

THIS IS SITE AND SERVICE

Women And Children Sleep In The Open

From GOVAN MBEKI

PORT ELIZABETH.—In the bush on the western outskirts of New Brighton, lorries rumbled slowly, piled high with corrugated iron that had long rusted, and smoke-begrimed pieces of wood that once passed as timber. Grim-looking women, some of them carrying babies on their backs, were perilously perched on the swaying loads as the drivers controlled their machines on the uneven roads that lead to the Site and Service area.

These were the vanguard of the families that are being forcibly removed from Korsten to the outskirts of New Brighton where they have to house themselves on the Site and Service area.

DETECTIVE THREATENED TO KILL HER SON, SAYS MRS. AREND

Evidence At Inquiry

CAPE TOWN.

A Cape Town mother told the Magistrate's Court last week that only a few hours before her son was killed in the Woodstock police station, Detective Sergeant Jan Ben Wiese had threatened in her presence to shoot him.

The mother, Mrs. Miriam Arend, was giving evidence at the preparatory examination at which Wiese is appearing on an allegation of the murder of 15-year-old Omar Arend. "TODAY IS THE DAY ON WHICH I AM GOING TO SHOOT YOUR SON DEAD," Wiese said to her at about 3.30 p.m. on the day of March 7, when he came to her house looking for Omar, Mrs. Arend alleged. He searched the house and then made the threat to shoot the boy. Her sister-in-law was present at the time.

At about 6.30 p.m. she was told her son was dead.

On March 1, Mrs. Arend alleged further, Detective du Toit of the Woodstock police station told her



Mrs. Arend.

that if he found her son in the street and he ran away, he would put five shots into him. The detec- (Continued on page 2)

Water has been laid and latrines constructed; one-way streets have been graded; but not a house had been built. Some municipal officials strutted around in a carefree manner, while others were showing bewildered women and a few men who had taken the day off (and lost their wages) to help their women-folk, where to clear the bush in order to dig the holes for timber for the framework of their shanties.

LIKE A NIGHTMARE

For a short time after the Korsten shanties had been offloaded the women stood in a cluster and looked round them as if to size up the immensity of the void into which they had been flung without the least consideration of their plight. Then

Swart's Treason Trial Threat

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one woman, as if suddenly awakening to the brutal reality of the position, slipped her baby off her back and as she laid it near a stunted shrub muttered: "Sleep here my child, otherwise there will be no shelter for you tonight."

Rising, she looked at the sun and exclaimed as if she had been dreaming all along: "God! it will be sunset before we are through with this job." As she said so she grasped a crowbar and started digging the first hole. The other women followed (Continued on page 3)



A woman wielding a pick-axe to dig holes for her shanty. Note the latrines in the background.

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Miss Daphne McLachlan, 19-year-old domestic worker, works in Green Point. Her home is in Kensington (about 8 miles away). On the first day of the bus boycott, she walked to work from Kensington, getting up at 5 a.m. Each time she comes to Town, she walks. The rain last week did not deter her, and she walked all the way to the boycott headquarters, where this picture was taken. Miss McLachlan immediately volunteered to do boycott work, and joined SACPO. "Bus apartheid is most unfair," she says. "I do not see any reason why Non-Europeans should be subjected to the indignity of being ordered where to sit on a bus. I live with my grandparents and know what it will mean for them to have to climb to the top of the bus if the two side seats downstairs are full. I am prepared to boycott the buses as long as there is apartheid."

GROWING SUPPORT FOR BUS BOYCOTT

CAPE TOWN.

"Our bus boycott organisation is growing," Mr. A. la Guma, President of SACPO and one of the leaders in the Cape Town bus boycott campaign, told New Age this week.

The bus boycott, organised by the Congress movement — SACPO,

COD, ANC and SACTU—to fight against bus apartheid, is now in its third week.

Mr. la Guma said that during the past week many more people had volunteered to picket bus termini, distribute leaflets, and to give lifts along bus routes at peak periods.

An enthusiastic meeting at the (Continued on page 6)



A lorry carrying Korsten shacks being offloaded at the Site and Service area.

WORK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF!

We have a special soft spot for the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress. They have wasted no time in implementing their decision to give all possible aid to our National Campaign. This week's donation of £15.8.8 from their organisation brings their total to £26.8.8d., already more than half of the target they set themselves.

There have been other resolutions from other organisations, adopted unanimously and with enthusiasm, at various meetings and conferences. Many of these appear to have been quietly forgotten even before the ink dried on the paper. Except for odd amounts from the Food and Canning Workers' Union and two branches of the Congress of Democrats, nothing at all has come in from the other trade union and Congress organisations.

Does this unpalatable fact mean that the Congresses and progressive trade unions are not interested in preserving New Age—the only mass organ on which they can rely to print their news, views and

opinions? Are the 25,000 copies of New Age read each week by the cream of politically conscious South Africans of no importance in the struggle for freedom?

Fine words and resounding phrases, even if written in letters of gold, don't help to pay the printer, the blockmaker, the rail-age, the postage, the rent, the wages or any of the other hundred-and-one expenses of a newspaper such as ours.

Resolutions are not worth the paper they are written on until they are implemented. The Transvaal Indian Youth Congress has shown what can be done when words are translated into action. It is high time that other organisations did likewise.

The £1,300 collected since the beginning of March—nine weeks ago—has not been sufficient to pay for current expenses. On the 30th of April, after scraping the bottom of the barrel, we were still £300 short of what was needed to pay our urgent accounts. We had to borrow money to save New Age from the immediate danger of extinction.

How much longer do you think we can carry on like this? **WORK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF—AND THEN DO SOMETHING**

ABOUT IT! Not tomorrow, or the day after, but NOW.

New Age is the personal responsibility of every democrat in South Africa, the sign and symbol of our strength, our determination, of everything we stand for. To let New Age die for want of effort on our behalf would be an act of betrayal against democracy.

MAKE YOUR PERSONAL DONATION IMMEDIATELY! GET YOUR ORGANISATION MOVING IN OUR CAMPAIGN!

THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS

Dinner (further proceeds) £1.1; J.M. 9s.; F.M.J. £2; G.G. 11s.; H.R. £10; Food and Canning Workers (Wellington Branch) £2; Jumble £5; Dolly £2; Hopeful 10s.; Spuds £1; B.H. £1; M.W. £1; Anon £10; H.P. 10s.; S.D. £20; T.S. £15; J.H. 3s.; V.M.S. £4.9s.; Mr. Barnes 2.6d.; Mr. O (Readers' Pennies) 2.10d.; Tvl. Indian Youth Congress £15.8.8; Paul £4.2s.; Anon 10s.; Donation £1.10s.; Promised £10.

Previously Acknowledged £1,192 5 0
Total this week 108 9 0

TOTAL TO DATE £1,300 14 0

SWART'S TREASON TRIAL THREAT

THE pieces of the Nationalist jigsaw are beginning to fit together. We have always maintained that in order to be able to continue their rule, the Nationalists must create an atmosphere of fear and terror among all sections of the population. In no other way could they hope to get the people of this country to tolerate their infamous apartheid policy.

Now the long series of assaults upon the democratic liberties of the people is moving to a climax. Last March the Soviet consulates were closed by order of Mr. Louw, and their staff expelled from the country. On Tuesday morning of this week, screaming newspaper headlines inform us that "Brutal Communist Forces Invade Free State"—a reference to the army manoeuvres being conducted this week, in which the "enemy" is clearly indicated to be the Soviet Union.

Finally, Mr. Swart announces in the House of Assembly last Monday night that as a result of the Union-wide police raids last September, 200 people are to be prosecuted for treason, breaches of the Suppression of Communism Act and other offences. The charges would be based on documentary evidence seized in the raids, said the Minister. The documents were still being "correlated."

Asked by Mr. Hepple why, if the situation was as serious and alarming as he made out, these 200 people were still walking about as free men six months after the raids, the Minister did not reply.

Naturally, there can be no adequate reply. The whole conspiracy against peace, order and good government in this country comes, not from the side of the people, not from the Soviet Union, but from the side of the Nationalists.

It is the Government's unpopular and vicious laws which stir up discontent among the people. It is the ferocious methods used by the police to implement these laws which, so very often, touch off the disturbances in which bloodshed and violence occur. It is the fundamental denial to the majority of the people of any voice in the conduct of their affairs which violates the most elementary canons of justice.

For all their boasts of the prosperity and advancement of the country, the Nationalists have singularly failed to achieve the promises with which they came to power in 1948. They have not built the apartheid mansion, but are still floundering about trying to get the water out of its foundations. They have not pacified the people—on the contrary, the increasing number of riots testifies to a worsening of race relations.

Above all, they have not improved their standing among the nations of the world. The reception of Father Huddleston's book alone proves that international opinion is hardening against South Africa's apartheid policy, and not all the books which Mr. Eric Louw can commission will succeed in softening it up. It is like commissioning Goebbels to write a brochure on the gas chambers.

A handful of farmers, Broederbonders, wine kings and politicians have prospered exceedingly since 1948, but the overall picture is one of deepening crisis, tension and conflict. And it is to distract attention from their accumulating failures that the Nationalists now plan a super Reichstag fire trial, hoping to give the people blood when they are crying for bread.

Let us warn Swart now that he is starting something which will finish quite otherwise than he hopes. His grand trial will get him nowhere. He may put 200 people in gaol, but he will never get the people to accept apartheid, or to cease fighting for the implementation of the Freedom Charter.

We reject the charges of treason, etc. with contempt. Ours is the only true patriotism, which is born in love for the whole people, and which has devoted itself to serving, not the handful of exploiters, but the highest interests of all, irrespective of race, creed or colour.

Detective Threatened To Kill Her Son

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tive told her to keep a coffin ready.

Sgt. Kirsten said he was on duty at the charge office on March 7. At about 4.45 p.m. Omar Arend walked in followed by Wiese and two Coloured detectives. Wiese had a pistol in his hand. Suddenly he heard a shot and saw Arend sink down behind the counter in the office. Kirsten said Arend would have had to push past three detectives had he tried to escape.

Det. Sgt. E. Daames said he was with Wiese when he arrested Arend at Elsie's River on March 7 for housebreaking and theft. Arend was escorted to the Woodstock police station at 10.30 a.m. and his fingerprints were taken at 3.30 p.m. He

jumped up suddenly and ran out of the door. Daames told Wiese of Arend's escape. Later he saw Wiese with another constable and Arend in a car. Back in the charge office he heard Wiese say to Arend: "If you run I will shoot you."

A few seconds later there was a shot and he heard Arend say: "My God, I have been shot." Wiese put the pistol on the counter and held his head in his hands. Arend clasped his left shoulder, took three steps and collapsed.

Sgt. Daames said his impression was that Arend was resigned to the fact that he had been caught and was quite calm.

The hearing has been adjourned until today, May 3.



WONDERFUL SPIRIT AMONG P.E. AFRICANS

The recent banning of meetings, the shooting of Volunteer Nangoza Jebe, and the imprisonment of shot and wounded freedom lovers in the P.E. area, have heightened the spirit of resistance, raised the level of political consciousness and hardened the determination of freedom fighters in this area. The people are not passively "waiting" for liberation but are eagerly and actively "working" to achieve it themselves, speedily, in their own time. Not only this did I observe on a recent visit, I also noted with inspiration and gratitude, that Africans in this area have a remarkably strong "faith" in the ANC. Their unity is heartening, their determination is unequalled, their perseverance is admirable, their confidence in their leaders moves one with pride; and above all their courage is magnificent.

Let the oppressors know that every drop of innocent blood of the suffering Africans goes far and deep in bringing and welding together the souls of the oppressed masses. Our tears and indeed the blood of our blameless fellow men shed by the oppressors for the sake of upholding the bitterly hated White supremacy ideology in this country, will be taken into account on the day of reckoning which is fast drawing nigh.

I was also moved by the Volunteer Corps' diligence, sense of responsibility and the way they respond to instructions from their leaders. Without question decisions are carried out at once. It was they who organised the national funeral of the late Volunteer Jebe—within a matter of hours 30,000 people were brought together at the most impressive funeral ever seen or heard of in the Union.

To the volunteers the interests of the movement take top priority and personal convenience and interest come last. So devoted are the Cape Eastern Volunteers of

the ANC. How I wish Volunteers in other centres of the Union could acquire these qualities and thus speed up the day of release from the police concentration camp in which we are suffering and being strangled.

Mayibuye Afrika!

J. J. HADEBE

Alexandra.

Pray For Those Who Died

Let us all pray for those who were injured and died in the recent riots.

We must all join hands and support the ANC which says to Minister Swart—"Call Off Your Police."

MICHAEL MEMELA

ANC Newclare Branch, Durban.

Boycott The Buses, Cycle To Work

Now that the winter rains are setting in, it can be expected that the boycott organised by SACPO will experience a setback as workers may be reluctant to walk in the rain unless sufficient transport can be found, but considering that the boycott is a long-term affair why does not every one buy himself or herself a bicycle. Bicycles can be bought nowadays on easy terms. Let everybody cycle to work. You get wet in any case even if you take a bus. I bought myself a bicycle and believe me it does my conscience good to think that the tramways don't get my money, not even the railways.

J. ANTHONY

Woodstock.

We Can't Fight White Apartheid With Black Apartheid

It is sad for me to read in your paper that there are some Africans who are opposed to the Freedom Charter. In Durban too, we have got some who are opposing the Charter. Why, I cannot understand.

They say that we Africans must fight for the Africans only. This is just like the Nationalists who say that the Europeans must look after themselves.

Those who say that we must only fight for Africans cannot oppose the Government because they say that they are fighting for the European peoples.

We must all, whoever wants to join us, be they white or black stand together to fight and defeat the Government. The Freedom Charter is the weapon in this fight.

We can't fight apartheid of the white Government with black apartheid. We must fight for NO APARTHEID.

FLORENCE MKIZE

Durban.

Don't Surrender To Bantu Education

Africans must not surrender their children to this virulent Bantu Education. We are confronted by a perpetual struggle. Our children are being taught that the principles of education are just simply to say "I want work boss." We must reject these Nazi-like ideas.

Tell the parents who send their children to drink from these poisoned wells that it is exactly like trying to fill a basket with water. The darkness is visible under Bantu Education.

We must not continue to be an abused nation in our forefathers' land. Section 2 of the Freedom Charter says "All national groups shall be protected by law against insults to their race and national pride."

H. K. JABAVULA

Korsten Youth League.

ARAB COUNTRIES FORM DEFENCE BLOC AGAINST BAGDAD PACT

LONDON.—In a move which will profoundly affect the entire political situation in the Middle East, the armies of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen have been linked under a unified command.

A five-year pact providing for a supreme council, a military council and a joint command for the three countries was signed last week in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

This latest reply to the West-backed Bagdad Pact was described by the semi-official Egyptian paper Al Gomhouria as "another link in the great chain that will embrace all Arab countries."

The paper claimed that with the new alliance "the Red Sea basin has come under complete control of the united Arab front."

The basic aim of all agree-

ments recently concluded between Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen was to establish a unified Arab bloc "whose policy is based on its own interests and not the interests of imperialism," the paper said.

The treaty says that armed aggression against any signatory will be considered an attack on the other two.

TROFIM LYSENKO, the world-famous Soviet agricultural scientist, has, at his own request, been relieved of his position as president of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Agricultural Sciences. It is understood that this does not involve any rejection of Lysenko's theories, but that the release of the famous biologist from his administrative duties will give him more time for scientific work.

World Greet Bandung Anniversary

"The Asian-African Conference was an epoch-making world event," declared Japanese Foreign Minister Shigemitsu in a statement issued on the anniversary of the conference recently. Similar statements were made by state leaders in Indonesia, Ceylon, Jordan, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, Burma and Egypt.

In the Sudan, Africa's newest independent State, and first to obtain freedom since the Bandung Conference, a cultural delegation from People's China gave its premiere performance at the anniversary celebrations.

By coincidence it was during the anniversary week that South Africa's Foreign Minister, Mr. Eric Louw, complaining about "Russian propaganda in Africa that the Native races are under the heel of their white oppressors," also drew attention to the importance of the conference.

He said that when he was in New York last year he had been "struck by the way in which every Eastern Non-European country represented there had spoken of the significance of the Afro-Asian conference at Bandung."

DISSOLUTION OF THE COMINFORM

LONDON.—The Cominform—the information bureau of the Communist and Workers' Parties—which was founded in 1947 was dissolved last week. Its weekly newspaper, for a Lasting Peace, For a People's Democracy, has ceased publication.

The official statement announcing this said that the Cominform had made a positive contribution to overcoming the lack of contact between Communist Parties in Europe at the time of its formation.

However, the changes that had taken place in the international situation in recent years, including the emergence of socialism from within the bounds of a single country and the formation of a vast "zone of peace" comprising both Socialist and non-Socialist countries in Europe and Asia, as well as other developments, and finally, "the now particularly pressing tasks connected with overcoming the split in the working-class movement and strengthening the unity of the working-class in the interests of a successful struggle for peace and socialism" had created new conditions for the activities of the parties which were members of the Cominform.

The statement made it clear however that different Communist Parties would continue to exchange information and to reinforce their "spirit of mutual co-operation."

"Stop H-Tests!"— Japanese Fishermen

TOKYO.

Seven hundred Japanese fishermen last week held a rally here to protest against proposed British and American nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific this spring.

The fishermen, recalling the deadly effects of radio-active dust on their fishing boats two years ago when the Americans exploded a hydrogen bomb in the Pacific, passed a resolution calling for a halt to future tests.

They urged the Japanese Government to take "effective measures" to stop the tests.

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suit. Some wielded crowbars, some pickaxes and a variety of other tools. It was a beehive of activity to beat the time.

Realising that none was disposed to talk, I walked away to call later in the day, about sunset. A few men had already returned from work and were trying to hitch up shelter for the night. Women exhausted with the labour of the day were battling against a strong breeze that kept on blowing out their Primus stoves.

Some gave up the losing battle against the elements and started fires on the ground with the very

materials with which they were supposed to build their shanties. The younger children stood around clinging to shapeless pieces of brown bread. Here and there a mother was urging her child to eat the bread—up to then the children had not had anything to eat—but the children showed no interest either in the bread, the staff of life, or in life itself.

JUSTIFICATION

Day after day since the ruthless demolition of the Korsten slums with a bulldozer, the Council has justified its action on various grounds. People could not be allowed to live in such conditions of squalor, they claimed. Some landlords were exploiting the "Natives." Korsten slums were a threat to public health—these and other reasons were advanced for removing the people from Korsten to the Site and Service Area.

But, argued one man as night crept over the wasteland and the men stood unable to continue working in the dark: "We have carried the slum shanties with us."

The new landlords—the Council—also charge a rental for the use of their land; if the pondokkies in which they lived in Korsten were a threat to health, the broken-up pondokkies now conveyed to New Brighton are not any the less dangerous to health.

They had lost the race against time. On the shrub-covered waste, families curled themselves for the night near their possessions. A beautiful night it turned out to be for those who had the leisure to appreciate the beauty, but it was cold for those who slept out in the open.

U.S. POLICE RAIDS on the Communist newspaper the Daily Worker have boomeranged. For over a week afterwards, sales of the paper rose by 50 per cent and circulation has not yet fallen back to the old level. "As a result of the raid, the Worker seems to be winning far more sympathy than it ever got before," complained Time magazine. Outright condemnation of the attack on the Worker by a large number of the biggest U.S. newspapers is evidence of the sharp swing from McCarthyism to greater freedom.

ROSENBERGS, SOBELL CONVICTED "AN F.B.I. ATROCITY"

Bertrand Russell joins Amnesty Campaign

BERTRAND Russell the famous British philosopher has joined in the campaign to win freedom for Morton Sobell, the American who was tried together with the Rosenbergs in the notorious "atom-spy" frame-up. Sobell is "an innocent man condemned as a result of political hysteria to thirty years in gaol," says Lord Russell in a letter to the Manchester Guardian.

"I am ashamed to say that at the time of the Rosenbergs' trial I did not look into the evidence. I have now done so. I AM ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE ROSENBERGS WERE INNOCENT AND QUITE CERTAIN THAT THE EVIDENCE AGAINST THEM WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED ADEQUATE IF PREJUDICE HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED.

"But the Rosenbergs are dead and nothing can be done for them now except to hold up

their official murderers to obloquy. Sobell, however, is alive and it is not too late for the U.S. Government to make some reparation to him.

"The facts in his case are briefly as follows:— He had a friend named Elitcher, who had been his best man. Elitcher had stated on oath that he had never been a Communist. The F.B.I. discovered that in making this statement he had committed perjury.

TO SAVE OWN SKIN

"They let him know that he could escape punishment if he would denounce other people as accomplices in treasonable activities. He decided to save his own skin by denouncing his best friend, Sobell. While negotiations in this sense were going on between him and the F.B.I. Sobell and his wife and their two small children went to Mexico. Sobell toyed with the idea

of not returning to the United States, but rejected it.

"His decision to return became known to the F.B.I., which had determined to present him as a fugitive from justice. In order to be still able to present him in this light, they hired thugs, who beat him into unconsciousness, hustled him and his wife and their two children into fast cars, and drove them without stopping from Mexico City to the United States frontier.

FALSE STAMP

"There they were handed over to an immigration officer, who falsely stamped their card of entry with the words "Deported from Mexico" although the Mexican Government had not been privy to the kidnapping and had expressed no intention of deporting them.

"When Sobell was brought to trial these facts were not men-

tioned as his counsel considered that any criticism of the F.B.I. however justified, would only increase the severity of his sentence, his condemnation being regarded by his counsel as certain in spite of lack of evidence. The judge instructed the jury that they could not find Sobell guilty unless they believed Elitcher. Elitcher, because he was useful in this trial, has never been indicted for his acknowledged perjury and, in spite of his being known to be a perjurer, every word that he said against Sobell was believed.

"People express scepticism when it is said that most Germans did not know of Nazi atrocities, but I am sure that the immense majority of Americans are quite ignorant of the atrocities committed by the F.B.I. They do not know of the standard technique of these defenders of what, with cynical effrontery, they still call 'The Free World'."



To try to prevent prominent Non-White visitors from abroad encountering our colour bar and suffering humiliation, and thus getting a "distorted" idea of life in South Africa, Mr. Louw is in favour of a "multi-racial, international guest house." Presumably, a sort of doss-house where "kaffers, koelies and hotnots" (to use a Nationalist phrase) can find a bed for the night.

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