

# LIBERALS AND C.O.D. **PROTEST AGAINST BAN** ON A.N.C.

#### JOHANNESBURG.

CALL for the immediate A withdrawal of the proclamation banning the African National Congress was issued last week by the Liberal Party (Transvaal) and the Congress of Democrats.

Both bodies took part in an impressive poster parade on the City Hall steps and a leaflet "shower" from high buildings

in the vicinity. "Protest to your M.P. about the banning" and "Protect the Right to Organise" read some of the banners.

Why has the African Na-tional Congress been banned? asked the leaflet.

"You can't make people like

passes. "No amount of police intimidation, deportation of leaders or even the banning of the African National Congress will make people accept passes -to them, the mark of slavery!

"Verwoerd's action in banning the African National Congress in certain Reserve areas is directly related to the tense situation existing in these areas.

"In Zeerust, police intimidation and brutality have driven thousands of refugees into Bechuanaland, but opposition to the extension of passes to the women continues. Verwoerd seems to think that by banning the ANC he will finally wipe out this opposition.

"Similarly, in Sekhukhuni-land, another of the areas affected by the ban, the people are incensed by the deportation of their chief. Verwoerd does not realise that as long as there are grievances, as long as a people feels that it is being unjustly treated, so long will they continue to protest, regardless of whether their organisation is banned or not. The African National Congress has always stood for multi-racial harmony in South Africa. The proclama-tion banning it must be condemned by all civilised people.

"WE CALL FOR AN IM-MEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE PROCLAMATION AND THE BAN ON THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CON-GRESS.

"WE URGE A SUSPEN-SION OF THE ISSUE OF PASSES TO WOMEN.

# MY ALLEY P

ONE papa who seems to be het up about his daughter's appearance in the Tommy Steele show for N.E.s is the old boy who has written to Doc Donges and Div. about it.

At the same time the dress designer for the show seems to have gone to a lot of trouble to explain that the costumes worn by the chorus are quite presentable for use before non-white audiences.

I guess stern-minded Puritans would want all chorus girls to be regaled in the neck-to-shin costume a la D.R.C.. But as a Col-oured young lady who used to be an artist's model for both white and non-white painters said to me when I spoke to her about the business:

"What have Tommy's girls got that I haven't?"

A ND now Deputy Sheriff Blackie Swart is going to deal with ducktails himself. He's even going to bring up in Parliament a Bill that will solve the problem.

Like all the legislation we've had it will pass the buck on to the people-this time the parents. They're responsible for the goings on of young hooligans, says Blackie.

This Bill and the banning of Terry Dene will curtail the growth of demonstrations of hooliganism apparently associated with rockn-roll music . . . Blackie hopes . . . in the same way the passlaws and deportations are supposed to prevent crime among Africans.

But our young folk must have something to replace rock-nroll, Blackie? What's it going to be? A travelling choir of the D.R.C.?

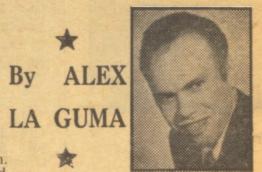
THE "Unity Movement" mob, looking at the parish through rose-coloured glasses, are inundating voters with lengthy screeds which, after close study (use a microscope), tell them not to vote for "dummy representatives." The question I am asking is:

Are they going to boycott the City Council elections, too?

Ah, ah, they will say. There we have direct representation. Direct? asks I. When thousands

of people in the municipal housing schemes have been taken off the roll? And what about the Africans? They can vote. And with the City Council loaded against any progressives. (Same as in Parliament, mind you.) Isn't this also "dummy representation?" But of course, we have to look

after representatives Holmes,



Viljoen, and Schroeder. Anyway, they are carrying out the policy by boycotting inside the City Council.

QUESTION 2 I'm asking the "Unity" teachers. Are you going to boycott the schools if education is handed over to the CAD, probably after April Fool's Day? If you don't, you'll be "working the machinery of op-pression." What?

Oh, I see. You're not going to boycott? It depends what you reaily teach the kids in the classrooms.

But isn't that what also applies to African and Coloured representatives in Parliament? It depends what they say inside the House?

And why were the boycott canvassers telling people who insist on voting to vote for Beyleveld?

# TOMMY STEELE DIDN'T STEAL THE SHOW

Looking like the "before" pic-

ture in a patent medicine advert,

Tommy Steele grips his guitar

and prepares to "play."

What a crazy world, I thought to myself after seeing the Tommy Steele show. Don't get me wrong, though. I do not object to Tommy Steele on the same grounds as the which prevailed upon the Pretoria City Council to ban his shows in that city.

"The show was injurious to the and up, but not because of rock earns his keep. and roll. The other night at a wild The pianist was too silly for party in Cape Town teenagers were words-he did not sit on a chair,

just yelled and yelled for more.

The atmosphere which made Tommy Steele's task very easy had been created beforehand. Quite a big section of the audience could Dutch Reformed Church and the Afrikaans cultural organisations singing but roared with delight again and again as soon as Tommy shook his body, kicked his leg about or lay on his back. The

"Steelemen" were quite a sight to future of our people," they said. watch. I honestly think that the Juvenile delinquency is on the up drummer is the only person who

dancing round the camp fire in the he vamped the keyboard furiously,

**T**O THINK THAT MOZART DIED IN POVERTY! waggled his blonde forelock in front of the microphone and sang "Oh ho! ho!", a section of the audience at us.

T.M.

THEATRE "THE GOOD WOMAN OF SETZUAN"

nude, but Tommy Steele was not sometimes with one hand, and he there.

you explain the frenzied enthusiasm to play a guitar. which greeted Tommy Steele and the purse of some £4,000 which he earned for being here for a couple of weeks?

#### **HUGE CROWD**

The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm when Tommy Steele played to a Non-White audience at the Bantu Men's Social Centre and there was a turn-out not seen when Tony Scott or Larry Adler were here. And part of the audience, itching to hear the British Rock 'n Roll King were shouting "We want Tommy", "I like Tommy" throughout the early supporting part of the show.

Ultimately, the smiling Tommy Steele, wearing blue stove-pipe jeans and a white shirt and carrying a guitar in his arms, came on, accompanied by a group of four instrumentalists-a pianist, saxophonist, drummer and a string bass player-called the "Steelemen"

even played while sitting on the Yet it is true that the Tommy floor—but you could not hear a Steeles and the Elvis Presleys are single note as he was drowned by glorified among large sections of the noisy saxophonist. The same the youth. Some have fallen for the applied to the string bass-the slick advertising campaigns of the player's only task appeared to be promoters; others make the Steeles to toss the instrument around and and Presleys their "banners" for kick his legs about. Tommy Steele noisy behaviour, their idea of himself is certainly not a good rhythm and what not. How else do singer and he does not know how

> To me the only thing which made the show worth anything was Tommy's attack on the Pretoria City Council when he did find an occasion to make a few remarks. "I'm glad you folks have the pleasure of hearing this and not the people (Pretoria City Council) out there," he said. Otherwise it's "No thanks" for me to Tommy Steele shows.

His co-star Judy Martin sang

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES for fourteen capitalist countries have been published by the London Times. They reveal that there are over ten million people who are unable to obtain work-and the figure is still rising. Statistics for the Socialist countries show that there is no unemployment at all in any of them—except in Budapest, where 2.000 are reported jobless, as com-As soon as the saxophonist set the pared with 20,000 a year ago, just "rock" tempo and Mr. Steele after the Hungarian revolt.

CAPE Town University's Drama Department and its director, Rosalie van der Gucht, are warmly to be congratulated on their enterprise in presenting one of Bertholt Brecht's plays and their success in bringing it off.

Brecht, a strenuously anti-Nazi, anti-capitalist dramatist, inevitably found all his works banned by Hitler, at a time when his "Dreigroschenoper" was stirring au-diences to revolutionary fervour throughout Germany. After spending years of non-recognition in the U.S.A. Brecht returned to Communist East Germany and was given every State facility for developing his peculiar technique to the full. Consequently by 1955 his Berliner Ensemble had a shattering effect on Paris audiences at the Drama Festival and on London audiences in 1956.

#### HIS BELIEF

The core of Brecht's approach to theatre is that a play should be written, directed and acted in such a way as to ensure that the mind of the audience functions critically throughout and after a performance. An audience should not merely be stirred emotionally by the enactment in the theatre of life's injustices, but should be stirred to do something practical after they have left the theatre.

In "The Good Woman of Setzuan" Brecht states the harsh fact that in capitalist society it is impossible to be good while you are poor and you cannot be rich unless you depart from the paths of goodness. This theme he presents by means of a tale set in China, a tale that by turn is comic, moving, baffling and always ironic; a tale that to contemporary audiences is strange, delightful and disturbing, and, according to the prolonged applause at curtain-fall a most acceptable change to the "afternoon tea" type of play that is usually dished up.

#### **GOOD BALANCE**

Rosalie van der Gucht struck a fine balance between the emotional and intellectual appeal of the play and constantly created fresh interest for us in the alternation of realistic and imprestionally well. I thought her play- been made available. ing of the "cousin" was overgentle, thereby softening the savagery of Brecht's satire, but she introduced herself to Cape actress.

As the off-beat "hero" of the tista unless he resigns by April 5.

piece, Percy Sieff played with assurance and ease, though it occurred to me that he might have contrived to persuade the audience that he was nasty because circumstances made him so. Joyce Burch, Frances Shrand, Harry Victor and Sam Kantor gave excellent support. Indeed, apart from occasional lapses into overacting, the very large cast responded splendidly to Brecht's peculiar challenge.

Special words of appreciation to the décor of Stephen de Villiers and the music of Erik Chisholm.

The whole show was a credit to and fine justification of the university's drama department.

Cecil W. Williams.

LIBYA is to have two new hossionistic acting. Eveline Garratt, pitals built by the Soviet Union as in the exacting title role, handled a gesture of goodwill. Scholarships the duality of the role excep- at Soviet Universities have also

CUBAN REBEL leader Fidel Town as a fine and sensitive Castro has announced that a "fight to the finish" will be launched against Cuba's fascist dictator BaNEW AGE, THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1958

# **NEGRO CHILDREN PERSECUTED** She taunted her time and again: **IN AMERICAN SCHOOL**

#### **NEW YORK**

ITTLE Rock, the American town where the army had to be called out to prevent racialist mobs from mauling Negro children attending school together with white children, is no longer in the world's headlines. The Negro children are in the school and the mobs no longer stand at the gates.

NEVERTHELESS, ТНЕ CRUEL PERSECUTION OF THE CHILDREN CONTINUES. THEIR SCHOOL LIFE IS BEING MADE A HELL FOR THEM.

A small group of the white children are trying to make life so unbearable for the Negroes that they will give up the fight and leave the school of their own accord.

And the U.S. educational authorities are either actively conniving this, or closing their eyes to it. THE STORY OF MINNIE JEAN

There are nine Negro children at the school. One of them isor rather was-Minnie Jean Brown, a girl who had been a successful, popular and happy pupil at the school she attended before coming to Little Rock.

Minnie Jean had been warned by her parents, her friends and her teachers that she must be careful at school not to get involved in any trouble.

She wanted to study French. But in her French class a white boy tripped her up every time she came down the aisle. So she gave aimed to fire over Yugoslav terriup French. She did not want tory. trouble.

**ONLY A BEGINNING** 

But her troubles had just begun. Two days before the start of the Christmas vacation, Minnie Jean was suspended for nine days. She had tripped as two white boys moved their chairs in the

on Minnie Jean. Other Negro students also bore the brunt of their fellow-students' wrath. Jefferson Thomas was choked by an unidentified white boy near the gymnasium.

**Battle Of Little Rock Continues** 

A young gallant kicked Carlotta Walls and another kicked Minnie Jean "as hard as he could" at the school entrance in the presence of her mother. All the nine were cursed and vilified at every turn. Minnie Jean summed it up:

# "ALMOST UNBEARABLE"

"For five months the situation has been almost unbearable. don't think people realise what goes on at Central. They throw rocks, they spill ink on your clothes, they call you nigger, they just keep bothering you every five

minutes.

"All of us were ordered to be humble to the white pupils. They hate me and I know it. No matter what I do that happens to be good, they keep on hating me. Once I had several white acquaintances, but now I have only one, a girl. Make that half a friend. When she's with me she's my friend. When she's with the white students, she acts differently.

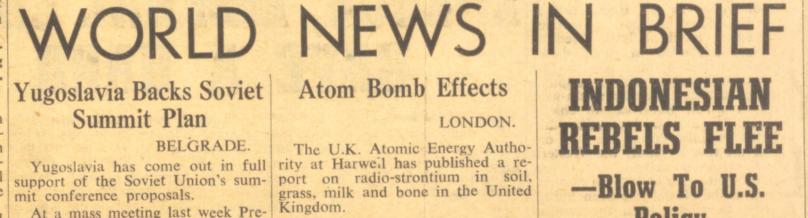
"I just can't take everything they throw at me without fighting back."

#### NO RIGHT TO TALK

After five months, Minnie Jean did not fight-but she did talk back. Frankie' Ann Gregg, a schooimate, followed Minnie Jean from classroom to classroom. She stepped on the Negro girl's heels. "Nigger, I just hate you; I just hate your guts." After a week of this Minnie Jean called her tor-mentor "white trash," and Frankie Ann hit her on the head with her pocketbook.

Principal Matthews ordered Minnie Jean out of the school and explained: "She was suspended for talking back to a white girl. Minnie Jean has no right to retaliate." School superintendent Virgil Blossom recommended that the school board expel Minnie Jean and the board concurred. The expulsion barred the Negro girl, not only from Central High, but from any other public school in Arkansas for the remainder of the school term.

Following her expulsion, Minnie Jean accepted an offer of a \$1,050 scholarship to the New Lincoln School, a private inter-racial institution in New York. In Little Rock, she had travelled 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles to the Jim-crow Horace Mann School. When desegregation came she could walk nine blocks to Central. On Feb. 22 she journeyed 1,081 miles to get the education denied her because she "talked back to a white girl."



The Report shows that the accumulation of strontium-90 in human bone is greatest in young children of about six months. In the country as a whole, the highest figures found come from noth-west Britain.

Commenting on the report, the Nobel Prizewinner Dr. R. L. M. Synge, F.R.S., the eminent bioche-mist, states that "it is a matter for regret that politicians, with their of the government troops, or come military and scientific advisers, have over to the government side. transferred such experiments from their proper place in the laboratory the United States State Department and have scattered such substances which has hoped for the overthrow indiscriminately over all the living of the independent Indonesian re-



#### DJAKARTA.

**NDONESIAN** government troops have won success after success against the Sumatra "anti-communist" rebels in clashes during the

This has been a major blow to boys moved their chairs in the lunchroom and her bowl of chili had spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of them the stitution so that emergency mea-the stitution so that emergency mea-bad spilled on one of the stitution so that emergency mea-the stitution so the sti

"Well, it's all right so far. . .!

At a mass meeting last week President Tito accused the western powers of "pactomania" and 'shilly-shallying.'

He also indicated that Yugoslavia intended taking up with the Italian government the acceptance by Italy of rocket-launching sites

# **Spanish Workers** Fight On

MADRID. The Spanish government has

had spilled on one of them. The stitution so that emergency meaboys said it was an accident but sures can be taken to suppress a the suspension held.

On Jan. 16 Minnie Jean refrom the Principal not "to retali- strike. ate verbally or physically to any The emergency measures allow the government to banish people, white boy dumped a tray of food give extended powers of arrest.

'go-slow" strike in five coal mines.

Ten thousand miners in Northern turned to school under orders Spain have been taking part in the

The emergency measures allow ment really began in earnest. A search houses without warrants and

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the rebel ranks of "united, vigorous leadership and the will to fight . The very sight of government airborne troops seems to be an unnerving thing for the rebel com-manders." Rebel tactics, it says mournfully, are "unfortunately indistinguishable from paralysis."

Ten ships, freighters and tankers, ordered by the Indonesian government from the Soviet Union have been delivered well ahead of schedule, and will be invaluable to the government in making up trade leeway caused by the rebellion.

## **Pan-African Conference** Follow-Up

ACCRA.

It is planned to follow up the Pan-Africa Conference due to be held here on April 15, with a conference of representatives of the liberatory organisations of Africa.

The April conference will be essentially a conference of heads of state. But the organisers believe that there is a need also for a meeting of African leaders in countries where independence has not yet been achieved.

**Representatives of liberatory** organisations in several such countries are expected to be in Accra during this month's conference to make the necessary preparatory arrangements.

(With acknowledgments to Vicky in the New Statesman)

VILLES

**Unemployment** is Main U.S. Worry – Gallup

#### NEW YORK.

Although Eisenhower still pretends that there is nothing to worry about the latest test Gallup pool results show that the slump and the fear of unemployment have become the problem causing the most concern in the United States.

One month ago, Galiup reported, 30% had listed the danger of war as the nation's top problem, against 7% who listed unemployment.

Last week's figures showed that a startling 40% now consider unemployment the top problem, against 17% for the danger of war.

This was the first time since the year of the depression-1937-that unemployment has been listed by the American citizen as his main worry.

In the past, depressions have at least been accompanied by a fall in prices, but in monopoly-ridden America the difficulties of the unemployed are aggravated by the fact that the cost-of-living continues to increase. Official statistics last week showed that the price index had gone up .2% in Febru-ary to a new record of 122.5—that is, 22.5% above the 1947-49 aver age.

### PRINTERS AND

#### PARIS.

THE Paris police have raided a large publishing company and seized and destroyed a booklet on torture in Algeria written by the great philosopher his immense courage and faith over and author Jean-Paul Sartre.

They also confiscated the liberal extracts from the Sartre booklet, entitled "The Victory."

The booklet was prompted by Alger Republicain, now banned.

THE VICTORY

ground, but he fell into a French outcome of the war was uncertain military trap and was captured. and the future unthinkable, but one From prison he managed to smug- thing seemed impossible in any cirgle out details of his torture by the cumstances; that one day men French.

**NEWSPAPER** 

It was a story of the victory of acting in our name. every attempt to force him to be- possible: in Algeria people are tortray his comrades. And it was this tured regularly and systematically. periodical l'Express which published victory which gave Sartre the name Everyone, from M. Lacoste (Minifor his booklet.

#### **UNTHINKABLE?**

This is how Sartre's banned work so, but almost no one talks of it. the experiences of Henri Alleg. for- begins: "In 1943, in the Rue Lauri- At most a few thin voices trickle mer editor of the pro-Communist ston (the Gestapo headquarters in through the silence. France is al-Paris) Frenchmen were screaming most as mute as during the Occuin agony and pain; all Franch pation, but then she had the excuse Alleg had been driven under- could hear them; in those days the of being gagged."

should be made to scream by those

"There is no such word as imster Resident for Algeria) to the farmers in Aveyron, knows this is

Nurses Complain: "We Are Not Practising Nursing Any More. It's First Aid"

# Non-European Hospitals Overcrowded

JOHANNESBURG.

**DAILY Baragwanath Hospi**road is stormed by a sea of best. Sometimes the babies are repatients. Wards are brimful; doctors and nurses overworked; chairs have to be used instead of beds. Unless there are complications maternity cases can not practising nursing any more. stay for only two days.

During the enteritis wave each

The queue of patients awaiting treatment stretches on and on.

summer babies brought for treatment lie side by side on sheets of waterproofing, tended by "aunties" (brought in to supplement the nursing shortage) till the "drip" treat-

ment saves them from death's door. Then their mothers are advised about their feeding and home they tal on the Potchefstroom must take them-hoping for the admitted the same week. Baragwanath's children's wards

are said to be among the best in in some wards stretchers and the country-but they just can't cope with all the sick children.

So fast is the turn-over of patients that one nurse commented: "We are It's first aid."

#### WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

In the late 'forties a bold press searchlight on hospital services showed children lying two a cot and doctors examining patients on the floor in the wards of the Non-Eurofloor in the wards of the Non-Euro-pean hospital in Hospital Hill. In 1948 Baragwanath, formerly a T.B. sanatorium for the R.A.F., was handed over as the Reef's largest Non-European hospital, and relief seemed at hand at last. Medical services expanded in other direc-tions' too, but nothing like as fast as Lohannesburg's African populaas Johannesburg's African popula-tion or settlement in the south-west regions which Baragwanath chiefly serves. Huge new townships that stretch for miles along the veld de-pend on this hospital; the Western Areas removal scheme is moving families into this area from Sophiatown; Dube Hostel has been built.

And there has been the normal increase of population. Since 1951 Johannesburg's African population has risen by 111,000 to 576,000.

In 1948 a total of 21,650 adults, children and maternity cases were dealt with at the Out-Patients' Department.

In 1957 the total figure was over 70,000 (over 31,000 adults, over 31,000 children and 8,500 maternity cases). And since 1948 there has been nothing like any comparable increase in the number of housemen, registrars and other medical staff.

Medical units with a total of 70 beds have been known to attend to 100 new patients in one week. This is exceptional but shows that in the pressure for the admission of

age. Of the estimated approximate figure of 1,000 African women applying at Baragwanath to be trained as nurses each year, only a few hundred can be accepted.

O Like clearing Baragwanath wards now being used as nurses' dormitories and classrooms and making other arrangements for the nursing staff.

**BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE** STEPS ARE NEEDED, FOR HUMAN LIVES ARE AT STAKE.



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# **ELECTION JOTTINGS** LABOUR, LIBERAL CANDIDATES A FIGHT HARD

FIGHTING vigorous day-andnight campaigns in Rosettenville and Benoni are Labour Party candidates Alex Hepple and Leo Lovell. "Their little fingers are thicker than the loins of the whole United Party put together" was the colourful and full-hearted tribute paid them by the Natal Witness.

Though the main United

Many voters are convinced by the Labour Par-

ty retort (1) South Africa has had enough of turncoats and expediency and (2) joining the U.P. would prevent their unrelenting opposition to Nat extremism. Some of the largest meetings held in Benoni over the last 20 years have been in support of Mr. Lovell.

United Party M.P. Mr. John Cope, who spoke at one of the Orange Grove election meetings and admitted that he stood by White Supremacy, and claimed this policy had the support of many Non-Europeans (he is so in-timate with their organisations, he should know! commented someone) sent a chill through the constituency.

# NO WILL TO WIN

The other day, when a clump of Nat hooligans all but wrecked a U.P. meeting at Vanderbyl, one of the U.P. speakers appealed to the audience to remember that "a'll Nationalists aren't like that." The U.P. seems to be running two campaigns at the same time: the "I like Div." Campaign, and the "Nats Are Nice" Campaign. They tend to cancel each other out, of course: perhaps that accounts for the uniform pessimism of the U.P. **Opposition** seat

newspapers and election-prophets about the outcome of the affair on April 16. Which Nat will follow Strijdom as P.M.? ask the U.P. papers. Who will succeed Ver-woerd? All very cheering, no doubt, to earnest U.P. supporters.

## NAT. ELECTION SEERS

Die Transvaler, Nationalist Par-ty organ in the Transvaal published three election forecasts here last week. The Pessimistic: 89 seats (the Nats now hold 94); the Careful: 101; the Optimistic: 105.

## FINGERTIP FACTS

In the last general election, in-cluding the 20 uncontested seats, 635,725 votes sent 94 Nats to Parliament; and 717,888 returned 64 Opposition members. So while 6,763 votes put a Nat in Parliament, 11,578 are needed to get an



Party charge against them is that they should join the United Party, it is proving a rather blunt weapon in the election campaign, according to Mr. Lovell.

Mr. Lovell

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serious cases the wards must be emptied of men and women far from full recovery. And remember that at the outset only the most serious cases ever have any hope of admission to beds in the wards.

#### **DOCTORS' THREAT**

Last year doctors on duty at Casualty threatened to resign under this pressure of patients they were unable to give proper attention to. A number of new posts were advertised and the position has improved somewhat.

There are schemes for further hospital expansion and three more Non-European hospitals are due to be built in Johannesburg. But that will take time and meanwhile the hospital crisis calls for emergency

- Like once more using the former wards of the Non-European hospital in Hospital Hill, now accommodating stores instead of patients.
  - programme for children's wards at Baragwanath where the lives of the young can be saved.
  - Like taking the burden off the backs of the overtaxed medical and nursing staffs and inaugurating ambitious training schemes for more nurses. Baragwanath has a new and splendid operating theatre, only partly in use because of the staff short-

Both Benoni and Rosettenville are three-cornered fights, Mr. Hepple being opposed by United Party candidate Dr. E. Fisher, and Mr. J. S. Otto (Nat); and Mr. Lovell by U.P. candidate Mr. D. G. Ross and Mr. J. H. Greybe (Nat).



#### Mr. Hepple Mr. Dey

Fighting Orange Grove, Mr. J. S. Dey, Liberal Party candidate, making many people sit up and think. "The vote itself will not be for "many people have not got far enough to leave the big team and strike out on a new road."

#### JOHANNESBURG. | bers.

as coming from "trouble makers." mits payable by tenants. The residents were on their way to meet the Mayor on March 20 standholders have now to obtain when the police stopped them. But permits for their tenants. This is rethey are determined NOT to pay sented. the increased rents, a spokesman told New Age.

The Mayor said he was not prepared to meet a deputation of re-Board-the "correct channel."

He added: "The rents were in- £15 (or 3 months hard labour). creased early last year at the joint request of the location Advisory Board of Kagiso and Munsieville, sons allegedly seen in a press The higher levy will help to pro- photograph giving the thumbs-up vide more quickly, the essential Congress sign, and threatens to amenities for the developing new serve them with ejectment orders. township of Kagiso.'

the remaining ties between the re- dustbin, has now been released. No told New Age his campaign was sidents and Advisory Board mem- charge was preferred against her.

THE rent crisis at Krugersdorp's In an interview with New Age, Munsieville Location took a Mr. P. Keetsi, on behalf of the Renew turn this week when the town's sidents Committee, said there had Mayor, Mr. P. W. Marais, dis- been an increase of 3s. in the mumissed the claims of the voiceless nicipal rent for stands and an inresidents who demanded a hearing crease of 6d. in the monthly per-

According to the new system,

POSTSCRIPT: Abel Phetwane, who claims that he did not take part in the rent protest march stopped by the police, has been considents unless representations are victed in the Krugersdorp Magismade through the local Advisory trate's Court. He was found guilty of obstructing the police and fined

The location superintendent, a Mr. Grobler, has summoned per-

A little girl who was arrested for This statement will help to sever trying to block the road with a

think. "The vote itself will not be a fair reflection," he commented,

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