



The joint African and Indian Congress delegation that protested last week to the United States Embassy against American troop landings in the Middle East. From left to right, Mr. Y. Putini, Mr. S. Sally, Mr. T. Nkobi.

"Get Out of the Middle East!"

CONGRESS DEPUTATION TO U.S. EMBASSY

JOHANNESBURG.

LAST week a 3-man delegation from the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress called on the United States Embassy in Pretoria to lodge a protest against the landing of American troops in the Middle East.

Mr. Y. Putini, leader of the delegation, who deputised for Mr. O. R. Tambo the A.N.C. Secretary-General, read a statement from the A.N.C. which had been endorsed by the S.A.I.C.

The American diplomatic staff was represented by five officials including Drs. Macrea and Snyder and Colonel Helfish.

THREAT TO PEACE

The statement expressed the anxiety of the Congresses at the present Middle East crisis which constituted a serious threat to world peace.

The presence of U.S. military forces in the area was deplored. The statement pointed out that not only was such a step a violation of the United Nations Charter but it had been carried out in disregard of the reports of the U.N. observation team and of Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the United Nations Secretary-General.

The Arabs had the right to self-determination, said the statement, which also backed the proposal for a summit meeting between the leaders of the four great powers to help to ease the tension.

AMERICAN REPLY

In reply the American officials denied that the action of the United States amounted to intervention. America was a great custodian of democracy and always had peaceful intentions, they said.

The trouble in the Middle East, according to them, was precipitated by the actions of "ambitious Nasser." If America had not intervened Nasser's men would have taken over in the Lebanon and Russian troops would have landed in the Middle East.

The deputation asked how it was that the U.N. Secretary-General's report had stated that no troops were needed in the Lebanon and yet America had still sent its own troops there.

The official's reply was that Mr. Hammarskjöld had toured only one section of the Lebanon.

"But his report stated that the situation there was an internal affair," insisted the Congress delegation.

"Well, we don't know much about that," was the reply.

At first the American officials said that they had no vested interests in the Lebanon. If their actions were motivated by ulterior considerations they would have invaded Iraq where American companies have vast oil shares. Later they admitted that the oil-pipe-lines pass through the Lebanon.

HUNGARY

The U.S. Officials also repeatedly raised the situation in Hungary during the rising in 1956 as a justification for their own action.

The delegation pointed out that at the time Congress issued a statement, although there were only scanty and obviously biased press reports available. In the case of the American intervention, however, the situation was quite clear. There was the report of the United Nations observation team.

"World opinion is against America on this issue," said Putini. "What do you mean by world opinion? Do you mean Iraq, Nasser and Russia?" asked an official (Dr. Macrea).

"No amount of force can stop the nationalism of a people determined to win self-government" said Mr. Putini emphatically.

"We were powerful after the two world wars and we could have dominated the whole world if we had intended to," replied the official.

"Congress is interested in world peace," said the delegates and prepared to leave.

CALL AGAIN

The officials said the Congress could always call whenever there was any matter they wished to discuss with them.

They also hoped that they had managed to convince the delegation

of the correctness of the American stand in the Lebanon.

"We are not convinced," said the delegates. The view they supported on the situation was that of the United Nations observation team—that outside intervention was unnecessary.

UP MY ALLEY

● HOW CRAZY . . .

I'VE got a horrible thought that it's going to start all over again. The same old routine of the preliminary examination, I mean. Except for the robes and the silk, it could be the Drill Hall all over again.

Same old Sergeant Davidson is back to help us to our seats. "Will you all be seated? We're going to take the roll call. Will you all please stop smoking? Will Accused Number — please sit down?" He deserves a special Treason Trial Campaign Ribbon.

And the list of absentees and the doctors' certificates before everything starts.

All this I don't mind. But if they start trotting out those dicks with their indecipherable notebooks and that long parade of documents, then I shall seriously have to consider resigning from this case.

AND DID I REALLY SEE SERGEANT SHARP BEING REFUSED PERMISSION TO ENTER COURT TO LISTEN ON THE FIRST DAY?

● CAN . . .

LOOKING over the shoulders of two ladies to find out what they were scanning so excitedly I discovered that they were Prince Charles fans. He'd just been given the handles of Prince of Wales, Lord of the Isles and a list of other titles as long as my arm, and they were simply drooling over it. Poor Elvis Presley, why did the army have to get him?

In this age of national independence and republicanism, even the Strijdom kind, the feudal trappings that still dangle in the eyes of the pukka Englishers stand out like boils on a blonde's back. There are still lots of suckers even among us poor blacks who insist on pictures of the royal family in their homes, probably

INCREASES FOR PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS "A SCANDAL"

—Turok

CAPE TOWN. AN emphatic protest against the Nationalist's policy of voting increases for themselves while refusing wage increases to the poorest workers and depriving their children of school feeding was voiced by Mr. Ben Turok, African's Representative for Cape Western, in the Provincial Council last week. "The total cost of the Provincial Councillors' allowance is £40,000 a year," he said. "This is a scandal—the average councillor does not deserve this allowance for attending about four weeks of session a year."

LOOKS UGLY

"He does not do a full time job as far as the Council is concerned. All councillors have jobs outside the Council. From the point of view of the ordinary employee of the Provincial Administration who earns less than £60 and has been fighting for an increase, this increase of the Councillors looks very ugly."

Mr. J. N. Malan (Nat., Humansdorp): Will you accept yours?

Mr. Turok: Yes I will, but I intend to give the whole of my allowance to the Congress movement.

"This increase amounts to self-enrichment by those who hold the Province's purse strings. Since the Nats. came to power there has been a steady increase in self-enrichment. Between them Parliament, the Senate and the Provincial cost £500,000."

"This self-enrichment does not only apply to Nationalists as members of legislative bodies; it goes into their private lives too. Last

year the *Sunday Express* exposed business ventures involving the Prime Minister, the Minister of Native Affairs and other ministers."

Mr. Turok quoted Prof. Sadie of Stellenbosch to show how African capital in commerce and industry had increased since the war.

MISUSE OF POWER

"This economic advance is combined with a misuse of power by the Nationalist Party to gain economic power. This emerging money power is combined with advancing fascism."

Announcing that he had to leave the session in order to attend the treason trial, Mr. Turok said:

"The eyes of the world are on this country. It is not I who will be on trial but the Nationalist Government. The policies for which I stand are the only ones acceptable to the world and those which will finally be accepted in South Africa as well."

Crown Decide Not to Call Lutuli

JOHANNESBURG.

Chief A. J. Lutuli, president of the African National Congress, was subpoenaed by the Crown last week to give evidence in the trial of 23 Congressmen charged with incitement arising out of the pre-election demonstrations and stay-at-home.

Chief Lutuli had his legal representative with him in court, but after some seeming indecision the Crown decided not to call Chief Lutuli and discharged him as a witness.

Chief Lutuli told *New Age*: "I had no intention whatsoever of giving evidence."

Another Govt. Chief Shot Dead

PORT ELIZABETH.

SONTSWAYIMBA Msutu, a Government stooge, was found dead in Peddie last week with bullet wounds. A revolver is reported to have been found near his body.

He disappeared from his home on July 23 and the police started investigating his absence on the following day. Two days later his body was found on the arable lands.

The Native Affairs Department appointed Sontswayimba after the late Chief Ndlovu Msutu had been banished. The chief died in exile on a farm in the Vryburg district. The people in the area vigorously opposed the new chief's appointment and, to show their utter disapproval, ostracised him and his family.

At the time of the funeral of his cousin, Chief Ndlovu, the public feeling was so strong against him that, although his home is less than 100 yards away, he did not attend the funeral at which thousands of people from far and wide had gathered to pay tribute to a man who had enjoyed popular support.

New Age learns that out of the whole location only two men turned up to dig Sontswayimba's grave. It took them two and a half days.

The funeral, like that of Jama Njokweni who was found shot dead in his bed a few months ago in the same district, was attended by officials of the Native Affairs Department.

The police are carrying out intensive investigations and some people, including relatives and a son of the late Chief Ndlovu Msutu, have been detained.

with the unconscious hope that they could use their influence on the Herr Prime Minister.

I DON'T LIKE STRIJDOM EITHER, BUT CAN'T WE REMEMBER THAT THE EMPIRE OR THE COMMONWEALTH AS WE CALL IT NOW WAS BUILT UP ON THE BLOOD AND SWEAT OF US NIGGAHS.

● YOU . . .

BUT the case which some of the Nats present for their republic makes me wonder whether it's worth all the Party's efforts trying to convince South Africa that they've got something in this republican business.

THE POLITICAL LEVEL OF THE HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR WOLMARANSSTAD WAS

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By ALEX
LA GUMA



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AS HIGH AS A POSTAGE STAMP WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENT ENVELOPES SHOULD NO LONGER BE MARKED O.H.M.S.

● GET?

THERE'S a rumour going around that the Minister of Justice stipulated that at least one double-decker bus be provided for the transportation of the accused . . .

IN CASE ANY OF THE EUROPEANS AMONG THEM WISHED TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF APARTHEID!!!

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