

Anger in Britain and New York NEW STORMS AHEAD OVER RIVONIA

A STORMY WEEK looms for South Africa in London and New York when the British Government and the United Nations will face angry demands for renewed pressure to force a change in apartheid policies following the life sentences imposed in the Rivonia trial.

In the House of Commons tomorrow Labour M.P.s will call for a tougher line to be taken against the South African Government and will renew the call for a more vigorous British stand at the United Nations. In New York it is expected that the Afro-Asian group will use the outcome of the trial to urge wider support for effective Security Council actions.

Rivonia Q.C.'s wife killed

MRS. MOLLY FISCHER, wife of Mr. Abram Fischer, Q.C., leader of the defence team at the Rivonia sabotage trial, was killed last night when the car in which she and her husband were travelling to Bloemfontein crashed over a bridge near Ventersburg, in the Free State, into about 45 feet of water.

The accident occurred about 6 p.m.

Mr. Fischer, of Beaumont Street, Oaklands, Johannesburg, was rescued from the river—the Kooispruit, about seven miles from Ventersburg on the road to Winburg—by policemen who were called to the scene immediately after the crash.

A door of his car apparently had opened and allowed him to escape as the car sank. Police immediately tried to reach the car and recover Mrs. Fischer's body, but were unsuccessful. Early this morning they were planning to make a fresh attempt.

Mr. Fischer was not injured. His brother, from Johannesburg, drove immediately to Ventersburg last night and brought him back to Johannesburg.

Flown to Robben Island

The seven non-White men sentenced at the trial to life imprisonment were flown to Cape Town on Friday night and transferred by ferry to Robben Island yesterday morning, a senior police officer on the island disclosed. The eighth man, Dennis Goldberg, was not taken to the island because non-Whites only are imprisoned there.

The police officer said he did not know where Goldberg is being imprisoned, Sapa reports.

Goodwill mission

DURBAN. — The Durban Chamber of Commerce goodwill mission will fly home from London next Saturday after studying business aspects in Britain and seeking to promote goodwill abroad. It will arrive at Louis Botha Airport on Sunday.—Sapa.

Our London correspondent says Labour front-benchers have come down against the blockade clamour, but there have been repeated rows in the Commons over Britain's United Nations voting record on anti-apartheid moves.

Ministers of the Defence and overseas policy committee of the Cabinet, including the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Butler, are believed to have discussed the trial and the public reaction to it yesterday when the Prime Minister, Sir Alec Douglas-Home called them to Downing Street. Sir Alec is reported to have taken a close interest in the trial.

It is understood that Mr. Fenner Brockway, a Left-wing Labour M.P., has received an undertaking that a statement will be made in the Commons tomorrow.

Mr. Brockway has put down a question which asks why the British delegate on the Security Council abstained in the voting on the resolution urging the South African Government to renounce evictions for acts resulting from opposition to apartheid.

AGITATION

The agitation in Britain over the sentences, which has taken the form of marches, vigils and torchlight processions, shows no sign of dying down.

So far there have been demonstrations in London, Manchester, Brighton, Cardiff, Glasgow, Oxford, Reading, Birmingham and Edinburgh.

A mass rally is being held in Trafalgar Square today, and tomorrow another demonstration will be held at London Airport to mark the departure for the United States of Bishop Joost de Blank, who is to present a world petition bearing the signatures of representatives of 160-million people to the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant.

U.N. PROTEST

There were two reactions in the United Nations—protests in the Security Council and an urgent meeting of the African nations which issued a statement of "profound indignation" at the "brutal" sentences, reports our United States correspondent.

By tomorrow or Tuesday a resolution will probably be tabled calling for an inquiry into possible measures to force South Africa to modify her policies, or for an economic boycott.

In July the African heads of state will meet in Cairo for another "Summit" conference and the imprisonment of the Rivonia accused will again be raised.

S.A. JAIL REPORT TO BE SECRET

From Our Correspondent

GENEVA. DR. GEORG HOFFMAN, International Red Cross delegate for Southern Africa has filed his report after his month-long study of places of detention in South Africa, according to officials in Geneva.

But the officials emphasized that the Red Cross would not publish this report; their policy is to keep such reports confidential.

They praised the co-operation of the South African authorities in permitting Dr. Hoffman to inspect prisons and other places of detention.

"In particular we received welcome co-operation from the Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster," said an official.

DELICATE MISSION

"We considered this mission as being delicate in the extreme." Normally, the official went on, the Red Cross made such inspections only where there was actually a conflict taking place, as provided for by the Red Cross convention. On this occasion, however, Dr. Hoffman's mission was a humanitarian one.

It was "a remarkable success in the application and extension of humanitarian law."

Further visits to prisons in South Africa by Dr. Hoffman cannot be excluded, the official said.

BY AIR TO EAST LONDON

BEGINNING today, Sunday Chronicle will be on sale in East London on Sundays. Special arrangements have been made to air-freight bulk supplies to the city to make Sunday Chronicle's special news and features available to Border readers on the day of publication.

Readers in all the other main centres of the Republic and in Windhoek, already receive Sunday Chronicle on Sundays.

War criminals

BONN. — West German courts sentenced 5,445 people for war crimes up to the beginning of this year, Dr. Ewald Bucher, the Minister of Justice, told Parliament. — Sapa-Reuter.



Mr. Lionel Bernstein received an affectionate welcome from his son Keith and daughter Frances.

Bernstein goes home to his family

THERE were scenes of joy at the Bernstein home in Johannesburg yesterday when Lionel Bernstein, released on R2000 bail while facing two charges under the Suppression of Communism Act, was reunited with his family after 11 months in jail and on trial in the Rivonia case.

His wife, Hilda, their children and relatives welcomed him home with hugs and kisses after his long ordeal, which starts again when he reappears in the Magistrate's Court on June 26.

As he sat down to his first cup of coffee in his pleasant house in Regent Street, Bellevue, strewn with toys and ringing with cries of "Welcome home, dad!" Mr. Bernstein seemed overwhelmed. He said little and looked pale and drawn after a week of tension.

HOUSE ARREST

He is still under 12-hour house arrest and cannot leave his home this week-end. On weekdays he must remain there from early evening to the following morning. His architectural practice is already in ruins.

Both he and his wife are on the banned list and are forbidden to attend gatherings, or to be quoted. He has been banned since November 9, 1962; she even longer—since February 24, 1961.

On Thursday Mr. Bernstein was discharged by Mr. Justice de Wet at the Supreme Court, Pretoria, after being found not guilty on four counts of sabotage in the Rivonia case—the only one of the nine accused to be acquitted. He had been awaiting trial since the Lilliesleaf Farm was raided by police 11 months previously.

Before he could leave the court he was rearrested on a warrant and taken into custody in Johannesburg on two counts under the Suppression of Communism Act. Yesterday he was remanded until June 26 and given bail "on compassionate grounds" by the magistrate, Mr. E. B. Standen.

WARM GREETING

As the court rose, he was greeted joyously by his wife, their elder daughter, Mrs. Toni Strasburg, and her husband Ivan. At home there was an even warmer welcome from his younger children Frances (12) and Keith (7). Only the Bernstein's 15-year-old son Patrick was absent: he is at boarding school.

"It is a wonderful relief to us all," said Mrs. Strasburg—the only adult in the immediate family allowed to talk to the Press.

"My mother was not surprised when Dad was rearrested—she had been expecting that—but it was still a shock to us. Now my father will take things easy for a bit, until the court case starts again."



Demonstrators gathered with banners outside South Africa House in London yesterday to protest at the sentences in the Rivonia trial.

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