

BOYCOTT CONTINUES OUTSIDE ALEX

"Pretoria Must Be Included In The Scheme"

JOHANNESBURG.

ALTHOUGH the overwhelming majority of people at Alexandra township have gone back on to the PUTCO buses, the boycott is continuing in all other areas—Moroka-Jabavu, Western areas and Pretoria.

The main demand of the boycotters now is that Pretoria must be included in the scheme to enable the people to ride at the old fares.

A statement issued by the African National Congress in the Transvaal acclaims the fact that the people of Alexandra are riding at 4d. as a victory won.

"because we have stood together for three months and refused to pay the increased fares which we could not afford;

"because our cause is just and won the sympathy of all fair-minded people, including the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce, whose co-operation and financial sacrifice made our victory possible.

"It is a victory for the unity of the people. It is a victory for the

firmness and good sense of the leaders . . ."

PRETORIA TOO

The statement urges the boycott leaders, the Chamber of Commerce and other people to do all in their power to see that the scheme is introduced in Pretoria too, so that the people can ride at the old fares.

"Until this is done we call upon the people of Pretoria, the Western areas and Moroka-Jabavu to continue the boycott.

"Unless Pretoria is brought within the settlement within the period of a week we shall reluctantly be compelled to call upon our people already boarding the buses to boycott the services."

FACTIONALISM

Expressing confidence in the boycott leaders, Congress calls upon them to continue to stand together. But while Congressmen were distributing this leaflet in Alexandra, a splinter group claiming to speak in the name of the Alexandra People's Transport Action Committee issued a leaflet claiming that "the boycott has not been ended yet."

Inquiries showed that prominent members of the APTAC knew nothing of the leaflet. APTAC did not meet to approve the leaflet which, unlike previous leaflets, was not roneod but printed.

"Where did the money come from? And who authorised it?" asked Mr. Nzo, prominent Congressman and APTAC leader, who was assaulted by thugs at the week-end.

It seems obvious that the same disruptive elements who made difficulties for the APTAC throughout the campaign are now working for an open split.

ANC MAN SHOT

Thousands at a mass meeting at Sophiatown on Sunday endorsed the Congress stand and decided to boycott the buses until the Pretoria PUTCO users are brought within the scheme.

Following this meeting which was entirely peaceful, a young ANC member Mr. Molokwane was killed when police opened fire on the public.

The crowd had dispersed from the meeting and a number had marched past a bus queue singing the "Azikwelwa" song.

The police charged them, injuring many, including a Drill Hall trialist S. Ntyiki. The police also made an unprovoked attack on people in a taxi queue.

A confused situation developed, resulting in the death of Mr. Molokwane in the shooting.

Olivier For Poland

WARSAW.

Sir Laurence Olivier is to bring Shakespeare's "Titus Andronicus" to Warsaw in June. His visit will be a tremendous theatrical occasion, as he is very popular with the Poles who have seen his films "Henry V" and "Hamlet."

During April the reformed Glenn Miller jazz orchestra from the United States is also to tour Poland.

Treason Accused To Be Election Candidate

Ben Turok Nominated For Provincial Council

CAPE TOWN.

A DECISION to nominate Mr. Ben Turok, secretary of the Metal Workers' Union and one of the accused in the treason trial, for the vacancy in the Cape Provincial Council caused by the death of Mr. B Levitas was taken at a meeting of the Cape Western Advisory Boards and Vigilance Associations last Saturday.

The secretary, Mr. Z. Malindi, told New Age that the meeting expressed its sorrow at the death of Mr. Levitas, and decided that Mr. Turok should be nominated to fill his place because he was standing on the platform of the Freedom Charter and because he was one of the treason accused.

"Mr. Turok is well-known among the African people as a trade unionist who has fought for many years to improve the conditions of the African workers," said Mr. Malindi. "He is a man who has been in the forefront of the fight for freedom and is now on trial for treason together with all the other leaders of the people."

The meeting decided that election committees should be set up in the various electoral areas.

COD NOMINATION

Mr. Turok's nomination has been endorsed by the S.A. Congress of Democrats, of which Mr. Turok has been a leading member. Although Mr. Turok has been banned from attending meetings by Mr. Swart under the Suppression of Communism Act, he has not been "named" and therefore cannot be prevented from taking his seat in the Provincial Council should he be elected.

"I will stand with the historic Freedom Charter as my election platform," said Mr. Turok in an interview with New Age in Johannesburg. "I believe that Africans must be given the direct vote on the same basis as Europeans and that Africans, together with all other South Africans must have the right to sit in provincial councils, parliaments and all other elective bodies. My election policy can be summed up very shortly. Full equality for all—the abolition of all forms of racial discrimination."

This will be the first time in the history of South Africa that a per-

son standing trial for treason has been nominated for an elective body.

IDEAL CANDIDATE

Said Fred Carneson, a former holder of this seat in the Provincial



Mr. Ben Turok.

Council (he was expelled by the Government as a "communist"): "Ben Turok is the ideal candidate for this election. We shared a cell together in the Fort and I know him as a sincere and able fighter for freedom."

Mr. Piet Beyleveld, national president of the COD, said:

"Let this election campaign show the Government what the people think of the persecution of the people's organisations and their leaders—let them show their confidence in the Freedom Charter and the Congress movement."

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your contribution to the paper of the Liberation Movement;

your contribution to the fight for freedom.

So when May 2 comes, and you have to pay that extra 3d. for New Age, pay up gladly. You are helping the most wonderful cause in the world, the cause of the liberation of your people from the oppression of the apartheid tyrant.

FINE JOB

Although we are not getting enough in the way of donations, yet at the same time we must acknowledge again the fine efforts some people are making to keep their paper going. A jumble sale in Port Elizabeth brought in a tidy sum. Indian Youth in Johannesburg donated £5 13s. 1d. and have promised to collect £100 for us. Country collections raised £178. Thank you all.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS:

Cape Town: Students £2.10; Sundries £32.17.6.

Port Elizabeth: A.B. £2.2; Friend 10s.; Robi £1; Part Proceeds Jumble Sale £19.6.2; Friend 10s.; Donor 10s.; Vee £5; Prime Beef £1.

Johannesburg: Indian Youth £5.13.1; Country Collections £178.12.6.

TOTAL—£250 1s. 3d.

SACPO's First Conference

CAPE TOWN.

The first ever National Conference of the South African Coloured People's Organisation will be held in Cape Town during the Easter week-end. The conference will take the form of an open session on Saturday April 20, in the Mowbray Town Hall, and a closed session on the Sunday.

SACPO was founded as the result of a growing need and demand for an organisation that would serve the Coloured people in its political struggle against oppression, and in its demands for equal rights and full citizenship with the

rest of the races in South Africa.

Since its inception the organisation has continually waged a determined struggle on behalf of the Coloured people against the forces which seek to subject the Non-Europeans of the country to a status of slavery. It has allied itself with the African, Indian and European congresses, and has grown from strength to strength as the voice of the Coloured people.

Delegates and observers from all over the country are expected to attend this conference which will be a milestone in the history of the Coloured people.

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