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LEADERS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

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THOUSANDS PROTEST



Just before they were committed for trial under charges of having contravened the Suppression of Communism Act, the national leaders of the non-European people indicted the Government of this country for the very crimes which the authorities are now trying to lay at the doors of the national movement.

"To charge us with promoting hostility," said Dr. Yusuf Dadoo, "is not only fantastic as is shown by the evidence in this examination, but it is also sheer hypocrisy and a political fraud deliberately foisted on the country by the Government.

"It is the Government that is promoting racial hostility—causing growing racial tension fraught with grave consequences for the future of our country and directly threatening the peace of the world."

The following statements were made by some of the other accused:—

W. SISULU,

Secretary General, African National Congress.

My organisation has taken a leading part in opposing the Suppression of Communism Act which we have always said is designed to silence those who are opposed to the racial policies of the Nationalist regime.

The fact that we stand on trial today under this Act proves the correctness of our views.

NELSON MANDELA,

President A.N.C. Youth League.

Today WE are charged; tomorrow it may well be the Parliamentary Opposition, the Torch Commando and everybody who dares to criticize the Nationalists. The same thing happened in Nazi Germany. I am, however, convinced that the people have learnt what they can do and no power can stop their forward march towards freedom.

Below is the full list of the accused:

- Dr. Moroka, President A.N.C.
- Dr. Dadoo, President S.A.I.C.
- Mr. Sisulu, Secretary A.N.C.
- Mr. Y. A. Cachalia, Secretary, S.A.I.C.
- Mr. M. Kotana, Executive Member, A.N.C.
- Mr. N. Mandela, President A.N.C. Youth League.
- Mr. J. B. Marks, President A.N.C. (Tvl.).

- Mr. N. Sita, President T.I.C.
- Maulvi I. A. Cachalia, Secretary T.I.C.
- Mr. Thandary, Secretary T.I.C.
- Mr. J. Phillips, Chairman Coloured Political Action Committee.
- Mr. David Bopape, Secretary A.N.C. (Tvl.).
- Mr. D. Tloome, Secretary Council of N.E. Trade Unions.
- Mr. Sello, Act. Secretary A.N.C. (Tvl.).
- Mr. Seperepere, Transvaal Volunteer-in-Chief.
- Mr. D. Mji, President A.N.C.Y.L. (Tvl.).
- Mr. Kathrada, Chairman Transvaal Indian Youth Congress.
- Mr. M. Maseko, Chairman A.N.C. Orlando.
- Mr. R. H. Desai, Secretary T.I.Y.C. and Editor SPARK.
- Mr. Motiana, Secretary A.N.C. Youth League (Tvl.).

Photo: Drum
August 26, the day on which 20 leaders of the D-Campaign were brought to face trial, saw thousands of students from the Indian School, the University and ordinary workers, pack the corridors of the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court to demonstrate their solidarity with their leaders. Eight hundred students of the Johannesburg Indian High School staged a protest march from the school to the court.

Women Defy Unjust Laws



Photo: Drum
WOMEN IN ACTION: The first batch of D-Campaign volunteers comprising African, Indian and Coloured women went into action on August 26 and defied permit regulations at the Germiston Location. The batch of 25 volunteers was led by Mrs. Ida Mtawna, president of the Women's Section of the African National Congress. The volunteers were sentenced to two weeks imprisonment with hard labour.

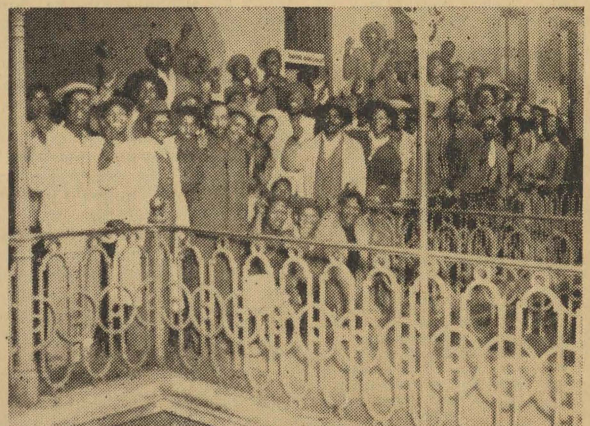
D-Campaign Spreads To Natal

DURBAN.

Dr. Naicker, president of the Natal Indian Congress and Mr. Simelane, acting secretary of the African National Congress (Natal) including 19 other D-Volunteers, were sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour for defying the apartheid regulations at Berea Station (Durban).

NATAL IN ACTION

The arrests and sentencing of volunteers here marks the extension of the D-Campaign to the Province of Natal. Three thousand people witnessed the first act of defiance.



BOKSBURG BATCH: 50 volunteers, Indians and Africans, defied permit regulations at Boksburg location on August 26, the day leaders of the D-Campaign were being tried. The photo above shows a section of the batch in readiness.

WHAT WE THINK

Nat. Press Hysterical!

In its usual race-mad hysteria "Die Vaderland," an evening organ of the Nationalist Party in Johannesburg, has called for the closing of the Indian High School because the students of that school staged a protest demonstration in solidarity with the defiance leaders, on trial.

ARROGANT

In a most arrogant manner the paper claims that the school is provided for by the "magnanimity of the Department of Education!" What nonsense! We would remind "Die Vaderland" that 90 per cent. of the schools provided for Indian students in the Transvaal have been built with money subscribed by Indians. We would also like to remind "Die Vaderland" that it is the DUTY of any state to provide schools for its citizens. But of course that newspaper hardly recognises the Indians as citizens.

WE CANNOT BE SILENT

We are sure that threats, whether they originate from the Nat press, the Department of Education or from the head of the school, will not stop the protests of students against the Nationalist fascism in South Africa.

For any democrat to remain quiet whilst leading fighters for freedom come under attack, for any one to be silent whilst teachers are dismissed for holding progressive ideas, indeed for any person to remain silent when the very survival of South Africa is at stake is sheer cowardice. There is nothing lower than cowardice. There is nothing worse than to be silent when democracy, life and liberty is being bludgeoned.

Protest Action In P.E. And On Reef

Port Elizabeth's protest against the arrest of leaders of the Defiance Campaign was to send the largest ever batch of volunteers (245) in defiance of apartheid regulations at the railway stations, on August 26. On the same day 150 volunteers went into action on the Reef.

Malan Challenge To A.N.C.

—Dr. NJONGWE

JOHANNESBURG

In a brilliant address to an audience of 500 people at the Donaldson Centre, Orlando, Dr. Njongwe, acting president of the African National Congress in the Cape, traced the history of 300 years of trickery and insincerity of the ruling class of South Africa.

He declared that the attitude of the European since his arrival in South Africa has been one of reducing Africans to slaves and maintain them in that position. This outlook was the dominating factor in all legislation passed since the days of Sir George Grey, when Africans fought in the war but were excluded from the Vereeniging Peace Conference. The passing of the 1913 Land Act, which turned the entire African population into a large wandering landless and poverty-stricken mass. The passing of the Urban Areas Act, which the African received as a reward for fighting in the 1914 war, and the Urban Areas Consolidated Act of 1945, the reward for fighting Hitler's armies.

On many occasions during Dr. Njongwe's address the audience burst out into spontaneous singing of "Nkosi Sikelele Afrika" and punctuated his speech with cries of "Afrika!"

LEGACY OF SLAVERY

In concluding his speech Dr. Njongwe said, "Dr. Malan's oppressive laws constitute a moral challenge to the African National Congress. It is for this reason that we have decided to embark on the campaign for the Defiance of Unjust Laws. We dare not retreat now. If we do we shall have left our children a legacy of slavery, and we shall never rise again."

Swart Gives Birth Again

The Minister of Justice, Mr. C. R. Swart, gave birth to one of his "own babies" for the second time this month when he opened a farm prison for hiring out convicts at Caledon in the Cape Province. The other one was opened in the O.F.S. three weeks ago (SPARK, August 22).

The latest prison was built by the wine farmers of Caledon area.

To date South Africa has 15 of these private jails—13 in the Transvaal, one in the O.F.S. and the latest in the Cape.

A GALLANT FIGHTER!

Miss Amina Asvat, vice-chairman of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress, is at present serving a sentence of two weeks hard labour together with 24 other women who defied permit regulations at Germiston Location. Miss Asvat is 20 years old. She left her job when the campaign for Defiance of Unjust Laws started on June 26, to become a full-time worker for Congress. Amina comes from a family whose fighting tradition is well known. Her father was a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi and played a prominent part in the first passive resistance struggle in South Africa. Her sister Zanab, was a courageous fighter in the 1946 passive resistance struggle. She served several terms of imprisonment for defying the Ghetto Act of the Smuts Government.

Dismissed Teachers Students Boycott School

JOHANNESBURG

Events took a dramatic turn when the three dismissed teachers of Orlando High School were arrested outside the school and detained for three days at Marshall Square Police Station. The men, Messrs. Zeph Mothopeng, president of the Transvaal African Teachers Association; E. Mphahlele, secretary of T.A.T.A., and I. Matlare, editor of the T.A.T.A. press, were charged under the Riotous Assemblies Act with incitement and were released on bail of £15 each. The men will appear at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on September 8.

PEOPLE'S SCHOOL

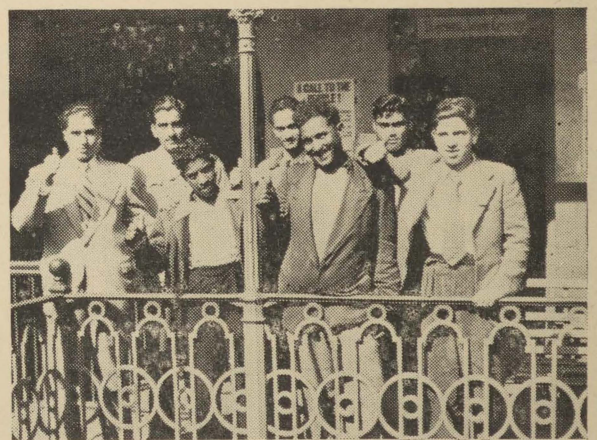
A people's school has been organised for the students of Orlando High who have refused to return to school until the three dismissed teachers have been reinstated. Members of the Student Liberal Association have volunteered to run the People's School.

PARENTS PROTEST

"We stand four squarely behind these victimised teachers," declared Mr. Maseko, chairman of the Parents' Protest Committee, in an interview with a SPARK representative, "and the withdrawal of our children from the school will continue until the Transvaal Education Department meets our demand for the reinstatement of the dismissed teachers."

CONGRESS SUPPORT

The local branch of the African National Congress has also given its full and unqualified support to the victimised teachers.

Arrested**AFRIKA!
AFRIKA!
AFRIKA!**

INTO ACTION: The following Volunteers defied Permit Regulations at Boksburg Location on August 26:

Front Row: F. Chetty; H. Rugamandan; R. Valli.

Back Row (left to right): A. Choonara; A. H. Moolla; Hira Parbhoo, A. H. Ganchi.

DEFIANCE TRIAL

Berrange Attacks Government

JOHANNESBURG

In a forthright and brilliant address to the Court at the end of the Preparatory Examination of charges against Dr. Moroka, Dr. Dadoo and 18 other non-European leaders, defence counsel Vernon Berrange exposed the real aim of the authorities in instituting these charges under the "Suppression of Communism Act."

POLITICAL CHICANERY

Referring to the Suppression Act Mr. Berrange stated: "To put it bluntly, it was openly said that the reasons for passing this Act were completely hypocritical and opportunistic—that the title thereof had no relation to the realities of the political motives. These allegations were strenuously denied. The institution of the present proceedings gives the lie to those who made these denials—it confirms those who regarded such denials as being what they so obviously were—nothing but political chicanery.

GOVERNMENT DESPERATE

"I submit on behalf of my clients that the Crown has failed to make out any case—that the only reason for the prosecution is that the Government is becoming increasingly embarrassed—indeed desperate because it can find no other way of retarding the rising tide of non-European aspirations and demands—that it imagines that if it jumps on to the anti-Communist Band Wagon it will recapture some of the reputation which it has lost amongst the nations of the world—that in its desperation it has taken these steps to prosecute the accused under an Act which although supposedly intended to suppress Communism is now being used in an endeavour to suppress the legitimate aspirations of the non-Europeans.

THE LIE

"Consistent with this attitude is the formulation of charges in which my clients are alleged to have aimed at the encouragement of race hostility or the promotion of disturbance and disorder. Such allegations are recklessly and irresponsibly made, despite the evidence of those witnesses called by the Crown who throw the lie directly into the face of this Government which makes these allegations.

HYPOCRISY

The blatant and unashamed hypocrisy which is thus exposed is consistent with the mentality that says "the greater the lie the more chance of its acceptance."

"... I think I could well conclude by saying that all democrats, all those who value liberty, peace and human decency the world over are shocked and disturbed that a Government ostensibly expressing the principles of Democracy should act in the way that ours has done. Indeed the conduct of my clients is such as to do much to rehabilitate my country in the eyes of the democratic world and it certainly should not have merited the institution of criminal proceedings."

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Vaderland Attacks Students —Youth Congress Replies

JOHANNESBURG

We quote, in full, a leading article which appeared in "Die Vaderland" concerning the protest march of the students of Johannesburg Indian High School when leaders of the D-Campaign were on trial:

POLITICS IN SCHOOLS

"A scandalous aspect of the Campaign of the 'Defiers' is that schools are also being used for their purposes. An appeal of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress, especially issued to the students of the High School for Indians, to take part in the demonstrations before the courts at the trial of the leaders, has come into our possession.

MALAN'S MADMEN

"Students," says this appeal, "must show Malan and his Madmen in Parliament, including Straus, that we are not going to have a repetition (here) of the gas-chambers and the fascist oppression (of Europe). We must demonstrate that if Malan dares to put our leaders in jail, they will be replaced by 16 and 17 year olds (from your school)."

"It appears that pressure has been applied to this appeal by pickets who were posted at the schools. No wonder that it has triumphed over the warning of the principal, that school children should neither be heard nor seen in politics, and that their places are behind desks.

CLOSE THE SCHOOL

"This is not a matter for the principal and the police, but the Department of Education, who should take the matter in their hands. Owing to its magnanimity, it has provided educational facilities for Asiatics, although it is not compelled to do so. If Asiatics spurn these privileges, then they should be withdrawn, as a beginning, shall we say, from a few of the ring-leaders, or perhaps close the whole school for a week, and thereafter, for good.

"We suggest the same steps to the principals of universities, for their unruly students."

DEFIANCE LEADER SENDS MESSAGE

Mr. Laurence Nkosi, treasurer of the African Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers and Executive member of A.N.C. (White City-Jabavu Branch), who led a batch of 30 volunteers on August 26th (subsequently sentenced for defying Curfew Regulations) issued the following statement prior to his arrest:—

The road to freedom is thorny but the fruits are sweet. With these words I inform you that I have volunteered to defy the unjust laws, that have exploited, humiliated and degraded our people for the last 300 years.

The following are extracts of a letter addressed to the students of J.I.H.S. by the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress:

Dear Friend,

The Transvaal Indian Youth Congress wishes to congratulate the students of the Johannesburg Indian High School for their magnificent display of solidarity with their National Leaders who appeared in court on 26th August, 1952. By their response the scholars have upheld the proud and worthy tradition of the High School in the liberation struggle of our country.

Throughout South Africa, newspapers have prominently reported the demonstration of the 26th. In the eyes of the oppressed peoples of South Africa, indeed in the eyes of freedom-loving people throughout the world, the valiant protest of the youth of the J.I.H.S. have enhanced the prestige of the Indian Youth. Whilst on the other hand we have raving mad comments from the enemies of the people. Suffice it to mention the special editorial in "Die Vaderland" which calls for the closing down of the school.

It is not a new threat—this call for the closing down of the school. It exposes once again the fear of the fascist Government for education. The school and the university, in every freedom struggle has been the barometer of progress. Have we not seen the closing down of universities in Iran, in Syria, in every country where the freedom struggle advances? Not today, perhaps, not tomorrow, but in the future we must expect severe attacks against the students. We must expect expulsions and other victimisations. We must be prepared for such reaction on the part of our enemies.

We are confident that the students will not be forced into cowardly submission by any form of intimidation. The students of the J.I.H.S. must live up to the immortal words of a great leader. "It is better to die fighting than to live on your knees."

AFRIKA! AFRIKA! AFRIKA!

Yours for Freedom,

A. M. KATHRADA,
Chairman.
R. H. DESAI,
Secretary.

'WE DEFY'

MR. MANDELA'S STATEMENT TO "SPARK."

My attention was drawn to an article in the August issue of the "African Drum" under the heading "WE DEFY" and purporting to have been written by me. As I had no knowledge of the article and as it did not represent my views, I immediately contacted the Editor, who undertook to rectify the matter through an announcement in the September issue of the magazine. To my surprise this solemn undertaking was not honoured and I was not favoured with the courtesy of an explanation. In the circumstances, I feel bound to bring to the notice of the public the true state of affairs and to state very positively that I know nothing about the article and it certainly did not represent my views.

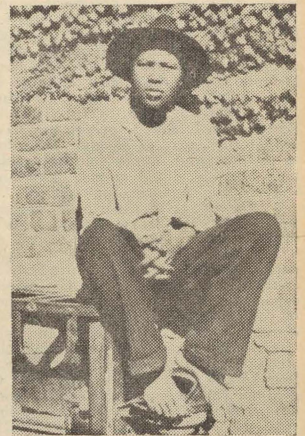
NELSON MANDELA.

Every time SPARK has made an appeal to its readers for help to ensure regular publication, I am happy to say that the appeals have not fallen on deaf ears. Once again I make an earnest appeal to you to help us. We need the money badly and only you can help us out of our difficulties.

Send your donation NOW to SPARK, Box 564, Johannesburg.

The Editor

He served well



Mr. Frederick Shakong, brother of the late Jethro Shakong, the gallant and courageous youth who died recently, in a letter of thanks to the A.N.C. for the "love and sympathy shown to their late colleague," writes: "I feel it my duty to thank the African National Congress for the love shown their colleague, the late Jethro Shakong, who was a staunch member of Congress. It immediately becomes apparent that the Congress has a deep love not only for one alive, but also for one departed.

SALUTED AFRIKA!

"The volunteers have shown their love for a departed comrade by shouldering the responsibility in that they ignored work and leisure and made a grave for their colleague, after a long and strenuous journey. How in the grave he lies—Jethro Shakong. He must to his companions have saluted 'Afrika.'"

ADJUST OURSELVES

Thanks to thee, my worthy friends in Congress. To you I say Peace and Victory will come. Ours is nothing but a just cause. Continue with your noble work for ours is nothing but to reconstruct, reorganise and adjust ourselves to the swiftly changing conditions."

**Watch Out
FOR THE SPECIAL
Conference
of the A.N.C.
YOUTH LEAGUE**

Dr. J. Njongwe, acting president of the Cape African Congress, was an honoured guest at the second annual dance of the National Baking Industrial Union (Witwatersrand Branch). The occasion, which was celebrated at Northcliff, was attended by some 150 couples. Music was rendered by the Mascots Dance Band.

Spark Editor Writes To Manilal Gandhi

JOHANNESBURG

Some weeks ago the "Indian Opinion," which is edited by Manilal Gandhi, accused SPARK in its leading article of "engendering hate," using "provocative slogans" and "dabbling in High politics." The article also referred to SPARK "dabbling in the affairs of Korea and America," and of the creation of a "New Party." The editor of SPARK, Mr. R. H. Desai, wrote a letter to Mr. Gandhi which is published below:

Your editorial of the 8th August, headed "The Campaign," has been brought to my notice by several readers of SPARK. While it is not our policy to devote valuable space and time in replying to every occasional squeak, coming as it generally does from discredited quarters, we nevertheless, in order to meet the wishes of many readers of SPARK, have to address this letter to you. We would not have bothered to do so were it not for the mistaken belief that you apparently have developed that being the son of Mahatma gives you a somewhat divine right to sit in your ivory tower and restrict your interest in finding faults and behaving most irresponsibly towards those who have the courage and "pure hearts" to wage a struggle for freedom and the restoration of human dignity and worth. We might point out that this letter is written particularly to satisfy the wishes of those of our readers who, instead of sitting back and indulging in destructive vilification and filthy criticism, have served the cause of freedom by being in the forefront of the volunteers who have already defied unjust laws and suffered the rigours of prison.

At the outset, let me make it clear to you, Mr. Gandhi, since you deliberately seem bent on ignoring what is so boldly written on every issue of the paper, that SPARK is primarily a youth newspaper and NOT the official organ of the Campaign for the Defiance of Unjust Laws. Neither have we ever claimed to represent the views and policies of those who are conducting the struggle. We have however, since our foundation, given and will continue to give our fullest support to the Defiance Campaign, as long as its progress coincides with the aims for which SPARK was founded. We would have preferred of course to concentrate on the youth aspect but in view of the attitude adopted by other so-called non-European newspapers, including the "Indian

Opinion," we were forced to play our part in bringing the message of the struggle to the masses of the people. In this task we happily have the invaluable assistance of the "Clarion," now the "People's World."

There are a number of observations that I wish to make. You seem to be quite surprised that the campaign "is not diminishing, but is gaining strength day by day." May I suggest that this "discovery" on your part is but a manifestation of the complete lack of confidence you have in the masses of people and the groundless suspicion with which you look upon each move decided by the Congresses. May I further suggest that your entire article reflects your mentality, which seems to be to look only for mistakes. And in the event of there being nothing to criticise, to go out of your way and invent things to criticise.

For instance, you talk of "provocative slogans" but fail to give a single example of such a wild accusation. Being closely in touch with the Defiance movement I wish to challenge you to substantiate this accusation.

You accuse SPARK and the "Clarion" of "engendering hatred," but again fail to prove your point. If the increase in the circulation of a newspaper or, better still the tremendous protest movement of both black and white sections of the people at the banning of the "Guardian" are any criteria at all, then your point is sufficiently answered. Of course, we hate oppression and misery, war and exploitation and nothing will prevent us from engendering hatred for these.

... there are many who are prepared to join the present campaign BUT ... you say, I must tell you, Mr. Gandhi, that if you are looking for BUTS in order to apologise for your complete inactivity, there certainly is no rationing of this word. Let it be remembered that your "but" in the past and your present "but"

Discrimination At T.L.C. Function

"At a time when Schoeman is trying to destroy trade unions in our country, I strongly feel that this type of discrimination on the part of the Trades and Labour Council is an acquiescence to the policy of the Nationalist Government," said Mr. T. N. Naidoo, chairman of the National Baking Union (Wits) when asked by a SPARK representative to comment on the protest resolution passed by his Union in connection with the exclusion of non-Europeans from a recent function organised by the Council in order to launch the new trade union newspaper "Saamtrek."

RHYMES OF THE TIME

Littel Swart Horner
Sat in the corner,
Eating his pumpkin-pie,
He put in his thumb
Pulled out a red herring
And sa'id, "Oh what a good
boy am I!"

Sparkler

never have and never will stand the test among the people of South Africa, who, unfortunately for you, think otherwise.

You advise us not to "dabble in high politics." You refer to our stand in Korea. But do you call the rape and murder of three million people "high politics?" Is the bombing of schools and universities, creches, nurseries, the deliberate spreading of death and disease by bacteriological bombs too "high" for you, Mr. Gandhi?

Korea, you say, is not our business. Your belief in humanity and international friendship and solidarity seems to begin and end in your selfish self. When the conditions of 300,000 South African Indians are threatened by the racist policies of our Government then of course it is the world's business. If I remember correctly you personally took a trip to New York to make it the world's business. You accepted support of the Passive Resistance Movement from whatever quarters it came, America, France, Russia, China or India. But when a whole country is plundered, outraged and looted, then you tell us "it is not our business." Come, come, Mr. Gandhi, You're not really serious, are you?

Then you try and surmise as to what would satisfy the non-European struggle. And your conclusion . . . A NEW NON-EUROPEAN POLICY. Is it not our fight to establish a state of affairs in our country when there wont have to be a special non-European or European policy, and where the only policy will be that which brings the most good to all people, be they European or non-European?

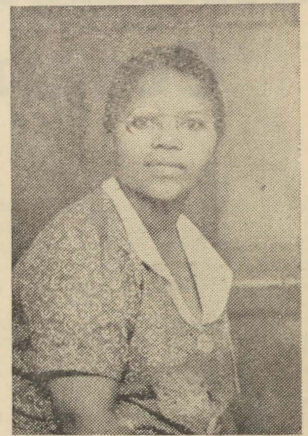
And you end off by once again exposing your complete lack of confidence in our struggle or in the strength of the people. For your solution to the problems of South Africa seem not to lie in the winning of full democratic rights for the non-European people. BUT you seem to pin all your hopes in a "new party." What are you calling for, Mr. Gandhi—a new party of "Europeans Only," or "Non-Europeans Only," or perhaps a mixed party of all races? Don't you think, Mr. Editor, it is about time that you climbed down from your ivory tower and made realistic suggestions that will save you from eternal ridicule?

Yours for freedom,
RISSIK H. DESAI,
Editor, "Spark"

The first Coloured woman to defy unjust laws has been Mrs. Naude, of Krugersdorp, mother of young John Naude, the first Coloured youth who went into action, when the D-Campaign started on June 26.

Mrs. Naude is serving a two weeks sentence for contravening the permit regulations at Germiston Location.

A Mother In Action



Thirty-nine-year-old Mrs. Alice L. Morapedi, of White City, Orlando, at present serving a sentence for defying Unjust Curfew Regulations, is a factory worker and mother of three children. Her eldest son (19) is a student of the Orlando High School, while another (only 16) is studying at Pietersburg. Mrs. Morapedi is an executive member of the Orlando Branch of the African National Congress and was the first woman to volunteer in the Campaign for the Defiance of Unjust Laws.

News in Brief

DURBAN.

Mr. D. E. Mitchell, M.P., former Administrator of Natal, and now leader of the United Party in Natal, is a very frightened man. Speaking at a United Party meeting at Amanzimtoti last week, he told his audience that if the defiance campaign is a success (already it is so.—Ed.) they (the U.P.) would have to "rally behind the Government."

THE WORST

Fear at its height exposes the best and the worst in a man. It has done so in the case of Mitchell. He is so afraid that he is already thinking of joining the Nats—even before the Defiance campaign has started in Natal!

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DURBAN.

Replying to the statement made by Mr. Strauss, appealing to non-European leaders to stop the Defiance campaign, Dr. G. M. Naicker, president of the Natal Indian Congress, said that it was "judicious" for the leader of the Opposition to state that the unjust laws against which the campaign was being waged "were passed constitutionally and that they could be repealed constitutionally." Under the existing constitution the non-Europeans were denied the fundamental right of making or repealing laws.

"We have no say in the legislative body of the country and yet we are given sermons on the need to act constitutionally," said Dr. Naicker.

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JOHANNESBURG.

Last week a deputation consisting of Mr. A. E. Patel, Mr. T. N. Naidoo, Mr. V. Jaga and Mr. S. Saleh and representing the Transvaal Indian Congress, presented a memorandum to the Provincial Council's Select Committee on the Transvaal Education Ordinance.

Members of the Select Committee present included Mr. Ferreira, Mr. H. Swart, Mr. Stoffberg and Mr. J. Greybe.

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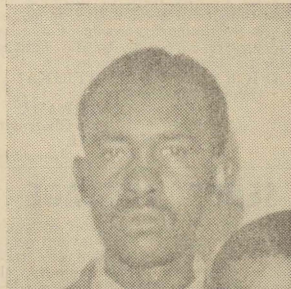
Headline: D.R.C. Compiling Reasoned Answer to U.S. Criticism. It's time they did some reasoning and clear thinking. They have been blundering all the way.

BEWARE: These Two Are

SPIES



Detective - Sergeant JOHANNES MAREKA worked in the African National Congress for more than a year, as an informer. He volunteered and went into action on June 26, but did not appear before a magistrate on the charge of Defying Unjust Laws. He gave evidence against Ismail Bhoola, and recently against our national leaders, who have been committed for trial.



JERRY LEBELO has been working for the Police since 1949. He too went into action on June 26, and like Mareka did not appear before any magistrate. Lebelo carries a forged "naming" letter on his person. Recently he gave evidence against leaders of the Defiance Campaign.

SECOND INSTALMENT OF "THE RIVER"

RITUAL DANCE



Indian dancer Radha performs a classical ritual dance of India.

RAPIDS IN "THE RIVER"

The last issue told the story of three families, of the daughter of the owner of the Jute works, the English Foreman of the Jute Works, and of Melanie, whose mother is Indian and father English. The three families live on the banks of the holy Ganges River.

YOUNG AMERICAN

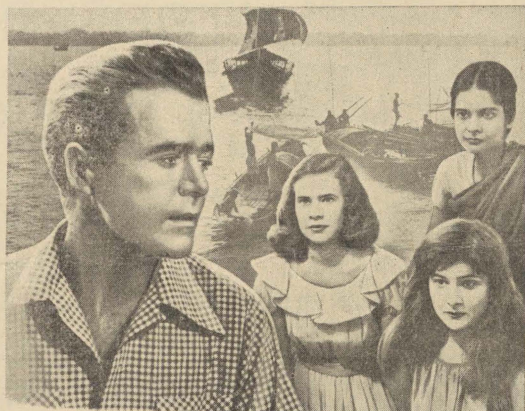
Into this most idyllic group there comes a new personality. A young American, disillusioned by war, and embittered by the loss of one of his legs, comes to visit his cousin, the philosophic man who married an Indian wife.

The coming of that one young man at once changes everything. He is angry with fate, and not at all ready to find happiness anywhere, nor in any one, no matter where he may wander.

THREE FALL IN LOVE

Thrown in close association with him, each of the three girls fall in love with the newcomer. One by one each girl makes her love known to him, but all to no effect. Harriet, the fourteen-year-old, puts her heart in poetry and story to express love. Valerie, the masterful eighteen-year-old, finds her emotion greater than she had thought possible. Melanie, the beautiful Eurasian girl, also loves as she has never loved before. Three charming women seek the affection of Captain John. *M.M.J.*

Final instalment next issue: The River Flows On.



Captain John and the three women—Melanie, Harriet and Valerie—who seek his affection.

THE MOVIES

"I Choose 'LASSIE' To Granger"

MAJESTIC CINEMA

Film: *The Painted Hills*. Stars: Lassie; Paul Kelly; Bruce Cowling.

Opinion: Worth your while.

If I had to choose between Lassie and Stewart Granger, Lassie would most definitely get my vote. With due

apologies to the ladies, Lassie is most certainly the better actor.

"The Painted Hills," Lassie's latest film, is the story of innocent gold prospecting followed by greed which ends in tragedy. It is the story of a dog that is loyal to its master. A dog that kills to avenge the murder of his master. Paul Kelly, who plays the part of Jonathan Harvey, the master of Lassie, handles his role well.

The film is featured in Technicolour and there are some excellent scenes of the Senora Hills.

LYRIC CINEMA

The Film: *Fixed Bayonets*.

Opinion: Disgusting glorification of America's bubble-gum boys in Korea.

The Scene: A company of brave bebop G.I.'s are fighting a rearguard action against "Korean Commies." The bubble-gum boys make a desperate stand and guess what happens—that's right, the Yankees kill a couple of hundred "red" Koreans (the other Koreans wear Stars and Stripes) whilst they (G.I.'s) suffer a casualty here and there. Everything goes well again because the boys get back to their lines and fight safely ever after.

3 MILLION KILLED

Now this type of film goes well with the little children and with some of the grown-ups who like "action" but intelligent people see through such trash and filthy war propaganda. Intelligent people are no longer prepared to see films which glorify the American aggressors who have to date been responsible for the death of over three million Korean people. *M.M.J.*

AZALEA WEEK BEAUTIES



AZALEA WEEK BEAUTIES: Among the other interesting and entertaining events of Azalea Week in Pietermaritzburg was the choice of Beauty Queen. The winner of the contest was Miss S. N. SAVITHREE NAIDOO, who appears in the (front row) centre of our photograph. The others were contestants. The attendants to Miss Savithree Naidoo were (left) Miss F. Rathunam; (right) Mrs. M. K. Naidoo.

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONS SUFFER MAIDEN DEFEAT —FIGHT BREAKS OUT

A fight broke out immediately after the match between Moons and Dravidians at Natalspruit on Sunday, 24th. Moons, present League champions, suffered their first defeat of the season by 1 goal to nil. Although this result caused a stir Dravidians deserved to win. The Moons forward line never looked like settling down. Dravidians were in the same boat, at times just overshadowing the performances of their opponents.

Saley Asvat in the final stages of the game combined with Paddy and made a dashing attempt for the equaliser. This was of no avail, for they

only saw an "open" chance go a-begging. Sidney Moonyen was solid in defence for Dravidians. The match ended well, except for some spectator who seemed to have found fault with the referee. He approached the referee

By Solly Gangat

and after a few words struck at him. A whole affair of "daring" and "fair-go's" followed before some of the spectators succeeded in ending this unfortunate incident.

What are sports fields coming to?

If some one feels like having a fight, he should be advised to look for the proper venue, don a pair of gloves and satisfy himself. He may then be able to entertain and impress the crowd with more spectacles than on the soccer grounds.

A visitor from Durban commented after the "storm" had subsided: "As a visitor here, I have come to your grounds with the intention of witnessing the soccer you boast about. But what do I find? Sportsmen lacking enough courage to face defeat."

What a slur on the reputation of our Province!

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send your sports
results to
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Vredons Beat Olympians

Vredons beat Olympians by 3 goals to 1 in a drab game at Natalspruit on Sunday 24th. It was a very windy day and the game was played under difficult conditions. The crowd sighed as several openings were allowed to go to waste by Olympians. They were awarded a penalty when the game was still very young, but failed to score.

These missed chances encouraged Vredons who immediately snatched the advantage by taking the lead.

Mohawks Beat Pirates

Jajbhay and Thandary
Score

A soccer match was played on Sunday 24th between Mohawks "B" and Pirates of Sombietown. Mohawks had the better of the day by defeating Pirates by 5 goals to 1. In spite of heavy winds Mohawks played very well and deserved to win.

Goal scorers: Jajbhay S, Thandary 2.

Transvaal Coloureds Beat Visitors—Wits Lose To Them

The Transvaal Coloureds beat a visiting Coloured team from Natal by 4 goals to 2 at Natalspruit on Sunday 31st August. The visitors could not

have done better against the home side. The fact that Transvaal was the better team was evidenced immediately the game commenced.

Julius for Transvaal was superb at right-half. He was all over the ground, he defended magnificently, and he fed his forwards continuously. This game was devoid of any spectacular play or dazzling soccer. Unlike previous

matches that were played by the Coloureds, this game was definitely drab and unentertaining.

The visitors lost to the Bantus on Saturday 30th at Wemmer grounds by 4 goals to 1.

The Wits Indian team went down to the visitors at Natalspruit on the 1st. The score was 6-3.

Zatopek Appeals To Sportsmen Of The World

Emil Zatopek, three times Olympic champion, answered the telegram of congratulations of the WFDY with the following peace appeal:

To the sportsmen and youth of the whole world!

The XVth Summer Olympic Games in Helsinki gave convincing proof that there is the possibility of peaceful collaboration of the peoples of the world; the Games permitted the sportsmen and youth of different countries to know each other better. Among the sportsmen who gave so many proofs of mutual friendship during the Olymp-

ic Games was a good number of working youth. Life in peace, which alone gives the possibility of sports development and which alone creates the necessary conditions for sports competitions, is the most important aim of the struggle of the youth for their rights. That is why I call upon all those who took part in the Olympic Games, the sportsmen and youth of the world, to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the peoples, to strengthen the unity of the working youth, and to defend their rights in order to ensure a peaceful life for the peoples of the world.

TIT - BITS

Old father Swart
Went to the hut,
To fetch the Nat farmers
some convict labour.
When he got there
The hut was bare
Now the farmers can't find a
saviour.

NAT ELECTION SLOGAN
"Farmers of the Platteland
unite! You have nothing to
lose but your convict labour!"
S.A. is pregnant with farm
prisons, and the father of
them all is Swart — it's his
"baby."

MONKEY NATS
The local Zoo-keeper, asked
why there were three monkeys

named Malan, Swart and
Louw, replied, "I couldn't
think of no better names."

The high rents some landlords
ask for their flats is
enough to make you flat out.
Siberia is the best place to
freeze Farouk and his
fortunes. At least the fortunes
would freeze equally.

Although the Red Act
makes provision for Trotsky-
ites, none have been caught.
There are, however, quite a
few of them in Hanover
Street, Cape Town. Their
th "Sorch," has not been tam-
pered with. Reason— they
are serving the Government
well.
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