P.E. TURNED INTO AN ARMED CAMP

been asking for an increase in their were not allowed to mix with them, wages, but their demands have al- nor were the scabs allowed to have ways been brushed aside with the any contact with the world outside usual official hand wave: "The mat- the harbour where conditions simi- conditions in the Transkei and Cister is under consideration." At the lar to a state of martial law pre- kei, the Railway authorities jointly beginning of the year the workers vailed. embarked on a go-slow strike in A group of workers from the ing the influx control measures to order to draw the attention of their country areas were brought in by force the workers to creep back to employers to their demands. On train. They carried three-legged the bosses. Last week bus-loads of February 26 they decided to start pots, utensils and blankets. They poorly-fed men from the Transkei work an hour later and stop an were escorted by armed police as if arrived in the city and were driven hour earlier and not to work over- they were prisoners of war. To to the harbour under armed escort. time nor work over the week-end. FIRST REACTION

officials and the shipping companies peans Only" entrance. was to call in the Department of Native Affairs (a political arm of the Nationalist Government), the

The Native Commissioner, true to of Trade Unions (P.E.) warned that Verwoerdian style, trotted out the they would appeal to the internaold, old story of the "father of the tional working class against the use Natives" and how well he knew the of convict labour. Schoeman immecustoms of the "Natives" in the diately realised the implications Transkei.

against his children," chipped in on the same evening that since the one worker. The fettered chief in the reserves might listen to that, should return to work on the folbut the workers who know that if lowing day to forestall the engagethey do not earn at the end of the ment of the labour that was being day neither shall they eat, were not recruited in the Transkei and Ciskei taken in by such patronising state- with military precision. ments. "A wife who is not sup- WORKERS' HEROIC STAND ported by her husband packs her things and goes," retorted the workers, yet still they continued to when they returned, but it was a work.

AN ARMED CAMP

prepared to work over the week-end stand on one side. All the workers on March 2 and 3 they brought stood on the one side and said they stevedores from Cape Town and wanted work. They were split into East London. According to reports, small groups and taken to an office these workers were told that there was a second and a complete bus and train boycott so that the P.E. and train boycott so that the P.E. bitrarily the clerks took away the bitrarily the clerk work.

Castles on which they were to work way casuals. Yet the Railway offi- members of the Special Branch that were treated as if they were quaran- cials did not sign the reference the non-violent character of Contined as a result of some highly in- books to discharge them. When gress policy was stressed at ANC fectious disease. Armed police guarded and allowed no one to Bureau to register as workseekers, The calling by the crown of come near the ships lest the scabs they were turned back to the docks another two detectives who gave evilearn the truth. In spite of the scabs which had already dismissed them. dence, in direct speech, of what was working under pressure the two ships were behind schedule. From them because their reference books mitted THEY HAD MADE NO which, he alleged, were made at a March 2 to the 7 the harbour were not signed for the end of NOTES AT THE TIME-and the looked like a city that had recently February, nor had their service levy subjection of those witnesses to been occupied by a foreign invad- been paid. ing army. The armed might of a Government that regards African ping companies, the municipality labour as the possession of a domi- under the Urban Areas Act, and the nant white capitalist class strutted police have taken joint action to

CONVICTS FLOOD THE HARBOUR

The stevedores returned to work on Monday, March 4, but the shipper day was met.

way out of the harbour and as they Married men, 9/6 per day. left hundreds of barefooted convists Unmarried men, 7/- per day. flooded into the harbour. Convicts By engaging Railway casuals on People in court therefore sat up load manganese and to handle car- worker per day. go in conditions that were not any The Government's ferocious reexertion.

casuals were also locked out, con- feared that if the wages of the ste- you have written down in your Mollson: (Silence).

and the Railway dock workers had harbour from the outlying districts similar increase.

keep them away from the general The workers who have been thrown view of their fellowmen, apartheid out of the dock area are threatened was waived, and they were driven with endorsement out of the urban The first reaction of the Railway into the harbour through the "Euro- area of P.E. How long will this be

SCHOEMAN CLIMBS DOWN

Above the din of Nationalist blusand within hours climbed down and "A father does not usually have an armed bodyguard to protect him The Workers' Committee decided

All the stevedores were taken on different story with the Railway casuals, whose work is mostly unskilled. With armed police ringing When the shipping companies re-alised that the stevedores were not those who wanted work should were given to understand they were

about in a great show of strength. | smash the workers in their heroic stand that has had international repercussions.

TROUBLE ON THE WATERFRONT

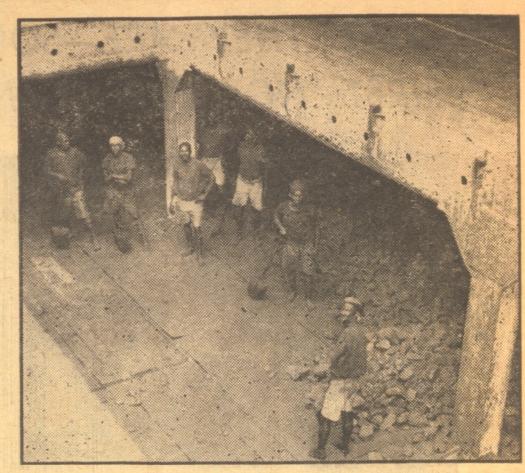
better than those in which the slave action to the dockers' dispute is due driver's whip cracked on the backs to the fact that the Railway Adof the slaves two centuries ago. ministration is faced with a big de- this: Many were reported to have been ficit. The African workers are being Berrange: You say a speaker said, reached home after the meeting. nesburg." injured and the workers who worked trampled down in order to clean up 'It is time to shoot Malan'? side by side with them on the first the Nationalist mess. The shipping day reported a number of beatings companies, who were willing to into goad the tired convicts to greater crease the wages of their stevedores, shoot? later succumbed to the pressure of Mosilele: S-H-O-O-T. On March 5, when the Railway the Railway Administration, which Berrange: Now read the letters you?'

(Continued from page 1) | who had been brought into the workers would also insist on a FORCED LABOUR

CONDITIONS

Taking advantage of the famine with the Municipality are employa solution to the country's labour disputes in which Africans are involved?

The hundreds of new recruits the Nationalist Government), the Special Branch, a host of informers, and an official of the Labour Bu-reau, which is generally regarded by the Africans as a Slave Market. Of Trade Unions (PE) warned that with anybody else. There they are heavily guarded by soldiers and nobody is allowed to come near the camp, But forced labour conditions will not be a solution for any very great length of time.



Convicts handling a cargo of manganese in the hold of a ship in Port Elizabeth harbour last week. Following local and international trade union protests, the use of convict labour was later discontinued. (Photo by courtesy of Eastern Province Herald.)

MORE DETECTIVES **NON-VIOLENT NATURE OF** A.N.C. STRUGGLE

"I Was A Loafer For 14 Years", One Special Branch Man Admits

From Lionel Forman

The admission under cross-The Stirling and Cape Town no longer to be employed as Rail- examination by yet another two

memory tests by the defence.

• The admission by a detective that for 14 years before he got his Special Branch job he had been a loafer with no fixed employment.

And an African detective's spontaneous words of praise for one of the accused.

In his opening address the prosecutor said that he would prove "in- dealt with, to complete only the ping companies were only prepared Those who resumed work were citement and preparation for the second phase of the trial-the to allow them to resume work if drafted on to stevedoring work overthrow of the existing state by first was the 'document' phasethey surrendered unconditionally where the rates are 11/6 per day, revolutionary methods involving the Crown is averaging about 6 and carried on with the work as if but at the end of the day they were violence." So far in this long case, all were well on the waterfront. told that they would not be paid in which defence counsel has They insisted that they should start as they were Railway casuals who claimed that there has been "no work at the usual time and agree are paid weekly. The workers' reac- evidence even to justify a charge if the present speed is maintained to work overtime. The workers said tion was that they would not work under a city by-law," the crown has they were prepared to do that pro- overtime and immediately they not vet called witnesses to testify to vided their domand for a 25/- wage filed down the gangway. What do the advocacy of violence. Five de- led of speeches by individuals the Railway casuals who were tectives have so far given evidence was irrelevant to a charge of The stevedores were shown their forced to do stevedoring work earn? that the non-violent nature of the struggle has been stressed at meet-

who had never before done steve- stevedoring work the shipping com- when a detective, Sgt. Mosilele, last doring work were driven at the panies are coming out on the good week alleged that an ANC speaker point of the rifle and the assegai to side by between 2s. and 4s. 6d. per had said in 1954, "It is time to shoot Malan."

A QUESTION OF SPELLING

Mosilele: Yes. Berrange: How do you spell

vict labour was increased. The scabs | vedores were increased the Railway | notes. Is it not C-H-A-C-K?-Yes. | Berrange: Can't you remember | goodbye to you?" (Laughter).

Berrange: Does that spell 'shoot'? | how old you are?-I can. Berrange: In fact your notes show | Berrange: Then how old are you? that the speaker said 'It is time to |-26. Berrange: When were you born?- Greek I wanted freedom." Berrange. Then why did you say 1929.

Mosilele: It was a mistake.

after further questioning, ANC | school?-1937.

MADE NO NOTES Another witness, Detective Moll- 2

ONCE AGAIN-SNAIL'S PACE

DRILL HALL. Once more the preparatory examination is moving at snail's

With about 600 meetings to be meetings a day. One's imagination boggles at the probable length of the whole proceedings

Earlier this month the defence counsel objected that the evidence treason. And so, as week creeps after week, the accused remain separated from their homes and

Hall in 1954. He reported the goodbye to you." speeches in the 1st person as spoken | Asked if he could identify Mr.

disrupted.

examination by Mr. Berrange was: that? "How old are you?" Mollson remained silent.

school—I did not pass std. 6.

speakers repudiated the use of vio- Berrange: What did you do when deka Palace recently in support of ing and that with further attention

months at a dry-cleaner. Berrange: What else?-I worked years in a garage.

all you remember?-It is all I did.

"I WAS LOAFING"

Berrange: When did you join the forces. police-1953.

tween 1937 and 1953?-Yes. years?-Nothing.

You were loafing for 14 years?-Yes.

How did you live?-I lived with people. Then you joined the police?-Yes.

Did you tell them you'd been people's spirit. loafing for 14 years?-No. Why not?-They didn't ask.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER

Indian Assistant High Commissioner conception," he added. -described by the witness as the The President re-iterated that he the witness, Native-constable Kune- wanted all groups to be seated New Age and that will not make their jobs, their lives irreparably ne, admitted that he had made no around one table. Revolutionary notes at the meeting.

of the speakers, had begun by say- and prosperity, he concluded. 5½ hour long meeting in the Trades ing, "Sir, I am very happy to say

But cross-examination went like by the speakers, although he had Slovo the detective said, "Oh yes. WEST GERMANY not made a single note until he He is a very popular man in Johan-

Berrange: I said 'How old are great assistance to the Africans.

Magistrate: And did he really say pensation money.

FOREIGN NEWS ROUND-UP ATROCITIES EXPOSED

Emergency Regulations in Cyprus It is symptomatic of current con- trially developed countries of the was given at a Press conference at ditions in Western Germany that West as well as from the Socialist the British House of Commons re- Dr. Hans Widgassen, the Mayor of States. cently by two former warders in a Osnabrueck till 1945, has been detention camp on the island.

combe, former warrant officer in the Reporting this, Welt der Arbeit, R.A.F., and Mr. David Toon, an organ of the West German Trade Camp "K" at Korkinotrimithia.

The two men said that on Sep- sizeable pensions. tember 24 last year there was unrest at the camp and soldiers dragged detainees out of their huts, punched them while they were on the ground. Soldiers pushed detainees against the barbed wire with their rifles. The screams of those who were being roughly and brutally treated lasted about four hours.

Mr. Whitcombe said that during liament (Seym) before crowded his service with the R.A.F. he had seen concentration camps in Ger- Council of State. many and the detention camp in Cyprus differed in no respect from ment to check the resurgence of

has been sentenced to death under who indulged in open anti-Semitic the Emergency Regulations. He is a activity have been arrested and sen-19-year-old student, Evageros Pali- tenced to imprisonment. This karides, who pleaded guilty to follows on considerable press dis-carrying a Bren gun. He told the cussion which has been raging round Judge: "I know that under the new the problem. regulations you will sentence me to death. I have this to say: what I taking advantage of the new freedid I did because as a Cypriot dom to travel abroad, some 12,000

Berrange: How far did you go in REFORM IN INDONESIA

TOTAL of 1,500,000 people in political reform announced last brought under control. month.

Berrange: What else?—That is all. the President a statement endorsing Union would do everything to help mission of the Minister of Native Reves, Bishop of The CPSU pledged itself to fight his proposal to form a national Poland develop as an independent Affairs has first been obtained. council and the mutual assistance country and to ensure that Socialism The Liberal Party also issued a five Congresses, and by spokesmen tion for all sections of the people Cabinet comprising all national triumphs there.

So you worked only 2 years be- that things would eventually be de- gineers and Technologists during Affairs for permission to practise termined by the 82 million people What did you do the other 14 in the country. He said that the ideals of the Indonesian Republic What !?-Nothing. I was loafing. had not yet been fully realised and the revolution not yet accomplished because the democratic system hitherto practised in the country was Western democracy which was inconsistent with the Indonesian To the Editor of New Age,

Indonesia needed a democracy of its own, he stated, which would incorporate all parties and groups into a big family and form a mutual-A whole afternoon was spent on assistance Cabinet. "I could find no widence of what was said at an other way to overcome the present S.A.I.C. farewell party in 1954 to the difficulties except to carry out this

Indian Native Commissioner. Again was not partial to any group but unity was an indispensable condition He said that Mr. Joe Slovo, one in building up a society of justice

NAZIS FAVOURED IN

TINETEEN Communists in Osna-The first question put in cross- Magistrate: What do you mean by brueck and Hanover, in West Germany, have been deprived of Kunene: We Africans always talk their pensions as victims of the American corporations paid their about him. He's always been of Nazis and some of them have been stockholders a record 11.0 billion ordered to pay back years of com- dollars in cash dividends in 1956.

who spent 12 years in Nazi prisons, dollars in 1929.

VIDENCE of brutal ill-treatment is now being told that he has to which he said that Poland must of men detained under the repay 36,000 marks (about £3,500). learn technical progress from indusgranted a pension of 950 marks NYASALAND CONGRESS They were Mr. William Whit- (about £80) per month

ex-military policeman. After honour- Union Federation, described Wid-

According to figures issued by the This is their reaction to the grow-West German anti-Fascist Resistance ing strength of the Congress. All Fighters Committee, pensions paid five African members of the Nyasathem and used rifle-butts to beat to former Nazis total about 1,000 land Legislative Council were million marks annually.

NEWS FROM POLAND

TIGHLIGHTS of news from Po-In land are:

• The opening of the new Pargalleries, and the election of the new

anti-Semitism noticeable during re-Meanwhile yet another Cypriot cent months. A number of persons

> Because of the anti-Semitism and of the 70,000 to 80,000 Jewish population have already emigrated to Israel and another 30,000 have

applied to go. In fact, the detective admitted Berrange: When did you leave A Djakarta, the capital of Indo- are reported to feel that at present nesia, demonstrated in front of Mer- the wave of anti-Semitism is reced-

A.N.C. Stands By New Age

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U.S. Dividends Rise

NEW YORK. This compared with 11.2 billion In Cape Town a leaflet issued by In view of the increasing exploi-

VICTIMISED

able discharge from the Services gassen as a "close collaborator of THE British authorities in Nyasaboth had volunteered as warders in Nazi gauletier Florian." This is just | I land have withdrawn recogni-Cyprus and served in Detention one of thousands of cases where tion of the Nyasaland African Naformer Nazis have been granted tional Congress as a body representing Africans in the territory.

> elected with the backing of the Congress.

> During the recent session of the Council the African members introduced a number of motions calling for the withdrawal of Nyasaland from the Rhodesian Federation, and opposing the handing over of more powers to the Federal Government. The motions were all, of course, defeated.

NEWS IN BRIEF

VERWOERD'S

came out strongly in support of the to you," the leaflet said. Anglican Church's stand against the Native Laws Amendment Bill, which lence at most of the meetings he you left school?-I worked three President Sukarno's programme of from the authorities it will be makes it an offence to hold church services or meetings which may be death of the Archbishop of Cape nonth. The demonstrators presented to A speech by Khruschov in Moscow promising that the Soviet outside the locations unless the per-Moscow promising that the Soviet of the Minister of Native Street of Native Street of Street Stre

• A speech by Gomulka to de- of its executive saying it will not Drill Hall. President Sukarno told the crowd legates to a Congress of Polish En- apply to the Minister of Native its deeply-held belief in co-operation between the races.

> ster could utilise to end any contact Congress-a vacant plot of land at elected to organise the CPSU. with the African people on a basis the corner of Grasmere and Cashel of equality and human dignity. "It Roads. is the task of all democratic minded South Africans to speak out against this Bill with one voice," the statement says.

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ployers at Port Elizabeth. A cable ings against trespassers. from the WFTU to the Congress of "This is gross intimidation of the Trade Unions, which had asked for African people and a violation of international support in protesting the right to freedom of assembly against this use of convict labour in commented Mr. Z. Z. Malindi. an industrial dispute, asks for secretary of the Athlone branch of further information so that the the ANC. matter can be raised with the International Labour Office.

week expressed the "sharpest con- week before," he concluded. demnation of the use of convict labour."

at this farewell, "I am happy to say One of them, August Baumgarter, dollars in 1955, and 5.823 million SACTU, ANC and SACPO appealed tation by the "Herrenvolk" of the to the local stevedores not to stab masses of the people in South

Speakers were informed that they would be arrested if they started the meeting as the permission of the wages for all workers, the South owner of the ground had not been African Congress of Trade Unions obtained. The twenty odd people has launched a mass Union-wide who had already assembled were organising campaign to win 20,000 searched for passes and their names new members into the trade union The World Federation of Trade and addresses were taken. Investigamovement. Unions has protested to the Union tions are now being made to find Government against the use of con- out who owns the ground and "We want a £1 a day national vict "scab" labour during the dis- whether the police were instructed minimum wage," SACTU secretary pute between dockers and their em- by the owner to institute proceed-"And we want an immediate all round increase for all workers."

"It is a blatant attack on the ANC, following as it does the ban-A SACTU statement issued last ning of our meeting at Langa the

NEW AGE, THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1957

"TREASON" TRIAL CANDIDATE FOR PROVINCIAL COUNCIL?

From Our Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN THERE is a strong possibility that the forthcoming Provincial Council by-election for the Africans' Representative in Cape Western will be fought on the programme of the Freedom Charter and the Congress of the People—and that the candidate will be one of the Congressmen facing a charge of 'treason' in the Drill Hall, Mr. Ben Turok.

The vacancy in the Cape Provincial Council results from the death of Councillor Ben Levitas, and a number of voters have raised the question of the possibility of Mr. Turok fighting the election—although because of his bail conditions he will not be able to address a single meeting on his own behalf.

This constituency is the one which has returned Sam Kahn, Brian Bunting, Ray Alexander and Len Lee-Warden to Parliament, and Fred Carneson to the Council. All of these leaders are firm supporters of the principles of the Freedom Charter, and are certain to give Mr. Turok their wholehearted support.

in the constituency. He was the campaign.

Cape Western organiser of the Congress of the People, and a prominent trade union organiser until he was banned by the Government. He played a big part



in the organisation of Len Lee-Ben Turok is very well known Warden's successful election

GROWING PROTEST AGAINST

Messages of sympathy on the

CHURCH leaders of four deno- their fellow workers in the back. Africa, it was important that the minations over the week-end "A victory to them will be a victory students should play an active part in the Liberatory Movement of South Africa, said Mr. N. Alexander, when students gathered in the Mowbray Town Hall on Sunday to inaugurate a new students' organisation, the Cape Peninsula Students'

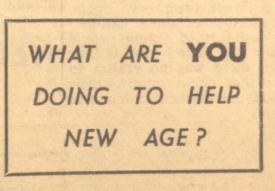
Johannesburg, by the leaders of the for a democratic system of educastatement after a week-end meeting of the 156 treason suspects at the in South Africa and to ally itself with all progressive organisations in the struggle for a free South Africa.

Opposition from Unity Movement SPECIAL Branch detectives spokesmen that the time was not forced the Athlone branch of ripe yet for a students' political The Bill is also condemned in a the ANC to abandon a meeting body was rejected by the gathering statement by the S.A. Indian Con- they had organised last Sunday at and a draft constitution was gress as a weapon which the Mini- the traditional meeting place of accepted and an executive committee

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STOP PRESS: Aiming at higher

Full details next week.





The footnotes you insist on appending to Miss Junod's letters about the Liberal Party franchise policy are, quite frankly, dis-couraging to those of us who are working for a United Front against apartheid.

When she denied that the Party's franchise policy was a "major issue" at the recent Congress, Miss Junod was merely denying what you had stated. To look for a hidden meaning in the word "major" is to quibble. Quite clearly if the franchise had been discussed at all, it would have been a "major issue."

May I make it absolutely clear that the franchise policy was not discussed at all at the Party Con-gress. There is no "mystery" about this, except that which you have created for reasons that are a mystery to me.

The Party is, and for two years has been, unequivocally committed to the universal franchise. If Mrs. Ballinger did indeed say in Par-liament what you report, I have absolutely no hesitation in repudiating her statement, which was not an enunciation of the Party's policy, but presumably merely of her own viewpoint.

You would be doing a service to the cause of multi-racial cooperation in the struggle for a democratic, non-racial South Africa if, instead of looking for dissension where it does not exist, you emphasised, for example:

1. The Party's decision to seek co-operation with other progressive organisations, and its unqualified endorsement of the Bloemfontein Conference call;

2. The growing participation of Liberals in joint activities with Congress members such as the Group Areas Vigilance Commit-tee, the women's anti-pass demon-strations in Maritzburg, the Natal Civil Liberties Defence Committee, public meetings immediately after the treason arrests, and work connected with the bus boycott.

3. The fine work of Leslie Rubin in the Senate recently, where almost alone he has carried the burden of Opposition which Alex Hepple and a handful of others have so magnificently borne in the House of Assembly.

Are we in the fight together or not?

JOHN DIDCOTT Durban.

Mass Arrests In Grahamstown

Several letters of protest have been sent to all leading newspapers in Grahamstown protesting against the high rents in the new Makana's Kop housing scheme. The ANC branch also protested. People must pay £2 10s. and £2 15s. a month rent, whereas almost all African males are earning only £1 10s. a week. The condition of the houses is not good as they are

GOVT. PLANNING ACTION AGAINST THE A.N.C.

MR. "Blackie" Swart is the most extraordinary Minister of Justice I have ever seen.

When complaints were made about the behaviour of the police at the treason hearings, Mr. Swart not only rushed to the defence of his gallant young men, but virtu-ally encouraged them to keep up their hooligan-like behaviour. What was a policeman to do, asked Mr. Swart indignantly, if a "kaffermeid" spat in his face? And, now, Mr. Swart is remark-

ing that, if violent action is taken by Africans against the bus boycott leaders in Johannesburg, it must not be "taken amiss."

Have you ever heard anything more provocative? Mr. Swart read out to the Assembly a message stating that Africans in one location had taken action against boycott leaders and burnt their houses, a business and a car. Then Mr. Swart made the astonishing statement that he did not approve of this, but it was only to be expected that Africans who did not want to take part in the boycott and had been intimidated, should take action against those people. One could not take it amiss. It was the natural outcome.

PROTECTION RACKET

"We will protect the public," said Mr. Swart, "but they must not come and cry now and say that those Natives were interfering with them."

This comes perilously close to encouraging the gang of African boycott-breakers at work on the Rand, to take the law into their own hands.

Look at the situation developing on the Rand: all its moves to smash the boycott having failed, the Nationalist Government has now forced PUTCO to withdraw its buses to eliminate virtually the possibility of settling the boycott by peaceful agreement. Now agents and boycott-breakers are at work in the townships, trying to stir up trouble so that Mr. Swart's gallant-young-men-with-Sten-guns can step in and take action against the boycott leaders and the African National Congress. Against this background, Mr. Swart's remark that "they must not come and cry now," is remarkably revealing.

end to political and other activi-ties by Africans in the towns and cities. The Bill will enable the Minister of Native Affairs to place a total ban on all multi-racial demonstrations in the towns and cities, on all meetings attended by Africans, and on all contact be-



tween White and African except in the capacities of "guardian" and "ward" (and, of course, employer and employee).

Speaking in the Assembly on February 8, during the debate on Mr. Hepple's plea for an interracial national convention, Dr. Verwoerd had this to say about contact between Whites and Africans:

"The idea underlying this convention is a multi-racial gathering which is intended to introduce a new era in which the Non-Whites in South Africa will no longer be in the position of a child towards its father, of a ward towards its guardian, but where the Non-White will be in the position of an equal . . . The hon, member for Benoni said that they were not asking here for the political fran-chise for the Non-White. They just want to discuss how democracy can be obtained for all people, and human rights!

"We interpret it (democracy). that the White man should be dominant in his own area, and that he, as the guardian of the Native in his own area, will give him the rights for which he is fitted and which he can develop according to his capacity, in the way in which we have introduced it under the Bantu Authorities system.'

So, Mr. African, next time one of Mr. Swart's gallant-young-men-

on the South African situation that, at a time when multi-racial co-operation and contact have been firmly and permanently established, Dr. Verwoerd should be trying to thrust the African into the role of a political infant?

This new Nationalist campaignto break the ANC, reduce African political activity to ashes, and crush the spirit of the African people—cannot possibly succeed. Nevertheless, the Government is in a desperate mood, and everyone must be on their guard against the coming attack.

C.P.E.

Black Sash Protest

JOHANNESBURG.

Ministers who translate petty vindictiveness into law are not fit to govern, says a leaflet issued by the Black Sash during an impressive series of demonstrations here last week against the Native Law Amendment Bill and the Police Law Amendment Bill.

These two Bills are described as "new links in the chain of slavery."

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made of cement and have no ceiling.

The police on February 26 used three vans to go from street to street and arrested hundreds of Africans for permits, passes and poll tax receipts. The location pass office was packed to capacity by the poor Africans, young and old, who were rounded up.

We want freedom, not serfdom, in our lifetime.

FRANK MAKANA Grahamstown.

HUNGARIAN WOMEN'S

LONDON.

The National Council of Hungarian Women has appealed to women of the world to assist them in that we are waiting for them and securing the return to Hungary of the thousands of young girls and boys who left the country during the recent disturbances.

"Many Hungarian families and mothers are weeping for their children and would do anything to be able to embrace them once again. A great number of these unthinking and misinformed young people would return to their homes if they knew that there was no reason to flee, and that their family, their friends and the whole country were

waiting for them with affection and understanding."

> The appeal concludes: "Help them to learn the truth, to know that they need have no fears . . . We do not promise them an easy life, for our country has still to overcome many difficulties, but we promise them understanding and affection and we promise to help build up a country which will correspond to the desires of the best among them."



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DRIVE AGAINST ANC

Meanwhile, further evidence accumulates that the Government is planning a drive against the ANC. The Minister of Labour, Mr. Schoeman, had this to say last week:

"If the Natives want to walk, they can walk. But a good effect that this Bill will have is already apparent in the Western Native Townships-the Natives will reject these African National Congress leaders; they will be brought into discredit; more and more Natives will say that they have been griev-ously misled."

The truth is that more and more Africans are turning to the ANC as the organisation which truly represents their interests and fights for their rights. Mr. Schoeman's interest in the ANC is not because it is getting weaker, but because it is getting stronger! The ANC today is reaching wider sections of the African people than ever before-and Mr. Schoeman, Mr. Swart and the rest of them know it. That is why they are trying to break the ANC.

VERWOERD'S BILL

Proof that the Nationalists are afraid of the growing strength of the African people, led by the ANC, is furnished by the Native Laws Amendment Bill. The main purpose of this Bill is to put an

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