

BASUTOLAND ELECTIONS NEXT WEEK

Wide Support For Congress Party

Congresses Condemn Swastika Campaign

DURBAN
THE RASH OF ANTI-SEMITIC OUTBURSTS WHICH FOUND EXPRESSION IN SMEAR LEAFLETS AND SWASTIKA PAINTING EVEN IN DURBAN, WAS ROUNDLY CONDEMNED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONGRESS, THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (NATAL) AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS. IN FORTHRIGHT PRESS STATEMENTS RELEASED LAST WEEK.

Condemning the recent incidence of anti-semitic expressions, Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the South African Indian Congress, told New Age that the present spate of inci-

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"Basutoland is now the Jerusalem of all African refugees," said Mr. Ntsu Mokhehle, Leader of the Basutoland Congress Party, to the applause of a packed hall during the conference of the B.C.P. in Maseru recently.

ON JANUARY 20 THE PEOPLE OF BASUTOLAND WILL GO TO THE POLLS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AN ELECTION WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LEGISLATURE IN TERMS OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

The elections will be for members of District Councils, organs of local government. Once the District Councils are elected, they will in turn take part in the election (probably in February) of 40 members to the new Legislative Council of 80 members.

The remaining 40 members of the Council will be appointed as follows:

- 22 Ward Chiefs who will be ex-officio members of the Council;
- 14 Councillors who will be nominated by the Paramount Chief.
- 4 official members—the Gov-

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At the Basutoland Congress Party conference Mrs. L. Ngoyi, holding Mrs. Mafekeng's three-months-old baby girl Uhuru and wearing the traditional Basuto hat, moved the conference to tears when she described Mrs. Mafekeng's banishment and subsequent flight to Basutoland. She appealed to the Basutos to give every support to Mrs. Mafekeng. At the microphone with her is Mr. B. M. Khaketa, deputy leader of the B.C.P.



The convicted Congressmen, at the head of a procession of volunteers, arrive at the Magistrate's Court, Johannesburg, to surrender themselves. Left to right: Isaac Bokala, Steven Segale and Hubert Mekuto. In the background is Mr. Patrick Molaoa, National President of the A.N.C. Youth League.

ANC DEMONSTRATE AS

Leaders Start Jail Term

From Robert Resha

JOHANNESBURG

A MOST moving demonstration of solidarity was witnessed in Johannesburg last week when over 100 African National Congress volunteers marched from the Congress offices in Bezuidenhout Street to the Magistrate's Court accompanying their colleagues, Steven Segale, president of the African National Congress Youth League (Transvaal), Isaac Bokala, Hubert Mekuto, James

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ANC YOUTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE

JOHANNESBURG

The South West Region of the African National Congress Youth League will hold its annual regional conference at the Congress offices, 31, Bezuidenhout Street, Johannesburg, on Sunday, January 17, at 9 a.m.

Mr. Peter Nthite, former treason trialist and national secretary of the African National Congress Youth League, was served with two banning orders from the Minister of Justice last week. One of them prohibits him from attending gatherings for five years under the Suppression of Communism Act. The other one, under the Riotous Assemblies Act, confines him to the Magisterial district of Johannesburg for the same period.

The banning order is a severe blow to Mr. Nthite. He is working as a commercial traveller, and the ban may cost him his job.



S.A. FOUNDATION CANNOT HIDE THE TRUTH

The White capitalist class, hitching its bandwagon to the Nationalist ideal of a South Africa based on baasskap and apartheid, has formed the South African Foundation in order to draw foreign capital into this country. It is apparently prepared to white-wash the dirty Nationalist linen all over the world!

The questions we wish to pose to the founders of the South African Foundation are:

What is this "South African way of life, achievement and aspirations?" Is it exploitation of the vast majority, according them a permanent place of subservience, so that a small section can maintain the prerogative?

And what does the Foundation intend to secure for "South Africa and its peoples" (naturally meaning the Whites)?

Is it the recognition of the contributions they (the Whites of S.A.) have made in the history of world racial discrimination and oppression, what they call "a civilisation founded and built on the Western European way of life and ideals?"

The Foundation also aims "to mobilise the co-operation of all South African leaders in the field of industry, commerce and culture on a non-political, non-governmental basis."

Can leaders of the Non-Whites who are restricted, curbed and cornered at every turn — in industry, commerce and education — lend their support and co-operate with such a hypocritical project?

On May 27, Mr. H. F. Oppenheimer, chairman of the Anglo-American Corporation, and now one of the members of the Provisional Board of Trustees of the Foundation, said:

"Most Europeans in South Africa now realise that in due course the Africans must obtain a share in the government of the country."

The Whites in Africa cannot remain as a permanently privileged class at the expense of the majority — this in the face of the in-

creasing militancy of 220 million Blacks throughout the Continent. In addition some 1,800 million peoples of the world detest the behaviour of the Union Government.

The South African Foundation may strive to lift the sinking prestige of Nationalist South Africa from the morass of world condemnation, but as long as Dr. Verwoerd and his fellow baasskaps remain in power it is doomed to failure.

No amount of propaganda by the South African Foundation can hide the truth. South Africa's attitude and actions towards its Non-White people must change first.

STEPHENS O'DWYER
Kinross

Is Nehru Slipping?

Those who felt that Nehru and not Chou En-lai was at fault in the Indo-China border dispute were glad to read Anna Louise Strong's illuminating article in your issue of December 31. (By the way, no other paper has dared to publish the truth). The truth is that Nehru is moving more and more into the Western orbit, and Eisenhower's visit to him has still strengthened "their common bond".

Nehru's statements on the border dispute have been expressed in typical cold-war phrases, full of elusive, vague and obscure expressions. There has been talk of war and threats, and all sorts of excuses to postpone the holding of talks. Nehru's behaviour in this must be seen together with his unseating of the legally elected Communist Government of Kerala, and also with his refusal to support the motion of the African states on South West Africa during the last session of UNO.

If Nehru is to be prevented from slipping completely into the clutches of the West, he must be criticised, and quickly.

TRUTH
Cape Town

South West: U.N. Must Intervene

The issue of the recent killings in Windhoek now rests with U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld. The Committee on S.W.A. decided to invite his attention to the matter, and a letter was sent to him to reach him wherever he might be on his tour of Africa.

He can decide to include S.W.A. in his itinerary or to send his representative to the territory. He can recommend the convening of a special General Assembly session or of the Security Council.

It is to be hoped that with the continued pressure on the people of the location and the ever-mounting tension, Mr. Hammarskjöld will realise the seriousness of the situation. On two occasions I warned that the situation in the Windhoek Location was explosive, but that part of my statement was not treated with the urgency I felt it deserved.

But the situation has now exploded and it is to be expected that those irresponsible 'heavyweights' responsible for the situation will be forced to submit to the dictates of morality and responsibility by United Nations intervention.

All the same, no return, no re-

JARIRETUNDU KOZONGUIZI
President, S.W.A. National Union and spokesman for the people of S.W.A. at the United Nations.
London

S.A. Govt. Must Get Out

We don't want the South African Government in our country. They treat us like animals under their apartheid policy, and they are trying to force us into the new location of Katutura against our will.

They tell us that they have built clean and healthy houses for us and that in the old location we sleep in pondokkies, but we know that the new location is built by the South African Government to make apartheid work.

I want to ask the South African Government, why they have banned Sam Nujoma, President of the Ovamboland People's Organisation; Mr. Jacob Kuhangua, secretary of O.P.O., Mr. B. Shimboma and Mr. Nathaniel Mbaeva, organising secretary of the South West Africa National Union, from Windhoek? They all belong to Windhoek and have the right to stay and do any business they want to as this is our land.

We should rather ban the Union Government in South West Africa. The Union Government lives like a mosquito on another man's blood, and we don't want to have anything to do with it.

We want our land placed under the UNO. We are not frightened of the Boers, but this land is not for them. We want our independence.

USIEL NGUARAMBUKA
Windhoek

Thanks From Herschel

That the New Age newspaper is the mouthpiece of the Africans in this country cannot be denied. For this reason I have chosen this newspaper to express my gratitude to all the people of Herschel in Koelenhof. Cane Town, for sending me £11 10s. when I was stranded.

This testifies to the national spirit in them. Please, sons and daughters of the soil, keep that spirit, which is vital to the liberatory struggle of our people.

At this end I am also fighting tooth and nail to oust the Government stooges. I am convinced that if we work together earnestly hand in hand, we will succeed in wiping out White domination.

SEISO MEHLOMAKHULU,
P.O. Blue Gums,
Herschel, C.P.

EDITORIAL

Dr. NKRUMAH AND THE BOYCOTT

THE daily press has reported that Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of Ghana, has expressed opposition to the economic boycott of South African goods.

He was asked, at a press conference in Accra last week, whether world opinion could influence South Africa and whether he thought such influence could be strengthened by an international boycott of South African goods.

His reported answer was:

"I have always looked at boycotts and things like that as a last resort. A boycott is a two-edged sword which cuts both ways. You must be sure you have exhausted all other avenues."

Maybe the wish of the press is father to its headlines, for to some it may appear that Dr. Nkrumah's statement is not really an expression of opposition to the boycott, but merely a diplomatic way of avoiding a straight answer to the question that was put to him.

On the other hand, the wording of Dr. Nkrumah's statement is strangely similar to that of Mr. Eric Louw on the same subject. And with the boycott campaign already in full swing, most Congressmen in South Africa will regret that Dr. Nkrumah could not see his way clear to expressing full and open support for it.

There is plenty of evidence to show that the economic boycott has the full support of the liberatory movement throughout the African continent.

Dr. Nkrumah knows full well the economic boycott idea was first launched on a continental scale at the All-African People's Conference called on his initiative and held under his official patronage in December 1958.

This conference resolved "that the permanent secretariat to be set up should urge any African independent states which conduct trade with South Africa to impose economic sanctions against the latter country as a protest against racial discrimination which the European minority are practising to the humiliation of the Non-European majority. Such economic sanctions should include the boycott of South African goods."

The resolution also urged all African countries to prevent their citizens from going to work in South Africa industry "which has become the instrument of oppression"; and said that "no African state should have any diplomatic relations with any country on our continent that practises race discrimination".

At the same press conference last week, Dr. Nkrumah also deliberately ignored the expressed wish of the South African A.N.C. when he said he saw no reason why Mr. Macmillan should not visit South Africa.

Asked whether he did not think such a visit would cancel out the good impression created by the British Premier's visit to West Africa, Dr. Nkrumah replied: "I do not think so. I think it is right and proper that he should visit South Africa. Let him go and see".

Yet it is only a few weeks since the A.N.C. openly called on Macmillan to stay away from South Africa.

As head of the Ghana Government, Dr. Nkrumah is not bound by the Accra resolutions, and with Mr. Macmillan on his doorstep and Mr. Eric Louw about to make an official visit to his country, he may have felt that this was not the most propitious moment to declare his undying hatred of imperialism and apartheid.

But then he should rather have remained silent and avoided any expression of opinion one way or the other. As it is, his statements have given joy to the apartheiders and other enemies of the boycott campaign, and to that extent have undoubtedly harmed the interests of the liberatory movement.

We suggest it is imperative for Dr. Nkrumah to put the record straight. He, of all people, cannot, for diplomatic or any other reasons, behave as a neutral over the issue of apartheid. His role as the man who led Ghana to independence has been an inspiration to freedom-fighters throughout Africa. To be let down by such a man at a moment like this can only cause widespread disappointment and disillusionment in the ranks of millions who have hitherto regarded him as a friend and ally in the struggle against imperialism.

● The boycott movement is an expression of man's outrage at the crime of apartheid in South Africa. When the world's conscience is at last stirred into action, one would expect Dr. Nkrumah to take the lead, not stand on the side-lines raising doubts as to whether the battle should be fought at all.

END THESE TRAGEDIES!

WE are all looking forward to the time when the tragedies of this country no longer exist for the majority of the people living in it.

What could be more tragic than the story of Mrs. Nellie Baartman who died so tragically last week? Her husband banished practically to the edge of beyond, her four small children left without the care of either mother or father — and she herself buried without her husband at her graveside. And why? Because our Government chooses to believe that the presence of Ben Baartman in Worcester would be detrimental to the people of Worcester for one reason or another. No case, no proof, no trial, no accusations. Just deportation.

And now for Mrs. Baartman death and for their children misery and loneliness, at a time when they are more in need of parental love and care possibly than at any other in their lives before.

We cannot and do not blame the Government for Mrs. Baartman's death (although

more adequate hospital facilities may have averted even this), but we can and do blame the Government for removing without just cause the husband and father from his home.

It is this sort of thing which New Age fights against with all its strength. There is no other newspaper which can take the place of New Age when it comes to opposing this sort of injustice. If you want New Age to keep up the fight you must send and collect the money to pay for its production.

Don't delay — post your money today!

Last Week's Donations:

Johannesburg:
Trudy, collections, £6;
Moosa, 10s.; Harry, £3;
Monthly donations, £9 1s.

Cape Town:
Joe and Ruth, £20; Hazel and Piet, London, 12s. 6d.; S.K., £10; Miss W., 5s.; Diamond, £29; K.P., £5; Anon. 2s. 4d.; F.S., £10; XYZ, £7 10s.

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EUROPE

YOU CAN BUY RECORDS OF NAZI SONGS, HITLER'S SPEECHES IN W. GERMANY

Adenauer's Right-Hand Man Wrote Official Commentary to Nuremberg Laws

THE cancer of anti-semitism has existed in Western Germany since the war and virtually nothing has been done about it.

Hundreds of Jewish cemeteries have been desecrated (the country's largest union, the metal workers, estimated that one in ten—176 out of 1,700—had suffered in this way between 1948 and 1958). Not a single culprit has ever been traced by the police.

Now there has been a whole new series of anti-semitic incidents, starting off with the daubing of nazi swastikas on Cologne's new synagogue on Christmas Eve.

Dr. Adenauer, head of the West-German Government, has expressed his abhorrence. No doubt he is disturbed, primarily, however, because of the publicity and adverse reaction in the world.

He bears a large share of responsibility for the situation in Western Germany, where the nazis have crept back into power in every branch of life.

Last summer a new law was drafted, intended to create the impression that strong steps were being taken against anti-semitism in West Germany.

The West German news magazine *Spiegel* put its finger on the reasons behind this move when, on August 5, it wrote:

"For the West German Government the change in the criminal code is not so much a legal measure as a propaganda move designed to free the Bonn State, both at home and abroad, from the bad reputation which it has for allowing the infamous attacks upon the Jews and upon human dignity."

The cancer of anti-semitism is there, and it is a sign of the penetration of nazi ideology.

Western Germany's Wehrmacht is staffed exclusively by Hitler's officers; its judiciary is largely staffed by Hitler's judges; its Foreign Office by Hitler's diplomats.

The same is true of its educational system, so that the children too are being poisoned.

Last year a television reporter

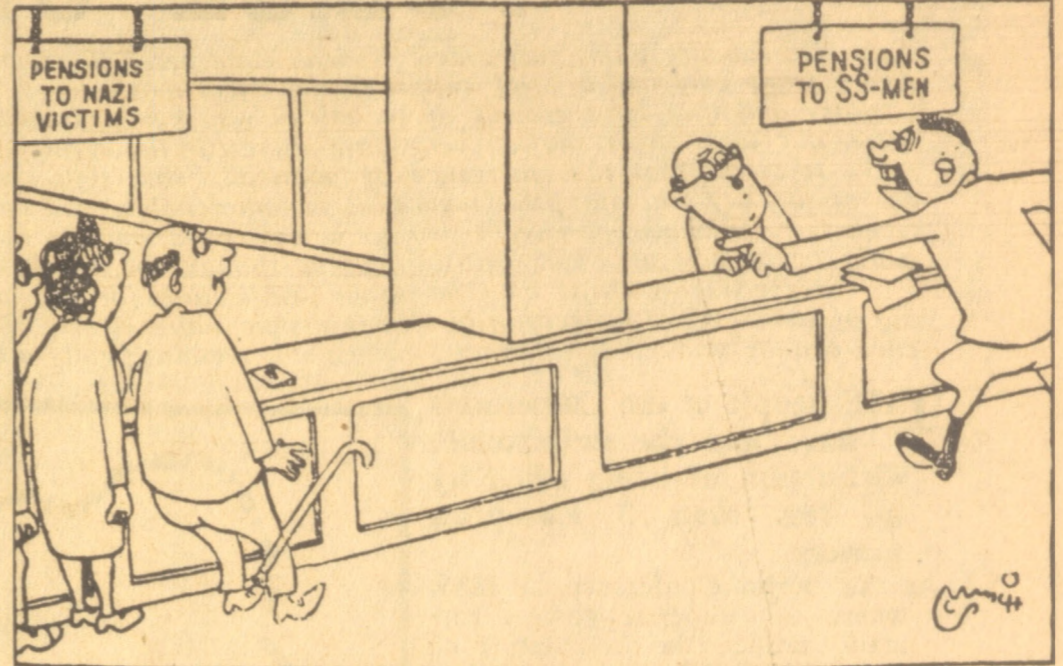
conducted an inquiry among high-school children about what they knew about Hitler and his crimes. Not a single child could say how many Jews had been exterminated. Their answers ranged from 20,000 to two million—whereas over six million were murdered by the nazis.

Asked as to what Hitler had done for Germany, they said: "He built good roads"; "he had enabled mothers to take holidays"; "he had made Germany important internationally".

Immediately after the war, history books in West German schools contained some 16 pages about the Resistance movement to the nazis. This section has now been entirely deleted, so that the only resistance the children learn about is that there was an uprising of some of Hitler's generals in July of 1944.

Thousands of former leading nazis are receiving fat pensions. Goering's widow has been given back a large portion of the huge fortune amassed by her husband.

In 1958 alone Bonn paid out about £115 million in pensions to dismissed officials and former professional soldiers. Former political prisoners, however, having served a total of nearly 100,000 years in camps and prisons have received back less than £4,500,000.



"What! No proof of my service in concentration camps? Ask those people over there to show you some of their scars!"
Berliner Zeitung

Nazi propaganda in the form of books, periodicals and papers is flooding Western Germany.

You can buy an American long-playing record of nazi songs and Hitler's speeches. A FRANKFURT COURT RULED THAT SINCE THE RECORD WAS "HISTORICALLY CORRECT" THERE WAS NOTHING AGAINST THE RECORD BEING SOLD IN WESTERN GERMANY. SONGS WITH ANTI-SEMITIC TEXTS, THE JUDGE DECLARED, CANNOT BE SAID TO BE ANTI-SEMITIC.

This is hardly surprising—incomplete records disclose that 1,000 men who served in responsible positions in the nazi special, people's and military courts are now dispensing "justice" in Chancellor Adenauer's Germany.

During the Hitler period they worked in these courts dealing mainly with Resistance fighters both inside Germany and in the occupied countries of Europe. They sent thousands of anti-fascists to the gallows.

The picture is the same in West Germany's police force, where former nazis are employed at all levels.

There are many shocking and typical incidents in Western Germany. Among them is the case of Ludwig Zind, the teacher sentenced to one year's imprisonment for publicly proclaiming that "far too few Jews were gassed."

Zind escaped and fled to Egypt. This is what has happened since:

- The judge who sentenced him and the prosecutor who handled the case have had to be transferred because they were exposed to continual insults and threats from former nazis.

- The province of Baden-Wuerttemberg has had to earmark nearly £2,000 to pay Zind his pension as a teacher when he retires. "We would not cancel his pension even if he had committed murder," an official stated.

- Frau Zind's application for a special pension as an "act of grace" since all the family reserves were used to defend her husband is being considered.

There are 30,000 Jews left in Western Germany, but the wave of anti-semitism is just part of the whole evil nazi ideology thriving and encouraged there.

EAST GERMANY

Just over the border in Eastern Germany, in the German Democratic Republic, there are 5,000 Jews. They live in peace; they can practise their religion, and nobody, even if they had anti-semitic sentiments, would dare express them—unless they wanted to go to prison.

In an interview last year,

the secretary of the West German Council of Jews, Dr. van Damm, put the matter in a nutshell. The Western Powers must share the responsibility for nazis holding key positions in the Federal Republic. "The past is coming alive again," he stated.

In the German Democratic Republic anti-semites could not be dangerous because "they are under control." In Western Germany, on the other hand, "they can be captains of the ship."

This is exactly what they are, and the recent incidents are only one facet of this dangerous threat to peace.

Lord Russell Writes to the London Times...

In your leading article on December 30 on "New Birth of an Old Evil," you so rightly observed that anti-semitic tendencies in West Germany can only be eliminated "through the education of the German people and in particular by the removal of those who still hold nazi beliefs from positions where they can influence the young."

The teaching of the nazi era at secondary schools in Hesse has recently been under investigation by order of the Minister of Education, and an examination of the text books used in the top forms revealed that as a general rule the history masters do not get as far as this "delicate chapter," as the *Frankfurter Neue Presse* calls it. Furthermore, under the caption of "Humiliating Figures," *Die Welt* publishes the following statistics revealing the space allotted to the recent past in two different editions of a widely used German history textbook, one of 1949 and the other of 1958:—

	1949	1958
History of the Hitler régime ...	41 pages	13 pages
The Reichstag fire	2½ pages	Nothing
Persecution of the Jews ...	3 pages	Nothing
Resistance Movement ...	8 pages	Nothing
Concentration Camps ...	5 pages	14 lines
Nazi persecution of religions ...	2 pages	4½ lines

These figures speak for themselves.

Yours faithfully,
RUSSELL OF LIVERPOOL.

ANTI-SEMITISM MUST BE CRUSHED IN S.A.

THERE can be no excuse for those people who regard the recent public manifestations of anti-Semitism in South Africa as being merely the work of a few cranks and ducktails, better ignored than made a fuss of.

It was this ostrich-like view which was greatly responsible for Hitler's rise from being a mere lunatic paperhanger to becoming dictator of Nazi Germany and murderer of six million Jews and millions of other people in Europe.



The latest outbreak of anti-Semitism in our country is of importance for all our peoples, and not only because it is part of a sinister world-wide racialist plot showing that international Nazism is far from dead.

The anti-Semitic rats are crawling out of their holes in South Africa, and although it may well be that the actual perpetrators of the latest acts of anti-Semitism are cranks, their actions are of great importance because:

1. They feel they can get away with it. At the time of writing only one notorious anti-Semite has

been raided by the police, although large numbers of persons have for years been openly distributing poisonous anti-Jewish propaganda through the post.

POISONOUS

When the Congress movement declares its support for racial equality and harmony, the Special Branch is on the spot raiding, taking notes and arresting people. When slogans appear on the walls: All People are Equal, a huge squad of police will spare no pains to trace and arrest those responsible. And the Government, Minister of Justice and head of the police repeat ad infinitum their determination to crush those who stand for equality in South Africa.

YET THERE HAS BEEN NO GOVERNMENT STATEMENT DEPLORING THE ANTI-SEMITIC OUTBREAK, NO ARRESTS MADE, NOTORIOUS, BOASTFUL ANTI-SEMITES, FAR FROM BEING BANNED BY THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, ARE GIVEN GOVERNMENT JOBS.

Although incitement to racial hostility is a crime, the Government takes no steps to prevent poisonous anti-Semitic books, pamphlets and circulars from being published and distributed openly in South Africa.

2. The slogan-painters are merely the advance guard of a vast army of anti-Semites in this country who always did and always will support Hitler's racial theories, and who for purposes of expediency have soft-pedalled their anti-Semitism in recent years.

Our Government is made up of people who openly supported Hitler. To name but a couple, both Eric Louw and Dr. Ver-

woerd participated in demonstrations at the dockside in Cape Town when Jewish immigrants arrived there before the war. And, in the words of a Judge of the Supreme Court, Dr. Verwoerd willingly allowed the Transvaler to be used as a tool of the Nazis during the war.

IN PARLIAMENT

During recent sessions of Parliament the Leader of the House, and now our Governor-General, Mr. Swart, has allowed Nationalist backbenchers to make the most vicious anti-Semitic remarks without lifting a finger to stop them.

Is the day so far off when those Nationalists who covet businesses at present owned by persons of Jewish descent, will cry out: "The Jews Must Go"? The possibility of race-obsessed people like Dr. Verwoerd telling the Jews to go to their national home in Israelistan is far from remote, particularly if a new scapegoat is needed when a depression hits South Africa.

It is necessary for all democrats to hit back hard at the anti-Semites. And it is also necessary for them to realise that racialism is indivisible and that as long as we have a Government elected on the basis of and pledged to perpetuate racial hatred, so will the anti-Semites find they have a home in South Africa.

FASCISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM GO HAND IN HAND.

● Public opinion must be mobilised now to compel the Government to crush the spreading anti-Semitic movement.

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