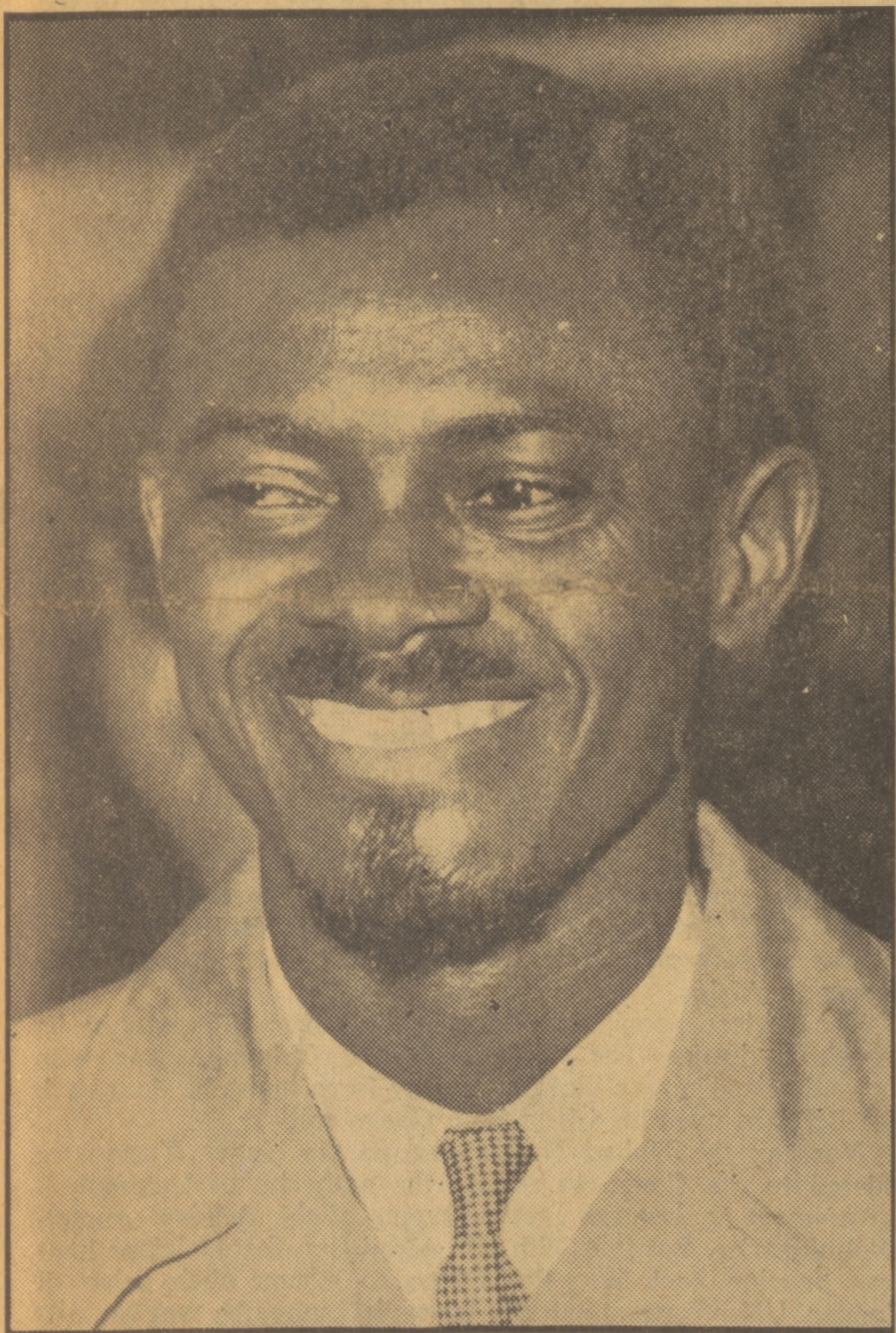


# NEW AGE

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## PATRICE LUMUMBA— MURDERED BY THE IMPERIALISTS



## South Africa Demands that His Killers Be Brought to Justice!

● Mass Protest Meeting on the Grand Parade, Cape Town, on Sunday, February 19, at 3 p.m.

● See articles on pages 2 and 7.

From Govan Mbeki  
**PORT ELIZABETH.**  
**TERROR** spreads in the Transkei as the Nationalist Government deploys its commando army units and the police to "maintain order" in widely separated areas.

Despite the heavy rains in the last two weeks, whole families have been sleeping in the veld to avoid being found indoors when the army, police and stooges call round in the dead of night in search of the men-folk.

Pondoland has been going

# BOYS LASHED FOR PASS OFFENCES

## SAVAGE SENTENCES IN JO'BURG COURT

JOHANNESBURG.

**YOUNG AFRICANS ARRESTED UNDER THE PASS LAWS ARE BEING SENTENCED TO LASHES IN THE NATIVE COMMISSIONER'S COURT HERE.**

THIS IS THE LATEST SCANDAL OF THE PASS LAWS—WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE TRYING TO RELAX.

According to official sources the police have had instructions to 'go easy' with pass offenders. But teenagers are being sentenced to lashes for first offences—and such minor offences as being found without reference books.

### NO CHANCE TO APPEAL

The youngsters come up in court in the morning and the lashes are administered in the afternoons. They have no chance to appeal against the sentences, should they want to. In most cases their parents do not know what has happened to their sons, and the police take no steps to notify them. There is no option of a fine for these youngsters.

● On Tuesday 9th February, 13 Africans arrested under the pass laws were caned.

● On Thursday 11th, New Age interviewed two Swazi youngsters, bewildered and smarting, who'd had cuts.

● On Friday 12th, New Age found four more youngsters who'd been caned, and spoke to them as they came out of the punishment room.

If you wait outside the Native Commissioner's Court in Fordsburg any week afternoon between 3.30 and 4, you will be able to hear the swish of the cane, and the screams of the youngsters being beaten.

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## "KING KONG" STARS LEAVE FOR LONDON



Leading lady Peggy Phango has mixed feelings as she hugs her mother goodbye. See story on page 5.

## PRO — GOVT. GANGS RUN AMOK IN THE TRANSKEI

through this harrowing experience during the last three months and now Tembuland is involved in it.

Since the death of Spalding Matyile and William Mtambeka on the night of January 29, more than 200 men—from boys of 16 to old men of 70—have been rounded up in the Gqobonco location in the area of the amaQwati, Engcobo district. Men who were passing by road through the location during the few days following the first police swoop were caught in the police net.

### WOMEN FLEE

After the raid on the first night the women and children fled to the neighbouring locations, but that

helped very little as the army and police search parties also spread their operations into the neighbouring locations.

Instead of this great show of force driving fear into the people, it has aroused peasants in the whole area and the neighbouring district of Idutywa. There is resentment at the manner in which hundreds of people are being arrested and thrown into jail. Most of the Transkei jails carry far more than the normal number of inmates.

### THUGGERY RAMPANT

In the district of St. Marks (Cofimvaba), where Kaiser Matanzima has established his stronghold, an

armed band of desperate thugs—about 200 strong—terrorises the people. There is growing discontent in this area and some men who have become disgusted at the corruption and thuggery practised under Bantu Authorities have fled to the Glen Grey and Queenstown districts.

The same vicious methods have been used in the Cala district to smash resistance to Bantu Authorities. Cattle and sheep have been taken from people by armed bands who have run wild. But the spirit of the people has not been broken. Many people sentenced at Askeaton

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## FORT HARE — CITADEL OF INDOCTRINATION

At the beginning of 1960, 30 students were refused readmission to the University College of Fort Hare. The Minister of Bantu Education said, when questioned by Mrs. Ballinger in Parliament, 'the readmission of these . . . students was not considered by me to be in the best interests of the College because of their activities in 1959.' When we asked the new Government-appointed Principal for reasons, he also said that they were excluding all those they feel will not co-operate in the implementation of the new Govt. policy. He said we had no right to demonstrate against the piece of legislation which turned Fort Hare into a Govt. institution. Our reply was that all the professors (including the Principal), lecturers, staff-members and students took part in the demonstrations. He said it was just unfortunate that only a few were victimised.

To us it was evident that they were acting on information they get from sly spies and informers who are planted all over the College to spy on others. The injustice lies in that no trouble is taken to prove the accuracy of the information. The authorities 'smell out' the undesirable ele-

ments and take measures against them immediately in order to intimidate those who are still in the College. So both lecturers and students live under perpetual fear of being 'smelt out.'

One lecturer told me, 'We are swallowing insults here because we have nowhere else to go.' He further added that students were offered £20 (start) to dish out information to the Special Branch in Alice. This is a source of insecurity and despair. All those lecturers who have resigned from Fort Hare have done a wise thing because their position is decided.

What is most unjust is that students are not excluded on academic grounds or recklessness in behaviour. Critical analysis of the College policy or independent thinking expose one to victimisation. Consequently, Fort Hare ceases to be a place where people acquire university education and becomes a place of indoctrination. Thus the African people of S.A. are deprived of a basic human right—education and culture.

SIPO S. MAKANA  
Fort Beaufort.

### Dag Working for Imperialism

What could Dag Hammar-skjoeld report to the Security Council about what he saw in South Africa? Because he did not meet our real leaders such as Lutuli, Sobukwe, September, Naicker. In fact, he refused to meet them. That shows that Dag is working for Western imperialism. When he went to the Congo he never saw Prime Minister Lumumba either.

All freedom fighters must unite and know that Dag is working for American imperialism.

PATRICK MASONDO  
Edenvale

## Avenge Lumumba!

**I**F you are indignant at the shameful murder of Patrice Lumumba by the imperialists in the Congo, as we are sure you are, then we ask you to bear one important fact in mind:

New Age was the only newspaper of any kind in South Africa to stand by Lumumba and insist on his right to rule as the legally elected Prime Minister of his country. The entire daily press, the so-called Non-White press, the weeklies, the fortnightly—all joined in reviling Lumumba as a Communist agent and backed the efforts of his enemies to drag him down. NOT ONE OF THESE PAPERS, WHO PRATTLE ABOUT FREE ELECTIONS, DEMOCRACY AND THE WESTERN WAY OF LIFE, RAISED A SINGLE VOICE OF PROTEST WHEN LUMUMBA WAS FORCIBLY REMOVED FROM OFFICE AND THROWN INTO JAIL BY THE DICTATOR MOBUTU. ALL MUST BEAR SOME SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS MURDER BECAUSE THEY EN-

DORSED THE REGIME THAT MURDERED HIM.

New Age has once again been proved right by history. The independent African states, as well as the All African People's Conference, took the same line on the Congo as we did. They backed Lumumba, as we did, not because he was a Communist (which he wasn't), but because he was the only Congolese leader putting up a real fight against imperialism, the only true representative of his people.

Once again New Age has shown that it speaks with the authentic voice of African liberation, AND IT IS THE ONLY SOUTH AFRICAN PAPER TO DO SO. HELP KEEP NEW AGE ALIVE. IT IS YOUR STRONGEST WEAPON IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

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Johannesburg:

B and S £3, Jumble £32.15.6, Friends £20, Anon £5, Bennie and Mary £10, Old Faithful £5, Parkview £2.

Cape Town:

Rubar £7.10.

TOTAL: £85 5s. 6d.

## DAG CANNOT END APARTHEID

The people who complain about Dag's visit do not understand why he came to South Africa. Dag did not come to look into the rights and wrongs of apartheid because the United Nations had already voted by an overwhelming majority to condemn apartheid. He only came here to inform Verwoerd about that decision and to ask Verwoerd whether South Africa was prepared to do anything to modify its racial policies.

Some are complaining that Dag met Botha Sigcau, CAD stooges and other so-called leaders whom no one has heard about for the last 8 years, and that he did not meet the Congress leaders. Well, we are not the first to complain about Mr. Dag's attitude. When he went to the Congo he met only the stooge Tshombe.

The UN in its Charter of Rights declares itself to be the protector of and guardian of weaker countries. The principle is fine, but in practice the opposite takes place.

In 1950 the UN was used by the United States capitalists to try to compel the North Koreans to submit to exploitation by the West. In 1960 again the UN's role has been exposed by the treachery of the US and the Western pseudo-democrats in the Congo and Premier Lumumba has been ousted by the stooges of the West.

On the strength of this all freedom fighters should understand that Dag will not and cannot end apartheid, for he is partisan in world affairs.

F. L. M. MAKANA  
East London.

## Mr. Phoofole Explains His Expulsion From B.C.P.

This is a reply to the statement which appeared in the front page of New Age on January 12, 1961, headed: "BCP Deputy Leader Quits. Moves to form new party in Basutoland."

The secretary of the Basutoland Congress Party keeps on saying that Mr. Phoofole went in for subversive activities but does not explain what those activities were. It is an undeniable truth that I disagreed with a party leader, but I never violated the constitution and politically I saw no cause for my expulsion, which in my opinion is unconstitutional. Appa-

rently if one canvasses for a candidate against his leader whom he is not satisfied with, he is called subversive and expelled.

The leader of the BCP promised to publish my subversive letter that caused my expulsion, but unfortunately or wisely he has not done so. Why? I hereby challenge him to prove to the world my subversive activities by printing my letter in the press.

The secretary says I tried to create a split in the Transvaal ANC, but he cannot quote one instance where I tried to do so, not even in the branch to which I belonged.

In any case, it does not seem that the BCP wants friendly relations with the ANC. If it did, why did these two organisations not work together in the Transvaal? Why did BCP pass a resolution that no member of BCP must belong to another organisation? What has happened to all the people from South Africa who were members of the ANC—Ellen Molapo, Nimrod Sejake, Mohlabi Mohapi, John Motloheloa, O. P. Phoofole and 12 others? Is Mr. P. K. Leballo still a member of BCP? Were all subversive?

The BCP leadership is completely opposed to anyone who is rumoured to have been a member of the ANC in the Union, and many of them have been expelled. There are more politicians outside the BCP than inside, and the leadership is to blame.

I have never opposed BCP and its policy is perfect and shall always get my support, but the leadership is good bye. I promised the executive committee of BCP that to prove my loyalty to the party I will never join any political party at present existing in this country; but I shall not refuse a call if the people still demand my services in the BCP or any party which may have a policy similar to that of BCP.

In the BCP or outside, the struggle will go on until we have a united Afrika freed!

O. P. PHOOFOLO  
Basutoland.  
(See story on page 4—Ed.)

## EDITORIAL

## MURDER IN THE CONGO

**L**AST year it was Felix Moumie, of the Kamerun, poisoned by the French terrorist organisation the Red Hand. This year it is Patrice Lumumba, done to death by the Kasavubu-Mobutu-Tshombe gang who serve Western interests in the Congo. In Algeria hundreds of thousands of people with black skins have been mown down by French bullets. Last year at Sharpeville and Langa, last week in Angola—**everywhere in those parts of Africa which are not yet free the imperialists and white supremacists who pretend to be defending Western civilisation and saving Africa from Communism are engaged in their bloody trade of shooting down the true freedom fighters of the African people.**

Africa is a glittering prize. For centuries the imperialists have looted its wealth and exploited its peoples without let or hindrance. The nations of the West have grown fat on their booty, while the colonial peoples have suffered and starved. After 500 years of White civilisation the African people of Angola remain the most poverty-stricken and illiterate on the Continent. In the Congo the number of professionally-trained Africans produced under the Belgian regime could be counted on the fingers of one hand. But the White man boss in Africa and overseas lived well on the proceeds of cheap African labour.

The West wants Africa backward and in chains. And now that Africa is beginning to stand on its own feet, the West struggles desperately to hang on to its ill-gotten gains.

### MURDER MOST FOUL

The murder of Patrice Lumumba is one of the foulest single acts perpetrated by the imperialists in their sordid history of plunder and oppression. Here was a man legally come to power as Prime Minister of the Congo according to the rules which the Belgians themselves had drawn up. He was the freely elected head of a freely elected Parliament. But because he dared to stand up for the rights of his people, and because he tried to make freedom in the Congo a reality and not a farce, the Belgians, their UNO allies and their African stooges Kasavubu, Mobutu and Tshombe joined hands to destroy him.

The elections were wiped out and Parliament was dismissed. Lumumba was arrested on charges which were never specified because his captors never dared bring him to trial. When it became obvious that the mass of the Congolese people stood by their deposed leader, he was handed over to the butcher Tshombe and done to death.

**Thus do the imperialists "defend Africa from Communism"—using the same methods that Hitler used to "save Europe from Bolshevism." But there was a reckoning with Hitler, and there will be a reckoning with the imperialist butchers and their stooges in Africa.**

The African people demand that the killers of Lumumba be brought to justice. The Kasavubu-Mobutu-Tshombe gang, who have all seized power illegally and by force, must be destroyed. The Belgians must be driven from Congo soil.

Nor can the United Nations escape the blame. They were ordered to the Congo to restore the authority of Lumumba's Government against the encroachments of the Belgian counter-revolutionaries. But it is with UN permission that Belgians have been pouring back into the Congo to resume their reign of plunder. UN officers stood idly by while Lumumba was brutally assaulted at Elizabethville airport and later done to death in Tshombe's dungeons.

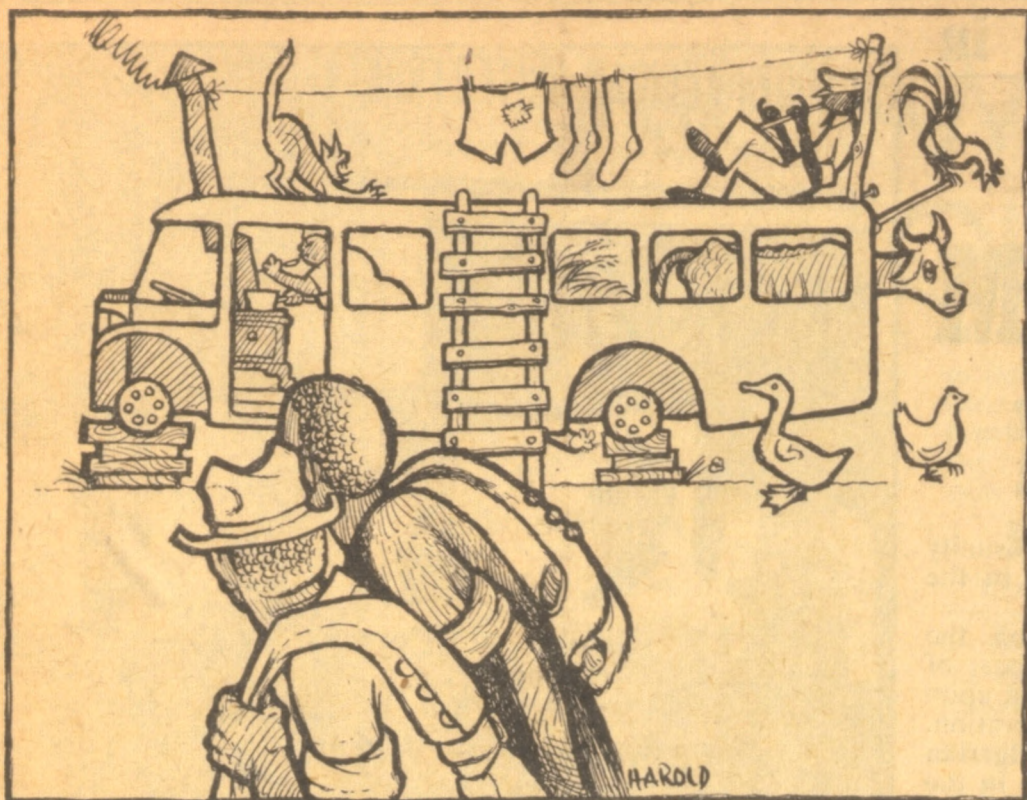
Now it is enough. The UN, dominated by the Western powers and especially by the United States, must be reformed to express the will of the world's peoples; and Hammar-skjoeld, the bankers' stooge, must go. After his disgraceful performances in the Congo and in South Africa, he can never again enjoy the confidence of the African people.

### A BLOW AGAINST AFRICA

The murder of Lumumba is a blow struck against the dignity and self-respect of the peoples of all Africa. The independent African states must take the initiative in ensuring that the criminals responsible for this dastardly deed receive their just deserts. If Goering, Goebbels and Co. could be sentenced to death for war crimes at the end of the Nuremberg trial, then the imperialist gangsters and their stooges should hang for their part in the killing of Lumumba and the crimes which are still being perpetrated in their name in the Congo.

**The peoples of Africa will not rest until this stain on their freedom has been wiped out. The continent-wide struggle against the imperialists and their stooges in Africa must be raised to new heights so that never again will the counter-revolutionaries be able to raise their hand against the people's leaders, and freedom, once won, will be secure for all time.**





"Well, I'm glad they're making some use of the buses, anyway!"

## P.E. Bus Boycott

# NO WORK EVEN FOR SCABS

**PORT ELIABETH.** ONLY 12 of the 115 scabs who were engaged by the Bay Passenger Transport Company still remain formally employed by the Company. The rest have been laid off.

On Saturday last week, a few hours before the Company took away its fleet of buses from the New Brighton depot to the depot in town, the scabs were called together and told to surrender everything belonging to the Company. They were then instructed to report at the depot at 9.30 the following morning (Sunday), when they found all the buses gone. From there they were conveyed to the Tramway offices in town in two buses driven by Coloured drivers who were given strong police protection.

At this meeting the manager commended the scabs for their bravery because they had turned out to help the company at the risk of their lives. Some of these workers had had many years service at their previous places of employment and were earning up to £5 per week. They had given up their jobs to take work with the Bus Company which promised to pay £7 a week.

### SCABS LOSE JOBS

The manager regretted, however, that the directors were unable to continue paying them while the Company was not making any money. He then announced the Company's decision that those of them who were already trained would receive £1.10.0 per week, and the untrained £1 per week. These amounts would be paid only for as long as funds were available.

The Company would only keep 12 of them, four of whom were scabs drawn from the old staff. The rest were told that they could go and look for work elsewhere. Those who

were not able to find work would continue to receive the dole of £1 per week while the Company still had the funds. They were sent away with a promise that when conditions became normal again they would have first preference. Further they were asked to go and persuade the people of New Brighton and Zakele to go back to the buses.

Before the meeting ended the scabs were given a list of phone numbers to ring in the event of anything untoward happening to them and their homes. They were given numbers for the fire brigade, the police at New Brighton, Zakele and Korsten, and the Chief and Assistant Chief Inspector.

Some of the scabs, who are now living in the township without jobs, are feeling very bitter. New Age learns that some of them re-applied at their old firms but were turned away as their positions had already been filled.

### WARNING

In a statement issued over the week-end the Federation of S.A. Women (Eastern Cape) points out that the women of New Brighton and Zakele have spared no effort to persuade the bus management to enter into negotiations with its workers, but their attempts have been "dashed against a stonewall of unwillingness on the part of the management to resolve the dispute in a manner that would result in the least hardship to the bus users."

The Federation points out that the dispute "affects directly the entire population of New Brighton and Zakele for whom the service was established..."

In the meanwhile there has been no flagging in the people's determination to boycott the buses until the dispute has been settled by negotiation between the management and its workers.

# "WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THIS FRAUD"

— Dr. Naicker

## Dept. Of Indian Affairs Rejected

THE Government's announcement of the proposed creation of a Department of Indian Affairs has been categorically rejected by spokesmen of the Indian Congress in Natal and the Transvaal.

"The people will not accept this fraud," Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the South African Indian Congress, told New Age.

"We have seen the workings of the Coloured Advisory Department and the Bantu Territorial Authorities and we have witnessed the chaos, insecurity and outright despotism for which these departments are responsible," he said.

### PROUD RECORD

Warning the Indian people to be vigilant and calling for the total rejection of the proposed Board, Dr. Naicker said: "The Indian people have a proud record in so far as such Boards are concerned."

"When the Smuts Government wanted to establish an Indian Board to work the Asiatic Land Tenure Act (the predecessor of the Group Areas Act) they could not find a single Indian to accept the positions offered, even though members were offered salaries of £2,000 a year."

"Our demand is quite simple. We ask for nothing less than universal adult suffrage on the same basis as that enjoyed by the White population."

The Transvaal Indian Congress has similarly rejected the proposed Indian Affairs Department and warns strongly that the only way out for the Indian people is by the extension of democratic rights to all the peoples of South Africa, regardless of race.

### CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

However, a Pretoria Indian businessman, Mr. H. Joosub, is to see the acting Minister of the Interior, Mr. De Klerk, later this month about the Government's new Department.

Asked by New Age whom he would represent in the interview, Mr. Joosub said "leading commercial men of the Transvaal and Natal."

He would not say what proposals he would make to the Minister, but said the interview was to find out about the Government's plan. "We want to know how the Department will work out."

Mr. Joosub said he welcomed the establishment of an Asiatic Affairs Department if it would bring relief to the Indian people, but not if it did anything to strangle them. His public statement in support of the Department was therefore one of conditional support.



Red weals are left on the boy's buttocks after the caning.

## AFRICAN BOYS LASHED

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All the youngsters caned were arrested for failing to produce a reference book, under section 15 (1a)2 of Act 67 of 1952, that is, the Abolition of Passes Act.

### ATTACKED BY TSOTSIS

Young Spewe Gadebe (wrongly written as Gatela in the court records) was employed by New Age as a street seller on Friday afternoon, three days before his arrest. While he was selling papers in the Western Areas he was waylaid by tsotsis and his reference book and money were taken from him. On his way home he was stopped by the police and asked to produce his reference book. When he could not do so he was arrested and lodged in the Langlaage police cells.

When he appeared in court on Tuesday morning, Spewe says he told the magistrate he was employed and asked that a policeman accompany him to the office of his employer to prove this. The request was refused. With him in court were 12 other teenagers, none of them older than 20. All were sentenced to cuts.



17-year-old Spewe Gadebe, given 6 cuts because he was found without a reference book.

### EMPLOYERS GO FREE

The two young Swazis given cuts on Thursday afternoon had been brought to the Reef from their home in Piet Retief but their employer, who has a compound near Lenz, did not register them or have reference books taken out for them. When the police raided the compound the African workers were arrested, among them these two youngsters (one aged 18, and the other 20). The youths take the punishment while their employer gets off scot free!

One of the youngsters caned on Friday afternoon was 19-year-old Wellington Jaji whose mother traced him at the Native Commissioner's Court. When she saw the policeman go into the punishment room with the cane in his hand 'I couldn't stand it,' she said, and she walked away from the court.





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