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# DADOO SUPPORTS A.N.C. CALL 10,000 VOLUNTEERS BY JUNE 26

—MOROKA

JOHANNESBURG.

The Executive Committee of the South African Indian Congress, which met here on Sunday, May 4, unanimously decided to support the call of the President General of the African National Congress, Dr. J. S. Moroka, for 10,000 volunteers by June 26, 1952. It was also agreed to have a joint executive meeting of the S.A.I.C. and the A.N.C. on May 31. The meeting, which will be convened by the A.N.C., will decide upon the date of the commencement of the struggle for the Defiance of Unjust Laws.

Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the South African Congress, issued the following statement after the Executive meeting:—

"The present grave crisis created by the unconstitutional actions of Dr. Malan's Government show the dire necessity for the non-European peoples to embark upon the struggle for the Defiance of Unjust Laws if they and the country as a whole are to be saved from the tyranny of the Nationalists, who by defying the rule of law are setting South Africa on the path of fascism.

"We fully support the call of the President General of the African National Congress, Dr. J. S. Moroka, for 10,000 volunteers by June 26th, 1952.

"This struggle is the most positive form of campaign for freedom to be undertaken by the National Organisations of the non-European peoples and will deal a great blow to the pernicious policy of Apartheid and racial discrimination. The people throughout the country are prepared to act as volunteers and there is no doubt that Dr. Moroka's call will meet with tremendous success."

The Executive Committee of the S.A.I.C. also noted with satisfaction that certain officials of the Indian Congress have successfully defeated the efforts of the Liquidator to name them as Communists in terms of the Suppression of Communism Act (as amended).

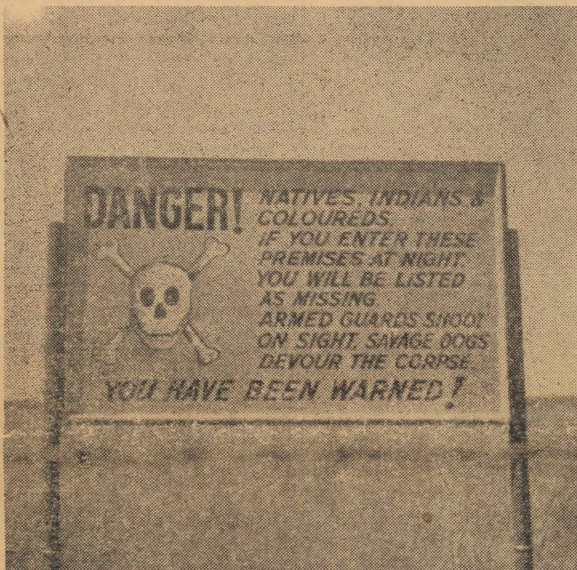
## Registration Certificates?

Do Indians have to produce their Asiatic Registration Certificates when registering births and deaths? This point was raised by the Joint Honorary Secretaries of the Transvaal Indian Congress in a letter to the Registrar of Births and Deaths.

The Registrar replied to this letter stating that his office found difficulties in spelling names. "Apparently," said a spokesman at the Congress office,

"they found no difficulty in spelling Indian names for the past three generations. I would suggest that there is more to it than the spelling of names."

The letter from the Registrar, however, indicates that Indians are not compelled to produce their Registration Certificates when registering births and deaths.



MR. SWART, LOOK AT THIS!

This trigger-happy farmer has the above signpost boldly displayed on his farm, which faces the main road leading to Vereeniging, Transvaal. We demand that you charge this farmer with incitement.

## A FASCIST WRITES

The Editor of SPARK received the following letter from a "reader" in Vereeniging: "I have read your paper SPARK Friday march 28. And I have notice at the things which you blame our honourable dokter Malan. Never mind all the meetings that you held, and shall held. You talk about the United Party, but we know what they were and what they are, they are satisfied that a black native take them on the arm like some photo's wich I saw in the "Vaderland. All that we can say is Boo!

women but instead you will be filled up with Lead. We have seen enough and heard enough. What do you think is doc Malan. I am sure of one thing, some of your bright leaders will be the first to swing without mercy. Keep on and you will get a big Surprise Box worst then what your are calling cruel.

This is white South Africa and we will keep it white, We are prepared to keep it white in cold Blood.

That is what you want a white

A BIG MALANIS.

## "Thirty Thousand Heathens in Thaba Nchu"

—D.R.C. Predikant

"About 30,000 of the 42,000 inhabitants of the Native reserve at Thaba 'Nchu were heathens," said the Rev. P. Rossouw, of the Dutch Reformed Church, Thaba 'Nchu.—Report, "Rand Daily Mail."

May we be so bold as to suggest that it would be better for the African

people of Thaba 'Nchu to remain non-believers than to become Christians of the Dutch Reformed type. It would be better for the African people to remain heathens than become the acceptors of the doctrines of the sons of Ham—the doctrine of race inferiority.

## "Spark" EDITORIAL

### SAM KHAN, M.P.

It was not Dr. Malan and the Nationalist Party who sent Mr. Kahn to Parliament; it was the votes of the African people, expressing their right to elect three M.P.'s out of 159. Yet the Malan Party, after three years of manoeuvring for this purpose, now mean to remove Mr. Kahn from Parliament.

It cannot be said that Mr. Kahn has badly represented the people who sent him to the House of Assembly. Indeed, he has represented them too well. That is his real crime, in the eyes of the Malanazis. They want to get rid of his unwelcome presence, not because of his past membership of the then legal Communist Party (after all Senator Petterson is a Government supporter) but because he has spoken out boldly and effectively on the side of the non-European people, against each new monstrous act of tyranny inflicted by the colour-mad Government.

It is unheard-of in South African history that the Government of the day should have the impudence to disregard the wishes of the electors by over-riding their choice and expelling a lawfully elected member of Parliament. Perhaps they think they can get away with it, because Mr. Kahn's electors are "only Natives" without power or authority, without even the ability to protest.

It is up to the African National Congress and other democratic bodies to show that they are wrong. A sufficiently determined and vigorous protest, even at this eleventh hour, can still preserve in Parliament a voice which democracy can ill afford to lose.

### MEALIES UP— WAGES DOWN!

Mealies—the staple diet of the African people—are up again in price. Sugar is up again—by four-and-two-pence a bag.

But wages don't go up! As a matter of fact many workers are earning less because of unemployment and short time.

It's all part of the High Cost of Malan.

South Africa cannot afford the Nationalist Government—that's the real point.

Strong unions, a successful campaign to end Malanism, advance to democracy—and we'll see a different picture!

Prices down; wages up! Wouldn't it be nice, for a change!

# PASS REPEAL LAW IS A FRAUD

## They Had His Photo

A European detective called at Quinn's Bakery last week to question Mr. K. Zantsi, an executive member of the African National Congress White City Jabavu branch.

Mr. Zantsi told a representative of SPARK that the man questioned him about speeches he is alleged to have made at public meetings, and also about the part he played on April 6. "I was asked if I had been to Freedom Square," said Mr. Zantsi. "When I agreed that I was there the detective pulled out a photograph from his wallet and confirmed my statement by showing me a photo of myself and other Volunteer Stewards who were at Freedom Square."

The detective further warned Mr. Zantsi against making speeches at public meetings, and attempted to elicit an assurance from him that he would not attend any more public meetings. When Mr. Zantsi refused to give any such assurance, the detective advised him to report to the Moroka Police Station and inform the police there of his refusal. Again Mr. Zantsi declined to comply, pointing out that as it was not an official order, he was under no obligation to do so. The detective then left.

## Indian Government Scholarships

Under the scheme of the Government of India to promote cultural relations between India and foreign countries and to extend educational facilities available in India to students of other countries, the following students from the Union of South Africa have been selected provisionally this year for the grant of scholarships for higher studies in India—

Mr. Kantilal L. Modi, for Master of Commerce at the Sydenham College of Commerce, Bombay.

Mr. Yacoob I. Ansari, for MBBS at Grant Medical College, Bombay.

Mr. Samuel M. Nthakana of Basutoland, for Diploma in Veterinary Science at the Veterinary College, Calcutta.

Mr. L. G. Msibi of Swaziland, for Pre-medical/MBBS at the University College, Hoshiarpur.

The grants will be confirmed as soon as the Indian Universities concerned accept the students after verifying whether they have the prescribed minimum qualifications.

## Youth Congress Meeting

Johannesburg.

Mr. Williams, of the Springbok Legion, spoke to a well-attended meeting called by the Central Branch of the T.I.Y.C. on the Constitutional crisis.

He strongly condemned the Government's proposal to set up a "High Court of Parliament."

"The only way of getting this government out of office is to call a one day protest strike. This must be done or else fascism triumphs in South Africa," declared Mr. Williams.

Not content with the obnoxious, oppressive and sinister Native Laws Amendment Bill which has still to become law, the Nationalists have come out with a masterpiece of deception in the form of the fraudulent Native Abolition of Passes and Co-ordination of Documents Bill.

To call this new law the Abolition of Passes Act is to scorn the intelligence of the Africans, but to maintain that this law will "sweep away all Native Passes" is to add insult to injury. Far from sweeping away the pass laws this law is just another way of intensifying the campaign of humiliation, degradation and restriction of movement, and to make more effective the administration in its efforts to prevent the advancement of the Africans to real nationhood.

To really understand its implications it is necessary to examine the provisions contained in the bill. Firstly the hitherto separate documents that are being carried by the Africans are to be stapled or pinned together in one book, with the photograph of the bearer on the first page.

Then, even the Nationalists cannot hide the naked and blatant hypocrisy of this law; the following five pages are to be used for:—

(1) Entries relating to labour bureaux and influx control which simply means that the holder of the "book" will have an entry made to the effect that there is no work for him, say, in Germiston, but that there is work in the potato fields of Delmas.

(2) The signatures of the employers under whom the African works. This provision will enable the police to accost any African in the street at any time and demand: "Jong, Kaffer, waar werk jy?" If he does not work then there's Leeuwkop, Leslie and Bethal.

(3) Poll-tax receipts. This law might sweep away certain unspecified things, but under this section it will not do away with the right of a policeman to accost an African and demand his tax receipt, which will be in the book, failing which—immediate arrest.

(4) Entries reflecting the receipt of any taxes that Bantu authorities might impose. More taxes when the African people are already groaning under the burden of the spiralling cost of living.

(5) All other restrictions remain! There will still be no freedom of movement from one place to the other, the night passes will still be there, and the present-day fraudulent exemption-passes will be abolished.

## Pretoria Indians Reject Derdepoort Ghetto

At a mass meeting called by the Pretoria branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress, the people of Pretoria unanimously rejected the plans of the Pretoria City Council to remove the Indian people from the City of Pretoria to a ghetto by the name of Derdepoort, nine miles out of Pretoria.

The meeting, which was held at the Orient Cinema, Asiatic Bazaar, was addressed by Dr. Dadoo, Messrs. Y. Cachalia, Secretary of the S.A.I.C., N. Thandray, secretary, T.I.C. Rev. Tantsi and Dr. Nkomo, of the African National Congress, and Mr. R. H. Desai, vice-chairman of the Youth Congress.

After a detailed analysis of the Group Areas Act by the various speakers, the meeting adopted the following resolution:—

This public meeting . . . rejects the Derdepoort scheme as designed under the Group Areas Act and out to segregate and ruin the Indian people of South Africa.

Supports the programmes of United action planned by the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress for the Defiance of Unjust Laws.

## Race Baiting In The States

RICHMOND, U.S.A. — Robert McAllester, a senior student at Earlham College, was forced by the officials of that institution to leave the school because he had become engaged to a negress fellow student.

McAllester said that the school authorities left him no alternative but to leave, although they had agreed to let him continue his studies at home.

The Dean of the College said that the proposal that McAllester be allowed to study at home was "the mildest" of several suggestions offered by consultants.

This, dear readers, is what happens in that great democracy—U.S.A.

## Sam And The Kremlin

CAPE TOWN, Monday.—The following is a passage from the proceedings of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Mr. Sam Kahn and Mr. Fred Carneson:

Mr. J. H. Abraham: May I point out that Marshal Tito is, or was, Communist, and that the Kremlin is Communist?

Mr. Kahn: The Kremlin is a building.

Mr. Abraham: We refer to the Kremlin as some people would refer to the Pope or the Vatican.

Mr. S. Waterson: Or to Keerom Street.—Daily Mail.

## Best "Spark" Seller

Over a period of three issues (starting with this number) the best seller of SPARK will receive a prize of rare stamps from the People's Republic of China. The stamps have not been used. All sellers who enter the competition must contact the Circulation Manager after the sale of each issue.

OUR HISTORY—IV

# Young Africa

## "CARRY ON THE FIGHT"—

Says Message to Lopez

Raimundo

# An Open Letter

So far, I have been writing about the past. But the past is only important to us as a guide to the present and the future. History is moving much more quickly today than ever it did before. We live in a time when tremendous and vitally important changes are taking place throughout the world. Africa, too, is being caught in this whirlpool of change.

Young Africa must understand these changes if our youth are to play a worthy part in the storms ahead.

I have told you how the European land-robbers made their way from the Cape to the Limpopo, taking South Africa by aggression and by fraud

By

PHALLANG MOKGOSI

from those whose forefathers had settled here and watered the land with their sweat. It is worth remembering, though, that for two hundred years after van Riebeeck's arrival, the area of European settlement was restricted to an insignificant area of Africa around Cape Town. Only in modern times have we seen the tide flooding northwards, streaming above the Limpopo, above the Zambesi, directed by that imperialist robber-baron whose name is still commemorated in the names of Southern and Northern Rhodesia.

### WHITE DOMINATION.

Whether it is called "Christian Trusteeship," "junior partnership" or—as the Malanites bluntly and crudely express it, "Blanke baasskap," the meaning is always the same for the African.

His land is taken away from him by white farmers, planters, mine-owners. He becomes a labourer where once he was an independent peasant; democratic kgotlas, pitsoas and other tribal councils, are deprived of their authority, his chiefs are turned into office boys and tax collectors for the "Native Commissioners." The African has learnt the bitter taste of alien rule in his country. He has learnt that the pretty words about bringing civilisation and Christianity to Africa are empty lies designed to cover the rape of Africa.

### GOLD, IVORY, SLAVES.

For centuries, "Africa" meant one thing to Europe: wealth. Wealth to be taken away. The names they gave to some parts of Africa show you the sort of wealth they got. "Gold Coast," "Ivory Coast," "Slave Coast."

Now, the pattern has changed. The wealth, human and natural, is no longer for export only; more and more it is to be seized and exploited on the spot.

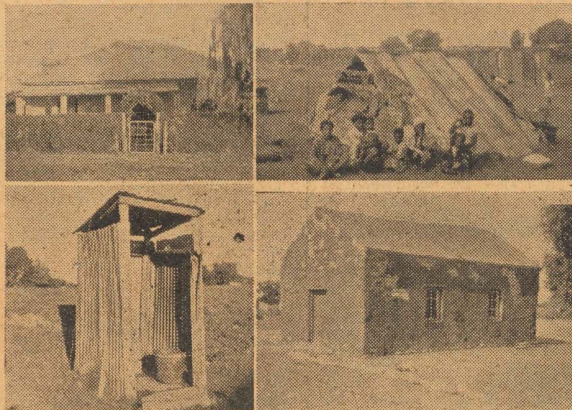
### IMPERIALIST DREAMS

In the Union of South Africa, this process is being carried to its extreme limits by the fascist Malan Government which is reaching out its tentacles to absorb South-West Africa, Bechuanaland, Swaziland and Basutoland; which is out to terrorise and subject the Africans to the status of slaves. Further north, under the slogan of "Federation" and with the backing of British imperialism, the white settlers are planning to seize control and impose a pattern like that of the Union from the Limpopo to Kenya—perhaps with, at the back of their minds, further such "federations" in the future: a grand united African state of white domination extending from the Cape to the Sahara.

These wild dreams are doomed to fail.

For Africa; the true Africa, is not dreaming. Indeed, it is awakening. The people of Africa see before their eyes how in Asia one nation after another is liberating itself from European domination. India, China, Burma, Indonesia have proclaimed that they want to govern themselves. A bloody struggle is going on in Malaya and Korea.

All these historic events have found their response in the heart of Africa.



The City Council of Christiana (Transvaal).

Dear Gentlemen,

Please have a look at the photographs above—no, it's not Bethal or Windhoek, it's your own town. We are not writing to you out of malice or bitterness.

We write to you because we are thoroughly nauseated at the degradation and misery of the non-European people of Christiana. Can civilized men watch on and see people live in such filth? Aren't non-Europeans made of flesh and blood like yourselves, gentlemen? Would you like to live in those conditions?

Look at those photographs again, gentlemen. Perhaps the house on the left of the photograph belongs to one of you; it's a nice house. The owner of that house can rest comfortably when he comes back from work. His children can grow up as healthy boys and girls. His wife can spend her time pleasantly. But right next to that, sirs, is the shack of one of my

people. Do I have to tell you, gentlemen, how those people suffer?

Yes, during the cold nights, the icy cold wind blows through the creaks of those shacks. They have very few blankets to keep them warm. When it rains, water drips through the holes of the corrugated iron. Sometimes a baby dies of exposure.

Then, gentlemen, there is the school house and the lavatory in the bottom half of the photograph. The lavatory is used by more than a hundred people. There is no door on it. The school house is overcrowded—but that is the position with all non-European schools throughout the Union. But, gentlemen, if you don't do something about that building, it will soon collapse on poor, innocent children.

Think, gentlemen, the position is serious.

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD DARROW.

SPARK, Box 564, Johannesburg.

This meeting of Youth and Students expressing the sentiments of African, Indian, Coloured and Democratic European youth, indeed the sentiments of Freedom Loving South Africa, salute you Lopez Raimundo and the fighting youth and people of Spain. We greet you and your 36 heroic brothers and sisters in your glorious struggle for Freedom, for Peace and for Democracy, against the criminal hangmen of the brave Spanish people.

From the heart of every one of us springs a cry of hate and disgust for the criminal actions of the enemies of youth and of progress. We know that this crime was ordered by Franco's American bosses who are at present sowing plague, cholera and other death-dealing bacteria in Korea and China. The youth of our country feel greatly encouraged by your glorious example in the struggle against Francoist fascism and the enemies of Peace.

We in South Africa are your partners in fascist tyranny! We take pride in you and your brave compatriots, and our hearts are jubilant every time the Spanish heroes strike a blow for Freedom for we realise that every blow against fascism in Spain is a step nearer to our own freedom.

"Carry on the fight, Lopez! Democracy loving South Africa is with you!"

### SAVE RAIMUNDO

A meeting sponsored by the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress and the Students Liberal Association sent the above message to Lopez Raimundo, who led the Barcelona strike in 1950. Raimundo is at present in jail awaiting the death penalty. Only worldwide protest can save this young leader and his compatriots. All protests should be sent to the Spanish Embassy, Cape Town.

## Youth Branch Formed

JOHANNESBURG

A branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress was formed at Denver on Tuesday, April 30.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. I. Bhoola, Secretary of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress.

# Natal's Indian Youth Active

DURBAN

At a crowded meeting in Mayville, a branch of the Natal Indian Youth Congress was formed. The meeting was held at the Arya Samay Hall on Sunday April 20.

Advocate H. E. Mall and Mr. J. N. Singh of the Natal Indian Congress addressed the meeting. Mr. E. Sedat, Chairman of the Natal Indian Youth Congress, was also present at the meeting.

The following persons were elected office bearers for the ensuing year:—

Chairman, H. R. Deoduth. Vice-chairman, Munbodi Ramnarain.

Joint Hon. Secretaries: R. Debiky and M. J. Naidoo. Hon. Treasurer: S. A. Kahn. Committee members: Messrs. S. Harilall, H. Bennie, M. Deoduth, G. Peters and M. T. Frank.

### PICNIC

Sunday the 27th April was a fine sunny day and members of the Natal Indian Youth Congress enjoyed every minute of it at the Amanzimtoti Beach. This picnic was the first organised social activity of the Natal Indian Youth Congress, and it was such a tremendous success that already there is talk of planning for a bigger one. Most of the tickets were sold out days before the picnic.

Apart from swimming, soccer, the long walks, fishing and the numerous other games, an important item on the day's programme was a lecture on the "History of Indians in South Africa" by Advocate Hassen Mall. His lecture was interesting and educational. He

said that the Natal Government begged the Indian Government to send Indian labourers to South Africa to work in the canefields of Natal, and now that they have assisted in building Natal into a Garden Colony the Nationalists tried to bribe them back to India with a bonus of £40 and a free passage. This bribe has failed and now they are trying to force the Indians out of South Africa by a series of fascist laws.

He linked the struggle of the Indians with the present struggle of the African National Congress and urged the youths to join the Youth Congress and play their rightful role in the affairs of the country.

Many new members were enrolled at the picnic and the organisers report that all who joined were very enthusiastic to come into battle for political freedom.

# AIMS OF GROUP AREAS EXPOSED AT LYDENBURG

## DE VOS HUGO SETS TRAP FOR INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Lydenburg Municipality failed in its application to the Land Tenure Board to remove the Indians from the centre of the town under the Group Areas Act. The scheme of the Lydenburg Municipality was so shocking in its implications that it had to be rejected out of hand by the board.

The Town Clerk of Lydenburg was forced to admit a number of important facts whilst under cross-examination. The existing African Location is supplied with one gallon of water per person per day and this water is delivered to them in an old septic tank which was used to remove dirty water. The viciousness of the whole plan was manifested by the establishment of the proposed Indian location 200 yards from the sewage scheme of the town.

The Town Clerk told the board of possible future industrial expansion in Lydenburg which in the last 10 years increased its population by only 200 persons. He had to admit, however, that the proposed "industrial development" was only a vague possibility. Shorn of all verbiage it became clear that the real aim was to remove the Indian people from their established occupation of trade in the town.

The Group Areas Act is designed to destroy the trading and occupational rights of the people, to segregate them effectively from all other sections of the population, making their position intolerable and in this way cause their expatriation to India or Pakistan, which is the avowed policy of the Nationalist Party.

Mr. Yusuf Cachalia, representing the Transvaal Indian Congress, was not allowed to deal with matters that were raised by Mr. Hemstra, who appeared on behalf of the Lydenburg Municipality.

Explaining how the Indians had come to the Transvaal under the Old Republic "Grondwet," Mr. Cachalia said that they had entered the province in a perfectly legitimate manner.

If the board decided that the town's

146 Indians had to be removed to the proposed new area, they would be compelled to defy such a decision." He asked the board to make a recommendation to the Minister to repeal the Group Areas Act.

Mr. Minty, representing the organisation which represents the splinter group which ran away from the Congress in 1946 after passing the resolution for a "prolonged passive resistance campaign," said that he would co-operate with the board in investigating alternative schemes (Group Areas), which in effect means the acceptance of the Group Areas Act, and the segregation and expatriation of the Indian community.

The Congress made it clear that the Group Areas Act is an unjust law, which the non-European people have pledged to fight and defy with all the power at their command. There can be no alternatives or compromises with this Act.

After the adjournment, Mr. de Vos Hugo, the chairman of the board, said that he had decided to postpone the proceedings as no good purpose would be served by continuing them. He said that "in order to bring these proceedings to a successful conclusion it will be necessary to propose alternative sites for the establishment of group areas under the Act."

In asking for further suggestions for alternative sites from the non-European community the chairman, Mr. Hugo, warned them that "if no positive suggestions are forthcoming, the board will be compelled to deal with such proposals as are put to it."

"We do not want to be unjust, but if some of the groups do not want to co-operate, they will simply have to take what is given to them," said Mr. Hugo.

Interviewed by the SPARK, Mr. Yusuf Cachalia said that "the adjournment of the board at Lydenburg to consider alternative schemes for the non-Europeans is a very dangerous step and must be viewed by the Indian people with utmost caution. We must oppose the implementation of the Group Areas Act at every stage and we shall not allow anyone to mislead the Indian community into a trap which is so subtly set up by Mr. de Vos Hugo, the chairman of the Land Tenure Board."

Mr. Cachalia declared that there "can never be a just and fair scheme under the Group Areas Act. The aim of this Act is clearly understood by the Indian community and indeed by

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## ROBESON HOUNDED

Paul Robeson, the famous American democrat and world renowned singer, was refused permission to sing at the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House, where the United Nations Charter was signed.

Last year the U.S. Government refused Robeson permission to leave the country for a singing tour of Europe.

They may stop Robeson from leaving the country, they may stop him from using the great halls of America, but they will never stop this great democrat from fighting for what is right and just.

By THE EDITOR.



## MAY DAY AROUND THE WORLD

### NEW YORKERS SUPPORT OUR STRUGGLE

#### NEW YORK.

Fifty thousand people demonstrated in New York on May 1st, in support of the campaign for the defiance of Unjust Laws in South Africa.

#### JAPAN.

One hundred thousand Japanese workers demonstrated on May Day against the occupation of Japan by the American imperialists. The demonstrations met with armed repression from the police and military forces. A number of people were killed and many were wounded.

#### MOSCOW.

The Premier of the U.S.S.R. watched the Soviet parade in Red Square, with Mr. Molotov and other members of the Soviet Government. The parade lasted for 8 hours.

#### BELGRADE.

Tito's army, armed with American weapons, paraded the streets here.

#### ROME.

30,000 people staged a rally here. The rally was watched by strong detachments of police.

### GREEK STUDENTS FOR PEACE

Greek students are among the 13,000 people in Greece who signed the Appeal for a Five Power Peace Pact within a few days despite the terror. The Rector of the Athens University, Professor K. Moutoussis, told a correspondent of "Fruri tis Irinis" (Defence of Peace) that "a learned man cannot be anything other than in favour of peace. It is peace which assures the progress and the well-being of the peoples. In my capacity as a scientist I emphasise that when I speak of peace I mean real peace which guarantees liberty and progress."

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the entire non-white population of South Africa. It seeks to uproot the Indian people from their existing places of occupation for the express purpose of depriving them of their means of livelihood. Submission of any alternative scheme by the Indian community will mean the acceptance of the Group Areas Act in principle and will therefore amount to co-operation in their own economic and social destruction."

Mr. Cachalia added that he was certain "that the Indian community will not commit suicide, they will never be the instrument of their own expatriation nor will they ever prejudice the Indian case at the United Nations."

Advocate J. Slovo appeared for the African National Congress (Tvl.) and the Coloured community of Lydenburg. Mr. Y. A. Cachalia appeared for the Transvaal Indian Congress. Mr. Bopape, secretary of the A.N.C. (Transvaal) and T. N. Naidoo, vice-president of the Transvaal Indian Congress, were present at the hearing.

### N.I.C. CONDEMNS DURBAN CITY COUNCIL

"The dishonourable agreement which is being concluded between the Durban City Council and the Malan Government on the future of Cato Manor shows not only that the Indian and African people can have no faith in the assurances of the Durban Municipality but it also sharply emphasises the viewpoint that the Indian people have nothing to gain by co-operating with the authorities under the Group Areas Act," says a statement issued by the Natal Indian Congress.

"All the Council's past assurances on Cato Manor to the non-European people," adds the statement, "come to naught by its decision to agree to the Nationalists' demand that the proposed temporary African Housing Scheme and even Chesterville should eventually be zoned for European occupation.

"The Natal Indian Congress is totally opposed to this decision and it wishes to reiterate that Congress only agreed to the expropriation of Indian-owned land at Cato Manor on condition that the Council guaranteed that this land would be used solely for permanent African housing. As this condition is not to be fulfilled, Congress is strenuously opposed to any expropriation of Indian lands."

The statement concludes:—

"The Cato Manor incident is a challenge to both the Indian and the African people who must now unitedly wage a relentless struggle against the policy of apartheid embodied in the Group Areas Act seeking to uproot thousands of people from areas in which they have lived for generations."

### HE'S BACK

That honourable Christian gentleman, the very Reverend Sigamoney, has returned from his visit overseas. Although we hope that he had a good trip coming back, we would have preferred him to remain in England for the rest of his days.

## ZUKAS ROUNDED

Mr. Simon Zukas, the twenty-year-old vice-president of the North Rhodesia African National Congress, still languishes in prison. He is threatened with deportation from the Rhodesias by the authorities in charge. Mr. Zukas will appeal to the Rhodesian Supreme Court, where he will be represented by Mr. D. N. Pritt, Q.C., a world-famous barrister and writer.

Zukas was educated as an engineer at the University of Cape Town. On returning back to Rhodesia he became active in organising the workers of the Copperbelt. Zukas has the distinction of being the first European to become an official in the N.R.A.N.C.

When the sinister plan of Federation was introduced, Zukas together with

the African Congress declared that they would fight to the end to defeat Federation. It was for this reason that the Authorities of Rhodesia have taken the step of threatening Zukas with deportation.

The rulers of Rhodesia trumped up a charge that Zukas was conspiring to increase racial hostility! That he planned to overthrow the government by revolution!

Democrats throughout the world have seen through this farce, and are today actively campaigning for Zukas's release. A considerable amount of financial support has been sent to Zukas from sympathisers in South Africa.

**MOVIES**



Don Terry (R) and Lane Chandler in Filmcraft's thrilling film serialization of the newspaper cartoon feature, "Don Winslow of the Navy."

# SLASHING SOCIAL SATIRE— 'MONSIEUR VERDOUX'

Once more that great actor, Charles Chaplin, appears on the screen in an excellent production—"Monsieur Verdoux." Discarding the lovable little tramp who brought laughter to the entire world, "Charlie" now assumes the role of a suave and dapper gentleman, the exquisite rogue who loves and leaves his victims—and the audience—gasping. It was Chaplin himself, who, as usual, wrote the story, produced and directed the film, and wrote the music.

"Monsieur Verdoux" is the story of a bank clerk who, discharged after 30 years of faithful service, is unable to find the employment which will provide for his adored and invalid wife and small son. His logic, born of

desperation, and his realism, nurtured by his experience in the business world, Verdoux turns to murder as his career. A succession of lovely ladies rush romantically to their doom. Rapidly paced scenes are in quick succession shockingly tense, poignantly tender or screamingly funny. At the end when Mr. Verdoux gives himself up, the story becomes a brilliant, slashing satire on Western Civilization, for which Chaplin has a unique gift.

I would recommend this film to all our readers and even to those who have seen the film before. The film will be showing at the Lyric Cinema. (See programme on this page.)

## COMPETITION

Our photographer is on vacation and we therefore regret the absence of the photo competition in this issue of SPARK. The competition will, however, be continued in our next number.

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## ERMELO AND KRUGERSDORP AT SOCCER

Ermelo "B" soccer side played a match at Krugersdorp last week. Ermelo won 4 goals to nil. The scorers were S. Tilly (2) and A. Jaseet (2).

### ADVERT.

## United We Malays Should Stand

It is with regret that again I have to appeal to our leaders to do and say as ordered, which they very often quote, and to show no favouritism. At a prayer meeting of our late brother Galifa Gamat, given by the Nag-sabandias Jamaa, one of our leaders very proudly mentioned in his speech that he was glad that there was one more Jamaa to help celebrate the birth of our Nabee. Very well, we are all glad, but what the speaker forgot to mention was that this new Jamaa should stand together solidly united and not to split every second year. As the speaker should know, it is the very leaders of this new Jamaa who walked out on our late brother Amien Majid, after he taught them how to Jigger and it is the very same leaders who so recently resigned from the Ferns Jamaa. Be careful for the sake of Islam.

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# "SPARK" SPORTS URGENT!

BOXING FROM GEORGE PETER

## McKENZIE FORCES CEASER TO SURRENDER

Leslie McKenzie, the uncrowned welterweight champion who fought Julius Caesar on April 25, looked like a fighter who will leave in a few months time in quest of Empire honours.

Julius Caesar proved himself in the first two rounds and from the third round onward Leslie McKenzie (Human Dynamite) wasted no time. He landed a fury of blows to Caesar's face and body which affected him badly. In the fifth round, having his mouth badly cut, he raised his arm in surrender. He was well beaten and

knew it. The main supporting bout of the evening saw the newcomer to the Durban ring, Johannes Mhlangu of Germiston, scoring a sixth round technical knockout over the former welterweight champion Wally Thompson. With it he scored one of the highest triumphs. The well equipped Speedy Bades drawing over Cuban Hawk in a slug feast that provided plenty of action from start to end. A hard right from Cuban Hawk put Bades down for a count, but he did enough to make the judges' verdict a fair

reflection of a splendid fight.

The tournament, which was packed to capacity, was a great success.

### Preliminaries.

Willie Govender (Durban) beat Frank Moodley (Durban) on points.

Sunny de Vries (Durban) beat Dave Naidoo (Durban) on a first round t.k.o.

George Slabbert (Johannesburg) beat Lingum Pillay (Durban) on points.

Young Sabela (JHB) beat Young Chetty (Durban) on points.

## THE N.-E. TRANSVAAL BANTU TENNIS UNION

The North-Eastern Transvaal Bantu Tennis Union met at State Mines on Sunday, March 30, and the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Patrons All Compound Managers and Location Superintendents; Presidents: Mr. L. M. Moorosi, Mr. P. Mnisi, Mr. A. Mosala; General Secretary: Mr. N. L. Pule; Assistant Secretary: Mr. E. Ngqukuviang; Recording Secretary: Mr. C. B. Ratsiu; Treasurer: Mr. B. B. Mbalu; Committee members: Messrs. C. Mitsi and A. Makoyi. All affiliation and registration fees are to sent to the Treasurer, No. 70, Fifth Street, Benoni Location.

## Tissong Again And Again!

South African non-European featherweight champion Albert Tissong marked his fifth consecutive victory in Britain when showing his wares against the Welsh lightweight champion Selwyn Evans, who retired at the end of the fifth round with an injured left arm in a scheduled 10 rounds fight in Liverpool on April 17th.

Glasgow, 23rd April.

Albert Tissong, the non-European featherweight champion of South Africa, scored a convincing points victory over George Stewart, the Scottish featherweight champion, in Glasgow over ten rounds. This is Tissong's sixth consecutive victory in Britain.

FULL FOOTBALL RESULTS  
next issue of  
"SPARK"

## Vrededorp Sports Board?

We understand that a meeting was held on Tuesday, May 6, at which attempts were made to establish a sports board in Vrededorp. We feel that this is a step in the right direction and we hope that the inaugurator, Mr. Miller, meets with every success. SPARK will give a full report of the meeting referred to above in its next issue.

### JOE MASEKO

LIVERPOOL. — Joe Maseko, the South African Non-European middleweight boxing champion, knocked out Billy Ellaway of Liverpool in the 5th round of a scheduled 10 rounds fight in Liverpool.

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