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LABOUR PARTY TO CONSULT NON-EUROPEAN LEADERS



Some of the victims of the Cape Town man-hunt seen queuing up to pay their fines. See story on p. 5.

Realistic Approach At Last

JOHANNESBURG.

THE Labour Party Conference held here over the week-end decided that in the coming Parliamentary session the Party would oppose strenuously the proposed Bills against the leaders of the Resistance Movement and the attempt by the Government to convert the Passive Resistance Campaign into a campaign of violence. This resolution received unanimous support. The Labour Party is the first of the Opposition Groups to state publicly its opposition to Minister Swart's Draconian measures.

Most of the conference was taken up with debates on the restriction of civil liberties and democratic and trade union rights in this country, and with discussion of the Non-European problem. The conference had before it a number of resolutions advocating different approaches to the problem, and ideas in many of these were consolidated in one composite resolution.

This now advocates a race relations committee within the Labour Party to decide that party's own approach to Non-European questions. It also advocates consultations with Non-European leaders so that policy can be formulated following on such consultations with them.

"We are lucky they have chosen passive resistance. They could have taken other courses."

NO WAITING

Mr. Leo Lovell, M.P., said that the party would be falling into the trap of confusion set by the Nationalists and United Party if it were to agree to an Advisory Council with no power to act. What would be said, he asked, if it was proposed to "lift the European problem out of the political arena"?

Mr. Lovell added that Non-European leaders should be consulted now and that the party should not wait for the General Election.

The conference throughout made strong protests against Nationalist interference in trade unions and a resolution pledged the party to strive incessantly for the removal of the Suppression of Communism Act from the Statute Book.

NEW POLICY

During the discussion on the Cape Town proposal for a South African Advisory Council, Dr. Guy Routh said that the Labour Party should go forward on a positive policy and not with a resolution to fob off the problem for a few more months. The country, he said, was asking for a solution. The Nationalist solution was batons and bullets. Most of the Europeans would not support this if it were put to the people squarely. The Council envisaged would not succeed. No matter in what form, the policy would be unacceptable to the Government. Non-Europeans would not have any more truck with advisory bodies—they had dozens whose recommendations were regularly ignored.

"LEND A HAND"

Mrs. Jessie MacPherson said that many people condemned the Non-Europeans for their stand against tyranny. The Labour Party policy had to be different. The Non-Europeans were going through a stage which people in other countries had passed through hundreds of years ago.

"We must lend a hand or else allow them to go along their own path. Africa is on the march and when oppressed people are on the march there is no turning back. The Non-Europeans have risen in the face of Government oppression.

NEW INTER-RACIAL YOUTH ORGANISATION

JOHANNESBURG.

A Youth Cultural Association has been formed here to foster understanding of the cultures of the different groups of this country, in the belief that mutual understanding of the cultures of different peoples is necessary for better relations among them.

This will be a youth organisation, with membership barred to none because of race, colour or religion.

A recent meeting of the Association called by the provisional committee passed a resolution that world peace could not be maintained unless people respect the culture of different nations.

The resolution added "We pledge to unite the South African youth under a democratic set of ideals and thus to see that no section of our people remains in bondage".

The Association will publish a bulletin of international youth news, will open a library of literary works of all nations, and will organise a debating society for the discussion of topical issues.

"WE ARE INNOCENT"

—declare the Rosenbergs

The following dignified and poignant statement was made by Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in their final appeal to Judge Kaufman against the vicious death sentence which he had passed on them:

"We are husband and wife," they declared. "We are firmly united by the ties of marriage, the love we bear our two fine sons and one another. As one, we seek relief from sentences that would produce the unutterable tragedy of the destruction of our small family, and set a precedent for the abandonment in America of the civilised appreciation of the worth of human life."

Affirming their desire for life, they stated: "We are not martyrs or heroes, nor do we wish to be. We do not want to die."

"We are conscious," they continued, "that were we to accept this verdict, express guilt, the conventional penitence and remorse, the Court's mind might be more easily swayed to mitigate our sentences."

"But this course is not open to us."

"We are innocent, as we have proclaimed and maintained from the time of our arrest. This is the whole truth. To forsake this truth is to pay too high a price even for the priceless gift of life—for life thus purchased we could not live in dignity and self-respect."

Noting that self-confessed conspirators like Gold, Greenglass and others received only prison sentences, the two Rosenbergs stated:

"To ask for the reduction of these sentences, therefore, is to ask for justice, not mercy."

Their motion concluded: "We appeal to this Court's mind and conscience to take counsel with the reason of others and with the deepest human feelings that treasure life and shun its taking. Justice can be served for all while there is life. We ask for that justice."

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South Africans at Vienna Conference

JOHANNESBURG.

Among the South Africans who attended the great Vienna Peoples' Congress for Peace were Mr. A. Fischer, the well-known Johannesburg barrister and a leading member of the Transvaal Peace Council, and Miss Dulcie Hartwell, joint secretary of the South African Trades and Labour Council.

DOGS FOR KENYA

PRETORIA.

Two members of the S.A. Police have left for Kenya with a hound to assist in the tracking of Mau Mau. They have flown there at the special request of the Kenya Government, after being trained at the police dog training camp at Kwaggaspoort. In Nairobi they will show how S.A. police dogs work. It is reported that "other dogs will be sent later".

WORLD-WIDE OPINION RALLIES TO SAVE ROSENBERGS

Couple Being Blackmailed To "Name" Others

NEW YORK.

SINCE all America's courts capable of reviewing the case have closed their doors to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, victims of the hysterical spy-mania in the U.S., the outcry of all liberty and justice-loving people has reached tremendous proportions in America, with echoes and protests through the whole world.

This week was fixed for the execution of the young couple, but the appeal to the President for clemency, now being considered at the White House, has granted a few precious days of breathing-time. It may still be possible to impress the U.S. Government that the electrocution of the Rosenbergs, whom many trained legal experts and masses of ordinary people consider to be innocent, will be unforgettable and unforgivable.

19-DAY VIGIL

Outside the White House, home of the President in Washington, thousands of delegates from all parts of the U.S. have kept up an unbroken vigil for clemency day and night for 19 days.

Significant of the appeal to save the Rosenbergs has been the wide support of religious leaders of all denominations. The Jewish community and Press in all States have been deeply stirred, inevitably seeing the singling out of the Rosenbergs as a finger pointed at Jewry. The Rosenbergs are the first people ever sentenced to death on such a charge in United States history, either in peace or war. If they are electrocuted they will also be the first sent to death in a federal offense by any President for more than 20 years.

The appeal in America itself has been immensely strengthened by support from disinterested scientists, legal authorities, clergymen and thousands of organisations and plain people in scores of countries abroad. In Toronto, Canada, a day and night vigil is taking place similar to the White House vigil.

SINISTER ASPECT

A sinister aspect of the case has been the implication that the

Rosenbergs will be reprieved provided they admit their guilt and "name" others who could be charged with atom espionage. This was exactly how they themselves came to sit in the Sing Sing death cells.

It was David Greenglass, Mrs. Rosenberg's brother, who "named" her and her husband, doing so after he had been in detention for a long period under threat of death. The Government has since admitted that Greenglass' confession occurred only after prolonged negotiations with him had taken place. In those negotiations he sold his relatives to death to buy his own life.

In letters which have been permitted to pass from his cell, Julius Rosenberg has rigidly adhered to his and his wife's innocence and refused either to "confess" or to name others, things which he could not do with a clear conscience.

They have maintained this attitude throughout, thanking those who are fighting for them and confident that, given time, they can prove their innocence. Their preoccupation, in these tragic letters, has been less with themselves than with their children, Michael and Robert.

In a letter on January 5 Julius Rosenberg modestly disclaims any pretence to be "anything extraordinary or special". He says: "I feel my greatest accomplishment is being a successful father to my two boys. It is because of them and of all children that my first duty in life is to work for their future."

In the last week 2,500 delegates from 22 States of America spent a considerable time interviewing

their Senators and Congressmen, informing them of the tremendous clemency movement. At a report-back meeting the delegations reported a substantial number of those whom they visited were impressed by the fact that the Rosenbergs were the first Americans ever sentenced to death in peacetime or wartime on such a charge. Indications were that the representatives were prepared to make these views known to the President either privately or publicly.

RELIGIOUS OPINION

Two religious leaders, Rabbi Dr. Meyer Shariff and Rev. Nolan Mills, officially representing the Baptist Ministers' Union of San Francisco, headed the clemency delegation to the White House Pardon Attorney, Daniel Lyons. This official works under the Department of Justice as an adviser to the President and was asked to convey to Mr. Truman the feelings of thousands who object to the conduct of the case and the savage sentence.

From Britain came the appeal of the Jewish Chronicle calling for clemency. "The conscience of the civilised world will be disturbed if the Rosenbergs die," the paper declared.

While most appeals for clemency cast doubt on the findings of the Court that condemned the Rosenbergs, others accept the finding. Typical was the Israel Bulletin which said it was convinced of the "disloyalty" of the Rosenbergs and of the "fairness" of their trial, but appealed to all readers to post a letter to the President appealing for clemency "in the name of mercy and kindness". The death sentence, it said, "is undoubtedly much too severe in view of the time when the act was committed".

CAPE TOWN TOO

CAPE TOWN.

Cape Town Trade Unionists, Artists, Journalists and a number of women, many of them mothers, presented a petition for clemency to the U.S. Consul's assistant on Tuesday. The Consul himself had backed out of the appointment.

NEW YORK HAS WAR NERVES

NEW YORK.

All motorists in New York State received with their car licence plates for 1953 a slip saying: IMPORTANT: In the event of EMPLOYMENT on any city of New York State, NO private vehicles may be operated within the boundaries of the attacked city without authorisation of the local Civil Defence Director.

NEW YORK STATE CIVIL DEFENCE COMMISSION

NEW DEFINITION OF CAPITALIST

Mr. H. N. Hume, chairman of Charter House Investment, Trust, Ltd., has a new definition of a capitalist. According to him the capitalist of today "is the man who can put aside a few shillings a week to buy life-insurance or contribute towards a pension".

GERM WAR CONTINUING SAYS CHINESE EXPERT

LONDON.

GERM warfare in China and North Korea is still continuing and is being conducted by the United States military command, according to a statement released by the Chinese scientist Dr. Chen Wen-kuei who came to Europe as a delegate to the Vienna Peace Congress.

Contrary to the belief that the world-wide exposure of germ warfare had caused the attacks to be discontinued, Dr. Chen stated that shortly before he and his fellow delegates left Peking in December, official reports confirmed the continued use of this weapon.

"We received a report from the Epidemic Prevention Corps of the Chinese volunteers that American aircraft were still waging bacterial warfare in Korea," he stated.

Germ attacks occurred in October not only in North Korea but over districts of North-East China, he stated. The Corps confirmed the discovery of insects and infected leaves dropped over Korea and found

bacterial bomb cases dropped by aircraft.

EXPERIMENT

The Chinese delegation warned that the germ attacks had a much wider significance, affecting the future fate of populations over large areas of the world.

"Germ warfare in China is only an experiment with weapons that the American generals intend to use on a much larger scale in a future world war," Dr. Chen said.

The United States Defence Department has issued a claim that germ warfare has inflicted on the North Koreans no fewer than 349,000 casualties "estimated to have died from plague and other diseases".

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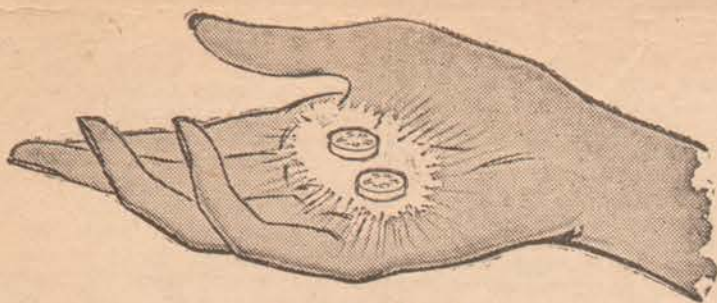
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CLARION CALL

An Old Story

Last week's mass police raids on the inhabitants of Windermere, Cape Town's most infamous slum, sent a shiver of apprehension through the entire African population of South Africa's mother city. For them, it came as the climax to a long series of attacks, which have gradually wiped out those few liberties which previously distinguished this part of the country from the more barbarous north. In two days, these raids have done more to embitter relations between African and European in Cape Town than any other single event I can remember.

As an excuse for this particular manifestation of administrative brutality, the police authorities claim that the raid was undertaken to prevent a repetition of the faction fight which occurred in the area recently. It is an old argument, frequently used, but one which no longer convinces anyone, least of all the Africans. Crime and violence, including faction fights, have never yet been prevented by punishing the innocent, and the overwhelming majority of those who suffer from these raids are certainly guiltless of either crime or violence. They are ordinary men and women, guilty only of being black.

If the police authorities are really interested in preventing faction fights, I suggest that they ask Dr. Malan and Dr. Verwoerd to tear up the Urban Bantu Authorities Bill. For that really is a blue-print for future communal violence, seeking as it does to keep alive tribal differences amongst the African workers.

What! No Cutlasses?

Another excuse, also frequently used, is that such raids are necessary in order to divest the African population of their "dangerous weapons". Apart from a meat cleaver and an odd bicycle chain, all the police netted in the Windermere raid was a lorry-load of sticks. Ordinary, common or garden sticks. In fact, were the police to raid a similar number of European homes they would undoubtedly unearth an even larger collection of such "dangerous weapons". Such objects are to be found in any household in South Africa. They become dangerous weapons only when their owners happen to be African.

Still, I suppose one should feel sorry for the police. Windermere is such a dirty place that their pretty uniforms got ruined in the first day's raid and they asked their superiors for permission to don their oldest civilian clothes for the next day's sport. And so they did, with only a helmet perched on their heads to distinguish them from a bunch of down-at-heel pirates. I forgot, the other thing which distinguished them from pirates was the fact that they were armed with sten-guns, revolvers, rifles and bayonets, instead of the old-time cutlasses and blunderbusses.

Swart Should Know The Answers

It would, however, be far better all round if the police were a little more concerned with their reputation and a little less with their uniforms. It is not only their uniforms which become sullied in these raids. The people complain bitterly of their behaviour towards both person and property. Anyone who has ever visited a raided area soon realises that there is plenty of substance in that complaint.

Do the orders given to the police before such raids include the right to damage and destroy private property? Are they told that they may smash open locked doors in the event of a tenant being absent? Have they the right to rip a locked suitcase to pieces with a knife or bayonet? The people have the right to know the answers to such questions. If the answers are in the negative, then it is hightime for Mr. Swart to take steps to see that the more irresponsible members of his much praised police force themselves obey the laws of the land.

Malanatty

An Advance reader, a South African now living in London, sent us the following verse. He is obviously also a reader of the Torch, the Non-European Unity Movement organ.

*'Twas boycott and the slimy neums
Did twist and disTorch in the Cape.
All goolish were the trotskyfools
And all the funkholes gape.*

*Beware the Malannat, my son,
the laws that bite, the cops that catch;
Beware the Döngesbird, and shun
The next Defiance Batch.*

*He took his Ten Point Prog. in hand.
Long time the natsome foe he fled,
So sat down on a "Nie-Blankes" bench
And longed to be in bed.*

*And as he moaned his wretched fate
The Malannat with eyes of flame
Came sneaking armed with apartheid,
and named him as it came.*

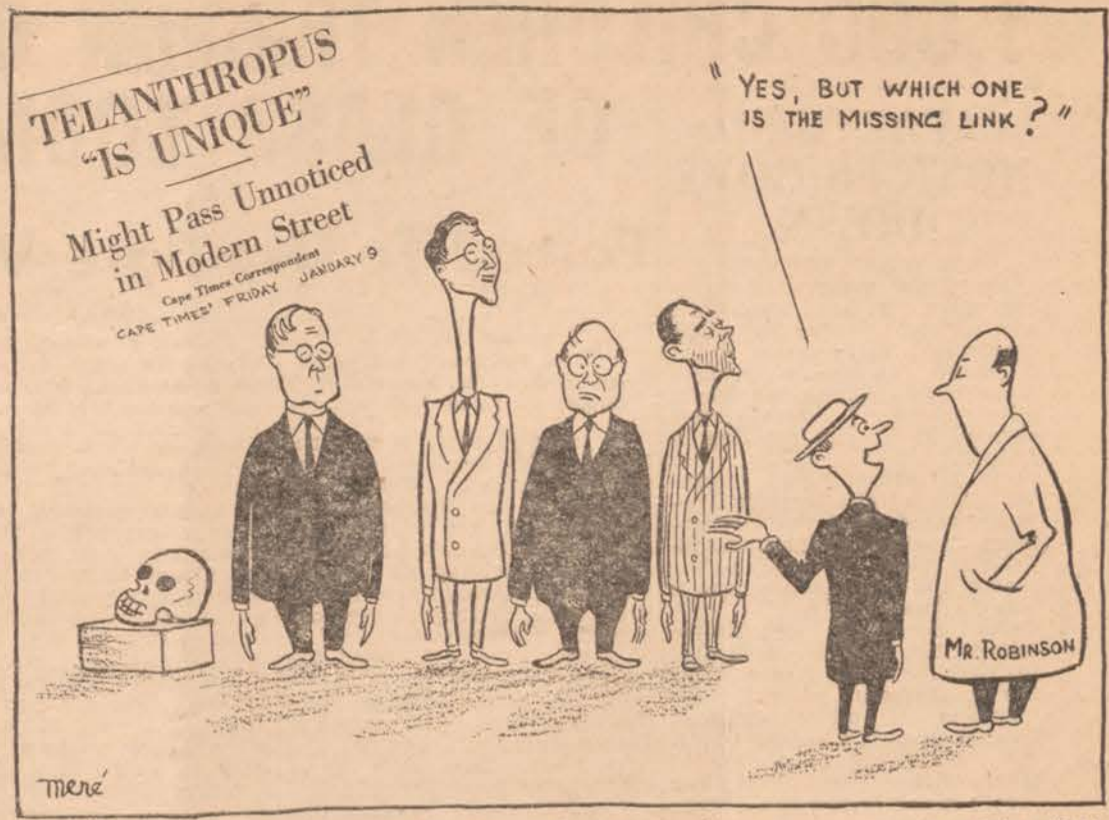
*One, two, one two and weg is jy!
The Ten Point Prog. at least is sure
So back he went whence he was sent
His principles still pure.*

*And has thou 'escaped the Malannat?
Come to my arms my cautious boy!
O fooling day—Calloo-callay!
He boycoughed in his joy.*

*'twas boycott and the slimy neums
Did twist and disTorch in the Cape.
All goolish were the trotskyfools
And all the funkholes gape.*

P.D.
(with apologies to Lewis Carrol)

TRUMPETER.



Mr. J. J. Robinson, of the Transvaal Museum, said that telanthropus capensis (the missing link) would pass unnoticed in a city street if he were clad in a lounge suit.

MASS STRIKE DISTURBS BRITISH IN MALAYA

No End to War in Sight

LONDON.

WITH the mass strike in Singapore over the New Year week-end and the threat of industrial unrest spreading through the rubber, tin and other industries, and with the Malayan war as far as ever from an end, the British authorities looked forward to another bleak year of insuperable difficulties in holding down the colony.

At the end of the year Gen. Templer, British Commander and High Commissioner for Malaya, had to admit he was unable to solve the problem of the war. He commands over 120,000 troops and security forces against the Liberation Army but admitted, according to the London Times:

"If we had 250,000 more troops we could not clear up Communism in the jungle. Fighting is only 25 per cent. of the job."

Templer has been left with a strengthened military command but, as the Times Singapore correspondent cables, "there is not a single political adviser of any consequence in Kuala Lumpur." The correspondent continues:

"He has been directed to bring about or make possible what can only be described as a social revolution, and for this almost impossible task he has neither ministers and advisers nor the organised support of the people."

POLITICAL STRUGGLE

For the past year the better informed correspondents in Malaya have noted and repeatedly emphasised that the Liberation movement was consolidating itself politically among the Malayan people and taking up successfully the crucial wage and social issues of the workers and peasants. These correspondents appealed for immediate social reforms to meet the position. Their ideas were supported by Templer when he admitted that the fighting was only 25 per cent. of the job.

But during the year, with the falling price of rubber and tin on the world market, the big business enterprises have forced on their employees two drastic wage cuts. This action alone

industries and won over the 30,000 workers employed for heavy labour by the Army, Navy and Air Force establishments. Even hospitals were affected by the walk-out.

Officials had to admit that the operations in the war were already being hampered by the strike.

RECRUITING DISTURBED

Britain's military position has been gravely disturbed by two new factors. Indian popular pressure has stopped the recruiting of Gurkhas from Nepal. Most of the severest fighting is done by the 10,000 Gurkhas in Malaya and the cutting off of reinforcements and replacements is bound to be felt during the coming year.

The social upheaval in Kenya has also disturbed recruitment of African soldiers for the fighting in Malaya and it is now on the cards that the Kenya African Rifles will be withdrawn.

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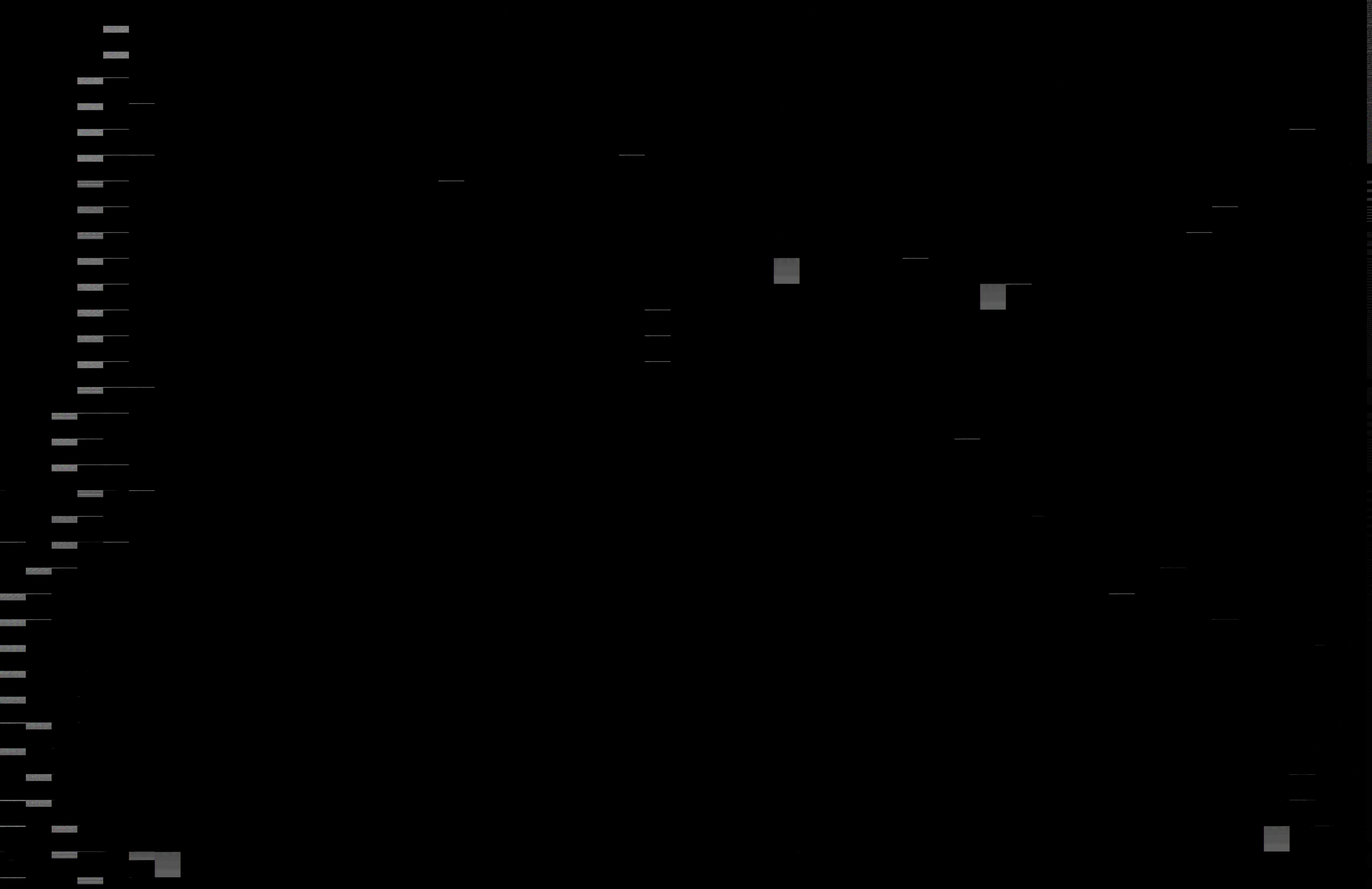
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ADVISORY BOARD DELEGATES SLATE OFFICIALS

Tired Of Lectures

JOHANNESBURG.

THE three and a half day conference of the Location Advisory Boards, held at Benoni last week, was dominated by European civil servants, who gave lengthy lectures on legislation affecting the urban Africans and advocated their acceptance by the Advisory Boards. The African delegates were given very little time to express the feelings of the people they represent. Each delegate was allowed only three minutes.

The delegates roundly condemned the labour bureaux system and the Bantu Authorities Bills. In their opinion, the one was forced labour and the other a reversion to the tribalism of 100 years ago.

Throughout the conference efforts were made to ban "politics" from the deliberations of the Board delegates. And yet, when officials were asked to demarcate between political and non-political topics they were unable to do so.

DELEGATES FURIOUS

Delegates were furious at the great-white-father attitude of Dr. W. M. Elselen, Secretary for Native Affairs, and the other government officials who lectured the conference. Referring to the speech of Mr. J. A. van Heerden (Director, Central Native Labour Bureau), Mr. T. Sondlo said that "his address reminds me of my school days, when the best reciter was chosen to recite before the audience, so as to give the listeners the impression that the students were well educated".

Mr. A. W. G. Champion expressed the Boards' attitude even

more forcibly when he said:

"The form of lectures we get in these conferences and the fact that we are not being given a chance to air our views will have serious repercussions in this country in the very near future, and do not blame us for it."

NO HALLELUJAHS

Speaking on the Bantu Authorities Bill, Mr. Champion said that the Africans were "opposed to any regrouping and remoulding into tribal lines of some hundred years ago. There is one thing the Europeans must know, that only facts will convince us. We cannot be expected, as responsible leaders of our people, to sit here and sing Hallelujah when attacks are made on our people".

The Native Labour Bureaux system was bitterly attacked by delegate after delegate as a system of "forced labour" and a "veiled form of slavery". Mr. Dumah said that "all his (Mr. Van Heerden's) Department is interested in is to try and send our children to the farms. We refuse to accept a measure whose sole purpose is to introduce slavery".

Senator W. G. Ballinger (Native

Representative) who was invited by the delegates to address the conference also attacked the Bureaux and criticised the Government for excluding African workers from the Unemployment Insurance Funds. His speech aroused heated objections from Mr. Nel (Senior Urban Areas Commissioner, Pretoria) on the grounds that it was improper to allow politics at the Conference. Delegates who attempted to reply to Mr. Nel were not permitted to do so.

When asked the following day to demarcate between political and non-political matters, Mr. Nel said that he had objected to Mr. Ballinger's speech because he had attacked a Minister of State. He admitted, however, that it "was difficult to avoid politics in discussing some of these matters".

There were only 148 delegates at this year's conference, compared with the 500 who attended in 1952. Mr. T. P. Sillio, acting president, referring to the future of the Advisory Boards' Congress, said that it was "hard to conjecture, for even during the past two days there have been rumblings of 'away with the Advisory Boards'". It is difficult to say what the future has in store for this organisation.

LAUNDRY STRIKE POSTPONED

JOHANNESBURG.

The one-hour strike in the Laundry industry as a protest against the removal of Betty du Toit as secretary, will take place on Friday, 16 January. The strike was postponed from last Monday.

SEVENTH YEAR OF VIETNAM WAR BEGINS

Europeans Completely Isolated In Asia

LONDON.

OVER 80 per cent. of North-West Vietnam has been liberated and the French have been shut up in localised military areas, a report from the fighting front claims, reviewing the fighting of the past year. In the last few weeks the war situation entered a new phase.

The French have tried to reinforce their fortified posts, though some of these are encircled and can only be supplied by air. In the Red River area—a vital food-grain producing region—guerrilla activity has extended rapidly. Fighting has also raged in the North Vietnam plains, once considered a relatively "safe" area for the French.

The President of Vietnam, Ho Chi-minh, issued a statement in which he asserted: "We are stepping into the seventh year of our national resistance. All of us can feel that we are daily growing stronger and the enemy weaker. We have won big victories because our people are closely united, our troops are fighting heroically and the leadership of our Government is correct."

ASIA ALARMED

Commenting on the decision of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, backed by the United States, to send help to the severely strained French forces in Vietnam, the Times correspondent in Singapore says alarm has been caused throughout South-East Asia.

From China came the warning that the decision meant the "internationalisation of French aggression in Indo-China" which was now "an important component of American Far Eastern strategy". Neither the United States nor Europe can afford to be isolated

GERMAN INTERESTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN.

German businessmen are taking a great interest in the Union as a potential market for capital goods, reports "Die Burger," the Cape Town Nationalist newspaper. Recently several prominent German newspapers have discussed the possibility of exporting light and heavy machinery to South Africa, although they feel that the market for consumer-goods will decrease.

A German businessman explained that while other West European countries were faced with heavy armanent burdens, West Germany was free to share in the exploitation of rapidly developing countries like South Africa. "Die Burger" points out that the importance that is attached to South Africa in this respect can be gauged by the fact that in the last year about 600 German businessmen have visited the Union.

LIPS SEALED IN U.S.

NEW YORK.

The U.S. is suffering under "perhaps the most widespread suppression of views in its history," said Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas in a speech when receiving the 1000 dollar Lauterbach prize for services to freedom.

"The suppression comes not from fear of being jailed," he said, "but from fear of being dismissed from employment, banned from radio work, disqualified from teaching or unacceptable for the lecture platform."

"Those sanctions are effective and powerful. They often carry as much sting as a fine or a jail sentence."



Miss Sita Gandhi, 24-year-old grand-daughter of Mahatma Gandhi, who recently defied Post Office apartheid in Durban.

FRIENDS INDEED

PRETORIA.

Thirty seven members of the S.A. Police were given medals last week for good service. Paying tribute to the Police, Minister C. R. Swart said that their "experience and ability" would be needed during 1953. As long as they were doing their duty in maintaining law and order he, as their Minister, would stand behind them.

WHO IS REAL TERRORIST?

LONDON.

"I do not know of any good reason why as Christians we should consider in Kenya colony a Mau Mau with a knife is a terrorist, but a Briton with a tank and a tommy-gun is not a terrorist. We must admit that even a Mau Mau terrorist has more natural and inalienable right in Kenya than any British duke or lord."—Rev. Dr. James EnCicott, Canadian missionary and peace leader, in an appeal for action to reduce international tension.

Another Trade Unionist Arrested

PIETERMARITZBURG.

Mr. Temba Harry Gwala, a veteran trade unionist who is well known in working-class circles here, was recently arrested on charges arising out of an alleged contravention of the Suppression of Communism Act.

It is alleged that Mr. Gwala attended meetings of the Rubber Workers' Union at Howick in contravention of an order served on him by the Minister of Justice forbidding him to attend any gatherings, other than those of a bona fide social, religious or recreational nature for a period of two years. Mr. Gwala was Secretary of the Rubber Workers' Union at the time when the notice was served on him.

The Rubber Workers' Union was recently successful, with the aid of the local Trades and Labour Council, in persuading the employers to enter into direct negotiations with them.

Mr. Gwala appeared in the Howick Magistrate's Court, when his case was remanded, bail being fixed at £100.



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KENYA SPEEDS UP ROAD TO GALLOWES

LONDON.

New regulations speeding up the road to the gallows for Africans in Kenya have caused considerable misgivings in Britain, even from the Tory Government's supporters. The regulations are designed to "expedite the course of criminal proceedings" and to "reduce the delay in executing capital sentences."

In other words, they aim to cut short the trial of the victims of Kenya police terrorism and thereafter to hang them without wasting time.

One provision of the new terror regulations is that the Government may omit or break off the preliminary hearing of a charge before magistrates and send the victim direct to a High Court for trial. If convicted by that court in a capital offence there will be no delay in promptly hanging him.

The Times points out that the removal of hearings from a lower court deprives the person of two fundamental rights enshrined in British law from remote times:

"The first is the right of personal freedom, which means that the executive cannot arrest a man without being bound at the next opportunity to bring him into court and give adequate reasons for keeping him in custody pending trial. The second is the right not to be put in peril on a major charge until the prosecution has satisfied an impartial authority that there is a substantial case to answer."

The Times says it is unfortunate that the British Parliament is not sitting to demand promptly that such regulations be explained in detail and justified.

Legal authorities also point out that even for an emergency the Government's powers of arrest and detention are considerable and that the speed-up of executions will threaten the right of appeal of an accused and prevent him from benefiting from the prerogative of mercy.

NATS. BEGIN VICIOUS ANTI-AFRICAN CAMPAIGN IN WESTERN PROVINCE

Suggest Complete Elimination

CAPE TOWN.

"DIE BURGER", the local Nationalist newspaper, in a recent editorial, recommends the complete expulsion of all Africans from the Western Cape as soon as possible. This suggestion follows months of intensive anti-African propaganda on every possible pretext.

The leading article referred to above follows closely on, and refers specifically to, a series of four long feature articles written specially for "Die Burger" by Professor N. J. Olivier, of the Stellenbosch University. Professor Olivier is also vice-chairman of the Nationalist South African Bureau of Racial Affairs (Sabra). "Die Burger" drew special attention, editorially, to these features, when they first began to appear.

These feature articles, while adding nothing new to either the facts or the reasons for the influx of Africans to the Western Cape, attempt to lay down a theoretical justification for the proposed policy of harassing, persecuting and eventually driving the African people from this area.

On this issue, says "Die Burger," it should be possible to achieve a united front of Coloured and European.

Frequent references to the "threat" which the Africans supposedly constitute to the Coloured community foreshadows an intensive, viciously racialistic and dangerous anti-

African campaign amongst the Coloured population.

"NEW BASTARD RACE" The African, according to Professor Olivier, is "exploiting" the Coloured community, "and especially Coloured women and young girls," and thereby "lowering the moral standard of the Coloured community".

A new "bastard race" is developing and for this and other reasons, such as competition for employment and housing, the Coloured people are more than justified in objecting to the Africans, continues the Professor.

It is the African, maintains Professor Olivier, who has upset the relationship between White and Coloured. The implementation of apartheid policies did injustice to the Coloured person... because it put him with the African under the all embracing description of "nie-blankses"!

Preparatory to driving the African out altogether, says the Professor, certain preliminary steps can and must be taken immediately. No further African women or families must be permitted to enter the Western Cape. Those who are already here must be systematically removed, and the Government and the Department of Native Affairs have an important role to play in this connection.

APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS

Obviously enamoured of the Professor's ideas "Die Burger" urges farmers, merchants, industrialists and housewives to co-operate in the task. They should throw out their African workers and replace them, by either machinery or other

labour. The job must be done soon, otherwise it will be too late.

Although "Die Burger" has the grace to admit that it won't be easy to drive the Africans out, the present inspired campaign indicates that the Nationalist Party and Government Administrative machines will be harnessed to the task. The Africans in the Western Cape may expect intensified oppression and hardship.

Another Suppression of Communism Act Trial

STUTTERHEIM.

Mr. G. A. M. Mfaza, Secretary of the Stutterheim branch of the A.N.C., appeared before the Magistrate's court on January 5 on a charge under the Suppression of Communism Act. The Crown alleged that he had attended a gathering in defiance of an order by Minister Swart forbidding him to do so. The case was remanded to January 19. Bail of £100 has been allowed.

DON'T BOMB US

-P.O.W. APPEAL

LONDON.

Lack of confidence in their own Air Force was sharply illustrated in a curious broadcast picked up on Peking Radio from U.S. airmen who are prisoners of war appealing to their comrades in the Fifth Air Force not to bomb P.O.W. camps during the holiday season.

The broadcast appealed to service pilots to "take a chair and listen". It continued:

WONDERFUL JOB

"We always admit the Air Force did a wonderful job in the struggle against the Germans and Japanese, but here in Korea we think you overdone it and set new records. A lot of homeless people who are now living in caves and dugouts in mountains; some of them are missing their mothers and fathers and children, and their homes that weren't military targets. That's a new record for the Fifth Air Force isn't it?"

"And what about the P.O.W. camps, are they targets also?"

"Don't forget, some of your buddies are up here. Do you know what it is to wake up in the middle of the night and see planes bombing and strafing the camp that you live in, and seeing for yourself the house in flames and some of your buddies lying on a stretcher hurt, and know that these are your buddies, the same guys who only a few months ago were with you flying together on the same mission."

"Tell the world, fellows, is this the kind of record you want? If you are on patrol, or on a mission, remember there are no guns in our camps, so don't take it out on us."

"We would like to have and to spend a nice quiet New Year's eve. Please fellows, if you are having a drink fill it up again, and we hope your next mission will be homeward bound."

NEW PASSES

PRETORIA.

An official of the Native Affairs Department told the conference of municipal and Native Affairs officials being held in Pretoria that Native registration books would be issued in two or three weeks time.

INCREASED PRESSURE FOR INDIAN GHETTOS

JOHANNESBURG.

INDIANS here fear that the new Indus Township at Lenz is to be the future group area for the Indians. Both the Transvaal Indian Congress and the Transvaal Indian Organisation completely oppose the Lenz Township scheme and have made representations against it.

Yet plans for its development are proceeding fast. Application has been made in the *Government Gazette* by the company operating the scheme for the sale of open permits to members of the Indian group. The Group Areas Board sits to consider this application this week.

Despite the opposition of the T.I.C. and the T.I.O., the businessmen-sponsors of the Lenz scheme claim that "prominent Indians" are in support of it. Pressed to reveal who these individuals are, the issue was evaded.

Significantly last year's Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. C. F. Beckett, is one of the directors of the Lenz Indus Township Co. (Pty.) Ltd. It was during his terms of office in 1951 that wholesale ejections of Indians from their homes to make way for business and factory premises brought the Indian housing shortage to a crisis.

In their representations of the scheme the T.I.C. and the T.I.O. urged that the housing of Indians was the responsibility of the City Council, and not the province of private business ventures.

FUTURE AT STAKE

To give substance to their fears, "Advance" learns this

week that stands 50 feet by 100 feet are to be sold for £300, and at an interest rate of 6 per cent. This exorbitant rate, to cap it, for stands over 18 miles from Johannesburg. (Lenz is on the road to Vereeniging.)

The T.I.C. and T.I.O. feel that once an area where Indians may acquire stands has been opened up, it will be but a short step to agitation from the racialists of both major political parties for the removal to the "exclusively Indian area" of all Indians in the city centre and suburbs. This is the avowed policy of the Nationalist Government, proclaimed in Dr. Dinges' Inter-Departmental Report that preceded the Group Areas Act.

The Transvaal Indian Congress told the Townships Board at the end of last year that the creation of a group area at Lenz would ultimately imply the removal of the 20,000 Indian people of Johannesburg. "The very future of the Indians is at stake."

The Indian community has other objections to the scheme; its operation by a private, profit-making company; and the plan to make provision in the township for separate areas for Gujerati Hindus, Tamil Hindus and Muslims.

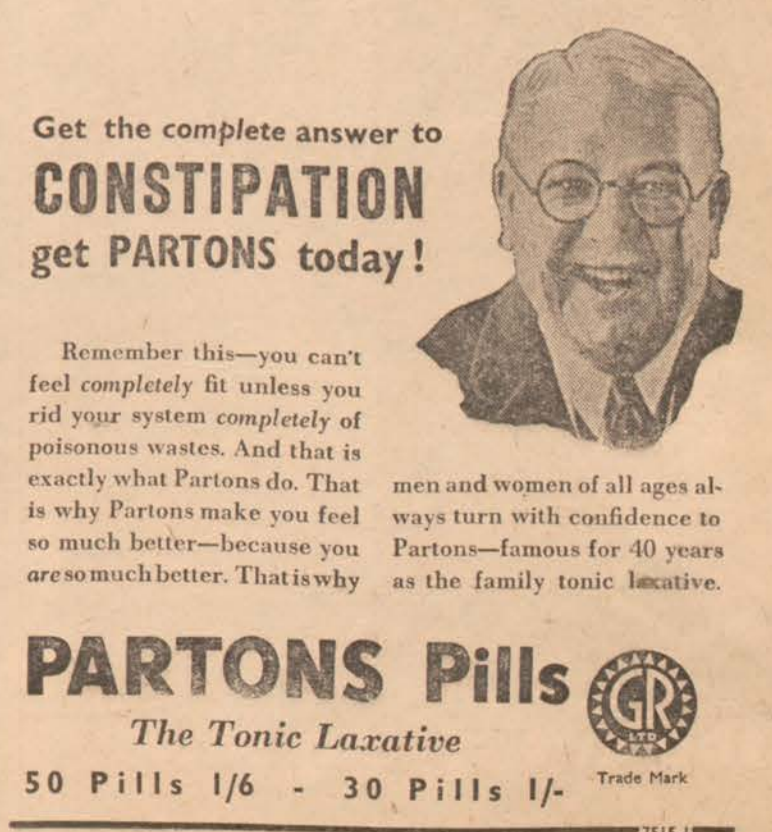


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MORE FASCISM IN KENYA

NAIROBI.

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ON PARADE

INSULTING CALLOUSNESS OF THE DAILY PRESS

By SAM KAHN

Modern civilisation has unfortunately been brought with it great disasters. Accustomed as we are to war, news of train smashes, mining disasters, tornadoes, ship wrecks and riots, we can never avoid a shiver or sense of shock at reading a report involving large-scale death.

Some disasters are ennobled by feats of heroism, such as the cool and dramatic courage of some African miners, who

were in a group entombed for over two days under a fall of rock. Alongside these golden rays of human courage one experiences the sordid cowardice of South Africa's race attitude as shown by our press. I refer to the white supremacist practice of our newspapers in hardly ever mentioning the names of non-Europeans killed or injured in accidents and disasters.

When Europeans are involved, as soon as the identity of victims is established, the press hastens to publish their names and addresses. This serves a useful purpose not only for the morbid, but because it creates an opportunity for friends to give comfort to the bereaved and morale to the injured involved in these tragedies. It has the further, and to my mind, even more important effect of identifying the dead or injured, and thus relieving friends and relatives of those who have escaped injury from anxiety about those dear to them.

They Forget

In the case of non-Europeans, although it is equally easy for the press to obtain the names of those affected, this is never done. They seem to forget that non-Europeans read newspapers or are told by others about what appears in the press. If a report is published that two European miners and 20 African miners have been killed in a disaster on the XYZ mine, which employs 1,000 Europeans and 8,000 Africans, obviously every

wife or father and mother of a miner employed on the XYZ mine will be in a state of great anxiety until it is clear that her husband or son has not been involved.

Miners have relatives not only on the spot but throughout the country, and this is more so in the case of Africans, whose families are generally hundreds of miles away from their place of work. Within a few hours publication of the names of the two Europeans eliminates concern about the fate of the remaining 998 European miners, but failure to publish the names of the 20 Africans means constant fear and distress on the part of the families of all 8,000 non-European employees.

Is it mere heartlessness or indifference that lies behind such an attitude? This press callousness is aggravated by another practice of never prefixing Mr. or Mrs. in front of the names of non-Europeans while often doing so in the case of Europeans. Our white press does not thus dignify a non-European name, dead or alive.

This press practice goes deeper than mere discourtesy. It is part of an inhuman race attitude, which belittles everyone non-European. The non-European is regarded merely as a statistical cypher, not possessed of personality or manly dignity and incapable of being the object of family love and affection.

Like Hitler

Were I to compare this attitude to the subhuman men-

talities of a Hitler or a Goering, I would be accused of exaggeration and extremism by the scribes of the press. Nevertheless, I do make the comparison, and the accusation that this attitude is mentally no different from the genocide of a Herman Goering, who was condemned to die for that crime. It promotes an attitude of racial indifference as cruel as lynching and torturing.

It suits the mammoth mining corporations, big farmers and landowners, merchants and industrial exploiters, who manipulate the nations politics and its legal code. It helps create a barbaric pattern of legalised violence against the non-European people in the form of denial of freedom of movement, residence and right to seek employment. After all, if such people are only anonymous physical sufferers in tragedy and disaster, why waste sympathy on the political disasters of votelessness, rightlessness and homelessness from which they suffer.

Arrogance

A glaring instance of the attitude of arrogance and contempt which it breeds came to my mind this week when reading one of the rare cases where an African name was mentioned in a newspaper. A columnist publicised as newsworthy an item from the Government Gazette in which a man advertised his intention of changing his name from the European sounding name of Harrison to Hlolo. No comment was made by the columnist; no comment was needed.

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RACING

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Milnerton Hcp., Middles: Well Done. Danger, Carlene.
Milnerton Hcp., Bottoms: Le Laddie. Danger, Tyro.
Maiden Stakes, 9f.: Elfin. Danger, L'Amour.
Steward's Cup Hcp., 5f.: Snipe. Danger, Dowry.
Ascot Hcp. (B), 6f.: Green Jewel. Danger, Scotch Grass.
Ascot Hcp. (C), 6f.: Lalji. Danger, Krell.
Juvenile Hcp. (Fillies), 5f.: Resolute. Danger, Fair Maid.

GERMISTON

The following are Centaur's selections for Germiston on Saturday:

Juvenile Hcp. 5f.: 1, Frenzy; 2, Translate; 3, Pink Dawn.
Maiden Plate, 6f.: 1, Scotch Harvest; 2, Djarnac; 3, Windsor Light.
Delville Hcp. (A), 9f.: 1, Bruce; 2, Northumberland Fusilier; 3, Fire Eater.
Delville Hcp. (B), 8f.: 1, Breakwater; 2, Eskimo Lad; 3, No Regrets.

Delville Hcp. (C), 9f.: 1, Abbessval; 2, Carnfray; 3, Chesler.
Klipportjie Hcp. (B), 5f.: 1, Burnt Wood; 2, Mortise; 3, Snag.
Delville Hcp. (D), 8f.: 1, Nile Express; 2, Daring Maid; 3, Gay Khakan.
Klipportjie Hcp. (D), 5f.: 1, Clear Scotch; 2, Brighter London; 3, Set.
Klipportjie Hcp. (C), 7f.: 1, Kilbride; 2, Hippodrome; 3, Victoria Rose.

NO INFORMATION ON PRISONER KILLINGS

LONDON.

Guards posted over prisoners-of-war are prohibited from the use of force against civilian prisoners under Article 32 of the Geneva Civilian Convention, the British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nutting, was forced to admit when questioned by Labour members on the latest American massacre of prisoners on Pongam Island. The U.S. guards killed 86 and wounded 120 unarmed prisoners. The British Minister admitted his Government had frequently pressed the U.S. Government for information on the killing episodes but so far none had been received.



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