

BELGIAN CONGO BANNING BOOMERANGS

People's Movement Grows Stronger

The authorities in the Belgian Congo are beginning to doubt the wisdom of their action in banning the Abako party, the Bakongo people's liberatory organisation, and in deporting its leader M. Kassavuba to Belgium, as reprisals for last year's revolt.

In the place of the Abako, not one, but two new organisations, the Congolese National Movement and the Congolese Unity Party have sprung up, and both are bigger than the Abako and more militant in their demands.

The Congolese National Movement is led by Mr. Patrice Lumumba, who was the Congo's representative on the steering committee set up in Accra after the Pan-Africa conference. It is demanding independence by January 1961 and has called for the immediate training of African understudies to take over all senior administrative posts from the Belgians on that date.

Mr. Lumumba has attacked the Belgian authorities for the delays and dilly-dallying which have fol-

lowed the promise of eventual independence wrung from them by the revolt. He has pointed out that the authorities were quite wrong to ascribe the whole rising to the Abako, which was the party of the Bakongo people only. In fact the revolt was the result of country-wide resentment. Mr. Lumumba claims that many of the organisers of the banned Abako are now working for the National Movement.

In addition to the National Movement, another organisation, the Congolese United Party led by two men, Messrs. Kalongo and Iyeki, has entered the field and puts forward a similar policy. It claims to have 200,000 adherents.

So worried by the upsurge are the authorities that, according to the *Economist* (April 18), there is "a considerable incentive to the Belgians to try to come to terms with M. Kassavuba, and send him back to Leopoldville as the moderate leader-elect of the Congo."

This is a beautiful example of the contradictions of imperialism. They banish a leader because they consider him too militant, and the act of banishment makes the people so angry that they throw up new and even more militant leaders so that the man who was banished for his militancy now looks to the imperialists like a desirable moderate.

BRITISH LIBERAL PARTY youth congress held at Manchester last week voted by 119 to 74 that South Africa should be expelled from the British Commonwealth until the government dropped its racialist policies.

PUTTING DOWN THE TIBETAN REVOLT



In front of the Potala palace in Lhasa, Tibetans listen to a Tibetan staff member of the Chinese military control committee explaining the measures which had been adopted by the government to put down the rebellion recently.

DALAI ADMITS HE ASKED CHINA TO PROTECT HIM FROM TIBETAN REBELS

WHEN the Chinese Government announced at the beginning of the revolt by the Tibetan ruling lama (monk) class against social reform that the Dalai Lama had written to them to say that he was being held against his will by the lama reactionaries, the Western press was unanimous in ridiculing this claim.

There was consternation last week, when, following the publication by China of facsimiles of the Dalai Lama's letter, the young Tibetan prince admitted at a press conference that he had in fact written the letters.

There can be little doubt that the Dalai Lama was in fact abducted by force by the Tibetan priesthood and that he has now been placed in a position where he must of necessity fall in with his abductors. For the whole Tibetan set-up is one in which the Dalai Lama is a helpless puppet in the hands of the priests.

DALAI'S DIE YOUNG

James Cameron, the *News Chronicle* correspondent now with the Dalai Lama's party, reports this startling discovery of the Dalai's helplessness:

"The fact is that of the 14 incarnations of the Dalai Lama, all but three (including this one) have died before they reached their majority, all generations but three

have perished in their early teens."

The reason for this is that the ruling Tibetan priests use the poor Dalai merely as the symbol of their power. They teach the people to believe that the Dalai is immortal and that when he dies his soul merely travels to the body of a new-born baby. The priests alone have the power to discover the baby into whose body the soul has transferred itself. Some time after the Dalai's death they announce that they have found the baby in whose body the Dalai continues to live, and the infant is brought up as the new Dalai. Then, when he approaches maturity and there is a danger that he will exercise some of the power that has been vested in him, the Dalai tends to perish.

"Not impossibly," comments Cameron shrewdly, "a piquant thought has occurred to him: that the tragedy that has befallen, has perhaps, saved his life." Playing along with his captors is a wonderful life insurance policy for the young man who has never shown any interest in politics.

MONKS DO WELL

Behind all the hocus-pocus the monks do very well for themselves. As *Time* observed (April 20), "About four-fifths of the Tibetans work to support one-fifth — the monks. 'What little land is not owned by the monks belongs either to the Dalai Lama or to about 150 noble families, who have kept

their names and acres intact down the centuries."

Down the centuries, that is, until the Chinese revolution brought to the Tibetans, just as to the other backward national minorities of China, the beginning of a new dawn—their emancipation from the tyranny of the monks.

Here in full are the texts of the three letters from the Dalai to the Chinese, upon which they based their assertion that he had been removed by the monks by force:

The first, written on March 10 to the Chinese representative in Lhasa, reads:

"Dear Comrade Political Commissar Tan,

"I intended to go to the military area command to see the theatrical performance yesterday, but I was unable to do so, owing to obstruction by people, ecclesiastical and secular, who were instigated by a few bad elements and who did not know the facts. This has put me to indescribable shame. I am greatly upset and worried and at a loss what to do. When your letter appeared before me, I immediately became overjoyed, you do not mind at all.

"Reactionary, evil elements are carrying out activities endangering me under the pretext of protecting my safety. I am taking measures to calm things down.

"In a few days when the situation becomes stable, I will certainly meet you. If you have any

internal directives for me, please tell me frankly through this messenger.

"Dalai Lama, written by my own hand."

The second letter written personally by the Dalai Lama was dated March 12.

It said:

"I suppose you have received my letter of yesterday forwarded to you by Ngapo. I have had the letter you sent me this morning.

"The unlawful actions of the reactionary clique break my heart. Yesterday I told Kasha to order the immediate withdrawal of the reactionaries who arrogantly moved into the Norbu Lingka under the pretext of protecting me. As to the incidents of yesterday and the day before, which were created under the pretext of protecting my safety and have seriously estranged the relations between the central government and the local government, I am making every possible effort to deal with them.

"At eight-thirty Peking time this morning, a few Tibetan army men suddenly fired several shots near the Chinghai-Tibet highway. Fortunately no serious disturbances occurred. I am planning to persuade my few subordinates and give them instructions. Please tell me frankly any instruction you have for me. "Dalai, March twelfth."

The third letter written personally by the Dalai Lama was dated March 16:

"Dear Comrade Political Commissar Tan,

"Your letter dated the fifteenth has just been received at three o'clock. I am very glad that you are so concerned about my safety and hereby express my thanks.

"The day before yesterday, the fifth day of the second month according to the Tibetan calendar I made a speech to more than seventy representatives of the government officials, instructing them from various angles, calling on them to consider seriously present and long-term interests and to calm down, or my life would be in danger. After these severe reproaches, conditions took a slight turn for the better. Though the conditions here and outside are still very difficult to deal with at present, I am trying skillfully to make a demarcation line between the progressive people and those opposing the revolution within the government officials. A few days from now when there are enough forces that I can trust I shall make my way to the military area command secretly. When that time comes I shall first send you a letter. I request you to adopt reliable measures. What are your views? Please write me often. "Dalai, March sixteenth."

INDIA and the Soviet Union last week announced a new agreement which will mean even greater economic co-operation between the two countries in the future. The Soviet Union will construct a heavy engineering factory, an optical glass works, an oil refinery and will assist in the setting up of pharmaceutical plants and other branches of industry.

PAKISTAN dictatorship has released Faiz Ahmad Faiz, famous poet and editor of the *Pakistan Times*, following world-wide protests at his arrest (New Age, March 5), on his return from the Afro-Asian Writers' Conference in the Soviet Union last year.



SPORTLIGHT

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S.A. SPORTS ASSOCIATION NEEDS HELP

The S.A. Sports Association, whose basic aim is to gain international recognition for all branches of sport on a non-racial basis, has already achieved astonishing success.

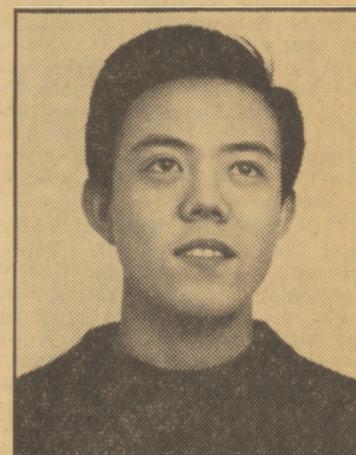
The father of this movement, Mr. Dennis Brutus, who planned this body over a number of years, saw his dream realised in January of this year. And it was fitting that he himself was appointed its first Secretary. A person holding such a position must be a live-wire, and what better example can you find than Brutus himself?

Over the years he has established contact with all the leading sports administrators throughout the world. I still have to find a better correspondent than Brutus himself, so keen and energetic is he in replying to any letter he receives.

How well he has tackled his task since his installation, can be gauged by the many reports we read in the daily press. Those cricketers in favour of the West Indies tour perhaps detest the sight of him, but they cannot help admiring the man for the manner in which he went about his task. The South African Whites cursed him for his interference in the proposed matches against the Brazilian team. The Olympic Games Association of S.A. are annoyed about the approaches made by SASA to the International Olympic Committee, who meet in May at Munich to discuss racial discrimination. There are a hundred and one other such steps Mr. Brutus has taken to achieve the aim he has dedicated himself to.

Where Mr. Brutus finds the time and the energy to do this great work, it is difficult to fathom. There is much more he and his organisation can do. But he needs help, realistic help, and that means pounds, shillings and pence. Donations, however small, will be greatly appreciated and could be sent to the Secretary, P.O. Box 2129, Port Elizabeth. You will be giving support to a great and worthy cause.

4th-11th July at the Green Point Track, with the following centres participating: W.P., Griqualand West, Eastern Province, Transvaal, Border and South Westerns. Absen-



Jung Kuo-tuan, Chinese table tennis player, who won the world men's singles championship at the recent Dortmund tournament, defeating Ferenc Sido, of Hungary, in the finals.

tees again will be the W.P. League, Boland and Karoo Unions who have broken away from the Board and formed a new body, called the S.A. Rugby Football Federation.

Pleasing to note however, is that the Coloured and Bantu national bodies have revived the joint body, which a few years ago staged "tests" in Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. This year, after a few years lapse, on the 25th August, the S.A. Coloureds will be meeting the S.A. Bantus at Cape Town on the Track Ground. It's about time too, for thousands of pounds are going down the drain with the suspension of this annual fixture.

We Hear It Said . . .

● That Western Province have intimated to its parent body, the S.A. Col. Cricket Association, that it will not be participating in the Sir David Harris Tournament. The W.P. Cricket Board has laid down a policy that none of its units must take part in future racial tournaments. The Coloureds have taken the lead and expect the Indians, Bantus and Malays to act likewise, and not take part in their respective national tournaments.

● That if centralisation is not substituted by a rotary system of headquarters, Transvaal are contemplating withdrawal from S.A.I.F.A. Western Province and Griqualand West may follow suit.

● That Mr. S. K. Chetty's decision not to stand for re-election as Secretary of the S.A. Indian F.A., is for other reasons than he has intimated. Perhaps he himself is not satisfied with the Durban set-up.

● That the Maoris will not be included in the rugby team due to tour South Africa in 1960, just as Walter Godfrey, the quarter-cast Maori golfer, has been influenced to refrain from participating in the Commonwealth golf tournament in Johannesburg in November. Can S.A.S.A. not do anything about this?

● That Messrs. Freddie Fell and Dave Snaier are once again on their wooing adventures. They are not satisfied with the small fish, but are now going out for the big 'un—the S.A. Bantu F.A. Is there any sincerity in these approaches?

Farcical SAIFA Presidency

Strong rumours are circulating in Natal that Mr. G. Munsook, President of the S.A. Indian Football Association, not being *au fait* with the affairs of that body, will not preside at the Biennial General Meeting to be held in Durban on May 30.

This is just where I come in with my strong contention that centralisation of headquarters is a complete farce. Here we have the president of a national body making preparations to attend that meeting, while rumours are going around that Mr. M. John, the acting president, will be in the chair. From my own personal observation, Mr. Munsook is constantly in contact with the Secretary, and from time to time he is informed of the workings of that body. How then does it happen that Mr. Munsook is not conversant with issues? If it is so, then I blame the administration and the officials in Durban for withholding news about the work of the executive.

It is the contention in Cape Town, that Mr. Munsook and no one else, must be in the chair. I am sure the other provinces think likewise.

Rugby Tournament

The S.A. Col. Rugby Board is staging its Biennial tournament at Cape Town this year from the

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