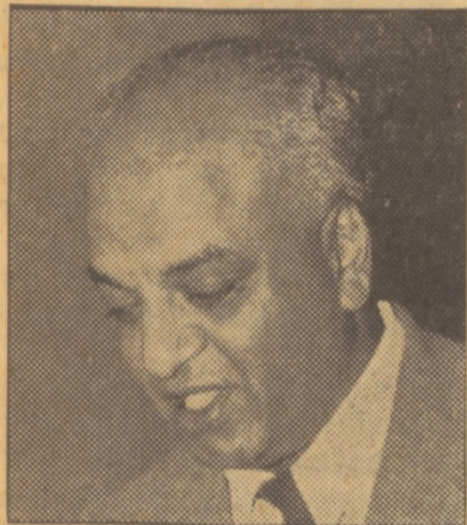


LUTULI'S CALL TO SPORTSMEN

Don't Support Apartheid



Chief A. J. Lutuli



Dr. G. M. Naicker

NEW AGE

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SPORTSMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE TAKING ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS BECAUSE OF THE COLOUR BAR.

● It is time for South African sportsmen and spectators to take up the fight against apartheid in sport.

● Support non-racial sports organisations.

● These are points made by Chief A. J. Lutuli, former president of the now banned ANC, and Dr. G. M. Naicker, president of the S.A. Indian Congress, in their appeal to all sportsmen. (See page 8 for full text.)

THE POLICE STATE IN ACTION



The thugs attacked, and the police waded in—on the side of the thugs. (See story on page 6.)

WHITES ORDERED OUT

ALOBATSI. Bechuanaland. PARTY of Whites were recently given 30 minutes to leave the town, after an incident in a hotel lounge here.

The Whites had arrived in a car bearing a Springs registration number plate.

African customers complained to the hotel manager that the Whites had insulted them in the hotel's lounge. The Whites said: "What are these natives doing in our hotel—Get out!"

They were the ones who had to get out. The manager called the police, who ordered them to leave the territory within 30 minutes—or else.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS' CONFERENCE IN ACCRA
—Pictures

and
NKRUMAH'S

SPEECH:

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Congress Leaflet Seized

SPECIAL BRANCH RAIDS PRINTERS

JOHANNESBURG.

LAST Saturday morning the Special Branch raided a Johannesburg printer and confiscated all 20,000 copies of a leaflet containing the text of an outspoken call by the Congress Alliance. In addition, they seized 40,000 anti-Sabotage Bill stickers and 1,000 posters.

New Age has studied the statement carefully and can find nothing in it to justify this arrogant police action.

Here is a summary from the leaflet Vorster and the Special Branch don't want you to read:

Already the Nationalist Government has murdered most of the rights the people used to enjoy. Year after year they have tightened the noose of dictatorship around our

necks. Nearly all public meetings, especially of non-whites, have been banned.

Newspapers have been suppressed. Hundreds of our leaders and spokesmen have been banned as "Communists," exiled, gagged and confined to areas—not convicted by any court, but simply on the order of their political opponents: the Nationalist Party.

STRAIGHT TALK

First the Communist Party and then the African National Congress, for fifty years the mouthpiece of the voteless and landless African people, have been outlawed and driven underground.

But Vorster's new Bill is more savage still. Vorster is now demanding what amounts to powers of life or death over anyone he considers to be a "Communist." He wants more power so that he can prohibit anyone whom he is "satisfied" is likely to further "any of the aims of

communism" from "being in any place" or "committing any action."

It is time we had some straight talk about Communism in this country. Civilised people and democrats, even if they disagree with the Communists, do not believe in shutting them up or locking them up.

HAVE THE RIGHT

They have the right, like anyone else, to argue their case. Let the people decide, in open debate, whether they are right or wrong.

That is the only democratic principle, and it is because the United Party and others are too muddled or too timid to stand up for that principle that they are such feeble defenders of the people's rights.

They make "Communism" a crime. Then they give a Nazi-minded Nationalist politician the sole right to decide who is and who is not a "Communist." The result is unlimited tyranny. The result is that

people who are not and never were Communists can be victimised and ruined.

Look at the case of Chief Lutuli. Vorster knows and the whole world knows Lutuli is no Communist. He is a well known Christian Church leader. Yet Vorster says he is "satisfied Lutuli is a Communist," bans him from gatherings, confines him to his farm.

PATRIOT

Why? Because Chief Lutuli is an African patriot who refuses to accept an inferior status for his people, refuses to be a ja-broer for apartheid and the evil doctrine of the white master race.

But if that is so we are all "Communists"—every non-European and every European democrat, everyone who believes in a free South Africa with equal rights to shout "Heil Verwoerd!" and kiss the boot that kicks him.

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NEW AGE HAS A RIGHT TO EXIST

You rightly insist that New Age has a right to exist. I believe that, while I cannot agree with all that you print in New Age (who in this world except the ignorant), I think it is your duty to carry on whatever the difficulties.

Nicholas Berdyaev wrote: "God (Truth) has laid upon man the duty of being free, of safeguarding freedom of spirit (mind), no matter how difficult that may be, or how much sacrifice and suffering it may require."

Please remember: Whatever our personal beliefs we all stand and fall together. More: it is not a

BURY IMPERIALISM

As long as Africa remains under the heel of imperialism and its apostles — White settlers — there will always be a barrier between the African people and their rightful inheritance.

The effect and purpose of Western investment is to suck Africa dry and to exploit her people. The transformation of the Africans into labourers has crippled its economic development; thus the wealth of Africa goes to enrich imperialist investors while the indigenous people remain impoverished.

Because of these facts the people of Africa have embarked on political and national consciousness with such tenacity, courage and determination to end colonialism and imperialism in every corner of this continent.

I am writing this especially as an appeal to the Bechuanas. Let us not be caught napping. Let us fight tooth and nail to bury imperialism!

Botswana. Ba Rona! Ka Nako!
Ya Rona!

JUSTICE MOTSWAGAE
B.P.P. (S.A.)

SEND YOUR PROTEST!

THROUGHOUT Africa and the rest of the world, the freedom and rights of the individual are being extended. Only in South Africa are we still operating in reverse—with more and more rights being denied an ever-increasing majority section of the population.

New Age has played its part in the freedom struggle with pride in the past and will continue to do so for as long as possible in the future. But to do this we need the support of every reader and democrat in South Africa.

Protests against the threatened ban of New Age are being made not only in South Africa but outside of it as well. We hope that our Minister of Justice will be influenced by these protests and preserve the freedom of the press in South Africa.

Add your voice to those who have already protested.

Make it a twofold protest:

- Send a telegram or letter to the Minister of Justice, House of Assembly, Cape Town, protesting against his threat to ban New Age.

fight against persons, it is a fight against gross ignorance of which our rulers have not a small portion.

T. KLOPPENBURG.
Durban.

NO FREEDOM IN THE TRANSKEI

Sons and daughters of Africa unite. There is no freedom in the Transkei, but only suppression. The chiefs are the agents of the Nationalists who want to hang our people—not set them free!

We will fight this present Government tooth and nail and we will not turn back, even though Vorster continues banning the leaders.

To Mrs. L. Ngoyi, Mrs. Ruth Slovo and Mrs. Florence Matomela I say, sit down ladies, you have done your work. The world praises you. Forward Chief Lutuli, lead the nation to freedom. The power is yours.

CHIEF ZWELIMILE
NTLOKONDALA
Idutywa.

SWAZI WORKERS ARRESTED

Certain members of the African Workers' Union in Swaziland have been arrested for asking for increases and better working conditions for all.

Have the laws been changed regarding discrimination in Swaziland? The action by the companies not to listen to workers' grievances is an obnoxious policy and I wonder how long this will continue.

"LINGENGE"
Bechuanaland.

WHY THE CHIEFS ARE HATED

On viewing the freeing of Africa inch by inch, it will not be long before the entire continent is free of the cancer of imperialism and colonialism.

Verwoerd has been under such pressure that he found it necessary to introduce his undemocratic self-government constitution in the Transkei. Matanzima's government is just a temporary one, to give the white settlers alone a little longer to squander the last mineral resources of our country.

The Matanzimas are so stupid they do not realise that by their very birth they are the rightful heirs to their country's resources. They are just a pack of fools who, as quoted by General Smuts, "are just raw natives who are easily satisfied and easy to boss up." These people have caused the African Chieftainships to be so hated.

WILSON B. NGCAYIYA
Orlando West.

Freedom Fighters Must Unite

The Sabotage Bill will not halt the people of South Africa from achieving their freedom. Now is the time for all freedom fighters to have determination to break down race prejudice.

Anyone today opposing the Government is termed a Communist. But the atrocities committed against the peoples of Africa are done in the name of western civilisation. These atrocities have not succeeded in silencing or suppressing the people's struggle for freedom and justice.

Africa is today both important and valuable. It is important to its sons and daughters because of its political awakening, achievements and developments. It is valuable to the great powers who see in it a field of investment and a battleground for their ideological policies.

These powers are therefore antagonistic to the people's struggle for freedom and liberation and it is necessary therefore for all oppressed people to unite.

M.T.M.
East London.

Where were the Others?

In spite of there being six thousand students at Wits University, it was disappointing to see that only 1,500 took part in the protest march in Johannesburg.

Where were the others? The trouble is that many students (our so-called "leaders" of tomorrow) feel too "secure," enjoying their position on the top rung of the ladder, and do not consider the position dangerous enough. Many are lazy and apathetic, professing to uphold ideals they know little about and which they are not really prepared to fight for.

On the other hand, they may be frightened to voice a protest—because, after all, it could be "Sabotage!"

"STUDENT IN RESIDENCE"
Johannesburg.

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EDITORIAL

OUR LETTER TO MR. VORSTER

The following is the text of a letter addressed to Mr. Vorster, the Minister of Justice, by the Editor of New Age, writing on behalf of all members of our staff. We are confident that it also reflects the feelings of our readers.

* * *

SIR,—I wish to register hereby my formal and emphatic protest against the threats you have made in Parliament to ban our paper, New Age.

The first edition of New Age appeared in October, 1954. Except for five months, when it was summarily suppressed during the State of Emergency, the paper has appeared regularly every week for almost eight years.

We know that during that entire period every edition of our paper was bought and diligently scrutinised by members of the Special Branch, whose zealous devotion to duty is notorious.

If, as you stated in Parliament, New Age has "been furthering the aims of Communism and making no secret of the fact," it is strange indeed that no prosecution has ever been brought against us under the extremely wide terms of the Suppression of Communism Act. In view of this, we are entitled to presume that your accusation, made under cover of Parliamentary immunity, cannot stand the test of an open and public trial in the courts of our land.

New Age has never made any secret of its policy, and I am proud to restate it here. That policy is: to defend democracy; to fight for equal rights for all citizens in our land; to oppose racial discrimination, race hatred and all forms of political persecution and tyranny.

That, Sir, is the real reason why you wish to silence our paper. You and your government fear and hate democracy. You thrive on race hatred and national oppression. Political persecution and tyranny has become the *modus vivendi* of your government.

By banning New Age your government will add yet one more crime to the long list already committed against the people of South Africa.

New Age has the right to exist; the right to pursue its policy within the limits of the laws of the land. It should be your duty, as Minister of Justice, to defend, and not extinguish, that right.

We hope that, even at this late stage, you will reconsider your attitude and refrain from bringing further shame to the name of our country.

NATAL CAMPAIGN FOR JUNE 26

DURBAN.

A PROVINCE-WIDE campaign to culminate in a Mass Rally on June 26 has been planned by the Congress Alliance in Natal. The campaign is to further the protests against the Sabotage Bill and also to draw attention to the other problems that the people face in this country.

Dr. G. M. Naicker, in a statement to New Age commenting on the campaign, said that many people do not seem to link the fight against the Sabotage Bill with their day to day problems.

"They do not seem to realise, for instance, that to strike for higher wages once this Bill becomes law is sabotage. To organise a campaign against the mass removal of people under the Group Areas Act is also sabotage. To protest against the Pass Laws is sabotage.

"The non-White peoples must be made to see this and it is for this reason that the present campaign is being launched. So far we have been concentrating on explaining the Bill without linking it with the daily problems of the people. In the present Campaign we shall remedy this defect," he said.

In the meantime, a mass meeting is being organised at Stanger this week, speakers of various organisations will explain the Sabotage Bill with special emphasis on how it will affect the daily lives of the people.

At Pietermaritzburg, this week-end the South African Congress of

Trade Unions will hold a Conference of all organisations in the City to discuss the Bill.

At Ladysmith, where a mass celebration is being held to honour Chief Lutuli on his Nobel Peace Prize Award, the theme of all speeches will be the Sabotage Bill.

CHARGED TWICE IN ONE WEEK

JOHANNESBURG.

TWICE in one week Mr.

A. M. ("Kathy") Kathrada appeared in court on charges of contravening the Suppression of Communism Act—and the charges were withdrawn.

First instance: Kathrada appeared with Messrs Sisulu and Turok on an allegation of having attended a gathering, in contravention of their bans. This was the occasion when the three political leaders were arrested while talking to an Israeli journalist, who subsequently left the country, his Hebrew shorthand notes in the possession of the Special Branch. The case was withdrawn.

Second instance: Kathrada was charged with being in possession of an unlawful document, seized in a raid on his flat. Again, no State explanation, simply a withdrawal of the charge.

DOWN WITH VORSTER'S NAZI LAWS!

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The "Sabotage" Bill, together with the Censorship Bill, mean the end of free speech, free press, free organisation and legal political activity in this country.

They are meant to frighten all opponents of the Government into inactivity, to silence all criticism, to destroy the democratic, national liberation and trade union movements of this country.

Verwoerd and Vorster and their gang think that if they arm themselves to the teeth they will be able

thereby to prevent the people of this country from achieving their historic destiny—a free, democratic South Africa.

All they can do, and are trying with all their might to do, is to ensure that instead of a peaceful transition, our country and our people will be dragged through the suffering, sacrifices and destruction of a bloody civil war.

THAT IS EXACTLY WHY WE MUST STOP THEM ON THEIR ROAD TO DISASTER, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

of the "Death for Sabotage" Bill we say there is still time for us to win a new South Africa, founded on justice, liberty and human dignity, without our country undergoing the suffering, bloodshed and destruction of civil war.

But if that chance is to be grasped, then we must come together now, all of us, democratic and patriotic South Africans of every race, in a vigorous, angry and irresistible campaign to stop these Bills becoming law, to stop the Nationalist Party in its suicide drive which is heading our country towards disaster.

ACT NOW!

It is not too late to save our South Africa from the doomed and desperate future plotted by the Broederbond gang.

Men and women of South Africa! We call upon you to stand together now to save the future of our land. We call upon all who love their country.

Let us speak up and act for Freedom!

DOWN WITH VORSTER'S NAZI LAWS!

DOWN WITH THE NATIONALIST DICTATORSHIP!

LET DEMOCRACY REIGN—POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

BACK FROM ACCRA



THE BECHUANALAND delegation to the recent Freedom Fighters' Conference held in Accra returned home last week to carry on the struggle for independence and full democratic rights. The delegation is seen here posing for our photographer at Jan Smuts airport, Johannesburg on their return from Ghana.

WE WILL NEVER SUBMIT

Power rightly belongs to the people. That is the simple meaning of democracy. This is the right of all peoples. Those who would surrender it have the souls of slaves; those who would deny it to others have the souls of tyrants.

One thing must be made known to all—our people shall never surrender. It is not in the nature of man to submit to serfdom. We will never rest content until all our people are free. We will never cease to fight until every man and woman has a vote and a say in making the laws of the land.

LIFE ITSELF

And in the struggle to gain our freedom, the peoples of South Africa will never be stopped by terror or by threats—nor even by death itself. The urge for freedom is like the urge to life itself. Neither can be deterred by artificial restraints.

In their yearning for human rights and liberties the people prefer paths that are legal and peaceful; but if all paths are made illegal then the laws might be evaded and disregarded, and if all peaceful ways are

debarred then the people might be forced to ways which are not peaceful.

We of the Congress movement believe, and have always worked to see that the change to a free South Africa should come without violence. We now repeat the solemn call made by the African people at Maritzburg for a sovereign National Convention representative of all South Africans, irrespective of race, to work out a new Constitution for a democratic, non-racial South Africa. Let us talk it out rather than fight it out!

We do not believe in domination of any race and we do not seek revenge for the wrongs of the past. We offer the hand of friendship to all South Africans, white and black, that we may work together in friendship and equality to build a better country, free of hatred, for our children to share in peace and happiness.

CIVIL WAR

Even now, after all the insults and injuries that have been heaped upon our people, and in the shadow

Langa Meeting:

POLICE BANNED LOUDSPEAKER

CAPE TOWN.

SPECIAL Branch detectives told members of the African Youth League that action would be taken against them if they used a loudspeaker at the meeting held in Langa last Sunday.

The meeting had been called to explain the Sabotage Bill to the location residents. While the organi-

sers were setting up the public address system they were approached by detectives and warned not to use it. The organisers ignored the warning and were then told that action would be taken against them as loudspeakers were prohibited without permission.

The speakers addressed the enthusiastic crowd without the address system.

Speaking on the Sabotage Bill Mr. Charles Makholiso said: "We are being silenced by a Government of a Nazi type, but we will not be deterred. We will carry on the struggle until freedom is won."

Mr. Tedi said: "We the youth must sink our differences and face the common enemy, which is the Government. This Bill will give the police more power to oppress us."

Mr. L. Solwandle called on the people to intensify the non-co-operation campaign and not to work with the Government.

A resolution adopted by the meeting rejected the Sabotage Bill, and pledged to continue the struggle for complete freedom for all irrespective of the Bill. The meeting said that beerhalls, bottle-stores or any institution established by the authorities should get no co-operation from the people. The resolution also condemned police raids for passes and poll-tax in the location.

"KNIVES

Those who tried to organise the people "with knives" were also attacked in the resolution.

A number of demands adopted by the meeting called on the people to work intensively for a National Convention; called on the Government to recognise African trade unions so that they could bargain with employers for R2.00 a day, and unite with other workers. The meeting also demanded one man one vote as the only solution to South Africa's problems.

Exile Led Strike— Exiled From Exile!

PIETERSBURG.

IN the Northern Transvaal there is a man, let us call him Mkamazaan. He has been banished to this area from his home at the coast, and has been kept here for more than four years.

He was formerly a member of the now banned ANC, and was a factory worker. He had been working in Durban for some years when he heard reports of how harsh the conditions had become at home. When he returned home he found that the women had been forced to dig a ditch for the authorities, and had not been paid for doing this work. In addition he found that everybody had to pay 3d. a day in order to let their cattle drink.

Mkamazaan was elected to lead a deputation to see the Native Commissioner about these grievances. They saw the Native Commissioner, but received no satisfaction from him. Mkamazaan returned to his factory, and thought the matter had ended there.

OFFICIAL LAUGHED

A few weeks later his employer received a telegram telling him to send Mkamazaan to report to the Native Commissioner immediately. He returned home, and, with the other members of the deputation, went to see the Native Commissioner. He was allowed to enter, but the other members of the deputation were told to remain outside.

The Native Commissioner then informed him that he had been banished to the Northern Transvaal. The Commissioner asked him if he could speak either Venda or Shangaan. When he replied that he could not, the official laughed and said that it did not matter, as he would have plenty of time to learn.

Mkamazaan was sent to Johannesburg, and from there taken to his place of banishment in the Northern Transvaal. Here he was met by the Native Commissioner,

and handed over to a white farmer on whose land he was to live. The headman under whose jurisdiction he fell was a stooge who had been appointed to implement Bantu Authorities.

FORCED LABOUR

This headman forced the people living in the area to build a fence between the reserve and neighbouring farms. The people received no wages for this work. Mkamazaan organised the people against this harsh measure, and eventually they came out on strike.

When the Native Commissioner arrived to settle the dispute he immediately singled out Mkama-

zaan as the ringleader. He was removed from the area, and banished to an even more distant farm in the Northern Transvaal.

Mkamazaan is still on this farm. Occasionally he is employed by the farmer, but most of the year he has no employment. He is supposed to exist on the R2 a month paid by the authorities, and is not even allowed to go into the nearest village.

Our informants questioned this man for over two hours, and eventually asked him if he had any questions of his own. He only had one to ask:

"When are we getting freedom?"

MATANZIMA COUNCILLOR IS IN SPECIAL BRANCH!

JOHANNESBURG.

CHIEF Kaizer Matanzima held a series of highly confidential meetings in the south west townships here last week, in a bid to push the Immigrant Tembus into forming Urban Bantu Councils.

Chief Kaizer was the main speaker—the future Prime Minister of the Transkei trying to drum up support for his pro-government stand in the towns. He went to work with several of his Councillors: Mr. E. T. Tshunungwa, and the other the African sergeant of the Special Branch at Queenstown, Mr. Mabunu.

At a meeting in a Dube house, Chief Matanzima attacked his cousin Chief Sabata Dalindyebo as 'illiterate' and 'a drama boy', copying his master Verwoerd, who said of De Villiers Graaf that never in history had a country been ruled by a 'drama boy'.

He assured his audience that the Transkei under him would be a very prosperous and progressive country, "free of communist interference and ruthless agitation by the Jacobites."

An attempt to start a Urban Bantu Council—under Chief Tseke Mabowe of the Batau tribe—was made at Alexandra last week by Mr. Kgomo, a representative of the Chief. Mr. Kgomo said that if the people did not elect tribal ambassadors, the Government would do this for them, and nobody elected would have the right to decline office.

AT GUNPOINT

His advice was that it was better to form Urban Bantu Councils voluntarily than to do so at the point of a gun.

He warned that the Government was going to take drastic measures, and he would not like his people to suffer because of cheap agitators.

When asked to explain the duties of Tribal ambassadors and the U.B.C. he said they would deal with passes (Influx Control) and the issuing of permits for holding public meetings. The question of passes raised anger from many of the speakers, even from those who supported Mr. Kgomo at the beginning of the meeting. He was shouted down and called a "sell-out". He was told to get back to Pretoria and form an U.B.C. there.

BAN A-BOMB FROM AFRICA!

JOHANNESBURG.

THE South African Peace Council has sent a letter to President de Gaulle calling on him to stop using Africa as a testing ground for atomic weapons.

The letter points out that the ground and atmosphere that is being poisoned by the tests is not European, not French, but African. France is persisting in these tests, in the face of the UN decision to preserve Africa as an atom free zone.

The people of France are as opposed to the tests as are the people of Africa. In the name of all of them the Peace Council calls on de Gaulle "for a permanent ban on nuclear explosions."

De Gaulle is also called upon to send his representatives immediately to the Geneva Conference, "so that France may make an honourable contribution to the anxious attempts to secure an agreement on total disarmament, which alone can guarantee a peaceful future for mankind."

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