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LEADERS TO DEFY

THE EDITOR'S OPEN LETTER



Dear Mr. Swart,

A month ago SPARK drew your attention to a photograph of a disgusting signpost appearing on a poultry farm in Grasmere, Transvaal. You did not reply to our request but I see that your Police Force does not mind such signposts. However, I have something more important to write to you about now.

I was at the City Hall steps two weeks ago, listening to Solly Sachs speak in protest to your ban on him. The meeting was a model of orderliness until members of your police forced their way through the crowd and arrested Solly. Then fighting broke out. I stood there, Mr. Swart, and for a moment I thought I was in Nazi Germany or Fascist Spain. I was thoroughly nauseated by the spectacle of unwarranted police brutality. I tell you, Mr. Swart, they beat up women as I have never seen before. I saw a pregnant woman walking around in a daze with blood oozing from her head. I saw an elderly man's face drowned in blood.

Perhaps you don't believe

me, but photographs do not tell lies. Look at our picture above; see that woman, with terror in her eyes, lying on the ground; see your henchman with a baton in his hand! Perhaps you may think the photograph is a fake. You are quite entitled to think as you wish, but in this issue of SPARK we publish a full list of the victims of police brutality. You are at liberty to question any one of these unfortunate people and they shall all tell you the same story.

Dr. Malan said that it was "Communist bottles" that caused the trouble. Mr. Swart, can you perhaps explain to me how people can utter such rubbish? The truth of the matter is that you and your Government with the aid of your baton-slinging police force are getting out of hand.

Your Government is leading the country to disaster. This catastrophe can only be averted if you hand over the country to the people of South Africa NOW!

Yours faithfully,

R. H. DESAI.

Kotane Arrested DEFIANCE CAMPAIGN OPENS JUNE 26

Johannesburg.

The defiance campaign has started. Mr. Kotane, a member of the Executive Committee of the African National Congress, was arrested after addressing a gathering in Alexandra Township. He is to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrates Court on Monday, June 9. Mr. Kotane is one of the persons who has received an order from the Minister of Justice prohibiting him from addressing meetings and instructing him to resign from all political associations. Mr. Kotane's defiance of Swart's banning order is in accordance with the directives of the Joint Executives of the A.N.C. and S.A.I.C., which met in Port Elizabeth last week-end. The Joint Executives also decided that the campaign for the defiance of unjust laws begin on June 26.

Dr. Dadoo, Mr. Marks and Mr. David Bopape have also been instructed to defy Swart's banning order. It is learnt that these men will defy the ban at the first available opportunity. Mr. M. Harmel, an executive member of the Transvaal Peace Council, who had also received a banning order from Swart, addressed a meeting of the Peace Council at the Selborne Hall last Monday and thus defied the ban.

Mr. Harmel was arrested on Wednesday morning. His case has been remanded to Monday, June 9.

The Joint Executives of the South African Indian Congress and the African National Congress decided that the first batch of Volunteers for the Defiance of Unjust Laws would go into action on June 26. The Volunteers would go into action in the large cities such as Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein.

At a mass meeting in Port Elizabeth where the decision was announced 400 people signed on as volunteers. Dr. Moroka, President General of the African National Congress, who addressed the gathering, said that there was no alternative for the African people but the campaign about to be launched.

"We cannot go to Parliament to state our case. We cannot become members of the provincial councils or any other governing body. Our national leaders are ignored and their warnings are not heeded.

"No part of the boat can sink without the rest of the ship sinking."

After the meeting 7,000 people, by raising their hands, pledged themselves to the struggle for freedom. When

the chairman asked those who opposed the pledge to raise their left hands, not a hand was raised.

The Transvaal Indian Youth Congress on the occasion of its Annual General Meeting has received the following cable from the World Federation of Democratic Youth:

"Warmly greet T.I.Y.C. on the occasion of its General Meeting. Assure our support and solidarity with the South African Youth fighting against unjust laws and for fundamental human rights, peace and national independence."

A cable was also received from the Demitrov Youth of Bulgaria.

The Youth Congress is holding its meeting at the Duncan Hall on Sunday, 8th June.

**"Spark"
EDITORIAL**

**NAZI AXE
FALLS**

The Nationalist Government has let loose a reign of terror against the people in an attempt to divert attention from their own illegal acts in South Africa's constitutional crisis.

In one week the Minister of Justice has taken steps to cripple the workers' trade unions; gag the people's leaders; ban their most outspoken paper and a courageous opponent of Nationalist policies, The Guardian; and expel democratically elected members from Parliament and the Cape Provincial Council.

Those who oppose the policy of the Nationalist Party are to be smeared as "Reds" and forbidden to take part in the activities of any organisation named by the Minister of Justice. These men and women are to be the scapegoats for the disaster into which the Nationalist Government is plunging South Africa.

**Gestapo
Police Action**

This week a wave of horror swept the country at the savage police baton charges ordered to break up the peaceful demonstration of Johannesburg garment workers who had gathered to protest against the removal by Minister Swart of their secretary, Mr. E. S. Sachs.

This country is seeing the ballot box and polling booth being replaced by the police truncheon; the judicial bench pushed aside for the dictatorial edicts of a clique of Nazi-minded Cabinet Ministers.

This is how fascism is born. This Government must be stopped before it is too late.

First victims are the leaders of the Non-European liberation movements and militant trade unionists who have fought for the improvement of the workers' conditions. YOU might be next.

**People Up
In Arms**

15,000 garment workers have shown the way in their one-day strike of protest. The people must speak out now, through their organisations, through great demonstrations of protest, by every means they can summon.

Unite to throw the Nationalist Government out!

Only democratic unity can stop fascism!

**LIST OF GARMENT WORKERS
INJURED AT CITY HALL STEPS**

- Jeraldine Le Ray (Carella), 20 Block B, Langlaagte.
- Charlotte McAdoo (Carella), 19 Block B, Langlaagte.
- Delma Goodoo (Francis), 74 Sive-wright Avenue, Doornfontein.
- Norma Martin (Stronge Clothing), 36 First Avenue, Wynburg.
- Daniel Adams (Sterling Shirt), 24 Polly Street (lost watch and wallet).
- Gladys Colman Davis (unemployed), 43 Terrace Road, Fordsburg.
- Maggie du Plessis (Shalom), 98 Beacon Road, Kliptown.
- Magdalene Rulridge, 24 Third Avenue, Bez. Valley.
- Rose Jardine, 14 22nd Street, Vrede-dorp.
- Florence Sieberts (French Models), 20 Pienaar Street, Krugersdorp.
- Cecelia Mann (Tvl. Clothing), 128 Pie-naar Street, Krugersdorp.
- Elizabeth Tshabalala (Coblo), 7274 West Orlando.
- Sophie Leemu (United), 176 Noord-gesig.
- Sarah Rooi (United), 74 Beacon Road, Kliptown.
- Susan Roberts (United), P.O. Klip-town.
- Cecelia Lawrence (Dee Bee), 36 Twist Street, Albertsville.
- Catherine Brown (Eva Dress), P.O. Kliptown.
- Ayesha Moosa (Aeitners), 976 Second Street, Germiston.
- Lettie de Beer (United Dress), 8275 West Orlando (also lost £4 10s., glasses broken).
- Miriam Saams (Nudleman), P.O. Klip-town.
- Doreen Williams (Rand Shirt), 10a 20th Street, Vrededorp.
- K. Brown (Eve Dress), Kliptown.
- Lydia Nakoloi (London Model), 8th Avenue, Alexandra.
- Elizabeth Stennbu (Alfsia), Newclare.
- Cecelia Mann (Transvaal Clothing), 196 Fox Street, Johannesburg.
- Yvonne Schaik (London Clothing), 168 President Street.
- A. Siane (Contesas), 12 Central Road, Fordsburg.
- Edward van Wyk, 16a Langlaagte Estates, Block B, Johannesburg (United Dress).
- Elizabeth Otto (Pyramid), 21 Meyer Road, Newlands.
- Pheila King.
- G. McBride.
- F. Peterson.
- D. Williams.
- L. de Beer.
- M. Scot.
- Karoon Ami.
- Leslie Francis.
- Doreen Jeppe.
- Ayesha Davies.
- M. Govida.
- M. Daniels.
- M. Davies.
- Louisa Legetha.
- Elizabeth Ashabalala.
- Ester Dickson.
- Julia Fredericks.

**Spark Battles
For You**

The leaders of the people are being arrested. The fascist Maan Government is attempting to strangle the movement of the oppressed in South Africa. The Police Force is daily displaying more brutality. They are beating women indiscriminately. Mr. Swart and his fascist cohorts are trying to establish a totalitarian dictatorship in our country. SPARK is one of the only papers in South Africa that is actively campaigning for the ousting of the present oppressive regime. SPARK faithfully gives the people news of the national liberatory movement.

We need money to carry on the battle. SPARK appeals to all its readers to urgently dip their hands in their pockets and give until it hurts. Only your assistance can ensure that SPARK continues to give the people the REAL NEWS.

Send your donation NOW to Box 564, Johannesburg.

WORKERS LISTENING TO SACHS



Shop stewards of No. 2 Branch of the Garment Workers Union who decided on a one day strike.

**Youth Congress
Member Beaten**

Mr. Solly Motan, a garment worker and member of the T.I.Y.C., was savagely hit on the head when police made the brutal attack on peaceful and innocent people who had gathered on the City Hall steps, to protest against the banning of Mr. Sachs, secretary of the Garment Workers' Union. In a statement to SPARK, Mr. Motan, who is an ex-Passive Resister, said, "The more injuries we receive, the more determined we become. I am prepared to resist again."

**18 WORKERS
STRIKE IN
SYMPATHY**

As a protest against the Government's attacks on trade unions, liberties of individuals and the Guardian, 18 leather workers at the factory of A. Allen came out on strike in sympathy with the garment workers on Monday, 26th May, 1952.

**New Youth
Branch in
Pretoria**

A mass meeting of the Pretoria Branch of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress was held on Sunday, 25th May, 1952, at Pretoria.

The Chairman, Dr. Chetty, gave a brief report on the history of the branch. He emphasised the important role which the youth of Pretoria must play in the forthcoming struggle for the Defiance of Unjust Laws.

A Call To Youth

Mr. R. R. Velshi gave a resumé of the prevailing political situation and appealed to the youth of Pretoria to come forward when the call is made.

Mr. Ismail Mohamed briefly outlined the objectives in forming the Youth Congress Branch. "We must instil in the minds of the young people of Pretoria the urgency of the political problems facing them."

Mr. Essop Moosa paid a glowing tribute to those conscientious people who took the initiative in forming this branch. He gave his full support to the Youth Congress and hoped that it would continue to fight until its objectives have been attained.

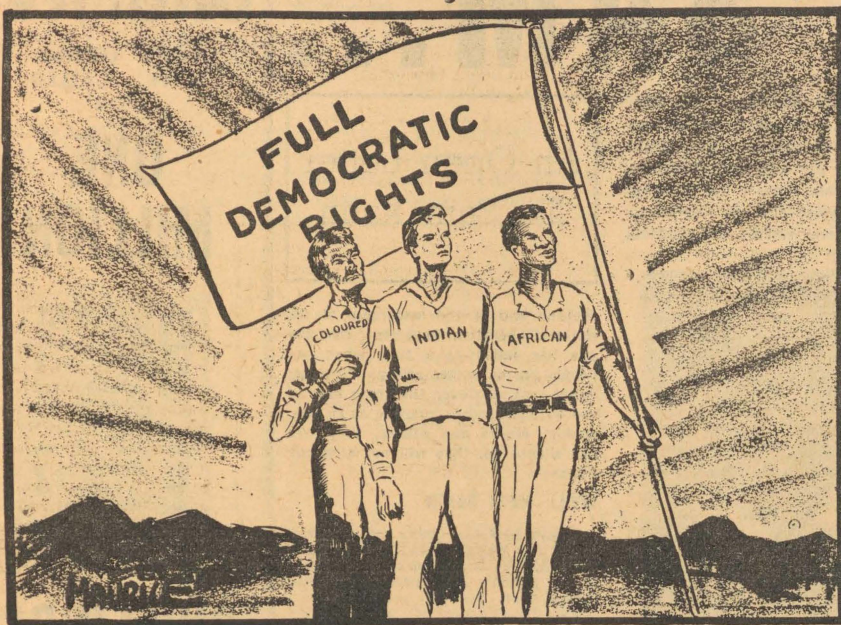
Other speakers included Mr. Kathrada and Mr. R. H. Desai, editor of SPARK.

ELECTIONS

The following were elected:—
Chairman: Dr. D. Chetty.
Vice-chairman: Mr. M. Ismail.
Joint Hon. Secretaries: Mr. R. R. Velshi and Mr. D. Bhana.
Treasurer: Mr. C. M. Patel.
1 Committee Member: Mr. S. A. Ayob.

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MORE UNITED THAN EVER BEFORE



Annual Meeting in Natal Inspiring

The third annual meeting of the Natal Indian Youth Congress was held at the Hindu Surat Association Hall on Sunday, May 25.

The meeting boldly signified that the Indian Youth of Natal are vibrantly alive to the political issues of the day and united as never before in their desires to defend and fight for the fundamental democratic rights of the oppressed of South Africa.

SOLIDARITY WITH GARMENT WORKERS

A number of resolutions condemning the Government's interference with the trade unions and the leaders of the people were passed. The meeting also passed a resolution of solidarity with the heroic stand of the garment workers in defence of E. S. Sachs, their general secretary.

The following officials were elected to the executive committee of the Youth Congress: Honorary President, Dr. G. M. Naicker; Chairman, E. Sedat; Vice-Chairman, B. R. Pillay; General Secretary, A. G. Soobiah; Organising Secretary, H. S. Mall; treasurer, H. R. Deoduth.

Students Condemn Germ Warfare

Throughout the world thousands of individuals and organisations are protesting against the use of bacteriological weapons in Korea by the Yankee imperialists.

The All India Students' Federation Secretariat have issued a statement protesting against germ warfare.

FRANCE

In France 150 students from the Cite Universitaire sent a protest telegram to U.N.O. After stressing the students' indignation at these methods of warfare the telegram demands that the General Secretariat of U.N.O. use all its authorities to stop these barbarous bombings.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

In Czechoslovakia students of the medical faculty of Bratislava are sending a message to U.S. medical students appealing to them to act. "As doctors of the future we ask you in the name of Korean children, widows, old men, of the whole peace loving world, to fight for the ending of bacteriological warfare in Korea."

S.A.L.T.C. WARNS WORKERS

The South African Trades and Labour Council, greatly perturbed by the present trend of events in the country, issued a pamphlet explaining what the removal by the Government of trade union leaders means to workers and ordinary citizens.

The pamphlet makes the following points:—

- (a) You are deprived of your right to retain the services of the leaders you have elected.
- (b) The government in removing your officials are clearly treating your vote with contempt and you as childishly irresponsible.
- (c) The government by removing your leaders, who have for many years battled to improve your wages and conditions of work, is endangering the standards you have established.
- (d) By these removals the trade unions are completely disrupted and the organisations rendered ineffective.
- (e) By these means the government

GUARDIAN IS BANNED

The Guardian is banned. This was officially announced on the 23rd May, 1952, in the "Government Gazette." The banning of the Guardian has come as a complete shock to many and has aroused the indignation of all democracy loving people in South Africa.

The Guardian was banned under section 17 of the Suppression of Communism Act, said the notice, which was signed by the Governor-General, Dr. Jansen, and the Minister of Justice, Mr. Swart. The notice says the Guardian was published and disseminated by or under the directions or guidance of an organisation which has been declared an unlawful organisation by the Act, namely the Communist Party of South Africa.

The Suppression of Communism Act does not allow a banned newspaper to get redress in the courts.

Below are given extracts from statements by organisations and individuals who were horrified by this vile action on the part of the government.

Council of Non-European Trade Unions: "As an organisation of non-European workers, who hardly get publicity from the capitalist press, the 'Guardian' has fulfilled a great task of serving as an organiser of the workers of this country. No grievance of the working people was too small for the Guardian, neither did it at any time fail to champion the cause of the under-privileged people. The ban on the 'Guardian' is the first instalment in the general plot of the Nationalist Government to destroy any press in this country which is openly opposing

its Apartheid policy. It is an attack on the freedom of the press and the right to express the aspiration of those who are oppressed in this country."

South African Indian Congress: "S.A.I.C. condemns the action of the Minister of Justice in declaring the Guardian newspaper illegal, as a most malicious attack on the freedom of the press. It is patent to the people that the Guardian has been attacked for no other reason than that it was the most outspoken champion of the rights of the workers, a great proponent of the demands of the non-European people for full democratic rights and a forthright critic of the Apartheid and anti-democratic policies of the Nationalist Government. Coming as it does at the same time as the restrictions imposed on national and trade union leaders and the expulsion of Mr. Sam Kahn and Mr. Fred Carneson from the House of Assembly and the Cape Provincial Council. This attack is a part of the last desperate attempt of the Malan Government to impose an open fascist dictatorship on South Africa."

Mr. W. M. Sisulu, Secretary-General A.N.C.: "No action under the present government, whether it is an attack on the freedom of the individual or the press, can be a surprise to us to-day. We are quite aware that the simultaneous attack on the people's leaders and the Guardian is not accidental, but a clever political trick to create imaginary dangers of a Black Revolu-

tion and the Communist Bogey, which is designed to capture Afrikaner votes at the next election. We vigorously protest against the banning of the only journal which for years has championed the cause of the oppressed people of South Africa."

Mr. S. V. Reddy, National Secretary of the Tin Workers Union and Executive member of the Natal Indian Congress: "By banning the Guardian the Nats. are putting into force their fascist policy which is designed to silence all opposition to a fascist government in South Africa. The banning of the Guardian must not be taken as an isolated case but as an attack on the freedom of the press. If the challenge is not met now by the peoples of South Africa, then all opposition newspapers will have the same fate as the Guardian."

Mr. Paul Joseph, a worker and a regular reader of the Guardian for the past seven years, bitterly commented, "Workers have lost their mightiest organ of the expression of their frustration, degradation and misery. The Guardian has been the organiser of the workers of South Africa for the last 16 years. In my opinion for the loss of the Guardian is a mortal blow to me as a worker. The National Liberation Movement has lost a great voice. They may ban our paper, they may restrict our freedom but the fascists will never stop the march of the oppressed people of South Africa towards a better future."

Mr. I. Wolfson, secretary of the Tailoring Workers Industrial Union, strongly protested against the unwarranted fascist attacks of the Malan Government on the Guardian.

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DEAR SAM...

It was naturally with a feeling of anger and hate that I learnt the other day of the decision of our fascist Government to expel you and Fred from Parliament and the Provincial Council—bodies to which our people elected you, to represent us. We sent you to voice our protests, our grievances, our feelings, aspirations, demands—indeed to make known our rebellion against the existing order of things to the very House and the very people who are responsible for our present intolerable and rapidly deteriorating conditions of life.

Yet it is not anger and hate that drives me to address this letter to you. It is rather the new realisation, the new consciousness and the new determination that I feel and see in my people that made me write to tell you, what I believe, everyone of our oppressed millions will want to tell you. I want to say that when Blackie Swart raised his monstrous, black hand to dictatorially curtail your tenure in the Houses of Parliament, he not only touched you, dear Sam, but he dealt a blow at the future of the ten million non-European whom you so ably represented—in fact, I believe he knocked his ghastly iron fist against the lives of all South Africans—white and black—who love democracy, who love South Africa.

It was a red-letter day—the 17th of November, 1948—for my unhappy people and my unhappy country. For the first time in our lives, even though by the very limited and grossly unjust forms of expression accorded to us, we elected into Parliament a man after our own hearts and desire. You were elected by some thousands of my people to represent the Cape Western constituency. Your brief but fighting and admirable parliamentary career showed that you spoke on behalf of the overwhelming majority of the peoples of this country as a whole. How truly this was expressed by yourself when in one of your many courageous speeches you pointed out, "Where there is injustice in South Africa, there is my constituency."

WE LISTENED . . .

The most important thing that distinguished you from the rest of your parliamentary colleagues was that whenever you stood up to speak, you spoke not only to the servile voting machines (known as the Nationalist, United and Labour Parties, and speaking to whom, you knew, was like teaching mathematics to monkeys), but you spoke on behalf of and to the people of South Africa. Although many a time you must have felt tired, angry, frustrated speaking to the four blank walls (misnamed the Parliament), we assure you that the masses of our country listened to your each word with interest and satisfaction and applauded your each sentence. Your speeches found a ready echo in the feelings of the ten million voteless

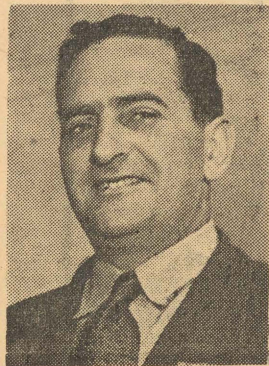


Photo: "Pretoria News"
Sam Kahn

people and it is in their hearts that your pronouncements still reverberate.

REMOVED GUARDIAN

I am writing this letter after what has perhaps been the blackest week in the history of our unhappy country. Together with your and Fred's expulsion the fascists have removed from our midst our very dear "Guardian"—the torchbearer of our future. For some 16 years this newspaper has unflinchingly and boldly spoken up and fought for us who are voiceless—it has championed our struggle and march towards a happy, bright South Africa. In addition to this the fascists are attempting to silence J.B., Doctor David Bopape, Moses Kotane and other gallant and beloved leaders of our people, whom we elected to lead us. Perhaps in the coming days these men and many more will be physically removed even further away from us, to be flung into prisons, to pay the price of leadership, to pay the price of our freedom.

Well, Sam, the axe has fallen. The incarceration of our leaders, the beating of women and children by brutes dressed in uniforms as I witnessed at the Johannesburg City Hall steps some Saturdays ago, with worse still to come, are, I guess, an essential part of our march to freedom. It is a tribute to you, to Dadoo, J. B. Marks,

An Open Letter To Sam Kahn

Kotane and to the leadership of the national liberation movement, that the axe has fallen at a time when our people are no longer asleep. Rest assured that whatever the crazy men of the Broederbond attempt to do to you, Dadoo, Marks and others, they will not silence us, they will not stop our march.

WE'LL MEET AGAIN

I suppose I had better say *au revoir* now. For we are bound to meet some day. It may be in the streets, it may be in prison—the people of South Africa must and will see you again, taking an honoured place among honourable men and women in the very House of Parliament which yesterday shamelessly chose to expel you. Till then, good-luck and fighting greetings from,

A SON OF AFRICA.

Wits Protests

An enthusiastic crowd of over a thousand students of all races gathered at the University of the Witwatersrand, central block, steps, to protest against the undemocratic measures of the Government since it came into power, and more especially its attacks on the trade unions, individual liberties and the freedom of the press. The following resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority of those present: "This mass meeting of students, called by the Students Liberal Association, declares its strongest opposition to all the undemocratic action taken by the government since it came into power. We solemnly pledge our support, to the democratic forces, in the struggle against the tyrannical rule of the government and the complete elimination of such democratic rights as exist in our country."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MALAN RETRACE YOUR STEPS . . .

Sir,
At a time when the country is undergoing one of the worst periods in its history, at a time when human dignity and respect is sacrificed at the altar of racial hatred, at a time when the seething cauldron of racial animosity is bubbling over in this country, SPARK made its welcome appearance. I personally feel that there was a long-felt need for such a paper in this country.

It is only human nature that when a country is plunged into some sort of chaos, people crave for more and more news of further developments and trends of events. They devour every little detail avidly. It was at this opportune moment that your paper rose to the occasion and filled this crying need.

The civilised people in this country and abroad had thought that the days of slavery and subjugation were things of the past. They had thought that the world was progressing towards a better and brighter future with the goodwill and co-operation of all the races. The world has only to look at South Africa to see how sadly it is disillusioned.

In an era of scientific developments and advancement in all spheres of life, we have Dr. Malan and his satellites propounding the Divine Right of the Afrikaners—the Afrikaners whom God chose to rule South Africa. It is no wonder that South Africa is the laughing stock of the world.

We often hear from the Herrenvolk that they are meting out justice and fairness to the non-white races in this country, that we are being treated with humanity and comity, that South Africa is a democratic country. Never in my life have I known such misnomers and travesty of words.

Let the Herrenvolk keep in mind the age-old apothegm: "History repeats itself." Let our oppressors bear

in mind that tyranny did not flourish in any country. Let them remember that empires have been lost through greed for more power. Let the French Revolution be to them a constant reminder of the feelings of the people.

O supercilious Malanazis, retrace your steps, lest it be too late . . .

Yours, etc.,

ABDUL KADER BUTLER.

The Fence Of Shame

This being the month of Ramadan it would seem very unfair to expect the leaders of the Transvaal Cape Malay Association to move in any direction but, with shameful thoughts, I am compelled to ask them when do they intend, as an organisation, associating themselves with activities concerning the Coloured races. Why not stand with the Africans and Indians in the struggle for freedom? Are not the Malays just as much threatened and oppressed by

this ruthless government? Does not our sisters and brothers also belong to some trade union, especially the Garment Workers' Union? Are we the Malays going to sit on the fence and watch how our children are trampled and thrashed by the police? Let us get off that Fence of Shame and join forces with those who are fighting not for their cause alone, but who are sacrificing for the rights of the oppressed!

OBSERVER.

An American Friend Writes

My Dear Friends,

I have just read the news that you are now publishing a newspaper of news of the South African Youth. I read of SPARK in "New Challenge," the progressive youth newspaper of the United States, welcoming SPARK to the progressive fold of the world.

I would like to personally take this opportunity to extend my hand in welcoming SPARK, and I would like very much to receive copies of it from time to time.

I will tell you a little of myself here. My name is Clarence Young, born in the State of Louisiana (New Orleans). I am now living in Los Angeles, California, and I have been since my release from the U.S. Navy.

Being a negro I am interested in learning about the African Youth and people in general. Our beloved Paul Robeson speaks so often of the great and courageous African people and his love for them.

I would very much like to correspond with some of the South African Youth and hear of their struggles. It is so necessary to world peace that young people the world over become friends. There is no reason that we should kill people when we can all live together.

I hope to hear from you real soon. I would very much like to correspond with my brothers and sisters of Africa. So until next time, here's wishing you continued success in all your undertakings for Peace and Freedom.

Yours for a peaceful world,
CLARENCE YOUNG.

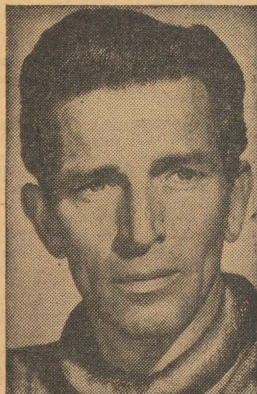
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Editor's Note:

Dear Clarence,—I am sure that many of our readers will write to you about our struggle here in South Africa. Your letter of congratulation gives us great inspiration. Carry on the struggle. We are with you for Peace and Freedom.

MOVIES

A review of "DECISION BEFORE DAWN" will appear in the next issue of Spark.



MICHAEL RENNIE in "When the Earth Stood Still"



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BOXER DIES AFTER FIGHT

From G. PETER (Durban)

Less than 24 hours after winning the Natal amateur featherweight title, A. R. Naidoo, aged 23, died in McCord Hospital on Sunday, the 18th May, 1952.

He collapsed soon after leaving the ring in Sonny Moodley's hall in Victoria Street, Durban, on Saturday night. He had been awarded the title when his African opponent was disqualified. It was his third bout of the evening.

With it he scored the highest triumphs to date when he outpointed the former featherweight champion David Martin. After the fight Naidoo complained of pains in his stomach. A doctor was called and while he was being attended to in the dressing room Naidoo began vomiting. He was taken to McCord Hospital, where he became unconscious and later died.

The tournament started at 7.30 p.m. and Naidoo had three fights — an Indian, a Coloured and an African. His final bout was at about 10 p.m. Naidoo was considered a highly promising fighter.

LADIES HOCKEY

Ramblers Beat Universals

In one of the first matches of the season, Ramblers Ladies Hockey Club defeated Universals by 2 goals to 1 at Natsispruit on Saturday, 31st May.

Mrs. E. Swart and Miss C. Taylor scored for Ramblers, while Miss D. Taylor netted the lone goal for Universals. Both sides fielded many new players and the keenness and enthusiasm of the ladies to make good resulted in this match being highly interesting. The standard of play never dropped and the girls maintained the fast pace from start to finish.

SPARK has been informed that for some unknown reason two young ladies, Miss L. Davies and Miss S. Davies, formerly of Kimberley, have not been granted their clearance cards by their ex-club and as a result are unable to play for a local club, which has accepted them. The ladies in question are anxious to know if the Transvaal Hockey Union cannot do some-

thing about this matter as they have persistently attempted to get the officials of their former club in Kimberley to issue their clearance cards, without avail.

TISSONG DEFEATED

South African non-European featherweight champion Albert Tissong, who has been campaigning successfully in Britain, marked his first defeat when he was outpointed by the rugged Italian Alvaro Nuvolini over ten rounds in Manchester.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Friday, May 23, was a joyful day for the youth of Johannesburg Indian High School. It was a day of their annual athletic sports. From eight o'clock in the morning boys and girls in bright costumes and all-coloured rosettes were seen on the grounds.

High Jump:

Open, Waja (Olympians).
Under 16, Waja (Corinthians).

Long Jump:

Open, Tofie (Corinthians).

Putting the Shot:

Shanker Desai (Corinthians).

The above events were held at the school and at the end the scores were as follows:

Corinthians	28
Olympians	5
Spartans	8
Trojans	4

Corinthians 880 yards 1st and 3rd.
Trojans 2nd, Tofie 1st.

Spartans and Trojans showed terrific form in the 100 yards heats and thus improved the position of their houses.

Girls 100 yards Final:

Delarosa first Corinthians.
Under 16, Miriam Moolla, Spartans.

Boys 100 yards Final:

Open, Mayet, Corinthians.
Gallie second, Spartans.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:

K. Laloo, Spartans, 120 yards.
R. Naidoo, Trojans, 115 yards.
Gallie, Spartans, 100 yards.

220 Boys Open:

Tofie first, Corinthians.
Gallie second, Spartans.
Spartans had by this time beaten Corinthians and the final results now depended on the relay and the tug-of-war. The final results were:

Corinthians	101
Spartans	88
Trojans	69
Olympians	16

Corinthians weighty boys beat Olympians and Trojans beat Spartans. For Corinthians it was an easy win over Trojans.

The athletes of the day were: Mariam Moolla, the Gallie brothers, Spartans, and Delarosa, and Tofie, Corinthians.

A disappointing feature of the day was the unwarranted beating inflicted on the students by one of the teachers. We will suggest that he tries to understand pupils instead of hitting them indiscriminately.

New Tennis Board Formed

It is gratifying to learn that at last a Transvaal Board has been formed. The misunderstanding which existed between Transvaal Coloured and West Rand Tennis Union has at last been forgotten. These unions have come together and formed a Transvaal Board.

It is expected that East Rand Coloured Union will soon be affiliating to this Board. It is also whispered that the Southern Transvaal Indian Union, who have Coloured members playing in their Union, will soon be called the Southern Transvaal Indian and Coloured Union and will be affiliating to the Transvaal Board. Let it be made quite clear that the ultimate aim of this Board is the uniting of tennis in the Transvaal. They, I am told, will welcome the suggestion that the Editor of SPARK convene a meeting with the purpose of forming a Transvaal Non-European or Transvaal Board. But please let us form the Board and not just talk about it.

SHORT-CROSS.

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RAND SOCCER RESULTS

By "CROSSBAR"

WITS. vs. FAR EAST RAND.

Wits. had a runaway victory over Far East Rand. The match started off with Deva crossing perfectly to Paddy who headed in. A minute later Links and Deva, always a menace on the left wing, combined brilliantly and gave an easy scoring chance. The half-time score was 5-1. Soon after the resumption Bobby and Paddy added a few more to make the tally 9-1.

One of the main features of the match was the pathetic display of the Wits. defence. True they let only one goal go by, but the little they had to do they did not without fault.

Wits. are fortunate in having Links and Deva, who can take the ball up and keep it there. If the defence is called upon to do something desperate then they fail miserably. This can be borne out by the results of the past two inter-district matches, when Wits. lost to Pretoria 4-3 and last week-end drew 4 all with Germiston. The whole defence needs an overhaul. What about players like John (Vredons), Parbhoo (Delfos), Moosa (Olympians), Capee (Olympians), Freddie (Old Boys). I suggest the selectors try a born footballer like Moosa as left half.

Revers vs. Dravadians.

In the early game Dravadians drew 3 all with Rovers. Dravadians were depleted through the absence of Deva and Moonian, but nevertheless they managed to squeeze in a draw. Towards the end "Dummy" missed a sitter which would have secured Dravadians full points.

Old Boys vs. Delfos.

This match also ended in a draw. Scores: Delfos 1 goal, Old Boys 1 goal.

Moons vs. Fredons A.

The match between Moons and Fredons A was a runaway win for Moons by 6 goals to 1 goal.

Swaraj vs. Rangers.

This match ended in an exciting finish, giving Swaraj a narrow win by 5 goals to 4 goals. Sookoo Singh scored a brilliant hat trick.

Olympians A vs. Hinds.

This match ended in an easy win for Olympians A, scores being Olympians A 3, Hinds 0.

Wits. vs. T.I.F.A.

The T.I.F.A. gave our boys a lesson in soccer from start to finish. The game was one-sided, T.I.F.A. dominating play throughout. Outstanding players were J. Thomas and Landsman for T.I.F.A. On the Wits. side the only name worth mentioning is Victor Anthony, who played well. Scores: T.I.F.A. 4 goals, Wits. A, 0.

Fredons vs. Denver Stars.

This was the match of the day. The two lowly placed clubs played entertaining soccer. Fredons gained their victory by playing attacking football. The outstanding players for Fredons were T. Thomas, A. F. Williams, C. Naran and Eric Chetty. Outstanding players for Denver Stars were J. Govinder and M. Govinder. The scores were 5 goals to 1 goal in favour of Fredons. Goal scorers: A. F. Williams (1), Eric Chetty (2), Taddy Thomas (2).

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