

HAS JOOMA'S KILLER BEEN SET FREE?

Constable Visser In
Court, 1956

Sentenced to 10 Years in 1956, Seen in Cape Town Last Week

Ex-Constable Visser
in Cape Town
in 1958



"A Beast" said the Judge

CAPE TOWN.
HAS ex-constable Visser, the man who was sentenced to ten years imprisonment and eight lashes for killing Solly Jooma, well-known Indian Congressman and sportsman in the Transvaal, been released from jail?

Visser was sentenced by Mr. Justice Rumpff in the Transvaal Supreme Court in June 1956. The picture we show of him with his eyes closed was taken in court during the preparatory examination.

THE OTHER PICTURE, OF A MAN CARRYING A CHILD IN HIS ARMS, WAS TAKEN IN A CAPE TOWN STREET ON WEDNESDAY OF LAST WEEK. THE WOMAN WITH HIM IS HIS WIFE.

Is it Visser? It looks like it.

Ready to Swear

And there are three people in Cape Town who are ready to swear that it is. They knew Visser when

he served as a policeman in Johannesburg. One of them had daily contact with him.

All three of them told *New Age* that they have seen him in Cape Town within the last week. One of them took this picture of him outside the O.K. bazaar in Adderley Street.

How is it possible that Visser got out of jail so soon? It is barely two years since he began his ten-year sentence after being found guilty of one of the most brutal and sadistic killings ever to come before the courts.

"You behaved like a beast," Mr. Justice Rumpff told him. Visser was one of the most unsuitable people to wear a police uniform he had ever met. The time had come to warn the minority of bad ones in the police force to get out as soon as possible.

The judge said he was of the opinion that Visser was guilty of murder, but the two assessors had found him guilty of culpable homicide.

How it Happened

Visser killed Solly Jooma in a Fordsburg street one night, some time after Jooma won a civil action for £9,000 damages against Visser following the policeman's assault on Jooma and two other Congressmen, Dr. H. Moota and Mr. A. Patel.

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"Released" — By whom?

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VERWOERD ITCHING TO TAKE OVER IN JO'BURG

Wants Full Control Of African Affairs

JOHANNESBURG.
DR. VERWOERD IS NOW PRIME MINISTER, BUT HE HAS HIS EYE ON YET ANOTHER LITTLE 'EMPIRE'—NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION IN JOHANNESBURG, AND THE CRISIS BETWEEN COUNCIL AND GOVERNMENT OVER THIS CITY'S LATEST HOUSING LOAN APPLICATION HAS BROUGHT CONSIDERABLY NEARER THE DAY WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WILL POUNCE FOR CONTROL OF THIS CITY.
Using money for more African housing as bait, Dr. Verwoerd is

trying to blackmail the Council into promising to obey him every inch of the way.

For over two months now the Council has been hoping to get money from Dr. Verwoerd to build 6,400 African houses, a hostel for African men and to pay wages for a housing labour force of 1,000 men, assembled in special building teams by the city's N.A.D. housing division.

Dr. Verwoerd's Mentz Committee, set up as watchdog to ensure that Johannesburg toes the line of the Government Native Affairs Department, was called in to help expedite the housing loan. As a result of discussions, a memorandum

drafted by Pretoria NAD men was put to the Council. Acceptance of the conditions of the memorandum was made a condition of the housing loan.

Abjectly the Council wired its surrender to the Secretary for Native Affairs, Johannesburg promised to carry out—

- ethnic grouping (despite its own Commission's finding that this was a prime cause of the Dube rioting);
- influx control and Labour bureau requirements;
- NAD wishes on the siting of compounds, beer hall, hostels, welfare and recreation services;

● all government legislation in administering African affairs. This much was made known in the press, also the Council's acknowledgment "that it is the council's duty to obey and carry out the (Continued on page 5)

2nd Charge Dropped in Treason Trial

JOHANNESBURG.
The Crown has informed the defence in the Treason Trial that the second alternative charge under the Suppression of Communism Act has been abandoned.

That leaves only the charge of treason to be faced by the accused. The first alternative charge under the Suppression of Communism Act was quashed by the bench on the application of the defence when the treason trial opened in Pretoria last month.



NEW AGE

LETTER BOX

BARC Protest Against New Age Report

I have been instructed by my organisation to protest against the report by Mr. B. Desai on the circumstances attending the expulsion of members of the South African Coloured People's Organisation and the Congress Democrats from the Bus Apartheid Resistance Committee (New Age, August 21.)

Firstly, the expulsion of these members was agreed to because they refused to discuss their differences thereby violating the first principle of democratic association.

Secondly, there was no "political manifesto drawn up by K. Hendricks." There was under discussion a draft manifesto prepared by the Propaganda Committee on the instructions of my organisation. This document sets out the standpoint of my committee on segregation, of which transport apartheid is only one facet. So far as we are aware the draft contained no attacks on any political groups only on political ideas which stood in the way of a struggle against segregation. In any event we have now instructed the Propaganda Committee to delete all references which may legitimately be construed as an attack on other political organisations. What we were entitled to from the expelled members was a democratic and cordial discussion in furtherance of their point of view and the development of a sound and correct line.

Thirdly, we are not aware of any "criticism" of the Alexandra Bus Boycott even in the first draft. What was pointed out was the fact that the Alexandra Bus Boycott was a purely economic struggle which could have been supported even by ardent segregationists whereas it is a struggle against social segregation which only the most ardent supporters of democracy and egalitarianism will support. We want the differences to be clearly defined. If there was any criticism it was directed against the failure of the leadership to draw any political or social conclusions from the struggle.

Fourthly, the draft manifesto was an internal document which clearly stated that it was intended for discussion by members and sympathisers only. What right has Mr. Desai to make any of its contents public? Mr. Desai goes even further: he quotes from an internal document containing the recommendations of the Propaganda Committee. The page he quotes was not accepted by the organisation which does not concern itself with the relationship between SACPO and COD.

Firstly, my organisation wishes to make it clear that if the affected members feel that an injustice has been done against them, they are prepared to discuss issues in a democratic manner and to work loyally with us against social segregation. We want to communicate with us with a view to have the expulsion decision reviewed and rescinded. Those who resigned after the expulsion of the SACPO and COD members should not now be patted on the back by Mr. Desai. They are duty bound to work democratically, from their point of view, not to run away when they were crossed.

Lasty, our Chairman has not resigned from BARC as stated in the report. Nor are we aware of the resignations of six other mem-

bers. Only one member, Mr. Eava Marney, resigned. We have received no other official resignation.

H. E. ABRAHAMSE (Sec.) Claremont.

[Mr. Barno Desai, SACPO Vice-President, replies.]

"I. Who really violated the first principles of democracy? The SACPO and COD representatives who persuaded BARC to reject the 'manifesto' through the democratic process of voting? Or those people who a week later refused to accept their defeat and expelled those who disagreed with them?"

2. We went to Lansdowne to assist in the fight against bus apartheid—not to assist in the establishment of another political organisation.

3. We prepared to discuss with anybody at any time and at any place united action against apartheid. Our record is a proud one of militant struggle in the dynamic Congress movement. Start expelling apartheid buses from your route, then we'll know you're in the fight too. [Editor.]

Toys

There is a rumour around Johannesburg that many workers after they become worksekers, become the toys of the registration officers. Many of them are in especially of being arrested at any minute because the officials refuse to give them worksekers' permits—unless they come with a note from an employer wishing to employ them.

McCormick P. Nkambule
Stirtonville, Boksburg.

Not Worried by

Verwoerd

The people of Nyanga are not so worried about the election of Verwoerd as Prime Minister of S.A. They say it will be the same thing as in the past 10 years, but now he will carry out the Nationalist policy from top to bottom. In his former N.A.D. everything to control the Africans is up to date so that the Africans will serve another 5 years in prison as was always the case under the Nat unjust laws.

We are not waiting for freedom from the top, but the Africans must stand up and fight peacefully for freedom. The freedom mountains are waiting for us, shining brightly for the people of South Africa as a whole.

Mr P. MANQINA
Nyanga

We Want Racial

Harmony

I appeal to all African people that they should be harmonious to all different races in this country irrespective of the intention that is taking place against them by some certain groups.

We must remain calm and work hard in order to achieve our freedom without any violence.

We must not judge the people by their colour. Just recently we have learned of some great help rendered by a certain lady in Fish Hoek to the victims of our first shacks at Eides River and Windermere. We might have done the same, but through poverty we failed.

We want Peace, Freedom and Harmony between all the Races in our country.

MAYIBUYE!
SIMON XAMLAHHE
Langa.

GUARANTEES OF GOODWILL

WE can now tell you that of the £1,000 required in donations every month to bring out New Age, £305 comes in the way of permanent guarantees ranging from 2s. 6d. to £20. The great bulk of this amount comes from Johannesburg and Cape Town.

This means that every month we have to collect approximately £700 from donors, card parties, jubilee sales and so on. You can believe us when we tell you that this is a herculean task and one which, as you know, has often threatened to close us down.

We know that there are many more potential "five pounders" still waiting to take the plunge. Please hurry up. If you can't make the time for a monthly guarantee to £500 every month, the task of collecting the other half would not be such a "killing" proposition. It would also mean that our administrative staff could devote so much more time to raising the level of the sales of New Age in all the main centres of the country.

There are very many sympathisers in Durban, particularly, and also in Port Elizabeth, who could help very substantially in this direction. And it is to them that we are currently appealing this week to help us out of our difficulties. The whole liberatory struggle is going through

a tough period. Now is the testing time for all those who profess to believe in the ultimate triumph of this struggle for freedom.

We do not believe that anyone can doubt where New Age stands. It is a hundred per cent behind the Congress in their fight to break the colour bar and all it means to the masses of people in our country. You may sometimes have differences of opinion about this or that aspect of our policy but you can never doubt the sincerity and effectiveness of New Age in this bitter struggle against oppression.

Please, all of you who are able and can afford to give us monthly guaranteed donations, DO SO NOW.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS: Cape Town:

M.G. £1, CB. and Co. £52.6, J.Z. £3.19, R.F. 5s, Students' Drive £27.12, K. (monthly) £5, C.H.L. £5, Chem. £11, M.W. 10s, Premier 10s, A.P. £2, Anonymous £10.3, K.P. (monthly) £5, Jack £1, Friend £2, M.Z. £2, M.K. £5, H.S. 10s, I.T. £1, H.T. £3.10, E.C. 5s, H.W. 4s, Bernard and Ruth (monthly) £5.

Johannesburg:

Balanço Collections £250, Judith Parrif £5, M. and M. £5, Solly & Mx. £5, Friend £5, Friend £2, Doug. £2.0, Friends £20, Jeweller £10. TOTAL—£406 16s. 8d.

EDITORIAL

WORKERS MUST FIGHT BACK

"THE welfare of the worker and the security of his daily bread is a pre-requisite for the happiness of the country"—thus Dr. Verwoerd in his broadcast speech to the nation on taking over as Prime Minister.

Yet the Nationalist Government denies Africans the right to strike or to collective bargaining, has fragmented the trade union movement on racial lines, has banned trade union leaders—and is even now contemplating an increase in the price of bread.

Furthermore, as we reported in New Age last week, the Nationalist Government is now preparing legislation to give De Klerk absolute powers in job reservation, so that no court can interfere with his decisions; to prohibit Africans from sitting on industrial councils; to prohibit all mixed trade union conferences; and to declare the canning industry an "essential industry" and so outlaw all strikes in the industry.

Why is the canning industry more "essential" than any other industry? Because Nationalists have moved into it in a big way, and they don't want their profits or those of the farmers who sell their products to the factories, to be threatened in any way. And because the trade union is almost 100 per cent Non-White—and Nationalists don't approve of Non-Whites having the right to strike.

In other words, it is only profits for the bosses, and more apartheid, that are "essential" in the eyes of the Nationalists. The interests of the workers, and their wishes, are not "essential" and are always ignored. The Nationalists cannot point to one single measure, in ten years of rule, which has been designed to guarantee "the welfare of the worker and the security of his daily bread."

The Nationalists claim to be "the worker's party," but never has the trade union movement, split into five different trade union centres, been so weak, divided and hamstrung by the law as it is now. South Africa has been turned by the Nats into a happy hunting ground for the bosses, and so rich are the spoils that all sorts of financial sharks and adventurers are being attracted here from other countries. The Nationalist leaders welcome them with open arms and wish them "happy hunting"—at the workers' expense.

It is time for the South African workers to wake up and fight for their rights. The Nationalist Government is slowly putting the working class into a straight-jacket. Only united action by the workers can save them from this fate.

South Africa is Our

Home

I disagree with those African people who, because of oppression, tell us that "if Freedom does not come within five years, Africans must make their way to the Protectorates."

In the first place we Africans have been born and bred in the Union, and we look upon the Union, as well as the continent, as our permanent home.

We must keep in our minds that life is a battle and victory goes to those who have courage and perseverance.

NODDENT XABASHE.
Barberton.

Advice via a Vision

I received a message through a vision on the night of July 29. The dream said to me: Teach all the people in your vicinity to fight for their freedom, and I write letters to the African chiefs telling them these three things:

(a) Jesus Christ fought for the freedom of all nations. The powers of oppression disliked Him and crucified Him but he did not fear to die for his truth.

(b) As he did so do it yourself. The chiefs should not regard this Government as the one which will free them one day, and if they are not to fight for freedom they will win. They should call their companion Tooga o titirele (Awake and do it yourself).

(c) The task they are doing, and their prayers are giving this Government more power. They must learn a new method of praying earnestly and properly.

M. A. MORABARABA
Daveyton, Tvl.

Lutuli Assault:

More Protests From Readers

The incident which took place at Pretoria when Chief Lutuli and others were brutally assaulted cannot be depreciated sufficiently. It was consoling to observe that so many of the papers correctly described the trouble-makers as hoodlums.

The political situation in the country under the present Government has taken such a trend that it seems clear to any white man, teenager or adult, that he can do whatever he likes, how he likes and when he likes to an African.

What would have happened if the culprits were black? I leave that to the reader's imagination. It would undoubtedly have been an overt act of treason.

AMOS B. MNGOMA
Durban.

As this act was committed in their name, can the Afrikaner people explain upon what moral grounds Chief Lutuli was attacked?

Chief Lutuli was a poor man who was going to beg for love and co-operation from the whites. Instead he was kicked. But his attitude towards his attackers re-ignited everyone of the words of Christ as he was punished for the very cause of love and co-operation: "For they forgive them, for they know not what they do."

His attitude was not one of vindictiveness but of forgiveness.
MOKAKUBE C. BOSHILO
Johannesburg.

Heave, Boys! And Away Goes The Evidence



Detectives load boxes and trunks filled with papers and records on to a truck after their raid on the Garment Workers' Union offices last week. But at least some of their heaving was for nothing—on Monday the Medical Benefit Society of the Clothing Industry Industrial Council was notified that its records, also those of the Provident Fund, which had been seized in the raid would be returned. No reason was given by the police for the extraordinary nature of the raid which was based on a straightforward police inquiry into an allegation of theft and fraud. (See story on this page.)

Tvl. A.N.C. to Hold Annual Conference in October

Africanists Will be Routed, say Branches

JOHANNESBURG.

NOW that the ban on meetings has been lifted the long-awaited special conference of the Transvaal African National Congress has been called for October 11 and 12. The venue has not yet been fixed.

A circular from the Transvaal Administrative Committee points out, however, that although this is a special conference, for all practical purposes it will be regarded as the usual annual conference which will consider provincial and branch reports. Annual provincial elections will be held.

Current political issues such as the tax increases, the campaign for wage increases, pass laws and the situation in the rural areas figure prominently on the agenda.

UNITY THE KEY ISSUE

The key issue, however, is the question of consolidating unity in the province, on the one hand, and on the other hand the exposure and isolation of disruptive groups within the movement. A spokesman of the administrative committee told New Age that "the unity of the province was vital in the struggle to resist disruptive forces from within and to lead the people of the Transvaal against the terrorism unleashed by the Nationalists in the countryside and in the urban areas."

DISRUPTION

An annual conference arose in the Transvaal ANC when a number of branches, shortly after last year's annual provincial conference, tabled certain grievances against the provincial executive and petitioned for a special conference.

From the beginning the disruptive Africanist clique seized the opportunity to make the most of last year's annual provincial conference, tabled certain grievances against the provincial executive and petitioned for a special conference.

Using such platforms as "The World" newspaper, the Africanists declared their intention of changing

present Congress policy and ousting the leadership.

The special conference which was called to settle the matter ended in failure owing partly to the use of shocking gangster tactics by certain elements and mistakes made by the provincial leadership.

To restore unity as speedily as possible the National Executive took control of the province and appointed an administrative committee which consisted of members chosen from the former provincial executive and some members of petitioning groups.

This action of the National Executive received the solid support of the Congress branches. Despite this fact the Africanist clique continued their disruptive activities. They sabotaged the "stay-at-home" campaign and stepped up their campaign of slander against the Congress leadership and the Congress Alliance.

AFRICANIST TACTICS

The Africanists are now demanding that the representation at the forthcoming special conference should be the same as last year's provincial conference and should include as delegates people like Madzunya and Lebello who have since been expelled from the organisation.

Such a suggestion is ridiculous, said a spokesman of the administrative committee. The forthcoming conference is not a continuation of last year's proceedings. Even if this were so, he said, the constitution demands that delegates must be chosen on the basis of the current membership of the organisation. All branches will have to choose their delegates on that basis.

Though the Africanists are hard at work underground trying to subvert some branches and to win over certain picketed Congressmen, all present indications are that the great majority of the branches in the province are firmly set against them, and the Africanist group will be routed.

John Motloheloa Hounded by Basutoland Pass Laws

Told to Find a Job or Get Out in 30 Days

CAPE TOWN.

MR. John Motloheloa, formerly chief sales agent of New Age in Cape Town, who was deported to Basutoland last July on the grounds that he was a "Foreign Native," is finding himself hounded by the pass laws in Basutoland just as he was in the Union.

When he arrived in Mafeteng, in Basutoland, on July 19, he told the authorities that he maintained his stand that he was not born in Basutoland. He was asked to submit his reasons to the authorities, together with supporting evidence.

Meanwhile he had to pay tax to the authorities, and his tax receipt was made out under the Reserve Headman, and marked "domestic unknown."

The Mafeteng Reserve Headman was informed by the District Commissioner, Major Thistleton-Dyer, that the fact that Mr. Motloheloa had paid tax "in no way means that he has been accepted as a reserve inhabitant."

SELLS NEW AGE

Since arriving in Mafeteng, John Motloheloa has been making a living selling New Age and other publications such as Fighting Talk, Liberation and the Treason Trial Pamphlet. In a few weeks he has raised his personal sales to 100 New Age a week, and has organised others who between them are selling 90 copies a week.

In letters to New Age staff in Cape Town, Mr. Motloheloa said

he found the people like a desert, thirsty for the new ideas he was able to bring them for the first time.

But Major Thistleton-Dyer doesn't look with favour on John's occupation. In his letter to the Mafeteng Reserve Headman, he says:

"I fully appreciate the fact that Mr. John by being deported to Basutoland has suffered a sudden change of environment and I am quite prepared to assist him to re-establish himself if requested."

"But until he obtains either regular employment (selling newspapers is only casual employment) or gives evidence that he should stay on Mafeteng reserve, I am not prepared to grant him permission to occupy a house or stay here permanently."

Major Thistleton-Dyer then gives Mr. Motloheloa 30 days from August 19 to comply with these conditions, otherwise he must get out of Mafeteng.

SLIM PROSPECTS

Mr. Motloheloa's prospects of finding a job in Mafeteng are slim. It is a small town of about 1,500 inhabitants, of whom perhaps 40 are White and 25 Coloured. But if he is forced out of the Reserve, his prospects of finding a job anywhere else in Basutoland are equally slim.

"Why must I be chased around in Basutoland just like in the Union?" Mr. Motloheloa asks. "The British are always criticising what the South African Government does, but they do the same things themselves."

"I want to sell newspapers here. The people want to read them. Why must I be stopped?"

UP MY ALLEY

● OFF STAGE

So Dr. Donges wants to give us Coloured folks our own theatre. Coming from him, by way of the other Dr. D, one can't imagine the conditions attached thereto. In fact, they've practically been laid down already. Separate audiences separate everything. The same conditions laid down for the Eoan group—and never carried out—in exchange for a subsidy.

Why doesn't Dr. Donges go one further and say that the theatre will be allowed to stage only shows and plays written by Coloured people, about Coloured people, and so let the theatre go to hell along its own lines?

I think the theatre will go down the drain anyway. Because the actors and producers among the Coloureds don't think much of the two Doctors D and their apartheid. So it looks as if the theatre will gather dust and only serve as a monument to the CAD's hopes for a slave culture.

Unless they can raise a trope from Klaasjagersberg.

● RIB CASE

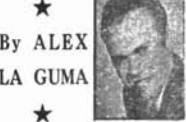
Wow! I've heard of guinea pigs being cut up to advance science, and Laikas being shot way up yonder in Sputniks to advance the knowledge of man, but now I see that the crime rate in the Golden City is helping the progress of surgery.

The 7,000 casualties a year resulting from gangsterism and violence in the township around the Golden City provide doctors at Baragwanath with so much experience that it has led to the development of new methods of surgery.

The vital, or fatal, statistics

read like this: 3,000 head injuries, 1,468 penetrating wounds of the chest, more than 2,000 wounds of the stomach and 495 combined chest and stomach wounds, per year.

It would appear as if we're faced with grim alternatives. Let the crime wave continue and advance surgery, or stop it and our



doctors will suffer from lack of experience on the operating table.

What we really need is a nice civilised society where people don't chop each other up, and the doctors can concentrate on keeping us healthy citizens instead of having to sew us up all the time.

But I suppose as long as we have ethnic grouping, pass laws, racial discrimination, poverty and exploitation we will go on giving doctors more experience in patching us so that we can get at each other's throats again.

● SALAAM

A writer on a Jo'burg paper dropped me a line the other day opening as follows: Dear Mr. La Guma. Greetings.

Shades of the Native Affairs Department!

Garment Union Raided Theft and Fraud Allegation

JOHANNESBURG.

SWARMS of plain clothes detectives (some from the Special Branch) and Labour Department inspectors combed through the offices of the Clothing Industry's Industrial Council and the Garment Workers' Union on Thursday last week.

They were armed with a warrant authorising them to remove any documents in connection with an investigation into "theft and fraud," and the raid seemed to concentrate on the slack pay fund of the Council, though the offices of the union, the Medical Benefit Society and the Provident Fund were thoroughly searched too.

One member of the raiding party went into the canteen at the Council offices, opened the refrigerator and looked into the ice-cube trays.

A large number of documents, packed into cardboard cartons, were removed, also two steel file cupboards and a filing cabinet.

The slack pay fund is a joint venture of the union and employers' body in the clothing industry, set up some years ago to help workers not eligible for unemployment benefits over slackness in the industry.

The mass raid, said Council officials, came like a bolt from the blue.

ZEERUST ACCUSED HAVE NO MONEY FOR BAIL

Craddock Choir Spends the Night in Jail

From E. L. Vara

MEMBERS of the CRADDOCK Craddock choir were arrested when they visited Somerset East recently to stage a concert and a dance.

The choir, which was under the management of the Rev. J. A. Calata, travelled to Somerset East by lorry and arrived at about 7.45 p.m.

At 9.15 the concert started in a municipal hall. It had been in progress for less than two hours when a posse of European and African police forced their way into the hall and demanded duty stamps, but the choir managed to prove they were exempted from tax. Nevertheless, the police confiscated tickets produced by supporters at the door, and prevented the doorkeepers from collecting admission fees.

At the end of the concert the police allowed the audience to go home, but ordered all those from Craddock to remain behind and produce their permits to remain in Somerset East for 72 hours without permission; when not a single permit was produced, the sergeant ordered 23 of the party, including a number of school-children, to be taken to the charge office.

At the charge office they were questioned until the early hours of the morning, and spent the night in jail. The following morning all the accused, men and children, were handcuffed and marched through the streets from the Rooi Heli jail to the court, where they were fined £2 5s. for without permit and failing to produce their reference books. A total of £51 was paid by all the accused.

An appeal has been noted.

From Tennyson Makiwane JOHANNESBURG.

THE trouble which took place in Zeerust over the Christmas holidays last year, when pro-Government chiefs and their supporters were attacked by the people, is again having its echo—this time in the small western Transvaal town of Rustenburg where a number of trials are taking place before the Circuit Court.

The accused are facing serious charges of murder, arson and public violence.



The three accused in the murder case arising from the Zeerust riots in December last year. Left to right: Joseph Mapula, Alfred Sileledi and Mrs. Johanna Pule. All pleaded not guilty.

Last week a batch of eight accused from Leuwfontein village in Zeerust were found guilty of public violence. Seven of them were sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, the eighth, a juvenile, to six strokes.

The next day the court was in session again. A woman, Mrs. Johanna Pule, and four men appeared on a charge of murder. And in the small jail of the town another batch of 55 men and women waited their turn to be brought to court on charges of public violence.

IN JAIL 9 MONTHS

In all cases, the accused have been in jail awaiting trial for a period of not less than nine months. The peasants of Zeerust, drained financially by countless court cases, and with no reserves owing to the fact that since the strife, no ploughing has been done, have exhausted their funds.

Not even the three women with babies have been boiled out. But the tragedy of the prisoners does not end there. They are not even able to enjoy the moral support of their people.

They complain that their relatives are not allowed to come and visit them in jail. Meanwhile the public gallery in court is empty.

Some are no longer confident that they will find their families and households when they finish their terms of imprisonment.

One woman has died in jail and another went mad.

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

The cases were described in court as having a political background. The bench as well as the Crown conceded that "administrative measures such as the issuing of passes" were at the bottom of the tension and turmoil which took place in the reserve.

Only 50 reference books were accepted by the women, at the first. Giving evidence, one of the chiefs, Edward Lencoe, boasted that his wife was the first to take out a reference book.

The accused were described as people who had opposed the chief and the issuing of passes to women. It is alleged that on Christmas day, last year, they attacked the chiefs and set alight numerous homes of the supporters of the chief and the Government.

In the murder trial, five people were originally charged.

The case against two of the accused was withdrawn. The two men who remain are alleged to have stabbed the deceased during the fighting. The woman is said to have been the "moving figure" behind the attacks.

Each person would have a permanent number applicable in any place in the Union and he would simply have to produce it wherever he goes to register.

Official figures state that there are 835 European male workers unemployed out of a total of 6,149 unemployed in Cape Town at the end of July. These were the latest available figures. Of the 835, 262 are unskilled workers, 189 clerical, 82 commercial, 74 building artisans and 57 drivers.

Most of them have been unemployed for up to 6 months.

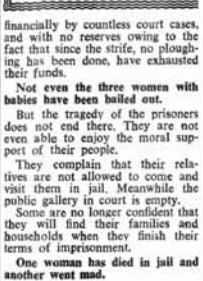
Not Guilty of Incitement

KIMBERLEY.

Israel Madebane and Abraham Soeboneberg were last week found not guilty and discharged on allegations of incitement to commit criminal offences by way of protest against law.

The charges arose from the protest strike which was organised at the time of the general election last March. The accused were alleged to have incited 8,865 Kimberley Blacks to take part in the strike by distributing printed matter.

TIME PASSES FOR CHIEF LENCOE: Edward Lencoe is the pro-Government chief of Witkiedat. Giving evidence in the trials, he boasted that "my wife was the first to take out a reference book." He is seen here leaving the court-room after giving evidence.



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RECONQUER CHINA

For the past weeks that extended chain of bases has been wound into a high state of military alert as big American brassats—Brucker, White, Felt, Smoot, Haxel, etc.—have dashed between their puppet capitals building up war preparations.

Three weeks ago Dulles sent out his memorandum, which said: "The United States holds the view that Communist rule in China is not permanent and that it one day will pass. By withholding diplomatic recognition from Peiping (People's China) it seeks to hasten that passing."

This is a plain statement of America's Tanaka Plan—the reconquest of China through its puppet Chiang Kai-shek.

Formosa, with the offshore islands, remains the centre of American Pacific strategy. The living political corpse of Chiang with his dwindling band of middle-aged soldiers are propped up in islands they have bankrupted, an indispensable but incredible "legal" cloak for Dulles' actions.

U.S. CREATES TENSION

Now there is tension in the Formosan Straits. How dumb they think we all are. When that unctuous B.C.C. voice says: "It is believed that the Chinese Government is interested in maintaining international tension at present," whom does it think it is kidding? We simple souls are asked to believe that it's not the United States but the Chinese who want tension.

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PIRATES

Daily for years they have suffered raids, shelling, bombing attacks on simple fishermen, bodies in the sea and on the streets, piracy against peaceful shipping.

Then why the sudden increase in tension there is now being publicised with such gusto as China's fault by the United States and British propaganda networks?

At least four major reasons stand out as obvious:

- 1 To divert world attention from the Lebanon, where the Americans still hope to maintain the grasp which the whole world has told them to relinquish.
- 2 To intimidate rising anti-colonial movements in Asia and elsewhere, and whip the scyphobians into line.

IT'S SO EASY TO DESTROY

I WATCHED Caterpillar No. 933 in action. I was among the women and little children of Miller Street, Sophiatown. We stood in awed silence as the big creature crept up to the roofless house. The red-eyed driver in blue overalls smiled and bowed to us like an actor in the circus ring before a dramatic act.

The six-roomed house stood silent and unflinching as Caterpillar No. 933 approached its southern wall. The engine roared a pitch higher, like a lion before the kill. No. 933 lifted in one arm with the scooped hand turned downwards. A slight push and down came the southern wall in a rubble of brick and dust. There was some suppressed applause from the little kids. But their mothers looked on unsmiling.

We sighed. I looked at the red-eyed driver. He had taken Caterpillar No. 933 exactly 4 minutes to destroy that house. I heard a woman say, "It's so hard to build and so easy to destroy."

As I turned to go, Caterpillar No. 933, the arch destroyer of Sophiatown, was thundering up the street in search of another victim. The red-eyed driver grinned and the children trooped behind.

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Some of the women who are Crown witnesses in the Zeerust case. On the extreme right is Chief Lencoe's wife.

FORMOSA: U.S. COPIES JAP. CONQUEST PLAN

"To conquer the world one must first conquer Asia; to conquer Asia one must first conquer China; to conquer China one must first conquer Manchuria and Mongolia; to conquer Manchuria and Mongolia one must first conquer Korea and Formosa."

—Baron Tanaka, master planner of Japanese imperial conquest.

AMERICA took over the Tanaka plan after the Japanese had spent half a century failing to realise it, as they are also trying to take over the Middle East from the British and French.

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MONKEYS . . .

But they are within artillery range from the coast—hard to reinforce. Like a monkey that gets his hand in a pot to grab an apple and can't get it out, the Americans may get frantic and break the pot. There lies the danger to world peace.

The attitude of the Chinese has been clear and

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constant all through. They don't want war, but are not willing to appease the aggressor, which would make war inevitable.

They intend to restore Formosa, the Pescadores, Quemoy and Matsu to China and regard this as China's business, not America's and is willing to discuss how to relax tension in the Formosa Strait.

But talks on this were broken off by the United States after stalling them for years with proposals which would have meant China's recognising American occupation of Formosa, which she will never do.

The Chinese desire for peace does not signify nervousness. They have never been calmer or less nervous and able to face any situation that arises.

The world has its part to play, as in the Lebanon. International tension in the Far East arises from the American troops swarming everywhere, trying to put the historical clock back and quell invincible movements for independence.

...BRASSHATS AND BRINKMEN

The housing loan application is the one Dr. Verwoerd has chosen. Johannesburg City Council is the most important body (with the exception perhaps of the Natal Provincial Council) controlled by the United Party. Dr. Verwoerd is the Prime Minister's throat.

Perhaps as important, every municipal authority in the country (United Party Councils) has to take its end in Johannesburg in the matter of Non-European administration, and Dr. Verwoerd will not stand for that much longer.

In some instances the Council has carried out the letter of the law, but has failed to show the fervour Verwoerd demands in moving sky locations, clearing infant children of domestic servants out of back yards and putting in the permit system for African workers.

So the money for the 6,400 houses and the hotel is the carrot the Prime Minister and the Native Affairs Department are dangling before the Council. But though the Council last week took that loyalty oath to carry out the laws of the State and fulfil its duties as an administration, Dr. Verwoerd is still not satisfied.



Quemooy belongs to us "Nationalist Chinese."

3 To prepare the ground for this year's effort at the General Assembly to prevent China taking a seat in the United Nations.

4 To serve notice on the servile Macmillan Government that America will not let Britain increase trade with China so easily.

Once more America is driving the world to the brink of war, and the dangers of the situation should not be underestimated. America has beat heavily on Quemoy and Matsu.

Eisenhower said that one-third of Chiang's effective strength is deployed on the offshore islands, and the loss of these would be a serious setback to America's plans.

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NO CRITICISM

But what has NOT come out in the press is that the Council is being pressed to undertake to carry out not "the laws of the State," but GOVERNMENT POLICY, and Dr. Verwoerd is also demanding an undertaking that the Council will not criticise government policy!

This is the stumbling block of the housing loan negotiations now, and the reason why a three-man deputation flew post-haste to Cape Town at the end of last week.

The biggest United Party Council in the country is being asked to pledge in advance to carry out any policy the Government may embark on—before the Council is formulated, apparently. What is more, even if it disagrees with policy in the future, the Council must seal its lips and voice no criticism or dissent.

The Council has had its nose rubbed in the dirt over all the clauses in the management mentioned above, but clause one is still the centre of the disagreement.

It is believed here that Dr. Verwoerd is carefully setting the stage for his Department's taking over of all Non-European affairs in Johannesburg. This has been brewing for the last three years, observers say, and Dr. Verwoerd is now moving in for the kill.

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Canning Union Condemns Nat. Anti-Strike Plan

CAPE TOWN.

THE Government's proposal to declare the canning industry an essential service and thereby prevent workers in the industry from taking strike action to back up any of their demands, was strongly condemned by the 18th annual conference of the Food and Canning Workers' Union last week-end.

A large number of delegates from all parts of the Union were present. "Conference condemns the proposed amendments to the I.C. Act which are to give the Minister more power to introduce job reservation, and prohibit the food canning workers from taking strike action," read the resolution. "This is a move to assist the food and canning bosses in their effort to keep our wages low."

The conference was opened by Mr. Archie Sibeke, co-treasurer and local leader of the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions, and the presidential address was delivered by the President, Mr. C. Kilowan.

The past management committee was re-elected, with three additions. Members are Messrs. C. Kilowan (President), J. Mentoor (Vice-President), S. Joste, D. Prins, J. Tagello, Mrs. Liz Abrahams (General Secretary), Mrs. N. Kilowan (Treasurer), Miss D. Hartog, Mrs. Joub, Mrs. T. McClean, Miss W. Jones, Miss W. Julies, and Miss F. Petersen.

DETERMINATION

The conference showed a spirit of determination to forge ahead in spite of the attacks upon the trade union movement by the Government. "We must go forward and fight, whether we go to jail or not," said one of the delegates, Mrs. Matthews.

"The yoke is very heavy on our shoulders," said another. "But there is one thing we must do... stand firm and fight."

What happened to the Africans today would happen to the Coloured people tomorrow, others stated. Unity in the struggle was essential.

BREAD PRICES

Conference condemned the proposed increase in the price of bread, the removal of the school-feeding scheme, and demanded better housing, creches and other amenities in the working-class areas.

We demand the unconditional withdrawal of the banning of our

leaders under the Suppression of Communism Act," read another resolution.

Discussing the rising cost of living, delegates pointed out that allowances had not increased since March, 1953, but that over the past five years the Government had granted increases to Members of Parliament, Provincial Councilors, civil servants, police and railwaymen.

WAGE CUTS ATTACKED
Recommendations by the Wage Board to cut wages in the industry were vigorously condemned as "vicious attacks upon the workers' living standards" and conference demanded that the Minister reject the Board's recommendations in toto.

"Our union must develop new leaders that could learn to understand our country with its problems," said the report presented by Mrs. Abrahams, the General Secretary. "We need leaders who are able to organise and mobilise our workers for the right to work, for the right to vote, for the right to be elected to all governing bodies, for the right to have a decent standard of living, peace and prosperity."

Group Areas Film Planned

CAPE TOWN.

In order to bring to the notice of the population the serious hardships which would result from the implementation of the Group Areas Act, the Continuation Committee formed at the anti-Group Areas conference held in February this year have planned a nation-wide campaign.

A documentary film will be made, showing the application and consequences of the Act, and the Committee will also publish a pamphlet explaining its implications. It is hoped that Cabinet Members and Nationalist M.P.s will see the film.

The Committee is also considering opening an office in order to assist and advise people affected by the Act.

Several organisations are represented on the committee, including the local Congresses, civic bodies, the Black Sash, the Civil Rights League and the Institute of Race Relations.

Boulevard East

ACTION COMMITTEE PRESSES FOR REJECTION BY PROVINCE

CAPE TOWN.

A DEPUTATION from the Anti-Boulevard East Action Committee who interviewed the Administrator of the Cape last Thursday presented a petition signed by 2,000 people protesting against the scheme to build a road link between the foreshore and De Waal Drive through District Six and Walmer Estate. The plan for the boulevard was rejected by the City Council recently.

In an interview with New Age, Dr. M. A. Ebrahim, Chairman of the Action Committee, said that the deputation had been sympathetically received by the Administrator, and had been told that the rejection of the scheme by the City Council had thrown new light on the matter.

OTHER PARTIES

Dr. Du Plessis had said, however, that the City Council was only one of the parties concerned in the Boulevard East plan, and that the others, the Provincial Administration, the Government and the Foreshore Board would have to be consulted.

The seven-man deputation was introduced by Mr. C. Barnett, Coloured Representative and member of the City Council.

The Administrator was referred to the report of the City Engineer to the Foreshore Committee last year in which he said that Boulevard East would be an extremely expensive undertaking and that there were alternative routes which could be considered.

The deputation also pointed out the hardships which would be involved should 3,000 people who are immediately affected be moved from their homes, and the great financial loss which would be suffered by property owners. Cape Town was 12,000 houses short of its requirements for housing the

Bochenski in America

The Roman Catholic priest Father Bochenski brought to South Africa to give evidence on Communism for the Crown in the Treason Trial, flew off to Los Angeles last week to fulfil on local engagements. He will be back, but it is not certain quite when.

The Crown case is expected now to open where the preparatory examination starts off with the handing in of those thousands of documentary exhibits that cluttered up the proceedings for several months.

That is, of course, if the opening of the trial on September 29 does not again see defence exceptions to the new indictment which was served this Monday on the defence team.

East Germany Gives Egypt £7½mn Credit

EAST Germany is granting the United Arab Republic a credit of 7,500,000 Egyptian pounds under an agreement just concluded between the two Governments. The credit will take the form of long-term deliveries from East Germany of complete installations, equipment and other engineering goods.

Under the agreement, East Germany will send specialists to the U.A.R. and Egyptian specialists are to study at East German universities and factories.

Coloured population and the situation would be aggravated if large-scale demolitions were carried out to make way for the link road. The Administrator told the deputation that he would make a personal inspection of the site and institute a thorough investigation of the facts before coming to any decision.

"Kimberley Train" is High-Powered Drama About Play-Whites

CECIL Williams' new production at the Liberty Theatre, "The Kimberley Train," is strikingly successful on several levels—however its "success" may turn out in box-office terms. A Coloured couple have a fair-skinned daughter, Elaine. From the day she is born her life (and theirs) is planned to enable Elaine to crash the colour barrier. She is sent to a convent for Whites (a real White auntie poses as her mother) gets a job as a typist, has a love affair with the boss' son, John Powers, who proposes to marry her.

We, the audience, enter into the picture at this critical point: with Elaine waiting at a bus stop with her dark-skinned brother and father—pretending not to know each other whenever a third person is present. From that opening until the final curtain, dramatic tension is with us. We pass through violence—the "Kimberley Train" gang is lurking to guard just such secrets as Elaine's; the police—there is a brilliant scene showing a cop changing from a well-meaning protector to a savage beast the moment he realises Elaine is Coloured. There is high drama—in an unforgettable second act "Auntie Paula" (superbly played by Jennifer Gray) comes home drunk and gives the whole game away to John and his parents.

Melodramatic? But isn't the whole situation melodramatic? And isn't the ending rather unsatisfactory and inconclusive? Perhaps, but what was Elaine to do—except to become a revolutionary (which would have been out of character) or chuck herself over the balcony?

Anyway, let me stress, the true drama lies not so much in the actual incidents, but in the background, ever with us, the whole of our South Africa, in all its ugliness and inhumanity, here

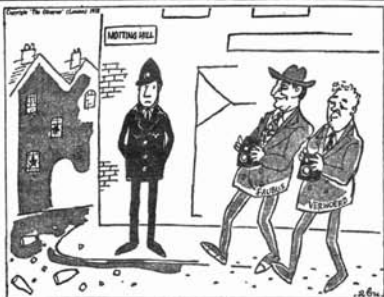
brought into a bright hard focus before our eyes.

The play has practically every thing of dialogue carries conviction. Fine acting, by practically every member of the cast. Splendid direction.

But will White Johannesburg go to see it? Ah, there's the question. M.H.



With banners and portraits of their banned leaders, delegates to the annual conference of the Food and Canning Workers' Union last week-end pose for the New Age photographer.



SIGHT-SEERS

Also in the Observer.

RACIALISM —ATTACK...

It's the same the whole world over—wherever racialism rears its head you find unscrupulous fascist elements have gathered around themselves the demoralised and loafer elements in their society...

British Fascists and Ducktails Unite

INVESTIGATIONS by British reporters have shown that the recent racial disturbances in London were instigated and led by organised British fascists.

These investigations have revealed that before fighting began in the Notting Hill Gate area, members of Sir Oswald Mosley's Unionist movement dished out piles of anti-non-white leaflets.

Later on they called meetings in the area in which their spokesmen urged the local inhabitants to "kick the blacks out."

Their next step was to round up the most vicious duck-tail elements from all parts of London and ferry them to Notting Hill where attacks were organised against Africans, West Indians and Indians living in the area.

At the height of the fighting large cars were seen roaming the streets disgorging duck-tails wherever a non-white person was found.

Before the Second World War Mosley was the leader of the British Blackshirts who supported Hitler and organised attacks on Jews and Communists.

American Klansmen and Hoodlums

AS the new school term began this month local Ku Klux Klansmen hauled out their hoods and stepped up their terror campaign against the Negroes who were insisting on their right to be admitted to all-White schools.

Little Rock has dominated the news, but that is not the only area in which the hate-mongers have been active. All over the South crosses were burnt at night, and effigies of Negro children were set alight outside schools.

Though progress in integration continues to be made in many areas, this is a typical report of an area in which the racists are well-organised:

"Thirteen Negro youngsters were taken to Van Buren High



"Write out 50 times—We was the first nation to segregate the people by the people for the people."

ALGERIA HAS 150,000 FREEDOM FIGHTERS

AN American newsmen, Ernst Zaugg, who spent six months with the Algerian Liberation Front fighters, has described their heroism and the people's support for them.

On the people's support for National Liberation Front fighters Zaugg said:

"I lay concealed with rebel bands on the fringe of villages where strong French detachments strove in vain to wrest information from Arab men and women who knew our whereabouts but would not tell."

IN TOWNS

He also met a peasant who had been subjected to the electric torture by French officers, but would not reveal the whereabouts of FLN fighters.

"The 10,000 men fighting in the hills are backed up by another 50,000 who do the paper work and organise supplies and arms."

In the big cities tens of thousands of men and women are working for the national liberation cause.

"Morale is high. I saw more volunteers for the fighting army than the organisers could cope with," Zaugg wrote. "I saw one man of 48, rejected because of his age, plead with the doctor who examined him."

He said that FLN also had a "psychological warfare organiza-

tion." Through the work of this organization, more than 3,000 foreign legionaries have laid down their arms.

UGANDA UNITY CALL

The Foreign Secretary of the Uganda National Congress, Mr. John Kale, last week accused Britain of "political persecution, political massacre and all sorts of Colonial atrocities in order to prolong their stay in Uganda."

African leaders have realised that only the formation of a "united freedom fighters' front can put an end to tyrannical rule in Uganda," he told a Press conference in Cairo.

The Uganda National Congress and other progressive parties had initiated negotiations with the Colonial administration with a view to regaining independence for Uganda, he said.

The outmoded "poisonous policy of the imperialists, which was inciting brother against brother, tribe against tribe and constituted the greatest obstacle to the formation of a "National Liberation Front," could no longer bear fruit in Uganda," Mr. Kale declared.



... AND COUNTER-ATTACK

At the same time the decent people everywhere are speaking out louder and louder against the sin of racialism, and they are the ones who are winning the battle.

In Britain

THE British Trade Union Congress unanimously

condemned racialism and called for severe punishment for those responsible for the recent racial clashes in England;

The Liberal Party has stated that it is totally opposed to any form of racial discrimination and is against any ban on immigration by non-Whites into Britain;

The British Labour Party Executive has announced its total opposition to all forms of racial discrimination;

British Communists held a poster parade in Notting Hill area shortly after the racial clashes, and called upon the people of the area firmly to reject the race-haters;

Clergymen, trade unionists, a large group of artists in the entertainments world, and various individuals prominent in British life have all declared that Britain has no colour problem, but only a problem of educating certain of the whites.

In U.S.A.

THOUSANDS of letters have poured into America from all parts of the world

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NATO TRIALS CANCELLED

NATO manoeuvres of Greek and Turkish forces scheduled for mid-September in Thrace, the border region between the two countries, have been cancelled.

General Norstad, Supreme Commander of Nato forces in Europe, confirming this in Athens, said he had decided for "military reasons" to hold small-scale national manoeuvres instead.

During his three-day talks with Greek leaders, General Norstad is believed to have met with a refusal for the Greek military personnel to return to Nato headquarters at Izmir, Turkey.

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appealing for clemency for the 55-year-old Negro Jimmy Wilson who was sentenced to death in the Southern State of Alabama for robbing a White woman of 14s.

The U.S. Supreme Court has withstood the pressure of the racists to rescind its decision that integration in schools must be proceeded with.

Millions of the U.S. citizens, both Negro and White, are backing the struggle for full Negro-White equality in all fields of life.

FINLAND: Socialists Form Anti-Communist Coalition

RATHER than form a popular front government, the Finnish right-wing Social Democrats have allied themselves with all the centre and right-wing parties in Finland to form an anti-Communist coalition government.

At the general election held in Finland in July the Communist-led People's Democratic Front emerged as the largest single party with 50 seats. The Social Democrats won 48 seats, while the left-wing independent socialists gained 3.

This meant that for the first time since 1917 working class parties had a majority in the 200-seat Parliament.

Rather than form a popular front government, which would have had

considerable support from members of the Agrarian Party (which won 48 seats), the Social Democrats have gone over to the camp of the right-wing government that Finland had since the war.

As a result of the treachery of

their leaders to the Finnish working class, ten Social Democratic members of Parliament have broken away from their party and joined the Communists and Independent Socialists in the Opposition.

ARTISTS APPEAL FOR H-TEST BAN

OVER 300 British artists, many with high national and international reputations, have signed an appeal to Britain, U.S. and the Soviet Union to stop testing, storing and making nuclear weapons.

Among the signatories are Agus-

tus John, Edward Bawden, R. O. Dunlop, Ruskin Spear, Carl Weight, Henry Moore, Michael Ayrton, Ann Reddick, Misha Black, Derrick Greaves, Joan Haasall, Barbara Hepworth, Leslie Hurry, Edward Middleditch, John Piper and Michael Rothenstein.

You Can't Carry Out An Unjust Law Justly

Group Areas Act Means Ruin For Indians

YEAR after year, the United Party stands up in Parliament and solemnly asks the Minister of the Interior for an assurance that the Group Areas Act will be applied "fairly."

And, just as regularly, the Minister stands up, with a pained expression, and declares that it shocks him to discover that anyone could think that he would apply the Act in any way other than "fairly."

Surely, this farce should have played itself out by now? How can a law, as fundamentally unjust as the Group Areas Act, be applied "fairly"? It is like asking the executioner to chop off your head gently!

Absurd

Even the *Cape Argus* saw the absurdity of the situation: "A promise that injustice will be carried out with equity and that the law will have much meaning. The Indians are to be deprived of their means of livelihood, because they are Indians. That is the fact, and no amount of circumspection can make it either just or right."

The *Argus* added: "The Group Areas Act, indeed, as it is applied with justice, as every attempt to put it into practice has shown. It was an ill-considered piece of legislation to start with, it proved so impracticable that it has had to be continually amended—and it is still fruitful in hardship wherever it is applied. The Indians, as a people most heavily victimised by it because they are traders and the Act fails to take proper account of the necessities of commerce. It also fails to make any provision for an alternative means of livelihood for people whom it drives out of business. Some of the worst hardships perhaps be avoided by allowing a free zone for the carrying-on of trade, but the fundamental injustice is inherent in the Act itself." Yet the Minister, Dr. Donses, had the nerve to say that the inter-church committee in Pretoria (which protested last week against the zoning proposals there) had applied the Act would be "applied in the ruthless manner." (Later, he admitted that "you cannot rectify

the mistakes of the last 60, 70 or 100 years without hurting someone.

Meaning that the Act would be applied "in a ruthless manner." Dr. Donses said that "the system of the removal of the people is a flexible one and provides for transition periods. . . . In many instances, it has happened, when the period of one year has lapsed, that people who had not been uprooted and told to get out."

The Facts

What are the facts of the Pretoria zoning proposals? In terms of the proclamation (according to

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the inquiry conducted by the inter-church committee), 70 shops and 42 market stalls, involving about 1,000 people, are to be moved to the bare veld of Claudius Township, seven miles from Pretoria, within a year. 127 shops in the Prinsloo Street area, involving about 3,000 people, are to be moved within three years; while about 1,000 shops in the southern portion of the Asiatic Bazaar are to be moved within seven years.

How can this proclamation be applied "fairly"? The Indian community of Pretoria, in the affected areas, knows that it is under sentence of banishment. The sentence may be postponed for a few weeks, but it is the Government's intention ultimately to enforce it. If some, or even many Indians, are granted temporary exemption permits, they will live in a state of complete uncertainty over the future. One day they will have to move, and for nearly all of them this will mean other ruin.

Where, in Heaven's name, is the "fairness" in that situation? The greatest "flexibility," the utmost "equity," will be to make the proclamation one i.o.t.a. "fairer."

Some U.P. Members, like Mr. R. Butcher (Durban-Bereas), were able fortunately to grasp this fact, and they did not waste their time in meaningless pleas for "fairness." Instead, they attacked Dr. Donses for the unfitness, the blatant injustice, of the proclamation.

Church Reaction

There is one final point about the Pretoria proclamations. The Dutch Reformed Churches in Pretoria refused to be associated with the inter-church committee. They bluntly conveyed a message from Dr. Verwoerd (that great humanitarian!) that "the Act would be applied with the utmost circumspection and equity." Then they added that if any "movements of justice" were brought to their notice, they would willingly intervene. They concluded by advising the Indian community that they had "not yet allowed all the possible ways provided for in the law for the alleviation of their situation."

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this pronouncement takes some beating. Even coming from a hardened Nationalist politician, it would have seemed almost, but not from a powerful White church, one that likes to describe itself as a pillar of "Western Christian civilization." It is this church that is now engaged in an extensive mission drive, in the Union and outside, for the souls of the African people. What mockery!

Has Jooma's Killer Been Set Free?

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The Crown evidence in the trial was that Visser had attacked Jooma after the latter had pointed a finger at him. He had beaten and kicked Jooma and the medical evidence was that Jooma drowned in his own blood.

According to Visser's own statement, made to a magistrate after his arrest, Jooma had pointed his finger at him when he was driving past. He had gotten out and hit Jooma with his fist.

"He fell with his head on the pavement. He lay still and I thought he was unconscious. When I put my hand on his heart there was no pulse. I was panic-stricken and wanted to go away."

"I looked for a stone but could not find one. I backed my forehead with the heel of my boot so that detectives would think he was assaulted by Natives."

THIS KILLER BEEN RELEASED AFTER SERVING ONLY A FRACTION OF HIS SENTENCE? WHEN WAS HE RELEASED? AND ABOVE ALL WHY?

New Age attempted to find the answers to these questions by making inquiries at Baviaanspoort, the first offender's prison; but without success.

The justice country now looks to the Minister of Justice, Mr. C. R. Swart, to answer these questions without delay.

Fighting Talk

The September issue of *Fighting Talk* is now available. George Irwin's article on Verwoerd contains a stimulating challenge to the liberatory movement. "If Verwoerd's 'master-plan' is the plan-of-the-hour of the Nationalists, the Freedom Charter must be the plan-of-the-hour on our side," he says.

More Kottu on opening the Poll Tax increase, giving the details of the new figures and the demands of all democratic South Africans. Stanley Kottu in the writer of this month's "From the Sidelines," Dan Tloome continues the discussion on the Africanists, Alex le Guma details the trial from the perspective of the adjournment in his "Treason Trial" Diary and Duma Nokwe discusses "Votes for Teenagers."

Stanley Kottu and Michael Harmel review two books, "A World of Strangers" and "The New Ghana" respectively.

Altogether well worth the sixpence. *Fighting Talk* is obtainable from all New Age offices and from the C.N.A.

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S.A. Sportsmanship

THE touring S.A. cricket team are creating an impression not only with their playing ability, but also with their sportsmanship, more especially the captain, Basil D'Oliviera.

In the match against the Kenya Association (Second Test), when he scored 139, D'Oliviera was caught between the wickets, when his total was in the 130's. Without waiting for the umpire's decision, he walked off, and only came back on the insistence of the umpire, who declared he was not out. Even then, Basil virtually threw his wicket away by making a few swipes and was soon out. This sportsmanship was greatly appreciated by both players and spectators.

What Nairobi will never forget is the classic innings of D'Oliviera—his late cuts, on drives and glances which were a delight to watch. Even when lifting a wicket with the greatest of ease and grace. Comparing him with batsmen of the three other countries that toured East Africa over the last three seasons (Pakistan, Sunder C.C., India, and the amateur M.C.C.), sports writers have acclaimed him as the best they have seen. So much have spectators taken him to heart, that a Dr. McAdam of Kampala, Uganda, has asked him to settle there with everything found, while a Nairobi sportsman has offered to take him to England to become a professional. It is believed that both these offers are being considered, and that S.A. may lose its greatest cricketer.

Personally, I would approve of the latter offer, for his services could still be retained by us, as the English off-season is our playing one, and nothing in the M.C.C. really prevents a professional from playing with amateurs. Players from India and the West Indies are similarly involved and still play for their respective countries.

Cavalla Cup Tournament

The S.A. Catering Trades Football Association organised its first international tournament at Durban with the following centres competing—Natal, Southern Transvaal, Northern Transvaal and Eastern Province.

In a series of close matches, Transvaal once again annexed the coveted Cavalla trophy. Like all the other national tournaments, the Catering Trades Association must be commended in their effort to boost up the game of soccer, but one significant fact is that there is no discrimination, or race clause, unlike the other national bodies. Coloureds, Indians, Africans and Malays all play on equal terms, other than that each province competing must put a team comprising the best Non-Europeans, and not as Indians, Coloureds or Africans.

Tournaments such as these should be given more encouragement, and it is sincerely hoped that Western Province, Border and Gwalund West will soon take part in these tournaments.

Althea Gibson—Amateur

Miss Althea Gibson, twice Wimbledon and American Singles ten-

nis champion, has been under fire in regard to her amateur status.

She has been accused of (1) receiving money for a single role on a National Television programme, after being identified as a tennis champion, (This is forbidden under tennis regulations.) (2) Writing a book and a series of magazine articles giving details of her life; and (3) using her tennis position to promote the book and her articles.

This report was spread by an Australian newspaper correspondent, but soon thereafter the chairman of the United States Tennis Association stated that Miss Gibson's status as an amateur was not under question, as her attorneys had, on every occasion, checked scrupulously with them to see that no code was violated.

We wonder if it is the colour of her skin which has motivated this accusation against her. Other Australian tennis stars are drawing fabulous sums of money as amateurs, but very little has been said or done against them.

We Hear It Said . . .

● That Rev. Sigamoney of Transvaal has submitted a motion to the S.A. Soccer Federation for (1) the immediate removal of racial designations, in the African, Indian and Coloured Associations; (2) the ending of the three national bodies and the creation of provincial federations; and (3) the disbanding of national tournaments and playing competitions on a provincial basis.

● That the 1966 Empire Games will take place either in India or the West Indies. We wonder whether the S.A. Whites will then take part?

● That a Mauritius XI is keen to visit South Africa, if the S.A. Soccer Federation is interested.

● That Transvaal and Natal, strongholds of boxing, are showing a lethargic attitude towards the amateurs, especially as they have shown no interest whatsoever in their national tournament scheduled to be held in Bloemfontein on October 3 and 4. Come on you two provinces. You have always shown yourselves as the leading provinces. Maintain and uphold that leadership, or are you slipping?

● That "Tiney" Abed has struck his true batting form by contributing 82 valuable runs against Uganda. Had he not run out of partners, he would have emulated his captain by scoring a century.

● That the Kenya Association players, after taking two S.A. wickets for five runs, developed a superb run, which subsequently cost them the match.

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