

The "Evidence" of a Nyasaland Murder Plot is

# AN INSULT TO BRITAIN'S INTELLIGENCE

THE fantastic rigmarole about an alleged plot by the Nyasaland ANC to murder the Nyasaland Governor, government officials, police officers, white men, women and children and Indian and African traitors—no fewer than 8,000 people in all—which served as an excuse for the present British and Rhodesian slaughter of the people of Nyasaland, and which has now been published in a White Paper, has completely failed to convince the press and public of Britain.

It is seen as the same sort of combination of official deception, invention by police informers who find that the more hair-raising the stories they produce the better they get paid, and the raving of madmen and frauds which led our own Minister Swart to tell Parliament some years ago that there was a South African plot to poison waterwells and massacre Europeans.

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The Daily Herald had angry headlines. "We asked for EVIDENCE of the alleged massacre plot. There is not a shred in the White Paper. We say this document is an insult to the intelligence of parliament."

The Manchester Guardian expressed its doubts more politely. Referring to Dr. Banda's well-known connection with the church it said: "This must be the first time in two centuries when, except in war, an elder of the Church of Scotland planned a campaign of mass murder. It is, indeed, almost too much to believe."

Even the faithful London Times was shaken. It was hard to assess "the authenticity of the murder plot which Mr. Lennox-Boyd produced so dramatically before the House of Commons on March 4. It was perhaps unfortunate that he built his case so strongly on it," said the Times.

**BANDA NOT THERE**  
Although originally Nyasaland ANC leader Dr. Banda was declared to be the villain of the whole piece it is now not even alleged that he was present at the meeting of 140 Congress leaders, which, says the White Paper, decided on the plot on January 25.

The government claims that Dr. Banda is the man who lays down ANC policy and is its mastermind. But it asks the public to believe at the same time that at what is presumably alleged to be the most important planning conference of the ANC, which decided on the very tactics of a revolution, Dr. Banda did not even bother to attend!

The government is caught out in another strange contradiction. The whole basis of the "plot" is supposed to have been that the killings were to take place "ten to twenty-one days after the arrest of Dr. Banda."

In fact, however, the "wave of violence" described by the government took place two weeks before the arrests, so that, as the New Statesman (March 28) remarked sarcastically, "if there was a plan, it was not the one described by the Governor's sources."

**BIG DIFFICULTY**  
Government apologists have always found it most difficult to ex-

plain why the ANC should evolve a detailed blue-print for revolution and mass murder, and then, instead of itself fixing the time for putting the plan into effect, leave it for the government to fix by arresting Banda. What fools they would have been to make it possible to foil the whole plot simply by refusing to co-operate by arresting Dr. Banda! Or if in addition to arresting Dr. Banda, the government had arrested Mr. Chipembere and the other three top ANC leaders who were to fix R-day and put the plan into effect.

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had every opportunity to kill Europeans, Asians and African "traitors" and in spite of the terrible provocations they have suffered, not a single African—let alone ANC leader—has been involved in a deliberate attempt to kill anyone of any race; not even in retaliation for the murders committed by the White settlers. They couldn't start killing because they had to wait the regulation ten to 21 days after the arrest of Dr. Banda, and by that time Mr. Chipembere had been arrested too!

Such rubbish would not convince a child. And the press has continued to put this unanswerable question to the government:  
**IF THE ANC LEADERS HAD THE INTENTION OF KILLING, WHY DID THEY FAIL TO CARRY IT OUT WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTED AND WHEN, AS THE GOVERNMENT ADMITS, THEY WERE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF LARGE AREAS OF THE TERRITORY IN WHICH THERE WERE ISOLATED EUROPEAN SETTLEMENTS AND POLICE POSTS?**

After all this, it is perhaps hardly necessary to add that the "evidence" disclosed in the government blue book stinks like a very bad fish.  
In the first place the government falls back on the old, old tale about it being "against the public interest" to disclose where it got its fairy stories from. But it gives away the fact that it has no direct evidence from anyone who was at the alleged meeting, when it tells us that "details leaked out only gradually during the next 18 days"—which means that the evidence is hearsay, invention and rumour.

**THEIR HOPE**  
No doubt, like our own Mr. Swart, the government hoped, after it had made the wild allegations, that it would turn something up in the raids which took place on March 3.  
But the very best it could find is an extract from a letter by Dr. Banda expressing his hope "to set the whole of Nyasaland on fire". This, with the same air of triumph as that of some of our own famous special branch witnesses, it produces in all seriousness in the White Paper although it is, in the words of the New Statesman, "a figure of speech which is frequently on the lips of politicians, not excluding Cabinet ministers."

The only thing that this White

Paper proves is that the Governor of Nyasaland is a liar. He gets it coming or going. Either he was lying on March 2 when he told a press conference that there was no need to declare an emergency in Nyasaland, or he is lying now when he says that he believes the story of the plot, the full information of which was in his hands by March 2 and which he now says made the declaration of emergency the only course open to the government.

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## GROUP AREAS SELL-OUT

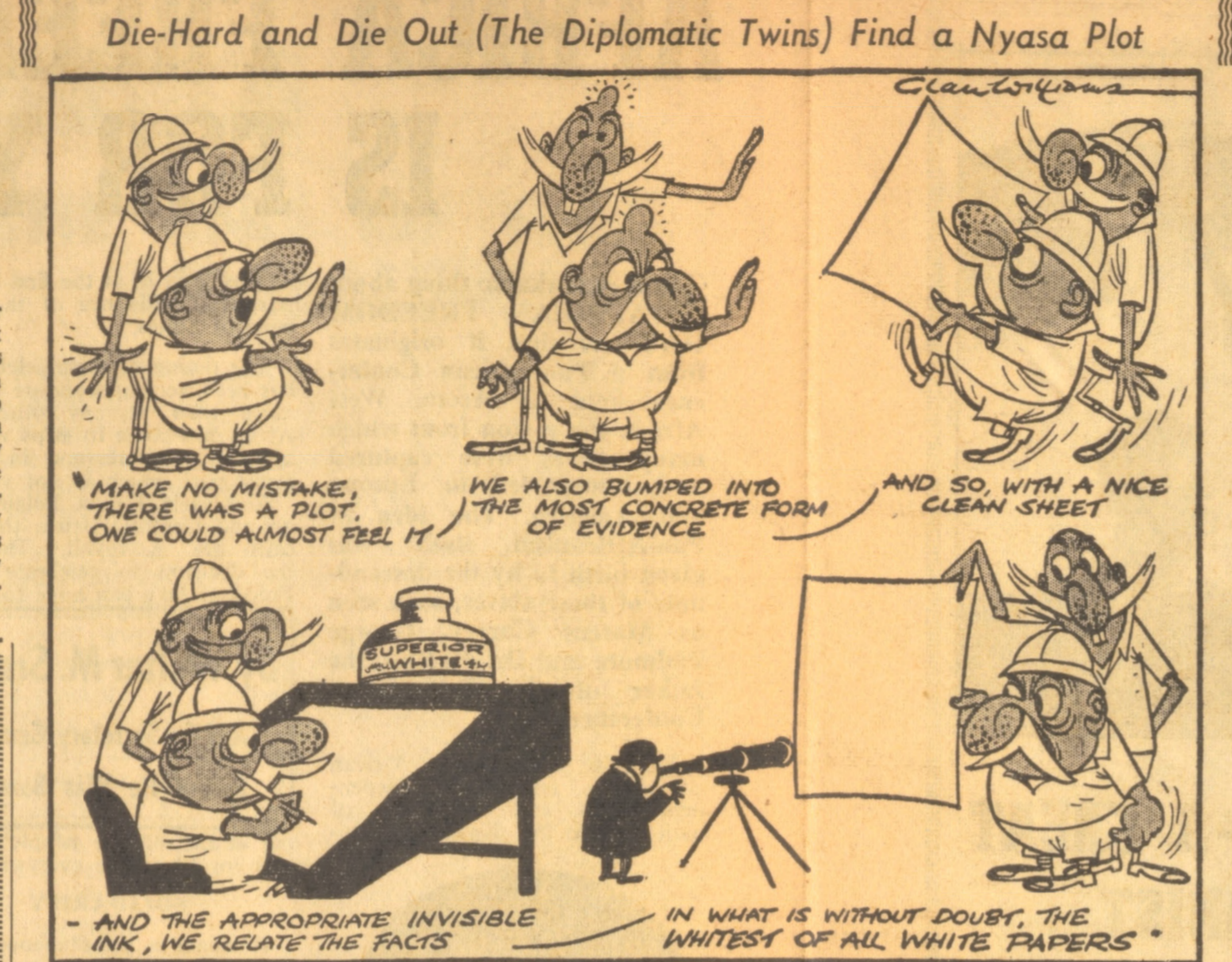
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cept for a handful of people represented by the S.A.I.O., submitted plans for race zoning. In fact at all Group Area Board hearings the vast majority of the Indian people, represented by the South African Indian Congress, ratepayer and other organisations, have made it clear that they refuse to submit plans to the Board as no just plans could emanate from a manifestly unjust law such as the Group Areas Act.

**WAVE OF ANGER**  
The S.A.I.O. appears to have forgotten the wave of anger that swept through the Indian people when they concluded the "Pretoria Agreement" which embodied the same principles as are suggested in their present memorandum.  
They were swept out of office in the N.I.C. and the T.L.C. by the Dadoo-Naikier leadership soon after they concluded the "Pretoria Agreement", and the people will be no less bitter once the significance of their recent interview with the Minister becomes known to them.

The late Field Marshal Smuts concluded the "Pretoria Agreement" so that he could attend the San Francisco Conference with an answer to the wave of protests against his Peggung Act that was sweeping the country and the world.  
In the same way today the Verwoerd regime, attacked on all fronts, would like to use a section of the Indian community to silence this widespread opposition for the time being.

**WASTE PAPER**  
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Glen Williams in the News Chronicle.

# SMALL TURN-OUT AT AFRICANIST RALLY

## ANC Slogans And Flags Used

**JOHANNESBURG.**  
THE Africanists started off their first members' convention last week-end by enormously inflating their membership and support.

To doubting press reporters who had viewed the conference and totalled up the voting in the elections, officials of the movement claimed 634 Africanists had taken part. They claimed 203 participants from the Cape, 125 from Natal and 17 from the Free State. Also 289 from the Transvaal.  
More likely figures are 51 from the Cape, 35 from Natal and 5 from the Free State. These were not delegates by any means. Participants in this convention required to be only card holding members of the Africanist movement.

**CO-OPERATION**  
Asked whether the Africanists would work with the A.N.C., the A.A.C., the Liberal Party and other bodies, the reply was: "We have no common ground with other political organisations." This formulation was later modified to: "If we are satisfied that the action taken by any organisation will benefit the African people we shall throw in our lot on the issue."

**RECRUITING TARGET**  
Figures come easily to the Africanists, who blithely announced plans for the conference to recruit 100,000 members into their movement by July 31, which the Africanists have named 'Heroes' Day, and which they will observe, they say, by a national rally. The movement is not prepared to disclose the present membership.

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All the Sunday sessions were in private, also Monday morning. The Africanists later held a press conference where they were pressed to discuss their policy and plans of campaign.  
Methods of struggle, they said, would not be disclosed. There had been no time for conference to adopt resolutions but a draft constitution and a wordy, involved, vaguely phrased manifesto had been adopted.  
The New Age reporter asked: "Does your organisation intend taking up the issue of the pass laws?"  
"We are not interested in alleviating the sufferings of the people. All these laws emanate from Parliament and our duty is to fight for the change of the whole structure," was the reply.

**MADZUNYA'S SUPPORT**  
Madzunya, though not elected to the executive, stood up to make a personal pledge of support to the new executive. He would be at the disposal of the president, he said. "He can call on me at any time of the day or night, I will respond." He called himself the watchdog of the new body.  
Well now the Africanists have their organisation. But what of a policy? There are precious few signs they yet know what to do with this body or how to set about organising on any political issue.

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New Age Contributor, Jenny Joseph

# TOLD TO GET OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG.

MISS Jenny Joseph, the young British school teacher and writer who contributed lively articles on the musical King Kong to New Age, is the latest non-Union national to be swooped upon by the Department of Interior and ordered to quit the country.

Apart from telling Miss Joseph that she was an undesirable immigrant, the officials gave no reasons for the Minister's order.

## TAXI DRIVERS TO MEET

CAPE TOWN.

Taxi drivers still fighting apartheid in their services will meet again on April 22 to discuss further action to defend their right to ply their trade without discrimination on the grounds of race.

The decision to postpone the hearings of the Road Transportation Board until Parliament amends the Transportation Act means that the authorities want to wait until all loopholes are sealed through which taxi-operators could continue to convey all races, said Mr. M. T. Barden, secretary of the Taxi Owners' Association.

"Taxi drivers, like the rest of the Non-European people, must at all times be prepared to struggle against apartheid, whether in taxis, jobs, schools or any other sphere," Mr. Barden said.

The meeting will be held in the Robing Room, City Hall at 8 p.m.

## Union Basutos Want Right To Vote In Basutoland

JOHANNESBURG.

ABOUT 200 Basutos attended a meeting last Sunday at the Orlando Donaldson Hall to demand that they be allowed to vote in Basutoland's elections.

They will present petitions to the Paramount Chief of Basutoland protesting against Clause 96 of the new Basutoland constitution which says an eligible voter must have resided in Basutoland for six months before the elections.

Speakers put their case as follows: They are in the Union only as workers and for economic reasons. While in the Union they pay Basutoland taxes and national levies. Some have their wives and children in Basutoland.  
While in the Union, they said, they observe all the laws required of a Mosotho.

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Miss Joseph was given a fortnight to make representations to the Department of Interior why she should not be deported. But how could she make representations against her deportation if she did not know the reasons for the order against her? Miss Joseph asked a Department official in Pretoria. The official was as uncommunicative as a tombstone throughout the interview until at last, in reply to Miss Joseph's repeated request for reasons, he said: "Perhaps you should search your conscience!"

Miss Joseph nevertheless lodged an official request to the Minister for reasons for the deportation order. While awaiting these, she went on a visit to Rhodesia. Then she was notified that she would be dealt with as a prohibited immigrant if she tried to re-enter the Union. The Minister deemed her to be "unsuited to the requirements of the Union on economic grounds or on account of standards or habits of life."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

**SECOND VISIT**  
Jenny Joseph was on her second visit to the Union when she received the Minister's order. During the first, in 1957, she worked as editor's secretary on the Golden City Post. She went back to England at the end of last year and on her return to the Union took a post on the staff of the Central Indian High School.

At St. Hilda's College, Oxford, where Miss Joseph took her degree she was the senior scholar of her year. She is one of England's leading younger poets and has read her poetry over the B.B.C. Her poems have also appeared in leading literary journals.

On this trip to the Union Miss Joseph was collecting material for a book of African writing commissioned by a London publisher.

## KING KONG FOR LONDON?

JOHANNESBURG.

London's stage is waiting for King Kong and the whole company would be signed up in a matter of 24 hours—if they were granted passports. Passport application are now being made by the cast of 70-odd.

Meanwhile the musical is suspended here for lack of a hall to play to clamouring audiences. There are prospects of an extended run of one week in the University Great Hall, but the dates are not yet announced.

The company opens in Cape Town on April 20, and its Durban season will open on May 11.

## INDIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

JOHANNESBURG.

Preparations are in hand for the 14th Annual Conference of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress at the Duncan Hall (City Hall) in Market Street, Johannesburg on April 26. Conference is expected to start at 10.30 a.m.

Leading educationists will address the conference on the importance of education. Among them will be Dr. Edward Roux, senior lecturer in botany at the University of the Witwatersrand, who will deliver a paper on "Education in a Multi-Racial Society."

Plans to build the Youth Congress into a powerful youth organisation are also on the agenda.

# "Workers Are The Spearhead Of Struggle!"

—Chief Lutuli Tells Conference

DURBAN.

"THIS dark fascist force holding sway over the life in the Union, especially the Union and spreading its poisonous tentacles to all avenues of life among the Non-Whites, must be destroyed by the freedom loving people before it does further damage," declared Chief A. J. Lutuli, President of the African National Congress, opening the Conference.

Chief Lutuli who was opening the Conference in the place of Mr. Tom Mboya, the Kenya African Trade Union leader, who was refused permission to enter South Africa, said that he was a humble substitute for Mr. Mboya and it was an honour which he deeply appreciated, "but, with you, I deeply regret and greatly resent the circumstances that brought it about."

"This resentment should inflame us to work unreservedly for the day when white domination in Africa shall be completely effaced by the freedom we are working for: a free-

dom that will usher in the founding of truly non-racial democracies," said Chief Lutuli.

**SPEARHEAD**  
Dealing with South Africa, Chief Lutuli said that universally and historically workers, especially urban workers, have performed been the spearhead of the freedom struggle in the twin functions of:  
● A striving for the amelioration of the lot of the workers in the matter of wages and of general conditions of service;  
● The prosecution of the general National Liberation struggle.

"No less is expected of workers in our country. In the context of our country the task is rendered even more onerous and not inconceivable in view of the apartheid legislation which forbids honourable co-operation among all workers regardless of colour or race, since the law places a legal bar on the formation of mixed unions."

Stating that the people are not without power and that the power of the people can spring from a number of factors, Chief Lutuli listed the following points in favour of the movement:

## Outstanding Trade Union Conference

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and is not sufficient to measure up to the requirements necessary to force concessions in wages, working conditions, trade union and political rights."

Calling on Conference to equip the movement for the task ahead, Mr. Massina's report added: "S.A.C.T.U. has given a distinguished lead during the past four years and has gained the confidence of the workers."

"They expect S.A.C.T.U. to be the torch bearers of their cause and their loyalty need not be doubted."

## Presidential Address

Kenya leader Mr. Tom Mboya was invited to open the S.A.C.T.U. Conference because "We recognise that the future of the working people of our country is bound up with that of the great continent of which we are part," said the Presidential address submitted on behalf of Mr. Leon Levy, who is banned from attending gatherings.

Stating that our continent is the last stronghold of colonialism, and that the imperialists who have been forced to withdraw from Europe and Asia, now hope to increase their exploitation of the African people, the report added: "But these imperialists have to reckon with the mighty liberation movements which have emerged in every territory of Africa."

"Despite attempts by the imperialists to prevent the total liberation of African states by granting small concessions, and encouraging areas with settled White populations as the Central African Federation and Kenya to oppress the people in return for concessions, these will fail.

"In the words of Dr. J. Kiano, at the Accra Conference: 'All Africa is waking up, growing up, joining up. We have arrived at one the great turning points in history'. In this struggle, the working people of South Africa will not lag behind their brothers in Africa and to this end our fourth annual conference is a stepping stone which shall help us to win freedom in our lifetime!"

● The desperation of the people though the deep hurt and suffering that apartheid is subjecting them to;

● The understanding of the people of the soundness of their cause which is increasingly getting support from influential sources in the world;

● The manipulation of the buying and labour power of the people.

**CALL FOR UNITY**  
Ending his speech with a call for united and determined action on the part of the workers to win higher wages, better working conditions and freedom, Chief Lutuli said: "The length of the term of slavery depend; largely on the oppressed themselves and not on the oppressor."

"In the life of any nation or group there comes a time when one generation must voluntarily subject itself to destruction, if need be, in the interests of securing for posterity or ensuring the maintenance, propagation and sharing of threatened values and standards; so that generations to come, in gratitude and acclamation, can say: 'This was their most glorious hour.'"

# Sack Non-Whites To Make Room For The Whites

## Nat. "Cure" For Unemployment

JOHANNESBURG.

**UNEMPLOYMENT** is no longer a ghost that can be frightened off with loud noises. The figures of the unemployed of all races, in all centres, are creeping ominously up.

There is a crisis on the railways which can only lead to pay cuts and sackings.

### NO SOLUTION

The government cannot solve the crisis in the clothing industry caused by its own crazy policy, but ugly signs of the way the Labour Department may try to deal with unemployment came to light last week.

Garment workers queuing for the unemployment pay-out at the offices of the Labour Department were called to one side by officials and told to look for jobs in the sweet and laundry industries. Those willing to work in these industries were asked to hand in their names.

Industrial Council and trade union officials in the laundry and sweet industries said that telling garment workers to look for jobs in laundries was "sending them on a wild goose chase," as there were very few vacancies.

European garment workers who queued outside Johannesburg's biggest laundry were told there was not one job going. The only jobs some garment workers were placed in last week were temporary relief jobs in dry cleaning depots, that will last only as long as the permanent staff members are on leave.

### RACE REPLACEMENT

Most sinister, though, are the designs the Labour Department seems to have on the sweet industry. Here, it is reported, Labour Department officials have been approaching sweet factories about replacing Non-White labour with White.

This is called "making room for unemployed Europeans".

Finding jobs in any numbers for garment workers in the sweet industry can only mean sacking Non-Whites in the sweet factories.

An official of the Industrial Council for the Sweet Industry told New Age there were some vacancies in some factories and some unemployed garment workers had been placed.

"How many?"—"I can't really give a figure."

"More than 50?"—"Never!"

The secretary of the Garment Workers' Union said there had been Labour Department talk of finding jobs for about 150 garment workers in the sweet factories. But when it came to finding jobs for garment workers by pushing sweet workers out, the union would put its foot down.

"The union doesn't allow this kind of thing. You can't snatch jobs away from old workers in an industry."

In any case, this trade unionist felt, employers would not be keen to do this switch-over and disorganise their factories.

### HALF THE PAY

Trade unionists are alarmed at the Labour Department policy of trying to push garment workers into jobs at less than half their normal pay rates.

Garment workers get from £6 to £8 a week. In the sweet industry they would earn not more than £3 a week.

Garment workers will thus be ex-

pected to slash their standard of living drastically. "How can we live on less than half our former wages?" they are asking.

Garment workers offered laundry and sweet industry jobs by the Labour Department made the same point.

"Will you take jobs in other industries?", they were asked.

"Yes—as long as we get our rate of wages," was their reply.

### GOVT. BAFFLED

The Minister is clearly at his wits end about what to do with unemployed garment workers. Deputations from both the Garment Workers' Union and the Germiston workers, worst hit of all and under Nat leadership, have seen him but got nothing out of him.

The Garment Workers' Union saw the Minister of Labour in Cape Town on February 23 and later submitted a long memorandum to him.

The union laid a plan before the Minister for:

- Scrapping job reservation;
  - No further registration of clothing factories in uncontrolled areas;
  - Extension of Industrial Council agreements to factories everywhere in the country;
  - Strict control of dumping of ready-made clothing from overseas;
  - Government contracts should be handed to Transvaal factories.
- There are as yet no signs that the Minister will act on any of these points.

## Railway Sackings and Pay Cuts

JOHANNESBURG.

Retrenchings and pay slashes are starting on the railways.

● At Langlaagte 26 African workers were sacked last week—no reasons given.

● At Germiston 50 workers were called to the Work Inspector's dept. to be told they had lost their jobs.

● At Randfontein and Krugersdorp, New Age was told, African ticket examiners are being replaced by Whites.

### WHITES ALSO

White railway workers are also being hit. The SAR must economise and pull in its belt to save itself getting even deeper into the red. Some White railwaymen have had their wages cut from £83 to £63 a month. "Casual" labour is being sacked.

Yet there is the extraordinary position of the secretary of a railway trade union, Mr. J. H. Liebenberg, preparing plans to "save the Administration up to £4 million a year."

This official of the artisans' union is quoted as having told the press during February:

"When railway workers were in a pinch last year, the Minister helped us with £6 million. Now he is in a pinch and the onus to help rests upon us."

How? By agreeing to the freezing of promotions on the railways? Reducing overtime rates? Getting the workers to agree to pay slashes?

Mr. Liebenberg told the Minister (yes, not the other way round) that the railways carry 6,000 workers more than staff establishments need. The signs are clear: this union will help the Minister throw workers out of jobs.

## 2,000 DURBAN DOCKERS SACKED

DURBAN.

**FOLLOWING** their refusal to work overtime, which resulted in the port of Durban being crammed with ships which could not get their cargoes loaded and unloaded in the usual time, the entire labour force was sacked and replaced with new labour last week-end.

The workers were demanding an increase in wages and the reinstatement of workers dismissed as a result of the ending of the togt labour system.

It will be recalled that a strike by the dock workers early last month, even though it was broken by brutal police action, resulted in a victory for their demand for a weekly wage contract. It was then pointed out (see New Age, March 5) that the wages offered to the workers were far too low and that further struggles for better wages were inevitable.

One of the workers interviewed by New Age said that the "employers want to kill us with overtime. In the past we used to take off a day or two whenever we felt tired but now that we are employed on a weekly basis we could not do this.

"We feel that more workers should be employed by the stevedoring companies and at the same time we should be paid a decent wage for the hard work we do," he said.



## "SOL" KLAASTE—A GREAT JAZZ PIANIST

**SALISBURY** ("Sol") Klaaste, the pianist and co-arranger in the jazz opera "King Kong," is one of South Africa's most accomplished pianists. He swings hard and all the time—a rare accomplishment. His melodic line is decisive—the listener never feels that he is groping for the next note; it always flows easily from the previous pattern. His comping (backing of the soloists) is good too, and he possesses an excellent harmonic sense.

Sol was born in Kimberley about 30 years ago. His father insisted that his children study music, and from the beginning Sol was keen, though his brothers did not like it very much.

In 1940 the family moved to Johannesburg, and soon Sol was involved in variety—he worked with the "Merry Blackbirds," among others.

Then Sol enrolled for the degree of B.Mus. at Wits University, and struggled through his course in the face of great

difficulties, playing in his spare time to raise the money for his fees. During this period he was studio pianist for Trutone, and as a result made many records.

The wickedness of the University Apartheid Bill is fully brought home when one realises that it will deprive men like Sol, willing to undergo no end of hardship in order to study, of the right to enrol at Wits in future.

Sol has no special idol amongst jazz pianists, but he did mention that he has drawn much inspiration from Stanley Glasser, "King Kong's" musical director, for whom he has tremendous admiration.

It is not surprising that Sol, with his high regard for formal classical theory and technique, produces immaculate music—yet his art has lost none of the virility which is characteristic of jazz. South Africa can rightly acclaim him as one of her great sons.

B.B.

## ACCRA CONFERENCE HAS SHAKEN WHITE RULERS

### —Ngubane Tells Liberal Party Conference

JOHANNESBURG.

**THE** Nyasas have never concealed their dislike for the Federation. They were forced into it because they were too weak to ensure respect for their wishes. They see in it the extension of the system by which the Union Africans have been reduced to a position of virtual helotry and wish to get out of the Federation as soon as they can, said Mr. J. K. Ngubane, vice-chairman of the Liberal Party of South Africa, when he addressed the Party's Congress in Johannesburg last week-end.

The accusation made by Sir Roy Welensky, Prime Minister of the Central African Federation that the origins of the disturbances in Nyasaland can be traced to the Accra Conference, were not convincing, Mr. Ngubane said.

The fact which he (Sir Roy) ignores "is that whether or not there

had been the Accra Conference, there would have been trouble in Nyasaland."

Mr. Ngubane added that the fate of the Federation comes up for final discussion next year. The Nyasas feel that now is the moment when they should make it clear to both the British Government and the world that they have no desire to remain in a Federation where partnership has degenerated into one more White trick to get the African to acquiesce in his humiliation.

The report of the Governor of Nyasaland is full of guesses, conjectures and insinuations and carefully avoids giving documented evidence to substantiate the very serious allegations it makes against the leaders of the Nyasas.

Against this background the accusations hurled against the Accra

Conference are hardly distinguishable from smearing.

### WHITE RULERS SHAKEN

Mr. Ngubane went on to say that the Accra Conference seems to have shaken our white rulers out of smugness and complacency which made them see little that was wrong with their social policies.

Even men of apartheid realise now that all along they have been going the wrong way. The idea of Bantustans is essentially a Nationalist criticism of the doctrine that "die wit man moet baas bly."

By continuing the humiliation of the African, the Bantustan idea seals its own fate in so far as the Africans are concerned.

The Africans are not going to allow a minority to cut up the country to suit its own selfish ends. Partition will not solve race problems.

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