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TREASON ARRESTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

CHRISTIAN ACTION SPECIAL APPEAL

CHRISTIAN ACTION is raising a special fund in connection with the arrests of 155 persons (European and Non-European), on charges of high treason, in South Africa. The main purposes of the fund are:

- (a) to provide for legal defence for the accused;
- (b) to give practical assistance to the dependants of those arrested, the majority of whom are Africans;
- (c) to ensure, as far as possible, that the conscience of the world is kept fully alive to what is happening.

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The Fund has the full support of the Movement for Colonial Freedom and other interested bodies.

DONATIONS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED: please send to The Secretary,
Christian Action, 2, Amen Court, London, E.C.4.

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We urgently appeal on behalf of the Defence and Aid Fund established by Christian Action in connection with the arrest in South Africa, in December 1956, of 156 leading opponents of Apartheid on charges of treason. The purposes of the Fund are to provide for the best possible legal defence of the accused - they are on trial for their lives - to aid their families and dependents, and to help to keep the conscience of the world alive to the issues at stake.

The trial has already lasted for more than a year - even the Preliminary Hearings are not yet completed. 61 of the accused (selected from the 156 without rhyme or reason, it would seem,) in the same senseless way as the 156 were originally chosen for arrest) were released a month ago with no compensation. This makes an immediate and urgent call upon the Fund for their rehabilitation after a year away from their homes and places of employment. And for the 95 remaining

on trial costs of defence grow heavier and heavier as the case drags on. But it is the desperate plight of the families and dependants of the accused which must compel the maximum contribution to the Fund from every imaginative citizen of these Islands.

Material hardships, separations among families - including mothers from young children, loss of employment, inability to pay hire purchase instalments and rents, interrupted studies, broken homes, wrecked hopes: these and other cruel difficulties are the lot of everyone involved in this wicked trial. And so long as their ordeal lasts even those who may have a job to go back to (and many have been dismissed ^{from} their jobs) are unable to provide for themselves or their dependants.

This trial in South Africa is very much our concern. For not only does the policy of Apartheid show a shocking disregard for Christian and liberal principles in human relationships; but also with these men and women ^{South Africa's opponents of Apartheid} on trial South African democracy and free

The world over
speech are on trial. The South African Government to-day
accuses of treason those who claim the freedom to speak out in
public their belief that the Charter of Human Rights ought to be
applicable to all men regardless of their colour, creed and race.
Here, then, by *giving* proving our support to the Defence and Aid Fund is
an opportunity for doing something practical, immediate and of
lasting ~~lasting~~ import in defence of those principles for which we stand.

We have raised in Britain approximately £40,000 - including
the special gift sent by the Labour Party to the South African Labour
Party for the Fund in Johannesburg. But we are advised from South
Africa that a total of £150,000 in all will be required. Will you
please send your maximum contribution (cheques payable to Christian
Action) to The Secretary, S.A. Defence & Aid Fund, 2 Amen Court,
London, E.C.4.

We urgently appeal on behalf of the Defense and the Family
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We have raised a further amount of \$40000 — including the
~~donated from the 11th & 12th Nov~~
 special gift sent by the Labour Party to the Anti-Apartheid Party for
 the Anti-Apartheid Day — but we are advised for Anti-Apartheid 1982 a 1983
 of \$40000 will be required. Call for plans and for maximum
 contribution (Chapman, 1982, 1983, 1984) 8th Nov, S.A. Dept. of
 Fund, 21th Court, London SW14

MEMORANDUM

The Fund raised here in Britain has now reached just short of £60,000. About £15,000 has been raised in the United States of America, and in South Africa something like £30,000.

The money subscribed has been allocated through the Committee in South Africa of which the Bishop of Johannesburg is Chairman. This Committee originally set the Christian Action target at £10,000; later raised it to £20,000, and then £50,000. But owing to the long drawn out proceedings - it is now nearly two years since the arrest of the original 156 accused - the need for money grows and becomes more urgent. The Bishop, on behalf of his Committee, now asked for at least another £50,000, for rehabilitation purposes and if necessary for continuing the defence, should the Attorney General decide to go on with the trial.

Of the £58,000 received into the Fund, £48,500 has been allocated in South Africa through the Committee members out there, for defence and aid purposes. Roughly £4,000 has been spent on propaganda, advertisement, expenses of meetings, administration, etc. There is a balance of approximately £6,000 waiting to be called upon by the Committee in South Africa. Owing to the difficulties out there, and the possibility that at any time the Government might decide to proscribe their fund, we keep the balance over here until it is actually needed for expenditure.

Our accountants are at present busy on the Christian Action accounts. We hope shortly to be able to give you ^{an account} ~~you~~ ^{on it} ~~should you~~ require it, an accurate statement of income and expenditure of the Treason Trial Fund.

In addition to money required for the purposes of the Treason Trial, the Bishop of Johannesburg hopes that we will raise another £50,000 to help in other similar cases in South Africa. The mass trial is becoming now the technique of the South African government. Here are two examples of what is at present happening and for which money is required:

(a) The mass trial on charges of murder of 210 Africans in Sekhukhuneland. Here, in a riot caused by Government efforts to impose Chiefs sympathetic to their Bantu Authority Act over a people who were loyal to Chiefs opposed to the Act, seven people were killed. The police forthwith rounded up 210 of the Africans involved and put them in jail on charges of murder. Each one of these is now facing the probability of the death sentence, unless they can be given adequate defence.

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(b) The case of 34 people accused of arson. Here, ~~where~~ the Bishop of Johannesburg was able to supply some money for defence purposes, 17 of the accused ~~were at once acquitted.~~ But the rest are still on trial, ~~Let me quote from the Bishop's letter.~~ "There were three cases of arson, in which 34 people were accused, and as a result of adequate defence 17 were acquitted and one received a suspended sentence."

~~The Bishop of Johannesburg is a little to the right of the Bishop.~~
The Bishop goes on to say "In two cases of public violence involving 25 people, 4 were acquitted, and in a murder charge now proceeding in which 5 persons were charged, 2 have already been acquitted. There is a further action pending against 44 persons for public violence. I am quite sure that the fact that these people have been properly defended has secured the acquittal of a certain number and in all probability a lighter sentence in many other cases because they have had someone to present the thing fairly before the Courts. As you will appreciate, in a number of cases involving a lot of accused, the expenses have been extremely heavy. However, the £1,000 which I have been able to give the lawyers today has considerably eased the position, especially as most of the accused are very poor people and have very slender financial resources."

In responding to the Bishop's request for a Fund with a total target of £100,000, Christian Action is widening the terms of reference for the Fund.

The terms of reference of the present Fund are, ~~you will remember,~~ as follows:

"A Fund raised in connection with the Treason Trial in South Africa ~~for the purpose of providing~~ to provide for the legal defence of the accused; to aid their families and dependants; and to help to keep the conscience of the world alive to the issues at stake."

Our proposed new terms of reference will run roughly as follows:

"A Defence and Aid Fund the purposes of which are (1) to carry on the purposes of the Treason Trial fund and (2) by the provision of legal aid to safeguard freedom and human dignity in Southern Africa, whenever and wherever they may be endangered by or in legal proceedings brought under unjust legislation or at the suit of governments or persons reasonably suspected of arbitrary or oppressive conduct; and to support, sustain and comfort the families and dependants; and (3) to help to keep the conscience of the world alive to the issues at stake."

MEMORANDUM

Concerning the South African Treason Trial

1. It should be borne in mind that the trial places in issue all the major events in the history of race relations in South Africa during the years 1952 to 1956, and these years were crammed with such events, reaching back to the Defiance Campaign and including the present efforts of the African people to resist the introduction of "passes" for women and the implementation of the "Bantu" education system.
2. The participation of the ninety accused in these events is alleged to constitute high treason or alternatively "the advocacy of communism" as defined in the Suppression of Communism Act, a definition which includes, for instance, any effort to bring about a political, social or economic change by illegal means, e.g., by an African woman refusing to carry her "pass".
3. The Crown evidence at the preparatory examination (excluding adjournments) took over nine months to lead. It consists of over 8,000 pages of evidence, the records of two to three thousand speeches and some 20,000 documents. We believe the bulk of this evidence will be led again at the trial and to that will, of course, have to be added the evidence for the defence. Though matters will proceed more expeditiously at the trial, it must be anticipated that the trial will last for not less than nine to twelve months.
4. The work of preparing for trial is enormous. The sorting and classifying of the documents and speeches is not yet completed, though six Counsel have been fully occupied for over four months, and a number of Counsel have assisted "pro amico" or for something like nominal fees. The prospect of taking some ninety accused through the part they played in the events on which the Crown relies, is appalling. The fees should be considered in the light of these facts.
5. In every case the fee being paid to Counsel, both in respect of preparation for trial and as a retainer, represents considerably less than Counsel would have earned in the period at his own practice. Counsel would, in a commercial matter of any magnitude, certainly charge considerably more than the fees they are being paid.

The Counsel briefed all have busy practices. When the Treason Trial ends, they will have been working on it full time for a period of more than a year. It will be many months after the end of the Trial before their work and their income return to normal.

NOTES FOR NEW BASIS FOR S.A. & D. FUND

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From The Bishop of Johannesburg:

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CHRISTIAN ACTION

SPECIAL 1952 APPEAL

The Council is appealing for an immediate special fund of £15,000. Present income is barely sufficient to keep going what is already in hand and quite insufficient for any expansion of our usefulness. The fund is needed for the following purposes :—

- (a) To continue the experiment of holding Forums about current affairs by men and women renowned in public life; and in particular Forums in which capital, management and workers discuss their problems together in an agreeable atmosphere and against a background of common purpose.
- (b) To enable the movement to play its part in the industrial life of the nation—with the aid of and in co-operation with management and workers, to bring Christian principles to bear upon the problems of industry. Christian Action would like to be able, at the invitation of industry, to do everything possible to help forward all efforts to humanise the processes of industry.
- (c) To publish a series of pamphlets based upon the findings of expert study groups.
- (d) To put the quarterly Christian Action News-letter and Review on a sound basis.
- (e) To appoint an assistant to the Chairman whose task will be to build up support in local areas throughout the country. At present many calls for help and guidance have to go unheeded.
- (f) To enable Christian Action to send delegates abroad to selected international conferences.

CHRISTIAN ACTION is an undenominational and non-party organisation. Its supporters include Anglicans, Free Churchmen, Friends, Roman Catholics, and men of goodwill without denominational allegiance; Conservatives, Liberals and Socialists.

Kindly send cheques to :—THE HONORARY TREASURER, CHRISTIAN ACTION, 2, AMEN COURT, E.C.4.

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The total so far raised by the Defence and Aid Fund is £190,000.

We are, therefore, in sight of our Third target (the first was set at £10,000, the second at £100,000 and the third, for the end of 1960, at £200,000).

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Allocations to date have been as follows (figures approximate; the audited accounts up to June 1960 will be available at the Annual General Meeting).

Treason Trial	£ 65,000
The Rhodesias	8,000
Other Defence & Aid in South Africa (including Sharpeville Emergency and Refugees)	74,000
Under Object 4 of Terms of Reference	14,000
Administration costs	13,000
Earmarked Balance	20,000

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 1. Treason Trial = 2 Sharpeville & Refugee Problem
 2. Emergency: Refugees without Emergency -
 3. Imperative need to keep families going.
 4. Freedom of Press, Conscience.
 5. Refugees Problem
 6. Protection
 7. 200,000 people in the Transvaal
 8. How in the world this is possible -

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SOUTH AFRICAN TREASON TRIAL

Canon Collins (Chairman of Christian Action) announced that The Christian Action Defence and Aid Fund has now passed the £20,000 mark.

This information was given by Canon Collins at a private farewell reception given on behalf of Christian Action to Mr. Aminu Kano (President and Leader of the N.E.P.U. Party, and the leader of one of the delegations to the recent London conference on Nigerian independence). The reception was attended by sponsors of the Defence and Aid Fund.

On advices from South Africa, the target for the Fund has now been raised to £50,000.

It is now estimated that, in all, £150,000 will be required for the legal defence of the 156 accused and to provide for them and their families and dependants; towards which total, it is hoped, Christian Action will provide £50,000 from Great Britain.

Reports from South Africa emphasise the urgent need. Legal costs, despite the generosity of the South African Bar, will be extremely heavy: and the plight of the accused and their families and dependants grows daily more desperate.

It is not difficult to imagine the ill effects of this long drawn out trial upon the spirit of the accused: but it is heartening to learn that their morale remains high, despite the strain and boredom of having to attend court five days a week, morning and afternoon month after month.

Indicative of the worsening situation for the accused is the fact that even members of the professional classes, who up to the present have been able to meet their own personal e

have now to ask for help from the Defence and Aid Fund. For example, when recently the Preliminary Hearings were adjourned for a month and the accused allowed to return to their homes for the first time since Christmas, everyone living outside Johannesburg had to ask for aid in order to pay their fares etc: the fund paid out over £1,000 for this purpose alone.

The list of 44 sponsors of this special appeal by Christian Action is an impressive one. Among the more recent additions to the list are: The Bishop of Chichester, Sir Maurice Bowra (), Sir Henry Willink () and Mr. James Griffiths ().

The longer the South African Government prolongs this trial, with its cruel effect upon the 156 accused and their dependants, the greater may be the total of money finally needed. Plans for raising more money include two charity concerts in the autumn (one jazz and one straight music) and a charity auction.

, In South Africa, the local committee of the fund in Capetown is arranging an auction of gifts of books given by their authors, and of pictures and paintings given by their artists. Already they have received a number of gifts including works by Lewis Mumford, Rose Macaulay, T.S. Eliot, Christopher Fry, and Ben Nicholson.

"Hundreds of thousands of people see in Apartheid a shocking disregard for Christian and liberal principles in human relationships, but feel impotent. What can we do? they ask. Here then is an opportunity for doing something practical, immediate and of healing import."; this is the message of the Sponsors of the Fund to the people of Britain.

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MEMORANDUM.

Since Sharpeville, Christian Action has received for the Defence and Aid Fund approximately £40,000. The work of the Fund continues to expand. Added to the needs of the Treason Trial and the support of the families of the victims of the Sharpeville shootings are many other similar cases where men and women are suffering because of racial discrimination laws in South Africa. We have been helping with refugees who have go away from South Africa. A further call on the fund has come from Southern Rhodesia from detainees there.

In additio to the work of the Defence and Aid Fund, our race relations work continues and increases. Calls for help in many individual cases come our way and we have a special fund which provides scholarships for three Africans from South Africa, studying over here, but is fully committed and if you make any mention of it, don't encourage others to ask for help! We have to turn down a good number of requests for educational grants.

The Cala Sona enterprise is now remarkably well established with six families in residence and two more likely to join them within the next few months.

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