

RAND DAILY MAIL

MONDAY JANUARY 4: A decade of change (Editorial): "The weekend of merry-making has ended: the work of the new decade begins today. The sixties opens in an atmosphere of expectations, a heightened awareness of pending change. This is true ^{of} all three main areas of concern for us here - the world scene, the african scene and the domestic South African scene."

Internationally there ^{are} ~~is~~ hopes of ending the ten years' east - west cold war. In Africa, "Commitments have already been undertaken that will alter the face of the continent."

"In a few years time Africans will be governing the greater part of this continent - probably no worse if no better than people govern themselves in a score of other, much older countries whose right of self-determination is never questioned. How then shall we defend our insistence that Africans have generations of paternalism still to undergo before they are ready to participate in the running of the country - or parts of the country?"

"This will be a decade of great change for the world and for Africa. Can we in South Africa hope to ~~escape~~ the implications?"

On the same day it was reported from New York that Julius K. Nyerere, leader of the Tanganyika African National Union, said in a television interview that African colonies were in a hurry to achieve independence and might form larger groups, or federations, after they had done so.

It was also reported from Leopoldville in the Belgium Congo King Baudouin was completing his tour and in response to unanimous demands for independence he said that independence was at hand ^{but} that Belgium did not wish to see this huge territory disintegrate in ~~decease~~ ^{disintegration}.

FRIDAY JANUARY 22: At least 7 whites and 200 non white colliery workers were trapped last night by a ⁵subidence at the Clydesdale north colliery in the Northern Free State (in fact it was 400 miners)

MONDAY MARCH 21: Front page news: An A ban is closer: Russia has made a surprise offer of cooperation: It has agreed to take part in the search to find ways of detecting small underground test explosion of nuclear weapons.

In Cobb County, Georgia, the Kukluxklan took to the road in hundred cars over the week-end to persuade shop keepers and business men to display pro segregation labels.

The Republican struggle in the Transvaal will begin in earnest this week. Prime Minister Verwoerd will open the pro republican effort when he speaks at Meyerton on Saturday and during the week other opposition speakers will speak.

Three men will be charged in Johannesburg this week with breaking a law passed sixty-four years ago in the time of President Kruger: the charge relates to a game of cricket between whites and non whites and will be laid under the Sunday observance act.

The income of between fifty and seventy-five percent of Johannesburg's African families are insufficient to meet even the minimum health and decency, according to a South African Institute of Race Relations report.

Double column: Saracens used in Rand ^{Quote} show of strength. ^{Coach}
 Follow up reports to the ~~Gold Brook~~ disaster: those black miners who want to leave had been paid off but those who elected to stay were retained. Pay continuing for both white and black miners. (On page two a report from New York that Negro demonstrators in the Southern states are being subjected to new arrests and convictions as their campaign against segregation in lunch rooms and libraries and stores develops.

In Nairobi fear-stricken Asians are increasing ⁵ ^{the} ^{gang} ^{on Kenya} pressures on government for more protection against African "Panga" who are waging a vendetta against them. There is a strong belief that former Mau Mau thugs are in some of the ~~Anti~~-Asian gangs but it has been officially stated there is no record of this so far.

The main political news of the day was about the referendum on the Republic announced shortly before by the Prime Minister. A report from Cape Town that when the Prime Ministers vote is debated tomorrow (Tuesday) opposition parties are expected to demand an explanation from the Prime Minister of his threat to use "other measures" if he should lose the republican referendum. In a speech last week he spoke of other and "harsher" methods which might be used if the government failed to obtain majority in favour of a republic. He warned that this might lead to more bitterness.

The main editorial concerned a shortage of electrical power which had caused break down the previous week.

In the entertainment the movies were Rossano Brazzi, Mitzi Gaynor in South Pacific, ^{Titus} Gobbi in Verdi, Richard Burton and Clare Bloom in Look Back in Anger, Sophie Loren and George Sanders in That Kind of Woman and ^{Kenneth} More in Sink the Bismark. The black group, "union artists, advertise a Jazz evening on Tuesday for "non-europeans" only and on Wednesday for "europeans" the next night the SABC symphony orchestra was to play Beethovens third symphony, the Eroica, at the City Hall. ^{included} The plays were Irma La Douce, The Hostage, Caesar and Cleopatra, etc.

Juliet Jones comic strip was going strong, Blondie, Dagwood has to eat left over scraps, Donald Duck was there.

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TUESDAY MARCH 1960: The Rand Daily Mail on its front page carried as its ^{stop} ~~main~~ headline "Anti-Pass demonstration leads to Vereeniging, Langa blood shed. 62 killed, 191 injured in two riots. Army called out in Cape outburst."

"In two serious outbreaks of violence yesterday:

A total of 54 non-whites were killed in three locations near Vereeniging and 191 were injured."

^{two} At least ^{two} were killed at Langa. ^{two} Many were wounded. 7 buildings, including 2 schools were set fire.

- " The riots followed anti-pass demonstrations instigated by the Pan - Africanist Congress. It called upon africans to leave their passes at home and surrender to the police.
- " The Transvaal trouble spots were locations near Vanderbijlpark and Vereeniging. Trouble was threatened at one stage at Evaton location, ^{too,} ~~Two~~. Police were standing by last night, but all was quiet after a day of blood.
- " The Transvaal riots reached their climax about 1.30 pm yesterday. Rioting broke out ^{at} Langa yesterday evening. Army units were called in shortly before 9 o'clock to help the police."

(The report went on to describe what had happened in Langa and then went on: "First sign of the trouble in the Vereeniging - Vanderbijlpark area came early yesterday morning when Pan Africanist organisers woke up residents of Bophelong location, and urged them to join the anti-pass demonstration.

- " By 7.30 a crowd ^{Road} gathered in the two locations at Vanderbijlpark ~~to~~ Bophelong and Biopatong. About ^{4,000} ~~four thousand~~ africans marched on Vanderbijlpark police station and surrounded it.
- " They were to disperse. They refused. After 5 minutes, armed police tried to force them to break. One man was shot dead. That was the first death of the day of blood.
- " Most of the demonstrators retreated to Bophelong - it means the place of rest - where a bread van was looted.
- " Another man was shot dead during the looting as the crowd ~~stern~~ ^{stoned} the police.
- " Then seven ^(Eight Harvards) ~~sabre jets~~ and ~~8~~ ⁹ ~~harbours~~ were called in to give a quote 'show of strength'. The aircraft swooped so low over the thousands of demonstrators that they were below telephone-wire height.
- " The crowd roared defiance at the aircraft and shook their fists.

Four saracen armoured cars arrived at Bophelong then and took senior police officers through the location. ^{About} ~~But~~ 100 armed policemen stood at the entrance to the location. Peace settled over the location. There was no more trouble all day.

The saracens and police then moved to Boipatong and the unrest was put down. There was no more trouble there all day." etc.

(The front page picture: half of it is cut out. ON page 5: The Johannesburg Nationalist newspaper Die Vaderland in a leading article yesterday said the time had come to call a conference to find a means of bringing about a "more simple and less hurtful" reference book system. Its plea followed an article by Willem Van Heerden, editor of the nationalist Sunday paper Dagbreek. He argued the reference book system should be modified so that "responsible" blacks could merely carry identity cards like those issued to whites. This he said would improve Race Relations and make the task of the police much easier.

to remove sight of bodies. only a few could be seen

Die Vaderland referred to the PAC anti-pass campaign. It said that in broad white circles it was accepted the system was not yet satisfactory.

In his article Van Heerden said: "There is no question of the reference book ^(system) being abolished." Reference books were needed for the difficult job of identifying the masses of blacks and for the administration of the country. "At the same time/ it is a fact that there has evolved or is being evolved, a responsible class among the Bantu ~~to~~ people in private undertakings, in the professions and also workers with fixed abodes and normal community behaviour, in respect of whom the necessity of the cumbrous present reference book has become decidedly dubious."

He posed the question: [?] should not the responsible individual, in certain circumstances, be given the opportunity to graduate from a system that was designed to help the uncivilized element and to keep the irresponsible in control.?

*Fig 1 - A. Carol de Wet (N.P., Ed. Party)
"caused a sensation" by*

Luthuli said in a packed court at the treason trial in Pretoria: "I do not believe at all in the achievement of our aims by violence. I believe in the method of no violence. My attitude is, to ascertain extent, motivated by christian leanings." He is giving evidence for the defence.

FRIDAY APRIL 8: (Single column, page 3)

Radley
 Court told of African meetings: // A security branch detective told a Johannesburg Regional Court Magistrate yesterday that a speaker at a Pan-Africanist Congress meeting said that by 1963, Africa must be free and ruled by Africans."

The detective, Constable Jeremiah Molson, was giving evidence before Mr M.J. Du Plessis at the resumed trial of Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, 35, President of the Pan-Africanist Congress, ^{and} ^{over} 22 africans.

Molson read from his notes of speeches made at PAC meetings. On February 7, he said, one of the accused, Abel Mogale, told a meeting: "We must take the passes back." We are Tired of the passes. The ^{law} ~~pass~~ will be the first step that we must fight!"

Cross examined by Sobukwe, another Constable, Solomon Dunga, agreed that africans carried reference books because they feared the consequence.

Constable Ebrahim Rhambuyo of the security branch, told the court on the cross examination by Sobukwe that he carried a pass because it was the law.

"From your experience as a member of the Security branch would you say African people hate or like passes?" asked Sobukwe.

"From my work I have already noted that the africans hate passes," said ~~the~~ Constable ~~Rhambuyo~~.

*In another court - Ardberg
 Anti-Communist Court, 127 blacks
 appeared in batches of 127 charged
 in violating all pass laws. Remanded
 for next week.*

SATURDAY APRIL 9: (Double column Page 9) No politics, says magistrate.

A regional court magistrate yesterday warned Kitchener Leballo, national secretary of the Pan-Africanist Congress, not to raise political questions in court. Leballo was appearing with ~~twenty-two~~ ²² other africans on charges of incitement in connection with Pass Laws.

Among the others in court were Robert Sobukwe, National President / of the PAC, and Josias Madzunya, former chairman of the Alexandra branch of the congress.

H. H. J. de Klerk
The magistrate gave his warning while Leballo was cross examining Leonard Ndwandwabeth, a special branch police constable.

Leballo had asked: "Do you carry a pass?" - yes. It is the law of the country, made by the government.

Is it a government of a white minority or a black majority?

The magistrate: Do not answer that question. (To Leballo) I am not prepared to allow questions of a political nature. They do not assist the court.

When Leballo threw his pen on the table and sat down the magistrate said: "I want to warn you that your attitude may be regarded as contempt of court, which is punishable. I do not wish to resort to these measures unless it is absolutely necessary."

The special branch constable read evidence of alleged speeches at meetings.

He said that at one meeting a man called Ngcobo had been introduced into the crowd as coming from Cato Manor. Ngcobo told them that about ~~four hundred~~ ⁴³⁰ and thirty africans died at the ~~Cold Brook~~ *Coalbrook* mine because they could not choose their type of work. They were compelled to go to the mines because of influx control.

Adjourned to April 11.

TUESDAY APRIL 12: The Minister of the interior Mr Naude said yesterday that far too many South African Indians were business men. There was no reason why some should not get out of their shop and do manual work.

Speaking about the group areas act during the debate on the interior vote he said he was getting ^{fixed} of the attitude of the Indians. They were forever seeking interviews ^{but} that never offered any proposals to facilitate administration of the act. "The Indians should not think they are the only people with the right to trade in South Africa."

He said the group areas board had been far too lenient with the Indians. But the position could not continue as it was.

Next appearance on April 11, Monday: but no report.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13: Single column Page 3: Passes must go^{it} said pamphlets: "an african special branch constable told a Johannesburg Regional Court Magistrate yesterday that he distributed pamphlets headed "All passes must go now."

Constable Phillip Masekage said he was ^{walking} working in Meadowlands about 8 pm when he saw three men carrying pamphlets.

"They said Iswelethu, so I answered "Iswelethu" I asked them to give me some of the pamphlets so that I could distribute them. I distributed a few, and disappeared."

Cross examined by John Walala (one of the accused) he denied distributing the pamphlets because he was also against the pass laws.

THURSDAY APRIL 14: No report the next day.

FRIDAY APRIL 15: Single column Page 2: Sobukwe tells of aims of Congress: Robert Sobukwe, 35 year-old President of the Pan-Africanist Congress, told a Johannesburg Regional Magistrate yesterday that the Congress had secretaries for African affairs, cultural, ^{affairs} labour, external affairs and economic affairs.

The congress had 200 000 members, although the press had been told the membership was ~~255 000~~. *15,000*

He outlined the aims of the Pan Africanist ~~C~~. He referred to ~~the~~ *his* attitude to passes.

He said that Madzunya had been expelled on March 19.

When the prosecutor (J.B. Robinson) read a portion of ~~the~~ *an* speech and asked him if he had made it he said: "I don't think I am capable of talking such nonsense." he himself was solely responsible for the order to ~~state~~ *state* the anti-pass Campaign.

Sobukwe outlined the structure of the congress and named various officials, some of them among the accused.

Advanced to April 19.

Readline

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20: (Single Column page 3): ~~Incitement~~, says the prosecutor. Pan-Africanist congress pamphlets were issued to incite a campaign against the pass laws, said a Johannesburg Regional Court prosecutor, Mr J.B. Robinson, when he summed up after the defence had closed its case yesterday.

Mr Robinson said that one of the main aspects of the case was that the accused acted in ~~consent~~ *consent* and that all of them were members of the Pan-Africanist Congress.

Most of the accused ~~I~~ also addressed meetings. The pamphlets were issued to the African public with the intention of incitement, and not just to members of the organisation - as defence witness ~~said~~ *said*.

Mr Robinson said it was clear that Sobukwe asked other African organisations to join the PAC but had little success.

On the same day reported that Sauer announced: "The old book" of South African history ~~were~~ *were* closed a month ago at Sharpeville and, for the immediate future, South Africa would reconsider "in earnest and honesty" ~~A~~ *her* whole approach to the native question. Also reported (including by me) about the stay at home protest the day before ie on Tuesday.

TUESDAY APRIL 26: ~~26~~ single column page 7: Sobukwe attacks African leaders; While Africans went to jail during political campaigns ~~there~~ ^{there} leaders spent hundreds of pounds on bail and lawyers, said Robert Sobukwe, President of the Pan Africanist congress in the Johannesburg Regional court yesterday.

Because of this the Pan-Africanist ~~decided~~ ^{decided} to carry out the campaign according to the slogan of "No bail, No defence, No fine."

"I am happy to say that we have kept ~~the~~ ^{that} promise so far," he said -

Sobukwe was replying to the address for the ~~crime~~ ^{crime} ~~conviction~~ ^{conviction}.

The prosecutor outlined yesterday the part each accused was alleged to have played in the Pan Africanist Campaign. Evidence of meetings addressed by the accused, of pamphlets distributed and the documents found in their possession showed that a ~~conspiracy~~ ^{conspiracy} to ~~insitment~~ ^{insitment} existed. Sobukwe replied: "No evidence has been lead to show ~~insitment~~ ^{insitment}."

He said the evidence showed that members of a particular political organisation - the Pan Africanist Congress - took a resolution to ~~oppose~~ ^{oppose} the pass ~~the~~ ^{the} law and in ~~obedience~~ ^{obedience} to their own resolution, members of the organisations ~~surrender~~ ^{surrender} themselves for arrest.

"If there was ~~insitment~~ ^{insitment}, it was only ~~member~~ ^{members} of the PAC."

Sobukwe said that at the PAC ^{first} conference members said they should not have "Meaningless campaigns like the African National Congress."

But by December 20 last, when its next national conference was held, feelings ~~had~~ ^{had} hardened against the passes."

"The PAC was the barometer of african opinion."

Adjourned to Friday -

SATURDAY APRIL 30: Single column Page 9: Judgment in Sobukwe case reserved: there was no evidence of incitement in Pan-Africanist Congress anti pass demonstrations in Johannesburg on March 21, Robert Sobukwe said at the close of his address yesterday.

Sobukwe said the ~~crowd~~^{crowd} had failed to prove there was incitement on the part of organisers during the demonstrations. The ~~crowd~~^{crowd} had also failed to prove that the accused men had acted in concert, and that any circulars advising people to present themselves for arrest had been issued to the general public. (The circulars which members of the security branch had produced had been asked for, he said and had not been given to people in the township.)

The magistrate said he would probably give judgment on Wednesday.

THURSDAY MAY 5: Page 6 Double Column: Sobukwe gets 3 years for inciting, ~~insiteing~~^{magistrate} Robert Sobukwe was sentenced to three years imprisonment, yesterday. he was found guilty of inciting others to commit an offence as a protest against pass laws.

Four others, including Lebello, ~~was~~^{were} sentenced to two years each.

A further 14, including Madzunya, ~~was~~ sentenced to 18 months.

They were all found guilty of the same offence. Four of the original 23 accused were acquitted.

Speaking in mitigation, Sobukwe said it would be remembered that the accused refused to plead to the charge.

"They felt they had moral obligation to obey the laws made by a white minority. I do not wish to impugn the personal honour and integrity of the magistrate but an unjust law cannot be applied justly."

He said the accused believe in the human race. The history of the human race had been a struggle for the removal of mental, moral, and spiritual oppression. They would have failed in their duty had they not made some contribution to the struggle.

"If we are sent to jail there will always be others to take our place. We are not afraid to face the ^{consequences} of our actions, and it is not our intention to plead for mercy."

The magistrate said the evidence showed that the PAC had dangled a "Utopia" of freedom from control, arrests and raids, and of increased wages, under the noses of the africans.

"Not only was it your object to fill the jails, but you intended to paralyse trade, industry and the economy of the country, in order to force the government to change laws.

"Whether laws are considered just or unjust, the law of the land must be obeyed. The harm done by you both politically and economically is difficult to access accurately. The court must impose adequate sentences as a punishment to you and a deterrent to others."

He said that as far as Sobukwe concerned he would take into account that no one but he could have called off the campaign. This did not appear to have been done. The people were exhorted to fight the pass laws and join the Pan-African Congress campaign. Pamphlets were also distributed indiscriminately in the townships.

He said Sobukwe had confirmed that all the accused were congress members, except Madzunya. But there was no doubt that Madzunya was, at the time, an ardent supporter and propagandist of the congress.

Sobukwe had said quite unequivocally that the Pan-African Congress had as its object the ending of what was called the White domination in the Union, and the establishment of a non-racial democracy. The ^{abolition} of the pass laws was the first step towards this aim. There was no doubt that africans generally had been incited.

The prosecutor said although there was no evidence on ~~record~~ on record, he submitted ^{that} ~~at~~ the present state of emergency was ^{the} direct cause of ^{all} ~~action~~ of the accused.

"The nature of the incitement was serious. IF the campaign had been carried out it could have had a marked effect on the economy of the country."

On the same day page 1 lead story: South African minister of External Affairs Eric Louw, told 100 news men at a press conference in South Africa house in London yesterday that the whites in the union were not prepared to abdicate in favour of probable Bantu dictatorship. He announced ~~that~~

Verwoerd ^{said} ~~no~~ reason for a change in the basic policy in ^{of separate development} ~~Apartheid~~ - and that South Africa's domestic policies were ~~in~~ its own affair and not the concern of commonwealth members.

Extensive security precautions were taken to prevent unauthorised access to the building. When Mr Louw left he was booed by a big crowd Some people shouted "Murder, Murder."

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