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#### INTRODUCTION

The past few months have been rather uneventful ones for the Young Democrats.

Because of the general drop in membership and the changeover of leaders, activity has been nil, except for one camp and the usual weekly meetings. It is hoped that this magazine will revive the old spirit.

It has been decided that both the younger and older Democrats should combine into one large group and that the goal for the next few months should be the building of the long wished for Clubhouse.

Film shows and games evenings are in the air and we look forward to your support.



# Cheap

# Labour S. A.

The Young Democrats have recently been having talks on such things as: The government of South Africa; how government works, conditions in South Africa, and the different parties. The most recent of these talks was on how mine-owners and farmers get cheap labour.

When the first gold mines in S.A. were started, the owners had to get labourers and they naturally wanted to pay only very small sums of money to the workers, so the people like Cecil Rhodes suggested to the Government that a scheme should be worked out. So a tax was put on to each kraal. The Africans could not pay this tax, so they had to find work. Men were sent from the towns to tell these Africans how nice and easy the work on the mines was, what good food they were given, and so on. These men liked the idea of working in the cities, yet they did not want to leave their homes to find work.

This was and still is only one method. Another method of getting labour is for the police to arrest an African man who is unable to obtain a pass, and to sand him to the farms or mines. Tony Bernstein.

# CHILDREN AND THE FREEDOM CHARTER by Ilse Fischer

One need only look at a few points to see how much better it would be for children if the Freedom Charter was adopted in South Africa.

Firstly, "All national groups shall be protected by law against insults to their race or national pride". This is very important. No person would like to be called a "kaffir" all their lives if they were probably not heathen at all. This must hurt the feelings of the African children terribly and make them hate those who insult them.

"The privacy of the house from police raids shall be protected by law". Imagine the fright a small child receives when police march into their houses whenever they please. Children would not know what is going on and probably have bad dreams for the rest of their childhood. Think how lovely it would be for them to live in comfort and security wherever they like and not only in certain areas.

Child lecour! A dreadful thing. Small children having to fetch and carry heavy loads and do menual lebour all day and every day instead of going to school. We must fight until this is changed and peace and happiness reigns.

### A REIGH OF A DAY IN THE

by Barbare Harmol

just rising and Tardi's merce must be at work before her madem acts up. Dingern is just woking. Seen as will went his breakfast. He will be lucky if he has sugar with his mostia meal, for pappa is at the farm doing hard labour for not having a pass, and there is no money for serar. Mamma must go now and hurrically she repeats the day's tasks which Tendi must carry out. Now she has left, and I again has finished his preakfast. He is going to pay with his friends. "No sabbolt" you ask. Linguan can sell se that because of the bat Government he will not receive ducation. Dingern can tell you that there is a Bittle Fauctation let in his country. Fo-day Tardi and Dingern and all the black.

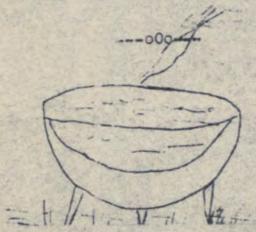
The sun is not high in the bles chy. Common is playing in the streets. Panal is cleaning the house, and only see has an idea. She was the taken. Delegation the house is cleaned and ask in there is any arrang to be can, like fetching water from the well, or going to the shor to buy meal. Mrs. Debe will give Tandi 3d. for the arrang and

Dingaen and mamma will have sugar with their porridge.

Tandi runs to Mrs. Dibe's house. Ah, good! Mrs. Debe wants water and candles. She will give Tandi a 6d. for these two tasks. Is Tandi not fortunate - n 6d!

Already the sun is making her homeward journey across the sky. We will find Dingsen in the streets and Tendi - Tandi is working in the house. She is cooking the dinner. Tonight she will give mamma and Dingsen soup with carrots in it. She looks in the pot and takes a sip of the soup. It tastes good. Mamma will be pleas di

The candles are lit. It is dark and mamma has just come home. Quickly she drinks her scup and would have more, but alas the e is none. She sighs; her day was hard. Madam shouted at her; the children were checky; the bus queue was 1 mg and her feet are sore. Haul She can only sleep now. Tomorrow she must rise early and the day will begin all over again. Haul



#### THE BANTU EDUCATION ACT

by Victor Gelb

The Bantu Education Act is aimed at keeping the African people in a subservient position. For if they were given proper education and equal opportunities they would be able to partake in all spheres and contribute to the further development of South Africa.

It is true to say that the Government have, over the past 8 years, given schooling to 400,000 more African children. But; they have decreased the number of schooling hours from 52 hours to 22 hours per day, so that two sessions of children can be taught per day. In so doing, the Africans, instead of le rning more, learn less, on account of the shorter scho ling hours. Many people have objected to the way in which the Government intend to educate the African children; for the Government wants to teach the Africans to believe that they are inferior that they must know that professions, skilled trades and equal rights are not for them. These people are not allowed to open up schools that will teach the children the correct things, and so Cultural Clues have been started to cater for the many children who well not attend the Bantu Education schools. But the Covernment does not like

these Cultural Clubs, and the police frequently raid them, arrest the Club leaders, and try to break up the Clubs.

We are awaiting the day when there will be no colour-bar in schools, sports and in every other sphere of life in South Africa, and when all the people of South Africa will share is the wealth of the country, and there will be racial harmony and peace for all mankind.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN PERSONALITIES

BY BARBARA HARMEL

#### PHILOMEN PEARCE DUITA NOKWE - B.Sc. Llb.

Philomen Pearce Duma Nokwe was born in Evaton 28 years ago, into a very poor family, his father being a mine worker and his mother a domestic worker. Duma first attended the Government Primery School, Pimville and then Priory, St. Peters, where he matriculated.

After obtaining his B.Sc. and tracher's degree, Duma taught for some time at the Krigarsdorp High School, from which he was expelled on accourt of his taking part in the Defiance Campaign in 1952. He was in gool for 22 weeks. Deciding that the teaching career was closed to him, Mr. Nokwe attended University and obtained his Lib. degree, and became an advocate. However, while he was still busy

NICE DAY FOR A LYNCHING.

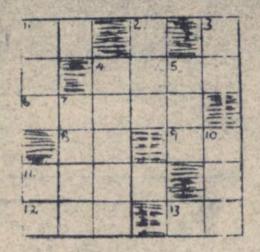
The bloodhounds look like sad old judges
In a strange court. They point their noses
At the negro jerking in the tight nose;
His feet spread crow-like above these
Honourable men who laugh as a chokes.

I don't know this black man. I don't know these white men.

But I know that one of my hards is black, and one white. I know that One part of me is being strangled, While another part horribly laughs.

Until it changes, I shall be forever killing; and be killed.

KENNETH PATCHEN



#### ACROSS

- 1) Ton (in abreviation)
- 4) Where a bird lays eggs.
- 6) Used to clean with it.
- 8) If not.
- 9) Yard. (in abreviation)
- 11) Ready money.
- 12) Mineral containing money.
- 13) South East (in abreviation)

#### DOWN .

- 1) You be he in it.
- 2) Not no
- 3) Pronout (neuter)
- 4) One who tends sick people
- 5) Bashfu.
- 7) Noise made by lion.
- 10) To chaige colour.
- 11) Compan' (in abbeviation).





On the 14th September, we received a letter from an ex-member who has gone to live in Rhodesia.

Dear Y.D. Comrades,

points about which I am going to tell you.

The first is that in the north of Northern Rhodesia the Government is slowly wiping out segregation. At the Lusaka Hospital, all races, except the African, are admitted. The reason for this is that there are far too many Africans here for it to be able to accomodate them. They have separate hospital for the Africans, but the Covernment is hoping to unite the two in later years. Another thing is that at the public library, there is no colour-bar whatsoever. In the Civil Service, Africans have offices of their own and they work side by side with the Europeans. In March, 1952 the total number of African schools was 7,546. Now, quoting from an N.R. handbook, is something which the present Union Government would under no circumstances say. That is, it is only by all races working together in harmony that the prosperity of everybody, black

and white, will be assured. The annual expenditure on African education (N.R.) for 1952 was £609,141. On the N.R. Broadcasting stations Africans can often be heard partaking in quizzes and other programmes. I have often experienced the latter. I have endlessly, and without success, tried during the day to get an English programme on the radio and have repeatedly heard some African language or other. On hight, however, I heard the African national anthem when I tuned in. I can continue for pages more, but I had better stop he as it is nearly midnight.

Your singers comrade, (SGD.) CORDON CLARK

To the Editor:

On the 9th August, 1956 the women of 3.4. held a demonstration against passes at Union Buildings, Pretoria. The women camp from the Cape, various parts of Natal, Bloemfontein, the Roef, Johannesburg and Pretoria, arounting to 20,000 women - Africal, Indians, Coloureds and Europeas.



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The Young Democrats are a group of girls and boys, ages ranging from 10-14 years. Young Democrats disagree with the Government and believe that Peace, Freedom and Equality should reign.

Peace is a lovely word but the meaning is even more lovely. Peace is opposite to war. War means destruction; children running about looking for parents who have been shot or buried by the cruel destructive machinery....buildings that have taken years to build are destroyed thoughtlessly. Can we ever forget what cruel and senseless war has done? Young Democrats think that war which is started by greed and jealousy can and must be stopped.

"Go Down Moses Into Egypt's Land, Tell Old Pharoah to
Let My People Go!" These are words from a Negro spiritual
which tells how God told Moses to go down to Egypt and free
the slaves with his help. Perhaps we will not have God's
help and must work ourselves. The Young Democrats believe
that all should be free. No Pass Laws should be pressed
upon the people. Every man and woman should have the right
to vote; there should be schools, playgrounds, lights, water
and all these things for all....Not only for some, but for
everyone in South Africa. The Young Democrats are eager to
help in the struggle for the Freedom Charter.

We live in a country where we are surrounded by a horrible, awful colour bar which one finds nearly everywhere in our society. None of the Young Democrats approve of this colour/....

colour bar. The feelings are rather to the contrary. The rule of equality does not allow racial seperation. Unfortunately in South Africa the public parks are for Europeans only; the best land and living areas are for Europeans only. The Young Democrats wish to help in the change that must and will take place for the fulfilment of the great ideals of Peace, Friendship and Racial Harmony!

BARBARA HARMEL

#### THE VERY PROPER GAMDER

Not so very long ago there was a very fine gander. He was strong and smooth and beautiful and he spent most of his time singing to his wife and children. One day somebody who saw him strutting up and down in his yardand singing remarked, "There is a very proper gander," And old hen overheard this and told her husband about it that night in the roost. "They said something about propaganda," she said. "I have suspected that for a long time", said the rooster, and he went around the barnyard next day telling everybody that the very fine gander was a dangerous bird, more than likely a hawk in gander's clothing. A small brown hen remembered a time when at a great distance she had seen the gander talking with some hawks in the forest. "They were up to no good", she said. A Duck

remembered/ ....

remembered that the gander had once told him he did not believe in anything. "He said to hell with the flag, too," said the duck. A guinea hen recalled that she had once seen somebody who looked very much like the gander throw something that looked a great deal like a bomb. Finally everybody snatched up sticks and stones and descended on his house. He was strutting in his front yard, singing to his children and his wife. "There he is!" everybody cried. "Hawk-lover! Unbeliever! Flag-hater! Bomb-thrower!" So they set upon him and drove him out of the country.

MORAL: Anybody who you and your wife thinks is going to overthrow the Government by violence must be driven out

JAMES THURBER.

#### NAZIM HIKMET

NAZIM HIKMET was born in Instanbul in 1902, the son of a high Government official. He started writing poetry at the age of 14, while a student at the Naval Academy. Following World War 1, when large sections of Turkey were occupied by the forces of Anglo-American imperialism, he joined the national independence movement. Escaping from Istanbul, he came in close contact with the workers and peasants who inspired his militant poems. He, at this time abandoned his naval career.

In 1925 he was seized by the police and thrown into the Ankara jail for 3 years. In 1928 he was given a 28 year jail sentence because some of his poems had been found among/.....

among Black Sea Sailors and Military Academy soldiers.

Actually these poems were then available in any bookstore.

But nothing could silence Nazim Hikmet. Despite an ailing heart and the sadism of his jailers, he rose to new heights of creative power during the thirteen years of his imprisonment.

His release in 1950 following a hung:r strike that brought him close to death, was a joyous triumph for his friends throughout the world.

LONG LIVE THE GREAT TURKISH POET!!!!!!!

BARBARA PELTU

#### A SAD FREEDOM

You sell the care of your eyes, the sight of your hands
You knead the dough of all earthly goods
Without ever tasting a single bite.
With your great freedom you slave for others
With the freedom of turning into Croesus
These who make your mother weep
You are free.

From the moment you are born they climb on your head
Their lie-mills grind endlessly throughout your life
With your great freedom, your finger pressed to your temple, you think
With the freedom of conscience
You are free.

Your hanging head seems severed from your neck
Your arms are dropping at your sides
With your great freedom you roam around
With the freedom of the jobless
You are free.

You love your country as your dearest friend
Some day they sell it, perhaps to America,
And you too, with your great freedom.

With the freedom of becoming an air base
You are free.

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Wall Street grabs at your throat - their hands be cursed -Some day they send you to Korea perhaps.
With your great freedom you fill a grave....
With the freedom of becoming the unknown

You are free.

I must live, not as a mere tool, a number, a means,
I must live like a man, you say
With your great freedom they fasten your handcuffs
With the freedom to be jeered, to be jailed, or even to be hanged
You are free.

No iron curtain, no wooden curtain in your life No need for you to choose freedom, You are free.

This freedom is a sad thing under the stars.

NAZIM HIKMET.

#### A VISIT TO THE BANTU MENS SOCIAL CENTRE.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the Young Democrats at the B.M.S.C. where a Concert was held.

I feel the Club enjoyed it very much in spite of the fact that it was Americanized a bit much. Songs like Kilimanjaro was much more enjoyed than the silly American love songs. The 'Nut Brown Baby' a woman singer with a wonderful voice was a great hit with the audience.

The Young Democrats were fortunate in getting seats as there was a big crowd and children are not usually allowed in.

ILSE FISCHER.

A Negro was standing in America and reading a Jewish Newspaper A Jew came up to him, tapped him on the shoulder and said, 'Are you a Jew?' The Negro replied 'Look Bud, havn't I got enough trouble? !

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Friends,

Dear Sir,

"Ducktail" is the name given to a gang of boys named so because of the hair style they choose to wear

Standing in meet in they smoke darga rday after-Bio Cafes on thoroughly enjoy noon. The same as gate crashing that is known as gate crashing that is known as gate crashing they party they hear about and love to a tack people.

In example of this was given a ter the Boys! Inter-High ala when a gang of these boys attacked some smaller children who were going home after the Gala. A few of these mildren were knocked unconscious while the rest of the gang stood by with cheap girls who hang around them, shouting, "Donner them,"
"Donner them." The crowd stood by and did nothing.

I saw a typical ducktail boy on the tram one Saturday afternoon. He had peroxided hair, mascara, pink shirt, charcoal grey suit and of cours, the typical hair do.

One of the reasons these boys turn to such things is because they have nothing else to do with themselves. Perhaps if they were given something interesting to do they wouldn't turn to such an outlet?

Yours sincerely,

TONY BERNSTEIN

The need f or a magazine of young people who believe that people of different colours can and must live in racial harmony, friendship and understanding in these difficult times, is great. Very great indeed for it depends on the youth of today to sew the seeds of Peace and Freedom in order to reap its wonderful harvest tomorrow.

Your magazine, will to a great extent fill that need and therefore we wish you every success in your noble undertaking.

If you require any assistance or suggestions please contact us for these will be readily given.

With our fraternal greetings,

TRANSVAAL INDIAN YOUTH CONGRESS.

Dear Friends,

The South African
Peace Council welcomes the first
issue of Young Democrats with
great enthusiasm and wishes its
continued publications great
success. It is the express
desire of the World Peacee
Movement to educate the youth
of different countries to
appreciate the values of peace
and to couteract the misrepresentation of the glories of war.

LONG LIVE YOUNG DEMOCRATS
LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF THE YOUTH
FOR PEACE. S.A.P.C.

Dear Friends,

The Natal Indian Youth Congress wishes that your efforts in producing your magazine 'Young Démocrat' will be well rewarded. Such a magazine should find an easy place among young readers who are keenly interested in the struggle of the oppressed people in South Africa. We have no doubt it will prove to be a live organ of the youth and will help consistently in crystalising the political thinking of the younger members in the Congress fold.

Wishing you once again every success.

N.I.Y.C.

Dear Friends,

Branch of Congress of Democrats wishes the magazine every success.

The Young
Democrats will fill the gap
in the Congress movement
which reconises the role
that should be played by
youth of all races in our
country.

The future of the Congress depends to a large extent on the ever growing consciousness of young people of South Africa.

We look forward to the growth of the Young Democrats and wish it every success.

With our fraternal greetings,

CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.
BELLEVUE BRANCH

THE COLOUR-BAR HITS BACK AT WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS.

The reason for the visit of the F.I.F.A. was to try and find out why the non-Europeans were not permitted to play with Europeans. So far the non-Europan Federation has not had the opportunity to play with or against the European Soccer players.

In 1951 when the Wolverhampton Wanderers toured South
Africa/.....

Africa they were quite prepared to play against an African Soccer Team. But of course, South African Colour Bar does not permit such things!

The reason for colour bar is in my opinion that the Europeans in the Federation are afraid that if they allow the non Europeans to play soccer, they would also want to join other federations...like boxing and athletics. This would NOT suit Mr. Strijdom and Co., for they believe that non-Europeans are much lower because their skins are black, and white South Africans are sport loving people. They must uphold the supremacy of white Sport!

I look forward to seeing Africans, Indians and Coloured people having equal rights in all spheres of life and also SPORT.

LOUIS GELB.

WHY THE SUN AND THE MOON LIVE IN THE SKY.

Many years ago the sun and the water were great friends, and both lived on the earth together. The sun very often used to visit the water, the water never returned his visits however. At last the sun asked the water why it was that he never came to see him in his house. The water replied that the sun's house was not big enough and that if he came with his people he would drive the sun out.

The water then said"if you wish me to visit you, you must build a very large compound; but I warn you that it will have to be a tremendous phace as my people are very numerous and take up a lot of room".

The/ ....

The sun promised to build a very big compound and soon afterward he returned home to his wife, the moon, who greeted him with a broad smile when he opened the door. The sun told the moon what he had promised the water and the next day he commenced building a huge compound in which to entertain his friend.

When it was completed he asked the water to come and visit him the next day.

When the water arrived he called out to the sun and asked him whether it would be safe for him to enter and the sun answered, "Yes, come in my friend".

The water then began to flow in accompanied by the fish and all the water animals.

Very soon the water was knee-deep so he asked the sun if it was still safe and the sun again said, "Yes", so more water came in.

When the water was level with the top of the man's head the water said to the sun, "Do you want any more of my people to come?"

The sun and the moon both answered "Yes", not knowing any better, so the water flowed in until the sun and the moon had to perch themselves on the top of the roof.

Again the water addressed the sun but receiving the same answer, and more of his people rushing in the water very soon overflowed the top of the roof, and the sun and the moon were forced to go up into the sky where they have remained ever since.

#### AFRICAN FOLK TALE

#### RIDDLES

- 1. QWhy is a snake a very wise creature?
  A Because you can't pull his leg. (Ha Ha)
- 2. Q What goes up a chimney down but can't go down a chimney up?

#### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS: 5. Surname of four brothers who were distinguished Scottish architects. 7. The - of Holland is important uished Scottish architects. 7. The - of Holland is important uished if you don't obey it. 9. The try of a hungry lion punished if you don't obey it. 9. The try of

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DOWN: 1. The soft flatty stuff in the cavity of our bones. 2. Place where a car is kept. 3. The chief our bones. 2. Place where a car is kept. 3. The chief our bones. 2. Place where a car is kept. 3. The chief our bones. 2. Place where a car is kept. 3. The chief our bones. 2. Place where a car is kept. 3. The chief our bones of music for one cook in a restaurant or hotel. 4. Piece of music

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THIS SPACE HAS, AFTER HEATED ARGUMENT, BEEN KINDLY DONATED TO BARBARA AND TED, WHO INSIST ON HAVING THEIR SAY....

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This, our first edition of the 'Young Democrat' marks the first step towards the fulfilment of a number of projects for 1956 which Young Democrats have set themselves. Every member has played his or her role in this publication as part of a policy to share the responsibility of the running of the Young Democrats amongst all its members.

Apart from weekly meetings, outings and visits to places of interest this group has embarked on a project to build a scale model of the Ndebele village near Pretoria, commonly called the Mapoch. Plans for a Childrens Day in the Transvegl are afoot and the Young Democrats have undertaken the organisation of this rally which will bring together the youth of all races.

We have no doubt that the Young Democrats will flourish and that its enthusiastic and ambitious members will join the ranks of the Congress Movement, fully prepared for the struggle that we are pledged to wage - Peace, Friendship and Racial Harmony

Across: 5Adam. 7. Hook. 8; Rule. 9. Roar. 10. Frog. 13. Wren. 16. Obce. 17. Ogre. 18. Moss. 19. Enid.

Down : 1. Marrow. 2. Garage. 5. Chef. 4. Solo. 6. Mur. 11. Rubens. 12. Greedy. 14. Rook. 15. Nose. 16. Ore

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