

# MORE FREEDOM IN THE U.S.

## Important New Developments

**NEW YORK.**—The release by a jury, after seven days argument, of four Ohio Communist leaders is the latest evidence of important developments in the U.S. political atmosphere.

This is the first time that a jury has freed anyone charged under the Smith (Anti-Communist) Act.

Other evidence of the change is the way people are increasingly finding the courage to speak out against the Smith Act persecution. Norman Thomas, well-known right-wing Social-Democratic leader, at a series of meetings has called for the repeal of the Smith Act and an amnesty for all Communist leaders in prison.

The 65,000-strong branch of the United Auto Workers' Union in Detroit has urged the Supreme Court to review the conviction of six Detroit leaders convicted under the Smith Act.

In California, Mr. Richard Richardson, who had signed a brief for the review of the case of California communists, was overwhelmingly elected Democratic candidate for the Senate election.

### SHOP-STEWARDS

Workers in many factories and trade union branches who have for years been afraid to associate with mates suspected of being Communists are now nominating these militant workers for trade union positions or as shop stewards.

The effect of these developments is seen in a number of court ac-

tions. The Supreme Court is to review the California and Pittsburg Smith Act convictions, and has ordered that the leaders concerned be allowed out on bail.

### DAILY WORKER

The 'Daily Worker' has been able for the first time in five years to hire a central meeting place like the Carnegie Hall, which was packed to capacity with an audience of 3,500, some 700 being unable to enter.

At the meeting, Communist Party secretary Eugene Dennis and editor John Gates spoke publicly for the first time since their release from prison after long sentences.

"The U.S. is not out of the woods yet," said Dennis, "but through the trees we begin to see growing patches of blue sky."

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# ALL ITALY IS LAUGHING

ROME.—All Italy is laughing at the way the editors of three of Italy's largest newspapers have had their legs pulled and their willingness to print any anti-Communist lie exposed.

They gave great publicity to a meeting which was alleged to have been called in Rome by Communists who were dissatisfied with the "unrevolutionary" policy of the party.

In order to get some sort of crowd at the meeting the organisers had invited 300 party members in the South of Italy, with all expenses paid, leading them to believe that it was a normal party meeting.

But a number of these members visited the party headquarters when they got to Rome. When they discovered what was afoot they decided to attend anyway and turn the tables.

At the meeting they button-holed the many non-Communist reporters and gave them reports of the names of the big Communist leaders who were backing the "split in the party," and gave a detailed history of each of these leaders.

The next day *Giornale d'Italia*, *Messaggero*, and *Resto del Carlino*, Italy's three biggest Sunday papers, published on their front pages sensational reports describing the split which was rocking the Communist Party and backed by "Mario Cenetti, one of the party founders who attended Comintern meetings as far back as 1918 in Moscow; Signor Norisava, the great Spanish War International Brigade Commander and ruthless Communist partisan leader; and Signor Reprone, Turin Communist leader with the backing of all party members in Turin."

Nobody noticed a strange coincidence—that Signor Reprone was an anagram of Signor Perrone, the editor of *Messaggero*; Mario Cenetti an anagram of Enrico Mattei, editor of *Resto del Carlino*; and Norisava an anagram of Savarino, editor of *Giornale d'Italia*.

The Communist paper *l'Unita* casually pointed this out the next day, and added, if that was necessary, that Cenetti, Norisava and Reprone didn't exist.

"The 'buffa' (practical joke) is an old national tradition in Italy, and Communists and non-Communists alike are enjoying this one," commented the *London Observer*.

# Adenauer Re-Arrests War Criminals

BERLIN.

Public pressure has forced the West German Government to order the re-arrest of a number of the war criminals who were returned to Germany from the Soviet Union as a result of Adenauer's Moscow visit.

These war criminals were treated to a hero's welcome on their return and are always described in the South African press as "prisoners-of-war."

The re-arrest of five of these men, former guards at a Nazi concentration camp at Sachsenhausen, followed massive protests from German survivors who had been imprisoned at that camp. They swore out warrants charging the returned guards with murder, torture and a series of other crimes.

Ironically enough, the German government which is now charging the men with murder, has no way of getting back the 6,000 marks (over £500) which it gave them as "compensation" on their return from the Soviet Union.

CANADA whose wheat glut is the Government's biggest economic problem, has expressed great satisfaction at trade agreements in terms of which the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary will buy 128 million bushels of wheat.

# "SOCIALIST SOCIETY IS THE ONLY ANSWER!"

## Nehru Tells Indian Businessmen

NEW DELHI.—Only a socialist structure of society could remove the basis of all class conflicts and lead to the progress of humanity by peaceful means, said India's Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, in an address to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce recently.

"It is something which we consider essential and inevitable and there is no choice about it in the long run," he said.

Calling for "new dimensional thinking" for the solution of national and international problems, Nehru said: "Consciously or unconsciously the world is moving towards a socialist economy. There is no other solution to this conflict, to this tremendous power from atomic energy."

### DIFFERENT THINKING

We had entered an age, he continued, which was progressively becoming different from the past. Therefore our thinking too had to be different based only on one consideration: the good of the masses.

One could not have for long a world which had excessive prosperity in one corner and misery in the others. When one part of the world was lacking the necessities luxury in others became rather vulgar and anti-social.

In the problems facing the world today, he said, they had to seek solutions through peaceful methods whether the problems were national or international, political, economic or social.

The Prime Minister said they had arrived at a stage in the world when

the method of violence had reached such extremes that it could destroy everyone. They, in India, could not use violence in the settlement of international problems. It had become a dangerous thing in the world. The same principle applied also to their national problems: political as well as economic.

### ATOM BOMB

They had no atomic bomb and they did not propose to have it. The presence of the atom bomb in the world had made a qualitative difference. It had shown up the essential nature of violence, namely, that violence was self-destruction like

hatred and the like. This fact was obvious enough in the international plane and most leaders of the world now thought that war should be ruled out. But it applied equally to political and economic fields in the national plane.

"On entering the threshold of the economic field," Prime Minister Nehru said, "we have taken the middle course of our own free will after considering our present-day conditions and our country's strength. As in the political field, so also in the economic field we are friends with big blocs without being tied to them. Seeing our conditions and our minds as well as we are able to, we want to follow our own policy. We do not want to tie ourselves to an economic policy of any country although we want to be on friendly terms with all; benefitting by each other's experiences and learning from one another. In adopting this middle course we will make mistakes but we will keep our minds open. We shall fall but we will rise again and march forward because this is the basic difference in our policy with that of other countries."

## Death of Mme. Joliot-Curie

PARIS.

The World Peace Council has sent a telegram of condolence to its president, Professor Frederick Joliot-Curie, on the death of his wife, Professor Irene Joliot-Curie, "the great woman, the companion of your life, your work and your struggle for peace and human happiness."

A world-renowned scientist, Irene Joliot-Curie was specially famous for her work in the field of atomic research. Both she and her husband were awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1935.

Deeply attached to the cause of peace and friendship, Irene Joliot-Curie was a foundation member of the World Peace Council.

# CAMBODIA TURNS TO PEOPLE'S CHINA

HANOI.

The Cambodian government has issued a statement rejecting as interference in the national interests of the country, a speech by the U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia, Mr. Robert McClintock, in which he criticised the policy of neutrality.

The ambassador who delivered a lecture on the dangers that Cambodia was running of losing American aid, was rebuffed by a government communique in these words: "Cambodia does not despise foreign aid. But an independent Cambodia abstains from judging anybody and believes it has no lesson to receive from any foreign power, however large and rich it may be."

At the same time the government expressed its satisfaction at the success of the visit of the Cambodian premier, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, to People's China.

"The ideals of world peace and peaceful co-existence are the pride of the whole Cambodian nation," it declared. The next day it was announced that the army was to be reduced by 25 per cent.

### THE ONLY CHINA

The prince, who in the words of *Time* magazine (March 19) had formerly supported "a pro-Western anti-Communist" policy, announced on his return from China: "There are two Chinas, but the only China to which Cambodians will go is Communist China." Photographs of Sihanouk together with Chinese leaders Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai were displayed throughout the Cambodian capital.

Announcing new democratic measures the prince is reported to have declared:

"Don't call me Highness or Prince, call me Honourable Comrade."

# STARVING FAMILY USED TO EXTORT FALSE CONFESSION

## Kenya Exposure By M.P.

LONDON.—Mr. Fenner Brockway, British Labour M.P., has exposed the unscrupulous methods the British authorities in Kenya are using in an attempt to obtain false confessions from "Mau-Mau suspects."

He has published a letter sent by Dr. Alfred Becker, the officer in charge of "rehabilitation" in the Lamu district of Kenya which amounts to an attempt to extort from the former secretary of the Kenya African Union, now imprisoned in a Kenya concentration camp, a confession of alleged connections with Mau-Mau.

Mr. Achieng was arrested over four years ago together with Jomo Kenyatta and other officials of the union. At the end of the long trial Achieng was acquitted. There was no evidence against him of any association with Mau-Mau.

But the next day he was re-arrested and has been in a concentration camp ever since. No new charge has been laid against him; he has had no new trial.

Among the friends who have been corresponding with him since then

was the wife of a distinguished member of the medical research department of Edinburgh University. It is this woman who has received the letter from the "rehabilitation officer."

### "PATHETIC"

The letter said that it was "pathetic" to see how Achieng persisted with his complete denial and it appealed to her to use her influence on him to change his attitude.

"His family suffers and lives in

poverty," the letter says. "He would be well-advised to put his duty towards his family above his imagined duty as a leader of his tribe."

"I am not of course in a position to make any promises or to enter any bargain. But it is my considered opinion that he cannot get release for a very long time unless he decides to make a full confession first."

Mr. Brockway asks: "How can this passage be interpreted in any way other than as an appeal to a friend of Achieng, who is convinced of his innocence, to bring pressure on him 'to confess' for the sake of his impoverished family?"



## BRING WHITES INTO CONGRESS MOVEMENT

Johannesburg.

"Conference is pledged to expose the 1910 constitution, which deprives the majority of the people of the right to vote, and is pledged to place before the people of South Africa its policy of votes for all and the Freedom Charter as the true alternative to the Nationalist Government." Thus reads one of the resolutions to be submitted to the annual national conference of the Congress of Democrats, to be held in Johannesburg this weekend.

The Government is "arrogantly hastening towards a fascist constitution," says the resolution. "The re-entrenchment of the language rights is meaningless in the presence of a Nationalist majority in the Senate and the flagrant contempt of the Nationalist Party for democratic principles."

On the Population Registration Act, C.O.D.'s resolution calls upon the people not to do anything which will assist the Nationalist Government in its aim to classify the population.

The Prohibition of Interdicts Bill is condemned as running contrary to all internationally accepted principles of law. All men and women should be mobilised in the fight against the pass system, and the African women assisted in their opposition to the passes, proposes another resolution.

In a general policy resolution submitted to conference by the national executive it is proposed that the main task of the Congress of Democrats is to win to the Congress movement "the militant White anti-Nationalists."

### CAPE RESOLUTIONS

A resolution to the conference submitted by the Cape Town branch

### Students Protest At Ban On Albie Sachs

CAPE TOWN.

By 182 votes to 49, a mass meeting of students at the University of Cape Town this week endorsed a protest made by the S.R.C. against the ban on Mr. A. L. Sachs, law student and member of the S.R.C., under the Suppression of Communism Act.

Mr. John Horn, S.R.C. president, said a university student should have the right to hold his own opinions and put them forward.

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Johnny.

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## THE "POOR FARMERS" ARE AWFUL RICH TODAY

Last week was "pity the poor farmers" week in Parliament. Most of the M.P.s in the House of Assembly are farmers, so there was no shortage of speakers. They almost wept as they described their problems, and then, still looking thoroughly miserable, they climbed into those luxurious cars you see parked in Parliament Street and went back to their hotels. Meanwhile (according to the Cape Times), they have resumed discussions for bigger salaries for M.P.s.

The chief agricultural problem in South Africa, judging by the speeches made last week, is—**too much food!** The technical term is "surpluses." Take maize as an example. "Surpluses" have been accumulating over the past few years and have been sold at a loss overseas. But the loss is covered by the maize stabilisation fund to which the Government contributes more than the farmers themselves. And where does the Government get the money to contribute to the fund? From us, the working people.

### COCKEYED ECONOMY

What a cockeyed economy. This season the mealie crop is about 30,000,000 bags, but South Africans will consume only about two-thirds of the crop, and even a substantial part of that two-thirds will be fed to farm animals. The reason why the whole crop cannot be bought and consumed in South Africa is simply that the workers, particularly the Non-White workers, cannot afford to buy more than they are buying already.

Sir de Villiers Graaff, a wealthy cattle breeder, was the main

spokesman for the United Party, which is going all out to win platteland votes. He dealt at length with the "problem" of what could be done with the "surplus" food which farmers all over the country are producing. Sir de Villiers Graaff made it plain that what worried him was not how to make more food available to starving families, but how to keep up farmers' prices.

Sir de Villiers even had the nerve to object to the income tax which farmers paid. Everyone knows that one of the privileges of being a farmer in South Africa is the opportunity it affords of evading income tax. Rich business men buy farms to "work off" their income tax.

Hour after hour the farmer M.P.s moaned and wailed, until even the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. le Roux, could stand it no longer, and told them sharply that South African farmers were better off than farmers anywhere

### Parliamentary Survey by Peter Meyer

else in the world. He announced that the maize price would have to be reduced to farmers by the colossal price of 3d. (from 30s. 3d. to 30s.), and in addition the farmers would have to contribute 6d. to the stabilisation fund. But the price to the consumer has gone up to 30s. 6d. a bag.

### A TRAGEDY

If the farmers can sell their whole crop at 30s. a bag, their maize cheque for this season will be £45,000,000. But the farmers' eyes are fixed on the railway trucks carrying their mealies to the ships for export—while millions starve in the Transkei! No wonder Mr. Starcke (U.P.) said it was tragic that South Africa should have to export even one bag of maize. But what is Mr. Starcke's solution? He declared that all the "surplus" 10,000,000 bags could be absorbed in South Africa if a proper balanced standard for the feeding of livestock was introduced.

Nevertheless, the agricultural debate had interesting sidelights: the farmer-M.P.s, angered by the profits made by others, revealed some interesting figures. For example, according to Mr. I. W. J. van der Vyver (Nat., Swellendam), "the farmer gets two or three pennies a bottle for his wine and 8d. to 1s. for a bottle of brandy." Yet, in the bottle stores, the same wine is sold from 2s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. a bottle and brandy from 7s. 6d. to 15s. 6d. a bottle.

Other farmer-M.P.s spoke about the high profits made by motor car companies and by companies selling farm implements and spare parts for these implements. The profits range from 100 to 300 per cent.

On the whole, the Opposition put up one of the weakest attacks ever seen in a Budget debate. It was purely vote-catching among the rich. A number of highly important issues were totally ignored. Not only did the U.P. follow Mr. Louw's example and turn its back on the White and Non-White workers of South Africa, but it failed even to make its "pity the poor rich man" speeches sound convincing.

### THE FLAG DEBATE

Parliament also debated last week a motion by Mr. Arthur Barlow calling for one flag and one anthem. Mr. Barlow's intentions were plain: he wants to curry favour with the Nationalists. The U.P.'s attitude, too, was plain. It will go on brandishing the Union Jack in the hope of hanging on to

the votes of English-speaking citizens.

Mr. D. Mitchell, the U.P. speaker, admitted during his speech that there was another national anthem, *Nkosi Sikelele Afrika*—"which was sung by 10,000,000 people." Mr. Strijdom, replying to Mr. Mitchell, commented on *Nkosi Sikelele Afrika*. The fact that such an anthem existed, said Mr. Strijdom, "should be an indication of how important it was for the White people of South Africa to stand together."

Mr. Strijdom said that many Whites were beginning to realise that they must stand together in the face of common dangers. Then he added: "We do not regard the Non-Europeans as an enemy, but if you want the best relationships both as between White and Black and as between European and European, then it is essential that the Whites should show that in regard to important matters of common concern they must stand together."

Double-talk. Of course Mr. Strijdom regards the Non-Whites as enemies. And he is right! The Non-Whites are not the enemies of the Whites. They will work side by side with them, happily and fruitfully. But they are the enemies of the Nationalists, and soon, with the help of their White brothers, they will put an end to the Nationalist dictatorship and bring democracy to South Africa.

### Decision in "White Wife" Case

CAPE TOWN.

George Phillips an African tailor of Elsies River, was this week granted an order in the Supreme Court, Cape Town, setting aside proceedings in terms of the Children's Act against his allegedly white wife.

If no new proceedings in terms of the Children's Act are begun before six weeks are passed, his wife will be allowed to return to him. In the meanwhile she is being detained at the Bonnytown place of safety.

Any other inquiry that may be held should take place in Bellville, the judge ordered.

The Commissioner for Child Welfare at Bellville, the respondent in the case, was ordered to pay the costs.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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