



"My knees shook, and I realised what an honour to my people it was when

I PRESIDED OVER A MEETING OF MOTHERS FROM 66 NATIONS"

BY LILIAN NGOYI, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN AND PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF THE TRANSVAAL

THE World Congress of Mothers was held in the beautiful town of Lausanne, by the side of Lake Geneva, a few days after the historic Congress of the People in South Africa. This shows how the whole world has the same longings and hunger for humanity, how our aims are one: to safeguard peace, human rights and friendship among nations.

It was a great pride to me to show that even my country was represented by daughters of its soil. In spite of the difficulties placed in our way, we got to this Congress of Mothers. To defend our children in South Africa, who are being hunted day and night police raids, though they have committed no crime, we gladly hearkened to the call of the Congress of Mothers.

Baby on Shoulders

Opening this Congress, Madam Eugenie Cotton, president of the Women's International Democratic Federation, said: "The Asia-Africa Conference at Bandung, which brought together representatives of 29 countries of Africa and Asia, paved the road to peaceful co-existence. Mothers see enormous sums of money being sunk in armaments, when we should be building millions of schools, homes, hospitals, laboratories, training teachers, doctors, scientists who could conquer the terrible plagues of cancer, tuberculosis, tropical fever and other diseases, and bringing more happiness everywhere."

After Madame Cotton had finished, the Congress went on in high spirits. On the second day I was asked to preside at the second session of the conference. My knees shook, but when I realised that this was a real honour to my people, I managed well because the women were cooperative. I presided, not forgetting I was doing so on behalf of the struggling women of South Africa, women who never know any joy whatever, and on behalf of the struggling women of South our country, African, Indian, Coloured and European.

Liberation Army

We peace-loving mothers are a mighty force. I say this from what I saw. We are a Liberation Army and undoubtedly we shall crush our enemy.

The credentials commission at the Congress registered 1,063 participants coming from 66 countries, including 964 delegates, 73 guests and 23 observers. Over 650 of them had, like myself, never before taken part in an international meeting. For the most part they had been elected in factories, neighbourhoods and schools, and at big meetings.

Several delegations made long and difficult journeys. The Congress heard speeches by women from countries where defenders of peace are persecuted and imprisoned. It warmly acknow-

ledged the courage of those mothers who confronted real danger to defend their children and the security of their homes.

All continents were represented. The delegations included women of different opinions and religions and women belonging to various organisations. Amongst those present were those most afflicted by war: mothers who had lost their children, their husbands, their nearest relatives.

Some of the mothers brought their children with them as a token of their desire for peace, for a happy life and safety for their children. One African woman brought a baby tied on her back. Mothers want to save their children, whatever age they may be. That is why they left their homes, left their dear ones, to attend this Congress. There were 835 mothers attending, 266

of whom have more than 3 children.

There were several expectant mothers, as well as mothers of 11, 13, 15 children, and several mothers of 10 children. There were mothers of all ages: mothers under twenty, grandmothers and great-grandmothers. There were 128 mothers under 30 and 68 mothers over sixty.

Among the delegates and observers there were government officials, 32 members of Parliament and town councillors, nine lawyers, more than 150 industrial workers, peasant women and office workers, 97 educationists, 55 doctors, 398 housewives, 41 writers, poets and journalists.

A great number of friendly get-togethers enabled the delegates to become acquainted with each other and to express their feelings of friendship and solidarity.

Meetings were held on questions of health, the protection of children, education and teaching, culture, and the press. More than 200 messages sent from all corners of the world reached the Congress.

During intervals women would be seen in groups exchanging presents from different countries.

Cries of "Shame"

They asked many questions: What is apartheid? What are the pass laws? What is Bantu Education? What is the position of African trade unions? To my answers, there were cries of "Shame!"

Did the Defiance Campaign prove fruitful to the people of South Africa? delegates also wanted to know. Yes, I said, it was like a spark of fire thrown in the midst of the people and

has been smouldering since the 26th June, 1952, and its flames were seen high on the 25th and 26th June, 1955, when the people of South Africa came together to draw a Freedom Charter, which was the first of its kind.

The delegates also asked: Have you any Europeans who are taking part in the struggle? and were pleased to hear of the Congress of Democrats.

A Better Future

The Congress ended on the 10th July at 11.30 p.m. with a wonderful spirit of solidarity between nations and races. I immediately heard some screaming among the women, such as we use when celebrating our weddings: "Lilili... lee!!!" Shouts of joy. We held each other's hands round and round Madame Cotton, who was then in the chair, singing international songs, waving our kerchiefs all round the hall for about an hour. Before the closure, an address to the U.N. was read and adopted unanimously. Also a message from the Congress of Mothers was sent to the Conference of the Four Great Powers, which was to meet in Geneva. This was adopted unanimously. So was a manifesto.

THIS CONGRESS WAS A WARM EXPRESSION OF THE GREAT FRIENDSHIP OF WOMEN OF THE WHOLE WORLD. I SHALL NOT FORGET IT AS LONG AS I LIVE, AND I WILL ALSO MAKE IT A POINT TO EDUCATE MY PEOPLE, TO SHOW THEM THAT UNITED WE SHALL STAND, DIVIDED WE SHALL FALL. AFRIKA! MAYIBUYE!

WE HAVE ENTERED NEW STAGE IN PEACE STRUGGLE

—Says S.A. Peace Council

"WHEN the Four Powers meeting 'at the summit' took place, another world power was present; not officially represented, but there just the same.

"That World Power is the greatest of all—world public opinion. It is public opinion throughout the world that has ceaselessly demanded that such negotiations should take place, and has campaigned tirelessly against the threat of atomic warfare," says a statement issued by the S.A. Peace Council.

It continues: The men at the top have met — at last. The Four Power meeting ended in unanimous agreement to carry on negotiations on the definite proposals of the different powers. Immediately there has been a noticeable change in the political climate. The Four Power meeting has achieved one tremendously important thing—a relaxation of tension.

A new stage has been reached in the struggle against war, and the power of public opinion played a decisive role in its success. The people have refused to accept hydrogen war as inevitable. They have rejected atom diplomacy. The popular demand for effective disarmament and the abolition of nuclear weapons has grown immensely powerful and forced itself to the front of world affairs.

The World Peace movement can truly claim to have played a great part in this change. The World Peace Assembly at Helsinki in June demonstrated how the most diverse political, religious and social movements have come together in the determination to win peace.

UNTIRING VIGILANCE

But the success of the new meet-

ing of Foreign Ministers, planned for October, depends, above all, on maintaining the untiring vigilance and positive action of the peoples. The improvement in the international situation provides the basis for stronger and more effective expression of public opinion.

At this time, when for once a gap appeared in the war clouds, we must view with concern the South African government's decision to spend millions of pounds on developing a navy. In addition, we cannot rest while we know that South African uranium is being mined for the manufacture of atom bombs, and to make still further terrifying atomic experiments possible.

Already 650 million people have signed the Vienna appeal against atomic warfare. We in South Africa should respond even more enthusiastically to this appeal, when we remember our vital role in the development of atom bombs.

We therefore call on South Africans of all races and all views and outlooks—

• We call on South African scientists to speak out against war as a group of the world's leading scientists have done re-

cently, when they declared: "We appeal, as human beings to human beings: Remember your humanity and forget the rest. If you can do so, the way lies open to a new paradise; if you cannot, there lies before you the risk of universal death."

- We call on South African writers and artists: use your gifts to further the cause of peace, to create world conditions in which all cultures may truly flourish.
- We call on South African professional men and women, teachers, doctors, lawyers and others: Use your influence with the people in the cause of peace; help break down the barriers that divide the world.
- We call on South African workers, of all races, in every occupation or trade: Use the strength of your mass opinion—the greatest force in the world—to bring an end to the armaments race, to the threat of atomic war, and to save all mankind.

THE COUNCIL INVITES NEW AGE READERS WHO WISH TO ADD THEIR NAMES TO THE 650 MILLION WHO HAVE SIGNED THE APPEAL AGAINST PREPARATION FOR ATOMIC WAR TO WRITE TO THE S.A. PEACE COUNCIL, BOX 10528, JOHANNESBURG.

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Sports Review

By JACKIE DORASAMY

ROUND-UP ON THE SAM CHINA CUP

TRANSVAAL

TRANSVAAL overcame their biggest problem to date when they beat Northern Natal 4-1 during the week. The score was 1-1 at half-time, but with the wind in their favour Links and Paddy put in some very hard work and with John they got their three goals. The absence of Bob Pillay in the Northern forward line could account for Northerners' poor score. On Thursday, Western Province caused the biggest surprise to date when they outclassed Northern Natal to win 4-2. This was most unexpected, and with only Transvaal to meet at the time of going to press, Province seem likely to end third on the Sam China log.

BORDER'S GREAT PERFORMANCE

Border opened with a magnificent performance on the first day of the Sam China last week and very nearly upset the champions, Transvaal. They led 3-2 in the first half, but could not last the pace, losing 6-3. When the South African Indian team to meet the South African Africans on September 4 is selected, Border should have several outstanding representatives in it. Quite out of the ordinary is Border's father-son combination in Reggie Moodley, the son who plays at inside-right, and father Thumbie Moodley who plays at left full-back. Indian football history will probably be richer for this interesting and unique combination.

OTHER RESULTS

Transvaal 6, Border 3; Southern Natal 6, Eastern Province 0; Northern Natal 7, Griqualand West 2; Southern Natal 4, Northern Natal 2; Transvaal 12, Griqualand West 1; Western Province 3, Border 2; Northern Natal 5, Border 2; Southern Natal 4, Western Province 0; Eastern Province 5, Griqualand West 2; Western Province 4, Northern Natal 2; Transvaal 8, Eastern Province 0; Griqualand West 3, Border 0.

DEFEAT FOR SPRINGBOKS

England recovered brilliantly to retain her supreme position in world cricket today by beating South Africa convincingly in the last test at the Oval. We have many a potential Bradman and Constantine in our midst. South Africa might well have won the Test series if her team were representative of all our peoples.

STARS IGNORED

How transient, fleeting and really ephemeral fame is! Yesterday they were stars fussed about and fawned upon; cheered, feted and sought out. Today they are like the old boot which has served its purpose, but now lies in a state of neglect in the yard outside. Natal and Springbok players who gave many years in the service of football in this country have been completely ignored at receptions, functions and even matches in honour of visiting players to the Sam China tournament here. Not so with officials and their wives! The old footballers gave the best years of their lives not only towards the sport, but the entertainment of thousands throughout the country, and also to the making of these officials. It is time that these men realised that they are what they are because of these players; that they should show their gratitude and the public's appreciation of their efforts

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by showing greater courtesy to them on occasions like these. Most of the ex-stars should have been given complimentary and invited to all the important receptions. They are not professionals; they have given their all for nothing, and they certainly don't deserve this very rough end of the boot.

THE GROWTH OF PHYSICAL CULTURE

The last three years have seen a great revival in the Physical Culture World. Though handicapped financially, Non-White Physical Culture has to its credit the greatest achievement in Non-White sport. It will be recalled that they sent R. P. Govender to compete in the Mr. Universe contest in London in 1954. He represented South Africa again this year in this contest, and was placed fourth. Govender's achievement has inspired South African Non-White youth, and today hundreds of young men and women train conscientiously in gymnasia throughout the country.

OH, THOSE REFEREES!

When is a kind providence going to save us from the likes of those pathetically mentally and physically ill-equipped referees, who although they have no intention of doing so, succeed so admirably in ruining football games. With such major tournaments as the Sam China on the go, spectators must be treated with consideration and it must be seen to that refereeing standards are improved. Accusations of bias and inefficiency in past tournaments have not been without foundation. Only sound and satisfactory refereeing can eliminate these grouses.

NEW UNIONS have been formed in Port Elizabeth for workers who have hitherto been unorganised, namely, the battery workers, iron, steel and metal workers and bus bodies workers.

African leather workers, who at present have a staff association, are also setting up an independent union.

Reporting on her recent visit to East London, Miss Lily Diedericks of the Food and Canning Workers' Union said the union branch was being revived there.

FREEDOM CHARTER was unanimously adopted by a meeting of the Central Branch of the African National Congress held recently. The branch passed a resolution asking for a Transvaal conference to popularise the Charter.

DURBAN RACING

- 1st Race: Negotiate, Small Holding, White Sugar.
- 2nd Race: Blue Dotte, Kitch, Jaguar.
- 3rd Race: Royal Society, Young Berry, Faint.
- 4th Race: Tabriz, St. Grey, Donor.
- 5th Race: Fine Figure, Puccini, Dowry.
- 6th Race: Diallage, Sharima, Dawn.
- 7th Race: Nuptial, Demagogue, Pat.
- 8th Race: Neuron, Toterush, Good Boy.
- 9th Race: Forecast, Poco Presto, Whaskie.

STUDENTS HOLD ELECTIONS

CAPE TOWN.

THIRTEEN of the seventeen members of the newly-elected Students' Representative Council of the University of Cape Town are pledged to resist the Government's attempts to introduce segregation into universities.

Among those elected was Albie Sachs, who recently attended the Congress of the People as a student delegate.

Three of the students elected gave outright support for the Nationalist policy of separate universities for whites and non-whites.

By 427 votes to 47, students at the University of Cape Town recently passed a resolution protesting against the banning of Dr. H. J. Simons, senior lecturer, from attending public meetings outside the university.

The students' meeting also passed a motion of protest against the refusal of a passport to Mr. Sidney Katz, by a majority of nearly 500.

NO DEMOCRACY AT WITS

For the first time since 1905, students have not been allowed to organise the S.R.C. elections at the University of the Witwatersrand, and teams of women students, wearing black sashes and placards reading, "Our constitution has been dishonoured too," picketed the office of the electoral officer on nomination day.

In a statement condemning the new S.R.C. Statute, which abolishes constitutional rights enjoyed by students for over 50 years, the students declare:

"By assuming dictatorial powers of control over the student body, which has always resolutely opposed the Nationalists, the University Council is submitting to Government pressure."

"Nats Will Never Break Our Union!"

CAPE TOWN.

THOUSANDS of our members are worried about the future prospects in the industry and are beginning to sound the dreaded words 'depression' and 'economic crisis,' Miss Becky Lan, acting general secretary, states in her report to the 14th annual conference of the Food and Canning Workers' Union, due to take place in Cape Town over the week-end on the 27th and 28th August.

"These signs of a slowing down in economic development do not appear only in the food industry. Unemployment is being experienced also by workers in the garment and leather industries," states the report.

"Unemployment is a disease of the profit-making system under which we live."

While it is necessary to fight for the right of all workers to belong to the Unemployment Insurance Fund, the whole trade union movement must demand from the government a policy that will provide employment at a living wage for every person who is without work and who is willing and able to work, states Miss Lan.

GOVT. ATTACKS

The report outlines the Government's attack on all workers and on the Non-European workers in particular. It also deals with the severe blows directed against the Food and Canning Workers' Union itself by the banning of its leaders under the Suppression of Communism Act.

"Swart and his Government hope that by removing our leaders they will intimidate our membership and break our mighty union. NO! That we will not allow. Our membership has learned during the past 14 years to stand together, united in the factories to defend their hardwon increases and improved working conditions, and

Progressives Stand in Moroka Elections

JOHANNESBURG.

IN five out of Moroka's ten wards, progressive candidates will contest the advisory board elections to be held on August 27. Their five-point programme says:

"The municipality should build homes for those who have no money to build.

"We stand for the reduction of the rentals on the site and service scheme to 10s. a month.

"People must not be divided along tribal lines.

"The system of lodgers' permits must be stopped."

The manifesto of the progressive candidates says that the outgoing Board members have failed hopelessly to campaign with determination against the Bantu Education Act; to fight for decent homes for the people; to fight against constant beer raids by the police and the wholesale arrest of youngsters in the location; to work for the improvement of the transport to and from work; to help the liberation movement to protect the rights of the people of the Western Areas, namely the right to own land.

The progressive candidates are Mr. Jerry Khumalo (Block 3); Mr. E. Nyakale (Block 5); Mr. Thomas Nyakale (Block 8); Mr. P. Matole (Block 9) and Mr. E. Malele (Block 10).

A.N.C., SOUTH-WEST REGION, will hold a report-back meeting on the Congress of the People on Sunday, August 28, at 10 a.m. in Dadoo Square in Moroka, Johannesburg.

A.N.C. branches from Orlando, Pimville, Kliptown, Moroka, Jabavu, Dube and Albertynville will take part in this meeting to discuss the Freedom Charter.

Photos Not Necessary Says T.I.C.

JOHANNESBURG.

"It is not necessary for Indians in Johannesburg and on the Reef to have their photographs taken, as there has been no notice issued to this effect," says a leaflet issued by the Transvaal Indian Congress last week.

The Congress urges Indians not to be intimidated and led into having their photographs taken for the Population Registration Act.

The Congress says it has been brought to its notice that certain photographic firms are sending out circulars calling on Indians to have themselves photographed for the population register.

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