

# ARMED POLICE RAID WOMEN'S CONGRESS

JOHANNESBURG. ARMED POLICE CONVERGED ON THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WOMEN'S LEAGUE'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT PAYNEVILLE LOCATION LAST SUNDAY AND FORCIBLY STOPPED THE PROCEEDINGS.

WHILE A POLICEMAN ARMED WITH A STEN-GUN MOUNTED THE PLATFORM AND STOOD BEHIND THE



MAN! THERE WE WERE, SURROUNDED ON ALL SIDES BY WOMEN . . .

CHAIRMAN, THE REST OF THE CONTINGENT TOOK UP POSITIONS AT THE DOORS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL, AND GAVE THE DELEGATES FIVE MINUTES TO DISPERSE.

THE CONFERENCE HAD JUST COMMENCED WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED AND DECLARED THAT THE GATHERING WAS ILLEGAL AS NO WRITTEN PERMISSION TO HOLD THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN OBTAINED, IN SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THEY WERE TOLD THAT VERBAL PERMISSION HAD BEEN GIVEN BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LOCATION, THE POLICE WOULD HEAR NO ARGUMENT AND FORCED THE WOMEN TO ABANDON THE PROCEEDINGS.

FLYING SQUAD RIOT-VANS WERE MASSES IN THE VICINITY OF THE HALL.

THE WOMEN THEN MOVED TO ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP WHERE THE CONFERENCE WAS CONVERTED INTO A MASS OPEN AIR MEETING TO PROTEST AGAINST THE POLICE ACTION.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE WILL BE RECONVENED ON A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

## BATON CHARGE ON ZEEURUST TRIBESMEN

ZEEURUST. A brutal police attack on the local tribesmen marked the resumption of the Commission of Enquiry here into the unrest of the People.

The hearing was adjourned on a previous occasion because police, and army aeroplanes, prevented the people from attending.

Twenty people were treated in hospital last week for injuries caused by the police batons.

The daily press appears to have blacked out all news of these events.



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# WORKERS PARALYSE GARMENT INDUSTRY

## PROTEST ACTION AN IMMENSE SUCCESS

JOHANNESBURG. 12,500 Non-European garment workers in the Transvaal have given their reply to Minister of Labour De Klerk. They brought between 200 and 300 factories here to a complete standstill by noon of the first day of their work stoppage on Monday.

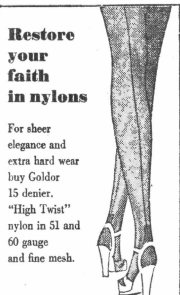
They have shown what would happen to the garment industry if the reservation of jobs for whites were to be put into effect.

Without the Non-European workers the whole industry ground swiftly to a standstill. If De Klerk's job reservation means what it says, the Non-Europeans will be sacked. Well, the Non-Europeans have not waited to be sacked. They have resigned voluntarily.

They have said: "All right we'll give you a chance to put your policy into practice without having to use the law. We'll make way for the white workers. Replace us!"

But the employers have not even thought of attempting to replace the stay-aways. They sat waiting for them to come back. The factories were dead and could never live

again unless the Non-European workers breathed life into them. The workers' action has been an inspiring example of solidarity and an illustration of the complete bankruptcy of the Nats.



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# TVL ANC LEADERS MOVE QUICKLY TO MEET CRITICS

## Difficulties will be Ironed Out, Greater Unity Achieved, they Promise

From our Political Correspondent

TOP level attempts are being made in the Transvaal African National Congress to restore unity and iron out misunderstandings that have arisen since the annual conference last month and which have resulted in a number of branches petitioning the provincial committee to suspend itself pending the findings of a special "grievance" conference.

Among the measures to be taken will be visits to the petitioning branches and a joint meeting of branch executives to give detailed explanations of the points in dispute and to thrash out misunderstandings.

This storm in Congress circles in this province is caused in some cases by genuine complaints on the part of sincere Congressmen, but the dispute has been seized upon by Africanists and the Madunya group of Alexandra Township who seek to capture the leadership of the province and make no bones about their aims.

"Heads must topple" is the cry and the World has taken this cry up for them. The Africanists say they are determined to replace the present executive by one "not led by other Congresses and by leaders and ideologues foreign to African."

It is the old extreme nationalism of the Africanists which seeks to smash the Congress alliances, undermine future struggles, renounce the Freedom Charter and co-operation with other racial groups in the Congress front under the cry "Africa for the Africans."

organised within the Africanist movement, but its aims are not much dissimilar.

Leading Congressmen point out, however, that not all the petitioners can be lumped together as Africanists. They are a diverse group and labelling and abusing all as "disruptive" elements will merely aggravate the dispute in the province and make a settlement more difficult.

Those genuinely concerned with rectifying grievances and not using the petition as a lever to spend disunity and thus enable the Africanist group to capture Congress for their own ends will have detailed explanations put to them on the various

points of the petition and it is felt that it should not be difficult to iron out differences, many of them due to misconceptions and misunderstandings.

## Nation-Wide Solidarity Rallies

Workers' solidarity rallies with the striking Johannesburg garment workers have been reported from all main centres.

One of the most successful meetings was that called by the local SACTU committee in Durban.

Only Cape Town lagged scandalously behind the country, with the local union warning against "agitators" and placing its faith not on workers' solidarity but on "court action."

# Natal Archbishop Sends Message of Support To Sactu

## He Backs Fight Against Job Apartheid

DURBAN.

THE Archbishop of Natal, Dennis E. Hurley, has sent a message to the local committee of the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions expressing full support for its struggle against further colour discrimination in industry.

"The recently enacted provisions for job reservation are to unjust as to be almost unbelievable. It is a political principle that

contains within itself the seeds of every injustice. Those who have dedicated themselves to that principle seem totally indifferent to the sufferings that its applications are causing. One wonders how men can be so blind and insensible.

"May God sustain you in your struggle for justice, in your defense of the God-given right of free persons to engage in peaceful and useful occupations which contribute to the well-being and prosperity of individuals, families and society.

"May victory crown your endeavours for the sake of justice, for the honour of our country, and for the greater glory of God's law."



# NEW AGE LETTER BOX

## FORCED LABOUR IN THE SUGAR FIELDS

There seems to be a connection between the sugar owners and the Government. Being detained in Port Shepstone without an inward pass, I was forced by the police to this compound.

This is what happens. Boys sign

### Betrayed By A Visitor

Once I had a reddish-coloured visitor who had been beaten by sun and wind. I received my long-haired visitor well and gave him food.

But after this my visitor became selfish. He got the best occupations and he gave me a copy of the bible.

While I considered these things he was preparing further gifts for me. "War is you pass?" I could not answer as I did not expect such a thing and knew nothing about it. Since I could not produce a pass on demand I was locked behind iron bars and all my property was confiscated by the state.

For opposing this cruelty I've been described as a Communist. Being a Communist I am charged with High Treason. So, never feed a dog as you will be bitten afterwards. R.O.M. Bloemfontein

### KWA THEMA FIGHTS HIGH RENTS

The meeting of the Advisory Board at Kwa-Thema location ended in chaos last week after the members of the platform attacked a woman resident with sticks for insisting on speaking. She wanted to speak on high rents in the location, but was told that the meeting was for men only.

Another resident, Mr. Mohlani, also wanted to say something about the rents, but was told to hold his own meeting.

The rent issue has now reached its climax and many residents of Kwa-Thema and Deep Levels have decided not to pay the rents. They are also supported by sympathisers from other suburbs of the township.

"Aiyabada," they say.

MICAH VILAHAZI  
Kwa Thema, Springs.

### POWER-DRUNK

I am appalled at the idea of people who regard themselves as intelligent going round encouraging our workmenfolk to carry passes because already residents in the township are being awakened at the crack of dawn by municipal police searching for liquor and trespassers, or unlawful occupants.

It is hard to be ruled by people who are power-drunk; we do not want to be ruled by people who depend on rifles and handoffs to maintain law and order as that is the apartheid method of government.

N. JOXO

New Brighton, Cape.

## SPUTNIK TELLS OF HEAVEN

The people whether they are black or white should know about the future. When I came from overseas I wrote an article of how I tasted the new world and the new heaven in other countries.

I was born and raised with religion, and my question to the big men of the churches was this: When will Jesus Christ come to tell us about heaven? and the answer was, nobody knows.

Today sputnik of the USSR is telling us about heaven and is going to tell us more. If we can fight for freedom in this country and do away with the imperialists, then we will have a new world and will eat the fruits of the earth before we die. Everybody will be educated and we shall know about

It is time that the young people came forward. Oppressed people must raise up their heads. One pound a day must be our song.

Mayibye Afrika  
DORA TAMANA  
Bloulei, C.P.

## POINTS FROM LETTERS

I am talking about houses of Langa township. These houses are not fit for human beings. Only fit for animals. The bed is concrete. The table also. Really our present government is robbing the people. As far as I know many Africans don't stay in Langa, but only go to the rent to jail. But the authorities don't worry as long as they are getting the money every month. What is that, but robbing the poor African.

D. KUNENE

Langa.

### HIGH COST OF LIVING

Allow me a few lines in your paper to say something about the high cost of living and the miserable wages of the African. The Government has failed to meet the needs of the people. Wages are very low and there is no freedom of movement.

I say that Africans would cooperate in mass-production and sell to each other.

Many people have had the flu but they cannot afford to call a doctor or to buy medicine. How can people keep healthy if they are without coal in the house for the whole winter?

SAM KHOTHE

Bloemfontein.

From the very beginning men entered into close relations with one another for the sole purpose of achieving the natural resources necessary for their existence. What they produced was shared equally without any consideration for race, colour or creed. But today Nationalist supporters let themselves be deceived by politicians who tell them they can survive without the help of the Non-European groups.

I appeal to all sensible people to abandon the Nationalist Party before it is too late and join the people's movement for freedom of all races.

HOWARD M. TSHIZANA  
Worcester, C.P.

Now that we know that human beings will attempt to make visits to the moon, I wonder if Dr. Donaghe, if still Minister of Interior, will grant passport to South African space men or prevent them from visiting Moon, Mars or Venus.

Durban. OBSERVER

## THE GENERAL ELECTION

THE approach of election day in a democratic country should be marked by animated interest on the part of the whole population and a general discussion of the policies which will best advance the common good.

How bitter we are entitled to feel at the fact that in this country the approach of election day means nothing of the sort. It means only that a small aristocracy will have the choice between on the one hand, the Nationalists, a collection of fanatical racists and vicious despots, and on the other, the United Party, a loose conglomerate of unfeeling racists, unprincipled cowards and mealie-mouthed double-talkers.

How bitter we are entitled to feel at the fact that the overwhelming majority of the people will have no direct say in the outcome of the elections. And that the Congress movement, the true voice of South Africa, which alone would offer an election policy based on the principles of humanity, liberty and equality, is prevented from participating in the elections on the ground—and what a he of h this is—that the Non-European are no c eno v

The electorate which puts into power Ministers who fondle the torturer's lash and the cat-o-nine-tails, Ministers who censor Dostoevsky and Marx, Ministers who drive people from their homes and businesses—that electorate is a Christian and civilised electorate.

But the electorate which would put on the statute books the mighty principles of the Freedom Charter—that is a savage, barbaric electorate!

It is understandable that some democrats, considering the elections to be nothing but a contest between Nats and U.P., feel not interested, but only nausea as polling day approaches.

If the issue were to be simply: "Should we support the United Party and its policies?" the answer of every democrat would be short and simple: "A plague on the United Party and its policies!" But that is not the issue.

We have a Nationalist Government which is the most implacable and ruthless enemy of everything decent and progressive. That Government has declared and is pursuing a relentless war, not only on the Congress movements, but also on the whole of the Non-European people.

The people have been fighting back magnificently. AND THE PEOPLE WANT TO SEE THE NATS BEATEN IN EVERY SKIRMISH, EVERY BATTLE, EVERY CAMPAIGN.

Who can doubt the delight it would bring to the hearts of the overwhelming majority of South Africans if these Nats were to suffer a set-back in the elections? And this even if the price we would have to pay for Nationalist defeat would be United Party victories.

As Chief Lutuli put it in his recent interview with New Age on ANC election policy, the real issue in the coming election is this:

"The immediate defeat of the Nazi-Nationalists, and the assertion of the rights of all South Africans to freedom and democracy."

In our strangely stratified country, democrats who wish to pull their weight in the election to defeat the Nats fall into three different categories:

The small group of white voters who support Congress policy. To make their anti-Nationalist vote effective they will, in most cases, have to perform the distasteful duty of voting for the U.P.

The Cape African voters and the Coloured people. If they decide to make their anti-Nationalist vote effective, in spite of the fact that they are forced to limit their choice to white candidates, they will, unlike the white democrats, be able to elect to Parliament Congressmen or other candidates pledged to fight the Nats tooth-and-nail in Parliament on a policy of full equality for all South Africans right now. These in turn will, inside and outside Parliament, use all the privileges and prestige attached to their status as M.P.'s in support of the people's extra-Parliamentary struggle, which is essential to the winning of freedom.

And last in the voting hierarchy, but politically the most important people, the 75% of our population which is voteless.

Making the white voters sit up and think is healthy for South Africa, and the last few years have shown that many of the white voters think most clearly when they hear the sound of marching African feet, as they did in the Alexandra bus boycott, in the streets around the Drill Hall—or when they don't hear them, as in the June 26th stay-at-home or the cigarette boycott.

Chief Lutuli summed it up this way: "We should regard the election period as one of intensive activity, of campaigning by the written and the spoken word, of united mass action, to educate the people, both Black and White.

In the coming months democrats have the task of overcoming, by patient argument, the apathy and even hostility that is felt by some democrats, both European and Non-European, to participation in the elections.

It is a matter of considerable importance that in this period of general heightening of political interest, and at a time when mass pressure tends to have an increased effect, the Congress movement, the voice of South Africa, should be clearly and decisively heard.

# LANGA WOMEN TELL TEMBU CHIEF: "NO PASSES!"

## But he Ignores them

CAPE TOWN.

THE women of Langa are furious with Chief Sabata, Paramount Chief of the Tembu people. For the chief is TO TAKE OUT PASSES!"

### A.N.C. Calls For Inquiry Into O.F.S.

#### Riots

BLEOMFENTEN.

A demand for a commission of enquiry into the causes of tribal rioting which occurred here a couple of weeks ago and in which several lives were lost, has been issued by the local branch of the African National Congress after a special meeting called to discuss the matter.

Blame for the riots between Zulu and Sotho groups in the men's hostel has been placed at the door of the Government by the Congress, as it was clear that the clashes were a direct result of the policy of ethnic grouping now being introduced in the new location.

The ANC warns the people to remain calm and avoid falling into the Nationalist trap of being divided into tribal groups.

Sympathy is expressed for those families who suffered bereavement as a result of the clashes.

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But African women all over the Union have made it abundantly clear that they don't want to have anything to do with passes—and a delegation of ten women from the Langa Vigilance Association went to see the chief. They told him: "We are completely against the issuing of passes!"

Their views appear to have been ignored, and a New Age was asked to send a reporter to find out what was in Sabata's mind. "I will ask the people to cooperate with the authorities, and also request the authorities to make the issuing of passes to both men and women easier," the chief told our reporter when interviewed at Langa location.

Asked what his attitude was to

the agitation against passes for African women, Chief Sabata said that those women who were against passes were "those who have already taken out passes".

"The majority of the Tembus are against the Bantu Authorities Act," he said. "But I don't know how far they will get. I accept the Act, although I do not agree with some of the regulations contained in it."

## AND THIS TEMBU CHIEF CARRIES PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

JOHANNESBURG.

TEMBULAND will not accept Bantu Authorities! This is the message carried to the Native Affairs Department in Pretoria this week by a seven-man delegation headed by Chief Gobinamba. "The Tembu people reject this Act" they said.

This follows the intensive Government campaign to make the people, Headmen and Chiefs of Tembuland to the line under the pretext that Bantu Authorities will bring "independence" to Tembuland. "A strange kind of independence this," the Tembu people have commented, "that it has been forced down our throats." For the Government has made persistent attempts since February this year to sell this scheme to the tribe.

Since the meeting at the Tembu Great Place, attended by all Transkeian chiefs and headmen, and at all subsequent gatherings the Tembu

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have been unanimous in their demand for REAL independence which must mean direct Parliamentary representation they insist.

At a meeting held in October this year 739 people voted against the Bantu Authorities Act and none for it. The gathering enumerated the hated laws and schemes, such as cattle culling, and were objected to by the tribe as inconsistent with the so-called granting of tribal independence.

This anti-Bantu Authorities stand has united the tribe and greatly increased its solidarity. The refusal by the Government to lend an ear to the Tembu representatives will only strengthen this unity in the face of Nationalist policy for the reserves.

## WEAPON No. 1 FOR JOB No. 1

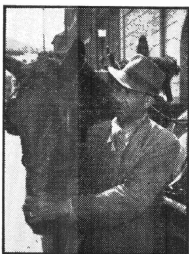
IT is clear beyond any shadow of doubt that many sections of our multi-racial population are interested in getting rid of the Nats. Chief Lutuli in his policy statement made this absolutely clear and the Congress movement is concerned. We said that "Job No. 1 of the Congress movement in relation to the elections is to help throw out the Nationalist Government."

This means of course that we must use every weapon at our disposal in this grim fight against our enemy.

The propaganda weapon is one of the most powerful and indispensable in our armoury. The value of the written word is like a rapier thrust if properly used by us. So let us hit the Nats with all the strength we can muster. New Age reflects the will of the greatest majority of people in our country—and that voice must be heard!

For this reason we appeal to all Congressmen to redouble their efforts to sell our paper. This applies particularly to the ANC members who have been very conscientious in spreading the word of New Age to all ranks of the people. In the last few weeks however they have slipped up rather badly in this

## THE LAST WAGONER PASSES ON



Mr. Suliman Safter and friend.

WHEN the South African Railways pulled their horse-drawn delivery wagons off the roads years ago to switch over to motor lorries, Mr. Suliman Safter was the last of the drivers to hang up his bridles.

Because he was under the pensionable age he was put to work in the European mess-room at Culemborg on Cape Town's new waterfront. Suliman Safter was enthusiastic about his new job. Although he lived only a mile from the central garage where he worked, he arose at 4 in the

morning to lay the fires in the kitchen and put on the water in time for the European drivers' morning tea. He was friendly and patient and never lost his temper. His health was good for his 55 years.

At about 7.55 a.m. on the morning of November 6 Suliman Safter terminated his 36 years service with the railways. An old friend started the grim battle for Suliman Safter's life. The doctor was successful, but Mr. Safter never regained consciousness.

On Friday afternoon, 8, while his child stood by, and the Imam performed the last rites, Suliman Safter died.

A railway employee held by the Railway Police has been charged with culpable homicide. A.L.G.

## Basutoland Paper On Criminal Libel Charge

MASERU (Basutoland).

"Mohlabani" (The Warrior), the courageous monthly journal of the liberation movement in Basutoland is being charged with criminal libel in connection with the publication of a letter from a correspondent in its April issue. The charge states that the purpose of the article is to bring the police into contempt in the eyes of the public.

The paper's editor, Mr. B. M. Khaketa, has asked that all donations to assist the paper to conduct its defence should be sent to the Managing Editor, "Mohlabani", P.O. Box 65, Maseru, Basutoland.

### SOME UPLAND FRONT!

THE dangerous interference by the Chamber of Industries in the affairs of the garment industry and the apparent conspiracy of capitalist, liberal and Communist to destroy the Christian-European civilisation in our wonderful country, has decided me to throw in all my available strength on the side of the European workers in the terrorist battle.

Du Pisani (Nat. Germiston in Die Vaderland Nov. 12, 1957.

**OBVIOUSLY**  
ARE the Russians ahead of us? I don't know. Some scientific disciplines—say social psychology and economics—obviously won't flourish under the present system.—U.S. scientist Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, on the Soviet space satellites.

### AND NATURALLY

ON the opening day of school at Little Rock, Arkansas, this year, a frightened, 15-year-old Negro girl named Elizabeth Eckford was turned away from Central High by armed National Guardsmen. Silently, she made her way back through a jeering crowd to a bus-stop bench. A lone white woman tried to comfort her. "She's scared," the woman told the teachers, "she's just a little girl. Why don't you let her alone?"

Last week, the woman was called up before the Senate Internal Security sub-committee to answer charges that she was a member of the Communist Party. —Newsweek (U.S.A.) Nov. 11, 1957.

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# NON-EUROPEANS BARRED FROM FAMOUS PLAY

## Who is Mr. Carr?

Shakespeare for them! (Non-European audiences.)

## Controversial Play

### JOHANNESBURG.

WE went along to see Alan Dobie, the English actor who is leading man in "Look Back in Anger" prepared to tick him off sharply for his flouting of Equity's resolution that culture belongs to all and its members must play before audiences of all races in this country.

For it had been announced only a few days before that no Non-European audience would see "Look Back in Anger."

We talked generally of how we had enjoyed the performances of Larry Adler, Dame Sybil Thorneike and Yehudi Menuhin and Alan Dobie chipped in "We also wanted to play to Non-Whites!"

Why wouldn't he? Mr. Dobie, together with his producer Mrs. Taubie Kushlick had gone to see Johannesburg's Manager of Non-European Affairs, Mr. Carr, to arrange bookings for a run of the play in the halls in Non-European townships.

The first appearance was supposed to have been in a newly opened hall in Coronation.

Mr. Carr put his foot down. He flatly refused to allow any performance of "Look Back in Anger" in any township under his department's jurisdiction, and when the Bantu Men's Social Centre was suggested as an alternative venue, Mr. Carr said he would use his influence to oppose that too.

Moreover, he said, the venture would be unprofitable because in previous performances by overseas artists, some had played before half-empty halls.

We chipped in to tell Mr. Dobie that we had been unable to get seats at several shows during the Johannesburg Festival. There had not been standing room either. The London Philharmonic Orchestra had had a resounding reception. Audiences loved Emily Williams. Yehudi Menuhin said publicly that Non-Europeans had formed among his most appreciative audiences.

At the end of it all Mr. Dobie seemed a little indignant.

That seemed rather to hit the nail on the head.

Are there no halls outside the locations where the play could be produced?

"You find them for me!" said producer Taubie Kushlick, when we telephoned her.

"We were prepared to do 'Look Back in Anger,'" she said. "But Mr. Carr said he'd fight it tooth and nail. No, I don't think Mr. Dobie will be in trouble with Equity... Perhaps he'll do some

He himself had not liked it one bit.

"I'm not a censor, God forbid," he said emphatically, "and he hadn't lightly taken this stand against the play's production before Non-Europeans.

But of course Mr. Carr is the censor.

Producer Kushlick and actor Dobie have his opposition to ease their path when Equity demands an explanation, for Dobie had the assurance before he came to South Africa that he would not play to "Whites only."

Non-Europeans are to be denied the opportunity to make up their minds about the play—whether it is "immoral" and "demoralising" and the angry young man just a "weak-kneed whiner" (Mr. Carrs view)—or has something to say about the frustrations of our age's young people—for the One Man Centurion, in the ways of all censorship, has ruled that they can't be trusted to judge and are not fit to make up their own minds. T.M. & R.F.



Tennyson Makwane interviewed Alan Dobie, the English actor and Equity member who plays the lead in "Look Back in Anger" which Non-Whites will not see, because the Manager of Non-European Affairs says the play is not "suitable."

## SPOTLIGHT on SPORT

by  
Robert Resha

## MY TEST FORECAST

THE first test match starts at the Johannesburg Wanderers Oval, on December 23.

If this was not cricket I would say all things being equal and both sides having sufficient luck, the series would end in a draw.

My reasons are that in the final analysis these teams have equal strength. The Australian cricketers are a very good batting side capable of making big scores, with fair bowling and unimpressive fielding. South Africa has a stock of very good bowlers, good batsmen and exceptionally good fielding—the best in the cricket world.

But cricket is the most unpredictable game. Great prophets have failed and all forecasts have been found wanting. Thus the end will be known when it has come.

### SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM

This is my forecast of the players. South Africa: I favour Clive Van Ryneveld to captain the side. He did an excellent piece of work last season and there is no apparent reason why he should be changed.

McGlew and Goddard as opening batsmen, followed by the "endless" Edean. Waite (candle-keeper), McLean, Funston, Fuller, Hugh Tayfield, Henrich, Adcock. Twelfth man, Carstein.

I am very unhappy about the teenager Carstein. I would have liked to see him in the team but I think every one of the eleven deserves to be in the side. But Carstein still has a chance, Funston is a problem child. He is capable of playing himself right out of the Springbok team and

that will be a chance for Carstein.

### AUSTRALIA

Australia: Like the South Africans most of the tourists have picked themselves to the team. The main problem is between the wicket-keepers, Groot and Jarman. I have not seen much of the opening pair MacDonald and Burke but even during their short stay at the crease on Saturday, it was obvious that they are top class batsmen.

In favour them to open the batting, or the tourists, to be followed by Neil Harvey, "Slasher" Mackay who does exactly the opposite would follow Harvey. Mackay is a useful cricketer in the side and seems to be a fine team man. Then skipper Ian Craig. I favour Groot to Jarman. Groot is a beautiful bat and if the earlier batsmen give them a good start not even a Hugh Tayfield is likely to worry him. He is a fearless cricketer and treats short pitched balls with the contempt they deserve.

Cimerson, coming in number seven, will be another problem to the Springboks. He is a shaky starter and his mistake is to snick balls to the off. The Non-European fans at the Wanderers all called him "Kom Sam". They said he was just told to come with the team because there was a place in the ship. I say there is a place for him in the test team. He is a hard hitter when he gets going and a brilliant slip fielder.

Then there is Benaid and Davidson with their "bumpy" shots and reliable bowling. Kline is a must. I prefer Drenman to Mckeff to open the attack. Twelfth man, Jarman.

# UP MY ALLEY

IN factories everything is turned out on a conveyor belt. The other Saturday morning I looked in on the magistrate's court and saw money being made—not on a conveyor belt—but pretty much like it.

The dough is made for the state, of course.

The dock is packed so tight with the Friday night haul that I bet a hand when his home-made grenade went off. One school found forty bombs among its pupils. Maybe its the signs of the times. What with all the high-pressure propaganda for shooting hydrogen bombs, the good old days of cowboys-and-bandits, cops-and-robbers seem to be passing. In fact one school principal did put the blame on H-bomb propaganda.

Well, I'm waiting for some enterprising Yankee manufacturer to cash in on the craze and start turning out "better bombs" to sell in the toy-shops and save the kids the trouble of emptying mamma's jam tins.

From there to the underground and out through the studied gates for those who have coughed 'up with their fines. For those unable to come across with the moola, the steel prison delivery van is waiting, and the cops yell and push the human freight into it,

packing them in like jam in a tin can.

Said a white woman watching: "They're treated like cattle. Just like cattle."

Black cattle, lady.

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"U.S. Solves Problem Of Return From Space.

"Test Rocket Crashes Near Road."

It looks like the Yanks have solved the mystery of coming down before the one of going up.

A BLUE-GREEN fortnightly news-sheet replies to a correspondent's complaints about it's reference to opponents as "coons" and "zombies" by saying that these words are not used abusively but in a "strictly scientific political sense."

I guess you can get away with calling somebody a s.o.b. too, by proving "strictly scientifically" that his mummy and daddy were never married.

After this remark I shall get out my old bullet-proof vest.

I'M objecting. My pal Barney Desai charged with incitement, had his bail fixed at 100 quid. That's twice as much as my bail for treason. What do they think I am? A cheapskate?

—Alex La Guma

HEADLINES in a Cape Town newspaper:

# U.S. IS THROUGH A WAY ITS MONEY IN SPAIN Franco Weaker than Ever

By LANCE SAMSON

**K**EEP your eye on Spain. For after 18 years of Franco dictatorship the signs of change are now multiplying

facing the regime. Opposition to the fascists' rule, or protest against one or other major aspect of it, is widespread. It now embraces not only the workers and peasants—but the poorest in Europe—among the increasing numbers of intellectuals and members of other classes.

The ruling circles themselves—army, church, big business and landowners—are maneuvering in readiness for the death or retirement of the 65-year-old "Caudillo."

The Falange, the only legal party, is striving hard to assume a "new look"—to put itself forward as the defender of the people's welfare.

As part of this bid, more weight is being given to the Sindicatos—the government-controlled trade unions—whose national delegate, Jose Solis, is the new secretary-general of the Falange.

At the same time Communists and others are working inside the Sindicatos, to change them from worker-employer bodies into real workers' unions.

## CATHOLIC STRENGTH

But the Falange's change, ostensibly to meet growing economic demands from the people, is in words only. In fact, Franco's cabinet reshuffle earlier this year produced a government if anything farther to the right than its predecessor.

Significant in the new government is the growing influence of Opus Dei, a Roman Catholic secular, semi-secret society.

At least five members of the cabinet are either members or close supporters of Opus Dei, including Interior Minister General Vega.

Protests against arrests, particularly arrests of students have in recent months come from university figures and other people who for years had supported the regime by their silence.

In the church, some bishops and right wing politicians are today working for the formation of a

## Nyasaland Wants Self-Government

The Nyasaland Congress is going ahead for self-government now. The British people struggled for hundreds of years for their freedom. Great demonstrations were held all over England and petitions demanding the vote were put before Parliament. The Government started to be against the leaders of the struggle, breaking up the meetings, sending soldiers against the demonstrations and arresting the leaders.

What happened in England will happen to us, but that will not make us afraid. The British Government is always forcing things in our territories, but we Africans apply our policy of non-violence

using many different ways to protest against the regime—strikes, sitdown strikes like that last month in engineering factories in the Bilbao region, boycotts, all forms of peaceful struggle for a better standard of living and for democracy.



Franco.

Christian Democratic party. The danger to the church of being inseparably involved in the Franco regime is being more and more widely recognised by the hierarchy.

## ARMY SHIFTING

In the army—which was Franco's first stepping-stone to power the shifting situation is also visible.

General Munoz Grande, the commander-in-chief, who led the Spanish Blue Division which fought with the Nazis against the Soviet Union, has on a number of recent public occasions called for officers for Spain and for the army—but not for Franco.

## TRADE WITH EAST

In business circles opposition to the monopoly groups is increasing. Some merchants have begun to try to contact the People's Democracies with a view to trade, and many in this class are beginning to see that the only chance for their own survival is the end of the regime.

New ideas have entered Spain, too, with the return of over 2,000 Spaniards who had lived in exile in the Soviet Union since the civil war.

On the economic front inflation is raging with increasing momentum. Since 1955 the value of money has continually fallen, and bad harvests have increased the difficulties.

One of the main factors, of course, is the huge military budget which Franco is keeping up and the growing taxation, largely indirect, to pay for it.

Spain's balance of trade is getting more and more lopsided, with exports covering about half the imports.

## C.O.L.U.P

The cost of living in the past year has risen by over 35 per cent. But average wages are still only between £3 and £4 a week and even former Finance Minister Abarca has warned that unless they are increased there will be another spring like 1951—the year of the great strike.

The great transport boycotts in Barcelona and Madrid against fare increases earlier this year have shown how the people feel and what they are capable of doing.

The Spanish people are now

In all these movements the Spanish Communist Party is taking part, working for the maximum unity against Franco.

In this situation, the party's call last year for "national reconciliation"—for letting bygones be bygones and uniting all the forces and parties which want the Franco regime ousted—is continuing to gain adherents.

In its declaration last February the party said: "Any step toward toward improving living conditions, toward a policy of peace, national independence and the restoration of liberties will be greatly welcomed and supported by the majority of the nation... Already the Republican and So-

cialist parties, meeting in Paris, have come to an agreement.

So far they have excluded the Communist Party, but their very coming together shows a change in Socialist Party policy, previously opposed to working with anyone.

## RELATIONS WITH NATO

There are strong moves from Washington and Bonn to get Franco admitted to NATO. So far the opposition of some of the

Norway, has prevented it.

For Franco, admission to NATO is largely a matter of prestige. Already he is in the United Nations. NATO would crown his achievement of respectability.

But for the Washington wranglers, getting Spain into NATO is less vital. Already the U.S. has numerous air and naval bases in the country.

Dollars are also going to Franco's treasury for improving the Spanish Army.

But it looks as though, once again, the U.S. rulers are thrown away their money. All the signs point to Franco's monopoly backers nor the U.S. State Department can prevent it.

# ZHUKOV COMMENTS ON HIS REMOVAL

## Rejects Comparison With 1946 Exclusion

**T**HE full text of the speech which reports Marshal Zhukov, as having made before his removal from the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, has now reached New Age.

The daily press has not released the details of this speech beyond the fact that Zhukov is reported to have admitted his errors.

LONDON.

After stating that the central committee meeting was a big lesson to him, reports Pravda, Zhukov declared:

"In proposing the exaction of penalties some comrades mentioned that I had already once been excluded from the central committee when Stalin was alive in 1946, and that I had not understood the need to correct those mistakes for which I had been eliminated.

"At that time comrades, I could not admit and did not admit as correct my elimination from the central committee and the charges brought against me.

"NOW IT IS DIFFERENT"

"Now it is a different matter. I recognise my mistakes.

"I have become deeply conscious of them in the course of the plenary meeting and I pledge my word to the central committee that I shall eliminate my shortcomings."

Meanwhile Pravda has printed an article by Marshal Koniev, one of the Soviet Union's leading military men, criticising the "political and military mistakes" of Marshal Zhukov.

## ZHUKOV'S GREAT SERVICE

No one denied Zhukov's great patriotic services, Koniev wrote, but he should have remembered that "in his own record there are not a few blunders and mistakes."

Just before the war, Koniev went on, Zhukov was chief of staff "and therefore had no small share of responsibility for the state of unreadiness of the Soviet armed forces to rebuff fascist aggression.

"There is no doubt, Koniev continued, that Stalin's incorrect assessment of the military and

political position on the eve of the war was its basic reason of the major miscalculations in preparing the country and its armed forces to deal with aggression.

"But one cannot explain the failures of the initial period of the war only by that.

"Serious responsibility for the fact that our armies in the frontier districts were caught unawares by the sudden attack of the fascist armies also rests on the chief of the general staff Marshal Zhukov, who had available in his hands irrefutable evidence of the real threat of an attack by fascist Germany against the USSR"

## Syria Signs Pact For Soviet Aid

LONDON.

**T**HE American attempt to intimidate Syria into accepting aid from the So Union has so far ended in complete failure.

The Syrian Government and the Soviet Government recently signed an agreement providing for Soviet loans to Syria for an unspecified sum repayable a 2½ per cent over twelve years.

The projects listed in agreement which will be tackled with Soviet technicians and advisers include railways, dams, power stations, bridges, roads and fertiliser factories, and—of extreme importance for Syria

It was the announcement that Syria intended to enter into such agreement that provoked the "Syrian crisis" earlier this year. The Americans said that they would never allow Syria to conclude such an agreement.

## Late Czech President's Years of Struggle

**T**HE people of Czechoslovakia are mourning the death last week of the President of their Republic, Antonin Zapotocky.

After completing his apprenticeship as a stone cutter and sculptor in 1902, he went to Prague, where he threw himself into the work of the Social Democratic Youth Organisation, taking part in the struggles of the times for better rights for the workers, universal suffrage, and independence for his country.

During the First World War he was gaoled for his peace activities in the Austro-Hungarian Army. After the war he was imprisoned again for his role in the General Strike called in 1918.

When he was released from prison in 1922 he became secretary of the newly-formed Communist Party. After the Munich betrayal placed Czechoslovakia under the Nazi yoke in 1938, Zapotocky joined the underground movement.

In 1939 he was captured by the Gestapo and spent the next six years in a Nazi Concentration Camp.

When the war was over he returned to his country where he was elected President of the Central Council of Trade Unions.

In February, 1948, he became Government of the National Front Deputy Prime Minister in the and in June of that year was made Prime Minister.

Five years later he became President when Klement Gottwald died.

Zapotocky was a writer of note, and many of his experiences during the eventful years of his life are recorded in his novels.

# PLAN FOR AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH

LONDON.

The following is the text of the appeal issued recently by the committee which met recently in Cairo to prepare for the holding of a new Afro-Asian Conference in Cairo in December:

"**K**ENEA reasserts that we Africans and Asians have common problems and common urges led the Governments of 29 countries of our continents to meet in Bandung 2½ years ago.

"At that historic meeting, we witnessed unprecedented unanimity of approach among our leaders. The Bandung spirit has virtually become the charter of our solidarity and a factor of prime significance to world peace.

"To gauge the public support for the Bandung principles, and to propagate the spirit that animated them, a number of solidarity committees have already been established in different countries.

"These committees have striven to revive among the Asians and Africans the old contacts and to forge and vitalise new ones in their stead. This secure popular foundation for our solidarity is being laid.

"Keeping in view the present world situation and the problems facing us, we feel the urgency of convening a conference of the African and Asian peoples at Cairo from December 26 until January 1.

# The Arch of Chastity

A SHORT LOVE STORY FROM OLD CHINA

LONG, long ago, there lived a rich man who had a beloved son. This son fell mortally ill. Many famous doctors were sent for but none could cure him. Finally a witch was consulted. She said, "Fetch his betrothed. Let the joy of marriage cure your son."

The rich man had arranged to marry his son to the daughter of a nearby landlord. Now he informed her father that the wedding must take place in two days. Invitations were sent out. Musicians were employed. Pigs and sheep were slaughtered and stoves were built in the courtyard. By the time the red sedan chair had been decorated to bring the bride, everyone was exhausted.

The landlord was stunned when he got the message. "What if the boy dies?" he lamented to his wife. "Then our daughter can never re-marry and her life will be ruined. But if we refuse and the lad recovers, it will be even worse. We will lose our chance of allying ourselves to a rich man and make a powerful enemy."

## A TRICK

Since the children had been betrothed in infancy, no one in the rich man's family knew what the girl looked like. So the worried parents finally decided on a trick. A trusted steward was sent to another village to buy a girl who would pose as the sick man's bride. Being only a slave the girl could be counted as part of their daughter's dowry.

On the day appointed the red bridal sedan chair stopped at their door and the maid was

sent off. But at the very moment she arrived at her destination the bridegroom breathed his last. The rich man turned white as a sheet. Loud wailing broke throughout his great house. The bride was hurriedly re-clothed in widow's weeds. The gay lanterns were taken down from the corridors. The red ribbons on the trumpets were changed to white—the colour of bereavement—and funeral music was played. The wedding guests turned mourners.

The young bride sobbed most bitterly all day. Everyone thought her grief was for the young man. Nobody knew she wept for her sad fate of a slave.

Some time later, as was the custom, the bride was sent back to visit her own "parents." The rich man sent a chamberlain with the following message for the landlord: "If your daughter remarries, both our families will be disgraced. If she remains a widow, I will set up an arch of the finest stone to commemorate

her chastity for centuries to come. A skilled stonemason will be hired to build it, starting on an auspicious day."

## NO YOUNG GIRL WANTS TO DIE

The landlord replied piously, "A married daughter is like a cup of water poured out in the street. She will be part of your family while she lives and a ghost of your family after

death. Although ill-fated she is of noble birth. She will never mar the reputation of her ancestors."

Calling the slave-girl, he said to her, "If you take the road laid out for you, you will eat and drink in silks. If you don't wish to do this, here are a rope and knife. Go to the mill and end your worthless life as you please."

No young girl wants to die. The "bride" returned to the house of the rich man. It took her a year to bring the stone from a famous mountain quarry. Then a skilled stonemason dressed, carved and polished it for another year and two months. In the first year, the face of the young "widow" was grey with gloom, her gaze was fixed and she did not answer when spoken to. But in the second year, her complexion changed to pink and white.

"She is like a plum blossom against lilies some said. 'She must be reconciled to her fate.'" And others remarked: "Look at her eyes! Not of the great gate, it bore characters of praise, painted red against a gold background. It was a splendid sight. The gentry came from miles around to offer congratulations. The time drew near for the ceremony at which the constant widow would appear. But on the day fixed, she was nowhere to be seen. They looked in the back courtyard. But they did not find her."

## A SPLENDID SIGHT

The chastity arch was finished at the end of the third year. Standing before the rich man's house, in spite of the great gate, it bore characters of praise, painted red against a gold background. It was a splendid sight. The gentry came from miles around to offer congratulations. The time drew near for the ceremony at which the constant widow would appear. But on the day fixed, she was nowhere to be seen. They looked in the back courtyard. But they did not find her.

On the night before she had eloped with the young stonemason.

# BARNEY DESAI, RELEASED ON £100 BAIL, IS REARRESTED

## SACPO Leader Declared "Prohibited Immigrant"

CAPE TOWN. Mr. Barney Desai, one of the leaders of the South African Coloured People's Organisation, who was arrested and charged last week with incitement to strike and with a breach of the immigration laws and released on bail of £100 by a Cape Town magistrate, was, in spite of bail, rearrested last Saturday by Special Branch sergeant Johnson and he is now being held in the immigration detention barracks.

The "incitement" charge arises out of Mr. Desai's activities in support of the protest campaign against Minister of Labour De Klerk's decision to exclude Coloureds from certain jobs in the clothing industry.

Not waiting for the magistrate's decision on whether or not Mr. Desai is a prohibited immigrant, in the charge pending in court against

And acting under the drastic powers of the Immigration Act the authorities have by-passed the granting of bail.

## WIDE POWERS

A lawyer who protested at this action was told: "This law is so wide that we could arrest you today and keep you in the detention barracks if you could not satisfy us that you are entitled to be here." And he added cheerfully, "If you could not find the fifty pounds deposit required before you are allowed to appeal—happen knows what could happen to you."

The officials say that Mr. Desai is a Transvaal-born Indian and that it is therefore illegal for him to be in the Cape. But Mr. Desai maintains that he is in fact a Coloured person and that he is therefore entitled to live anywhere in the Union. He was married in Cape Town—Mrs. Desai is a Coloured woman—and they have two children, both born in Cape Town.

## FUNCTION CANCELLED

Sea Food Supper advertised for the 30th November, has been postponed until further notice.

## RACING AT MILNERTON

The following are Damon's selections for Saturday:  
 Winberg Handicap: Handicap: COPELAND, Danger, Hurry Up, Kenilworth Handicap (2nd Div.): DE KLERK'S SELECTED, Danger, Thornbush.  
 Winberg Handicap (B. Div.): GARRET'S SELECTED, Danger, Lord Graham.  
 Kenilworth Stakes: DE KLERK'S SELECTED, Danger, Finer Finish.  
 Winberg Stakes: LAMP, Danger, Capacity.  
 Maiden Plate: SUSPICIOUS, Danger, High Fire.  
 Juvenile Maiden Plate: No Selections.

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# NO NEEDED FOR COOK'S BUSH RESIDENTS

## Divisional Council Replies to Councillor Ben Turok

CAPE TOWN.

THE Cape Divisional Council will go ahead with the removal of Africans from Cook's Bush to Nyanga in spite of objections raised by the people.

This is the effect of a letter in reply to representations made by Mr. Ben Turok and a deputation of residents of Cook's Bush last month.

"The clearing of the 'black spots' in the Cape Peninsula is being undertaken by the Divisional Council on the directive of the Government, but the Council shares the view that in the public interest the clearing up of these 'black spots' is imperative," the letter stated.

"Whilst the steps which are being taken to remove these Africans to a controlled transit camp at Nyanga may not be ideal," the letter continues, "the conditions there are infinitely superior to those of the Council said it was making arrangements for offer housing to 'more respectable' Coloured people, and work and accommodation for others.

## BEN TUROK REPLIES

Replying to these and other points raised in the letter, Mr. Turok wrote to the Divisional Council.

"There are many important aspects to the question of removals such as health, convenience, transport, housing and finally that sore bone of contention—control. The main principles of the objections are being raised to the removals are related to this last point.

"The African people have always been strongly opposed to living in locations. They have also been

opposed to the carrying of passes. These two requirements of the Government have created a great deal of unhappiness and bitterness among the African people.

"The people of Cook's Bush view their transfer to Nyanga as an attempt to increase the control of their lives and movement and therefore resent this strongly."

## CHALLENGE

Answering the allegations that the more responsible residents of Cook's Bush are "only too anxious to move to Nyanga," and that those responsible for agitation against the removals are "lawless" elements, Mr. Turok challenged the Divisional Council to produce these responsible people.

"I can assure you that people present on the deputation were among the leading elders in the area," Mr. Turok said. "The Chairman of the Vigilance Association, and members of his executive were present, as well as local leaders of the ANC, the churches and other bodies."

"I am personally convinced that not one cent of the people of Cook's Bush desire this removal. I challenge the Divisional Council to produce these 'respons-

ible people.' Furthermore I have not come across any 'lawless element' whom it is alleged are playing a part against the removals."

## LIQUOR RUNNERS

In its letter to Mr. Turok the Council made, as one of its reasons for the clearing of Cook's Bush, the allegation that there are a "particularly low type" of Coloured people who act as liquor runners for the Africans, and who refuse to work.

"These people can be dealt with by the ordinary processes of the law," Mr. Turok replied. "In any case the experiences in Johannesburg and other centres is that even in a closely guarded and controlled location it is impossible to curb the consumption of liquor. The fault lies not in the lack of control but in the liquor laws which prevent sections of the people from ordinary access to liquor."

In conclusion Mr. Turok told the Council that the whole lives of the African people were being disrupted by the removals. They are being moved about to suit the apartheid policies of the Government, and more than anything else they resent being "controlled."

"The bitterness which this move is creating will no doubt affect their attitude to a Government which is supposed to be concerned with their welfare."

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