

# CIVIL WAR IN THE TRANSKEI

## Murder and Arson as People Fight Bantu Authorities

From Govan Mbeki

PORT ELIZABETH.

NEW OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENT RESISTANCE TO THE BANTU AUTHORITIES ARE OCCURRING OVER A WIDE AREA IN THE TRANSKEI. SLOWLY THE POPULATION IS DRIFTING TOWARDS A STATE OF OPEN CIVIL WAR.

Open, organised clashes between the supporters and the opponents of the Government's policies are becoming more and more frequent.

In Eastern Pondoland and in the Tsolo-Mount Fletcher-Qum-

bu areas in East Griqualand murder and arson have already taken place on a wide scale. But in all other areas, too, the tension is mounting.

NEW AND MORE UGLY OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE CAN OCCUR AT ANY TIME UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT MODIFIES ITS POLICIES.

The people are divided into three groups. There are the few who, in return for what bribes—financial or in kind—they can get from the Government-appointed chief, club round him and often use violence to assert his authority. There are the few "neutrals" who fear to antagonise the Chief because they still look to him to allocate them a building site or grant some other favour. And then there are the majority of the people who resist Bantu Authorities because of the hardship and misery they bring upon the poverty-stricken peasants.

### HEADMAN'S WIFE SHOT

In the Baziya location, Umtata, an area which falls under Chief Sabata Dalindyebo, the wife of a headman Yengwa was shot in the chest after the whole kraal had been set alight. She has been admitted to the Umtata Hospital.

The Baziya location has been resisting the BAD decrees for some years, even before the Bantu Authorities were introduced. The people here have fought against the erection of fences under the "Betterment Scheme." Fences were cut at various places, and ultimately the

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## ANTI-PASS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN DURBAN

From M. P. Naicker

DURBAN.

THE first shots in a concerted campaign against the pass laws generally and in particular the extension of passes to women as from December were fired by the newly formed Anti-Pass Women's Committee of Durban this week.

Letters were addressed to all organisations including the Black Sash, Liberal Party, Congress of Democrats and others asking them to join in the campaign for the abolition of the pass laws.

Simultaneously thousands of leaflets have been issued throughout

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Pondo tribesmen in Bizana discuss events during one of the arson cases held there recently.

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## People On The Move In Basutoland



This Basutoland Congress Party demonstration in front of the offices of the District Commissioner at Mafeteng demanded the removal from office of the Commissioner for refusing to carry out the laws of the new District Council. In front of the flag is Mrs. Elizabeth Mafekeng, Union trade unionist who fled to Basutoland when threatened with exile by the Verwoerd Government. On her left is Mrs. Masibane Mokate, President of the Basutoland Congress Party Women's League, and beside her Mrs. L. K. Maphathe, Women's League secretary of Foreign Affairs, who has just returned from visits to Denmark, China and the Soviet Union.

## Overseas Boycott To Be Discussed at U.N.

### S.A. Leaders Call For Action

**EXILED** South African leaders have been campaigning in London recently to persuade the British Government to support measures for economic sanctions against South Africa which will be put before the United Nations.

They are Dr. Yussuf Dadoo, Mr. Oliver Tambo and Mr. Nana Mahomo, all members of the South African United Front. They have also approached leaders of British trade unions for support in their campaign.

Leaders of the United Front from both the Accra and London offices will be going to the United Nations Assembly to present the case of the South African people and of the people of South-West Africa.

● MR MAHOMO said that they were assured of the solid support of the Afro-Asian nations and for this reason the question of South-West Africa, a mandated territory, would be settled once and for all.

● DR. DADOO said that the British people, through the unions and their members of Parliament, must see to it that their Government acted in the right way at the United Nations and supported any move for economic sanctions against South Africa.

● MR. TAMBO said that the lifting of the emergency changed nothing: the situation was as explosive as it was before the Sharpeville shootings and the need to remain vigilant and press the South African Government to change its policies was as strong as ever.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement, supported by the Africa Bureau, Christian Action, the Committee of African Organisations and the Movement for Colonial Freedom is launching a new campaign in Britain to get individual support for the boycott of South African goods. People will be asked to sign a pledge that they will buy no South African goods and at the same time subscribe a penny (or more) to further the work against apartheid.

The S.A. United Front also mapped out a campaign in Britain which included the Penny Pledge against Apartheid, a tour of Britain by Mr. Tambo, Dr. Dadoo and Mr. Mahomo who addressed meetings in Newcastle, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Notting-

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# NEW AGE LETTER BOX

## ANTI-PASS CAMPAIGN MUST CONTINUE

Now that the State of Emergency is over, we can raise our voice. I ask the former leaders of the banned African National Congress and Youth League this question: what is going to be done about the struggle of our people? Are the people going to struggle without their leaders to direct them? Or are we to accept the ban and sit on our laurels, which is the Government's aim?

Some people have suggested that we join other political organisations that still exist such as the Indian Congress, Congress of Democrats, Liberal Party or Progressive Party. This will not do, for our people thirst for freedom and want their own organisation to deal with their grievances.

The solution is that our leaders must carry on the struggle as usual, the sooner the better. The issue of the moment is the pass laws. The Government is determined to tighten them every day. On December 1 it is going to make it compulsory for our women folk to carry these hated dom passes. Even if the police do not ask for these passes, the fact remains we are subject to them.

### Protest at Reeves' Deportation

We, like all South Africans worthy of that name, are disgusted at the recent deportation of Bishop Ambrose Reeves.

This is persecution! And they have the audacity to rant about Christian National Education and Christian Republics! Perhaps they had better apply their C.N.E. to themselves.

This deportation is a clumsy move showing the despair of the supremacists. This dog, white supremacy, is snapping wildly in its corner but it will never bite more than the ankles for it will be killed first.

We call on all true South Africans, irrespective of race, colour or creed to protest against the futile deportation of this opponent of racialism.

TWO DEMOCRATS  
Cape Town.

Should you be out of work, should you forget it at home, should you be fresh from the rural areas, should your baas forget to put his signature and so on, you are in trouble.

Have Gen. du Plooy's promises made us forget that our brothers are still being slain on the farms? Have you forgotten that our wages are pegged while the cost of living is mounting all the time because of the pass laws? Let's go back to jail in an earnest attempt to destroy the pass laws.

It is rumoured that the Government is going to consult the African people on their grievances. Who are they going to consult? The only people we recognise as our leaders are the leaders of the political bodies like the SAIC and the ANC.

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Johannesburg.

### Thanks To Canon Collins

On behalf of the African people, I congratulate Canon Collins on his gift of £100 to our Chief Albert J. Lutuli, President-General of the African National Congress, to pay his fine for having burned his reference book.

We, the Africans of South Africa are grateful for such an act and for the good race relationship it shows. We all send Canon Collins sincere thanks.

E. B. MKABILE  
Springs.

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EUROPEAN READER  
Eastern Cape.

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"Like a Phoenix risen from the ashes" is how one friend expressed his feelings. He did not leave it at that; he sent us fifty quid, to help the bird get on its feet again.

Many others have expressed their joy in a similarly concrete fashion, BUT WE NEED MUCH MORE IF WE ARE TO PAY OUR WAY AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

It depends on YOU. It is now YOUR TURN.

Rising from the ashes, or emerging from the emergency,

was easy. Keeping going is very much more difficult. It will, in fact, be absolutely impossible without your IMMEDIATE HELP.

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### Chief's Kraal Burnt Down

In the Engcobo district on September 10 the Chief's kraal in the Lower Gqobonco Location was burned to ashes. This incident followed a meeting which was presided over by the Senior Magistrate. The people were refusing to take part in the Census unless Bantu Authorities and heavy taxes imposed on them were removed. The magistrate presided over the meeting during the day. That same night Chief Spalding Matyile's home was burned down. When the Chief woke up at midnight he was too late to rescue even a piece of paper or his trousers.

Chief Matyile is the District Chairman of Bantu Authorities, and also the District Chairman of the School Board; in other words, he is the right-hand helpmeet of the Government in Bantustan.

The tension is very high in the Engcobo district. The tribesmen have wonderfully organised themselves against any form of Bantustan.

"SUBSCRIBER"  
Engcobo.

### Apartheid is Jungle Law

If the continuance of so-called white civilisation is only to be derived by the imperialist rule through apartheid, then hard luck to it.

Apartheid differs nowhere from the atrocious Nazi or jungle law.

The Africans regard apartheid as a cruel humiliation. It is through this un-Christian law that the Congo is on fire today. Is our Nat Government so dunder-headed that it can still not realise the fate of the law even from the present situation of Congo?

The longer apartheid lasts, the bigger will be the gulf of hatred between the various races of South Africa. It violates the peace of the country.

It is now time that our Government applies more logic and less brawn in its tactics.

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### No Peace With Their Chief

Stronger than before, the people at Rooijantjiesfontein, near Lichtenburg, are having no peace with their chief. They take this chief for an agent of the police. He sent five men to jail during the emergency.

The chief and the Government have all the armed force on their side, but the people are demanding their freedom from their chief and the release of their leaders.

A. BAKALOBENG  
Rooijantjiesfontein.

### The Only Paper

We are glad to see New Age again. It is the only newspaper in which we can say what we like about politics, and which encourages people to fight for the freedom of Africa. It is now clear to us after the events of March and the anti-pass struggle that freedom is at hand. We look forward now to the fight for an increase in wages, which are now far below the breadline.

Sons and Daughters of Africa! I appeal to all of you to help us in the next campaign that will be held. We must fight for the release of our leaders now in jail.

L. MTIMKULU  
Johannesburg.

## EDITORIAL

### Verwoerd Cannot Give The People Freedom

WITH a fanfare of trumpets, the Prime Minister, Dr. Verwoerd, last week announced a "new deal" for the Africans. He hopes that by removing grievances, his programme of "concessions" will restore lost confidence both here and overseas in the stability of the apartheid regime.

It is perhaps a victory for the progressive cause that the events of the last few months—the March disturbances, the state of emergency, the violent international reaction, the economic crisis, not to mention the dramatic incidents in his own personal life—have succeeded in wringing from the Prime Minister the admission that the African people have genuine grievances.

After all, the Prime Minister derives his spiritual authority from God and has been known to state that he never has doubts about the correctness of his policy. And the Prime Minister's satellites like de Wet Nel have also claimed, in the midst of mass riots, shootings, jailings, beatings and goodness knows what turmoil in our country, that the relations between Black and White have never been better.

So it is something to get these gentlemen to admit that things could be better; in fact, it is as good proof as any that things have never been worse, and that drastic steps must be taken to set them right.

Unfortunately, the effort required to back-pedal even that far seems to have exhausted the Prime Minister's initiative, for his "new deal" is merely the same old mixture as before, with a few trivial adjustments here and there. Elsewhere in this issue Mr. Mandela, prominent African leader, makes it clear that Verwoerd's programme of "reforms" is completely beside the point.

The African people want an end to apartheid and poverty, an end to pass laws and migratory labour, an end to the Bantustan bluff and the bush colleges. They want to be accepted as equal citizens in the land of their birth, with the right to develop their abilities to the fullest possible extent without any arbitrary restrictions based on race, creed or colour. Above all, they want the right to full and equal participation in the government of the country.

Verwoerd's statement has helped to ram home the lesson that none of the aspirations of the African people can be realised under the present regime. Verwoerd is committed to apartheid, and it is the concept of apartheid which is at the root of our troubles. That is why the mountain has laboured to produce a mouse; for Verwoerd is incapable of offering the African people more than a mouse.

Verwoerd's "new deal" therefore will miss the mark. It will not remove the grievances of the people and will not lead to peace and stability. The lost confidence for which he is seeking will remain as elusive as ever.

**Above all, the mass of the people must be under no illusions about Verwoerd's intentions. The "promised land" for which the people are striving will not be reached as a result of a change of heart by Verwoerd and his gang. It will come about only as a result of mass struggle which will sweep Verwoerd and his successors into limbo and destroy the fabric of apartheid for ever.**

## STAND BY LUMUMBA

I learn with regret that Mr. Joseph Kasavubu, President of the Congo Republic has denounced the Congo Premier, Mr. Lumumba, the very man who appointed him to the position he is in today. In the first place Mr. Lumumba has been voted to his position and therefore Mr. Kasavubu has no right to violate the will of the people; in other words Mr. Lumumba can only be voted out by the people who voted him in.

I appeal to the people of Congo not to listen to agitators like Kasavubu, Tshombe and Kalonji because their aim is to divide Congo into small independent provinces in order that these Belgians may easily re-occupy the Congo and thus retard their progress. You, Congo comrades, remember one thing: Mr. Lumumba has done a lot of good for his country. By putting Kasavubu at the head of the State he was trying to unite his (Lumumba's) party with the Abako Party (Kasa-

vubu's). After that he was going to sort the differences between Tshombe and himself and thereafter form his Central Government, which would be a step forward to the United States of Africa.

Fellow Africans in Congo! Please stand by Lumumba, he is the only man to build Congo. He is patriotic, and to lose him is to lose your independence. His policies are only designed to clean the Congo of the agitators who are on good terms with the Belgians.

Dr. Verwoerd wake up! What's happening in Congo will happen in this country before 1963. Unless you change your policies now, you will find yourself and your government in the rut.

Hats off to Dr. Nkrumah for his attempt to fight apartheid; for the way he is treating our political refugees in Ghana.

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# STUDENTS REBEL AGAINST BANTU EDUCATION

## Studies Disrupted At Fort Hare And Several Schools

From Govan Mbeki  
PORT ELIZABETH.

**BIG** trouble is brewing in Verwoerd's tribal colleges and schools as the African students begin to fight back against the poison of Bantu Education.

### At Fort Hare

Last week lectures were suspended at the tribal college of Fort Hare for two days while the students and the Senate at separate meetings were deciding on the next step to take. The principal had confronted the students with an ultimatum that if they had not signed a pledge of loyalty by midday on Tuesday they would be expelled from the college.

The trouble arose when students objected to the presence of hostel wardens in the dining hall. The wardens played the role of boarding masters in boys' boarding departments at high schools. In the past the chairman of the SRC had been the head of the students in the dining hall. But since the beginning of the year when the BAD brainwashing education experts took over Fort Hare, the African members of the staff assumed the role of policing the students at the hostel and the dining hall.

#### SHOWDOWN

The principal seized the demonstration by the students as an excuse for a showdown. Although the students had bound themselves to obey the rules and regulations of the college by signing an undertaking to that effect at the beginning of the year, the Principal called on them again to confirm their loyalty to the Nationalist policy under which Fort Hare is run.

No doubt the Principal did this to test the extent to which the students were prepared to stand by NUSAS after three of its representatives had been to the college and sought permission to talk to the students. When they were refused permission and the Principal had ordered them out of the college precincts the NUSAS representatives held a meeting at Alice, the little town that is almost part of Fort Hare, but falls outside the boundaries of the college. Almost all the students attended this meeting.

After a whole day's deliberations in which students sought unanimous action in the face of the Principal's ultimatum they decided to sign the "Loyalty Pledge." In doing so the students stated that the Principal had made an issue of a petty matter and that they were determined to wage a fight to have an SRC that genuinely represented the students.

In the meanwhile there is no SRC and the only links between the authorities and the students are the hostel wardens.

The position, however, continues to be tense under the surface even though for the time being the Nationalist apartheid apostles who run Fort Hare may boast of a victory.

### In the Schools

Uncertainty and restlessness are also occurring in a number of Verwoerd's slave education schools. The students can no longer stomach the propaganda which the Nationalists are drumming into their heads in the name of Christian National Education.

In Pondoland at a school which the BAD officials had proudly renamed after their leading stooge, Botha Sigcau, the students ended the sham and the school has closed down. At St. John's College, Um-tata, at the headquarters of the Bantu Authorities, the school broke up and scores of students have been expelled.

Now trouble has occurred at the Mary Mount Convent—a Roman Catholic Boarding Secondary School, at Uitenhage. The entire Junior Certificate class has been expelled. Although here the cause of the quarrel was in itself apparently insignificant, it flared up until it developed into a complex issue involving the whole school.

#### WITCHCRAFT ALLEGED

The authorities ordered one girl to throw away a belt she was always wearing. The girl claimed she used it for medicinal purposes. The authorities accused her of practising witchcraft and when the other girls stood by her the authorities accused all of them of supporting savagery. The students took this as an insult to them as a racial group, and Catholics and non-Catholics alike demanded an apology from the nuns. Finally the whole J.C. class were expelled except for one girl who is head prefect.

**HAVE YOU SENT YOUR DONATION THIS WEEK?**

## CONGRESS LEADERS FOR OVERSEAS

JOHANNESBURG.

A DOZEN South Africans hunted by the Special Branch during the Emergency but never caught and who lived out the 5-month Emergency in the Protectorates were flown to Accra last Friday night in a special airlift organised by the Ghana government.

Among them are former Congress and PAC leaders who will swell the ranks of the South African United Front abroad: the joint ANC, PAC, SAIC and SWA National Union team that has opened offices in several capitals to win support for the freedom movement here.

Included in the airlift were: Mr. Moses Mabhida, vice-president of the now banned African National Congress.

Mr. Wilton Mkwazi, former treason trialist and leading ANC oragniser in the Eastern Cape.

These two will attend the



Present at the reunion of ex-detainees at the Moslem Institute, Port Elizabeth, were, left to right: Archdeacon T. B. Powell, Mrs. Fernda Newton, Father H. F. C. Thorpe, Mrs. Florence Matomela, Mr. Frank Matomela, Mrs. Alison Pirie and Mr. Govan Mbeki.

## Sobukwe's Appeal to be Heard this Week

JOHANNESBURG.

Pan Africanist President Mr. Robert Sobukwe, sentenced to three years in jail for incitement after Sharpeville, takes his case on appeal to Pretoria this week. Sobukwe is in Boksburg jail.

Another leader of the now banned PAC, Mr. Z. B. Molete, who was one of the Emergency detainees, will stand trial for incitement on October 3. Molete has been bailed out of jail. He is one of three accused to stand trial in this case.

On September 23 the trial will open of twelve Africans, eleven men and one woman, charged with carrying on the activities of the PAC, now a banned organisation.

The 12 were arrested by the

Special Branch after a swoop on one house where a number of those to stand trial were arrested. Later, raids were carried out on several other houses in the south-west townships of Johannesburg and others were arrested.

Those arrested and appearing in court are: Messrs B. M. Masikela, H. J. M. Lefuka, A. B. Ngcobo, H. Hlatshayo, J. Walaza, E. Makoti, Stanley Nkosi, A. Tsehlana, L. Makhothi, T. Sehlolo and Mrs. Ellen Molapo.

#### ANC MEN JAILED FOR PASS BURNINGS

Four Pretoria Africans were found guilty of incitement last week and sent to prison for four months (with nine months imprisonment suspended for two years) for pass burnings and incitement to pass burning on March 27 this year.

The four are Messrs. Morris Massemela, April Mokgoatlane, Abel Thale and Peter Magano.

Earlier, Johannes Matsemela, 40, and Andries Seane, 40, were acquitted of the same charge.

It was said that they burned or incited others to burn reference books on March 27 of this year.

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## Emergency Will Be Permanent Unless Whites Wake Up

—Mbeki

PORT ELIZABETH.

IF the Whites in this country refuse to recognise the fact that the four-fifths of the population who will not vote on October 5 also have a right to determine the form of government under which we shall be ruled, then the state of emergency will continue indefinitely, except for short respites such as we are having now, said Mr. Govan Mbeki addressing a non-racial meeting at the Moslem Institute on Monday, September 12.

About 500 people of all races attended, including ex-detainees and their families, and many other people from various organisations which had been drawn into active welfare work for the detainees during the period of the emergency, such as the Liberal Party, the Black Sash and the Progressive Party. The re-union was organised by the Detainees' Dependents' Committee.

#### GRATITUDE

Expressing the gratitude of the ex-detainees and their families, Mr. Mbeki used a Xhosa expression: Ukwanda kwaliwa ngumthakathi. Ninga dinwa nangomso. (It is the evil minded who would not like to see good prosper. May you be granted strength to do tomorrow what you have done today.)

The 2,000 ex-detainees and the 18,000 other victims of Nationalist blind wrath during the emergency owed their release to the people of this country and the world over who brought pressure to bear upon the Nationalist Government. It was necessary, he said, that we must all now join hands to release the three million whites who were suffering a more cruel and spiritually paralyzing form of imprisonment. They were imprisoned by fear.

Other speakers were Mrs. Alison Pirie and Father H. Thorpe, the Chairman of the Detainees' Dependents' Committee.



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