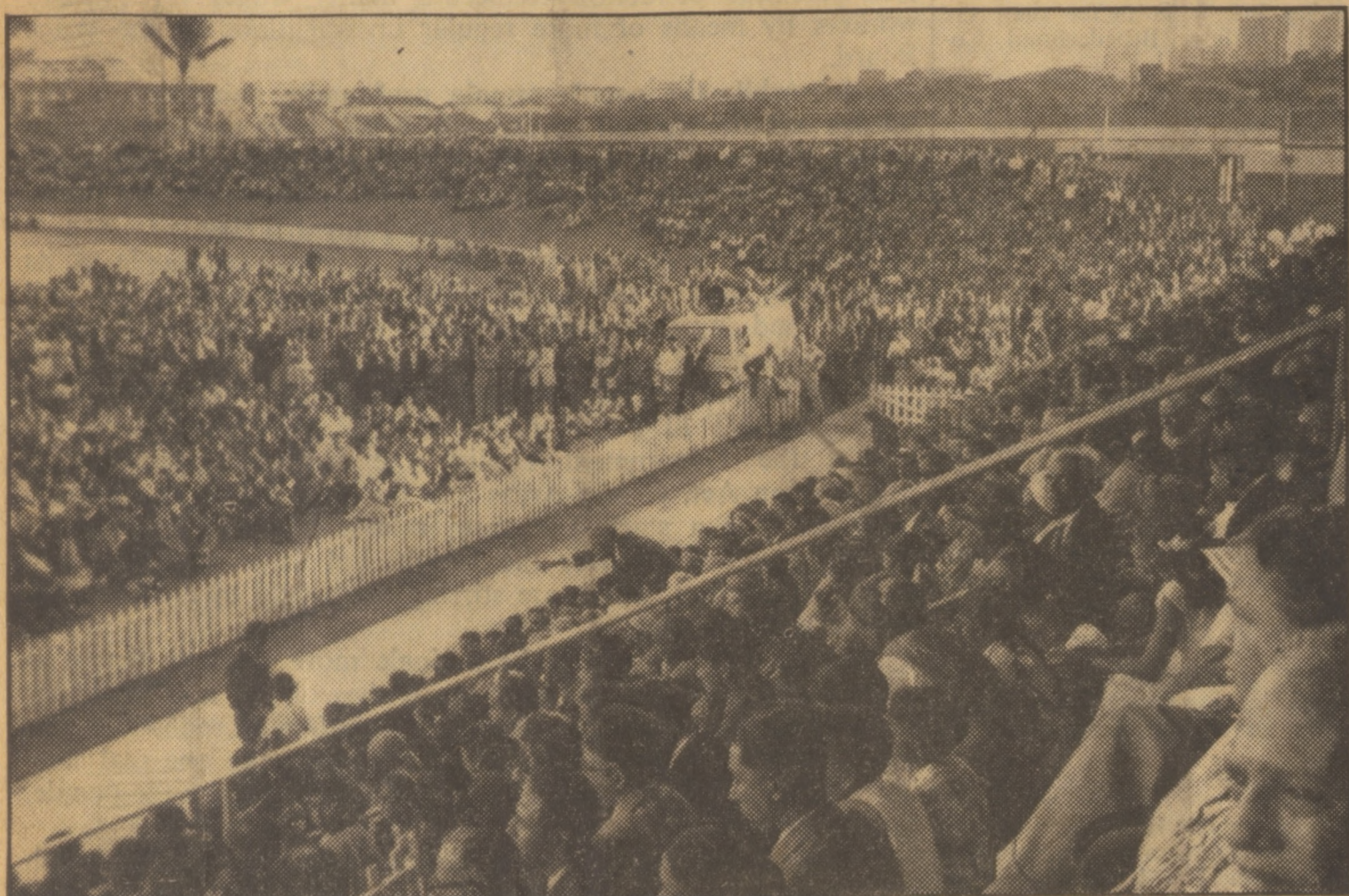


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NEW BLITZ ON ALEXANDRA

"Life is Hell" Say Residents



Over 25,000 people of all races attended a mass prayer meeting held at Curries Fountain, Durban, to observe the centenary of the arrival of Indians in South Africa. The meeting was addressed among others by Mr. J. N. Singh, Chairman of the Centenary Committee, Mr. P. R. Pather, President of the NIO, and Mr. George Mbele who read a special message from Chief A. J. Lutuli. The huge audience included over 10,000 Africans and a large number of Whites and Coloureds.

PONDOLAND — WHITE TRADERS JITTERY But Govt. Takes Tough Line

WITH THE GOVERNMENT REFUSING TO MAKE ANY NEW APPROACH TO SOLVE THE PONDOLAND PROBLEM, OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE ARE AGAIN TAKING PLACE.

● A Bantu Authorities chief and two of his indunas were murdered near Flagstaff on Sunday night.

Tambo Broadcasts Over SABC

JOHANNESBURG. Over the South African Broadcasting Corporation one morning last week came the voice of Mr. Oliver Tambo, formerly vice-president of the African National Congress, and now leader of the South African United Front abroad.

The Tambo broadcast was part of the regular morning programme beamed from the United Nations, and relayed over the SABC.

Mr. Tambo's speech was the one on South West Africa delivered before the Trusteeship Committee. South Africa, said Mr. Tambo, was one of the world's chief delinquents since Nazi Germany. He called for United Nations intervention in South West Africa to prevent massacres in the future.

● A number of people were injured when a police party was allegedly ambushed last Saturday near Ngqusa Hill, where 11 tribesmen were killed by police fire on June 6.

The following eye-witness account of the alleged stoning of the police was reported by three tribesmen:

Tribesmen assembled at the top of a hill for a meeting (this was near Ngqusa Hill). Police arrived at the meeting as it began, accompanied by Chief Vukayibambe Sigcau and some of his indunas.

Police fired tear-gas bombs at the crowd from the foot of the hill. When they saw that these had no effect and that the people refused to move, the police charged the crowd. The people then dispersed. One tribesman who was injured by a tear-gas bomb which hit him was arrested.

Women meanwhile had chopped down telephone poles and set up a road block. On the way back from the meeting the police were brought to a stop at the road block.

There was no attack on the police as reported in the local press. The only stone-throwing occurred when the police chased the people from the meeting into the bushes.

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT CHIEF VUKAYIBAMBE SIGCAU WAS KILLED TOGETHER WITH TWO OF HIS INDUNAS AND THEIR HUTS WERE BURNT.

The Bantu Affairs Department and the BAD Minister, Mr. de Wet

Nel, have not only dropped a curtain of silence over the struggles of the people of Pondoland, but they are now trying to muzzle even the White traders there.

The Europeans of Bizana have been warned that their Civic Association will be banned if they do anything to 'upset' the Government. (Continued on page 2)

JOHANNESBURG.

THE GOVERNMENT'S RESETTLEMENT BOARD MURDERED SOPHIATOWN IN COLD BLOOD. NOW IT IS ON THE ATTACK AGAINST ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP, THE LAST FREEHOLD AREA LEFT FOR AFRICANS NEAR JOHANNESBURG.

The Resettlement Board and the Peri Urban Areas Health Board, under which Alexandra falls, have formed a formidable team of persecutors against their victims, the residents of the township. The same vicious piece of legislation is being used against Alexandra as was used to wipe the Western Areas off the map: the Natives Resettlement Act.

Residents are being summarily endorsed out of the township and their families broken up.

In Alexandra there is a new refinement in the removal operation not used even in Sophiatown. Residents are stopped by officials as they go about the streets, and their documents are endorsed out of the township there and then. You no longer have to queue before the Board's offices to be ordered out of the area. The travelling officials carry stamp pad and forms with them in their briefcases, and cancel and make out documents in the streets as they collar their victims.

ENDORSED OUT

Property-owners are not being interfered with at present. But permit holders who live in the township as sub-tenants have to prove that they have been resident there without a break for fifteen years. People without any permits at all are summarily endorsed out of the area. Residents with permits but who cannot prove 15 years occupation of their rented homes have their permits cancelled. They are issued with removal forms which order them out of the township to Diepkloof or Meadowlands or Meadowlands Hostel within one

month.

Outside the Peri-Urban Health Board offices there is a long queue of people who have gone there to pay rent, to get residential permits, to fill in forms for removal to Diepkloof and Meadowlands Hostel and a host of other things.

"Life is becoming hell in Alexandra," said one woman standing in the queue.

UNENDING RAIDS

The officials of the Resettlement (Continued on page 8)

CATO MANOR

New Outbreak Of Violence

From M. P. Naicker

DURBAN.

THE uneasy calm that had settled over Cato Manor since the end of the State of Emergency was shattered last week when hundreds of workers in this unhappy area demonstrated against the removal of a number of families to Kwa Mashu.

In the disturbances that followed the demonstrations by the people a number of Corporation buses in the area were stoned.

The trouble began early on Tuesday morning when Corporation officials with lorries and supported by armed mobile police moved into a section of this area to break down people's homes in pursuance of the City Council's plan to remove the 80,000 inhabitants of Cato Manor.

DELAY MOOTED

Whilst most of the people in the area affected are opposed to moving to Kwa Mashu, which is at least 11 miles from the centre of the city, some suggested to the Council that the demolitions be delayed until the end of the year so that children in schools could complete their examinations and workers could utilise their holiday pay to equip their new homes.

With the arrogance often displayed by Council officials when such requests are made by the most oppressed section of the population, this reasonable request was refused on the ground that the people concerned had been given sufficient notice to quit.

A large contingent of police armed with sten guns and rifles and supported by two saracens moved into the area and the early disturbances were quelled.

Trouble, however, flared up again the same evening when buses were once again stoned.

MASS MEETING

Local residents are closing their ranks and New Age is informed that a joint mass meeting of a number

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A policeman removes broken glass from a municipal bus whose windows were smashed during the Cato Manor disturbances.



NEW AGE LETTER BOX

Stop Nerve Gas Experiments In South Africa, Says C.O.D.

Not satisfied with re-organising the UDF into an auxiliary police force, we now learn that the Government is testing a new type of nerve gas for use in quelling crowds. Is this then their answer to the justifiable grievances of the Pondo people?

Will the Government never learn that the only way to "preserve law and order" is to heed

Thanks From Bechuanaland

Please allow me some space to express how grateful we are to our Randfontein and Westonaria friends for their firm stand with us during my detention and after my deportation. They have shown us that they are our true friends in the struggle for a free multi-racial South Africa. We are particularly thankful to the young men of Mohlakeng who were and I hope are still responsible for keeping up the morale of our freedom fighters. They had the courage to give us a farewell party under the eaves of the tools of oppression, the Special Branch.

We were thrown out of the Union of South Africa most cruelly by the Union Government, into the Bechuanaland Protectorate, the barren undeveloped territory of our birth. We are living among the walls of an unfinished and unroofed house of our cousin Mr. Alexander Mase.

I was seen off by a member of the Union Special Branch and welcomed here by the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police.

The B.P. police visited me every day, sometimes twice a day. While we are exposed to hunger and insults of the weather, our spirits are still good. Friends, forward to freedom. We are many and ours is a human and just cause.

MOTSAMAI K. MPHU

Palapye, Bechuanaland.

TB Patients Wash Own Clothes

African T.B. sufferers at Odenaalsrus have to live in a converted house. The window panes are broken and the patients complain of insufficient treatment. There is no doctor in attendance, only a White Sister.

They have to wear their own clothes, which they have to wash themselves.

A new hospital is being built outside the location, but the patients do not know when they will be transferred.

Odenaalsrus.

"BRAVO"

This Week's Donations:

Cape Town:
Band £1.1, Premier 10s., Ally Sisters £1, Harry £1, Double York £3, A.T. £1, A.B. 10s., A.F. 10s., K.D.L. 9s., Rough Diamond £75, Asa £1, O.F. 2/6d., For Freedom 5s., K.H.W.V. 6s., Unity £5.

Total: £90 12s. 6d.

the pressing cries of the vast majority of our population for representation, land and living wages?

The dangers of rebellion and bloodshed will never be removed as long as the bulk of the population remains discontented and poverty-stricken. But the Nationalist Government still remains adamant in the face of local and world opinion. Not only do they refuse to alter their apartheid policy but they are seeking still more drastic methods of enforcing it.

To even contemplate the use of a gas on crowds which will have the effect of paralysing people is alarming, to say the least. Unlike tear-gas this new weapon may well have serious after-effects on its victims. Unless steps are taken immediately to halt this dangerous "experiment," this intended crime against humanity may assume the proportions hitherto seen in the Nazi Germany gas chambers.

In the name of justice and decency we demand that the Nationalist Government call an immediate halt to all experiments which threaten the lives of our people.

P. BEYLEVELD

National President,
Congress of Democrats.

Seeds of Oppression

In the September issue of New Age Dr. Verwoerd's new deal was fully explained by Mr. N. Mandela. I am therefore making an earnest appeal to all self-respecting people to make the New Age their buttered bread.

On Sept. 30 the chief at Tamasstad called a huge gathering. He told the tribe that all their belongings must be registered with R.A.D. Anybody who didn't take up his words would be imprisoned.

A few days after his talk the Government's agents came to register the people's belongings.

It is alleged that on the 1st day there came an Afrikaner, with his rifle, who used abusive language to the people. A young man objected to the use of abusive language. The Afrikaner without wasting of time went into the shop and called the police from town. The police came only to find that their caller had gone under the pretext of being attacked whereas the people were quite peaceful and dispersed peacefully.

Days after, these gentlemen came again. This time the people went to register their belongings in twos. Questions were asked as follows:

How many cattle have you got? Sheep, goats, fowls, pigs, orchards? How many acres of land do you plough? What kind of seed do you grow? Is there any changing of seed?

The seeds of oppression grow daily, but the people's march shall never stop. No amount of intimidation shall either retard the people's progress.

Mayibuye iAfrika.

AARON MOLETE

Mqroka.

Radio Peking On Pondoland

Radio Peking at 8.40 p.m. one evening recently gave a one and a half minute news flash to the Pondoland activities. The news was completely accurate. The announcer mentioned that if the Bizana boycott did not end, the Whites feared the end of the White trader system.

The just fight of the Algerian people against the oppressive French imperialism was also mentioned.

We do not agree with Radio Peking but it is better than the South African Broederbond Cooperation.

Never, Never Surrender.

C. PRITCHARD and
E. MORKEL

Cape Town.

Two Meetings In Basutoland

Freedom talk is being heard in every street and every corner of Basutoland. The slogan of the BCP—Afrika—and the stretching out of the right hand with the thumb upwards is now the usual habit of members greeting each other.

The aim of the African Congress parties is to expose White imperialism and bury capitalism in Africa.

Recently two meetings were held in the Mohale's Hoek district—one for Congress members and one for the public. The leading speakers were Mrs. Mamathe and Mrs. Mafekeng. Mrs. Mamathe reported on her experiences on her recent trip to London, Denmark and China. Mrs. Mafekeng told about the pass laws and her banishment from the Union.

After the speakers had spoken, the chairman told the audience to direct their questions to Mr. Ramoroboli, one of the leaders of the BCP in Mafeteng. I fail to see why the two women were not allowed to answer listeners' questions themselves.

M. M. KAMOLI

Maseru.

Congolese Not Deceived

What is UNO doing now in the Congo? Didn't they achieve their aims when they denounced the Congolese Prime Minister Mr. Patrice Lumumba and replaced him by its 'stooge' Colonel Mobutu? When Mobutu gained control of the Congolese people the UNO thought things would always be like that and forgot that the Congolese are just as brainy as UNO members are. They discovered that Lumumba is the only man to lead them and therefore swayed their support from Mobutu to Lumumba.

Now the UNO and the U.S.A. are busy looking for a man to control the Congolese. They forget that UNO, U.S.A. and Mobutu cannot deceive the Congolese people forever; therefore it is not Mobutu who is losing control but the Congolese who are beginning to see their blunder by supporting the so-called "strong man" and leaving Lumumba in the lurch.

I appeal to all African states who are members of the UNO to ignore it and send their troops to the Congo to help Lumumba take over the reins quicker and sooner.

L. L. B. TYUMRE

Jabulani, Tvl.

EDITORIAL

GOVT'S "NEW DEALS" ARE OLD FRAUDS

THE Government has been trying to repair some of the damage caused to its name during the emergency by promising "new deals" to various sections of the people.

Last September the Prime Minister announced with a great flourish that there was to be a "new deal" for the Africans. This was followed last week by talk of a "new deal" for the Coloureds and promises of action to secure higher wages for African workers by means of more regular investigations by the Wage Board.

Meanwhile the people remain profoundly unimpressed. The burden of hardship and poverty which they have to carry remains as heavy as ever, the apartheid laws are still on the statute book, pass raids continue, and not a single African has received a penny increase in wages as a result of Government action.

The Government would do more to convince people of its sincerity by raising the wages of its own employees in the civil service and on the railways than by all these rubbishy announcements of its good intentions.

THE PEOPLE WANT BREAD, NOT WORDS. AND THEY WANT IT NOW, NOT IN THE NEVER-NEVER.

Let the Government abolish the pass laws, Population Registration Act, Group Areas and the Suppression of Communism Act for a start. Let them release the exiles rotting in detention camps all over the Union. Let them do away with Bantu Authorities, which are stirring the people to revolt in one reserve after another.

Let the Government make a single move to show that it is prepared to take into account the wishes of the non-Afrikaner sections of the people of all races who, after all, constitute the great majority of our population. Let them make one real step, however small, towards government of the people, by the people, for the people.

Then one can begin to start talking about a "new deal" which will make some sense as a preliminary towards the establishment of a truly democratic state based on the will of all the people.

Until then we can only dismiss all this talk of "new deals" as a shameless fraud, designed to deceive people at home and abroad about the true nature of apartheid, which remains, as it has always been, one of the most ruthless forms of exploitation and oppression the world has yet seen in this "century of the common man."

PONDOLAND—WHITE TRADERS JITTERY

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White traders have been warned by officials not to talk to visitors to Pondoland.

Mr. Ben Turok, African Representative from Cape Western in the Cape Provincial Council and national secretary of the Congress of Democrats, found on a recent visit to Pondoland that the Civic Association of Bizana had warned the Government over a long period of time that the Bantu Authorities system would bring chaos to Pondoland.

Mr. Turok had his car stopped at a roadblock at the entrance to Umata. Police at the roadblock threatened him with a prosecution under the Road Transportation Act, arrested under the pass laws an African travelling with him, and delayed the party for the whole afternoon.

Umata and Bizana, said Mr. Turok, are crawling with police.

Officials, when they did speak to Mr. Turok, tried to pass off the whole Pondoland explosion as caused by 'outside agitation.' Said one top BAD man: 'The Pondos are being led by a group of agitators, among them Chief Lutuli from just across the river in Harding!'

Early this month the people of Port St. Johns unequivocally rejected Bantu Authorities when the local Native Commissioner addressed a meeting with Chief Botha Sigcau.

Although the boycott of other towns is not as effective as that of Bizana, the tribesmen are confident that these other local boycotts will grow.

One tribesman, asked by New Age how the decision of "the Hill" could now be put into effect, as the authorities are not likely to grant

permission for the holding of meetings, said: "Umtwanawam (my son) a determined people could not be stopped by such a simple hurdle..."

TRADERS IN FRENZY

In the meantime the traders at Bizana are in a frenzy. Many of them face complete ruin. Some have approached Mr. R. I. Arenstein in an endeavour to enlist his help in getting the Pondos to call off the boycott. This approach was followed by a meeting of traders with the Chief Magistrate at Bizana.

CATO MANOR

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of local organisations is being planned in this area with the object of forming a broad Anti-Removals Committee.

The South African Congress of Trade Unions in an angry statement to New Age said that people living at Kwa Mashu are finding it extremely difficult to make ends meet.

Pointing out that the people are already starving at Cato Manor, where the cost of living is very much lower than at Kwa Mashu, the statement warns the City Council to take heed of the people's frustration and sufferings. The alternative may be that Natal will once again witness a people's revolt similar to the one that was unleashed during the latter part of 1959 and early 1960.

The Congress of Democrats, commenting on the removals and the disturbances that followed, asks how Europeans would feel if they were ordered to move to a place where bus fares would be double and where they were asked to pay for water which is a free commodity in other areas.

CAN PROGRESSIVE POLICY SUCCEED?

Most Non-Whites Will Not Get The Vote

JOHANNESBURG.

SOUTH Africa's mining magnate Mr. Harry Oppenheimer emerged as Progressive Party guiding star at the party's national conference held here last week. The minority report on the franchise, signed by Mr. Oppenheimer and Dr. Zac de Beer, carried the day.

The Progressive Party franchise plan, contrary to what was recommended in the party's 'Experts' Commission on the vote, provides for:

- Two voting rolls, a common roll and a special roll for persons who do not qualify for the common roll.

- Standard six as the educational standard for all voters. The majority report recommended not standard six, but standard four. In addition there will be income or property qualifications.

So, to get the vote on the common roll, you must have passed standard six and earn £360 a year.

Voters on the special roll will elect 10 per cent of the members of the House of Assembly in special constituencies.

MINORITY REPORT

A minority report signed by Dr. S. Cooppan, of Natal, argues strongly against the educational and income levels for the vote. Though he supports a qualified franchise 'to start the ball rolling' and to break up the present political stalemate in the country, Dr. Cooppan argues that "the qualifications must not appear to be designed to exclude as many Non-Whites as possible . . ."

The P.P. franchise policy does exactly that.

The Party says it is impossible to calculate how many Non-Whites would get the vote under its franchise plan. There are no statistics

for making even an intelligent guess, says the Molteno report. "In any case it would be of limited value, since the relative numbers would be bound to alter with the cultural and economic progress of the Non-White peoples which the Progressive Party is committed to promote."

But the requirement of a monthly income of £30 places all but a tiny few out of range of the vote.

IN DURBAN 90 PER CENT OF NON-WHITES EARN LESS THAN HALF, THAT IS BELOW £15 A MONTH.

THE FACTS

If you look hard enough you can find some figures to hazard this 'intelligent guess' the Progressives evade.

By 1953, for example, a total of 167,000 Africans in South Africa had passed standard 6. In 1953 alone 15,000 passed standard 6, in 1959 31,000. Taking an average number of those qualifying in the years since 1953, perhaps a quarter of a million Africans might qualify for the vote.

But then they also have to pass the second test of income, so this number would be considerably reduced.

Taking the figures at their best, and even if the income test did not immediately disqualify very many of those who passed standard six, Africans would muster only one in every eight voters on the roll. The two qualifications taken together would most drastically cut this number. Would South Africa see as many as 10,000 voters scattered through its many constituencies?

Prof. Pistorius, announcing that he would join the Progressive Party, hailed its sound 'conservative' policy.

Conservative is right.

THE IMPLICATIONS

Meanwhile, not only is the principle of qualified franchise rejected by the majority of Non-Whites, but these qualifications will at best enfranchise only an aristocracy of Non-Whites, and leave effective power safely in the hands of the Whites.

And the problem still remains—how is this policy to be put into effect? An appeal to the European electorate is unlikely to be successful at this stage. Only in association with Non-White political support are the Progressives likely to come to power.

At the moment it is a bit of a vicious circle, and the Progressives have given no indication of the way out.



This is the man, Sipo Goba, whose activities were financed by industrialists and businessmen to cause disunity amongst the people. He looks as if he is having a complete blackout.

Sent to a Work Colony in September, NOW HE IS FREE

From Govan Mbeki

PORT ELIZABETH.

LAST September a man who had lived the life of a prince for years was sentenced by an East London BAD Commissioner to be detained in a work colony for two years because the court found that he was an "idle and disorderly person having no visible means of livelihood."

He was Mr. Sipo Goba, who hails from Fort Beaufort.

LAST WEEK I SAW MR. GOBA WITH MY OWN EYES WALKING THE STREETS OF EAST LONDON AS A FREE MAN. HE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN RELEASED.

Mr. Goba's former career is not without interest to Congressmen and women.

Carrying a brief case, he went into factories, big commercial concerns and offices of professional men in small and big towns in the Border and Eastern Cape. He collected money for his bogus organisation that was supposed to have a membership varying from 20,000 to 100,000. He styled himself the Organising Secretary of the Bantu National Organisation of South Africa, whose motto as printed on the letterheads was:

"Down With Strikes, Boycotts and Provocative Attitudes Based On Racial Hatreds."

The office-bearers of his organisation whose names appear on the letterheads are: President: Chief M. Vazi; Hon. President: Chief K. D. Matanzima, B.A.; and Treasurer: M. Dyani.

Goba was supposed to be running three offices at addresses in Duncan Village, East London, New Brighton and Nyanga in Cape Town. According to the letterheads his residence was Milner Hotel, East London.

True enough, whenever he was at East London he was hovering about the Milner Hotel, and offering to entertain anybody he thought was important. He hobnobbed with the Special Branch.

OFFICIAL BLESSINGS

Businessmen are said to be hard nuts to crack when it comes to parting with their money. Yet it is mainly industrialists and big businessmen who financed Sipo Goba because he promised to kill Congress, and to break up efforts by African workers to form trade unions to better their wages and working conditions.

Whenever the ANC embarked on campaigns such as the stay-at-home, or bus boycotts, he became very active and his letters opposing such actions were featured prominently in

the correspondence columns of the daily press.

According to the inquiry in court, prominent African doctors, lawyers and teachers were amongst the people who contributed freely when Sipo Goba came to them for money.

MUMBO-JUMBO

The leaflets Goba sent to would-be donors were a mixture of crude flattery to Europeans and out-of-place religious references to the "Law of God." One such leaflet reads:

"Of all important things brought by Europeans into this country, the most important ones are Education and Christianity . . . Clear thinking will show that Europeans were sent by God to come and help our people."

Discrediting the stay-at-home he likens it to the Nongqause incident and says:

"Even today there are many Nongqauses who tell the people not to go to work in order to get freedom, yet they do not even know what freedom is." He then goes on to describe it thus:

"Freedom is the recognition of the truth, therefore act as you ought. To work is not the law imposed by Europeans, but it is the law of God. Thus a person who says 'Do not work' is really telling you to break the Law of God. If you break the law of God, you will obey the law of the devil, who is a bad devil who will make you a thief or murderer and cause your children to starve."

HE LIVES

He concludes by saying: "I live, yet nevertheless not I, but Christ liveth in me."

This appears in a letter sent to a businessman: "The Christian life involves a particular view of the world and God as its providential Ruler and Christianity in its doctrine of regeneration lays the foundation for Education."

Like Bengu, who was sentenced to five years for fraud after running around the country waving letters of introduction from Cabinet Ministers, Sipo Goba claimed that he enjoyed the blessings of the BAD Minister.

"Pondo Struggle Is Our Struggle"

Cape Town Meeting Rejects Bantu Authorities

CAPE TOWN.

THE capacity audience stood in silence for a minute to mourn the Pondo dead at a Congress of Democrats meeting in the Banqueting Hall here last Sunday.

Some members of the Special Branch also stood up, but others remained seated.

Addressing the meeting, his first after his five-year ban, Mr. George Peake of the Coloured People's Congress said that in spite of a news blackout events in Pondoland revealed that the Africans in that area were subject to brutalities by punitive expeditions of police.

"We have only to think back on the events of March when the police went on a rampage of thugery here in Cape Town—then we will be able to appreciate what the Pondos are experiencing," Mr. Peake said.

NEW DEAL

Referring to the Coloured community, he said, "We who suffer at the hands of the Nationalists must not be bribed by New Deals which seek to alienate us from the African people. Freedom is indivisible, and our slogan must be, 'The struggle in Pondoland is our struggle.' We salute the African people in their

uncompromising fight against Bantu Authorities."

VENTRILOQUIST ACT

The Bantu Authorities Act was a ventriloquist's act, said Mr. L. B. Lee-Warden, former African representative in the House of Assembly. The Government spoke through its puppet chiefs. The Pondo people had many grievances, but none of the Government's promises to the African people had been kept.

Verwoerd had boasted that South Africa always paid its debts, but the debt of the whites to the black people had been outstanding for a long time.

URBAN AFRICANS

"The introduction of tribal authorities in the cities will mean that urban Africans will be responsible to the Government's puppet bodies," said Mr. Bernard Huna. "We will be subject to dummy courts and the other institutions set up by the Government. Tribal authorities will divide us into different groups, Tembus, Pondos etc.

"But what do we urban Africans know about tribal rules and etiquette? We are city dwellers. We reject Bantu Authorities, and we support the people of Pondoland.

We must not allow the Government to crush their struggle."

FREEDOM AT HAND

Speaking amid prolonged applause Mrs. Annie Silinga, veteran African women's leader, said that when the people of the rural areas joined the struggle, it meant that freedom was at hand.

"The Nationalists have failed to rule this country properly. We want a general election in which everybody can vote and we will elect a government that will clean up the mess."

RESOLUTION

The meeting passed a resolution demanding the repeal of the Bantu Authorities Act and the withdrawal of the Commissioner General Mr. Hans Abrahams; the withdrawal of all armed forces and police from Pondoland and the holding of peaceful negotiations with the people in order to improve conditions. The resolution also demanded the release of the banished leader, Mr. Anderson Ganyile, and all others who had been banished by the Government, and called for the lifting of the ban on the African Congress organisations.

Mr. A. J. Storm was in the chair.

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