them, Verwoerd and De Klerk intend to ensure that the few avenues of advancement at present open to Non-European are closed to them.

But let it not be thought that Dr. Nicol is just a fool or a hypocrite, or even merely colour blind (it is difficult to find words to describe his condition). For not even white South Africans today enjoy the rights which he is urging them to defend.

Last week, with the election of a new Senate, in which they have an automatic and overwhelming majority, the Nationalists exposed parliamentary democracy in South Africa for the fraud that it is.

It was not enough that the vast bulk of Non-European had no vote anyway. It was not enough that the loading of constituencies in favour of the plateland meant that the vote of the city-dweller was worth only half that of the countryman—which was what brought the Nats to power in the first place in 1948. It was not enough that the Nats gave themselves six seats for jam by providing representation for the whites of South West Africa (12,000 voters in the Cape Town urban constituency of Sea Point have one M.P.; practically the same number of voters in South West get six! And all Nationalists!)

As if that were not enough twisting of "democracy," the Nats have added to it the new Senate, which at last gives them their two-thirds majority to disfranchise the Coloured voters, and also to change the constitution to their hearts' content before the next election.

In truth, Dr. Nicol's Nationalist Party is not only afraid of the Non-European, it is also afraid of all white men and women who are not Nationalists. Today, the United Party, the Liberals, and all other white non-Nationalists have been placed in the same position as the Non-European in the sense that they no longer have any hope of defeating the Nationalists through the ballot box.

Who then is left to enjoy the rights of which Dr. Nicol boasts? The answer is: No one. There is no Western civilisation in South Africa, no democratic rights, no freedom to think and speak, no ethical social life, no individual liberty. All these are myths. Dr. Nicol may believe in them, but then he is used to proclaiming his belief in things which cannot be scientifically demonstrated as true.

The real truth about South Africa is that a ruthless clique of race-mad politicians have won power for themselves and are determined to hang on to it to the very end. They will defend it with bullets. They will defend it with lies about democracy and Western civilisation.

**TO RID OURSELVES OF THIS REAL AND EVER-PRESENT DANGER TO THE FUTURE WELL-BEING AND PROSPERITY OF OUR COUNTRY, IT IS NOT ENOUGH MERELY TO "DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION" OR SEEK PROTECTION IN THE COURTS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE MUST SET ABOUT THE JOB OF BUILDING A NEW SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE GROUND UPWARDS.**

# NATS BLACKMAIL JEWS ON ISRAEL ISSUE

## Zionists Told To Accept Racism

AN ENERGETIC CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED BY ZIONISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO WOO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT INTO BECOMING ISRAEL'S ALLY FOR THE DEFENCE OF AFRICA AGAINST THE "DANGER" OF COMMUNIST PENETRATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Letters and statements have been appearing in the Nationalist Afrikaaner press—such as Die Burger and Die Vaderland—purporting to come from Zionists appealing to the Nationalists to assist Israel to obtain arms.

The wheedling of Nationalist support is justified by arms-hungry Zionists by the so-called common interest and the Nationalist Government have in anti-Communism and by the fact that the Non-European Arab nations are opposed to the South African Government's policy of apartheid.

These appeals to the most rabid anti-Jewish sector of South African political life, to the erstwhile supporters of Hitlerite Germany, qualify S.A. Zionist Leadership for authorship of a new Dale Carnegie-type book "How to win False Friends and Convert Allies Into Enemies."

### Government Support

The Union Government has granted the Zionist organizations facilities for transmitting to Israel the large sums of money being collected by the Emergency War Appeal and all contributions have been exempted from the recently enacted Donations Tax. The Nationalist Government, anxious to demoralise the United Party still further and weaken the "White Opposition," is exacting a price.

For example, Dawie, the influential columnist in Die Burger, refers to the vast sums being collected to help Israel and to the Government's goodness, but pointedly comments that Israel voted against South Africa at UNO on the issue of the scandalous treatment of Non-Europeans in South Africa.

South African Jewry is a very important part in the financial structure of Israel as this country is reputed to be the second largest contributor to patriotic Israel and taking second place only to the U.S.A. So the Israeli Government is indirectly being black-mailed into abandoning her stand for oppressed people, a subject of especial importance to the Israeli Government with its self-imposed policy of the in-gathering of Jewish exiles throughout the world for the purpose of protecting the victims of anti-semitism and religious persecution in other lands.

But that is not the sum total of what the Nationalists expect from South African Jewry. The local counterpart of the White Zionist Movement will likewise be expected to toe the Nationalist line and eliminate opposition not only at UNO but within our own borders to apartheid and race persecution of the Non-Europeans.

Jewish history is full of examples of betrayal by "part-time friends" who, having used Jewry for some purpose, proceed to doublecross the Jewish people and make them the scapegoats for subsequent disasters. Do our Zionist propagandists genuinely believe that any good will will come to South African Jewry by an unholy alliance with Mr. Strijdom, Mr. Eric Louw, Mr. Weichard?

### Editorial Comment

The South African Jewish Times in its editorial of 11.11.55 applauds the attitude taken up by Die Transvaler, which states: "If a conflagration breaks out in the Middle East the duty of the Union will be to help extinguish it. The safety of the Union demands that the African Continent must remain free from Communist influence."

The Jewish Times caps this quotation by asking that our Government "assist Israel with armaments immediately, to offset the influx of equipment from behind the Iron

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Curtain which has been on a very considerable scale."

Now the purchase of arms is not the real problem, as at the Jewish Times points out angrily in its columns, Czech Government officials have informed Israeli representatives and newspapers that the Czech Government is perfectly willing to negotiate with Israel for the supply of arms. In any event the amount of arms being acquired by the Arab states from Britain and the United States dwarfs Eastern European sources into insignificance.

### Preventive War

At the moment a prominent Israeli Opposition Parliamentarian, Mr. Yancoy Meridor, is touring the Union. The keynote of all his speeches is the demand for an immediate "preventive war" against Egypt and the other Arab States. Israel needs neither an arms race nor a "preventive war." A preventive peace is on the order of the day.

An aggressive war on the part of Israel would be an act of national betrayal, a suicidal action which would threaten her people with destruction.

Surely every intelligent Jew knows why it is that Egypt, Syria and other Arab states have turned to the Socialist countries for arms? Egypt would have no difficulty whatsoever in obtaining from the U.S.A. unlimited supplies of arms, tanks, fighter planes, submarines to annihilate Israel out of existence provided she agreed to subordinate her foreign policy to the American Government by joining the Anti-Soviet Middle East War Organisation M.E.D.O. and making available war bases for anti-Soviet aggression.

In her efforts to maintain some elements of independence and neu-

trality Egypt has refused to acquire armaments on these terms. In spite of all her gross imperfections Egypt is to be congratulated on thus far resisting the pressure being exercised on her by the United States and Britain. The United States government wants to transform Israel into a gendarme of the neutral states of the Middle East and thus to create a global tinder box perilously close to Russia's southern boundaries. From this arises the real danger to Israel's security. It is Britain on the other hand who by her Bagdad Pact and its desire to bribe Israel's neighbours is prepared to guarantee Israel's borders provided Israel agrees to shrink her already small borders by drawing herself in at the waist. This is the same kind of political blackmail and surgery for which Chamberlain became so notorious during the years of the Czechoslovak pre-war crisis.

### Israel's Need

Israel must be neutral, independent and free of any war pacts and alliances. She must take the real initiative in spite of the seemingly great difficulties to win peace with her Arab neighbours and achieve a joint Middle East policy of peace and security. After all these years of sacrifice to get the British out, it would be fatal now to let them in (via War Pacts and the U.S.A.)

The people of Israel love their country and are ready to sacrifice themselves for its freedom and security but not for aggressive war.

For centuries the Jews have cried out passionately for world sympathy and help against anti-semitism and persecution; South African Jewry dare not remain deaf and indifferent to the equally passionate cry for emancipation which comes from the lips of the Non-Europeans. To sell Jewry's birthright, her traditional love of other peoples, her championship of the oppressed of whatever race, religion or nationality for the baleful pottage of South African arms would be a denial and a repudiation of all that is best and finest in Jewish history and tradition.

Let South African Jewry, before subordinating itself subserviently

## "Give Effect to Indonesian Election Results!"

—Progressive Demand

DJAKARTA.—In spite of the overwhelming defeat of the American-controlled Masjumi caretaker government in the recent Indonesian elections, the Masjumi has refused to treat the results as an expression of no-confidence and insists on retaining its power until the new parliament is sworn in next year.

The Indonesian National Party, the Indonesian Communist Party and other progressive groups which together polled over twice as many votes as the Masjumi are campaigning for the immediate resignation of the caretaker government.

### BOYCOTT

These parties boycotted the parliamentary session last week, when the members of the pre-election parliament passed a farcical vote of confidence in the Masjumi and asked them to remain in power until the new government is sworn in next year. In the face of the boy-

cott the Masjumi just managed to scrape together a quorum.

One of the main reasons for the progressive campaign for the early resignation of the Masjumi is the very justified fear that the Masjumi, backed by the United States, will attempt to entrench itself in power and refuse to hand over the reins of government to the new parliament next year.

The All-Indonesian Trade Union organisation, the country's most powerful political force, has already sent out warnings to all members to remain on the alert to defeat any such attempt.

to appease Nationalist apartheid and police state ambitions, remember that the whole world will take note of its attitude towards those peoples in this country who are fighting for democracy.

The time is long overdue for the Soviet Union and Israeli Jews to cease slandorous anti-Soviet Red baiting. Every honest self-respecting Jew knows that the Soviet Union saved world Jewry at Bialystok and also saved millions of Jews from being destroyed in Hitler's crematoria and concentration camps. Jews should not forget how the Soviet Union decisively helped to bring Israel to birth and should reject any policy which puts them in one camp with the Weichards, the Eric Louws and Strijdoms, the General Spelders, Guderans, the Francos and the Glubb Pashas.

South African Jewry will not gain security by making approaches to the sources and instruments of their future insecurity in South Africa. A sharp turn in policy is urgent. We need Maccares and South Africa—not refugees in Israel.

## Death Sentence on Iranian Leader — As Opposition to War Pact Grows

TEHRAN.—Iran's national liberatory party, the Tudeh, has issued a call to demands all over the world to act to save the life of their leader, Dr. M. Yazdi, who has been sentenced to death by a Tehran military tribunal.

Dr. Yazdi is a well-known Iranian surgeon and scientist, a former professor at the Teheran university. He was Iran's minister of health in 1946.

The people's leader, who had been so badly tortured that he was barely recognisable, was tried behind locked doors. Neither the press nor the public was admitted.

In the past few months, 17 Iranian army officers have been sentenced to death and 192 others to life imprisonment. Thousands of Iranian patriots are facing the threat of death in concentration camps. Shortly before the United States triumphantly announced Iran's entry into the Bagdad war pact recently, the wave of terror reached new heights. The need for the new ruthless persecutions is a clear indication of the strength of the people's opposition to Iran's participation in the anti-Soviet war pact.

### CHINESE ARTISTS:

"Simply Fantastic"

—Queen Elizabeth

LONDON.

The Queen attended a performance last week of the Chinese concert artists who are on tour in Britain.

The Chinese performance "had the Royal party nearly on their feet with excitement... the audience rocked and howled with delight" reported the Daily Sketch.

After the show "the Royal party concentrated on meeting Chinese and Russian dancers," wrote the Daily Mirror. "You were simply fantastic," the Daily Express reports the Queen as having said to the leading Chinese performer, "I want a special message to go to the whole company."

On the following day millions of people in all parts of Britain watched the Chinese actors and actresses on television. The press reported that many viewers phoned the BBC afterwards to express their appreciation of the programme.

## What Would You Do If This Happened To You?

JOHANNESBURG.

In the Magistrate's Court recently, the Native Restitution Board obtained the second order for the forcible removal of an African family from Sophiatown to Meadowlands.

The order was issued against Mr. E. Molepo.

No sooner were the court proceedings over, than two lorries of the Native Restitution Board together with police and Board officials rushed out to Sophiatown to Mr. Molepo's house. The house was locked and both the Molepos were out. Nevertheless the door was forced and all the furniture and the entire contents of the house were then loaded on to the waiting lorries, in the absence of their owners.

By the time Mr. and Mrs. Molepo returned, their possessions had been moved to Meadowlands.

### Sisulu Wins Appeal

JOHANNESBURG.

Over 16 months after he was arrested in Bloemfontein location for sitting round a supper table with friends, and charged with attending the trial of Walter Sisulu, has at last won his appeal against his conviction in the Regional Court and sentence of three months imprisonment without the option of a fine.

The day after he was served with his banning notice in 1954 Mr. Sisulu went to Bloemfontein and while sitting with five friends in a house he was arrested and charged under the Suppression of Communism Act. His appeal against the conviction was heard twice at the Bloemfontein Supreme Court. The first two Judges Brink and Van Blek disagreed and three months after the appeal was argued before the Hon. A. Fischer, Q.C., argued it again before Justices De Villiers and Polgieter. A week later these two Judges upheld the appeal.

The Kahn judgment was given between the conviction in the Regional Court in Bloemfontein and these appeals.

Do your DUTY to DEMOCRACY!

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# THE SOVIET BOMB TEST

**THE Soviet Union announced last Saturday that she had exploded a hydrogen bomb bigger than that set off by the Americans in their test in the Pacific ocean last year.**

It must have been with very great reluctance indeed that the Soviet leaders took the decision authorising the explosion. They did so only after very effort at Geneva—and before—to make such a decision unnecessary had failed.

The Soviet Union has always stood firmly for the outlawing of the use of atomic and hydrogen weapons and for the destruction of all existing stocks of nuclear bombs.

And at the Geneva conference Eisenhower put forward his famous counterproposal which the West has since used so strenuously in order to sidetrack the Soviet plan.

Eisenhower said that before there could be talk of actual abolition of nuclear weapons there had to be a control system to ensure that the agreement was kept. He proposed an agreement for aerial inspection of U.S. and Soviet territory.

While not rejecting the Eisenhower plan, the Soviet leaders pointed out that it was not enough. "Both the United States and the Soviet Union are very big countries," said Prime Minister Bulganin in a report to the Soviet Parliament. "One could hide anything in them if one wanted to!"

On February 18 this year, for example, when the Western powers were making plans for equipping Western Germany with an atomic army, the Soviet Union issued an appeal to all the world powers in these words:

**IMPORTANT STEP**  
"The Soviet Government considers atomic weapons should be banned and effective international control established for the prohibition of atomic weapons and the reduction of arms and armed forces, first of all those of the major powers."  
"An important step in that direction would be an international agreement under which the states would make a solemn pledge to refrain from using such weapons."



The plan suggested was an agreement:  
"1. To abolish completely the stocks of atomic and hydrogen bombs which states possess, leading to exclusive utilization of atomic material for peaceful purposes."  
"2. Not to increase the size of their armed forces and their armaments as compared with the level of January, 1955, as well as not to increase allocations for military purposes as compared with budget allocations for 1955."

At first the Western reply to this proposal was to pretend that it was a Soviet trick. They claimed that the U.S.S.R. had a huge army ready to march on

### LAST RESORT

But those in the West who fear disarmament seized on the "control—not disarmament" cry as their last resort.

And after an immense wave of anti-disarmament propaganda, led by Dulles and echoed by the Western military leaders, they succeeded in leading the Geneva Foreign Ministers' conference, insisting on a detailed scheme of "inspection of existing stocks and production plants" before agreeing to the actual destruction of weapons.

The Soviet Union could hardly be blamed for suspecting that such a plan might lead only to the fulfilment of the fondest dreams of the United States espionage service—the obtaining of a detailed blueprint of the location and strength of Soviet atomic power. And there was no guarantee at all that once it had this information the United States would agree to ban the use of nuclear weapons and destroy its own stocks.



### COMPROMISE PLAN

The Soviet Union therefore put forward a compromise plan—simultaneous agreements for inspection and for the destruction of all nuclear weapons but this, of course, is the last thing the war-makers want.

The United States policy of "negotiation from strength" and of "massive retaliation" can only have meaning if its supporters can convince the people of the Western world that the United States is indeed much stronger than the Soviet Union, and that it has nuclear weapons which could paralyse the socialist world without any fear that America itself would be destroyed in retaliation.

After her every move to obtain agreement for the destruction of all nuclear weapons had failed at Geneva the Soviet Union issued its announcement last Saturday.

Moscow radio stated that the Soviet Union had carried out a hydrogen bomb test of a new type, bigger than the one conducted by the United States in the Pacific last year. The result—"the most powerful of all explosions up to now." As a safety measure the test had been carried out at a very great height.

### THEIR PLAN

They put forward a scheme to limit the size of the armies of the capitalist and socialist world to roughly the same strength—about three million men.

To the utter dismay of the West, six weeks later, on May 10, the Soviet Union announced that she accepted the Western plan. And as a proof of good faith, without waiting for a similar move from the West, it reduced its army by 640,000 men.

SINCE MAY 10 THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN BATTLING TO GET THE WEST TO AGREE TO—OR EVEN COMMENT ON—A PROPOSAL THAT HAD ORIGINALLY COME FROM THE WEST ITSELF.

### AGAIN AT GENEVA

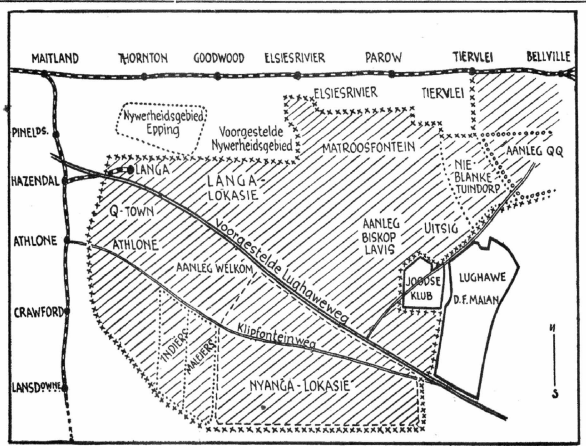
This proposal was put forward again at the Geneva conference. In spite of the fact that the United States had performed its own experimental explosion of the hydrogen bomb, while the Soviet Union had not done so, the Soviet Union urged too that all tests be stopped. By making this proposal the Soviet Union was agreeing to place itself at a disadvantage by foregoing the knowledge which it would obtain from experiments with the hydrogen bomb—knowledge which was in the possession of the Americans.

### REJECTED BY U.S.

But the United States rejected the Soviet proposal. They saw it as a sign of weakness, interpreted it as meaning that the Soviet Union could not develop a H-bomb. In accordance with the U.S. policy of "negotiation from strength," the Americans announced that they would continue their H-bomb experiments.

With the blessing of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Britain too announced that she was going to develop a H-bomb.

This is the map published in Die Burger last week showing the Government's long-term plan for a "giant residential area" for Non-Europeans in the Cape Peninsula. Hundreds of thousands of Non-Europeans—Coloureds, Africans, Indians and Malays—will one day, according to Die Burger, live on the sandy wastes of the Cape Flats. In their new ghetto the Non-Europeans will be far from the centre of the city, far from all the amenities which have been developed over hundreds of years, far from their place of work, far from the sea. Their transport costs and the time it takes to travel to and from will be greatly increased—all in the interests of maintaining white supremacy. Note that, typical of its racist approach, Die Burger refers to the new King David Club as the "Jewish Club" (Joodse Klub). This club and the new Cape Town airport are on the fringes of the proposed Non-White area.



# NON-EUROPEANS REJECT GOVT'S GHETTO PLAN FOR CAPE

CAPE TOWN.—THE COLOURED PEOPLE OF THE CAPE PENINSULA ARE BEING PUSHED FURTHER AND FURTHER INTO THE SANDY WASTES OF THE CAPE FLATS AND THE AFRICANS ARE BEING HARRIED BY POLICE RAIDS AND NATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT SNOOPERS TO GO AND LIVE IN LANGA AND NYANGA. THIS, IN BRIEF, IS THE GOVERNMENT'S GROUP AREAS PLAN FOR THE CAPE PENINSULA, WHICH IS NOW BEING UNFOLDED STEP BY STEP.

In the past week the Nationalist press revealed a new "long-term" plan to put hundreds of thousands of Non-Europeans on the Cape Flats; close on 500 police made a dawn swoop on Africans in Windermere, and in Elsies River Native Affairs Department snoopers were busy counting people for eventual removal to Nyanga.

When the Land Tenure Board's group areas proposals for the Peninsula were first published in March of this year, they evoked a storm of protest from people throughout the Peninsula. Meetings were held in all suburbs and a Group Areas Co-ordinating Committee was set up, under whose auspices thousands of protest letters poured into the offices of the Board.

People pointed out that they had lived in harmony for hundreds of years side by side with neighbours of different race and colour and that they rejected the Group Areas scheme in toto.

But, heedless of the strife and hardships which must result the Government is pushing ahead with its racist schemes, as the new "long-term" plan shows.

Asked to comment, Dr. R. E. van der Ross, chairman of the Group Areas Co-ordinating Committee, told New Age that the Committee re-affirmed its total opposition to

ried out in the Peninsula, close on 700 police in 100 cars swooped down on Windermere at 5 a.m. one morning last week.

Accompanying the police, were representatives of the daily press, and Die Burger reports gleefully that within a matter of minutes the police had surrounded the area, allowing none to escape their net.

The Africans, men and women, were congregated at five points and the names of 4,000 were examined. Afterwards, 100 were arrested under the Urban Areas Act.

The main purpose of the raid, according to police chiefs, was to round up "spies" Africans living in Windermere, and force them to take up residence in Langa. Altogether, 1,390 such notices were issued to African men. They were given three days to report at Langa where new "bachelor quarters" are ready for occupation.

CENSUS  
In other parts of the Peninsula, meanwhile, a census of Africans is taking place and in Elsies River Die Burger has been warned by N.A.P.D. inspectors that in January they will have to move to Nyanga.

### Langisi Loses Appeal

CAPE TOWN.  
The application by Joel Langisi, the East London African leader, asking for his deportation from East London by order of the Governor-General to be set aside was rejected by the Cape Supreme Court last Monday.

Mr. Justice Ogilvie Thompson, with whom Mr. Justice van Wijk concurred, said that the appeal, made with counsel for the applicant that the Governor-General only had jurisdiction over Africans who were not only born but remained members of a tribe, and that he had no jurisdiction over a very large African.

"If this were so, said the judge, there would be a very large area of the Union in which the Governor-General's power to order withdrawal would have no force whatsoever. I do not think that Parliament could ever have intended such a result."

### SENATE FARCE

# U.P. STILL TRYING TO "GO IT ALONE"

The United Party is being applauded—and quite rightly—for walking out of the farcical Senate elections in Pretoria. But it should have never walked in.

The Labour Party and even the Bekker party boycotted the proceedings. But Strauss took his party along as part of his campaign to avoid a final break with the Nationalists.

The Nationalists were so uncomproising, however, that even the United Party could not take it. It had to leave.

### POLITICAL CRISIS

The Senate elections are part of the crisis of our times. If a date has to be fixed for the emergence of dictatorship in South Africa, it might be said the Senate Act, 1955. But the United Party must bear its share of the crisis.

Insistent betrayal of principles and its increasing surrender to Nationalism has helped to create the situation which exists to-day. It must shoulder part of the blame for the growth of Nationalist dictatorship.

The United Party walk-out was marred by two factors: one, the initial walk-in; two, the fact that the party was prepared to nominate candidates for the new Senate. The elections in the Cape put the situation in better perspective. All that happened there was that Sir de Villiers Graff had a minor quarrel with the chairman and delivered a speech.

The essential fact remains that the United Party was prepared to take part in the elections and lend an air of respectability to proceedings which were wildly undemocratic and ridiculous.

### HIDDEN MOTIVES

Perhaps the United Party had hidden motives for walking out from the Senate elections in the Transvaal. It is in this province that the Black Sash women have captured the public imagination most successfully, and United Party supporters are showing

more interest in the "mourning" demonstrations than in their own party.

By walking out from the Raadsaal in Pretoria, Strauss came back into the limelight again, and the Black Sash women surrounding the building received only a minor share of the publicity!

The Nationalists entered the Raadsaal in their most arrogant mood. According to the Nationalist Press, the red carnations they were wearing were handed about by Mr. Hans Abraham, the Nationalist M.P. for Groblersdal. It showed the spirit of the occasion—although red is the wrong colour for Mr. Abraham. The proceedings lasted an hour, and nearly all the time was taken up with points of order. The United Party, in addition to placing Mr. J. M. Conradie's name on the list of nominated Senators, tried to nominate Mr. Conradie again so as to secure an opportunity to speak in support of his nomination. The Nationalists' behaviour as "a remarkable revelation of their attitude." They were openly impatient. They had not gone all the way to Pretoria to vote democratically—and painstakingly; they were there to put their men in the Senate and get it over and done with.

All the newspaper reports have described the proceedings as one long uproar. The chairman would not budge an inch, and the Nationalists indulged in their usual game of shouting "shut up" and "sit down." Even when it became obvious that the proceedings were heading for a breakdown, the Nationalists would not budge.

### YOUTH CONGRESS BACKS ALYWN AMNESTY

#### JOHANNESBURG.

"We believe that when patriots like John Alywn are imprisoned rather than honoured it augurs ill for the land of their birth," the Transvaal Youth Congress says in a letter to Minister of Justice Swart asking for an amnesty for John Alywn. In a letter to the Transvaal Youth Congress saying an 18-months' prison sentence after a conviction under the Suppression of Communism Act. The Youth Congress of the T.T.V.C. declares: "We fully support your fight for the release of an outstanding fighter for freedom whose only crime was to work for a life of peace and liberty."

### WHO PAVED THE WAY

It is all very well for the "Rand Daily Mail" to declare that the Senate Act makes "every

# AN AMBASSADOR RETURNS

### JOHANNESBURG.

Elizabeth Mafekeng, Paarl canning worker who attended the W.F.T.U. conference of world food workers in Sofia, Bulgaria, and who travelled also in China and participated in the World Youth Festival in Poland, is back in South Africa.

One of the last Non-Europeans to leave the country before the new passport restrictions were introduced, Elizabeth flew into Johannesburg at Jan Smuts Airport last week. Stepping from the plane with assurance and a wide grin, she gave a spirited "Afrika" salute.

Last through the customs and immigration officials, Elizabeth showed more than straight to the factory gates she went, and in the few days she was in Johannesburg she told workers at three large canning factories all about her experience.

The first that the workers at H. Jones and Co., Leco Products, and the Langaeghe Co-operatie factories knew of the sensation she attended on their behalf, together with delegates of factory workers from the W.F.T.U. Food International. Had she spoken at the Sofia Conference, we asked her on her

arrival. She looked at us in amazement. "Go all that way and not speak," she asked. "Certainly I spoke!"

Before the factory gates one got some idea of the sensation she must have created. After one blitz lunch-hour meeting the workers spontaneously clapped and cheered her and sang Inkosi Sikelele. At another they suddenly formed a queue before Elizabeth, and waited their turn to shake her warmly by the hand. Others hastily scribbled her address on scraps of paper before they disappeared again to take their posts behind their machines.

The mother of nine children, Elizabeth has worked in meat factories for fifteen years, and is today an executive member of the Food and Canning Workers' Union. During the Defiance Campaign she went to prison for defying an unjust law, with her youngest infant on her back.

She is breathless with excitement, as she talks of the wonders of the new life she saw in China and Bulgaria. She will undoubtedly see to it that thousands of her co-workers share in this enthusiasm!

# WORLD STAGE BY SPECTATOR

Europe and that the only thing stopping them was the Western "superiority" in atomic weapons. The Soviet proposal for an on atomic bombs was just a way of placing the West at the mercy of the U.S.S.R.

As a counter-proposal, in March this year, the Western powers put forward a plan, not for banning atom bombs—but for reducing the size of armisties

# INSURE NOW!

Less than half of the £400 we asked for in our last issue has come into our office. That means that once again we have to carry forward a substantial deficit which, added to our existing deficit, places New Age in a difficult and dangerous position.

The limited credit facilities we enjoy are now strained to the utmost. Any further burden is likely to snap the chain and send us crashing to the bottom. Our position is now so bad that it is impossible for us to see more than a few weeks ahead.

Only the generosity of a comparatively few readers saved us from complete collapse last month. They deserve not only our own sincere thanks, but the thanks and appreciation of all progressive South Africa. It is due to them entirely that you are able to read New Age today.

Already the thought of December's bills are beginning to worry us. We are starting the month with nothing on hand in cash and a list of debts so long overdue that they are almost screaming to be paid. That is a most unhealthy state of affairs for a paper like ours to be in, and the situation must be remedied immediately.

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## NATIVE AFFAIRS DEPT. KNEW NOTHING OF LAMBERT'S BAY EVICTIONS!

### Lee-Warden's Interview in Pretoria

CAPE TOWN.—No Africans would be removed from Lambert's Bay without being provided with alternative accommodation, and those African families that are entitled under the Urban Areas Act to remain in the area, will be provided with proper housing.

This undertaking was given to Mr. Len Lee-Warden, M.P., African Representative for Cape Western, by senior officials in the Department of Native Affairs when he visited Pretoria recently at the request of the African people of Lambert's Bay.

Over 200 African women have been served with notices by the Village Management Board to leave the area with their children before December 31, 1955. The ejectment notices state that the Board is acting in co-operation with the Native Affairs Department, and that "no Native families may or will be allowed in the area." No alternative accommodation or work is mentioned in the notices.

#### VICIOUS MOVE

Mr. Lee-Warden emphasised the viciousness of these ejectment orders, "which are now becoming every-day affairs."

## SPECIAL SIGNATURE DAYS

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A week before, on Saturday, December 3, Freedom Charter volunteers will "invade" Elsie's River with copies of the Charter for sale and distribution and the collection of signatures.

#### TRANSLATE INTO REALITY

All youth leagues, choirs, bands, sporting bodies, church organisations have been invited to the cultural conference on December 11 by the Cape Western Consultative Committee, which declares that a full interpretation of clause 8 will be given at this conference.

"We will invite all the organisations represented to stage a festival which will translate this clause of the Charter into reality," Mr. Greenwood Ngotyana, secretary of the committee, told New Age.

The committee has also planned to collect at least 2,000 signatures to the Charter by December 11, and thereafter would keep a quarterly check on the number of signatures collected. "We intend to surpass the quota of 175,000 set aside for the Western Cape," said Mr. Ngotyana.

## SPLIT IN LIBERAL PARTY

(Continued from page 1)

It must be recognised that with his new line Dr. Friedman is no longer playing a progressive part. If his move produces any result (which is very doubtful) it will split the Liberal Party down its centre."

The new hybrid party would be neither fish, fowl, or good. Herding Dr. Friedman is keen to go forward—but with the brakes on. He is, for instance, opposed to the legal recognition of the various unions and also opposed to the extension of the franchise even as far as the Liberal Party wants an extension.

Mrs. Ballinger, Senator Rubin, and Mr. Stanford, M.P., who are in the right-wing of the Liberals, are attracted by the idea.

But it would be a mistake to take these drawing-room political adventures too seriously. Afraid of the left, scared of the centre, and fearful of the right, they are likely to fall over their own shadows and then disappear from the scene.

No instructions had been issued from his department for this ejectment, said the N.A.D. official in Pretoria, adding that the Urban Areas Commissioner would now be instructed to investigate the circumstance of every removal, and to see that no Africans are ejected without suitable accommodation being found for them.

Asked for his impressions of his interview with the N.A.D. officials, Mr. Lee-Warden said:

"The Urban Areas Act places great powers in the hands of irresponsible local officials, who have no regard for human feelings. Men, women and children whose skins are not white are subjected to the most inhuman treatment. Family life—the most sacred possession of the human race—is being denied the African.

"Lambert's Bay is no isolated case. African men and women are being deported from urban areas all over South Africa without the slightest attempt being made to provide them with homes or decent work. Africans have experienced only the sufferings of apartheid, without tasting any benefits. "It remains to be seen whether there will be any compensation at all for them in this wholesale removal from Lambert's Bay."

#### PROTESTS

The Food and Canning Workers' Union has protested against the Lambert's Bay evictions to the Minister of Labour, Secretary for Native Affairs, Lambert's Bay Village Management Board, the National Council of Women, the two fish factories in the village and local church organisations.

"The forced eviction of African women who have lived in this area for as long as 9 or 10 years and in many instances 15 years and longer will cause grave hardships to the families which will be broken up," states the union.

It was the labour of the women who are now to be evicted which enabled the fish canning industry to become one of the most prosperous industries in South Africa, the union adds.

### JOHANNESBURG.

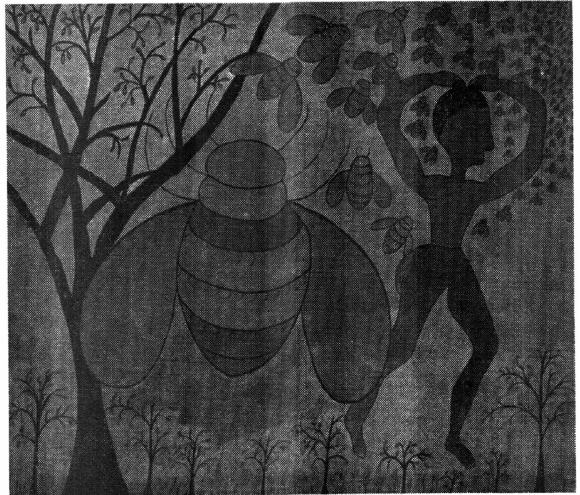
Yet another petition—this time by the young people—is circulating for Father Huddleston to stay in South Africa. "Please leave our Istitwalandwe with us!" it says, and goes on:

"We young men and women of South Africa—African, Indian, Coloured and European—workers, scholars, students, teachers, unemployed, with great earnestness and hope, hereby append our signatures to join with our parents and elders throughout our land, in their appeals and efforts to let Father Huddleston continue his work among us.

"Most of us being young Non-Europeans, we can perhaps feel his need more urgently than the rest of our countrymen. We are young people, but know not the real beauty and happiness of youth. We know not the joys of proper recreation, of sports and culture.

# African Art Exhibition

The African Music Society has been showing in Johannesburg an exhibition of African paintings and drawings from the Potopoto Group of Brazzaville in French Equatorial Africa; the Romain Desfosse and Moonens Groups of Elizabethville in the Belgian Congo; street painting from Leopoldville; the Cyrene Mission School Painters in Bulawayo; and the Polly street Group and Indalenti Arts and Crafts school from our own country. New Age invited LEON LEVSON to write on the exhibition.



This painting is by an artist of the Polly street group of the Jan Hofmeyr School of Social Work, Johannesburg.

The exhibition of African paintings staged by the African Music Society at the Johannesburg Public Library has been of manifold interest. I feel that it is a fallacy to think that the African painter begins to work without any influences—to my mind the African, when he begins to paint is influenced in exactly the same way as the European beginner; by his environment, and by what he sees of other painters' techniques.

The Bushman was influenced by the animals he saw, and his technique was naturally very primitive; as he had no guiding technique to follow, his work was all of one style. But today we have at this exhibition work that is far advanced in technique. We can see

very clearly the happy influences from the various environments—the Brazzaville and Elizabethville Studios to name but two; and the unfortunate lowering of the standard at Cyrene owing to the absence of their original mentor, Rev. Patterson. The Jan Hofmeyr School is a very vivid example of the influence of surroundings on the product of the artist—in this case, almost frightening in its gloom.

Among the exhibits there are a number of complete, decorative works of art. And here again one can see the difference between the freer treatment of line and atmosphere by the African, in contrast with the gloomy atmosphere of others. One exhibit

which was much more than decorative was a piece of sculpture called "Jonah" from the Indalenti Arts and Crafts School of Natal. It was also interesting to see that the best of the pictures were sold; this confirms my personal view that the public, given the choice, and necessarily knowing why it does so, will always choose the better article. In conclusion, I think we must all be very grateful to the African Music Society for giving us the opportunity to get this over-all view of African art. LEON LEVSON.

(Footnote: The exhibition was held in the foyer of the Johannesburg Public Library—where, because of the colour bar, no Non-European could see it—Editor.)

# GROWING SUPPORT FOR FATHER HUDDLESTON

For us Father Huddleston's work represents our innermost desires for the South Africa of to-morrow.

"We appeal to you—the Community of the Resurrection—from the bottom of our young hearts. Father Huddleston in so many ways represents our laughter and happiness in this land darkened by vile racialism."

A letter from the Claremont Branch of the Congress of Democrats appeals to Father Raynes, of the Community of the Resurrection, to allow Father Huddleston to remain in South Africa.

Father Trevor Huddleston has been one of the few Europeans who has consistently opposed the policies of the Nationalist Government, "which is openly committed to a policy of domination over four-fifths of the people of our country," says the letter.

"We can think of no step which would please the Nationalists more than the recall to England of Father Huddleston and we therefore add our voice to the millions who are now asking that he be left to

work in South Africa and to help to avert a major catastrophe?"

#### BIERMAN CONDEMNED

In an open letter to Father Huddleston, two prominent citizens in Johannesburg, Mr. Abram Fischer, Q.C. and Mr. Michael Harmel, principal of the Indian Central High School, condemn the "uncouth and churlish" letter sent to Father Huddleston by Hertzog Bierman, of the State Information Office.

"The (Bierman) letter exposes not only the writer, but also the mentality of the whole governing class of which he, alas, is only too characteristic. His letter is valuable clinical material for the study of the mania which expresses itself in apartheid and white bantustan, in Bantu Education, the Western Areas removal, the pass system and the population register."

The writers assure Father Huddleston that the Bierman letter is "far from expressing the views of the great majority of freedom-loving people of our country, of what ever race or colour," who deeply

appreciate his services to the country and to humanity and want him to stay.

#### LONDON BACKING

The recall of Father Huddleston has aroused protests from various quarters in Britain. Many letters have appeared in the Sunday Observer and both the Union of Democratic Control and the Movement for Colonial Freedom have urged the Community of the Resurrection to reconsider its decision. Both organisations are supported by many Labour Members of Parliament and trade unions.

"The resolution of the annual conference of the Union of Democratic Control reads: 'Conference feels that the departure at this juncture of Father Trevor Huddleston from South Africa would entail an immense loss to the cause of democracy and racial unity in South Africa and therefore appeals to the Community of the Resurrection to reconsider its decision to recall him to this country.'

A "Keep-Father-Huddleston-in-South-Africa" committee is also being formed in Cape Town.

In his second article on the meaning of apartheid, a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT says the Africans have learned the lesson of political struggle and are

# NO LONGER WILLING TO DO DOGS' WORK

Apartheid, I remarked in a previous article, bears two faces: Jack Ketch the Hangman's grim and brutal visage, for daily use among the oppressed; and the Utopian countenance of a partitioned South Africa with each race living happily ever after in its own territory.

## National Policy

Apartheiders claim that this is no pipe dream. Many Nationalist enthusiasts genuinely believe that the separate development of the Non-European peoples "in their own areas" is the only way to promote their national interests.

But to most South Africans it is obvious that apartheid—in the sense of territorial separation—is not intended primarily to benefit the Non-European peoples. On the contrary, its main aim is to guarantee the maintenance of white supremacy.

No national policy which is based on discrimination or inequality can ever hope to solve national problems. To do this, just national policy must ensure that the capital and technical resources of the State are applied to the elimination of, not differences, but inequalities between the nationalities.

The crux of the national problem in South Africa lies in the obligation to put an end to the backwardness (economic, political and cultural) of the nationalities which we have inherited from the past and to afford the backward peoples the opportunity of catching up with the most advanced sections politically, culturally and economically.

## Bly Bobaas!

South African governments, in contrast, seek to perpetuate inequalities, as the Prime Minister stated in his notorious Boshanskop speech on the Senate Bill last May.

He argued that the Union's constitution had been drawn up to 'maintain White domination', that the United Party in 1936 had put the African voters of the Cape on a separate roll to 'ensure the continued existence of the domination of the White man', and that his own Government was following an identical policy; the policy that the White man should dominate.

The Prime Minister did not say in his Government's intention to hand over part of South Africa to Africans, Coloureds and Indians, so that they might develop their own cultures, and reach the highest stages of progress. He could not have said this and at the same time promise to perpetuate Boshanskop for ever more.

For the White man it is to remain Master, the Black Servant must be available, at hand, to toil and moil on farm and mine, in homes and factories, at less than the wages, so that the Overlords may keep a 'civilised' standard of living.

## Dogs or 'Boys'

Once we understand that the whole complicated and oppressive system of race discrimination has been built to enforce the Master/Servant relationship, we shall have no difficulty in seeing the futility of promises to provide a 'national home' for Africans or anyone else,

Let me illustrate with an example or two.

My first is taken from a note on sheep-dogs in the Department of Agriculture's Handbook for Farmers. The writer apparently is fond of dogs, and is distressed that they are not used, as they even look on with disfavour by farmers. The reason, he says, is that human labour is 'cheap and plentiful', so that a dog costs as much as the wages of 'several natives'. 'But the question of labour is daily becoming more serious as the native becomes enlightened and farmers, who even today find it difficult to 'hire boys,' will sooner or later be forced for economic reasons to use dogs.'

The dog-lover has been proved wrong. Farmers use, not dogs, but convicts, supplied to them under Apartheid laws. Farm wages remain unchanged, while farmers' profits are higher than ever before.

Using the same techniques, mine owners have also managed to peg African wages to what they were in 1890 or thereabouts, when mining first began. Not real wages, but money wages, which are now average about 2s. 1d. per shift on the gold mines—more or less the same wage rates as were paid in the industry's heyday.

Apartheid enables the coal mine owners to produce coal more cheaply than anywhere else in the world, and more cheaply than even of real prices than 40 years ago.

Afrikaner Nationalists, like others of their class, own their wealth and privileges to the exploitation of underpaid, underfed, badly housed and sickly workers, who live voluntarily at the source of their super-profits, but live in constant fear that the Non-European, like Prometheus, will be released from their chains,

## Prometheus Unbound

Prometheus, the creator of civilisation in the Greek fable, was said to have angered Zeus (the father of gods and men) by bringing fire from heaven to man. Zeus had him chained to Mount Caucasus, where a vulture preyed upon his liver, which grew again at night, divorcing him to this torment until he revealed the secret of Zeus's eventual overthrow. Prometheus refused, preferring to suffer rather than perpetuate the rule of a tyrant.

Our Non-European peoples too have the means of freeing themselves from endless torment; they will never voluntarily work at the source of their super-profits, but live in constant fear that the country's farms, mines and factories will work.

It is a monstrous deceit that Non-European workers do 'mainly' unskilled work. Fifty years ago, in the same mines that today still produce the world's cheapest coal, Zulu miners operated electrical cutters which, the government mining engineer said, made driving a tram look like unskilled work. It was the pay, not the work, that was unskilled and still today unskilled: 78s. and less for 30 shifts, without paid holidays or sick leave.

Africans, like others, have, however, learned much besides skills. They have learned, for instance, that Jack is as good as his Master, and that the servant works for his hire. They are 'enlightened,' and no longer willing to do dogs' work for less than the cost of a dog. They are able and willing to organise.

Verwoerd, Swart, and the rest

mean to stop them, by banning their trade unions and political organisations, deporting, imprisoning and listing their leaders, breaking up their meetings and persecuting those who resist.

**BUT THE TIME HAS COME WHEN THE SERVANT IS BREAKING HIS CHAINS AND NOTHING THAT THOSE WHO RULE CAN DO WILL STOP HIM.**

## CID Almost Provoked A Riot

PORT ELIZABETH. An open air meeting held at Malakasy Square recently under the auspices of the Eastern Cape Consultative Committee, nearly ended in a disturbance because of the provocative action of a member of the special branch of the C.I.D.

Immediately after the closing of the meeting a detective went up to Mr. T. Tshumbe, chairman of the committee and ordered him to hand over the resolutions read at the meeting. At the same time he pulled Mr. Tshumbe by the arm to throw his car, threatening to arrest him if he did not hand over the minutes. Then, without giving Mr. Tshumbe any time the detective plunged his hands into Mr. Tshumbe's pocket, pulling out a bunch of papers.

The people who had gathered around became angry and demanded the release of their leader. The situation was saved when Mr. Tshumbe and other leaders present appealed to the people and to the detective to calm themselves.

## Ten-Year Struggle For Post Office Ends in Victory

DURBAN.

The opening of the Clairwood Post Office recently marked the end of a ten-year struggle by the Clairwood Branch of the Natal Indian Congress to secure this essential service for the people of the area.

For half a century the Indian, Coloured and African residents of Clairwood have had to walk 24 miles to the nearest post office.

For ten years the Congress branch has made representations to the authorities for the provision of a post office, but on each occasion the appeal was turned down on the grounds that neither building nor land could be obtained for the purpose.

Eventually, owing to the resourcefulness of the people themselves, a property was found and the authorities could no longer escape their responsibility. Two weeks ago the post office was opened and Mr. Sam Pillay, chairman of the Clairwood Branch of the Natal Indian Congress, enjoyed the honour of being the first resident to be served.

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## PEOPLE'S BUDGETS No. 4

# IT'S A CONSTANT STRUGGLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET

Percy and Sally Richards (you see them in the picture, with some of their children) find it a "very hard task" to manage on their income.

Mr. Richards is a war invalid, and unable to work. He receives a disability pension of £10 per month. He has just come out of a two-months spell in hospital.

Their two elder children had to leave school a year ago to help provide for the family. Victor, 17½ years old, works as an unskilled labourer, earning £3 8s. a week. Kathleen, a year younger, is a factory worker earning £2 a week. Kathleen and Victor give all their earnings to their mother, except a few shillings a week pocket money.

The Richards have five other children—two at school, two younger ones at home, and another in a home for cripples.

Rent for their two-roomed municipal house is 18s. a week. Bus fares for the wage earners—136p per week. Light and water—about £1 3s. every three months.

Coal, 3s. 6d. per week. Meat, 2s. daily, with some extra for the weekend. "I make stew, because that's the cheapest, but even we have stew with fish, but, and no meat," said Mrs. Richards.

Two loaves of brown bread—1s. 2d. a day. Fish, about twice weekly, 4s. "We only buy a few eggs a week—just for the children. Three pounds of mangle meat provides a week's extra."

"Sometimes we've got jam, sometimes we haven't," Margarine



Mr. and Mrs. Richards and their family.

from the mobile food van is 2s. 10d. a week—"We can't afford butter. Fruit is out of the question. Vegetables? We only have some over week-ends—during the week we use mangle rice."

Mrs. Richards does not buy fresh milk, and uses about two tins of condensed milk a week at 1s. 24d. a tin. "Cheese is cheap at the food van—2s. a pound, and I use that for sandwiches for the children."

"Clothes? That is one of our bigger problems," said Mrs. Richards. "I have got two very good sisters who help us clothe

the children. I do not know what we would do without them."

Mrs. Richards added: "I have not even got a pair of slippers. And this is a dress my cousin gave me."

Then there is the question of doctor's fees. Recently, Mrs. Richards needed medical attention—15s., with medicine. "There is no money left for any little extras," said Mrs. Richards. "We barely manage."

N.S. (Readers are invited to write in to New Age giving their stories of "how the money goes.")

# COLOUREDS NOT "WORK SHY"

**CAPE TOWN.** Women factory workers are seldom offered anything else than domestic work.

**UNSUITABLE WORK**

For those workers earning up to £15 a month, "suitable" work is defined in the Act as "any work, including work in agriculture, or a domestic servant in a private household."

"Not only are the workers' wages greatly reduced when they are offered this type of 'suitable' work, they stand to lose their rights as industrial workers if they become domestic servants, as these workers are not contributors to the Unemployment Insurance Act," a trade union secretary pointed out.

The trade unionists also revealed that workers have lost all confidence in the workings of the unemployment office.

"Their experience has shown them that the Labour Department is not at all interested in providing them with 'similar' work, but only offers them the most ill-paid jobs and then disqualifies them from receiving unemployment benefits when they refuse it."

"The Labour Department does not take into account at all a person's qualifications, his aspirations or his wishes," said another trade unionist.

The real reason why Coloured men and women refuse jobs offered them by the Department of Labour is that the jobs are not suitable in all, trade union officials told New Age this week. It is quite untrue to say they are "work-shy."

They were replying to a statement made by the Minister of Labour, Senator de Klerk, that "Coloured people in the Cape Peninsula are work-shy."

More than one-fifth of the Coloured male work-seekers, said the Minister, refused "suitable work" offered them by the Department of Labour and consequently their unemployment insurance benefits were stopped.

"The first place the Labour Department sends them to is the railways," said one trade unionist. A worker in a tobacco factory earning, for instance, £7 a week, is expected to take a job on the railways at £16 a month if he is married and £11 a month if he is single.

# COLIN JAMESON'S third and final article in which he discusses THE PEOPLE VS. STRIJDOM

A recent article in New Age pointed out that there are two sides of apartheid: the "negative," oppressive side, which is being applied every day, and the "positive," benevolent side, which no one has any intention of applying.

When the United Nations Commission on racial discrimination in South Africa declares, therefore, that apartheid is being applied "hesitantly," it is referring to so-called "positive" apartheid. By this is meant the mass transfer of Africans from the towns to the Reserves.

It is becoming the fashion in South Africa to say that apartheid "won't work," because the economy will not permit it. The business men utter this piece of wisdom contentedly, and then relax in their swivel-chairs.

They are satisfied to let the oppressive side of apartheid (which is the only side of apartheid) continue relentlessly.

The democratic movement in South Africa has never had any illusions about apartheid. It knows that the purpose of apartheid is not to divide South Africa into "White areas" where the White man will live his life and "Black areas" where the African will soar to dizzy heights (under White tuition); the purpose is to debilitate the working masses and keep them in perpetual bondage.

Strijdom's Government has never been "hesitant" about this. It has passed fascist laws as quickly as it can draft them, and constructed elaborate machinery to see that these laws are enforced.

The first major fascist law passed by the Nationalists was the Suppression of Communism Act.

## Tin Workers Want Higher Wages

**CAPE TOWN.** "Whilst the Wage Board shows concern for the retention of bosses' profits, it shows no concern for the workers' living standards," the South African Tin Workers' Union states in a memorandum objecting to the recent Wage Board recommendations for the metal containers and preserved food industries.

Objecting to the proposed new wage rates, the union says the Board's recommendations fall short of its very reasonable requests. "We are convinced after studying the Board's report that the employers are doing very well out of their plants and can easily afford to pay as much as the union has requested and more."

The union also opposes the introduction of sex discrimination into the industry "where none has hitherto existed" and demands that women get equal pay for equal work.

The Tin Workers' Union further asks for a 44-hour week (instead of the proposed 46), 3 weeks' annual leave instead of 2; sick leave on full pay for all workers, and not only after 2 years' service.

Regarding incentive rates work, the union states that "any incentive scheme to operate successfully must have the full co-operation and understanding of the worker. The worker must be willing to follow the scheme. We object to the clause recommended as it does not allow for negotiation or discussion on the scheme to be operated."

It was followed by the Public Safety and Criminal Law Amendment Acts. Fascist rules were embodied in various other Acts.

## BANNINGS

Then the savage process of namings, bannings and banishments began. Shackles were forged for the leaders. The vicious provisions of the 1927 Unlawful Administration Act were invoked.

To conduct this attack on the workers, Swart enlarged his Special Branch (in the Pretoria telephone directory it is described as the Security Branch). He took away their tall-tale motor-cycle combinations and put them in motor cars to make snooping easier. Letter-opening and telephone-tapping became a full-time occupation.

It was the start of a reign of police terror and intimidation. Wherever Whites and non-Whites mingled, the detectives mingled too. Wherever people met to talk democracy, the detectives listened. Raid followed raid; workers in the cause of freedom are harried about, thrown into goal on the slightest pretext, or no pretext at all, and then released reluctantly.

But all the time the democratic movement grew. Leaders of the African National Congress and South African Indian Congress were put under total bans, and yet a bigger Congress movement, embracing wider sections of the people, grew and flourished. New forms of struggle were launched, based on the solid foundations built by the leaders now banned.

So where does Strijdom stand today? What have his bannings, namings, banishments and intimidation helped him? The workers are stronger now than they have ever been, knitted together in the Congress movement.

No wonder Strijdom looked down upon the wives, mothers and daughters of South Africa, assembled in the amphitheatre of the Union Buildings, and moaned: "This could never have happened 20 years ago!"

## CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE

The bigger the Special Branch becomes, the more the Congress

movement grows. When police terror was at its height, the Congress of the People was born.

Now the struggle is concentrating around the Freedom Charter: the people want to see it live; the rulers in Pretoria want desperately to see it die. Here is the present battlefield.

Strijdom is starting to panic. He is alarmed over the Congress movement. A million signatures! Even so arrogant Strijdom cliche sleep uneasily.

But how does one cut off a million strong arms? Where does one begin? Three "treason" raids already, and nothing achieved, except a roomful of baffling literature.

Look at the list again: namings, bannings, banishments, arrests, raids, intimidation, snooping, letter-opening, telephone-tapping, terror by night and day in the townships—and even the Chinese dressing gown. And Congress grows stronger.

Something new must be tried. A faked trial, perhaps. Or some new organisations brought within the definition of "unlawful." Deportations, maybe. Nothing "hesitant" about this brand of apartheid.

And when that phase is over, there will be two million signatures and two million strong arms.

And then what, Strijdom?

## Racing at Kenilworth

The following are Damon's selections:

Maiden Plate: 1. ANTIGO. Danger, Hiraaj.

Juvenile Stakes, Colts and Geldings: 1. EXCISE. Danger, Congenial, Juvenile Stakes, 1. GEN-TIAN. Danger, Sun Goddess.

Kenilworth Stakes: 1. DESERT MAN. Danger, Linotybe.

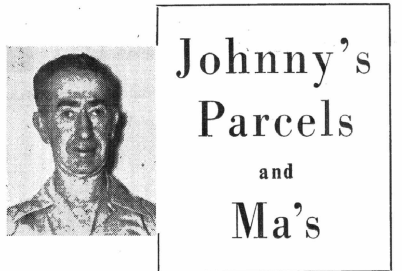
Kenilworth Thousand Handicap: 1. DAILY MAIL. Danger, Falcalico.

Wymerberg Mixed Handicap: 1. BAR-RISTER. Danger, Tensil.

Moderate Wymerberg Handicap: 1. MURAT. Danger, Red Band.

Kenilworth Handicap: 1. CALVA-DOS. Danger, Xmas Cracker.

## BEFORE ALL HONESTY . . . . . ABOVE ALL JUSTICE



**Johnny's Parcels and Ma's**

Dear Reader,

Many customers want to know more about Johnny. Take a good look at him and let's hear from the guardian ghostly voice. "Johnny Morley is a delivery boy of New Age."

Can you beat it? No one could guess. Even ghosts make mistakes. Actually I am in business. I believe co-operative and collective work produces the best results. Together with an efficient and capable staff, I conduct "Johnny's Parcels" and "Ma's." The former supplies Food Parcels, the latter does what it can for Ma and Ma's children in parcels and clothing.

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There's nothing to equal MA'S

**SECURITY**

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## Convicted For Not Having "Specials"

**PORT ELIZABETH.** In a police drive for "special permits" thirty Africans, men and women were arrested recently whilst travelling from Port Elizabeth to New Brighton, after having attended a mass meeting at which the million signature campaign for the Freedom Charter was launched.

Picking people out at random, the police demanded their "special passes" permitting them to be on the streets after 5 p.m. The police refused to accept the "specials" signed by Mr. P. Vogel, Port Elizabeth chairman of the Congress of Democrats, and the arrested Africans were detained for the night. The following morning they appeared in the magistrate's court and were cautioned and discharged.

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th** at 2 p.m. sharp at **"ROSECOURT," 25 BREDA ST. GARDENS**

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