Bonn-Madrid Arms Depot Negotiations

# BRITISH LET GERMAN TIGER OUT OF THE BAG

THE spectre of a new, expansionist, revenge-seeking West German Wehrmacht is haunting Euorpe.

Following in the footsteps of their World War, the British Government in the early 50's backed the ment in the creation of a new West German Army as a "bulwark against

alarmed at the creation for which they were largely responsible. West Germany, as the dominating influence in the European Common Market, haz emerged as Britain's chief economic rival in Europe. Now to back up Bonn's economic power, a mighty German military machine which is rapidly threatening to surpass that of Britain, has come into

IS NOT SURPRISING, THEREFORE, THAT IT WAS THE BRITISH WHO FIRST SPOKE OUT IN ALARM AT THE NEGOTIATIONS BE TWEEN WEST GERMANY AND SPAIN FOR THE CREA-TION OF A WEST GERMAN ARMS SUPPLY DEPOT IN

After the British Government had attacked the Germans for negotiating behind the backs of Nato, the Americans also suddenly threw up their hands in horror and expressed their surprise at half a dozen unreliable ones. And

The West Germans complained that they were being misreported as usual, for, they insisted, they had in fact informed their Nato allies of the negotiations with the Franco Government.



approval of the American State One of the terms of the agreement Department for their Spanish between the West European na-

Spain has become a virtual dependency of the U.S. The Spanish be allowed to manufacture ato-Americans. The close governmental ties between the fascist regime of Spain and the American rulers were emphasised only a few months ago when President Eisenhower paid an official visit to

menne

partment hastened to rebuke West

out of the bag, the Americans dared not seem to be backing an

alliance which must be extreme-

the only 'reliable' allies they have

managed to find are the dictator-

ships and former enemy countries

of a Bonn-Madrid-Washington

axis to replace, or at least supplement, Nato, many of whose

members are proving too sensitive about U.S. domination for

s far as the West Germans are

concerned, they, of course, have

strong traditional links with

Franco. It was Nazi troops and

et the West German aims go

further than re-establishing tradi-

in with American military designs.

The location of Spain is impor-

Mediterranean and most of North

WHAT BONN WANTS

As the London Times has pointed

out, a supply depot on its own

would be virtually useless to the

West Germans, because commu-

nications between Spain and Ger-

What the Germans obviously want

war military base in Spain.

Such a base would clearly not be

intended for use against the So-

French have large interests, and

to British shipping, particularly of

oil supplies, passing through the

aims of the German monopolists

are not directed only against the

East, but against the West as

set up armaments factories in

Spain to produce the limited num-

ber of weapons which they are at

present prohibited from manu-

facturing in Germany itself.

Straits of Gibraltar.

many are not very good.

supplies that enabled Franco to

the likings of Washington. TRADITIONAL LINKS

slave the world.

The frightening picture is emerging

of Europe and Asia.

ly unpopular in West Europe.

t has been reported that W. Ger man scientists co-operated closely bomb. Once they are producing atomic weapons in Spain, they will argue that it is pointless preventing them from producing their own A-bombs in West Germany itself. the production of their own

> with their Nato allies is clearly illustrated by the case of Alfred Krupps, munitions king, who year after year has continued to build up his colossal coal and steel empire despite promises to the 'Allies' that he will dismantle

to be allowed to revive her Army,

But the terms of the agreement were confined to W. German

territory. The Bonn Govern-

ment might claim that there

is nothing legally to stop

them from manufacturing

atomic weapons, say,

#### "ASTONISHING"

The degree of involvement of Wash-W. Germany a major atomicweaponed power, was repealed in

Arms for West Germany Via a stration."
Phoney Emergency?" It pointed
Thousa out that an exchange on the U.S. Senate floor on February 8 indinegotiations."

for the Nazis in their war to en-During the exchange Senator Monroney expressed his opposition to Eisenhower's recent statement tional military contacts and fitting that he favoured providing U.S. allies with nuclear weapons.

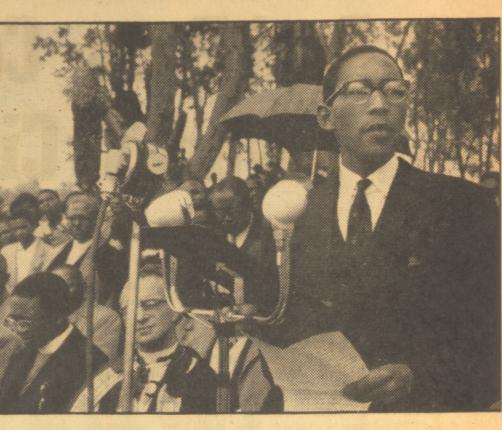
tant, for it dominates the Western To Monroney Senator Gore made an "astonishing reply." He said: "Perhaps it might be as well for Mr. Khruschov to know that if he insists upon a Berlin ultimatum either in the disarmament conference or in the summit conference, such a course of action might be taken by the United

The article stated that these revelations indicated that Washington had been considering using the threat of a nuclear-armed West Germany in the coming Berlin negotiations, or giving such arms to the Germans, and perhaps also viet Union, but would be a threat to North Africa, where the viet Union, but would be a threat advance of the summit meeting. Yet just as Britain's support of Ger-

man re-armament has boomeranged on her, so will the creation of a Bonn-Madrid-Washington-Tokyo axis boomerang on Washington. As before the War, the expansionist On the one hand there is no

guarantee that even America's 'reliable' allies will not turn on her when they feel the appropriate moment has come

Secondly, the Germans want to ON THE OTHER HAND, WASH-INGTON IS BEING EXPOSED AS THE FRIEND AND SUP-PORTER OF THE MOST RE-ACTIONARY, POPULARLY DISLIKED REGIMES IN EUROPE AND ASIA.



Basutoland's Paramount Chief Bereng Seeiso pleaded for fair treatment for men from his country who work all their lives on the mines 'until they are too old or their strength is spent.'

The Tragedy of the Widows

# with French scientists in the production of France's recently tested atomic bomb. Now the West Germans are eager to go ahead with the production of their own

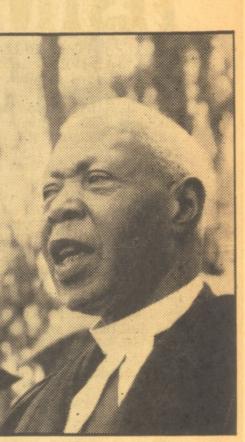
Germany for the proposed militre tary tie-up with Spain? Because once the British had let the cat with their Nato allies is clearly of my beloved people are buried," said Basutoland's Paramount Chief, Bereng Seeiso, in his moving tribute to the dead miners of Coalbrook, at last week's memorial service to the victims of the tragedy. The 15,000 strong crowd roared "Khotso" (Peace) as Bereng ended

> "I plead for fair treatment for the men who work in this industry, as ington in Bonn's plans to make well as for the families of the vic-

He would be failing in his duty an article in the independent if he did not mention the many American weekly brought out by Basutos who had perished in the I. F. Stone.

Basutos who had perished in the South African mines. "It is hoped" The article was entitled: "Sensational Senate Revelations the Press Failed to Report, Atomic this country and the mine admini-

of all races paid tribute to the dead defeat the Republican forces durcated that the U.S. was getting there was a steady stream of peominers. From early in the morning gratitude Franco supplied troops trump card in the coming Summit ple converging on the football ground where the service was held ground where the service was held. The Rev. Z. R. Mahabane, Pre-Some of the widows had travelled sident of the Interdenominational long distances to attend the service. African Ministers' Federation.



to take part in the memorial

## From Our Parliamentary. Correspondent

Senate. How many?

The New Senate-Much

Ado About Nothing

one Senator for the Coloureds out Coloureds' M.P.C.'s. of 54. He will simply be a Government "stooge". What kind of representation would Mr. Bloomberg like to see in the Senate? He did Affairs Council should have a voice

#### COMPARISON

cy, which is utterly unreal.

The fact remains that there is not a single Party in the Union Parliament which believes in votes for all.

Nationalist Party: One White The Progressives make the best bid Senator—and nominated at that!— with their policy of common roll out of 54 to "represent" the entire Coloured population. For the Afbut all that they are really seeking

cans realise just how wide the gap is between Parliament and the people.

One does not need even to speak of Nationalist policies: the Progressives and Mr. Basson were not very much better, and as for the United Party, it is not really a subject one mentions in polite company these days.

Coloured population. For the African frican and Indian people—nothing!

United Party: An undisclosed number of White Senators to "represent" Africans and Coloureds. No non-Whites in the Senate. As for the Indians, there will have to be talks first with India and Pakistan, but that will have to wait until the U.P. comes to power. Whew, that was a close shave! The U.P. almost had to find an Indian policy.

Coloured population. For the African but all that they are really seeking is the allegiance of a Non-White intellectual elite who will not, in any case, have any significant say in affairs of state.

Thus, 50 years after Union, when Africa is bounding along towards independence, the South African Parliament is still toying with the devices of White supremacy, while every White man who is not an "extremist" rejects entirely the people's demand for equal rights. people's demand for equal rights. Progressive Party: Non-Whites, The Progressives, more than any voting on separate rolls, to elect other group, with their talk of Consider the colour "policies" voting on separate rolls, to elect which were proffered to the countheir own representatives to the myth that votes for all will mean myth that votes for all will mean chaos, confusion and stagnation.

#### CONCESSION

The Assembly spent several hours giving serious consideration to the proposal by Mr. G. S. P. le Roux, one of the four Coloureds' representatives, that the number of Senators representing the Coloured peo-ple should be increased from one

Mr. Le Roux, who is the only Coloureds' representative of whom the Nationalist Government fully approves (because he thinks the Mr. Basson: Coloureds should way they do) produced a compli-elect Coloureds to the Senate. How cated scheme to have the two White Senators chosen by the Union Mr. Bloomberg: It is "grossly un-reasonable" that there will be only four Coloureds' M.P.'s and the two

in the nomination of the one Senator. Mr. J. W. van Staden, M.P., said no—already the Coloured peo-Mr. Basson might say that it is fantastic that the Government should behave in the way it is doing, but Mr. Basson's own policy, and the policy of the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Government's portion of the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Government's portion of the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Government's portion of the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Government's portion of the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Government's portion of the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Government's portion of the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Government's portion of the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party, are enlightened only by comparison with the Progressive Party and arison with the Government's po- Coloured people any more Sena

> Mr. G. F. van L. Froneman, M.P., thought however that Mr. Le Roux's request was "fair", and he urged the Minister to consider it.

This game was played out with MR. Ashmon Nene, one of to investigate the possibility of the corporation for wrong straight faces. Later, it appeared that Mr. Le Roux's proposals might leaders of the African National Mr. Nene said that if the authoribe acceptable to the Government. Congress in Cato Manor, claims ties thought they could get rid of In fact, it was even suggested that the Durban City Council is him by these methods they were in Government to make the request. conducting a vendetta against for a rude shock. And all for one nominated White him.

that two Union Africans died in the Coalbrook mine

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This fantastic debate would not AGAINST THE DEMOLITION in Vryburg recently on a charge of of the Union victims of the mine in the Union, but 13 additional be worth mentioning except that it OF HOMES. cause for some unexplained reason The British High Commission tics. It was a carefully argued, much so passionately does not exist.

When Parliaments become so far

The changes will be effected by site," he added.



Cato Manor

## ANC Leader's House, Shop and Church Hall Demolished

From M. P. Naicker

the most prominent suing the Corporation for wrong-

molish his shop in the Two Sticks to do my Congress work," he said. hall adjoining his house which he built at his own cost.

TED OUTSIDE THE CITY HALL goane branch of the African Na-LAST WEEK FOR PROTESTING tional Congress appeared in court

is a mirror of Parliamentary politics. It was a carefully argued, much About sixty children who were were released on bail of £25 each. their deaths were not announced in their deaths were not announced in the official mine casualty lists.

Territory authorities are now trying publicised and gravely important to trace the dependants of the 222 debate—about nothing at all!

About sixty children who were released on ball of £25 each.

Mr. O. Tambo appeared for the activated activated by the lateral control of the activated activated by the lateral control of the activated by th and to date have a complete list of debate—about nothing at all! The ANC Cultural School Committee at cused. situation which Members discussed the Church Hall when the de- Six officials of the Kimberley molishers arrived were driven away branch of the ANC and many peo-

benches, tables, etc.—from the Hall for the visitors and a sheep was

roadside outside what had been his post-haste to do their spying.

Mr. Nene has handed the matter DURBAN. over to his attorney and asked him

"My duty is to my people and as

long as they need me, I shall re-After several attempts to de- main in Cato Manor and continue

#### MOROLONG OUT ON £25 BAIL

Joe Morolong, Andrew Andrias

before the hall was destroyed. | ple from surrounding districts, some In an interview with New Age, from as far as 100 miles away, atremoved from the reople, then Mr. Nene said that he did not tended the case. The Vryburg

slaughtered for the occasion. "The demolishers have even taken | In the afternoon Special Branch away my building material from the men, European and Non-European, arrived from Kimberley. They had The statutory inquiry into the the audience on whom the conse- Some of his furniture and other received a call from Vryburg that disaster by the Department of quences of the play are being in- household goods and the stock the whole of the Kimberley ANC Mines was due to open at Sasol- flicted. They cannot suffer it very from his shop were left on the was in Vryburg and had been sent

Canon A. J. Calata travelled 600

miles from Cradock in the Cape

THE weird unreality of the

debate on the Senate Bill

nentions in polite company these

All its Moslem Readers Well Over The Fast

wife, Betty Thekiso, and Maphuthu- tims at Clydesdale has now been people will be just a joke so who TENDING THE TRIAL OF 22 za Seba, of Engcobo in the Trans- amended to 222. The original figure cares whether there are one or two? WOMEN WHO WERE ARRES- and the chairman of the Kudungkkei, whose next of kin is his brother, given was 219. Then ten of the names on the missing list came to This is the first time the names light, some in Basutoland and some

dependants in about a dozen cases. It is thought it will be another month before most of the other dependants have been traced.

The South African Congress of changes are inevitable. These know where all the equipment— branch of the ANC prepared meals Trade Unions has announced it is changes will not be brought about anxious to help the dependants of from within Parliament, because the mine workers in claims for compen- actors in the play are concerned had been taken to. sation and in other ways and urges only with each other. miners' families to get in touch with its Johannesburg head office.

burg this Wednesday.

accident have been published be- names were added.

New Age Wishes

# T has now been confirmed | New Age was the first to elicit

# TREASON TRIAL A Detective Is Cross-Examined

DETECTIVE Sergeant Nathaniel Sogoni of the Special Branch, Port Elizabeth, gave evidence on sixty meetings that he attended in the Eastern Cape, mainly in Port | will again do the same. The de- | per day. Another resolution is that | on the farms in the reserves and Elizabeth. In his evidence-in-chief he said that to the best of his ability he took down what the speakers said. Under cross-examination by the defence he said his English was good.

Mr. V. C. Berrange (for the defence) read the notes which Sgt. Sogoni took down when Walter Sisulu, former Secretary-General of

### Version of a Speech By Walter Sisulu

It must come back! I am going to express myself in a foreign language because 4 years ago I was solution privileged during 1950 I had to address a meeting informing people to observe the 26th June protest. On that day the Port Elizabeth was leading in its action on the general.

On the 31st May, 1952, the ANC and Indian Congress who met in Port Elizabeth took a decision to go into action. The date was announced to defy unjust laws Moses Kotane was appointed to be the first to defy the unjust laws. The people of Eastern Cape led the people in this campaign.

On the third occasion I have come to announce another decision.

#### RESOLUTION

The ANC resolution adopted in December last year. This is the resolution Executive Committee empowers the ANC to make preparathis the conference decided that the ANC Executive calls upon the ANC, Indian Congress and Democratic. Decided to hold the general election of the representatives to attend this conference. This decision is that all people as from 18 years will be able to attend this conference. The aim is to have people to decided how they shall govern in the New Democratic country. We want the people to take part in this. The volunteers are expected to take an extensive action-

#### TAKEN A LEAD

In all previous campaigns the Eastern Cape has taken a lead in the whole country and I hope you the minimum wages should by £1

struggle.

About His Notes fiance campaign has raised the

This campaign will raise tactics in the politics.

It is important in the struggle-Ours is to defeat

When the Minister of Justice Mr. Swart sponsored that he had destroyed the campaign of unjust laws the ANC, spoke at Veeplaats, Port he forgot that our wisdom was Elizabeth, on March 28, 1954. going further. It does not matter This Is Sgt. Sogoni's the campaign changed the political affairs of X South Africa—

#### WE HAVE GAINED STRENGTH Whilst we have gained strength

the rulers are divided.

The defiance campaign created and raised the number of volunteers and members of the ANC during 1952. This we require everybody to become members. The leaders of the Cape want 10,000 members before the 26th May. I hope that towards the end of April all Africans will be members of the ANC. Throughout all these 40 years of existence the ANC has repeated said that all members should carry out the duties of uniting. The policy of the ANC is to work with other organisations of any section which agrees with it.

#### TWO CAMPS

On the other side there is camp of Dutch people led by Malan, Strydom and others and on the other side there is a camp of democratic progress led by A. J. Luthuli.

The resolutions taken by the ANC are of importance. One of the resolutions is boycott. I also wish tions for all peoples conference. To to say that the boycott policy has no distinction. I also wish to say that the economic boycott is to have skilled work for our African people and good treatment. Branches have been instructed to receive approval from the National Executive from time to time. Overseas capitalists are aware of this fact and they are not at ease. They will not allow themselves to be misled by the propaganda of newspapers. There will be no stability whilst the Government is still stub-

I have already referred to the 2nd resolution taken by the ANC Conference. Another resolution is that people in the reserve should be in the cities. allotted more land

Our women folk are being made There is wisdom in changing of to carry passes in Port Elizabeth under the guide of protection.

#### This Is Walter Sisulu's Version of His Speech

Fellow Africans, Friends, Comrades! Four years ago I was privileged to announce at a gathering of more than 15,000 Africans at New Brighton, the decision of the African National Congress to stage a National Day of Protest on political strike, Port Elizabeth surprised all the other centres with a 100 per cent observance of the ANC Call.

On the 31st May, 1952, the Joint Executives of the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress meeting at Port Elizabeth announced the decision to go into action on June 26th 1952 and issued from here instructions to Moses Mauane Kotane to be the first volunteer to defy unjust laws in S.A. This marked the beginning of Justice, Mr. Swart, boasted that of the now historic campaign for he had crushed the Defiance Camushered in a new period in South African history. Needless to say the people of the Eastern Cape again led the country in this great cam-

#### RESOLUTION

For the third time on the soil of Port Elizabeth on this 28th day of March, 1954, I am to announce yet another decision. During this last week-end the four National Executives of the democratic camp met in Durban in response to an ANC resolution adopted at the last annual national conference at Queenstown in December.

The resolution is as follows: "Conference instructs the NEC to make immediate preparations for the organisation of the Congress of the People of South Africa whose task shall be to work out a Freedom Charter for all peoples and groups in this country. To this end conference urges the ANC Na tional Executive to call a meeting of the South African Indian Congress, the S.A. Congress of Democrats, the S.A. Coloured People's Organisation and any other de-mocratic organisation for the purpose of placing before them the Plan of Congress and obtaining their co-operation in creating a truly representative 'Convention' of the people of S.A."

The Conference of the four executives of the ANC, SAIC, SACOD and SACPO representing the Africans, Indians, Europeans and Coloureds decided on the holding of a general election throughout the length and breadth of S.A. to elect representatives, people's representatives to a Congress of the People. It is planning through this election to contact every person in every corner of S.A. over the age of eighteen, irrespective of race, sex, colour or creed. The purpose is to get the people themselves by means of a mass campaign in which they themselves participate, to say how they should be governed in the new democratic South Africa they are all striving for. The aim is to get the people themselves to express their true aspirations and get them embodied in the Freedom Charter. We want the people to the future destiny of S.A. You used your own words. will therefore realise what a great amount of work you have before you. The field workers, the volunteers are now expected to carry out extensive plans so as to get in touch with every individual in the mines,

#### TAKEN A LEAD

In all previous campaigns the Eastern Cape has enhanced the prestige of our organisation even in the international world. I have no doubt that in this campaign too you will be equal to the task.

The campaign for the Defiance of Unjust Laws lifted the freedom struggle of the oppressed peoples of S.A. higher than the 1950 campaigns and higher than any previous struggle. This campaign will raise the level of political struggle still further.

There is wisdom in the change of tactics according to the objective conditions and circumstances of a clear vision of the future. It is

by use of superior methods of organisation that we have beaten and will beat the government in all

future struggles. Ours is an honest and true effort to secure peace and happiness

the Defiance of Unjust Laws which paign he was ignorant of the fact that tactics have to change and our gains and positions be consolidated. Military strategists know that this is the A.B.C. of military art, and some one has said "War is the continuation of politics by other means and conversely politics is the continuation of war by other means".

No matter what anyone feels or thinks about the Defiance Campaign, the fact is that it changed the political life of S.A.

WE HAVE GAINED STRENGTH The vacillating elements both in our camp and in the ruling class have been exposed, they have been forced to make their clear choice. Whilst we have gained considerable strength the ruling class has been confused and divided. The coming into being of different parties is very significant. The change in their attitude on the question of franimportance. Although the last election was won with a large majority by the Nationalists it gave a false impression of strength to the governing party. The very fact that a party with so warped and dangerous a policy should have won a victory in the world of today is a sign of the profound crisis that exists within the oppressor group in the country. In this connection it is important that we must constantly expose the real motives of the Nationalists with regard to the future life of the people of S.A.

As far as we are concerned we know our friends and our enemies. membership shot up to more than taxes").

100,000—an increase of more than 75 per cent. over the previous year. Although in 1953 there was a slight drop due to the comparative lull, it must be said however that the quality of the membership was much improved last year. This year we will require an unprecedented increase in the membership of the ANC. The Cape leadership has called for 100,000 for the Cape alone by June 26th this year. I hope that by April 20th every single African in the Eastern Cape will be a member of the ANC.

Another important factor is the strengthening of our ties as the major group in the country with the other national groups, Throughout its forty years of existence the African National Congress has patiently and tirelessly explained to the people of South Africa that there must be co-operation between all on the basis of mutual respect each given situation. The important and complete equality. In this po-June 26th 1950. In this nation-wide thing in a struggle for liberation is licy the ANC has been joined by to raise the level of political consciousness of the people to the highest possible level through struggles, to mobilise and organise cans. These organisations such as all potential forces and to create the SAIC and SACPO and the Congress of Democrats are not mere sympathisers or so-called friends of the African people, they are firm, sincere allies in struggle, prepared to do and die, marching in the same mighty army of liberation that will soon turn the fascist darkness into the democratic dawn of a new S.A.

#### TWO CAMPS

There is a clear division in the country which admits of no middle groups and fence-sitters. On the one hand is the band of reactionaries led by Verwoerd and Strydom. On the other is the camp of democracy and progress under the able and enlightened leadership of A.J. Lutuli, the President-General of the ANC, firmly supported by our allies in all sections of the population.

The resolutions of our last annual conference may not appear spectacular yet they are of far-reaching importance. There are two of these which are already being implemented in the Eastern Cape. I refer to the implementation, first of all, of the economic boycott resolution. I wish to say that plans for its application in other provinces are now ready. I also wish to say that the economic boycott policy is chise, however wild and unrealistic non-racial. It is a form of legititheir suggestions may be, is of great mate pressure to secure specific demands of the people for skilled jobs, better treatment and higher wages. Our headquarters takes great care in the use of this weapon. The branches have been instructed to get the approval of the provincial headquarters in the application of the economic boycott from time to time. I think at this stage that I must correct the completely false concepts held by the South African commercial and industrial groups together with the mining and farming industries.

(Sisulu further referred to other resolutions which demand a £1 a day minimum wage for the wor-We know the weaknesses of our kers, "the organisation of peasants organisation and its potential on the European farms and in the strength. The Defiance Campaign reserves, and the general demands created strong and reliable volun- of the peasants for land and feretary workers. In 1952 the Congress dom from the crushing burden of

### MY ALLEY

NO doubt there are many good Nats who would be pleased if Japie Basson never darkened the doorstep of that House in Parliament Street again. Fancy suggesting that hotnots sit in Parliament with them.

Take it easy, Japie, you could get banned.

However, with due respect to Japie's good intentions, ons bruin mense have no wish to sit in Parliament—not as representatives of ons bruin mense, but as representatives of whoever votes for us, black or white. Neither do we want rights awarded us on the basis of winning back our goodwill, as Onse Abie says, nor because some kindhearted Nat realises that he has sat with Dr. Nkrumah or Pandit Nehru at some conference or other, so he might as well sit with us.

We're South Africans, us and the rest of the blacks, and we demand our rights as South Africans.

BUT the Nationalist Parliamentarians of course can answer even Japie Basson with sensible and high-level arguments for turning down his shocking proposals.

Said Baas de Villiers of Vasco: "The Government has already done much for the Coloured people. It should be remembered that up to now they had had only one representative in a Senate of 90, and now they would have one in a Senate of 53.'

And Mr. Van Der Wath of South West African and United Nations fame: "Do you mean that you want white staff to serve Non-Whites in the House?"

DEAR Mr. Schoeman, so you've got a surplus. Maybe some of it can be used to bring about some sort of comradeliness and agreement among the staff of your Railways. I have noticed signs of terrible dissension.

The other morning the loudspeaker on my station blared out that the eight-thirty would run express to Pinelands. "First stop, Pinelands," yelled the conductors when it arrived. But the driver thought to hell with it and stopped at all stations, including places where there wasn't a station at all.

Tsk. Tsk. Maybe the driver wasn't one of the boys you praised for not pressing wage claims.

ALEX LA GUMA.

## SOGONI CROSS-EXAMINED

fence): Do you agree with me Sgt. Sogoni that Mr. Sisulu may have said what I have just read?—Yes.

Mr. Berrange: I want to suggest to you Sgt. Sogoni that not only take an active and direct share in have you left out a lot but you

Sgt. Sogoni: I tried to cope up with his speech but he was too fast. Mr. Berrange: In spite of the interpreter?

Sgt. Sogoni: Yes.

Mr. V. C. Berrange (for the de- of ungrammatical phrases?-Yes. Is your English as good as your Xosa?—I claim so.

> Mr. Berrange: Is your Xosa as ungrammatical as your English?

> Sgt. Sogoni: I cannot answer that. Mr. Berrange: I suggest that your English is so bad that no reliance can be placed on your reporting. Sgt. Sogoni: That depends on the

Court. I cannot say so.

Mr. Trengrove, for the Crown, Mr. Berrange: Your report is full then re-examined Sgt. Sogoni.

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