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DEATH THREAT TO ANGLICAN PRIEST

CALVINIA RACIALISTS AGAIN ACTIVE

CALVINIA.

THE SAME TYPE OF RACIALISTS WHO, JUST OVER FOUR YEARS AGO, KIDNAPPED AND MERCILESSLY FLOGGED A COLOURED SCHOOL TEACHER HERE, ARE AGAIN ACTIVE. THEIR TARGET ON THIS OCCASION IS THE REVEREND M. C. P. BRUNSDEN, THE PRIEST IN CHARGE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MISSION AT CALVINIA. OBJECTING TO THE FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP HE HAS ESTABLISHED WITH HIS COLOURED CONGREGATION, THEY HAVE THREATENED HIM WITH DEATH.

The first intimation of the new threat came from some Coloured members of the Anglican Church, who happened to overhear a conversation in a local store. According to their report a European had informed his listeners that "the English Minister little realised that a beating was much nearer to him than the local mountain". This beating, according to the speaker, " . . . would put the Carelse affair in the shade". The threat was also directed against one of the Chapel Wardens.

CARELSE CASE RECALLED

This incident recalls to mind, very sharply, the shocking facts of the Carelse case, mentioned with such relish by the unknown European at the store. The victim in that case was Mr. J. J. Carelse, a Coloured teacher at the Anglican Mission School in this town at the time of the assault.

Mr. Carelse was kidnapped from his home by three masked men, taken to a lonely spot on the veld, and there thrashed with a sjambok. His body was so badly lacerated that he had to be removed to hospital. He was found by the police who, suspecting that something was wrong, began their search after not finding Mr. Carelse in when they visited his home about midnight. The police were unsuccessful in their efforts to find the culprits.

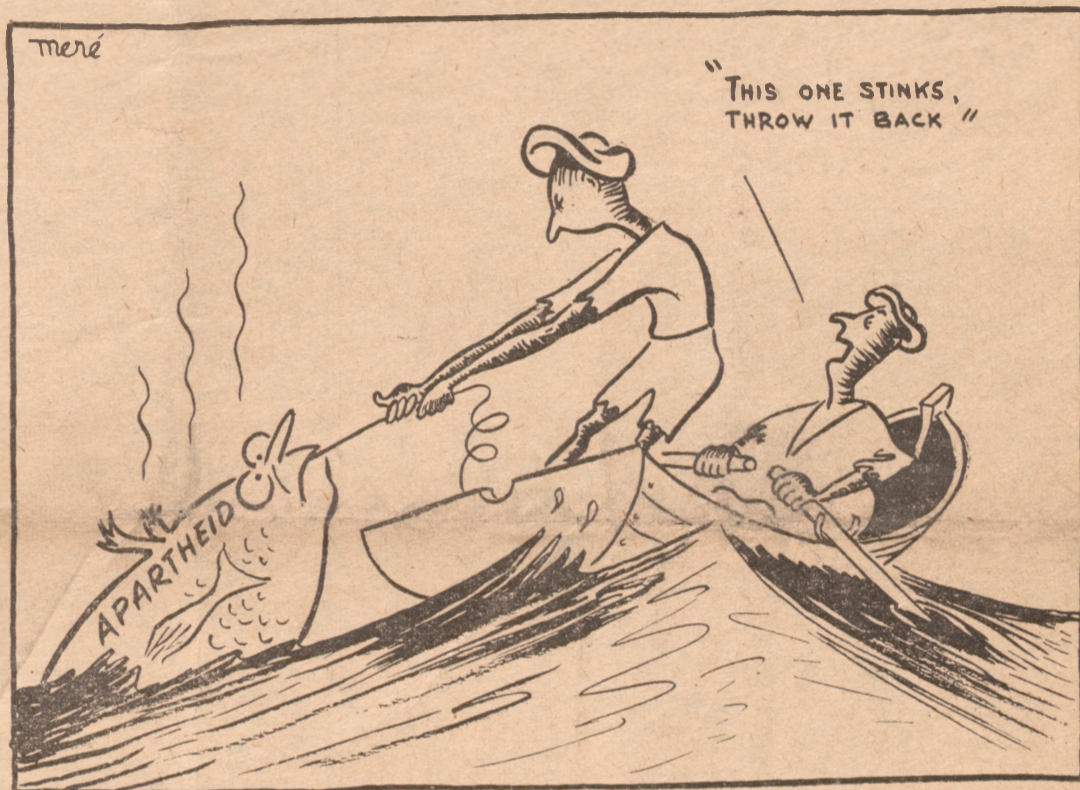
This assault on Mr. Carelse followed a previous one, in which a Dutch Reformed Church parson had been involved. Damages to the sum of £110 were awarded to Mr. Carelse in the court action which he brought against the D.R.C. predikant concerned.

The Reverend Brunsten, an ex-serviceman, was formerly attached to St. Paul's Church, Cape Town. He was appointed priest to the Calvinia parish in the latter half of last year, succeeding the Rev. J. A. Smart, who was priest in charge of this parish at the time of the Carelse flogging.



The Rev. M. C. P. Brunsten

On the day following this incident, a report was made to the police by the Reverend Brunsten. It is understood that Rev. Brunsten informed the police of a telephone call in which he had been abused, and threatened with death. One of the reasons given by his anonymous caller was that the priest had been "too friendly" with the Coloured members of his congregation.



A Living Fossil.

STRIKE CALL TO LAUNDRY WORKERS

JOHANNESBURG. Laundry workers throughout the country have been called upon to observe a one-hour strike on Monday, January 12, in protest against the action of the Minister of Justice in ordering Miss B. du Toit to resign from their Union. The call comes from the National Executive Committee of the National Union of Laundering, Cleaning and Dyeing Workers' Union.

The circular expresses deep appreciation of the able and loyal services rendered to the Union by Miss Du Toit during her period of office.

Another resolution adopted by the National Executive calls upon the members not to vote for any Nationalist Government candidate in the next Parliamentary elections "as a protest against the provided in the Act". The Union arbitrary powers of the Minister as also resolved to ask the next annual conference of the South African Trades and Labour Council to consider calling a nationwide go-slow strike as a protest against the wide powers given to the Minister under Section 9 of the Suppression of Communism Act, and the numerous removals of trade union officials from office.

MUCK FOR MEN IN DIRTY WAR

NEW YORK.

The U.S. Army is supplying servicemen in Korea with "dirty books" according to complaints coming from soldiers in the Far East, says a special Congress Committee investigating pornography.

In its official report the committee quotes a letter from a soldier in Korea who wrote: "Most of the reading the Army provides for us is about filth and adultery. The damage done to the youth of our nation and particularly to our armed forces by the literature is appalling".

APARTHEID SMELLS FISHY

LONDON.

Commenting on Malan and the prehistoric "missing link" fish Coelacanth, the Manchester Guardian says: "The theory of apartheid and the superiority of the White over the Black would take a nasty toss if it could be proved past doubt that all men, black and white, have a common simian ancestor — and an even nastier tumble if it could be shown that the common ancestor is the Coelacanth, a mere fish".

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S.A. LABOURITES WRIGGLE ON COLOUR QUESTION

JOHANNESBURG.

THIS week-end's conference of the Labour Party has before it a resolution from its Cape Town branch suggesting a multi-racial Advisory Council to recommend to Parliament a "plan of Government" acceptable to all groups.

The first meeting of the Council should be convened within 30 days of the General Election. It should have 100 members: 50 elected by the Africans, 10 by the Coloured people, 5 by the Asiatics and 35 by the Europeans. Urban and rural populations shall have

representation in proportion to their numbers.

Any candidate seeking or receiving political party nomination or support should be disqualified. The Council "shall be free from party politics as such, and no group caucus shall operate.

The report of this Council should be submitted within two years although it may continue to function for five. Five representatives should present the report to Parliament. The idea of the Cape Town branch of the Labour Party is that the Party should advocate the formation of this Council in Parliament and try to have legislation for its establishment passed.

Pending these efforts, the present Labour Party Non-European policy is to be suspended and an undertaking given that a new policy will be based on the reports of this Council.

In the event of such a Council not being formed within a reasonable time, or if it becomes apparent that such a Council will not be formed, the Labour Party "race Relations" Committee, which will be elected at this year's annual conference, shall consult with the various leaders of racial groups and, with constant reference to the Declaration of Human Rights, shall recommend a new Non-European policy to a special conference to be called for that purpose.

In the meantime the "Race Relations" Committee shall consult with other bodies which have made a study of race relations, establish contact with leaders of various groups, and by an inter-change of views, seek to improve relationships.

In the Cape Town draft resolution is a suggestion that, pending the completion of the work of the Advisory Council, "the status quo shall be maintained, except that recent repressive legislation shall be suspended".

In Labour Party circles which advocate this Council it is felt that rapidly deteriorating relationships between the races in this country necessitates a review of past policies. The choice is "Understanding — or Sten Guns".

No understanding, it is suggested, can be reached without a sincere form of consultation.

This is the Labour Party version of the old cry "Take Native affairs out of the political arena", and the advocates of this plan say so freely. Their hope is that while the Council sits, race relations will not be worsened by their being a political football.

CLARION CALL

Help Save The Rosenbergs!

For more than 20 months now, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg have been in the Sing Sing prison, under sentence of death. Appeal after appeal has been rejected and the time for execution draws near.

Their two children, Michael aged 9 and Robert aged 5, visited them over the week-end, according to a recent report. The boys played games in the death-cell section while waiting for their parents. Both knew that their mother and father face execution and that they were perhaps seeing them for the last time. They wept bitterly when they had to leave after a short two-hour visit.

Oh! The unspeakable horror of it! Every decent person in the world weeps with them in their crucifying grief.

Protests and demands for clemency are pouring into the United States from all parts of the world. We in South Africa must add our voices to that demand. It is not too late, even now, for us to do so.

Let every person who loves justice — and mercy — help in the work. Draw up a short cablegram, ask your friends to sign it and help contribute towards its cost. Send it direct to "The President, United States of America".

Organise deputations to your local American consular representative. If you cannot call personally, telephone him. Ask him to intercede with his government. Help save the Rosenbergs! Let the children keep their parents!

A Sharp Contrast

Dr. Alan Nunn May, the British scientist who was sentenced for allegedly handing over atom secrets to Russia during the war, was not sentenced to death. He has just been released after serving only six years. The sharp contrast between his sentence and that of the Rosenbergs indicates the extent to which American justice has deteriorated.

The American Judge Kaufman refused to alter the sentence when an appeal of clemency was made to him on behalf of the Rosenbergs. In doing so he said that he still felt that their crime was "worse than murder".

Although the weight of evidence is all against it, let us, for the sake of argument, take it that the Rosenbergs did hand over atom secrets to the Soviet Union. They did so, let it be stressed, at a time when the Soviet Union was a war-time ally, fighting heroically, against tremendous odds, to defeat mankind's — and America's — mortal enemy.

Greater Criminals

If they — and Alan Nunn May — were guilty of a crime "worse than murder" then, by the same criterion, the war-time British government was guilty of a similar crime. For did they not hand over Britain's atom secrets to America? There are many people to-day who regard American imperialism as a greater enemy of humanity than even the Nazis were. The vicious Rosenberg sentence adds substance to their charge.

No, there are criminals far worse than the Rosenbergs or Dr. May. They are to be found amongst the men in high places who coolly and deliberately stabbed an ally in the back, withholding from that ally vital military information and, for selfish reasons, delaying the opening of a second front.

Even in the midst of the last war they were already planning to-day's "cold war" — and the new world war they hope to unleash. Who can count the number of dead who could be alive, the maimed who could be whole, the children who could have parents if their policy had been one of frank friendship, instead of veiled enmity, towards our war-time ally?

Our enemy in the last war was Germany, not Russia. The millions of American, British, South African and other soldiers who fought in the last war also assisted their ally. In doing so they fully understood that they were helping to save themselves, and they gave unstintingly of their blood and suffering. Were they, too, guilty of "worse than murder"? Judging by the deliberately fostered revival of Nazi forces, by these self-same men in high places, it would appear that they were.

I know this. The soldier at the front would have been angry and horrified to know that possible aid was being denied to a hard-pressed, fighting comrade.

No Eggs, No Ham

The price of wool must have gone down with a bump after the publication of the "South African Council" plan proposed by the Cape Town branch of the Labour Party. It would be hard to beat it for sheer woolliness. Some people will never learn, and our local version of the social-Democrats are amongst the incorrigibles.

Their plan is reminiscent of the hoary old story — if we had some eggs we would have ham and eggs, if we had some ham. It is hard to believe that anyone can be so naive as to imagine, even for a moment, that a nationalist-dominated, all-white parliament, will listen, let alone act upon, a recommendation for "a progressive system of plan of government", whatever that may mean. However well meant, their Heath Robinson, mathematically contrived "Council" is never likely to see the light of day.

Mouse Without A Squeak

The part in the resolution which talks of "lifting the race problem out of politics" reminds me of an excellent cartoon I once saw in Fighting Talk, the official organ of the Springbok Legion. The cartoon showed a gallows, with a rope thrown over the top of the extending arm. One end of the rope was being pulled by Strauss and Malan. The other end was tied around the neck of an African who, of course, was being nicely "lifted". It was captioned, "Lifting the Native problem out of Politics".

The fact of the matter is that the "Native" problem will never be settled satisfactorily without the direct — and equal — participation of the African people in the solution.

No maze-like wanderings in the realm of fancy will ever satisfy anyone. Until they realise that, the Labour Party in labour will continue to produce a mouse. And a mouse without a squeak at that.

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VIGIL FOR CLEMENCY

NEW YORK.

Every hour, day and night, since December 27, thousands of American delegates from all parts of the States have kept up a vigil for clemency outside the White House, Washington, official residence of the President, interceding for the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. The appeal for clemency is the only way open to save the Rosenbergs from the electric chair since the man who condemned them to death, Judge Kaufman, rejected a defence appeal for a re-trial.

The defence showed some of the evidence was known by the prosecution to be perjured. They also produced massive scientific evidence showing the atom information alleged to have been transmitted by the Rosenbergs was no secret but was currently known in the scientific world by 1940.

Among the protests on the Rosenberg conviction is one from Rev. Charles Raven, Professor at Cambridge University and Chaplain to the Queen of England. "This savage sentence," he wrote, "underlines the conviction that America, instead of leading the world to a more righteous and liberal way of life, is becoming so hysterical in its dread of communism as to betray the very principles upon which the constitution was founded."

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CONDEMNED TO DEATH BY BIASED JUDGE

D. N. Pritt, Q.C., Analyses Sentence on Rosenbergs

The evidence of the two Greenglasses was almost the only evidence against the Rosenbergs; but it is necessary just to examine what other evidence there was. I begin with Max Elitcher, a man who had worked in the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Dept. He was mainly a witness against the other defendant, Sobell, but he did say that on three occasions Julius Rosenberg asked him to obtain confidential information for him for Soviet purposes. He said, however, that he had not done so.

SCARED TO DEATH

Elitcher made it quite plain that he himself was an accomplice. As he said, "I was part of it". He admitted, too, that he had told lies under oath, and that, being "scared to death", he had told the

Greenglasses and Elitcher had said.

CONDEMNED BY HYSTERIA

I am unable to believe that, if the case had not involved political topics or had not been heard at a period when hysteria and prejudice played so strong a role, evidence so weak would have been put forward by the prosecution in any country in the world which followed the Anglo-Saxon traditions and procedure. I think that under those conditions any Court would almost certainly have withdrawn the case from the jury. But this case was allowed to go to the jury and the Rosenbergs were not only convicted but were sentenced to death.

The Rosenbergs, who at every stage asserted their innocence,

in any case these observations made by the judge of an important court when passing sentence of death were not merely inaccurate; they were unsupported by any evidence and were wholly irrelevant. That the judge behaved in this way may indicate that anti-communist and anti-Soviet hysteria has gained such ground in the U.S.A. that it is difficult if not impossible to secure a fair and dispassionate trial of a political case involving either communism or the U.S.S.R.

JUDGE'S DISCOURTESY

From a purely English point of view, it is noticeable that the trial judge at times treated the defense counsel with considerable abruptness and discourtesy, and at al-



Mr. D. N. Pritt, Q.C.

But these remarks by the judge are, alas, not the worst part of the matter. He went on to treat the case as if the information which the Rosenbergs were said to have communicated to the U.S.S.R. — of the value of which, as I have already mentioned, there was no real evidence — had been established to be of the most fundamental importance.

ROSENBERGS AND KOREA?

He began, for example, with the assertion that what the Rosenbergs have done 'has already caused in my opinion, the Communist aggression in Korea' (about which, of course, there was once again no evidence). He went even further and based his determination on sentence on the wholly unproved assumption that the Rosenbergs had obtained from David Greenglass and given to the U.S.S.R. just the vital information that enabled that country to develop the atom bomb, which it could not have achieved without that information.

"ALTERED HISTORY"

The Rosenbergs had thus, as he put it, 'altered the history of the world' to the injury of the U.S.A.

I am forced to the conclusion that, even if the conviction of the Rosenbergs had rested on reliable evidence that they had conspired to obtain some information, any sentence expressed by the judge to be based on such inaccurate and unproved assertions as to the importance of the information

would have to be set aside on appeal under any procedure which provided for a free review of the case by an Appellate Court.

NO APPEAL

Unfortunately the procedure applicable to this case does not provide for such a review, any more than it provides for a consideration of the credibility of the witnesses or the reliability of the evidence. Were the procedure different, it may well be that the whole matter would have been disposed of already. But there is in effect no appeal at all to any court from either of the two main defects of this trial, namely, the unreliability of the evidence and the grave excess of the sentence.

The duty of securing a review on these points thus rests on public opinion through the world. After full study, for the reasons which I have expressed above, I must express the view, from a purely professional standpoint, that it would offend against all Anglo-Saxon standards of justice that the convictions, let alone the sentence, of the Rosenbergs should be allowed to stand.

The Rosenbergs were sent to death in an atmosphere of anti-Communist hysteria which made a fair trial impossible and to which the judge contributed with shocking and irrelevant remarks, says Mr. D. N. PRITT, Q.C. in this concluding instalment of his analysis of the Atom Spy Case. The only appeal now is to world public opinion and the pressure which can be exerted on the U.S. Government to halt before executing its victims.

FBI "everything he knew" — although he had lied to them too — in the hope that he might "come out the best way" and that "nothing would happen to him". For some unexplained reason, he was neither indicted nor even mentioned in the indictment as a co-conspirator. It is obvious that his evidence can add practically nothing to that of the Greenglasses; it is of little volume and of almost equally poor quality.

Of the remaining 17 prosecution witnesses, only four gave evidence of anything the Rosenbergs were alleged to have said or done. Dorothy Abel, the sister of Ruth Greenglass, gave evidence that she had once been asked to leave the room whilst her sister talked with Julius Rosenberg and that the latter had once in her presence praised the Soviet system and described the U.S.A. as "capitalistic"!

ALL UNRELIABLE

The remaining 13 witnesses either gave no evidence at all that bore on the Rosenbergs, or merely mentioned their name as hearsay.

Thus, the prosecution case against the Rosenbergs rested on the evidence of three persons, two of them husband and wife, and all of them unreliable as accomplices and for other reasons too. There was no corroboration of their story by any independent witness; no detective or other police official, let alone any member of the general public, was called to say that either of the Rosenbergs had ever said or done anything in their presence or hearing. Notwithstanding police searches of their home, no line of writing of any kind that they had ever written, received, or even seen, was adduced. There was nothing of any kind in evidence against them except what the two

gave evidence and called two other witnesses; these latter dealt with points which can fairly be registered as unimportant.

In a study designed to examine the strength or weakness of the prosecution case which the jury accepted, what the Rosenbergs themselves said is not of quite such importance as what the prosecution did or did not prove; but it remains true that they did give evidence, being of course submitted to cross-examination and answering fully and consistently everything that was alleged against them.

Nothing was established against their character, unless it be that they had talked of the Soviet economic system, had thought that the Soviet Union was at one stage bearing the brunt of the Second World War, and had had in their possession a collecting box for Spanish refugee children.

COMMUNIST SCARE

I must say a little about the conduct of the trial. The prosecution, both in the opening statement of the prosecuting attorney and throughout the evidence, repeatedly made play with the alleged Communist connections of the Rosenbergs; the usual "warning" was given that of course communism is not evidence of conspiracy or of espionage, and was immediately nullified by the assertion — wholly unproved — that Communists are more likely to commit espionage than other people.

The atmosphere of the case, as one can see from the observations in the Record alone, was indeed such that the mere suspicion of communist affiliation was almost enough of itself to make conviction certain.

I get from the Record the im-

pression that both communism and the U.S.S.R. were such "red rags to a bull" that the bare mention of them, whether justifiable as relevant to the charges or not, of itself made it extremely difficult to secure a fair and judicial consideration of the evidence, or of the case generally.)

most all stages of the cross-examination of the main prosecution witnesses, was harrying them to cut short their cross-examination.

The last and perhaps the most serious comment I have to make concerns the observations of the judge when passing sentence.

VERY SHOCKING

Having regard to what little evidence of any kind had been given against the Rosenbergs, it is very shocking to a lawyer brought up under the Anglo-Saxon system, in which judges should deal with what is proved in evidence and nothing else (apart from the very narrow field in which judges may take 'judicial notice' of indisputable facts, like the days of the week and the seasons of the year), to read some of the statements made by the judge when passing sentence, presumably by way of expressing his reasons for deciding to impose the death sentence instead of sentence of imprisonment.

To begin with, it should be noticed, although it is far from being the most objectionable of his remarks, that he made somewhat extravagant comments on 'Russian terrorism' and on the administration of justice in the U.S.S.R.; he said, in short the sort of things one is accustomed to read in the more irresponsible newspapers, things which some of the less thoughtful readers may be led to believe.

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MORE BETHAL BARBARISM

Town Council Victimises Political Leader

BETHAL. THE district of Bethal, notorious for its shocking treatment of Africans, has provided yet another example of cruel persecution. Mr. G. T. Sibande, one of the leaders of the Africans in Bethal, now awaits trial after virtually being cut off from his home and family, because of the political activity he has engaged in.

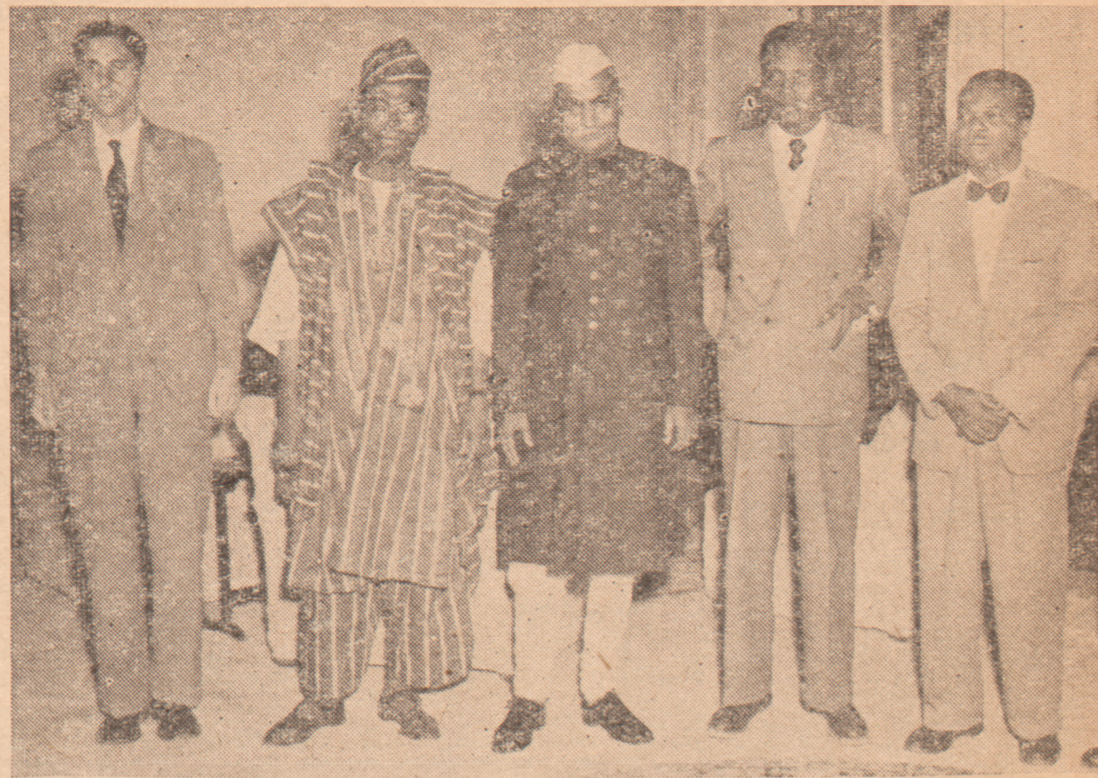
The chain of events leading up to this situation started in 1947 when Mr. Sibande was commanded by the police to keep away from the Pass Office and the Native Commissioner's Office as he was "being a nuisance with his enquiries and his bringing to the notice of the authorities the conditions of the farm labourers".

In October last year Mr. Sibande led the first Bethal batch in the Defiance Campaign. He was sentenced to a month's imprisonment. While serving his term the Superintendent of Bethal visited the prison to serve him with a notice to leave the location.

The day after his release he was again arrested and remanded in prison for eight days. An attempt to deport him to a work colony failed when the Crown's case collapsed and the Magistrate discharged him.

"BUY A TENT" In December, Mr. Sibande was arrested for a third time and charged with not leaving the Location and failing to hand over his Stand permit to the Superintendent. He was allowed bail and was further advised to get a pass.

The Superintendent refused to give him a pass. When Mr. Sibande asked him where he could go he said he did not know, and suggested that he go back to the Magistrate. The Magistrate said he also did not know where he could go or what would happen to his family, house and possessions in the Location. He then advised Mr. Sibande to "buy a little wagon with a tent, move about the roads on it and sleep in the tent". The case is still pending.



Members of a recent Nigerian Goodwill Mission to India seen with Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India. Members of the Mission includes Dr. Awolowo, Nigerian Minister for Local Self Government, and Mr. Akinloye, Minister for Agriculture and National Resources.

COLD WAR CAMPAIGN BY ZIONISTS ENDANGERS ISRAEL

Rabbi Silver Warns Against Prague Trial Propaganda

LONDON. DEMOCRATIC Jewish leaders in many countries are becoming distinctly alarmed at the massive Zionist propaganda drive attempting to exploit the Czech spy trials to "prove" that Czechoslovakia and other East European countries are engaging in anti-Semitism and persecution of Jews. A feature of the world-wide Zionist propaganda campaign is that not one paper has published anything approaching a report of the indictment and trial.

Jewish Boards of Deputies in Britain and other countries have been rushed by their right-wing Zionist elements into passing resolutions condemning "anti-Semitism" in Czechoslovakia. But in no case were the deputies presented with a report of the case. Such papers as the Jewish Chronicle in Britain have reported "waves of suicides" in Prague and "plastering of the synagogue in Bratislava with anti-Semitic slogans". But while other papers have been forced to admit the reports were fabricated, the Chronicle remained silent.

ZIONIST COMPLICITY The main object of the hysterical campaign has not been to protect Jews from anti-Semitism but to cover over the complicity of Zionist organisations and the Israel Government, both of which were drawn by the U.S. and British espionage services into the plan for wrecking Czech economy and bringing that country into the Western sphere.

The United States alone has earmarked 100,000,000 dollars for spying, wrecking and the building up of an underground opposition in East Europe and the Soviet Union.

BETTER SPIES WANTED A revealing article in the New York Herald Tribune by its Washington correspondent, Ned Russel, who is in close touch with the U.S.-sponsored "Freedom" committees of East European refugees, admits that Slansky and his associates were guilty of the conspiracy charged against them and slates them for being stupid enough to get caught. It implies that efforts will be made to rebuild the shattered spy and wrecking organisation with better material.

Russel reports: "Among firm anti-communists and anti-Russians the prevailing attitude as a result of the testimony seems to be that the defendants bungled their operations and were foolish enough to get caught. In other words, those who hope for the overthrow of the communist regime feel that shrewder persons are required for this end."

To prove the Czech Government

DEFENCE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY issued in Washington.

American casualties were 126,845 killed, wounded, missing or captured, from the beginning of the war in June, 1950, to December 26, 1952.

Communist casualties were given as 1,299,961 up to December 1, 1952.

PLAGUE DEATHS The latest estimate of the total United Nations casualties was made on December 13 — 364,370 killed, wounded, captured or reported missing up to that date. Communist casualties included 349,000 estimated to have died from plague and other diseases.

The Defence Department summary said Britain States

Last Saturday the South African Press printed a Reuter report from Washington quoting the United States Defence Department's figures of casualties in the Korean War. Germ warfare started in Korea under Gen. Matthew Ridgway's orders on January 1, 1952 but for a year the U.S. Government furiously denied the indisputable evidence of its own time. Now they cynically claim as "casualties" 349,000 North Koreans and Chinese said to have died of plague and other diseases. Thus they admit responsibility for spreading disease as part of their military effort and shamelessly boast of having killed more than a third of a million people — a figure that is wildly exaggerated and could not possibly have been checked. The cutting is reproduced from the Cape Argus, January 3.

is anti-Semitic is an impossible task. But many responsible Jews have seen the extreme danger to Jewish minorities everywhere of playing with this kind of fire.

RABBI'S WARNING One of America's most fearless and best-known Jewish figures, Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver, who is himself a Zionist, warned against the campaign. According to the Philadelphia Jewish Times, Rabbi Silver at a banquet of several hundred Zionist executives in Philadelphia declared:

"I am not inclined to believe that anti-Semitism was any factor in the Prague trials." He declared he was not prepared to join in the incitement against Czechoslovakia and the East European countries and considered the allegations that they were anti-Semitic unjustified. Rabbi Silver warned against the cold war, of which such allegations were a part, and said the peace of the world and security of Israel were being endangered by it.

Nowhere in the trial were the accused charged on the basis of their opinions or their race. It was a fact, however, that 11 of them were of Jewish origin and the trial showed they had extensive contacts with Zionist organisations and with Israeli diplomats. Part of their sabotage also consisted of enabling former Czech big business circles, some of which were Jewish, to regain their economic position.

The Prosecution told the Court: "The trial has shown the danger of Zionist organisations as nests of American spies."

One of the accused, L. Frejka, former deputy secretary of the

INCITEMENT CASE KING WILLIAM'S TOWN.

In the Magistrate's Court here last month, Mr. Freddie Stuurman was fined £15 (or two months) for incitement. The charge arose out of a speech made by Mr. Stuurman at an African National Congress meeting held here on June 29.

It was alleged that he had incited the audience to cut the fences surrounding the property of the South African Native Trust.

DARK FUTURE FOR TORNADO VICTIMS Families May Be Broken Up

JOHANNESBURG. Many African families here enter the New Year full of apprehension for their future and not knowing what sort of fate has been decided for them by the authorities.

They are the families whose homes were blitzed in the Albertynsville Tornado, the majority of whom were removed to the former Lenz military camp pending their settlement in the Moroka official shanty camp.

They have been accommodated in the Lenz barracks temporarily while the Council "screens" them to decide who will be allowed into Moroka and which families are not eligible to remain in Johannesburg under the influx control measures.

Lenz is fenced in and all visitors must state their business to the municipal police at the gates. Many visitors to the families living inside have been turned away by these police.

The screening goes on while in the Lenz camp men and women are segregated in male and female sections.

This splitting up of the families was also only a temporary measure but thus far there is no indication when more permanent plans for the tornado victims will be finalised.

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EXPULSION FROM CONGRESS DURBAN.

By thirty-nine votes to one, the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress has expelled Doctor A. I. Limbada, of Northern Natal. Dr. Limbada was charged with anti-Congress activities in that, while a member of Congress, he supported and fought for the Non-European Unity Movement policy of denouncing the policies of the African and Indian Congresses and the Defiance Campaign.

The expulsion resolution states that Dr. Limbada was expelled in terms of the Congress constitution on the grounds that he acted against the interests of Congress by consistently acting in opposition to Resolution 8 of the 1951 annual Provincial Conference. That resolution pledged Congress to lead the people in struggle for democratic rights and freedom and to carry out the decisions of the Action Council of the Africans and Indian Congresses.

MORE DEFIERS Sixteen Africans defied the local permit regulations at Springs last week and were arrested. They were volunteers who had come from Germiston to do so.

POLICE PLAY CAT AND MOUSE

JOHANNESBURG. At the Mayfair Station one Monday night last month, an African wearing the African National Congress colours was stopped by police and asked to produce his pass. He showed his exemption pass. The European policeman said: "You're not working. You're a Communist."

He was taken to the Fordsburg Police Station and next found himself charged under section 29 of the Urban Areas Act (the vagrancy section.)

At the station the policeman who had arrested him pointed him out "Hy's 'n' Kommunis daardie."

Two days later he came before the Native Commissioner's Court in Fordsburg. He was asked to produce "the papers of Congress". Then he was sent to the Newlands police station. The following morning he was brought back to the Fordsburg court. As the door of the police van was opened he was told: "Loop".

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GOLD COAST TO DEMAND INDEPENDENCE IN 1953

LONDON. The Gold Coast will ask the British Government for full independence this year. A formal request is expected to be sent to London shortly as a result of decisions taken by a special delegate conference of the Convention People's Party of which the Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, is leader.

The conference, meeting at Kumasi, decided to press for a resolution to be sent by the Gold Coast Government through the Colonial Secretary to the Queen asking for full self-Government in 1953.

The resolution requests that an act granting independence to the Gold Coast should be passed simultaneously by the British Parliament and the Assembly in Accra declaring the country, under the name of Ghana, a sovereign independent State with a common link to the British Commonwealth through the Crown.

This means that the Gold Coast people have raised the flag of struggle for immediate granting this year of Dominion status, placing their country on the same footing as the Union of South Africa or India.

The demand from the C.P.P. brings every African section into the struggle for full independence. Similar resolutions have already been adopted by the Opposition Ghana Congress Party.

INCITEMENT CASE

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN. In the Magistrate's Court here last month, Mr. Freddie Stuurman was fined £15 (or two months) for incitement. The charge arose out of a speech made by Mr. Stuurman at an African National Congress meeting held here on June 29.

It was alleged that he had incited the audience to cut the fences surrounding the property of the South African Native Trust.

DARK FUTURE FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

Families May Be Broken Up

JOHANNESBURG. Many African families here enter the New Year full of apprehension for their future and not knowing what sort of fate has been decided for them by the authorities.

They are the families whose homes were blitzed in the Albertynsville Tornado, the majority of whom were removed to the former Lenz military camp pending their settlement in the Moroka official shanty camp.

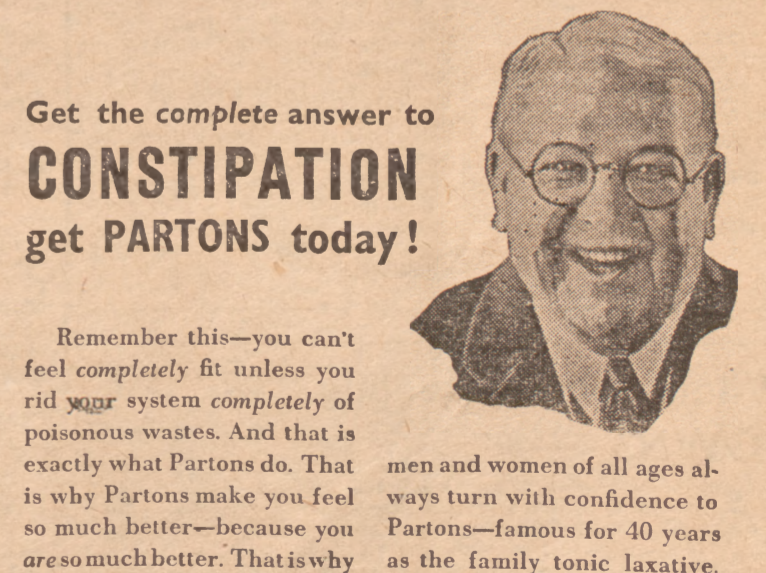
They have been accommodated in the Lenz barracks temporarily while the Council "screens" them to decide who will be allowed into Moroka and which families are not eligible to remain in Johannesburg under the influx control measures.

Lenz is fenced in and all visitors must state their business to the municipal police at the gates. Many visitors to the families living inside have been turned away by these police.

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BRITISH LABOUR CONDEMNS MALAN'S "WICKED UNCHRISTIAN POLICY"

Turning Africa Into Racial Hell

LONDON.

Symbolising the policies of British Imperialism in Africa and of the Nationalist Party in South Africa by the figures of Mr. Oliver Lyttelton and Dr. Malan, the Labour Sunday paper, Reynolds News, has issued a warning to these two men that they are turning the Continent into a "hell of racial warfare".

It is almost certain that the Labour Party will be returned to power as the next British Government and the unusually strong line taken by Labour on African colonial problems and on Malanism has caused Nationalist cabinet ministers to make a number of frightened and angry attacks on the British Labour Movement.

The Editor of Reynolds News, in a prominently featured article, writes:

Two men, if they are not stopped in time, may turn Africa for the rest of the century into a hell of racial warfare. Two men may soon make it impossible that black men and white men can live peacefully side by side. Those two men are Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Colonial Secretary of Britain, and Dr. Daniel Malan, Prime Minister of South Africa.

SLAVES

Malan's policy ranks the black man as something less than a human being. . . . He has no political rights. To exist at a miserable standard, to provide cheap labour for industry—that is the limit of the black man's rights in the land of his ancestors. Ten million Africans, Indians and people of mixed blood are, in all except name, slaves.

Whatever the powers of repression which Malan takes to himself, the situation cannot last.

Nothing in the world can prevent the African people from asserting their rights to live as

free men and women. If violence comes to South Africa, if the rulers find themselves isolated and friendless, the policy of Dr. Malan will be the cause.

And in Kenya, Mr. Lyttelton is following the Malan example.

The House of Commons has been horrified at the brutal way in which he has justified his policy of attacking a whole people because of the crimes of a few.

TREE OF LIBERTY

The Kikuyus have a saying, "The tree of liberty is watered with blood".

Mr. Lyttelton and all the other Tory politicians who believe they can hold down the Kikuyu people by driving them out of their homes and taking away their cattle would heed those words if they were capable of learning a single lesson from history.

What is behind this wave of oppression and racial hatred launched in Africa?

CONDEMNED LABOUR

Perhaps we can find a clue in the fact that both Dr. Malan and Mr. Lyttelton have condemned the policy of the Labour Government of giving freedom to India. Mr. Lyttelton said of this policy: "Burma was hurriedly and indeed abjectly abandoned, and severed from the Empire. We promised freedom and left terror in India."

Dr. Malan has said that Britain has "lost India, Burma and Egypt." He has asserted that the Gold Coast has been practically lost "because Britain tried to apply the principle of full equality of races."

If Mr. Lyttelton had been in power when India demanded her freedom he would have tried to hold down that vast continent by force.

Had Mr. Lyttelton been Colonial Secretary instead of Mr. James Griffiths when the problems of the Gold Coast were tackled we should to-day be burning the homes of the Gold Coast people and Kwame Nkrumah, now Premier, would be in jail.

What are Dr. Malan and Mr. Lyttelton defending? They are defending the right of a minority to exploit a majority. The wealth of South Africa has been built on the exploitation of native labour. The wealth of Britain has been created to a very large degree by starvation wages of colonial workers.

Mr. Lyttelton knows that. He is the most typical representative of British monopoly in the Tory Cabinet. His father, as Colonial Secretary in 1902, was forced out of office after the storm which followed his policy of importing Chinese labour to work in the Rand gold mines.

Malan and Lyttelton cannot succeed. The Africans have been slow to awaken, but all through that vast continent they are astir and demanding that they shall take their place in the ranks of the free peoples.

There is not much the people of Britain can do about Malan except to make it clear that we loathe and detest his wicked and unchristian policy and to encourage all those who fight against them.

But in Kenya the British people still have the last word. We can guide the African peoples under our rule into free partnership in our Commonwealth, as we have done with the peoples of India and Pakistan. Or we can lose them for ever.

The decision must be made soon. Conciliation must replace repression. And, as a beginning, Lyttelton must go.

RUNNING SHORT OF EUROPEANS!

According to Mr. P. E. Strachan, Deputy Divisional Inspector of Labour for the Witwatersrand, that area alone faces a shortage of 3,000 to 4,000 apprentices in the building industry.

Mr. Strachan added that if the reluctance of Europeans to join the building industry continued, South Africa would be faced with the prospect of employing all-African or all-Coloured labour in the trade.

Magistrates To Handle African Unemployed

CAPE TOWN.

Local authorities will no longer administer the Unemployment Insurance Act in respect of those African workers for whom its provisions still apply.

Native Commissioners or, in some areas, Magistrates, will in future handle all claims by Africans for benefits under the Act.

ZUKAS SPEAKS UP

LONDON.

Talks on Central African Federation now going on in London were attacked as an effort to consolidate White supremacy, in a statement by Mr. Simon Zukas. Mr. Zukas, now in London after having been deported by the Northern Rhodesia colonial government, is vice-president of the Northern Rhodesia African National Congress and a member of the Supreme Anti-Federation Action Council.

"The proposed scheme for federation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland," he said, "is based on the principle of permanent White supremacy and a denial of political rights to six million Africans. It is unacceptable to the vast majority of the people of Central Africa."

"Its imposition can lead only to a further and rapid deterioration in race relations in the three territories concerned."

Mr. Zukas commented on the hush-hush procedure employed by the Northern Rhodesia officials over his deportation. His parents had to accept a condition that they would divulge nothing before they were allowed to see him. Plain-clothes officers were present when he took leave of his parents at Ndola, and at the airports where the plane touched down in the territory there were more detectives present.

The action of the Government would not stop the campaign against Central African Federation, he said.

GIVEN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO QUIT

JOHANNESBURG.

A prominent Johannesburg Congressman, Mr. Flag Boshielo and also Mr. Walter Mafunyane, both residents of the Denver Hostel were served on December 30, with a letter from the manager of the Johannesburg non-European Affairs Department, giving them 24 hours notice to vacate their beds in the hostel.

They were warned if they did not leave the hostel by noon on January 2, legal proceedings would be instituted against them. Neither of the men have yet left the hostel.

Mafunyane is one of the nine men on trial following the recent Denver Hostel disturbance. Their trial opens this week. Both men were in 1950 ordered to leave the hostel, but they won the subsequent court case based on an ejection order. Since this victory, new hostel regulations have been framed by the Council, and the present ejection notice was issued in terms of the amended regulations.

FIRM STAND AGAINST FEDERATION

N. Rhodesian Africans' Warning to Britain

JOHANNESBURG.

NORTHERN RHODESIA'S African Representative Council decided to boycott the London Talks on Federation which opened at the beginning of January. Two African members of the Council were invited to go to London to participate in the Talks but the Council promptly told the Secretary of State for the Colonies that, as it was their wish that the federation proposal should be dropped completely, it could not take part at all.

Since the Federation talks started in 1951, said the resolution of the Council, no African of Northern Rhodesia has participated. Their delegation to London in April, 1952 boycotted the London Conference which was responsible for formulating the present federation report. Their actions were endorsed by the entire African population.

The Northern Rhodesian African National Congress once again states its opposition to Federation in a letter to all chiefs and the people of Northern Rhodesia, distributed throughout the territory at the end of December.

INTIMIDATION

It records that the government has tried everything in its power to intimidate not only the Africans, but also some Europeans and Indians, to support Federation. Many Africans have lost their jobs because they expressed opinions against the proposals. Pro-Federation elements have carried out vicious propaganda against the Congress. The imprisonment and deportation of Mr. Simon Zukas was part of this attack against the opponents of Federation.

The Congress then describes the pressures for Central African Federation from the British

Government and investors of capital in the African territories.

"With the increase of European immigration and increased exploitation of our natural resources, both settler elements and the British Government are becoming increasingly determined to maintain their firm grip on this country for supplies of raw materials for the British and American manufacturers.

"This country has abundant and high-grade iron ore, copper and uranium. Because the British capitalists are facing growing economic crisis, and because the forces of freedom and independence throughout Africa are becoming more and more felt, the capitalists are becoming more frightened and desperate. The British and American capitalists plan to have a strong hold in Central Africa. The most effective way they can do this is through the proposed Central African Federation."

The Congress has warned the British Government that any imposition of a major political change against the unanimous and solid opposition of the Africans will create deep mistrust and bitterness between black and white.

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THE CRISIS OF RACIALISM

1952 MARKED A TURNING POINT IN SOUTH AFRICA, FOR IT WAS IN THE PAST YEAR THAT THE AFRICAN LIBERATORY MOVEMENT CAME OF AGE. REMEMBER, THIS WAS ALSO THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF VAN RIEBEECK'S LANDING AT THE CAPE! IT WAS, SURELY, A DRAMATIC COINCIDENCE BETWEEN THE CELEBRATION OF THREE CENTURIES OF WHITE OVERLORDSHIP AND THE BIRTH OF THE MOVEMENT PLEDGED TO ITS OVERTHROW.

These centuries of supremacy were based, as we all know, on the European's monopoly of modern science and technology. It was this that gave him the economic and military power needed for conquest and subjugation.

But it is in the nature of imperialism to create the conditions for their destruction. In order to live in Africa, the Europeans had not only to conquer, they also had to force their way of life on the Africans. So they destroyed the tribal culture, but at the same time compelled the African — often at great sacrifice and in the face of tremendous obstacles—to acquire the knowledge and techniques which used to be the White man's prerogative.

The cultural basis of White superiority gradually disappeared in the process. There are today large numbers of Africans — as also of Indians and Coloured — who are superior to large numbers of Europeans in terms of any standard (income, wealth, education, character) except that of civil status.

Yes, before the law all Non-Europeans are inferior to all Europeans. This law, however, no longer corresponds to social reality, which means that it is bolstered up only by force and habit. People who have outgrown the habit, though they may have to put up with the coercion behind the law, must regard it as unjust. Since the only thing that a self-respecting person can do with an unjust law is to work for its abolition, the campaign against unjust laws must continue until they no longer exist, that is, until the colour bars have been removed.

FASCIST METHODS

The Government — like all dictatorial governments which enforce their will on people instead of giving effect to people's wishes — are trying to oppress this demand for justice by the familiar methods of prosecution, jailing, shooting, whipping, bans on meetings and bans on leaders.

This growth of fascist methods to eliminate political opposition is one symptom of the crisis that has been matured by the open resistance to racial oppression.

Another symptom — which more particularly forms the subject of this article — is the breakdown of confidence among the Europeans in their own system. They can no longer describe it in terms of trusteeship, white man's burden, civilising mission, or divine duty, because all these attempts to justify race discrimination presuppose its impermanence, and the Non-European is no longer prepared to accept their validity.

IMMORALITY OF DISCRIMINATION

The European is like the man who, after living for years on borrowed money, is confronted with a demand for payment and suddenly discovers that it is immoral to fall into debt.

Why, says the S.A. Bureau of Racial Affairs in a recent statement (*Integration or Separate Development*), in 50 years time 12 million Africans will be living permanently in European areas unless a policy of separate development is followed; whereupon "it is certain that the Bantu population will not

be satisfied then with the limited political rights which they now possess; *it would, moreover, be immoral to accept the Bantu as permanent residents of the country but to refuse them political and other rights*" (my italics).

But why is the denial of rights not immoral now? The spokesmen for Sabra would probably be prepared to admit — in private — that the existing system of race discrimination is indeed indefensible on moral grounds. The conclusion they draw, in any event, is not that rights should be extended to all races, but that South Africa should be partitioned into racial territories.

ADMISSION OF FAILURE

This plea for totalitarian apartheid is by no means confined to the Stellenbosch and Potchefstroom visionaries; it has been taken up (often under the label of federation) by some representatives of the liberal and Britisher traditions.

Federation, as a "solution" of the "race problem", was urged some years ago by Mr. L. M. Thompson of Cape Town University and shortly after by A.

By a Special Correspondent

Keppel-Jones (*Friends or Foes?*). One of the latest enthusiasts is L. E. Neame, a former editor of the Cape Argus, whose defence of White domination* also urges "some form of separate development" should Total Separation prove impossible.

There is no need to debate the merits of these schemes here, except to point out that they all involve the great error of supposing that the White governing class will be free to impose its ideas on the Non-Europeans in devising the frontiers and structures of the future federated society. Surely one is closer to reality in supposing that the Non-European peoples will never tolerate or accept as lasting any arrangement to which they themselves are not a party, which in effect means that it is they who will have to decide on future dispositions.

DESPAIR AND DEFEATISM

But by far the most interesting and significant feature of these discussions is the note of despair and defeatism that underlies them all. The protagonists of Apartheid, Federation, Partition or whatever else the scheme is labelled, are actually admitting that the European has been unable to find a basis for living together with the Non-Europeans which is acceptable to both.

Or, more specifically, the White man is prepared to live here only as Master. If the African is not prepared to accept him now and for ever in that capacity, then the Black Man must leave.

The rather obvious retort of the African is that since he does not admit failure to establish a multi-racial society; since he is prepared to continue living with the European in a common society, provided that

they experience equality of treatment, it is the European who should leave if he does not find these conditions acceptable.

DECLINE OF LIBERALISM

With all its absurdities, Apartheid or Federation is now the only theoretical weapon with which the proponents of White domination can meet the claims of the Non-Europeans to equality of treatment.

The late Professor Hoernlé long ago pointed to the weakness of liberal thought in S.A., viz. its failure to relate its makeshift efforts to any "long-range" programme. In effect, the Liberals have refused to adopt a "policy" other than one of social reforms.

It is true that the S.A. Institute of Race Relations recently published what is claimed to be a "statement of the fundamental beliefs and attitudes" of the Institute. But this rather pathetic attempt at deception merely underscored the inability of the liberals in the Institute to live up to their professed liberal ideas.

If the Institute rejects total separation as being impracticable why does it not ask the question whether it would be advisable if practicable? It "recognises" existing segregation as a fact — and thereby endorses it as a fact. It makes a pious protestation in favour of "fundamental human rights for all", but declares that "the great majority are not in a position at present to undertake the full responsibility inherent in such rights!"

That declaration is not, however, subjected to the scrutiny which it deserves. On what grounds is it said that the Africans, Coloured and Indians are less equipped than the people of India or of Africa to undertake "full responsibilities"? Does the Institute claim that illiteracy, or polygamy, or ancestor worship are obstacles? If so, why?

IMPOTENT

The conclusion arrived at is that "for a long time, Europeans must and will take the initiative and hold ultimate responsibility". But, the Institute concedes, "it is not prepared to say what will be the position in the year 2052". Quite! But has anyone asked the Institute to prophesy? What is really more relevant, is what does the Institute propose to do in 1953 about securing citizenship rights now for all persons "in a position to undertake the full responsibility"?

Without principles to guide it, the Institute (like all South African Liberalism) has been reduced to impotency, not only unable to influence events but quite incapable of assessing their true significance. The avowal of faith in "European initiative" was no sooner made than it was being discredited by the growing fury of Non-European nationalism.

But, in the last resort, are the Apartheiders any better off in their paradise — 50 years hence? For while they scheme, the Orange Free State gold fields go on developing with African labour, and Welkom already assumes the status of the second largest town in the O.F.S., with a majority of Black inhabitants!

* L. E. NEAME, WHITE MAN'S AFRICA, STEWART PRINTING CO. (PTY.) LTD., 10/6.

Oversea Students' Fine Gesture

CAPE TOWN. Oversea students have promised more than £3,000 to the African Medical Scholarship Trust Fund which has been started to replace the medical bursaries for Africans at Witwatersrand University withdrawn by the Government. Aid will come from students in France, England, Scotland, Italy and a number of The Peoples Democracies.

STRONG PROTEST AGAINST NEW PASS LAW

African Women To Discuss Action

CAPE TOWN.

Several hundred African men and women applauded enthusiastically when Mrs. D. Tamana, speaking at Langa on Sunday Jan. 4, said: "We women will never carry these passes." The meeting was held under the auspices of the Langa branch of the A.N.C. to protest against the application of the Native Laws Amendment Act whereby 40,000 African men, women and juveniles will have to carry municipal passes.

Mrs. Tamana continued: "This is something that touches my heart. I appeal to you young Africans to come forward and fight. These passes make the road even narrower for us. We have seen unemployment, lack of accommodation and families broken up because of passes. We have seen it with our men. Who will look after our children when we go to gaol for a small technical offence — not having a pass?"

The first speaker, Mr. S. Mfana, Secretary of the Joint Planning Council, said: "The Government has offered us 'happy' New Year greetings. Practically all Africans — men, women and youths — will be forced to carry these passes. Exemptions are extremely difficult to obtain. Already we are all guilty of a technical offence."

HATED

Mrs. D. Mampila, after leading stirring singing of Congress songs, declared that action was necessary. The reply to this new blow of the Government is "Join the A.N.C.!"

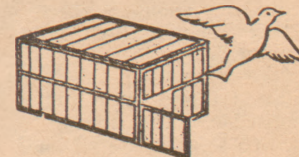
"One of the main purposes of this Act," said Mr. T. Ngwenya, chairman of the W.P. Region of the A.N.C., "is to enable the authorities to deal with so-called agitators who may be expelled within 72 hours from an urban

area. Congress is not anti-White, it is fighting against all bad laws. All the pass laws are bad, and are hated by every African."

The Chairman of the meeting, Mr. W. Giwu, read out a resolution which was carried unanimously amid loud cries of "Afrika!" It stated that the meeting viewed with great alarm the persistence of the Government in enforcing measures against the will of 10,000,000 Africans. The result must be the worsening of race relations in South Africa. "We demand the repeal of this and all pass laws," concludes the resolution.

Amongst the long list of speakers were Messrs. J. Mtini, H. Gqiba, E. Nomvete and M. Scott.

As yet Africans have not been directly acquainted with their new obligations, and no reports of passes being issued on a large scale have been received. Meanwhile African women have decided to call a special meeting later this week to discuss what action should be taken.



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COLOUR BAR CRACKED

LONDON.

White Kenya settlers who invited the distinguished Indian lawyer and Member of Parliament, Dewan Chaman Lal, to a cocktail party at Kitale near Kapenguria, where he is assisting the defence of Jomo Kenyatta, had a large pill to swallow. Dewan Chaman Lal made it a condition that there would be no colour bar at the party and his hosts had to agree. Large numbers of Africans and Indians attended along with European settlers—the first mixed party in the area.

Later, the African and Indian communities gave a dinner to Dewan Chaman Lal at the local European hotel, making another new opening in the racial bar.

ON PARADE

By SAM KAHN

THE DECLINE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

People's Forum

Hats Off To Arnold Selby!

From ex-volunteer J. M. Mooki, Johannesburg.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Arnold Selby for taking such a courageous stand by the side of the African people. This was no surprise to me, for since 1950 Mr. Selby has fought fearlessly for the Textile Workers' Union.

He has struggled for equal pay for equal work and higher wages for the workers. Peace-loving, broadminded and courageous, he is a White man who disregards the colour of a person's skin. I regard him as an African.

Long live our Secretary Selby, long live Non-European leaders! Afrika!

Unpublished Reply

From "Stainless Sword", Bloemfontein.

A wealthy Natal daily newspaper refused to publish the following letter of mine in reply to uncorroborated statements by a correspondent.

"Your correspondent, —, has launched an unwarranted attack on Canon L. J. Collins and the Christian Action Society for supporting the Congress struggle. While the world is crying out for a public enquiry into the recent disturbances, he and Swart are making serious allegations without producing any evidence. If they have any proof that resisters were responsible for the riots they should make it public. Otherwise let them hold their tongues.

"To draw a parallel between Mau-Mau and the A.N.C. is sheer nonsense. The former is well known to advocate violence while the latter is anti-violence.

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From J. S. Maponya, Natal.

I notice that the Mayor of Pretoria has proudly told all South Africans that had he been present at the Springs Mayoral service, to which Non-Europeans had been invited, he would have walked out.

I suppose the Mayor was so annoyed at the news that he felt he had to let out this hot air, but surely his Native cook or garden boy could have served as less embarrassing steam-valves than the Press. Here is an uncompromising Christian who shall go down in Dr. Donges's record as a man who has been imbued with "the spirit of true South Africanism".

In the next election people like the Mayor will ask for a mandate similar to the one that gave them Railway Apartheid. Only this time they will ask that Non-Europeans do not worship together with their masters. Otherwise they will have to stage another walk-out like the one at U.N.O. This time they will have to walk out on God. It must be admitted regretfully: The created are sometimes greater than the Creator (in South Africa).

Meanwhile let us join with those few White Christians who have been brave enough to incur the displeasure of the "true South Africans". Anyhow, South Africa's history, unbiased in its setting, will sit in judgment on these dubious "true" South Africans.

May the "untrue" increase in strength and advance with your paper. Plain, true Christianity is at stake.

New Year Message

From J. S. A. Mavuso, Secretary A.N.C. (Alexandra Branch).

To-day, when one looks back on the ground covered in our struggle for national liberation, one notes with pride some of the achievements which have been made so far by the oppressed people of this country.

The year 1952 has seen the birth of complete unity between all sections of the Non-Europeans and democratic Europeans, achieved by means of unity of thought and action. The awakening of political consciousness amongst the African masses, with the demand for full citizenship rights irrespective of race, colour or creed, has demonstrated once more to the people of South Africa and the world our ability to decide our own future and, indeed, contribute to world peace.

The Government, on the other hand has closed its eyes and ears to the realities of the day and has taken shelter behind its hollow ideological catch-word "Apartheid". In spite of five years in office they have failed to apply Apartheid except for the signs that have been posted in every public place, at the expense of the nation. All this disgraceful

TO many people the City Council of Cape Town is something vaguely noticed when a stormy debate in the Council chambers hits the headlines. To others, who take a different but equally superficial view, Cape Town's Council is a body of liberal City Fathers, surrounded by progressive liberalism dating over hundreds of years. If this was ever true, the liberalism is little more than an ossified archaic survival of by-gone centuries.

Unfortunately, it has not ossified into a back-bone of any kind, as recent Municipal events show. It has certainly been easy for the Council to pose as liberal when there has been no pressure upon them to behave differently.

At any rate the year 1952 has seen the Mother City slide rapidly down the slippery slope of racialism and reaction with a

vengeance. In the face of the opposition of a few steadfast stalwarts, who have fought the Council's reactionary majority as hard and as consistently as they could, the rest of the Councillors have been administering civic affairs on their knees, in constant obeisance to, and appeasement of, the Malan Government.

SOMERSAULTING

When first the City Council were asked by the Government to co-operate in carving the City into racial areas under the property-robbing Group Areas Act, the Council resolved to keep their hands clean of this foul measure. A few months later, committing the kind of somersault which is becoming a permanent feature of City Council Government, it was decided to endeavour to prepare the ground for zoning the Municipal area, and work hand in hand with the Government, on the dishonest and specious face-saving argument that the City Council could use its influence to effect a more liberal zoning under this ghetto law.

When the Government cracked the whip about the Strandfontein beach segregation proposals, whereby the Non-Europeans should be weaned away from the white-patronised pleasure resorts of Muizenberg, St. James, etc., the City Council sprang up from its bended knees. Proposals were placed before the ratepayers to spend thousands of pounds on Strandfontein, a windswept, arid, dangerous part of the coast, where only a week or two ago two Non-Europeans were drowned.

S.A.B.R.A. DECISION

Last year, when the City Council were invited to send delegates to the S.A. Bureau of Racial Affairs, it declined to send delegates to this apartheid-ridden Stellenbosch-dominated racialist organisation, whose principles are predicated upon the belief that the White man is definitely superior to his Black fellow citizen. This year another Council volte face took place and, swallowing its past decision, the Council decided to send a representative to help S.A.B.R.A. scheme the suppression of Non-European people.

PROTECTS THE RICH

The City Council has covered, protected and defended the interests of the rich, particularly the big commercial houses, merchants and industrialists, by adopting a policy of not increasing the rates, and finding revenue by means of savage attacks upon the poor, through increased electricity and water charges.

The fault does not lie only with the Councillors, who are sully the legendary name of liberalism associated with the City Council of Cape Town; the Council has shown itself time after time as being very susceptible to the power of big

business, industry and the Government. If they have shown sympathy with the Non-Europeans, it has been isolated, singular and inconsistent.

TOO LITTLE PRESSURE

Too little pressure is brought by people outside, particularly the mass of Municipal voters upon the reactionary group, which exercises such a baleful and dominating influence. Too little direct assistance and moral support is given to the handful of Councillors who are putting up a valiant fight to promote some democracy within the Council.

I remember a few years ago when some Councillors wanted to increase electricity and water charges to the householders of our City. Public agitation and public meetings of protest were strong enough to keep their greedy fingers out of the pockets of those least able to afford these higher charges. This year not a single meeting of protest took place, and the ratepayers, lacking adequate leadership and organisation, submissively "took" the increases.

DEMOCRACY NEEDED

In the absence of a democratic Municipal franchise, it has not been surprising that Cape Town has surrendered to the racist attitudes of colour discrimination that characterises other forms of European Government in South Africa. The Municipalities could not remain immune to the degrading racial influences that have coarsened the political life of this country more acutely in recent years than ever before.

The rot that has set in in the Council is not a product of local apathy and phlegm. Its part of a spirit which is manifest throughout the length and breadth of the country amongst ever-increasing sections of White people. A democratic Council requires a democratic Government.

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MORE PROTEST AT DU TOIT BAN JOHANNESBURG.

The executive committee of the Witwatersrand branch of the National Baking Industrial Union has urged that the union head office protest strongly to the Government against the order issued by the Minister of Justice to Miss Betty du Toit to resign as secretary of the Laundry Workers' Union and also the Food and Canning Workers' Union.

This is a continuation of the government's policy to smash the trade union movement, says their resolution.



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