Feverish Police Activity

(From Govan Mbeki)

TN a fresh drive to destroy the people's resistance to the Nationalist racialist laws, cultural

the pretext of cleaning New Brighton of Juvenile "Won't-works," the police and municipal

officials drag children out of their homes early in the morning and take them to the Native

Commissioner where they are issued with papers stating when they are expected to pay

clubs and children at their homes have become the latest targets of police attacks. Under

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PORT ELIZABETH.

position was, he was told that she

had merely been detained for

New Issue Of

Fighting Talk

The background to the present

disturbances on the Copperbelt is

provided in an article by the well-

known author Doris Lessing, "The

Claws Still Sheathed," in the latest

issue of the magazine "Fighting

In Central Africa, she says in a

clamp down as in the Union, Either

way, the prospects for uninhibited

capitalist development are, to say

Other articles in this issue o

i; "Theatre in South Africa," by

Cecil Williams; two articles on the

Suez crisis; and an interview with

the Mexican painter Diego Rivera

on his return from the Soviet

the least, dubious."

prophetic passage, "African bitter-

### TRUTH BEHIND THE

# COPPERBELT CONFLICT

A "STATE OF EMERGENCY" has been declared on the Copperbelt—the area of the immensely rich British-owned copper mines in Northern Rhodesia. All meetings have been banned. The police are opening fire on the workers and using tear-gas against them. Troops have been rushed to the spot. Thirtyfive workers' leaders have been imprisoned without any charge being laid against them.

Why? Because the African workers who mine the copper which brings immense wealth to the mineowners and a starvation wage to the miners are on strike for better conditions.

The government of the Federation is doing just what Anthony Eden would love to do to Egypt if Nasser didn't have so many confounded guns. It is replying to the legitimate demands and actions of the people with the only argument it is capable of brute force, savagery, imprisonment, and if necessary,

# WORLD STAGE By Spectator

The Africans have all the arguments of logic and morality on their side.

The copper is African copper. The great majority of the men who wrest the copper from the earth who toil and die doing so-are African men. BUT THE COPPER IS SHIPPED AWAY FROM AFRICA. AND THE MONEY THAT COMES FROM THE COPPER GOES INTO THE POCKETS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER DONE A DAY'S WORK IN AFRICA—OR ANYWHERE

### Who Takes The Profits?

Two huge monopolies control Rhodesia's copper. Rhodesian Anglo-American, which, in spite of its name, represents mainly British and South African capital; and Rhodesian Selection Trust which is owned mainly by the U.S. American Metal Com-

These two monopolies own the four great mines -Roan Antelope, Mufulira, Nchanga and Rhokana. Their company reports show the following profits for the last financial year, ending in 1955: Roan Antelope £4,565,452 80% dividend paid

Nchanga Rhokana

£24,583,404

£5.552.105 100%

£7,875,000 140%

£6,590,847 212%

To this £24½ million must be added an additional £28 million set aside for reserves and taxes, all of which enriches the capitalists and the state which runs to their aid at the snap



of a finger, so that admitted profits extorted from the workers come to about £52 million—and remember that there are a thousand and one ways of disguising profits and the real profits figure is probably far higher than the reports show.

In the ten years ending in 1955 Rhokana has been able to pay out dividends equal to 14 times its capital!

The wage bill of the four mines, including bonuses, for both African and European labour is £14,808,413 per year. Profit, £52 million. Average profit per worker each year, £1,268—a rate of 425%. Does that seem high? Well wait until you see the figure for African workers alone.

IN RELATION TO THE AVERAGE WAGE OF THE AFRICAN WORKERS (£105 PER YEAR) THE RATE REACHES THE FANTASTIC PER-CENTAGE OF 1,208.

45,000 Africans slave in the bowels of the earth. For their labour each gets £105 in a year. A handful of men in faraway cities who do no productive work at all collect each year £1,268 for each miner at work.

And when the miners strike to improve their miserable conditions the state howls "national emergency" and calls out the army. If there are any who still doubt the capitalist governments are little more than machines through which the wealthy exercise their power, here is proof to convince the most

WHEN the Federation of the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland into a single state was first proposed the people of these territories quickly saw the true purpose of the scheme. It was to make it possible for the relatively powerful Southern Rhodesia government and state machinery, firmly based on a white supremacy racialist outlook akin to that of the South African government, to be extended over the two northern territories, where the white populations were not strong enough or firmly enough entrenched to put a stop to the growing demand of the Africans for independence.

### "Partnership" Bluff

Largely for overseas consumption—for hardly a single African was bluffed-Lord Malvern (then plain Sir Godfrey Huggins) and his cohorts put forward a smokescreen of "partnership" of Black and White in the new Federation. There was, they said, no question of the Africans being subordinated to

Since Federation things have not gone quite as planned. There has been a two-way traffic.

spread North-but also the powerful liberatory influences of the North have moved South. And the political consciousness aroused in the struggle against Federation itself has remained alive and Removal Scheme

Malvern and Wilensky have had to tread a tight-Malvern and Wilensky have had to tread a tight-rope. They have attempted to mollify African anger by pretending to criticise the Strijdom method of apartheid, and have continued their clamour about

### Some Contrasts

While the Nats were passing their law making it a crime for Africans to strike, Malvern was permitting the organisation of African unions and even boasting of them to British trade unionists. While the Nats were moving to segregate Wits and Cape Town universities, Rhodesia was opening a new non-segregated university. While the Nats in sulted with "Bantu" Malvern was polite with

At the same time Malvern, out of the other side of his face, was busy whispering veiled reassurance to the whites that they could trust old Godfrey. Since the whites would always have effective political control there was no danger that they would lose any of their privileges.

### Strijdom Reaction

At first Strijdom and his Government, who-let's face it—are not very bright, mumbled angrily about northern "liberalism." But they finally tumbled to what was really happening, and for some time now have been on the most cordial terms with the rulers of C.A.F. Only last week "U.S. News and World Report" published an interview with Strijdom in which he said:

"In Rhodesia the English-speaking population. while building a Central African Federation, is determined to maintain the white man's supremacy, although, perhaps, by other means than ours."

Nothing could be plainer. "Partnership" is fine so long as the White partner gives all the orders and the Black partner goes along quietly and asks no questions. But as soon as the African miner starts to demand higher pay and better conditions, he finds "partner" Malvern pointing a sten-gun at his head.

### General Offensive

The troop movements and show of strength on the Copperbelt is not aimed only at the miners. I comes after the banishment

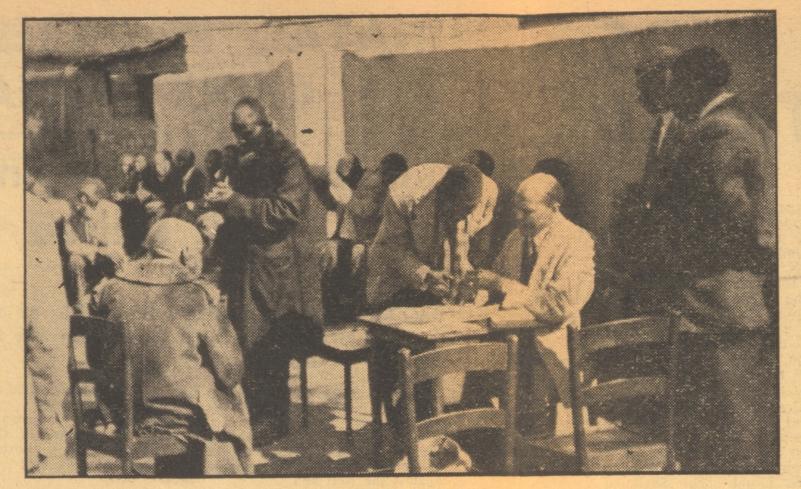
and deportation of African National Congress leaders and a host of other signs that the offensive against the whole iberation movement has be-The Nats are rubbing their

hands with glee. To rule with the sten-gun is the Nat way. But in the battle which has been joined the mine-owners

and the Malverns and Strij-

doms will not be the victors. The "emergency" is a step towards doom for imperialism and the rule of the mine-owners in Central Africa. The African masses are on the move. They are no longer content to slave their guts out in the bowels of the earth for the benefit of shareholders who live in comfort in a foreign country thousands of miles away. They are demanding a place in the sun for themselves, and no amount of concentration

camp rule will stop them from achieving their object. AND THEY MAY REST ASSURED THAT THEY HAVE THE UNOUALIFIED SUPPORT OF ALL SOUTH AFRICA'S DEMOCRATS, MARCH-ING TOGETHER WITH THEM TO THE SAME GOAL-FREEDOM.



The people of Boomplaas organise their own ballot for a new tribal leader.

Not only has the Southern Rhodesia influence When Their Chief Backed Verwoerd's

FACED with a Government scheme to remove them from land they have occupied for generations and a chieftainess who is agreeing to removal against the wishes of the people, the Bapedi of Boomplaas in the Lydenburg district have organised elections for a new leader of the tribe.

### Hardships in Hankey

Since the introduction of the votes changed from bad to worse.

Standards V and VI children are to be examined in the near future and they have already been SETTLE SUEZ CRISIS told that the examinations will be conducted on all subjects in Xhosa. Also before entry they must pay a fee of 5s. each, otherwise they will not be examined.

celled without reason.

school there, the poor children day night. during these cold days of the The resolution said that, bearing are threats from the farmers that aggression against Egypt.

DANIEL S. LOLWANA ANC, Hankey.

The people printed voting cards which returned Petros Magaba as ment for liberation." their new elected leader with an overwhelming majority of the

notorious Bantu Education Act in The Native Commissioner refused the schools in the Gamtoos River to accept the voters' cards or to Valley, things have gradually recognise the result of the ballot. The Mason County Veterans Council is planning a hexagonal,

part or follow the decision of meeting in Boomplaas without the African National Congress to boy- consent of Victoria, the present cott this wicked piece of legisla- head of the tribe. He also gave ortion, are today on the crossroads ders that no meetings or church and do not know which way to services should be held among these and do not know which way to take, whereas the road to Congress is wide open for them and for all.

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Their children, especially the boys, are mostly doing garden work as the Dept. has supplied them with the spades, rakes and oppose their removal from their the other tools used for garden work. These boys stop work at titled to have a spokesman who represents their views.

# PEACEFULLY

A resolution expressing the firm Again under this Act here in belief that the Suez crisis can be first step in bringing about pean farmers. Hankey, the Feeding Scheme of solved by peaceful negotiation and racial harmony in South Africa. Thousands of our people who homes and brought untold suffering when in fact they are passes. This our children was suddenly can- by reference to the United Nations was passed unanimously at a meeting held by the Cape Town Peace At Melon, a place about eleven | Council in the Robing Room of miles from Hankey in a farm the Cape Town City Hall last Mon- fight uncompromisingly and to the nalist Government to intimidate and

winter are forced to the farm-lands from the morning till sun-down. Work done without pay. The position has so worsened that the parents are withdrawing their children every day, though there children every day, though there

attended, was addressed by Mr. sands of Africans in various parts pointed out that colour discrimina- dence that our people will not tole- abolition of the pass system as the I. O. Horvitch. Mr. L. Forman was of the country through police raids tion and oppression—whether it be rate the repressive measures of the first step in bringing about this and arrests has increased alarmingly disguised as segregation, trusteeship Government,

# COALITION

Six of Chile's political parties have decided to join together in a single Popular Action Front. They are the Communists, Socialists, Labour, Popular Socialist. Democratic and People's Democratic read nor write, and that the child-

"We do not intend to establish a Socialist government, nor a government of any one party, nor one exclusively of the Popular Action Front," says the statement issued alleged, she was found to be holdafter the coalition decision. "We ing an illegal meeting. aim at a broad democratic government that will represent all the major sections of our country. But we do claim for the working-class and organised their tribal ballot and its parties the right of direction to which it is entitled in this move-

### Be Prepared!

NEW YORK. The Mason County Veterans' into the police van. 20-foot granite memorial column

system in all its forms, and will

bitter end for its abolition, no mat-

ter what methods are employed in

disguising this "wicked and unethi-

cal" system, said Mr. O. R. Tambo,

and released on bail when, it is

was found with a number of children. After they had turned the furniture upside down, she was ordered

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nto police vans and taken to the or her back cried, she was escorted ney phoned to find out what the labour screening centre where they into the yard by a detective.

Boys over 15 have been huddled | When her baby whom she carried | was released, and when the attor-

On the arrival of the women she questioning, and had been released.

Judgment was reserved in the case of Mrs. Dora Tanya, who has been charged with running an illegal school. Giving evidence Mrs. Tanya told the court that she could neither ren found in her house might have come to see her own children. Miss Eleanor Baard was arrested

From Missionvale women marched in a body to the Redhouse

are distributed among those who

seek to employ child labour.

poll tax.

police station where Mrs. Harriet Qotyana had been detained by the Mrs. Qotyana told New Age that the police raided a house where she



Commissions, appointed by various



Vuyisile Mboyiya who, at 15, was recruited for work in the Bethal area. His home is in the Transkei.

## BRAZIL CANCELS U.S. PACT

RIO DE JANEIRO.

Brazil's President Juscelino Kubitschek, who was elected with the backing of the progressive parties, including the Communists, and who has since caused great disquiet throughout the country by his apparent subservience to the United States, last week showed that he understood that the people had the power to put him out as well as

Following nation-wide mass meetings of protest, Kubitschek cancelled an agreement which he signed last year with the U.S. ness is so deep, it may take the form it did in Kenya or make it in Brazil for radioactive minerals necessary for White supremacy to esential for nuclear weapons. He also put a halt to the export of such minerals to the U.S.

The Communist newspaper Imprensa which had led the campaign for the cancellation of the "Fighting Talk" include "Group Areas Plunder," by L. Bernstein; "Africa Before 1652," by Mosupetagreement headlined Kubitschek's decision as a "HISTORI-CAL VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE."

> The Americans were caught completely by surprise. The first he knew of Kubitschek's decision, complained the U.S. Ambassador in Rio, was when he saw it splashed in Imprensa.

# WRITES TO VERWOERD

The newly formed Wine and Spirits Workers' Union held its first general members' meeting at the Trades Hall, Cape Town last week. JOHANNESBURG.

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CAPE TOWN

# Go Camping

means above all to tell the truth about the youth of our times, about his thoughts and feelings, and to tell it in such a way that behind men and women stands the youth of South Africa.

Since its establishment in 1912 The recent demonstrations by South Africa and the world will the African National Congress has African women throughout the judge the Government not by words

Long live peace! ONE WHO KNOWS

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Congress totally rejects the pass have been sentenced to imprison- standpoint has been validated by the African women into accepting ment. Section 10 and similar provi- the recommendations of numerous these books. silence those Africans who condemn and oppose their repressive policy.

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Government, have declared yourself and oppose their repressive policy. also supported by fidilicious of all to be in favour of racial harmony and peace. While we welcome such statements we are convinced that

consistently condemned racial dis- country culminating in the protest but by what it actually does. the legislature will deal with them. The meeting which was well The daily persecution of thou- and subterfuges. It has consistently on August 9, are the clearest evi-

# To tell the truth about camping

Life is poetical in its striving

for completeness, for movement, for growth, in the same way as the eternal striving of the youth for happiness and freedom. Long live the youth!



# The Nats want to take it away from her

(By Tennyson Makiwane)

BROAD smiles beamed from the children as they walked away clinging tightly to their purchases—a pint of milk in a container, held closely against the body and balanced on the head by the girls. The slices of bread and peanut butter seemed even thicker in their little hands.

Every morning they stand squeezed against one another in the queues of the African children's feeding schemes. One or two of the younger kids look shy, but expectation glitters from their eyes. For the majority, though, this is routine. As they come forward they hand over their pennies and receive their rations.

Last year the Feeding Scheme fed 5,000 children; this year it is trying to feed 12,000.

#### Contrast

In European, Coloured and Indian schools children receive a subsidy of 4d, a day in the Transvaal and 21d. a day in the Cape and the Free State for school feeding. But African children, the poorest and worst nourished get only 1 1/5d, a day, and this State grant is fast vanishing. Dr. Verwoerd by his "Books or Bread" choice placed before the Bantu School Boards seeks to kill the feeding scheme in the African schools and to grab the bread from the mouths of the children.

Faced with this devil's choice of money on school feeding or expanded schools to take in more children, many of the School Boards have had to plump for more education. Parents haven't really been consulted, but the Boards have been quick to feel the pressure from the authorities who had put this evil set of alternatives before them and made it clear what decision they want!

Among the School Boards not forced to abandon their school feeding schemes are those in the Western Areas of Johannesburg, for in this area, doomed by the giant removal schemes, no new school buildings can be planned.

South Africa's African popula- Ill tion is spoon-fed, complained a Pretoria Professor of Commerce, Money and Banking, Professor H. W. J. Wijnholds. "They expect houses, food, medical attention and education without having to make any sacrifices to attain these things," he said.

A spoon or two of food from the Government for the most neglected children in our country would not be a bad thing at all, Professor! Why justify the feeding of the children of the well-to-do (for ALL European schools receive school feeding grants) at the expense of the poor?

### A Libel

And the libel that Africans do nothing for themselves is contradicted by the evidence all around us, not least by the effort put in by parents to pay for their children's rations from the voluntary feeding scheme and the monthly contributions they make to keep many little schools going.

Malnutrition and deficiency diseases are a serious problem among the African children but Prof. Wijnholds is not one to worry about that. The State should stop large-scale expenditure on African children, he said. Only in that way would Africans be forced to reduce the size of their families.

Is there a word polite enough for print to describe such callous-

# THE DEAD-END KIDS OF HANOVER STREET

(By Alex la Guma)

FROM Castle Bridge to Sheppard Street, Hanover Street runs through the heart of District Six, and along it one can feel the pulse-beats of society. It is the main artery of the local world of haves and have-nots, the prosperous and the poor, the struggling and the idle, the weak and the strong. Its colour is in the bright enamel signs, the neon lights, the shop-fronts, the littered gutters, and draped washing. Pepsi Cola. Commando Cigarettes. Sale Now On. Its life blood is the hawkers bawling their wares above the blare of jazz from the music shops: "Aaatappels, ja. Uiwe, ja"; ragged youngsters leaping on and off the speeding trackless-trams with the agility of monkeys; harassed mothers getting in the groceries; shop assistants; The Durango Kids of 1956; and the knots of loungers under the balconies and in the doorways leading up to dim and mysterious rooms above the rows of shops

and cafes.

People have come to regard these loungers with suspicion, and many make a detour when coming within sight of them. The brass-buttoned caps, the studded belts and the dangling shirt-tails are often identified with battle, murder and sudden death.

But often they have been judged without being tried.

#### WE WANT TO WORK

In the shadow of a veranda a group of young men kicked their heels and watched life pass by.
"People will see our picture in
the paper and say, 'There are
some more skollies'," one of them told me. "They say we don't want to work. Everybody wants to work. Everybody wants to earn a living. We want to work, too."
Gasant Fredricks, 22, said:
"I've got a wife and child.

They've got to eat, and I've been unemployed for nine months already. I'm tired of hanging around the Labour Department. I might as well hang around here."

On another part of the street a bunch of hard-faced youths, dressed in new sweat-shirts and wide-brimmed hats, broke up as I approached. "O's is camera shy, pal," one of them grinned as they drifted into a nearby "Social

Up and down the street there are little knots of them, chatting idly, chaffing the girls walking by. "Ek sê, bokkie, hoe is't dan?" They play cards on the pavement or debate the merits of a popular movie star, usually one of the screen toughs. Humphrey Bogart, Burt Lancaster.

In the opinion of a doctor who practises in Hanover Street: "The parents, in order to try to live at a decent level, inevitably get into debt. As a result the mother has got to go out to work. The child is left with another woman who probably has problems of her own, or a number of other children to care for, so that she is unable to handle all of them properly. They get no proper care. There is no control. The first words the children learn are curses. They are allowed to wander about in surroundings of vice, squalor, and crime. Parental affection and care is virtually non-existent. The children drift into a world that holds no future except degrada-

#### A STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE

Most of these boys have had little or no education. From childhood they must augment the family income as newsboys and hawkers. The whole of life becomes a struggle to survive by any means whatsoever. But they are nevertheless aware of some

of the causes of their plight.

The police are Number One
Enemies to them. Many of them
have undergone the beatings in the cells. They have a bitter disregard for anybody with a white skin, the badge of privilege and good jobs, lots of money and leisure. They dislike the "stiffies" among their own people who condemn them and look upon them as the dregs of society.

Many of them have talent. On the balcony of a tenement a group of boys went through an impromptu jam-session with guitar, bass and maracas that would make any jazz expert wonder. Lady Be Good. The Sheik of Araby. But the only outlet for their talent is through the coon carnival at the beginning of each year, or at contests held at local cinemas.

#### WAITING

They hang around all day, waiting for something to turn up. Hanging around and waiting. Perhaps the police will pick up some of them for gambling on the pavements or for vagrancy, and they will go to jail. After that comes the swift ride down the dark tunnel to the underworld, the gangs, the sharpened kitchen knives, the bicycle chains. Perhaps some of them will get work, but it will be just another dead-end job. The swift ride may be delayed.

Hanging around and waiting. Slums, disease, unemployment, lack of education, the terrible weight of the colour-bar which withholds the finer things of life -all help to grind them down until many of them become beasts of prey roaming an unfriendly jungle.

As one of them put it to me: "Die country het white supremacy, maar hulle het nie jobs

# Love and marriage in today's Hungary

THE marriage rate—usually a good sign of settled conditions—is so high in Hungary that the proportion of single people in the 10-million population is the lowest since 1900.



Mrs. Geza Ziffer, one of the registrars at Budapest Central Register Office.

Even romantic Frenchmen are left behind by their Hungarian counterparts. With 70 per cent of the men in Hungary married, this is claimed by the Central Statistics Office to be 10 per cent higher than in France. And the rate is also bigger than in Sweden, Switzerland and Austria, who each have 60 per cent of their male population married.

Since the 1949 population census the number of marriages has steadily increased. In recent years an average of 100,000 marriages have been taking place, but last year the record number of 103,020 weddings were celebrated. This is a 38 per cent leap over the 1938 figure.

As the marriage rate has gone up, down has come the average marrying age of both men and women. While in 1938 only 60 per cent of men between 25-29 were married, the 1955 figure rose to 71 per cent.

And the proportion of girls between 20-24 saying "I do" each year has climbed in the same period from 48 in every 100 to 63.

But the number of men and women over the age of 40 getting married has also gone up and doubled the 1938 figure. Remarriages after divorce or widows and widowers marrying again account for most of the increase.

Today more than 71 out of each 100 women married have jobs. The pre-war figure was 31 in every 100.

But alongside the increase in marriages, the divorce rate has increased more than one and a half times since 1938—with the citizens of the capital of Budapest leading the way. The 1955 rate was 6 divorces per thousand marriages, with the number in Budapest three times as many as elsewhere in the country.

Says Mr. Egon Szabady of the Central Statistics Office: "The rising divorce figures are mainly due to young divorces: 50 per cent more divorces than the average happen to men and women between the ages of 20-

It is not easy to obtain a divorce in Hungary, as every attempt is made by experienced social workers to get couples to agree to iron out their difficulties and start married life again.

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