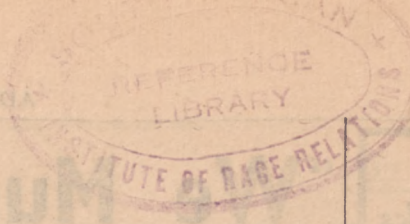


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## Matthews To Open A.N.C. Conference

CAPE TOWN.

A mass conference has been called by the Cape Western Region of the African National Congress on November 29 at 162 Longmarket Street, Cape Town. Political organisations, vigilance associations, religious and recreational bodies have been invited to send delegates.

Amongst the items on the agenda are a discussion on united action against oppressive measures, including the Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Act and the Bantu Education Act and the economic boycott.

Professor Z. K. Matthews, provincial president of the A.N.C., will open the conference at 10 a.m.

## An Absolute Disgrace

Yes, the amount collected for Advance last week is an absolute disgrace—only £33.6.1.

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It costs us £400 a week to produce the paper. Of that sum we have asked readers to contribute £200 regularly until the end of the year. Despite the fine efforts of our voluntary helpers, that sum has not so far been realised.

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# NEW APARTHEID THREAT IN JO'BURG

## Thousands More To Be Uprooted

JOHANNESBURG.

WITH public feeling, both non-white and white, mounting in intensity against the inhuman Western Areas Plan, Dr. Verwoerd has seen fit to approve yet another vicious scheme for "race-regional planning of Native Townships" which will have the effect of uprooting tens of thousands more non-white residents of Johannesburg from their homes.

The new plan, contained in the report of a departmental "fact-finding" committee presided over by Nationalist M.P. F. E. Mentz, threatens to remove Africans living in Pimville, Alexandra Township (except those working in the Northern suburbs) Kensington B and other areas.

At a time when there is an enormous backlog of African housing, particularly for residents of the scandalous municipal shanty towns of Moroka, Jabavu and the Orlando "shelters", the Mentz Committee proposes a crazy scheme to concentrate the entire African population of Johannesburg in a vast western location beyond Orlando eventually containing over half a million people.

A peremptory note from Native Affairs Secretary Dr. W. M. Eiselen to the Johannesburg City Council asks whether the Council accepts the Mentz Committee recommendations and what steps it intends taking to implement them. He asks the Council to acquire the land referred to.

"The removal of all squatters and Natives who belong in locations is also a matter which must be considered as urgent, as the critical conditions prevailing in the areas mentioned cannot be tolerated any longer," writes Dr. Eiselen.

"It is the wish of the Minister that your council should adopt a constructive policy which should earnestly be embarked upon in order to carry into effect the recommendations of the report."

### WESTERN AREAS STORM

Meanwhile, the storm of indignation and anger against the original Western Areas Scheme is mounting to hurricane heights. A crowded public gallery at last week's City Council meeting, including many Church dignitaries, Parliamentarians and other prominent persons, applauded loudly when Councillor Cutten moved that the Council reject the scheme.

When Councillor G. B. Gordon, U.P. dictator of the City Council, rose to defend the Verwoerd Wes-



### U.S. Must Answer Germ War Charges

American propagandists, falling over themselves to refute charges of germ-warfare in Korea, are relying entirely on statements by some American airmen who, since repatriation, have repudiated confessions made by them while prisoners of war.

Observers point out, however, that not all United States airmen who made voluntary statements in the p.o.w. camps have repudiated their affidavits, in spite of open threats by U.S. government spokesmen, such as that made by the Defence Secretary, Charles E. Wilson.

In a special statement on September 24 Wilson had declared that "the Nation cannot condone the actions of American war prisoners who made false confessions or who turned informer on their fellow prisoners in Red camps," and that "some of them must face court martial".

The Americans also choose to ignore the fact that the Korean and Chinese charges are by no means based solely on the challenged confessions, but on a weight of factual evidence substantiated by leading scientists from many countries.

The "sworn statements" produced by the Americans are in any case full of inaccuracies and absurdities. Air Force Lieutenant H. S. Quinn, for instance, in his "repudiation", states that he had made his original confession only after he had "had twenty months of confinement in an ice-cold cave too low for a man to stand up in".

Quinn made his confession in April, 1952. Twenty months before that date is August, 1950, long before he had been captured, or even sent to Korea. He was at that time teaching in an American Air School in the United States.

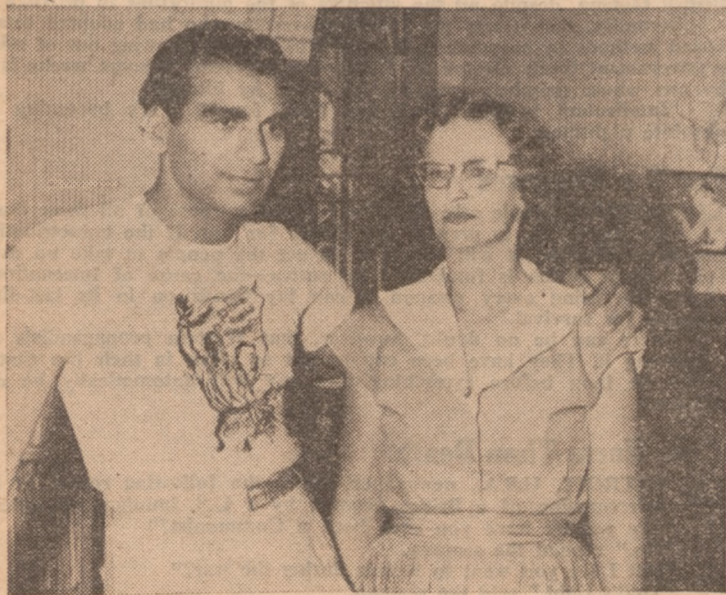
Our picture shows Colonel Frank H. Schwable, whose admissions on germ warfare in Korea were published in detail in Advance several months ago. Col. Schwable is shown gesturing during a press conference at Inchon in mid-September, when he was returned to U.N. hands in the last group of prisoners of war to be exchanged.

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A recent picture of Dr. Cheddi Jagan and Mrs. Janet Jagan, leaders of the People's Progressive Party of British Guiana.

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**CRISIS IN MALAYA**

SINGAPORE.

The Indonesian announcement that that country will sell rubber to China has created a demand for a similar move against the planters and merchants in Malaya, where the American refusal to buy more than a limited amount of natural rubber has driven prices down to the lowest level for years.

Malayan industry is in deep crisis with no solution in sight. The war against the patriots has driven up taxation, and new increases are expected with the forecast of a £12 million budget deficit. Rubber estates have stopped almost all new planting and many workers have been sacked, swelling the army of unemployed created by the recent closing down of some 50 to 60 tin mines.

Wages on the rubber estates have been cut five times in the past two years, and the military authorities are opposing any further cuts through fear that such a move would drive thousands of workers into the Liberation Army.

The general picture for the planters has not been made any brighter by the official announcement that the Liberation Army is now estimated to be twice as strong as it was two years ago.

**New Union Branch in Cape Town**

CAPE TOWN.

Seventy-four workers attended the inaugural meeting of the African Laundry and Dyeing Workers' Union in Cape Town last Sunday. Mr. J. Funani was elected chairman of the branch, Mr. M. Mangisa vice-chairman, Mr. S. M. Bobosi treasurer and Mr. O. Mpetha organising secretary.

Mr. L. Masina, general secretary of the African Laundry and Dyeing Workers' Union, came to Cape Town from Johannesburg to organise the branch.

**ON PARADE**

**THE JEWISH TRADITION**

By SAM KAHN

A discussion between two Jewish socialist mothers raised in my mind the question of education for children of progressive Jewish families. One lifted her eyebrows on hearing that the other's three-year-old son attended a nursery school organised by the conservative Union of Jewish Women and so would be exposed to religious and nationalist influences. Her own child had been a pupil at a no more secular nursery institution conducted along conventional South African lines, including Christian and scriptural influences.

The critical mother apparently imagines there is a real difference between the obscurantism of Jehovah and the no-more authentic mysticism of the Holy Trinity.

It is in the first place most unfortunate that progressive parents in the larger towns of South Africa have not organised their own pre-school nurseries, free from religious confusion, open to children of all colours and races, who will, perforce, be separated later when their formal segregated school education begins and their young minds are assaulted by vulgar racialist teaching.

**Progressive Need**

Secondly her attitude is a kind of back-turning on the Jewish people whose children should certainly learn and be taught the historical, cultural and social aspects of Jewish life in a constructive, positive, progressive, secular manner.

It would be gratifying to see our children developing a constructive Jewish consciousness divorced from distorted nationalism or theological mysticism. A constant drawing from the vast body of Jewish culture and history cannot but help enrich and strengthen democratic awareness and nurture

understanding of their fellowship with other oppressed peoples like the Non-Europeans whose emancipation will go hand in hand with their own.

The Jews have a two-thousand year history of continuous struggle against discrimination and prejudice, a history too full of years of oppression and people's pain, in which there are bright points of flame marking the times when freedom and deliverance were grasped and fought for.

**Memories**

Over the centuries these beacons were kept bright, fanned with the breath of folk expression and improvisation, fed with the strong will of a people to win their freedom.

These were the great moments which caught the folk imagination and became the source of folk expressions, songs, stories and legends of heroism.

Why neglect (or abandon as a monopoly of the Synagogue), the significant Jewish festivals of the Passover, Chanukah, and some aspects of Purim—epic stories of oppression, resistance and liberation from the tyrants of ancient Egypt, Rome and Persia.

Passover is much more than a celebration of Springtime. It is a holiday on which Jews should remind themselves and other people about the time they were slaves under the bondage of foreign masters at the mouth of the River Nile, what is now known as the Suez Canal Zone.

When the Pharaohs started a campaign of persecution of the Hebrew immigrants and forced them into work on all the construction going on in Egypt, the Jews revolted.

Many revolts have taken place among the enslaved, and courageous brilliant leaders appeared to take their people out of slavery. So Spartacus, the slave, led a furious struggle against the Romans. So Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth fought slavery in the U.S.A.

So Moses arose thousands of years ago to lead his people out of Egypt in an organised flight from the oppression of the Pharaohs.

There is a beautiful song that is sung the world over which pays tribute to that blow for freedom struck by the Jews of long ago:

"Go down Moses  
Way down in Egypt land  
Tell old Pharaoh  
To let my people go."

The time has come to re-write the Haggadah. Most Jews have forgotten that the important part of the Seder is not the ceremonial and the Gargantuan Supper. Passover should make us proud that Jews struggled for their independence and gave us a wonderful heritage.

Children can help to keep themselves free by learning their own history and the history of others.

Passover should remind us that terrible attacks are now taking place against the Non-European, Asiatic and African peoples and against the Jews too. We can remember that millions of people are struggling for the same freedom.

**People's Epic**

The legend of Purim also embodies the Jewish will to freedom. Stemming from an incident in the history of the Jewish community of Persia during the reign of a king named Ahasveros, the account has now become a part of world literature as the Book of Esther. Here, in the direct and proud style of a people's epic, we are told the wonderful story of Esther and Mordecai, who became the objects of the fierce hatred of the king's Minister Haman, who plotted to wipe out all the Jews in the vast kingdom of Persia. Through the heroism of Esther, Haman was caught in his own trap and was hung on the same gallows he had prepared for the Jew Mordecai. The Jews resisted and killed the enemies who attacked them on Haman's orders.

This simple story of deliverance might have ended like one of many stories, buried in vague memory. Yet it spread and became a weapon in later struggles for freedom. It first became widely told during a period of popular resurgence and struggle.

At the time of the Maccabean revolt against the tyrant Antiochus, the Purim story was used to fire the Jews with a spirit of heroism and freedom. The people's mind began to work like a shuttle over the loom of the historical in-

cident, over the frame of its telling in the Book of Esther. A rich carpet of commentary, new variations, and folk custom was woven. Haman became the Syrian oppressor, he became the Roman tyrant, he was changed into an inquisitor in Spain, and into any of ten thousand tyrants and anti-Semites in Poland, Italy, in the mediaeval towns, each with its walled group area ghetto, in the Pale of Settlement of Czarist Russia, and in Hitler Germany.

The folk heroes, Esther and Mordecai, lived in every act of resistance and revolt in Jewish history. The eternal optimism of the Jews gives these folk-heroes immortality.

**No Miracles**

Some religious scribes look with disfavour upon the inclusion of Esther with the other holy writings in the Bible because there was no mention of God in the story. The Jews had emancipated themselves by their own actions and not through the intervention of any God-like power. They saved themselves from destruction by their enemies by organising a fighting resistance. No Red Sea miracle but men's actions saved them.

Such Jewish festivals and history are not an academic object for historians alone. They are not a sterile thing of the past nor are they the property of the Synagogue exclusively. They arose secularly and belong to those who fight in their tradition. They became a weapon of hope in the Warsaw ghetto and the resistance movement of the Jewish people during the last war.

They have a message for us, and our children, and for all fighters for earthly freedom.

**READERS' VIEWS**

**M.R.A: Not Wanted**

From Arnold Selby, Bertrams, Johannesburg:

So the M.R.A. big shots will soon be visiting us to change our hearts. We the ordinary people of this country don't need our hearts changed. We want to live in peace and security and not in an atmosphere charged with racial tension and a threat of war.

We are prepared to work and co-operate with the authorities if they will abolish the pass laws, Group Areas Act, Suppression of Communism Act, Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Act and all the other unjust laws under which we have to live.

We will co-operate with the Government if they will extend the Unemployment Insurance Act to cover Africans; if they will recognise the right of all workers to belong to trade unions and bargain collectively with their employers for higher wages and better conditions of work. We will co-operate if the franchise is extended to cover all adults.

Let the Government put a stop to the building of luxury offices and flats. And put into operation a scheme for the building of houses at rents which we can afford. We will co-operate.

Our hearts don't need to be changed. We know what we want and we don't want to see or hear the M.R.A. big shots. Let them try and change the hearts of our fascist rulers, if that is at all possible.

We the ordinary people of this country will not submit to oppression, and will continue with our fight until the threat which the Government holds to the peace and security of our country is removed for ever.

**Man and Beliefs**

From Mr. W. Elephant, Vasco:

Every man has the right to determine his own religious belief, but this does not mean that he must be insulated from all contact with religious ideas in his youth. It is impossible to bring up the young in a spiritual vacuum. This would inevitably open the doors to the evils of materialism, for to dethrone God is to enthrone man.

It has been well said by a recent writer that "No true education can escape the responsibility of communicating a view of life, that is, of indoctrinating".

**Africans Must Learn to Fly**

From E. B. Siwisa, Grahamstown:

I read with great disgust the action taken by the Worcester Municipality in destroying African homes, without even giving any warning or fresh accommodation. As for the 2 pictures of 2 families whose homes were demolished they were very touching. As one who has pride of his race, I felt that we are absolutely looked upon as being less human than any other nation. I will therefore appeal to all our leading democratic organisations to take a serious view of such actions by any government body. It's measures like these that lead to the frequent riots between the privileged and the less privileged classes. "We are human beings," and we should be regarded as such, failing which, hatred between the whites and non-whites is still going a long way.

**GROUP AREAS AND THE INDIANS**

May I end by saying: Remember the words of Dr. Aggrey: "My people of Africa, we are created in the image of God, but men have made us think we are chickens. Stretch out your wings and fly! Don't be content with the food of chickens."

We can only fly by fighting all the hardships imposed on us.

**GROUP AREAS AND THE INDIANS**

From Mr. Malek Rasool, Kinross:

To what evil extent the Group Areas Act can be applied has a last been exposed during the recent sitting of the Land Tenure Advisory Board at Nylstroom in the Transvaal.

After serving unflinchingly the residents of Nylstroom for nearly forty years, the Indian people, these pioneers of commerce, who are part and parcel of the growth of the town, are now charged with pollution. Yes! Their presence defiles the whites, their churches and their schools.

Who are these who demand the removal of the Indians? They are the very people who cannot withstand trade competition. The very men who find it difficult to compete with the Indian trader.

The Group Areas Act is a carte-blanche to the unscrupulous white trader who sees in it the death-knell of his arch-competitor—the Indian.

But whatever the outcome, it is clear that the people of South Africa, white and non-white, have now seen how morally corrupt and base this Ghetto Act is in its application.

**EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK**

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On the other hand he is told that he may not do any work classed as skilled for less than the full rate of wages paid to skilled workers.

Not being a fully skilled worker and being an African he is seldom able to get skilled work at the full rate. And so there is nothing for him but unskilled or semi-skilled work.

**Big Change**

That was the position until before the 2nd world war. Now it is changing owing to the enormous expansion of industry and the shortage of artisans.

As the building industry shows Africans are moving into the skilled trades, but at wage rates far below those paid to the artisan. It is up to the artisan to welcome these newcomers, to organise them and to conduct a common struggle with them for satisfactory wages and conditions for all workers.

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## "We Must Rise To Defend Our Rights"

### Bishop Condemns Anti- Communism Act

JOHANNESBURG.

THE trade unionists whom Mr. Swart has banned are men and women who have made a great contribution to the economic life of the country, Rt. Rev. Ambrose Reeves, Bishop of Johannesburg, told a meeting held last week under the auspices of the S.A. Trades and Labour Council to protest against the bannings.

After making clear his own objections to Communists, the Bishop went on to condemn the Suppression of Communism Act which, he said, could only drive Communism underground. The Act embodied evil principles, he said. The punishment of offenders should be in the hands of the judges in courts of law.

"It is high time we in South Africa rose to defend our rights and secure justice for all . . . This legislation has attacked all basic human rights. People are not allowed to worship God without the permission of the Minister.

"If you share the belief that this

legislation is bad, you must do everything in your power to have the Act repealed," said Rev. Reeves.

#### VICIOUS

Miss Anna Scheepers, speaking in Afrikaans, said the Act contained three vicious principles: retrospectivity, absence of recourse to the courts, and the dictatorial powers of the Minister. Unless the people of South Africa took action, she said, the trade unions were doomed.

Miss Dulcie Hartwell, secretary of the Trades and Labour Council, said that some banned African trade unionists had received notices prohibiting them from attending gatherings "designed to improve conditions of workers". These orders were intended to prevent experienced and able persons from defending the rights of the workers.

In the next session of Parliament, legislation would be introduced to prevent trade unions from participating in politics, Miss Hartwell told the meeting. "And who is to define what politics are? If the Government raises the price of bread—that is politics!"

Mr. Ray Altman, of the National Union of Distributive Workers, warned the meeting that the Nationalists were out to control the trade unions, in accordance with their plan, published in 1943, entitled "The Road to a New South Africa."

Mr. F. A. W. Lucas also spoke.

Mr. Carl Rehm presided over the meeting, which adopted a resolution demanding the repeal of the Suppression of Communism Act.

### New Apartheid Threat in Jo'burg

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tern Areas plan he was met with hostile silence from the gallery but enthusiastic "hoor-hoors" from the little group of Nationalist Councilors.

Significant too was the fact that in last week's by-election, in which for the first time the Liberal Party put forward a candidate (Mr. Leslie Cooper) for public office, both candidates put the Western Areas Scheme in the forefront of their campaigns, and both condemned it strongly.

The United Party candidate, Dr. B. Wilson, who won with a handsome majority, attended his first Council meeting in this debate, and vigorously supported Mr. Cutten's resolution.

Despite the defeat of Mr. Cutten's motion, the U.P. machine was forced to pass a face-saving resolution urging the Minister to appoint a judicial commission to "enquire into property ownership in the Western Areas".

Make Sure You Don't  
Miss the Advance Party  
on Xmas Eve

## Clarion Call

### Forthcoming Election

AFRICAN National Congress circles in the Cape seem to be in two minds about the forthcoming by-election for a Native Representative to succeed Mr. Brian Bunting in the House of Assembly. A recent meeting of the Cape Western Region of the A.N.C. decided to recommend to the National Executive that the decision to boycott the election of representatives to Parliament under the Representation of Natives Act of 1936 be reviewed.

Last week, however, a meeting of the African National Congress Youth League held in Cape Town instructed the executive of the local branch to formulate ways and means of implementing the boycott decision. Among the suggestions raised at the meeting were house-to-house canvassing, picketing the polling booths and the distribution of leaflets.

It is high time the A.N.C. nationally made up its mind once and for all about these elections. The boycott decision may have been correct at the time it was adopted, but is certainly incorrect at the present time, when the Nationalists are threatening to abolish the African franchise in its entirety. To boycott the elections today means to play the Nat. game, because a successful boycott will be used by the Government as a conclusive argument for the abolition of all representation in the House of Assembly.

In any case, a boycott would not prevent some stooge candidate from getting elected, and for five years he would pose, and be represented by the press, as the spokesman of the African people.

### Unpopular

ABOVE all, the boycott policy is unpopular with the African people, who are keen to become voters and to have the opportunity to vote. Last year, during the by-election campaign following Mr. Sam Kahn's expulsion from the House, some A.N.C. leaders in the Cape issued dire threats that any member who took part in the campaign would be dealt with by the executive. That the African voters ignored these threats was proved by the record majority they accorded Mr. Brian Bunting on polling day.

It was this election which compelled many A.N.C. leaders to revise their attitude towards the boycott, and today there is a strong movement inside the A.N.C. for rescinding the boycott decision, which has contributed nothing to the progress of the A.N.C. or the African people since it was adopted. If A.N.C. leaders are prepared to learn from their people, it may well be that the forthcoming national congress of the A.N.C. in December will see the end of the boycott policy.

To take part in the elections of Native Representatives to Parliament does not mean, as the boycotters argue, that one is helping to work the machinery of oppression and discrimination. Nor does it mean acceptance of the limited franchise rights granted to the African people by the Government. The election of both Mr. Kahn and Mr. Bunting to Parliament constituted victories for the African people and a severe setback for the Government. The task of the African people now is to see that the next election is also used as an opportunity to strike a blow against apartheid and for equal rights for all.

### Out of the Night

"BRITISH people do not know the extent to which they are living in a sort of intellectual twilight," said Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the British Labour leader, last week. Pointing out that no national British newspaper had printed in full the Soviet note replying to the West's invitation to Foreign Ministers' talks at Lugano, Mr. Bevan said the newspapers were no longer being used to communicate news to people but to indoctrinate ideas and conceal from the people things they should know.

What Mr. Bevan says of the British press is equally true of newspapers in all parts of the Western world. Particularly here in South Africa, where editors are restricted and intimidated by laws such as the Riotous Assemblies Act, Suppression of Communism Act, Criminal Laws Amendment Act and Native Administration Act, newspaper readers get a completely distorted idea of what is going on in the world.

Of course that doesn't prevent our fat-bellied, cigar-smoking editors boasting at luncheon parties of rich businessmen that "we" have a "free press", unlike those barbarians behind the Iron Curtain.

If our press is bad, the radio and the cinema are infinitely worse. Last week at the cinema I saw a newsreel showing British troops disembarking at Georgetown, British Guiana, "to restore order, prevent the establishment of a totalitarian regime and make the country safe for democracy".

Everybody just sat back and listened, while the smooth, unctuous voice of the announcer drooled on and on about the threat to freedom in British Guiana.

How many people in that cinema audience knew the facts? Firstly, that there was never any disorder in Georgetown or anywhere else in British Guiana, despite all the attempts of the authorities to provoke it.

Secondly, that it was the British Governor who had adopted totalitarian methods by suspending the constitution and throwing out of office a government freely elected by the people, replacing it some weeks later by one whose members were all appointed by himself.

"Intellectual twilight" isn't the word for it. It's becoming an absolute nightmare.

### For War Purposes

SOMETIMES people ask: "But what is the purpose of all these lies?" The answer is, to prepare the people for war. If the indoctrination has been effective, it will be easier to get the people to take up arms for a cause which is fundamentally rotten—the cause of international capitalism, using every weapon it can lay hands on in its last-ditch struggle for survival.

There can be no doubt, however, that Western propagandists are overdoing it. They have been caught out so often in their lies that it won't be long before everything they say will automatically be disbelieved.

### Fate Worse Than Death

DETROIT, U.S.A., newspaper carries the following report of the interrogation of a British seaman by a U.S. immigration official: "Are you or have you ever been a Communist?"

"No," replied the seaman.

"But I see you went to Russia during the war?"

"That's right," said the seaman.

"Well?", said the American official knowingly.

"Well," said the seaman, "I've also been to the Virgin Islands but that doesn't prove anything, does it?"

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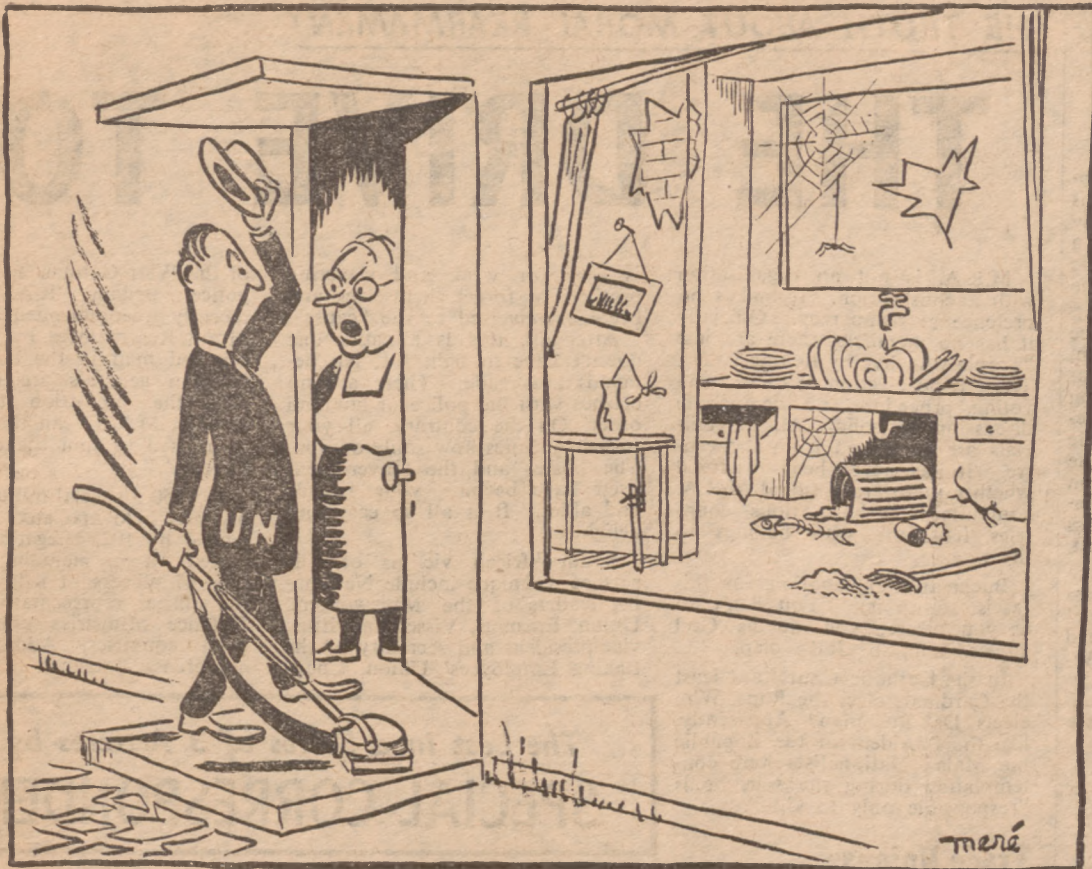


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# HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN MASS POLICE RAIDS

CAPE TOWN.

**A**FRICANS in the Cape Peninsula have in the past few weeks been subjected to intensive police raids designed to weed "undesirables" out of the urban area.

From all parts of the Peninsula come reports of Africans being stopped by the police and asked to produce any one of the various documents they must carry. It is a common practice for passengers alighting from the train at Langa station to be interrogated on the spot. Non-production of a pass results in immediate arrest.

Several hundred Africans have been arrested in the last week alone, and the criminal court at Langa has become congested. Advance was informed that the weekly rate of court cases dealt with is in the neighbourhood of 400, and that fines are being levied at the rate of £400 a day.

A constant stream of Africans reports to the Salt River offices of the Native Commissioner to pay arrear taxes.

Africans rounded up in these raids can be charged for a number of offences—not being in possession of a seek-work permit, non-payment of rent or taxes, vagrancy, etc. The Government has evidently instructed the police to see that the provisions of the Urban Areas Act are enforced with the utmost stringency.

Hundreds of Africans who are considered to have no right to be in the Peninsula have been deported as a result of these raids.

### PROTESTS

Strong protests against these arrests were voiced at a meeting called at Langa by the African National Congress last Sunday. The meeting demanded an immediate stop to the indiscriminate arrest of people whose only offence was that they were Africans.

In addition the meeting called for more and better houses, lower rents and a lower cost of living for all the workers in South Africa.

Mr. W. Zihlangu, chairman of the Langa Branch of the A.N.C., presided at the meeting and among the speakers were Mr. L. Masina, Mr. J. C. Phela and Mr. O. Mpetha. The meeting was attended by over 300 people.

### U.S. Helps Imperialists

WASHINGTON.

American interest in maintaining colonial oppression was frankly stated by Mr. Byroade, the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs, when he addressed a meeting held in California recently.

"The basic policy of the United States was," he said, "to support evolutionary self-determination for all peoples as rapidly as possible, . . . but the granting of complete freedom to those who were not yet ready for it would serve the best interests neither of the United States nor the free world as a whole".

Evolutionary independence, he said, was not a cure-all for the perplexing problems of Asia and Africa.

"Let us be frank," he added, "in recognising our stake in the strength and stability of certain European nations which exercise influence in the dependent areas. They are our allies. A sudden break in economic relations might seriously injure the European economy upon which our Atlantic defence system depends, and at the same time prove equally injurious to the dependent territories themselves."

# EUROPE NERVOUS OF BERMUDA CONFERENCE

## Unwilling to Submit to U.S. Domination

LONDON.

**F**OR the Americans the meeting between Eisenhower, Churchill and the French premier Laniel, due to be held in Bermuda next month, is of crucial importance. The whole future of their war policy—and of their militarised economy—is at stake.

Recent signs of revolt on the part of their British and French satellites and particularly Churchill's recent abortive attempt to force top-level discussions with the Soviet Union, have created a great deal of uneasiness in Washington. After sabotaging any immediate prospect of talks with Russia, the Americans are making a determined effort to bring their apprehensive allies to heel.

In so far as Europe is concerned, Eisenhower will try to force Britain and France to agree to an even tougher policy towards the Soviet Union and, above all, to the ratification of the European Defence Community and the subsequent speedy rearming of Germany. Britain and France will also be asked to agree to handing over all unre-patriated prisoners in Korea to Syngman Rhee and Chiang Kai-shek, a move which would be a flagrant violation of the armistice agreement and the prelude to a renewal of the fighting.

### ALARMED

Alarm at the possible consequences of the Bermuda conference is widespread both in Britain and France. In France feeling is so strong that there is talk of overthrowing the Laniel government in order to stop the conference. The conservative paper "Figaro" has demanded that Laniel reconsider his acceptance of the invitation. Huge public meetings have been held throughout the country, protesting against German rearmament, and even the most reactionary politicians are finding it expedient to come out in opposition to the E.D.C. And the mounting protests are inevitably becoming increasingly tinged with anti-American feeling.

General de Gaulle, at his first press conference for nearly eight months, made a bitter attack on the United States conception of "defence". France, he said, was today only a protectorate, with her defence entrusted entirely to an American commander-in-chief, and this "at a time when American policy in many parts of the world did not coincide with French interests".

The Observer correspondent in Paris reports that the issue has split France from top to bottom. "Cabinet Ministers and Army generals," he writes, "are freely accusing one another of being not mistaken but treacherous, not unduly influenced by foreigners, but bought by foreign gold".

### IMPERIALISM

"Le Monde," influential independent evening paper, summing up the position in France says:

"Everything is happening as though the relations of France and the Anglo-Saxon block were those of a satellite and an imperial power. The war in Indo-China appears more and more to be a task for which we are being paid on behalf of foreign interests." It was a sorry spectacle, said the paper, to see the Prime Minister, M. Laniel, going to Bermuda "on behalf of an impotent French Government". Frenchmen were being haunted by a terrible comparison: M. Laniel was being summoned to Bermuda to explain himself, just as France had summoned the former Emperor Bao Dai to explain the discrepancy between Vietnam's official aims and those of its public opinion.

Soviet reaction to the Bermuda conference has been equally strong.

Mr. Molotov, speaking recently at a specially convened press conference, said that the holding of the conference tended to lead in the direction of increasing international tension.

### CONSIDERATION

The United States, Britain and France, he said, were refusing to consider the question of reducing international tension, and sought instead to subordinate the discussion of the German problem to the aim of accelerating her remilitarization and not that of re-establishing German unity on a peaceful and democratic basis.

"Judge for yourselves," he said. "Is it possible to promote the strengthening of peace and security by following this path?"

### A.N.C. Concert

CAPE TOWN.

A Grand Concert of the African National Congress (Retreat Branch) will be held on Saturday, December 5, at the Recreation Hall, Blaauwleij at 8 p.m. The purpose of the concert is to raise money to send delegates to the National Conference of the African National Congress at Queenstown in December.

### "Violets" in White Slave Traffic

LONDON.

An 18-year-old girl, badly beaten, staggered into a police station in Oran, French North Africa, recently to give the first clue to a great white-slaving racket which flies young girls from Paris to the brothels of Tunisia and Morocco. Police in Paris arrested a North African called Abiteboul who posed as a wealthy businessman. They intercepted telegrams to him, one of which read "Violets arrived well. Good perfume. Congratulations, Georgette". Violets was the code word for girls for whom he was paid £100 each. Delegates to the W.F.T.U. from French Morocco denounced the traffic in women and alleged one keeper in Marrakesh controlled 30,000 prostitutes.

### Another Notice For Dadoo

JOHANNESBURG.

Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, who was banned from the S.A. Congress and forbidden to attend gatherings in May 1952, has received a further notice from Mr. Swart listing fifteen further organisations from which he is directed to resign.

The organisations listed exist in the Transvaal, the Cape and Natal, and range from the African National Congress Youth League to the National Union of South African Students.

Dr. Dadoo is not a member of any of the organisations.

### Native Labour Act Condemned

JOHANNESBURG.

The Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Act was strongly denounced by a meeting called by the Furniture, Mattress and Bedding Workers' Industrial Union in the Trades Hall, Johannesburg, recently.

A resolution adopted at the meeting states that the Act "is designed to destroy the African Trade Unions, thereby rendering the African workers defenceless in the face of employers armed to the teeth."

Full support was pledged to the Council of non-European Trade Unions in its efforts to defeat "this obnoxious law," and the immediate recognition of African trade unions under the Industrial Conciliation Act was demanded.

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## RAY ALEXANDER'S TRADE UNION COLUMN

# EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK?

I see that the first Wage Determination has been published under the Native Building Workers Act of 1951. Readers will perhaps remember that this piece of legislation caused a tremendous amount of controversy in trade union circles during 1950 and 1951. There is a great deal which I would like to say about the Act and Determination, but I am going to limit myself on this occasion to just this one question of equal pay for equal work.

The Determination lays down a wage of 1s. 8½d. per hour for Africans employed on skilled work in the Cape Peninsula. On the Witwatersrand the rate is 1s. 5½d. Learners receive less (1s. 1d. for grade B and 1s. 3½d. for grade A in the Peninsula), while the wage rates for other centres are much less than those paid in Cape Town and the Witwatersrand.

## Comparison

Let me now compare these rates with the wage paid to the building labourers (the "so-called" unskilled workers) and, on the other hand with the artisans' wages. Here I am going to speak only about the wages paid in the Peninsula so as to avoid too much detail, but I should say that similar proportions exist everywhere else:

The building labourer gets 1s. per hour plus 2d. per hour paid in cash weekly in lieu of holiday pay. Under the Native Building Workers' Determination (No. 2464 of November, 1953) the workers are to get, in addition to four paid public holidays (Good Friday, Day of the Covenant, Christmas Day and New Year's Day) 12 days annual leave between 16th December and the 7th January. In making the comparison, therefore, we ought to ignore both the holiday pay under the Industrial Council agreement and the annual leave under the Determination. It will then be seen that the African skilled worker will receive, as a learner, 1d. more than the labourer, and, as a fully qualified worker 8½d. more.

## Artisan Rates

On the other hand the Industrial Council Agreement lays down a wage of 3s. 7d. per hour for most of the artisans in the building trade.

I have been told by an authority on the building trade that the rate of 1s. 8½d. per hour was arrived at after a consideration of the general run of African wages in industry as a whole, so as to keep the skilled rate in line with what Africans are being paid elsewhere.

In other words, the standard followed in fixing wages for skilled African workers is not the prevailing rate of pay for artisans but the miserable wages paid to the unskilled workers.

In fact, the actual difference is much bigger if one takes into account the cost of living allowance which increases with the rate of pay. The artisan under the Industrial Council Agreement gets a basic wage of 3s. 7d. per hour including cost of living allowance of 2s. 7d. per hour, 4d. holiday fund and 4d. per hour pension fund, which makes a total of 6s. 10d.; whereas the African skilled worker's gross wage, including the cost of living allowance of 10½d. per hour is 2s. 7½d. per hour.

You will see therefore, that the skilled African gets much less than half the wage of other artisans.

## Blueprint

Here we have before us the blueprint of the industrial set-up that the Nationalists intend introducing when their apartheid comes into operation. It will be an industry based upon cheap labour, so cheap that no capitalist employing European, Coloured or Indian artisans at the usual wage will be able to compete.

It was, of course, this prospect that the building workers feared and that led them to oppose the Native Building Workers' Act when it was introduced.

At that time the Minister gave the assurance that the artisans would be protected against African competition, in fact, that one of the main purposes of the Act was to provide such protection, and the building unions accepted these assurances.

I do not say that Mr. Schoeman was telling an untruth. Obviously the Act is a colour-bar Act, since it allows the Minister to prohibit Africans from doing skilled work in the building trade outside locations and other so-called Native areas.

The Act is indeed the only statute besides the Mines and Works Amendment Act of 1926 which in so many words debar Africans because of their race from doing specific kinds of work.

It is a colour-bar Act all right. Why then, do I regard it as a threat to the standards of the artisans?

## Unusual

We must remember that the present period of full employment is not the normal condition under capitalism and that for this reason the skilled unions have always tried to limit the number of persons entering their trades.

I do not intend to discuss here whether this attempt by trade unions to establish a kind of monopoly is a good thing or a bad thing. All I want to point out is that this practice reflects the experience of workers under capitalism.

When therefore, unemployment comes, the existence of African skilled workers employed on building houses for Africans must necessarily mean that there is less work available for non-African artisans.

In fact, there will be a very great incentive on the part of municipalities and other public authorities to increase the employment of the lower-paid African skilled worker wherever possible.

This does not, in my opinion, however, mean that we should object to the principle of training and employing African skilled workers.

From all my experience with Africans and other Non-Europeans, I have no hesitation in saying that they will jump at the chance of learning and doing skilled work even at a low rate rather than not doing it at all and remaining unskilled labourers forever.

I think they are quite right.

## Short-sighted

The threat to the artisan comes not from the African but from the selfish and short-sighted policy of the craft unions. They have preferred in most cases to line up with the ruling class rather than welcome the Africans as allies in a common struggle to defend the interests of the working class as a whole.

At all the conferences which I attended during the past 20 years I urged the craft unions in their own interests, as well as in the interests of all workers, to open their doors to the Africans.

I pointed out that the trade union principle of "equal pay for equal work" was correct and justifiable only if all persons were given the opportunity to learn and perform skilled work. Where however, any one section was denied such opportunity the principle of equal pay for equal work was a mockery and a device to maintain a monopoly.

On the one hand the African is not allowed to acquire skills by the methods open to the European, so that he is not as competent as the fully-trained worker. (Continued on page 7)

# BANNED!



MISS MARY BUTCHER



MR. NANA SITA

## PRESIDENT OF T.I.C.

JOHANNESBURG.

The President of the Transvaal Indian Congress, Mr. Nana Sita, has been ordered by Mr. Swart, in a Suppression of Communism Act notice, to resign from Congress within thirty days. Another notice bans him from attending gatherings for two years. In accordance with Mr. Swart's usual practice the notice lists a number of other organisations which Mr. Sita is forbidden to join.

A life-long devotee of the philosophy of the late Mahatma Gandhi, with whom he had a personal association, Mr. Sita had never been a member or supporter of the Communist Party and his name does not appear on the liquidator's list. But, like Mr. Nelson Mandela, also recently banned, he is one of the group of non-white leaders who was convicted of "statutory Communism" for their part in the Defiance Campaign, and this makes it possible for the Minister to ban him as a "Communist."

A Pretoria business man with seven children, Mr. Sita has been a member of Congress since 1927, and has held official positions for the past twenty-six years in various capacities in the Transvaal and South African Indian Congresses. He has taken a leading part in various passive resistance movements, and in 1946, after the imprisonment of Dr. Dadoo, became head of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council. He was also imprisoned during the 1952 defiance campaign.

His last public appearance before he was banned was at the funeral of the late T. N. Naidoo last week. He was to have presided at the T. N. Naidoo memorial meeting the day after his ban, and was upset at not being able to pay this last tribute to a close personal friend and comrade.

## IRRITATING

"It is irritating to be branded as a Communist when one is not," said Mr. Sita to Advance. "But we know that the Government calls everyone whom they do not like a Communist. I feel it is no disgrace but an honour to be banned by this Government."

Mr. Sita was elected President of the Transvaal Indian Congress in 1949. He is also vice-President of the South African Indian Congress.



MR. JACK HODGSON

## Protest By Congress of Democrats

CAPE TOWN.

The Cape Region of the S.A. Congress of Democrats has strongly condemned the banning of Mr. Jack Hodgson, national secretary of the Springbok Legion and the Congress of Democrats.

"That Mr. Hodgson has been banned despite his acknowledged services to ex-servicemen over a period of many years is a further indication of the Minister's utter contempt for all democratic processes," says a statement from the executive of the Cape Region of the Congress of Democrats.

"The banning shows the extent to which the Nationalists will go to suppress all who are actively opposed to their pernicious policy of apartheid and white supremacy."

"The repeated attacks on the Congress of Democrats in particular are an indication that the Nationalists have seen in this organisation the seeds of a determined opposition to their policy from the Europeans. The Congress of Democrats is under attack because it stands firmly alongside the Non-European and workers' organisations in their struggle to halt the march of fascism and to establish in South Africa a society free from all discrimination."

## P.E. VICTIMS

PORT ELIZABETH.

Mr. Raymond Mhlaba, prominent leader of the African National Congress and Mr. Manuel, chairman of the Port Elizabeth branch of the S.A.R. and H. Workers' (Non-European) Union, have been banned by the Minister of Justice.

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# MASS PROTEST MEETING FOR DURBAN

DURBAN. "Yet another black chapter in the history of South Africa was written during the last session of Parliament when the Fascist Nationalist Government adopted further measures to end all vestiges of democracy and to entrench itself in power for all time," reads a leaflet issued by the Natal Indian Congress inviting people of all races to a United anti-Fascist Rally at Red Square, Durban, on Sunday, November 29, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The leaflet, headed "Stop Malan Terror," continues: "The two major parliamentary parties are preparing to conclude an immoral pact during the recess to remove the limited voting rights of the Coloured people. Mr. Brian Bunting, African representative in Parliament, has been expelled and notices have been issued banning almost every known leader from expressing the aspirations of the democratic peoples of South Africa."

Dealing with the cost of living, the leaflet reads: "While Parliament was in session the price of bread and other essential commodities increased beyond the capacity of the people whilst the wages of the workers have remained stationary."

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# Call To Halt Nat. Aggression in S. WA

LONDON.

A CALL to the British Government to take action to secure the implementation of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa was made by three prominent figures here in a letter to the London Observer earlier this month.

They are Mr. Isaac Foot, M.P., Professor Gilbert Murray and Lord Hemingford.

Their letter states: "It is high time that the national conscience should be pricked by the treatment of South-West Africa, which is likely in the near future to come again to the notice of the United Nations Organisation."

"After World War 1 the mandate for South-West Africa was given to the Union of South Africa, which became responsible for its administration to the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations."

"After World War 2 the mandated territories, with the exception of South-West Africa, became either independent nations or Trusteeship territories, the trustees of which were responsible to U.N.O. Despite five successive recommendations by the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Union of South Africa has refused to place South-West Africa under the trusteeship system, and the International Court of Justice has advised that she is under no legal obligation to do so. The Court, however, has also advised that South-West Africa is still a mandated territory, and that the Union should still administer it in accordance with the international obligations that she accepted under the League of Nations. These include the obligations to submit reports on its administration and to transmit petitions from the inhabitants. The Union is honouring neither of these obligations."

"Thus the Union has virtually annexed South-West Africa, in breach of a principle of international accountability which she accepted explicitly in 1920, and implicitly when she became a member of U.N.O. Her aggression has roused few consciences, probably because it has been achieved with-

out bloodshed, but it is none the less aggression."

"Great Britain has, rightly or wrongly, regarded native policy in the Union as a 'domestic' matter with which only the Union is concerned. The question of South-West Africa however, is not a domestic matter, and it is to be hoped that Great Britain, with her long experience of trusteeship, will actively support U.N.O. in attempting to right a grievous wrong within the Commonwealth."

## TESTING-TIME FOR WHOM?

BULAWAYO.

A spirit of "near insolence" is developing among Africans in the towns, states the Chief Native Commissioner and Secretary for Native Affairs in his annual report.

The vast majority of the rural African population "is happy and contented and is not politically-minded", states the Commissioner. But "this cannot be said of some of the more irresponsible of the urban Africans."

"I have to report a deterioration of their attitude to the Europeans. This is most regrettable because... the attitude of the Europeans to the African has undoubtedly improved in the past few years."

The report goes on: "As I have told the Africans again and again there will always be minor grievances—small irritations in the daily life of the African I know exist—but these will disappear as soon as is possible, and the timing depends on the African. He must remember that it is he who is on the testing bench, and if he seeks privileges, so must he prove he can understand responsibilities."

## THE TRUTH ABOUT MORAL REARMAMENT

# THE DRIVE TO WAR

M.R.A. is not an organisation with a constitution. It makes no pretence at democracy. Officially it has no members, there are just "people who live by its standards". There is no election of officers, no voting procedure, no democratic discussion of policy. All the officials are appointed from the centre. It has never been disclosed whether there are national M.R.A. committees in the various countries, let alone who belongs to them.

Buchman's explanation for this fascist set-up is: "You don't do as you please, you do as God guides. You do God's plan."

In the Catholic Church, at least the Cardinals elect the Pope. Who elects Dr. Buchman? Apparently, like the President of the Republic the Malan Nationalists were contemplating during the war, he is "responsible only to God".

## Trade Unions

M.R.A. has always paid special attention to the trade union movement, and has sought to remove many a leading figure from the field of militant struggle.

The very existence of trade unions is an admission that organisations of the workers are needed in capitalist society to defend the workers' interests against the bosses and exploiters. But the road of working-class struggle is a long and a rough one, and history is full of examples of trade union leaders who have been bought out by the bosses, have become respectable, have turned their backs on their former comrades when opportunity for personal advancement has presented itself to them.

Moral Rearmament operates not so much by offering bribes to trade union leaders, but by providing them with an ideological justification for submission to the existing capitalist system. By peddling high-sounding phrases about love and honesty and change of heart, M.R.A. is able to satisfy weak and wavering trade union figures that they have the highest justification for selling out.

M.R.A. tactics with trade unionists are stereotyped. The M.R.A. missionaries are always well supplied with lists of suitable trade unionists to tackle. Where they get these lists from is open to question, but it may well be from the bosses.

The missionaries never make irksome demands on their potential victims. On the contrary, they offer a sort of mental relaxation to the hard-pressed union official. They persuade him to empty his heart of what they call "class hatred" and fill it with love instead. Stop fighting with the boss; collaborate with him.

## Jamborees

Instead of urging the victim to further self-sacrifice in the interests of his fellow-workers, they perhaps invite him to see their play "The Forgotten Factor". They surround him with good fellowship. If he is promising, they perhaps invite him to a regional conference, such as was recently held at Lusaka.

The most promising types are offered free trips to the jamborees at Caux, in Switzerland. Maybe the wife is given a free trip too. In the Mounain Hotel, living in luxury, with all expenses paid, mixing with people from all over the world, bosses and workers, white and black, everybody spouting about love and happiness, it

is easy for weak and wavering brothers to forget themselves and become converted to the "cause". After all, this is a cause one doesn't have to fight for. No demands are made. There are no clashes with the police or law and order. On the contrary, all your former enemies now smile on you. The bosses and the Government itself have become your friends and allies. It is all so easy and delightful.

South African victims of this sort of technique include Nationalist leaders of the Mineworkers' Union, Erasmus, Visser and Ellis; vice-president and secretary of the Baking Employees' Union, Chap-

of the West German and Japanese police. Britain's 'R.A.F. Journal' recently recommended 'study of Moral Rearmament by every officer and man in the Air Forces'. German generals are on record with the prediction that "only through M.R.A. can their country be roused to join the defence of Europe."

In 1950 a special military assembly was held at Caux. It was attended by 102 delegates from the armed forces, including 21 generals, 47 officers of field rank, and the official representatives of the Defence Ministries of six European countries. Addressing the conference Buchman himself said:

## The Last in a Series of 3 Articles by a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

man and Bennett respectively, and others who have not yet made their public confessions of their new faith. The insidious attack of the M.R.A. missionaries goes on behind the scenes all the time.

Meanwhile the hard facts of our life under capitalism remain unchanged. Poverty and insecurity remain the lot of the mass of the workers; the threat of war is ever-present. But some men and women who might have fought and helped to change all this and usher in a new world of opportunity, prosperity and peace for all have been neutralised by M.R.A.

## M.R.A. For War

If that were all, it would be bad enough. But I have tried to show in these articles that that is not all; that in fact M.R.A. is something far more sinister—an ideological arm of the Atlantic Pact and the American drive to war.

In October 1951, the American magazine "Look" published an article "M.R.A.—Will it Master Communism?", written by John McCook Roots, a director of the Oxford Group Co. as long ago as 1946, and thus one of Buchman's "inner circle".

He said: "Major-General Francis Williams, war-time superintendent of West Point (U.S. Military Academy), called M.R.A. 'the arm behind the army'. It is a part of officers' training programmes in Denmark, Sweden and France, and

"Today M.R.A. offers the democracies and the whole world the superior armament of an ideology, without which armies are outfought and statesmen are outfought."

## Anti-Communist Crusade

After the conference, in a press statement, Buchman added: "America was represented. Washington was interested... It was demonstrated how team-work can be created between the military arm and the essential industrial centres of the nation... These men are at work with a constructive idea plus the might of a military answer... The only sure victory lies in the compelling answer backed by the sure right arm of military control."

In June 1951 Buchman said again: "Our young men and our old men will fight as Lincoln fought of old. Our young men will know what to fight for and our wars will be won. And we shall be at peace with all men and the whole world."

U.S. military domination of the world is the way M.R.A. hopes to bring "peace" to mankind. And this world conquest cannot be achieved without the co-operation of the working masses in all the Western countries. Hence the assault, intensive and ceaseless, on trade union leaders. Hence the assault on leaders of the national liberatory movement. Hence the

# German Trusts Reviving

BONN.

A campaign for the open re-organisation of the giant German coal and steel combines, split up in conformity with the Potsdam agreement, is well under way in Western Germany. The campaign is believed to have the backing of the new American "Foreign Operations Division" which has taken over the work of the Mutual Security Agency.

Re-organisation has in fact been taking place behind the scenes for some time. RECENTLY THE THREE SUCCESSOR UNITS OF THE DEUTSCHE BANK ISSUED THEIR SEPARATE ANNUAL REPORTS. SAVE FOR THE PURELY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THE REPORTS OF THE THREE WERE ABSOLUTELY IDENTICAL. It is plain that a common policy has already, in fact, been worked out and that the great trusts will once again emerge into the open immediately the Western occupation powers have been persuaded to drop the pretence of "de-cartelisation".

Half-hearted attempts to pass an anti-trust law in the Federal Parliament have hitherto failed, due to sabotage by the powerful group of industrialists who are members of that body. The draft law has been deliberately held up in the committee stage for almost two years, and whatever legislation eventually emerges will certainly be so watered down that the Ruhr barons will find no difficulty at all in circumventing it.

enormous and apparently limitless financial resources behind M.R.A.

And hence the greater need for all progressives, trade unionists, leaders of the workers in every sphere to be on their guard against one of the most dangerous movements of our time.

## Crazy American Economy

NEW YORK.

America is overproducing cars and the market is so bad that desperate measures are being resorted to by the trade to get rid of stocks. Inflated allowances are being allowed on old cars and advertisements say: "No money down... three years to pay!" and "Bring your old car, horse, cow or chicken. We'll trade for anything!" Another sign of overproduction is the huge surplus of farm products and falls in primary prices causing a serious loss of income to the farmers. But at the same time the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Randolph Burgess, has admitted in Washington that the cost of living for the ordinary citizen is steadily going up.

## Rosenberg Children Persecuted

NEW YORK.

The New Jersey schools' supervisor recently issued an order that the two children of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg should be excluded at 24 hours' notice from the local school at which they have attended for 14 months. This vile action was taken on the grounds that they had no parents and that the family with whom they stay have not legally adopted them. The threat of legal action has forced the supervisor to keep the children at school for a week. Mr. E. Bloch, formerly attorney for the Rosenbergs, wrote the supervisor a strong letter in which he said it was a "dastardly business to try to dislocate two children who were trying to recover, in anonymity, from the shocking experiences of the previous three years".



One of the biggest funeral processions ever seen in South Africa made its way through Johannesburg last week to the cremation of the late Mr. T. N. Naidoo, Chairman of the Transvaal Peace Council and Vice-President of the Transvaal Indian Congress. Thousands of Indian, African, European and Coloured people came to bear silent testimony to the love and esteem in which he was held. Dr. Dadoo paid a deeply-moving tribute to the remarkable character and achievements of Mr. Naidoo, and Rev. Thompson of the S.A. Peace Council, Mr. Oliver Thambo, of the African National Congress, Mr. Debi Singh, of the Natal Indian Congress, Mr. P. Beylvel of the S.A. Congress of Democrats, as well as a number of representatives of sporting and welfare societies with whom he was associated, bade their last farewells to Naran before the vast crowd gathered at the funeral pyre. Our photos show (above) a section of the crowd at the funeral; (right) Mr. T. N. Naidoo, and (below) leaders heading the procession bearing Congress flags.

# A Great Fighter Passes

By DR. Y. M. DADOO



THAMBI NARANSAMY NAIDOO breathed his last at about 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 14th, 1953. And, South Africa lost a great and gallant fighter for Peace and Freedom.

The solemn and impressive funeral procession through the streets of Johannesburg and the huge gathering of thousands of people who paid their last respects at the crematorium, bore eloquent testimony to the high esteem in which Naran, as T. N. Naidoo was known to his friends and comrades, was held by the oppressed and freedom-loving South Africans of all races and colours.

Naran was a simple man. He came from a humble home and humble surroundings like hundreds of thousands of ordinary fellow-South Africans. And yet, he rose to be a leader among men, to win their admiration, affection and loyalty.

He was a man of many attributes but, to my mind, the following three qualities were his greatest possessions which made him what he became—a patriot and a loyal servant of the people.

FIRSTLY, he had a firm faith in and an unwavering loyalty to the cause of the people. This faith stemmed from a clear understanding of the meaning of FREEDOM.

To him freedom was not something abstract—freedom meant to him, as it should mean to all of us, LIBERATION of the oppressed people of South Africa from the bondage of national and racial oppression and of the working people from the shackles of economic exploitation.

It is this understanding which made him work for the united struggle for Democracy of all sections of our multi-national population. It made him take his rightful place in the struggles of his people—whether it was the passive resistance campaign of the Indian people in 1946 or the May Day and June 26 National Protest Days in 1950 and the historic defiance campaign of the Non-European people in 1952.

He threw in his lot completely with the African mine workers' strike of 1946 and in the activities of the trade union movement of the Bakers' Union Witwatersrand branch of which he became the chairman.

It was this understanding which made him realise that peace was essential—that mankind must be saved from the holocaust of wars and the horrors of A and H-bombs. In the fight for peace his services were recognised and he was elevated to the chairmanship of the Transvaal Peace Council.

His loyalty was to the CAUSE and not to persons. He feared none and sought no personal favours.

SECONDLY, he was a disciplined worker—conscientious of the tasks he had undertaken, diligent in carrying them out. Just as he was frank and forthright in his criticisms of others, he was prepared to admit his mistakes and short-comings and ever ready to rectify them.

THIRDLY, he possessed an abundance of courage—in fact, every pore of his body breathed courage. Not foolish or reckless courage, but courage to work systematically and fearlessly and, if need be, to die, for the CAUSE.

The supreme example of his courage was shown when 18 months ago, his medical advisers pronounced that Naran's heart was in a very bad way and that if he did not give up active work and take complete rest, he had not long to live. Naran's answer was typical of the man:—"If in order to live a few years longer I shall have to give up the fight for freedom altogether—that will be a living death—a useless and decrepit life. It is not for me. I shall go on fighting for my people—come what may."

He continued his work, attending meetings, helping to organise conferences, working among the people. But his poor heart could not stand the strain, the attacks became more frequent and the pain more agonising. He knew the danger-signal had sounded but he did not waver. In the end, he paid with his dear life.

These qualities, among many others, made Naran a leader, a great fighter for Peace and Freedom, a patriot, a humanitarian, a good husband and an affectionate father—in brief, a truly great South African.

Fare thee well Naran—a great friend and a loyal comrade. Your name will ever remain an inspiration to all fighters for freedom—your deeds an example of selfless devotion and courage.

We salute you—Afrika!





## SPORTS PARADE

by Bert Williams

The Man in the Street

No. 3

# KEEP NATIONALISM OUT OF SPORT

Whether we're dyed in the wool nationalists or kindly, loving internationalists we lose our sense of balance in the veneration of outstanding sporting achievements particularly by one of our own group or nationality. When Max Schmeling knocked out Joe Louis Hitler patted him on the back for doing that to the "black dog". The English talked of prestige when they won the "Ashes" and everybody regarded the victory as important as a triumph in a war. The Aussies got hell when they reached home and there was talk about the failure of the captain, who was all but accused of some sinister plot with the Reds to bring down the prestige of the Aussie capitalists!

Now black South Africa is growing just as bigoted about Jake N'tuli. Of course we'll argue such an attitude is understandable against the background of South African conditions. Denied any opportunity to get further than the fences of their backyards, people are inclined to get a bit over-zealous and even conceited when they reach the moon. That's all right by itself. Nobody blames Africa for getting crazy about Tuli; nobody blames anybody for regarding him as a blow against the colour bar. But let us not go to the other extreme and with pathological frenzy suggest he's invincible, particularly when he is compared with white fighters.

## Students Expelled

LAGOS (Nigeria).

Seven student teachers who were doing their professional teaching courses at Ilorin, Northern Nigeria, have been expelled for leading a protest against inadequate subsistence allowance, bad feeding and the lack of other facilities to which they are entitled.

## IN MEMORIAM

NAIDOO, Naransamy, died 14th November, 1953. Always remembered by his friends of the Transvaal and South African Peace Councils. His work will live in the history of the Peace Movement.

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That's been happening and a very shameful thing it is. Quite right everything we hate in the political and social set-up of this country is symbolised by a white government, but that is no reason for hating everything white. That's a brand of racialism even worse than that of Hitler's or Malan's. I don't like to preach but please let's cut it out. When somebody says Carruthers will beat Tuli let's not get it into our heads that that somebody is anti-black; instead let us judge both boys on their respective merits.

Again, when somebody says Robert Cohen, whom Tuli's going to meet soon, will beat Tuli there's nothing to get mad about for as things are, everything's on Robert's side and it looks as if he'll be the first boy in a long time to beat our Jacob.

History tells us that years ago through religious intolerance there were big wars like the Crusades and the Spanish persecutions. Modern history may well record similar wars on the sportsfields through the present tendency to make religion out of sport. America tried to introduce this dirty feeling against the Soviet competitors at the Olympic games. When Randolph Turpin went down to meet Carl "Bobo" Olson the American papers launched a psychological war by quoting Olson as a winner by big odds; very recently

everybody was wondering whether Tony Tabib really beat Solly Cantor.

Sport is good clean fun; nobody should lose sleep, health or blood over it. To do so would be mean, childish, barbarous and the very antithesis of the meaning of sport.

## Needs Handling

A few weeks ago in these columns I talked of Robbie Goliath, the Rand Coloured welterweight, as an outstanding prospect. Last week he was knocked out in 5 rounds by Black Hawk, No. 1 challenger for the welterweight title. I haven't changed my mind about Robbie. He wouldn't have been knocked out if his handlers had taken things more easily and groomed their boy for the welterweight championship instead of rushing him as if he were on a trip to Mars. Many a brilliant prospect fell by the wayside through improper and indiscreet handling.

If his handlers haven't learned a lesson from this defeat it is this: Robbie is a good boy but not just good enough to be in Hawk's class yet. To reach this stage he needs several more fights in the preliminaries. Once he is sufficiently hardened and experienced he can stick his neck out against blokes like the Hawk.

## Roy Ankarah

Roy Ankarah, the West African Whirlwind who holds the British Empire featherweight championship which he won from Ronnie Clayton, who fights Viccie Toweel in Johannesburg on Saturday, meets Nigerian, Hogan Kid Bassey at Accra in February for the title. Bassey has challenged both Tuli and Tissong but they've refused to meet him. Benny Singh, who saw Bassey in action, told me that he didn't blame Tuli and Tissong, for Hogan would beat both of them. Of Ankarah, who fought on his bill in South Africa and whom he saw in England, Singh says: "Ankarah is not the same old fighter. I can say, with great safety, that Hogan will beat him with little difficulty."

## Toweel v. Clayton

Several people who said a few months ago that Vic Toweel would end up a punch drunk are eating their words. They're calling him champion, brilliant and all the other words you use to build up a box office. Can Vic Toweel really do it? I don't think so. He showed clearly against Carruthers that he was burned-out. His legs buckled every time Carruthers caught him and the Australian isn't as hard a puncher as Clayton. Moreover Toweel has suffered from double vision, a damaged nose and occasional black-outs. Toweel is far from a contender for the world title and my guess is that Clayton may stop him on Saturday.

## Little Willie

The proposed Carruthers-Willie Toweel meeting is a highlight in baths. Fight-starved South Africa and its promoters are so hungry that they mistake the wrapper for the food and the result is indigestion. If we are not to have sick stomachs the T.N.S.C. should spare us the farce of seeing a thoroughly inexperienced, green-as-grass fighter against a mature, experienced world champion. Willie has a lot to learn yet. He hasn't met one reasonably good overseas fighter nor has he shown he's as rare a phenomenon as Brother Viccie.

## A CALL TO YOUTH

Mr. Victor Vinjiwe, Healdtown, Fort Beaufort:

The notorious 'Red Act' has once more set its tentacles upon our leaders, Messrs. Letlaka, Mfafa, Tshume and Mati. We are in deep grief with their flesh and rejoice with their spirit, for

"Stone walls do not a prison make,

'Nor iron bars a cage

'Nor gowns and wigs a judge.'

You should remember that every political struggle is a long drawn out war. During its history it will pass through different phases. Its forces will develop or dwindle, shift their position, change allegiance. A thousand outside factors not under the control of those who launched the struggle, will rise to affect it—a world war or threat of it; a depression and unemployment; a riot or strike, and last but not least the banning of our leaders. All these will affect the course of any political struggle.

To you Tshume, Mfafa, and Mati, we say, history is yours! To you Letlaka the great we say, you have set a good example before our "great" sycophants—teachers and Reverends. History is full of men like you.

Youth come! Come and fill their positions! You are the key factor in these tasks because you have not yet been corrupted by the propaganda and false illusions of the A.A.C. and Unity Movement.

## Kid Dynamite May Get World Title Fight Before Tuli

PERTH.

Kid Dynamite (S.A.), who for the past year has been successfully campaigning in Australia has signed to meet Tanny Campo (Philippines) in Manila.

The winner is to meet Yoshio Shirai for the world flyweight title.

Shirai was recently beaten by another Phillipino, Les Espinoza, in a non-title fight.



Mr. Abel Rangata, trader of Bochem, North Transvaal, had just finished his lunch in a Johannesburg restaurant when Advance's photographer and reporter persuaded him to stop and talk to our readers.

In town on business, Mr. Rangata was born and brought up in Bochem. Business was bad, he said. The people had no money for shopping. "But don't write about me; write about the people in the Reserve."

"Most of them have no land; they work for a share of the crop on someone else's land. Even those who have plots cannot get a livelihood on the little holdings they plough. The European traders are taking advantage of our people in the Reserves. An African takes meales to be milled, but for every full jute bag he gives to the miller he gets very little back.

"Those are my customers."

"Tell us something about your own life," began the reporter. But Mr. Rangata is a man with a strong will and a mind of his own.

"Look," he said, "I don't get a chance to speak to the papers every day. You tell your readers that this apartheid business is a swindle. If the Government wants apartheid why do they have white traders in the Reserves? It is just a camouflage. The Group Areas Act is just an attack on the Indians to deprive them of the little rights they have.

"We should all live together in friendship irrespective of colour. That would be the right solution."

How to achieve that solution? Mr. Rangata gave us a hard look. "The people have been intimidated from openly supporting the African National Congress in the rural areas. But they support it in their hearts."

## Maritzburg Racing

Following are Owen Tudor's selections for the City Sporting Club:

First Race: 1. Casual Sonna; 2. Lowson; 3. Piastre.

Second Race: 1. Daring Maid; 2. Passion; 3. Alcestis.

Third Race: 1. Caston; 2. Beach Lass; 3. Epco.

Fourth Race: 1. Rock Fast; 2. Nobility; 3. Baldaquin.

Fifth Race: 1. Clarion Call; 2. Sas-bait; 3. Manipur.

Sixth Race: 1. Shemozzle; 2. Tepid; 3. Solitude.

Seventh Race: 1. Banana; 2. Donor; 3. Wax Ale.

Eighth Race: 1. Gold Mine; 2. Disturb; 3. Percussion Cap.

Ninth Race: 1. Nifty; 2. Evermore; 3. Transi Don.

## Protest Meeting on Coloured Vote

CAPE TOWN.

A public protest meeting against the Government's plan to remove the Coloured voters from the common roll will be held in the Banqueting Hall, Cape Town, on Thursday, December 3 at 8 p.m. The meeting has been organised by the Cape Region of the S.A. Congress of Democrats and will be supported by a number of other organisations.

In an interview with Advance, the secretary of the Cape Region of the Congress, Miss Mary Butcher, said it was hoped that this meeting would be a forceful demonstration to the Coloured Vote Commission, which will be sitting in Cape Town at the time, of the people's determined opposition to all attempts to deprive them of their rights.

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