8 NEW FREE AFRICAN STATES

NEXT YEAR

MALI—SENEGAL and the

SUDAN-who demanded and

received from de Gaulle the

right to independence next

year, although they will retain close links with France on the model of the British Common-

THIS MEANS THAT DUR-

ING THE COURSE OF NEXT

YEAR, WHAT WITH NIGERIA.

Tanganyika's Future Prime Minister is Friend of ANC

wealth.

THIS HAS BEEN AN EXCIT-ING WEEK FOR SUP-PORTERS OF THE STRUGGLE TO LIBERATE AFRICA FROM COLONIALISM AND WHITE DOMINATION. NO LESS THAN 5 TERRITORIES HAVE TAKEN GIANT NEW STEPS TOWARDS COMPLETE INDE-PENDENCE.

 Nearest to South Africa is the British-ruled Trust Territory of TANGANYIKA, whose Governor, Sir Richard Turnbull, announced last week that the country would achieve self-government next year, with a largely-elected African-majority legislature. As things stand at present, the leader of the Tanganyika African National Union, Mr. Julius Nyerere, is certain to be Prime Minister of the country next year-and Nyerere has always been a friend of the Congress alliance in South Africa.

The next territories are (formerly Italian) SOMALIA and the British Protectorate of SOMALI-LAND, who are to get complete independence as a united state on July 1 next year. This date was recommended just over a week ago by the United Nations Trustee hip Committee, and is virtually bound to get the support of the General Assembly of UNO which has the ultimate power to

 Last but not least come the countries in the French West African Federation of

FOUNDATION

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THE CAMEROONS, TOGO-LAND ALSO GETTING INDE-PENDENCE THEN, AT LEAST 8 NEW COUNTRIES WILL AL-MOST CERTAINLY JOIN THE GROWING AFRO-ASIAN BLOC IN THE UNITED NA-TIONS, WITH TANGANYIKA WELL ON THE WAY TO JOINING THEM.

(See World Stage by Spectator page 4)

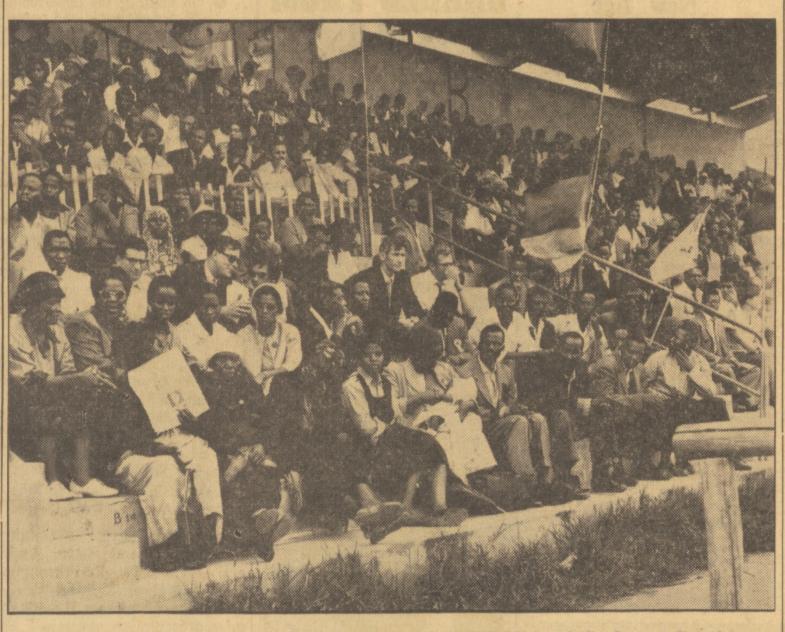


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ERASMUS BANS FIVE IN ONE WEEK

Open Session At The ANC Conference



Here is a part of the great crowd that attended the ANC National Conference listening to speeches at Curry's Fountain, Durban (New Age last week). Other pictures appear on pages four and five.

JOHANNESBURG.

A STRONGLY worded protest has been made by the African National Congress at the bannings under the Suppression of Communism Act of 3 Coloured men and two Europeans last week.

Describing the action of the new Minister of Justice, Mr. Erasmus, as "unwarranted, petty and vindictive", the statement says it is clear that the reason for the banning of Mr. Vilioen, Dr. Murisson and Mr. Van Schoor, leaders of the Non-European Unity Movement, was their active campaign against the Union Festival celebrations and "their opposition to the dummy Union Council for Coloured Af-

A similar statement of protest was made to New Age by the S.A.

Coloured People's Organisation.
The banning of Mr. V. Goldberg. Johannesburg chairman of S A.C.O.D. and Miss Amy Rietstein of Cape Town, says the statement, was the result of their being very active in all Congress campaigns.

From the time Mr. Erasmus was Minister of Defence he was reckless, and he is one of the most politically vicious members of the Nationalist Cabinet, continues the statement. "We must however warn that both inside and outside South Africa these acts of petty despotism are becoming intolerable. Nothing is going to intimidate the Non-European people, not even the reorganisation of the Defence force, in their opposition to the Union Festival celebrations."

(See page 3)

Make 1960 A Year Of Mass Activity - ANC

THIS year one of the biggest ence, which was a symbol of the 15 and on June 26. In Natal heroic and most important confer- united determination of all Africans by the women these successes in our efforts in the to erect a new South Africa free conference reviewed the events in the world, Africa and South Africa and recorded that the year 1959, has been a memorable one for the peoples of Africa and South Africa.

of the historic Pan African Confer- occasions such as Africa Day, April and persecute its leaders.

statement said. More than half the farms. peoples of Africa will then be free from foreign rule.

statement to New Age. The spiring to note that in 1960 four poverty. The highly successful po- taxation and the counter demondependent countries of Africa, the test against slave labour on the Golden Jubilee of the Union.

The successes were achieved be-

to end colonialism and its oppres- electrified the country and focussed coming year to inplement the reso- from the tragic madness of apartences of the ANC was held in sion, there was a wake of activity attention on the evils of Influx lution of the Conference dealing heid and racial discrimination. Durban, said the ANC in a throughout the continent. It is in- Control, forced and paid labour and with the Bantustan bluff, increased countries will join the ten (10) In- tato boycott was organised in pro- strations to the celebration of the

1960—MASS ACTIVITY

cause the people rallied to the call conference and the mood of the mas and prosperous New Year, In South Africa during the year of the ANC in the face of the de- people that 1960 can be a year of the statement concluded. giant demonstrations were held termined attempts by the Govern- mass activity even on a higher scale efforts to prepare to bury the racial- shortest possible time.

SINCERE THANKS

We express our sincere thanks to all people who have contributed towards the successes of 1959, and on behalf of the national executive It is clear from the resolutions of committee wish you a happy Christ-

Remember we must rid the coun-In Africa, following in the wake throughout the country on various ment to repress the organisation than 1959. It is our duty to make try of apartheid monster in the

New Age Wishes All Readers a Merry Xmas



Should Socialist Countries Trade With S.A.?

As a Congressite I was surprised and very disappointed to read in the papers, that a socialist country like Czechoslovakia, has sent a delegation to South Africa to buy South African wool and raw materials. The Czechs suffered terribly under the German Nazis between the years 1937 to 1945; during those years, the people who now rule South Africa were supporting the Nazis, and hailing them as saviours.

I am sure that if Czechoslovakia had decided to boycott South Africa, as a protest against apartheid, like some of the capitalist countries are doing, New Age would have given prominence to that. Yet, New Age did not even mention that a trade delegation from Czechoslovakia had arrived in South Africa. What would New Age's attitude have been if a trade delegation had arrived in South Africa to buy our raw materials, and thus boost the local oppressors, from, say Spain or the

I am a strong supporter of New Age and regard it as a beacon light, but I would be failing in my duty as a democrat, if I did not raise matters like this. I maintain that it is wrong; in fact a paradox, that socialist countries should trade with South Africa, whilst the general trend in the capitalist countries is to boycott South

I look forward to this matter being debated in the New Age Let-

ter Box. LOYAL CONGRESSITE

Durban

The Source Of **Immorality**

We hear a lot about the Immorality Act in South Africa, but to my mind the main source of immorality in our country is our own Government. Here are a few points:

Restriction of movement: is im-

Depriving a young and innocent school-going child of a bowl of soup: is starkly immoral.

Suppression of freedom of Vryheid.

speech and association: is immoral.

Educational regimentation: is immoral.

Banishment and deportation without trial: is immoral.

Forcing somebody to carry a certificate of oppression (the pass): is immoral.

Making unnecessary preparations for a civil war: is immoral. These are the real excesses. So why all the fuss about the Immorality Act?

SIPO POPO KOTI Johannesburg

More Praise For New Age

I would like to write these few lines to you comrades, in praise and thanks for this paper, New

It is the light for the people of Africa which opens their eyes and their minds. It stands with us in our struggle for peace and freedom and supports Lutuli our leader.

I am very unhappy to have to say that the English and Afrikaners although they are supposed to be Christians, they do un-Christian acts when they oppress the African people.

TIMOTHY K. GAWE

GRIEVANCE

We people of Bestespoint have a grievance against the Government. We are being removed from our land without any reason given to us. We bought this land our-

We are called one by one to sign the agreement for removal to a place called Mondlo in the district of Nguthu. Only when you have signed are you told what you will get in compensation. We are told to sign without this money being handed to us. No order of removal is ever read to us.

The alternative land is not equal in size to the land we own,

M. S. RADEBE

MacMillan, Stay Home!

The coming of the British Prime Minister to South Africa is undoubtedly feared by the 9 million Africans of this country. We regard it with great suspicion as an attempt to whitewash the racial policy of apartheid, which he recently refused to condemn in the House of Commons.

Mr. Macmillan has decided to spend one day in the High Commission territories of Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland where really his presence would be a great help to the inhabitants. He has decided rather to spend more time in the land of White Supremacy, where he will be told the wrong story about apartheid, and will not be given the chance of seeing the real leaders of the people—the ANC.

The 9 million Africans of this country wish Mr. Macmillan would stay away.

M. J. K. MORE Ventersdorp

OLIVER TAMBO BARRED FROM

JOHANNESBURG.

MR. Oliver Tambo, deputy-President of the ANC, was last week refused admission to Windhoek, in his capacity as an attorney, when he flew there from Johannesburg.

He was met at the airport by the Chief Bantu Commissioner and an officer of the police force, on behalf of the Administrator, and told he would not be allowed into the territory.

Mr. Tambo slept the night at the airport and returned to Johannesburg the following day.

Mr. Tambo had gone to Wind-



hoek to make legal representations on behalf of four people who had been banished from the Windhoek

DELIBERATE ATTEMPT

The action of the South West African Administration in denying Mr. Tambo entrance to the territory is described by the African National Congress as "a deliberate at-tempt to deny legal representation to the people of South West Africa."

"This is further proof" continues the statement, "that the rights of the people of South West Africa are prejudiced by the Administration of the territory by the Union Government and they can only be secured by a grant of self-government to the people.

URGES UNO

"The ANC urges the United the administration of the territory as a first step towards extending self-rule to the people."

S.A. FOUNDATION MUST BE EXPOSED

guest Editorial by MOSES KOTANE

NOW that it has become abundantly clear that the State Information Bureau has failed in its purpose and will never succeed in getting the world to accept its false version of conditions in South Africa, the rich and the representatives of the White leisured classes in this country are worried and are rallying their forces, preparing themselves to defend their vested interests and privileges.

With this object in view, leading financiers, industrialists, businessmen and other spokesmen of the ruling class came together in Johannesburg on the 14th December, 1959, to establish an organisation—the South African Foundation.

Broadly stated, the objects of the Foundation are:—

- "to promote international understanding of South Africa and her people, their way of life, their achievements and aspirations;
- "to secure for South Africa and her peoples recognition for the contribution they have made . . . towards the progress on the continent of Africa, of a civilisation founded and built on the Western way of life and ideals;
- "to present to the people of South Africa and to the world a true picture of the country, its standard of living, its industrial and social progress . .;
- "to illustrate the opportunities for investment in South Africa and the present scope and potential of its natural resources;
- "to help in stimulating the export of South Africa's products and services; and
- "to reaffirm South Africa's resolution to serve as an active member of the world community of nations.'

No true and honest South African will quarrel with the objects stated above. We all readily acknowledge the country's vast natural resources and economic potentialities and possibilities, but that is not the point at issue.

WHAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE WELL-BEING OF HER PEOPLE: WHAT SHARE OF THE COUN-TRY'S RICHES DO THEY RECEIVE, AND HOW THEY ARE TREATED.

South Africa has an estimated population of 14,673,000. Of this figure, 3,067,000 are Whites who have arrogated to themselves 87% of the land. The remaining 11,606,000 are Non-Whites, who are denied any say in the government of the country: alloted only 13% of the land; uprooted and swindled under the Group Areas Act; terrorised and persecuted under pass laws and influx control; denied education and technical training; paid scandalously low wages; debarred from skilled occupations: socially discriminated against: despised and daily humiliated. and whose economic and social development is retarded as a matter of State policy.

FUNDAMENTAL FACTS

Any true picture of South Africa must include these fundamental facts and truths. And this is precisely what democrats and lovers of freedom throughout the world have been doing and are doing about South Africa. And yet that is what the founders of the South African Foundation call "an organised campaign of misrepresentation overseas!" By this and similar statements they have betrayed some of their sinister aims and intentions.

It is quite obvious, therefore, that what they want and what they are trying to do is to relieve the attack on Souh Africa's apartheid policies by confusing the situation and concealing the extent of the harshness of the country's political oppression, the brutality and ruthlessness of its economic exploitation, and the degrading nature of its social and racial discrimination. They seek to prevent the outside world knowing and asking awkward and embarrassing questions.

But in this the Foundation must be checked and defeated. We can do it if we all do our work properly and promptly. Its real intentions must be thoroughly exposed.

IF THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE GENUINELY CON-CERNED ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S APARTHEID POLICIES OVERSEAS, THEY MUST BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT UNLESS UNJUST LAWS ARE REPEALED AND DEFINITE STEPS TAKEN TO REMOVE THE MANY INJUSTICES COMMITTED AGAINST NON-WHITES, AND UNTIL ALL THE INHA-BITANTS OF OUR COUNTRY ARE TREATED ALIKE AND ALLOWED AND ENABLED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE OF THEIR COUNTRY, THE SITUATION AND TRUE Nations Organisation to take over PICTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA WILL REMAIN ONE OF UNRELIEVED MISERY, BITTERNESS, RESENTMENT AND GLOOM.

A DONATION FROM DE WET NEL!

This week we are specially honoured by a donation from the Minister-and the Minister referred to is the Minister of Native Affairs - de Wet Nel. This is the result of the payment made by him to the thirteen people whom he wanted banned from holding or attending any gathering at which Africans were present. His excuse for doing this at the time was that "liquor has flowed freely at such parties and the results can be left to the imagination."

The result was the acceptance of a settlement of a libel claim as reported in New Age of December 10.

We hear that there is more to come and we are very grateful to the generous donors involved.

If you haven't been in time

to send us a Christmas present -we will eagerly accept a New Year present for New Age. But don't delay any further please. Make sure we can keep up the good work. SEND US YOUR NEW YEAR PRESENT TODAY!

Last Week's Donations: Johannesburg:

Donor, £5; Rebecca — Xmas present, £2 10; A.L., £3; Playboy, £3; Paul and Adelaide in honour of the people of S.W.A., £1; M.B., £75; Eli, £10; From the Minister, £40.

Cape Town:

C.G., 9s.; Childern's party (S.D.), £2; Diamond, £2 2 6.; S.S., 9s.; Pictures, £3 3.; Sadie Forman (for Lionel's birthday), £2; C.R., 10s.; F.S., £5; L.K.,

TOTAL: £155 12s. 6d.

"Our Forefathers Fought For Freedom"

JOHANNESBURG.

DESPITE intermittent, heavy showers of rain and the presence of a large contingent of uniformed and Special Branch police, over 500 people attended the Human Rights Day lunch-hour meeting on the Johannesburg City Hall steps, on December 10. The meeting was called by the Congress of Democrats and addressed by COD speakers and a guest speaker from the Liberal Party, Dr. Edward Roux.

"The very fact that we are meeting here this afternoon will undoubtedly be cited by the Government as proof that in fact there still is freedom of expression and assembly in the Union," said Mr. Vic Goldberg, chairman of the meeting.

"But it is not the Nationalist Party whom we must thank for this, for if they had had their way no such meeting would have taken place. This meeting was made possible by the magnificent resistance of our people to the Nationalist Party onslaught.

"It is the quiet determined courage of the Black Sash women, the Party, educationalists, former mem- law, fairly judged and found bers of the judiciary, ministers of guilty. I wonder how we can reconreligion, courageous Parliamentarians who refuse to bow before the hammer blows of the authoritarian apartheiders-but above all it has been the common people of South Africa who have slowed down the drive to destruction that continued Nationalist Party rule means for South Africa."

Outlining the origin of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations on December 10, 1948, Mr. Goldberg said that the Nationalist Party Government "in abstaining them." from voting for the adoption of the Though they knew these things,

legislation that is descriminatory and cruel in its intent and application, has turned aside from the brilliant vista of this new international era, and is pursuing a course that, if it succeeds, will lead our country into the very same agony and anarchy that forced mankind to declare that the events of the 1930's and 1940's must never again be allowed to occur."

Freedom Fight

Guest speaker, Dr. Roux, was in-terrupted several times by heavy showers of rain but only once did it become strong enough for people to rush for the nearest shelter.

"Individual freedom is something that man has only achieved in some measure in recent times, and for that freedom his forefathers had to fight and struggle," declared Dr.

"Those of us who are Europeans should know something about these struggles of our ancestors. If we are English we will recall Magna Carta and how King John was forced by the people to grant them certain rights. Among these rights was that no man (or woman) could be deprived of his liberty until he outspoken voices in the Liberal had been brought before a court of cile that with what we have done to people like Chief Lutuli and Mrs. Mafekeng.

> "If we are Afrikaners of French and Dutch descent, we will remember how the Huguenots came to this country, 'exiles for spiritual freedom' because their lord and master King Louis XIV would not allow them freedom of religion. We will remember how the Hollanders fought a 'vryheidsoorlog' for 80 years against the Spanish kings who insisted that Holland belonged to

Declaration, and in its enactment of continued Dr. Roux, and jealously guarded their rights, when they came to South Africa the Europeans proceeded to impose on the Non-Europeans the same disabili-

Indivisible

had fought.

ties against which their ancestors

Outlining the plight of the Non-Europeans, the last speaker, Mrs. Mary Turok, appealed to Europeans to realise that freedom was indivisible and that sooner or later they too would suffer from Nationalist rule. The Special Branch of the police was steadily en-croaching on the rights of Europeans too.

"Formed initially to prevent sedition and the subversion of the State, the Special Branch has grown in number and has extended its functions so that it now assumes the task of watching and reporting on all opponents to Nationalist rule, however legal and constitutional. In the process they are taking away the liberties of all sections of the population," said Mrs. Turok.

"Time For A Change In S.A."

"THE principles enshrined in the Declaration of Human Rights call for all human beings to be treated as equals, without any discrimination on grounds of race, colour or creed," said Dr. M. M. Motala, chairman of the Maritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Congress, addressing a Human Rights Day meeting held jointly by the Natal Indian Congress, the African National Congress and the Liberal Party at the Lotus Hall, Maritzburg.

"Much to our shame, the rulers of South Africa have continued recklessly to disregard world opinion," Dr. Motala went on. 'South Africa's apartheid policy has been vociferously condemned the world over, but whatever freedom there remains in this country has been further assailed by its rulers."

The meeting, which was attended by about 400 people of all races, called upon the Government to abandon its barbarous policies of baaskap and apartheid and, even at this stage, adopt the Declaration of Human Rights and take steps immediately to implement its provi-

Among other speakers were Advocate M. D. Naidoo, of the Natal Indian Congress; Mr. M. M. M. Mabhida, of the South African Congress of Trade Unions; Messrs. J. Kunene and A. Gumede, of the African National Congress; and Mr. Peter Brown, of the Liberal

TWO MORE C.O.D. MEMBERS GET NOTICES FROM ERASMUS

JOHANNESBURG.

VICTOR Goldberg, Johannesburg Regional Chairman of the COD, and one of the speakers at the meeting reported above, has been banned from attending gatherings for a period of five years.



Vic Goldberg.

Dated 10th December, Human Rights Day, the notice is one of the first to be signed by the new Minister of Justice, Francois Christiaan Erasmus. He assumed office on December 7.

"Three days after his appointment as Minister of Justice, Erasmus saw fit to issue his first batch of banning notices. Amongst his victims

"Is it too much to demand that South Africa what information he received during his three days in office which led him to believe that A meeting between officials of the FCWU and LKB wil be held soon.

The LKB workers are

and objects of Communism?

DOES NOT EXIST "We in the Congress of Democrats know that such information will not be forthcoming for the December.

simple reason that it does not exist as any cursory judicial inquiry would prove. Such an inquiry will however not be allowed because it would expose the Minister's actions not only in this but in all other cases of bannings.

"The fact remains that Vic Goldberg is banned for his unwaver- be closed than the license renewed." ing opposition to Nationalist policies and because he has consistently exposed the fraud that is apar-

CAPE TOWN.

MISS Amy Rietstein, member of the Cape Town Executive of the S.A. Congress of Democrats, was also served with a notice on Monday morning banning her from all four Congresses.



Amy Rietstein.

gatherings for a period of five

The notice was signed by Mr. Erasmus, the Minister of Justice, and dated the 10th

Nyasaland Congress Rejects Commission Nominees

JOHANNESBURG.

OPPOSITION to the nomination of Mr. E. C. Gondwe and Rev. Chikuse to represent Nyasalanders at Lord Monckton's Commission of Inquiry next year, is expressed in a memorandum by the South African branch of the Nyasaland African National Congress.

"The British Government must first release our detained leaders so we can elect our own people to tell the Commission of Inquiry why we are opposed to Federation," says the memorandum.

"The British Government should know that these people who are going to sit on this commission will not represent the majority of the but only the government of white settlers.

"We will fight Federation until the last minute. We demand secession from Federation, self-government within the Commonwealth, the release of Dr. Banda and others, the lifting of the emergency and the reinstatement of of the African National Congress."

Hotel License Opposed

The General Workers' Union of Mohale's Hoek has been one of the most active organisations in Basutoland taking up the struggle for better conditions and highlighting people and places that practice racial discrimination,

At a meeting held recently, a unanimous resolution was passed that a petition be drawn up and sent to the Paramount Chief, the Government Secretary and the Divisional Commissioner, requesting that the local hotel proprietor not have his 1960 hotel license renewed

- He will not discuss disputes with the General Workers'
- His employees receive very poor food;
- Concrete floors in employees rooms cause eventual illness, He refers to Africans as

"Kaffirs". The petition concludes: there be no one to run this hotel and work with the Basuto harmoniously the hotel should rather

Congress Youth Call **Boycott Conference**

JOHANNESBURG

For the people of South Africa the 50 years of Union have meant nothing but the progressive whittling away of the rights of the people of this country, both black and white, says a statement by the Youth Action Committee of the

Free speech has been tampered with, press censorship hangs over our heads, the pass laws are today more viciously implemented, settled communities are being removed from their homes, people are banished without trial and job reservation threatens the livelihood of

The vast majority of South Africans, both black and white have absolutely no cause to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Union - we have cause to mourn and to dedicate ourselves to the cause of democracy for this, our country. The Youth Action Committee endorses the call of the African National Congress for a total boycott of the Union Festival and calls on all youth from whatever sphere of life they may be, to refuse to participate in this apartheid celebration.

The Youth Action Committee further calls on all young democrats who are boycotting the Union Festival to meet with them at a Consultative Conference in January "so that we might concert our efforts to ensure a successful boycott of the Festival".

HOLD OUT

From Temba Mgota

PORT ELIZABETH.

AT a meeting convened by the South African Congress of Trade Unions, the workers of Langeberg Ko-Operasie Beperk, made very strong attacks on the management and expressed their unwavering determination to fight for higher wages.

cannot help us, yet they can employ other people in our places. They are not ashamed to replace us with scabs."

Urging the workers to remain united one woman said: "Onthou een draag maak mag, twee draag breek kraag" (a pithy Afrikaans maxim that 'Unity is Strength').

At the end of the meeting a number of resolutions were adopted including one which suggested a boycott of certain canned goods.

UNION AID

Mrs. Lizzie Abrahams, General a Conciliation Board. Secretary of the Food and Canning Workers' Union said in an interview with New Age that some money help them bear the burden of unem- them return to work.

Mr. Mhlobiso said: "Our bosses | ployment. About 605 workers have say they sympathise with us but signed a register to enable them to receive this pay from the F&CWU.

> When asked why they have not applied for a Conciliation Board to investigate the wage dispute, Mrs. Abrahams said they had been to the Labour Department but found that some provisions of the Industhat some provisions of the Industrial Conciliation Act as amended by Piet Beyleveld, National Presiprohibited the declaration of wage dent of the Congress of Democrats. dispute and the application for a "Is it too much to demand that Conciliation Board when there is al- the Minister tell the public of ready in existence a wage determination, so that the LKB workers are precluded from invoking the help of

The LKB workers are as united was going to be paid out to the as ever in opposing the low wages workers who had been dismissed to and refuse all attempts to make **Collection Number: AG2887**

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