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## EVE-OF-ELECTION EXCITEMENT

### Landslide Support for Ray Alexander

WITH ONLY ONE WEEK REMAINING UNTIL ELECTION DAY, APRIL 21st, EXCITEMENT IS MOUNTING TO ITS PEAK IN THE CAPE WESTERN CONSTITUENCY. THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN OF RAY ALEXANDER—THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE—HAS BEEN REMARKABLE FOR THE FACT THAT IT HAS AROUSED INTEREST NOT ONLY IN THE CONSTITUENCY, BUT THROUGHOUT SOUTH AFRICA.

Letters of support have come from all of the large centres. Leading members of the African National Congress, leading Non-European trade unionists and other outstanding figures in the people's struggle have sent their good wishes to Ray Alexander.

This heightened interest in the election has been due partly to the fact that since the passing of Swart's Amending Bill designed specifically to exclude Ray Alexander from Parliament, her election will mean a most significant blow against the government's apartheid policy.

Democrats throughout the country are keenly aware of the fact that the election of Ray Alexander will demonstrate that the people have rejected the attempts of the Government to force them into voting for a candidate other than Ray Alexander—a candidate other than one who fights for full and immediate equality.

This is the demand which has swept the constituency—full and immediate equality. "We want freedom in our life-time; we want freedom NOW!"

At election meetings throughout

the length and breadth of her constituency Ray has been greeted by meetings larger than have been known in any previous election campaign. At each of these meetings she has received a resounding vote of full confidence.

As if to spotlight the popularity of Ray Alexander the meetings of the rival candidates Gibson and Jonker-Fiske have met everywhere with a resounding fizzle and flop.

#### MESSAGES FROM FORMER M.Ps.

Messages of support received this week include one from the former

Member of Parliament for this constituency, Mr. Brian Bunting.

"Very best wishes to you Ray in your election fight," says Mr. Bunting. "Your programme of full equality is the same one on which the electors of this same constituency elected me with a resounding majority. I am quite convinced that once again an even greater majority will be won for the principles of freedom. I only wish I were with you now to participate in the campaign."

A similar message of greeting has come from Mr. Sam Kahn another former M.P. for this constituency.

And Mr. Fred Carneson, who was elected on the same programme to the Provincial Council has been participating fully in Ray Alexander's campaign.

Mr. Johnson Ngwevela, Chairman of Ray Alexander's election

committee, in an eve of election statement says: "There is no doubt that if the voters turn out in full force at the polling booths, Ray Alexander will be elected with a resounding majority. Every one of us must go to the polls and vote."

## PEACE OR DEATH!

"Arouse Common Man For Peace!" says Wits Professor.

JOHANNESBURG.

IN a statement released by the South African Peace Council, Dr. A. H. E. Blesley, Professor of Physics at Witwatersrand University, paints a horrifying picture of the effects of a war in which hydrogen bombs are employed, and declares that the future of humanity rests upon the common man enforcing a policy of peace upon his leaders.

"A single hydrogen bomb is capable of devastating the biggest city in the world. The effects would be almost indescribable," says Dr. Blesley.

"A very considerable proportion of the population would be killed outright. The fate of most of the immediate survivors would be little, if at all, better. Terribly burned, crippled, or buried beneath fallen rubble, there would be little hope of their being rescued. Medical and other services are bound, as in Hiroshima, to be hopelessly disrupted. All normal activity would be brought to a standstill and great numbers of homeless, destitute folk might die of hunger and exposure.

#### NO DEFENCE

"If a great city were devastated the whole surrounding countryside would also be thrown into unimaginable ruin and distress.

"There is no effective defence against such weapons.

"Even if it were possible, which it is not, to carry out an effective policy of the dispersion of populations, where could they be dispersed? The lesson of the Japanese fishermen is clear. You cannot tell where the deadly radio-active debris would land. If lonely fishermen in the vast Pacific were affected, how much more terrible would the effects be in populated areas?"

"A mass of radio-active dust could be carried and do damage up to 300 miles away from the explosion. If a bomb were dropped on Johannesburg deadly dust could settle on lonely Free State farms, and the people there fatally affected without even knowing what was happening to them until it was too late for medical science, if available, to assist them.

"The tests that have been carried out will have served a useful purpose if they bring home to thousands of millions of people the terrible menace of war to every single man, woman and child.

"Previously when war came we comforted ourselves with the thought that 'the other bloke will get it.' The last war brought the



Ray Alexander, People's Candidate for the Cape Western By-Election, will write a special article on our working class history for the May Day issue of ADVANCE. There will also be articles by the Dean of Canterbury, Moses Kotane, Walter Sisulu, Dr. Dadoo and many others. Remember that we are printing messages from all the people's organisations. See that your branch, church group, committee, etc., sends in its greetings as soon as possible. Publication rates are 10s. per inch or, for short messages, 2d. a word. BUT SEE OUR 2nd EDITORIAL!

## TRADE UNIONISTS BOOK FOR CAPE TOWN

JOHANNESBURG.

HUNDREDS of trade unionists will converge on Cape Town at the end of this month to participate in two union conferences which will both have a vital bearing on the future of the trade union movement. The first will be the national "no colour-bar" conference convened by the Council of Non-European Trade Unions for May 1 and 2. It will be followed immediately by the so-called "all-in" conference called by Mr. B. J. Caddy's "Unity Committee," due to run from May 3 to 7.

The Council of Non-European Trade Unions has circularised all trade unions, warning them that the intention of the present Government is to destroy free trade unions, and linking the Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Act and Mr. Schoeman's new I.C. Bill as two instalments of the same anti-labour policy. "So far, no realistic steps have been taken to call trade unions together to discuss ways and means of opposing and resisting this measure," says the circular.

Referring to the "so-called all-in conference," the circular says it suffers from "two fatal defects which reduce its value considerably.

#### DISARMED IN ADVANCE

"In the first place, the Conference is apparently to exclude representatives of the majority of workers in South Africa—the African Trade Unions. It seems to us that by thus accepting the principle of racialism, which is the main weapon of the Nationalist Government in its attack on the Workers' movement, the organisers of the Conference will be disarming themselves in advance.

"Secondly, it would appear that many of the persons to be invited, and some of them sponsoring the Conference, are the very men who have collaborated with

the Minister, behind the backs of the trade union movement, in preparing this vicious legislation. It would appear to be clear that in attending such a Conference, the aims of such persons would be not to devise means to defeat the Bill, but to defend the Minister and to justify the Bill.

#### WILL RESIST

"The Council is determined to resist to the utmost, the realisation of the anti-trade union ideology of the Government as expressed in the Native Labour (Settlement of Disputes) Act and the new I.C. Bill, which, despite revision, remains completely unacceptable to any genuine trade unionist. We are convinced that in order to preserve the existence of free and independent trade unions, united and vigorous action on the part of all organised labour is needed, irrespective of the colour or origin of the workers."

The circular from the "Unity Committee" makes it clear that only "registered trade unions" are invited to its "all-in" conference. The Committee has sent a deputation consisting of Messrs. Caddy, Rehm, McCormick and Gallant to interview Minister Schoeman.



Mr. Johnson Ngwevela, chairman of the Cape Western Advisory Boards and Vigilance Associations, who contributes an article on the election on page 7.

#### JULIA WOLFSON

ADVANCE, together with the whole South African working class movement, has learnt with shock and deep regret the tragic news of the death of Julia Wolfson.

She was a devoted trade union leader and was named in 1953 under the Suppression Act.

Our sympathy goes to her husband, Issie Wolfson, the banned former treasurer of the T. and L.C., and to their young daughter.





# 'Advance Post'

Address letters to ADVANCE POST, 6 Barrack Street, Cape Town. Some of the letters below have been shortened or extracts only printed. All letters must include the real name and address of writer (not necessarily for publication), otherwise they cannot be printed.

## BUT SWART DENIES BRUTALITY

From Witness, Brug Street, Lady Selborne, Pretoria.

On Monday, March 29, at 8.30 in the morning, at the corner of Church and Prinsloo Streets, Pretoria, I noticed a crowd gathered around an African lying sprawled and handcuffed on the cement pavement. He was unconscious. I was told that he had been knocked down by a European constable with the assistance of four or five Non-European police.

As the crowd gathered the European policeman drove them away. It seemed to me that he did not want anyone to remain there who could be a witness of the assault.

I was on duty, and on my way to the post office, so I went on. On my way back I still found this man in the same position. Not one of the police tried to render first-aid; instead they went around the crowd asking people for passes and tax receipts.

An hour later a patrol van came, with the sergeant in charge. He pushed the handcuffed hands of the man far behind his head, pulled his knees up to his chin, and thus folded up bundled him into the van.

What I can't understand is the Minister of Justice denying the statements of people who claim to have been assaulted by the police.

## GOOD RIDDANCE TO CONSTIPATION!



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## FINAL ELECTION LETTERS

From H. Marawu, Flinders St., Vasco.

(Translated from Xosa)

To-day there is a bitter cry for our franchise which was denied us in 1936. I think the eyes of our forefathers are still full of tears when they see the position we are in to-day.

We have full confidence in the loved one, Ray Alexander, because she supports our demands for free and equal education, direct representation in Parliament, full and equal franchise rights, peaceful development of this country by whites and non-whites, no culling of African livestock and unrestricted access to all professions and avenues of employment.

I appeal to all African voters to vote for the loved one. Vote for Ray Alexander.

From G. Mlotana, 53 Selkirk Street, Cape Town.

I and my friends are supporters of Ray Alexander, the people's candidate.

It is, however, very disappointing when we hear that she will not be allowed to take her seat if elected.

(Yes, it is true that the apartheid Government has passed a law to keep Ray out of Parliament. They have done this because they fear her. They know that she will demand freedom and equality for the African people in Parliament. But the new law makes it more important than ever to vote for Ray Alexander. The Government is trying to force the people to vote for the other candidates. If the people agree to do what the Government is trying to force them to do, they will be helping the policy of keeping the Africans in bondage. A vote for Gibson or Fiske is a vote for the Government's policy of oppression. A vote for Ray Alexander is a vote for freedom—for Afrika.—Editor.)

From A. M. Coe, 13, Court Chambers, Adderley Street, Port Elizabeth.

I have been requested to write to you by a meeting of Port Elizabeth African workers. They are very appreciative of the sacrifices Ray Alexander is making to try and represent their fellow African workers in the Cape and they admire her courage in carrying on even when she knows she can never take her seat in the House while the present Government is in power.

## TRADE WITH SOVIET

From M. Fischer, Secretary, South African Society for Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union, Box 2920, Johannesburg.

I have been asked by my committee to congratulate Commentator on his article "Boerdery, Brazil and a British Business Bloke" (ADVANCE, March 18), which calls for increased trade between South Africa and the Soviet Union and which quotes articles from the London Star refuting many fallacious ideas about the Soviet Union.

Our society has for many years worked for the broadening of cultural and economic relations between South Africa and the Soviet Union, in the belief that better relations would be to the advantage of both countries.

Your article illustrates how South Africa can benefit by increased trade, not only in wool but in other products, including base minerals, as well. It is obvious that this would be of vital importance to South Africa in any future trade recession.

## RHODESIAN ANTI-TRADE UNION LAW

From J. K. Chivungu, Box 67, Ndola.

What is the next step of the Northern Rhodesia Government towards the Northern Rhodesia African Unions? This is the question that faces every African unionist in the Protectorate. The new law which is to deal with the wages of the Africans is based on Dr. Malan's apartheid policy. The law creates "Wages Councils," whose duties shall be to determine the wages of Africans, hours of work, conditions of service, etc.

The Government, having realised the rapid development of the trade union movement, have begun to seek legislation to weaken the unions. All union leaders are preparing a serious defence in this connection. Each union has promised to oppose the legislation tooth and nail.

The law itself is designed to ban unionism in the country. An attempt has been made to ban lock-outs and strikes, but the workers are still advancing in all corners. The Northern Rhodesia Government, in trying to please the Southern Rhodesia Government, is bringing fantastic laws against Africans.

All people have already seen the source of these troubles—Federation.

If the Government decides to carry out decisions without the consultation of the unions concerned there is likely to be a general breakdown of the normal working of the country.

## A.B. MEMBER'S OPEN LETTER TO VERWOERD

From P. Mathole, Advisory Board Member, Moroka.

Ten thousand families were dumped into the Moroka slum "emergency camp" in the open veld, without a roof over their heads, in 1947. They were told that within five years houses would be made available to them.

Not one of these people has been housed. They are still waiting for the Government and City Council promise to be honoured.

Health services, water, latrines, roads, hardly exist. Above all, the shacks are not fit for human habitation and I am sure the M.O.H. of Johannesburg would never accept a challenge to prove that conditions in these areas are worse than those in the Western Areas. Conditions in Moroka are beyond human endurance.

The people of Moroka are entitled to the first opportunity of being housed.

Both the bus and train services are unreliable and inadequate. The trains are always crowded. The result is that many workers lose their jobs.

At Orlando Shelters conditions are worse. And at Pimville the temporary tank ponds have been temporary for 40 years.

How can we trust Dr. Verwoerd to do anything for the benefit of the Africans?

As a member of the location Advisory Board, my observations are that the people of the Western Areas are totally opposed to the removal, and I am sure they are going to resist it.

I feel it is my duty to appeal to Minister Verwoerd. You can never suppress the forward march towards freedom. What is needed to-day is total abolition of the portfolio of Native Affairs. It serves no purpose but puts people against each other. You cannot go on thinking for the Africans. In fact, you were not taken on in this department as one elected by the Africans. You were chosen by your Government through your political ideologies. I plead with you to withdraw the removal of the Western Areas and the Native Resettlement Bill in the name of peace and racial harmony. The wish of the African is that he be given land and not what you are doing—taking it away. I wonder if all this the Government is doing is also in the name of civilisation?

## Editorial

# People's Candidate will beat Swart's Candidates

THERE are many reasons why the people will vote for Ray Alexander, the people's candidate.

Here are some:

● **Because she stands for full and immediate equality.**  
No other candidate does. Mrs. Jonker-Fiske certainly does not. And Advocate Gibson believes that Africans who have not passed Standard Six are not fit to vote—but he asks a constituency in which the majority of voters have not passed Standard Six to vote for him. What a cheek!

Ray Alexander believes that every South African citizen, whatever his or her colour, religion or political belief, has the right to vote at the age of 18 years—and has the right to sit in Parliament.

● **Because she has a long and proud record of struggle on behalf of the working people.**

Ray Alexander has been working on behalf of the oppressed people for over 20 years as a trade union leader. Neither of the other candidates has any such record of service. Indeed, Advocate Gibson was completely unheard of among the African people before this election.

● **Because Minister Swart, who with his apartheid policies brings misery and hardship to the African people, is trying to force the electorate not to vote for Ray Alexander.**

By banning Ray Alexander and by rushing through a law in Parliament to prevent her from taking her seat he is attempting to force the African people to vote for one of the other two candidates. By doing this he takes these other candidates under his protection—he makes them Swart's candidates. He makes them Apartheid candidates. The Government knows that only Ray Alexander will present the true voice of the people in Parliament. The Government fears the true voice of the people. Therefore they are trying to keep Ray Alexander out.

But the people cannot be forced to vote the way the Government wants them to. The people know that if they vote for Gibson or Fiske they are voting for apartheid, that they are voting in favour of the Government. This they will not do.

● **Because Ray Alexander stands four-square behind the policies of the Congress movement—the African National Congress, the South African Indian Congress, the Congress of Democrats and the South African Coloured People's Organisation.** Leading members of all these bodies all over the country have pledged support for Ray Alexander.

● **Because the victory of Ray Alexander will not only be a victory for the people of Cape Western but a victory for the freedom forces throughout South Africa.**

Democrats in every city of the country have written to Ray Alexander expressing their full support for her campaign. The eyes of the Union are on the voters of Cape Western. Indeed, the eyes of the world are on them. For all these reasons the people will flock to the polls to vote for Ray Alexander.

**For all these reasons we confidently predict a large majority for the people's candidate.**

## ... and People's Paper Must Beat Bank Balance!

HOW the Nats. would gloat if, after all the preparations for our May Day Special, we were not able to produce it. What a setback this would be to the progressive movement.

And yet this is a very real possibility. As things are now there may be no special May Day 12-pager.

We have always taken our readers fully into our confidence. When, in February, there was a very good response to our Freedom Fund we announced this news and we tried at once to pass the benefit on to our readers.

Relying on them to keep up in the following months the same efforts that they made during February, we promised a special May Day issue.

But as soon as we announced that in one month there had been a good response, the flow began to slow down. Our readers began to rest on their laurels. ADVANCE is not in crisis, they said, and they did not give.

This is not the correct way to keep the workers' paper established on a firm basis. Your sacrifice must be regular. Your effort for the paper must not lag.

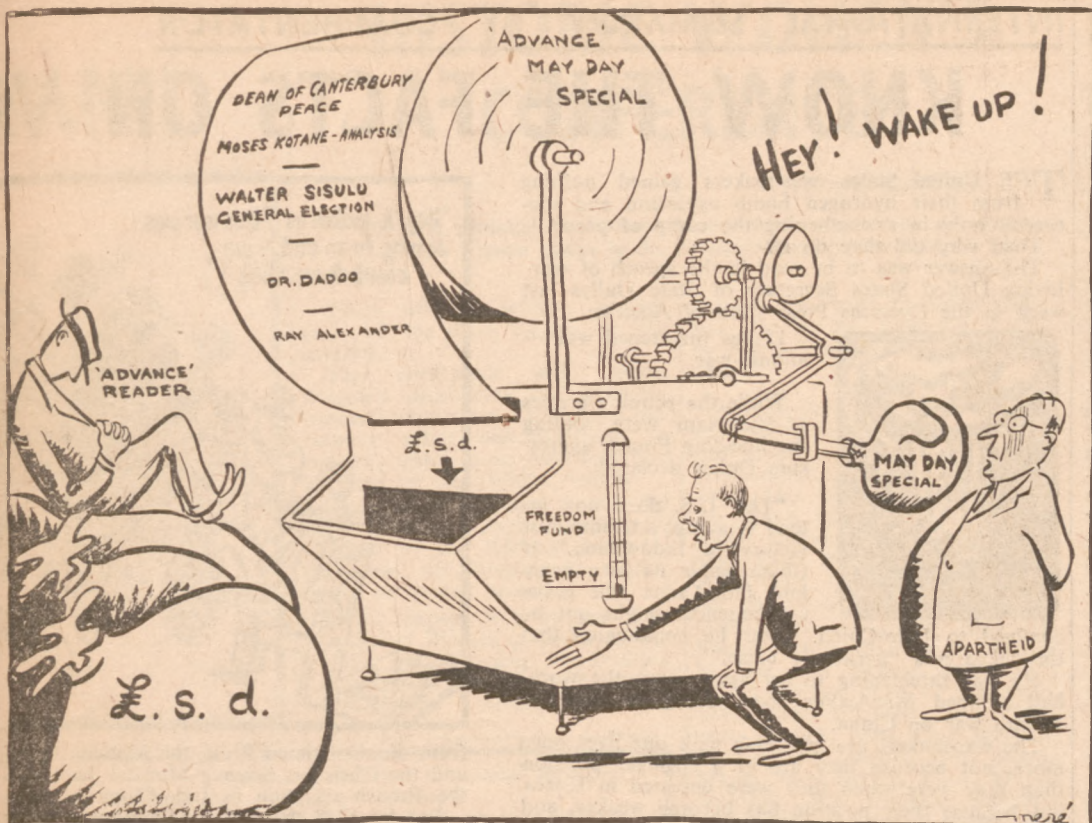
We announce it as a sober fact this week that unless there is a very striking change in the fund's position during the coming fortnight it will be impossible for us to produce the May Day Special. Instead there may be the usual eight pages.

This does not mean that there definitely will not be a May Day Special. We are going ahead with all preparations, confident that our readers will rise to the occasion.

Speed up the donations, speed up the special May Day messages and we'll do the rest.

It is up to you.





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# UNITED STATES WAR POLICY ON EVE OF GENEVA TALKS

LONDON.

AMERICAN diplomacy aimed at keeping the war going in Indo-China and wrecking the Geneva Conference in advance had run into such serious difficulties last week that the U.S. State Secretary, Mr. John Foster Dulles, had to fly to Europe on a four-day whirlwind trip to whip the British and French Governments into line.

He did so against the advice of his own officials and the warnings of France and Britain, both of which hate giving the impression of being dictated to by a little American company lawyer.

Dulles intended quickly knocking into shape the so-called "united front" to internationalise the Indo-China war. Landing in Britain, he insolently gave it out that he wants the joint announcement of the United Front to be issued before the Geneva Conference on April 26. He also named the countries in the ramshackle alliance he is trying to drag into another reckless and bloody adventure.

## RAMSHACKLE ALLIANCE

The Front will consist, if the Americans have their way, of the U.S., Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Siam, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

This is a grim parody of the "United Nations" team in Korea. In place of Syngman Rhee, there are the three puppets of Indo-China, none of which can be called a state with an independent Government. Siam is also completely subservient to the U.S. and is being rapidly converted into an air and military base aimed against South China.

France is the only country directly engaged in the war, America is paying for it, and the three British Commonwealth countries are to be drawn in as a cover in case American troops become involved in serious difficulties.

The British and French Governments were this week squirming in their embarrassed efforts to avoid committing themselves. In France, the Government took the exceptional measure of banning and seizing 100,000 copies of the L'Humanite-Dimanche, week-end edition of the Communist daily paper, which contained a feature article attacking Dulles for his efforts to prolong the Indo-China war.

The British Government is frankly terrified of American diplomacy, American military thinking which is inevitably bound up with the hydrogen bomb, and the grim prospects of once again being the scapegoat of some new and dangerous move.

## ULTIMATUMS

The attitude of both Churchill and Laniel is that they should first meet the Soviet and Chinese Governments at Geneva to "put their intentions to the test" before issuing ultimatums and threats which would make any chance of talks, let alone of agreement, futile.

But it is precisely in order to wreck the talks, to prevent any chance of peace in the Far East and to knock together a Pacific Alliance that the Americans are aiming. For years, the State Department has tried to form a counterpart of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation as a cover for war plans in the East.

The plan for a Middle East Defence Organisation fell to bits and now the scheme for a Muslim front extending from Turkey through Iraq and Persia to Pakistan is crumbling into dust owing to the people's opposition.

But the United States politicians, having nothing to offer the people of Asia except the prospect of war, misery and loss of independence, are determined. Now they are exploiting the crisis of French colonialism in Indo-China in the attempt to impose a phoney "united front" and to create a base against China stretching from Formosa to the border of Burma.

The propaganda campaign to undermine the Geneva Conference started within a matter of days after the Berlin Conference at which it was agreed upon. The Conference was specifically called

to discuss the peace settlement in Korea and Indo-China but Mr. Dulles announced in his "united front" speech that he would not allow France to accept a defeat or conclude a peace. He named China as an aggressor and refused to discuss recognition of the People's Government. He would continue to back Chiang Kai-shek.

American Senators, the American China Policy Association, the whole of the big business Press and the State Department have continually sniped against the Geneva Conference, predicted its failure and taken the stand: "There is nothing to be gained from such conferences."

## SABOTAGE

But against this sabotage, mass pressure from every Eastern country, from France and Britain has continued to support the Conference as a means of easing world tension and bringing peace.

The issue being fought out is now between America and her spineless allies on the one hand and the mass of mankind on the other. Mr. Dulles may again humiliate Churchill and Laniel into submission. But the result will not be a united front, it will be a new version of Hitler's pre-war dictates.

## Andrews Memorial Meeting

A memorial meeting in honour of the late Bill Andrews, whose birthday was on April 20, 84 years ago, will take place in the Library, Cape Town City Hall, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20. Speakers will be Ray Alexander, I. O. Horvitch, R. K. Cope and Johnson Ngwevela.

# ASIAN RESISTANCE TO UNITED STATES

## Malenkov's Tribute To Nehru

NEW DELHI.

THE policy of the United States, as expressed by Mr. John Foster Dulles of "united action" for intervention in the Indo-China war on the lines of the United Nations action in Korea has created a new wave of anti-Imperialist feeling throughout South East Asia.

The American threat is proving to be costly in long-range terms of diplomacy and the new ties of trust between the South-East Asian countries, China and the Soviet Union have been considerably strengthened.

India is sharply opposed to American intervention in Indo-China and is quietly exploiting France's colonial dilemma by encouraging a movement to drive the French out of Pondicherry, centuries-old colony on the Indian mainland.

While Premier Nehru has repeatedly proclaimed his policy to avoid being involved in any grouping and to steer a middle-of-the-road neutralist course, his relationships with China and the Soviet Union have steadily improved.

## TRIBUTE BY MALENKOV

The recent tribute to Nehru by the Soviet Premier Malenkov has greatly strengthened India's diplomatic position. In his speech Malenkov said:

"A valuable contribution to the strengthening of peace is being made by the great Indian people. The vigilance displayed by the statesmen of India in view of the growing intrigues by American aggressive circles in Asia can only be welcomed. The Prime Minister of India, in reply to a statement by American diplo-

rats on the intention of the United States to dominate in Asia for an indefinite period, has recently said that the Asian countries and, of course, India, do not agree with this policy and by no means intend to be under the domination of any State.

"These words express a truth full of profound meaning. To-day is not the 19th century but the second half of the 20th century. And the Asian peoples have not set out on the path of national freedom and progress in order to allow anyone to hurl them back."

## AID AGAINST CRISIS

Following up the friendly moves among the Asian States, the Soviet Union invited important delegations from 12 South-East Asian countries to visit the Soviet Union later this year for the purpose of studying Soviet conditions and seeing to what extent trade, economic and technical assistance can help these areas.

The invitations were made at the recent session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) in Ceylon. The ECAFE report for the past year showed that all the countries of South-East Asia were entering an acute economic crisis, with prices of their exports falling, budget deficits and failure to meet their economic requirements.

# McCarthy comes down with a bump

NEW YORK.

WITCH-HUNTING Senator Joe McCarthy and his investigating team, Schine and Cohn, are running into difficulties. They have become too hot for even some of the most rabid reactionaries who a month ago were applauding him for the "grand job" of hunting Communists. Among other things, former McCarthy supporters have had to admit that for all his hysterical publicity since 1950 McCarthy has not discovered a single Communist in any high place. He has not unearthed any "undercover agents," spies, saboteurs or other bogey-men whom, he says, swarm in the Administration, schools and churches.

McCarthy's Senate Investigating Committee has ground to a standstill and has suspended its activities while a special inquiry is made into his clash with the army.

## DEFLATED

At the moment Joe is a considerably deflated political shyster. He has been refused the key role he sought in the army inquiry and his keen friends of yesterday suddenly do not want to know him. Trying to divert attention from his snub on the army inquiry, he announced last week that he had called a meeting of his Senate Committee to "get on with investigations of Communists."

But he had forgotten the committee had agreed to drop its business until the inquiry was over. Within an hour of the announcement all six other Senators on the committee objected, and McCarthy lamely said the meeting had been cancelled. He told sarcastic Pressmen he had "forgotten about a previous appointment."

The chairman of the Republican Party, Mr. Leonard Hall, who two months ago had praised McCarthy as a party "asset," switched suddenly and said: "Senator McCarthy has done more harm than good." Even the Negro typist, Annie

Moss, whom McCarthy had earlier unearthed in the army H.Q. in Washington as a Communist, was reinstated in her job. It appeared that Annie Moss was a common name in Washington and the witch-hunt had got its clues tangled.

## "SCHINED"

The magazine Time reported that U.S. Army men had invented a new word, "schine." "You are 'schined' from guard duty, soldier, and your chauffeur's waiting."

A retired U.S. general offered a cash reward for the first man who hit Pte. Schine on the nose. In McCarthy's home State of Wisconsin a small country editor who started a petition for the Senator's recall was swamped with supporting letters and overnight became a feature of national newsreel and television programmes.

The swing against McCarthy is by no means a rejection of the drive towards Fascism summed up in the word "McCarthyism." It has dawned on the leaders of the Republican Party that they may lose votes if they are too much tainted with McCarthy's ugly methods of spying and intimidation. The men who backed him are busy washing their hands.





### No Good News

I had hoped to have good news for you this week, because good news in this column is good news for our paper as a whole and for the entire working class and democratic movement.

Unfortunately, all I can report is that our position is, if anything, apparently worse than it was this time a week ago. I say apparently, because our Johannesburg office has not yet sent us any news of their annual dance, which took place last Saturday.

We hope that our Johannesburg readers and supporters attended that affair in full force and that they dipped deep into their pockets. We need every penny that every one of our readers can give

us if we are to be in a position to pay our bills at the end of this month.

One of our editorials stresses the political importance of our having those extra four pages in the May Day issue, but I make no apology for belabouring the point. The size and circulation of a paper such as ADVANCE is a barometer of the strength of the democratic movement. The strength of the democratic movement, in turn, depends upon the number of active democrats and—equally important—the extent upon which they are prepared to make personal sacrifices for the cause they believe in.

We know that you are asked to give to many things. But few of those things are as important as keeping ADVANCE going. A newspaper is the life-blood of a people struggling for freedom, particularly at times like these, when freedom of speech and organisation are being curtailed.

Make ADVANCE priority No. 1. MAKE YOUR PERSONAL SACRIFICE NOW! Give us the money we need.

FRED CARNESON.

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### INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY BY COMMENTATOR

## KNOW THE FACTS ON VIET-NAM!

THE United States war-makers gained nothing from their hydrogen bomb explosion and succeeded only in strengthening the camp of peace.

Then why did they do it? The answer was to be read in the speech of war-loving United States Secretary of State Dulles last week to the Overseas Press Club of America.



Dulles threatened war—atomic war.

While the people's armies of Viet-Nam were routing the invading French aggressors Dulles declared:

"The U.S. does not intend to accept a Communist victory in Indo-China." If China sends its own army into Indo-China the grave consequences might not be confined to Indo-China. Later he commented that this stage was "perilously close."

He was threatening to try again what the world had stopped MacArthur from doing in Korea—declare war on China.

The war-makers are gambling with our lives once more, not because they are in a stronger position than they were when they were defeated in Korea but because their position has become weaker, and they can see it worsening from month to month.

They are launching a desperate attempt to swing the United States into war against the Soviet Union before their last chance vanishes—before the people of the satellite nations force a complete break with the U.S. Before the slump hits the U.S.A. and the unemployed turn on the war-makers who are the cause of their starvation.

That is the reason for their violent swing back to direct threats of aggression, the reason for their reckless explosion of the hydrogen bomb. That is why our capitalist newspapers, ever ready to take their cue from Dulles, are back to ATMOSPHERE OF WAR (Cape Times headline, April 8).

#### THE HIDDEN FACTS

AS the war-fever mounts it is well to know the rights and wrongs of the war in Viet-Nam. Who are the aggressors? Who are defending liberty?

Leader of the people's army is Ho Chi-minh. "Ho Chi-minh is Viet Nam. That strange little figure, so meek in appearance yet so determined in purpose, embodies the spirit, the aspirations and probably the future of the new State. He moulded it, he put it through the fire and he will guide it" (New York Times editorial, 21 September, 1946).

Viet Nam Do Clap Dong Minh (League of Independence for Viet Nam)—composed of Socialist, Democratic, Nationalist, Marxist Parties and Catholic, Buddhist, Confucian, landlord non-party organisations—was born during World War II, when the people fought against joint Japanese-Vichy rule. In August, 1945, Viet Minh overthrew the Japanese puppet government of former Annam Emperor Bao Dai, proclaimed a Republic.

After Japan's surrender Anglo-French forces tried to reconquer the colony.

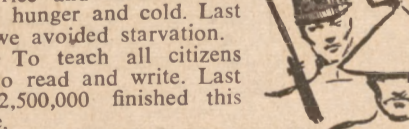
But after six months' warfare France, in March, 1946, was forced to recognise the Free Republic of Viet Nam within the French Union. Ho had been elected President on January 6, 1946. His Government had Bao Dai's official blessing. Bao moved to the French Riviera to concentrate on having a good time.

#### FRANCE THE AGGRESSOR

THE U.S. loan to France in June, 1946, bolstered its colonial ambitions, France broke the March agreement, poured troops into Viet Nam and attacked Viet Nam troops.

In February, 1947, President Ho, in a letter to a Reuters correspondent, denied Viet Nam's programme was Socialist or Communist, declaring:

"It is quite simply: (a) To produce enough so that every citizen has sufficient rice and cloth not to die of hunger and cold. Last year we avoided starvation. (b) To teach all citizens how to read and write. Last year 2,500,000 finished this course. (c) To make every citizen enjoy democratic freedom. Last year universal suffrage was granted—men and women above 18 years of age voted at the elections and a democratic constitution was adopted by the National Assembly. We have not gone as far in nationalisation as England or France."

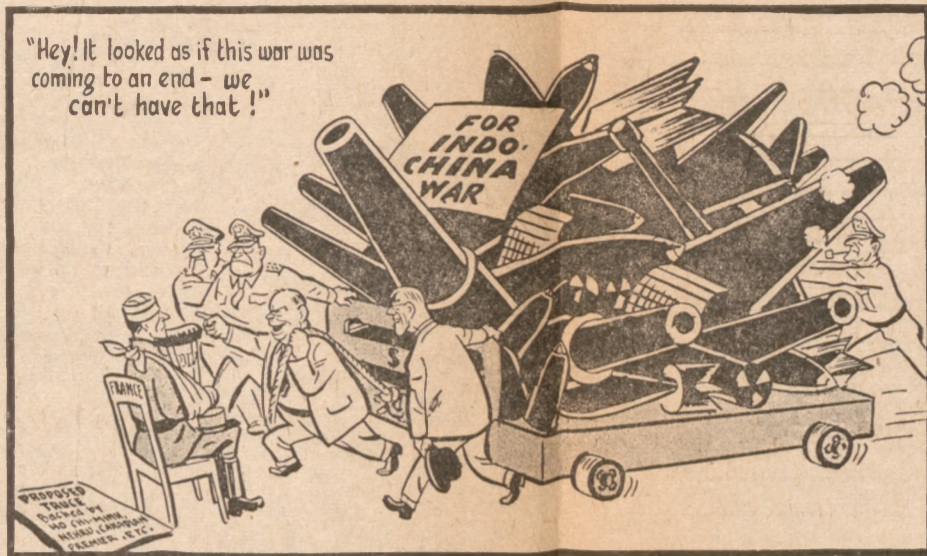


#### RECOGNISED BY DEMOCRACIES

HO'S National Assembly soon won recognition as the official Government of the country by the Soviet Union, China and the People's Democracies—a sure sign that there was a representative, stable Administration which had come to stay.

Ho warned that France could go on fighting for 20 years and not win.

Before the end of 1948 newspaper correspondents



from the Associated Press, the Manchester Guardian, and the Christian Science Monitor had all reported the French situation in Indo-China hopeless.

But by 1948 the U.S. had begun to subsidise the war indirectly through the Marshall Plan, which also opened the colony to U.S. exploitation. (U.S. Rubber, Am. Smelting and Refining, Am. Metal Co., Caltex, Goodrich Rubber, Intl. Telephone and Telegraph were among U.S. trusts which subsequently won Indo-China concessions as the price of U.S. aid, paid by the U.S. taxpayer.)

By early 1950 the French Union Force in Indo-China was so completely U.S. equipped it was "difficult to distinguish from an American military aggregation" (New York Times, 28.5.50). Indo-China had become one flank in the over-all U.S. plan to reconquer China launched in Korea in June, 1950. In May, 1951, it received "priority on U.S. arms second only to that given UN forces in the Korean war" (U.S. News, 18.1.52), while U.S. generals for the next year tried to mobilise the encircling assault on China.

Defeat in Korea blocked the plan, but it has never been abandoned, as Joint Chiefs Chairman Admiral Radford frequently states. Washington's goal remains that stated by the State Department in 1951: the Viet Minh "must be decisively conquered down to the last pocket of resistance," since otherwise the "free world" would lose 80 per cent. of its rubber and 50 per cent. of its tin.

IN J.-P. Sartre's "Les Temps Modernes" Guy de Chambre and Jean-Jacques Salomon wrote months ago:

"Hardly are they (the Bao Dai Army) instructed and armed than they pass to the other side. It is to be believed that the General Staff of the Popular Army encourages Annamites to enlist in the French ranks: so many men whose defection will be that much more resounding and who, in going over to the Popular Army, will furnish it with free arms and ammunition. . . ."

In the same magazine Jean Clementin reported: "The territories controlled by the Expeditionary Force and 'administered' by Bao Dai have returned to a feudal condition such as no Asian people has ever known. . . . (The Bao Dai puppet regime installed by France in 1947) has been from first to last a foreign body in Viet Nam. . . . in the matter of falling apart it surpasses the Kuomintang."

" . . . In this incredible regime of muck and infamy everything is for sale, from an orderly to the Chief of State. . . . To pretend the Viet Nam people could one day accept this regime—what an insult!"

But French opposition to the continuation of the "dirty war" has mounted steadily.

The announcement at the Berlin Foreign Ministers' meeting of the Five-Power peace talks in Geneva to take place at the end of this month, which will discuss peace in Viet-Nam, produced in France a wave of enthusiasm which reflected the yearning of France to end the Indo-China war.

So strong was the feeling that the U.S. began to panic at the signs that France might pull out of the war even before the Geneva agreement.

#### THE PEOPLE MUST NOT REST

THEN began the vivid illustration that the people cannot rest on the laurels of the Berlin Conference.

The drive to turn Viet-Nam into a Korea and into a world war is well under way. Last week the U.S. disclosed that one-third of its total foreign "aid" programme of £1,166 million will consist of military equipment for the French in Viet-Nam.

The plan of the United States leaders is clear. They are going all out to start a war.

We must help to stop them. Not only must we protest at the U.S. intervention, but by redoubling our efforts to throw out the Nats. and establish a democratic South Africa in the camp of peace we must help prevent world war and the mass murder of millions.

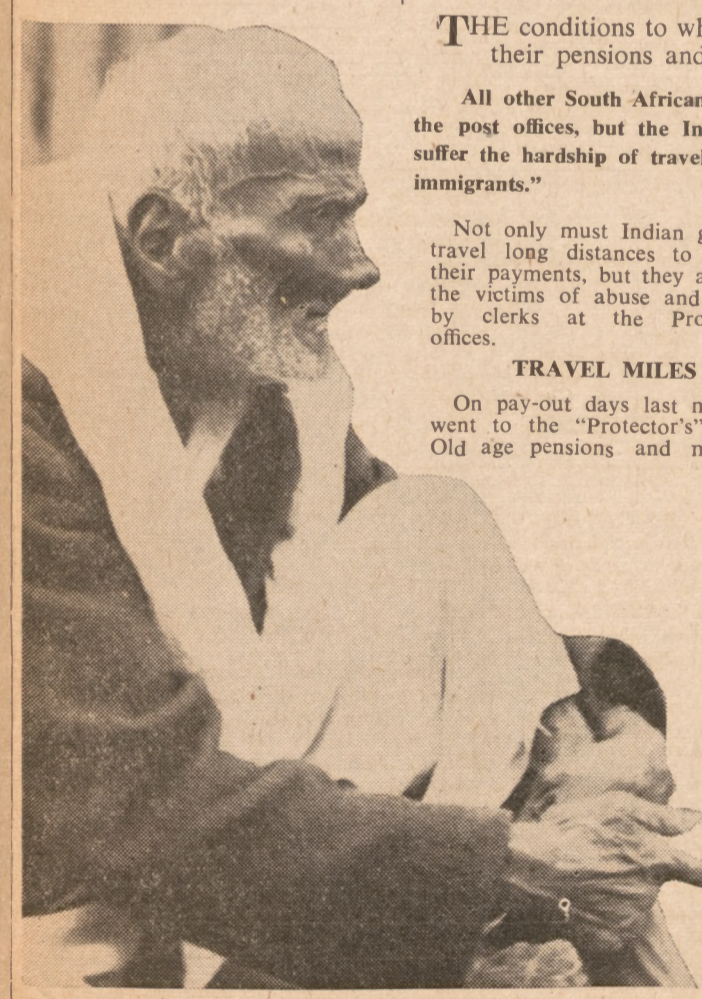
### OUR next issue will contain a number of special features for you to read over the Easter week-end.

- It's Nothing But Slave Labour—an expert on laws affecting Africans has angry words to describe the new Native Land Bill.
- Article on Lenin's Birthday Anniversary.
- Discussion of comments on our editorial on the National Question, including
- A criticism from Dr. Dadoo.
- On the Eve of the Geneva Conference, by Commentator.
- Exchange of views between the chairman of the Transvaal Liberal Party and our correspondent.
- Review of Press comments on the Soviet film "Sadko."

#### ALL IN ADVANCE NEXT WEEK

NOTE.—This issue will be difficult to obtain on the streets because of the holidays — order your ADVANCE in ADVANCE!

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## HISTORIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

JOHANNESBURG.

THE first national conference in our history open to all South African women opens in the Johannesburg Trades Hall on Saturday.

There will be women present from all the main centres in the country.

The conference will discuss women's disabilities and promote women's rights. Most women of our country suffer discrimination as women, apart from discrimination imposed on Non-White women.

The agenda includes a talk by Mr. Walter Sisulu, Secretary-General of the African National Congress, on women in China, which he visited recently.

Other papers will include The Position of Women in South Africa, by Mrs. Ida Mntwana; The Position of Indian Women in South Africa, by Fatima Meer; Women's

Struggle for Peace, by Hilda Watts; and Charter for Women's Rights, by Dora Tamana and Ray Alexander.

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South African women have always played a leading part in the struggle for freedom. Here you see a women's batch in action during the Defiance Campaign.

## DURBAN COUNCIL BANS FESTIVAL

THE Durban City Council has announced that it will not permit Currie's Fountain to be used for staging a festival for racial harmony. Coming after the months of publicity and the enthusiastic preparations of young people of all national groups and political beliefs, this sudden announcement has caused great indignation and anger.

The festival has had to be postponed. As a result of the council action the Natal Education Department has withdrawn permission which it had granted for co-operation by school principals with the festival committee.

Currie's Fountain is Corporation-owned land leased to the Durban Indian Sports Association who gave permission for a portion of it to be used for the festival.

"Surely if young people felt that they should come together on sporting and cultural level on a non-political basis they should have opportunities of doing so," says the Festival Committee in a statement.

"This arbitrary decision is devoid of any moral consideration and there is no doubt that there is a sinister motive behind the decision."

The Festival Society assures the public that the festival will be held in the near future.

### JOHANNESBURG CONFERENCE

In Johannesburg, on Sunday, 60 young people attended a conference called by the Transvaal Youth Festival Committee to discuss the progress of the preparations for the Festival.

A discussion took place on the threat to world peace created by the H-Bomb experiments and the development of weapons of mass destruction.

"We demand that immediate steps be taken by the Great Powers to outlaw for all time the use of the H-Bomb and all weapons of mass destruction," the meeting declared.

"Is it because the Indians must be regarded as foreigners? Or because the now redundant offices of the 'Protector of Indian Immigrants' must remain to keep certain officials in good jobs?"

### SCARED

Indian and European welfare workers to whom I spoke are greatly perturbed about this state of affairs, but not one was prepared to make a public statement on the matter for fear, they said, of rousing the ire of the Department of Social Welfare, where members are showing increasing hostility towards the Indian people.

Perhaps it is because those who can help to remedy the position are not prepared to make a militant stand that their humble and clandestine protests have not met with success.

## APARTHEID MEANS MISERY Wicked Treatment of Old and Sick

By JACQUELINE ARENSTEIN

DURBAN.

THE conditions to which widows, aged and disabled Indians must submit in order to receive their pensions and allowances are a scandal.

All other South Africans collect their pensions and allowances from the post offices, but the Indians, for no reasonable explanation, must suffer the hardship of travelling miles to the "Protector of Indian immigrants."

Not only must Indian grantees travel long distances to receive their payments, but they are also the victims of abuse and insults by clerks at the Protector's offices.

#### TRAVEL MILES

On pay-out days last month I went to the "Protector's" office. Old age pensions and mothers'

allowances are paid on different days. In both cases I found old and disabled men and women, senile and sick, who had had to travel miles and then wait many hours for their money.

Hundreds of these men and women, many with babies, sit for hours in the blazing sun, or in the rain.

#### MUST COME AGAIN

Paying out starts at 10 a.m. and goes on until 4.30 p.m. Those who do not receive their allowances before closing time must return the following day, irrespective of the distances they travel.

One woman, about sixty years of age, had to travel nine miles to the Protector of Indian Immigrants office. She left home at 4 a.m., and with cracked and sensitive feet walked a mile to the bus. After her arrival she waited at least three hours before receiving her grant.

Hundreds of men and women were in the same position, some having to journey from Tongaat, 30 miles from Durban.

#### HE COLLAPSED

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In our editorial "Peace is Important" (March 18) we invited further discussion on the methods of increasing our work for peace. Here is an extract from a speech made to the South African Peace Council on

## The Strength Of Our Peace Forces

By ALFRED HUTCHINSON

THE Peace Movement in South Africa is very weak. South Africa is a weak link in the chain of world peace and international co-operation. And because of this weakness, coupled with other things, South Africa could easily be the spot of eruption of all the forces which cause stress and strain in the world to-day. South Africa is a danger to world peace. South Africa could easily betray the cause of peace.

South Africa must stop deceiving herself that, in the event of a third world war, she would escape the ravages of war as she has done during the past two major conflicts. She must stop solacing herself as the land of "unique" problems when the finger of world opinion points accusingly at her. The struggle for peace in South Africa must not be undertaken as if for purely humanitarian considerations. We, too, are in danger and with us the hundreds of millions of peace-loving and war-weary peoples of the world.

I am indebted to the editorial of ADVANCE of 18th March for setting out so clearly the implications of the fight for peace and the arguments it gives for winning mass support for the Peace Movement in this country.

### NO SIMPLE FORMULA

The editorial points out that the link between the struggle for peace and the struggle for liberation is not to be found in a simple formula. Our struggle for peace takes place under different conditions from those of the people of Western Europe, where mass support

for the fight for peace is gained from the opposition to direct American intervention, which would mean a worsening of the living conditions of the people and the loss of national independence.

In South Africa, however, conditions are different. And while American investments in this country are on the rise and while, with these rising investments, American control will come to play an important part in our lives, there is no direct intervention by the U.S.A. at present. Thus we cannot rally the people to support peace round a slogan of resistance to American intervention. This slogan would not be understood by the masses of the people.

The Non-European people of South Africa are waging a bitter struggle against racial oppression and exploitation, the like of which the world has perhaps never known. The Non-European people of this country understand the full meaning of apartheid. The Non-Europeans know the hardships of mass uprootings and transplanting of people; they know widespread homelessness; they know black poverty and black wages. The Non-European people know the meaning of rabid Fascism.

In order that the Peace Movement have any meaning to the Non-European people of this country it must have a real meaning to the liberatory movement. The campaign for peace must take into account the aspirations of the people. Thanks to enlightened

leadership, the liberatory organisations of the Non-European people—the A.N.C. and the S.A.I.C.—are wedded to a policy of peace. These organisations stand up for the oppressed and exploited peoples of the world; these organisations condemn imperialism and the inhumanity of man to man. These organisations are educating the masses of the people in a spirit of international co-operation and international harmony.

### WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR PEACE?

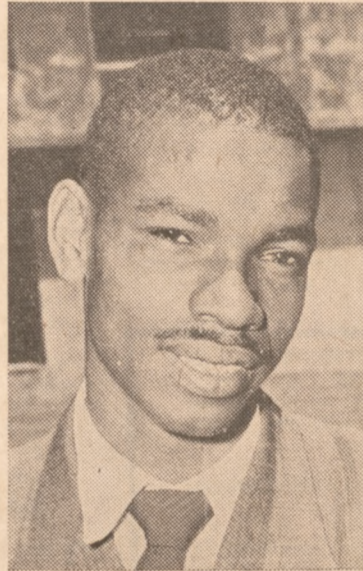
How can we win the support of the peoples who are fighting for freedom? The editorial of ADVANCE puts forward two arguments in this respect:

- (1) It must be brought home to the people that the war being prepared by the U.S.A. is no ordinary war in which South Africa would not be involved. It must be brought home, too, that the war is directed against peace and freedom-loving countries—the real friends of the oppressed peoples of the world.
- (2) It must be brought home to the people that the U.S.A. can no longer attack the Soviet Union single-handed and that she is trying to mobilise the entire capitalist world against the Soviet Union. In one way or another the U.S.A. will attempt complete control of South Africa. It must be brought home to the people what control of South Africa by America would do to the liberatory struggle of the people of this country. It must be brought home to the people that Mr. John Foster Dulles has concluded an

agreement with the Union Government to supply it with modern weapons for "internal security."

The struggle for peace must be further strengthened by winning not only those sections who are engaged in the liberatory struggle. The peace movement is broader than that. It must win the support of all those people who are opposed to war. In other words, it must also win the support of those sections of the people who are not committed to the liberatory struggle but who oppose war.

In conclusion I wish to commend the inspiring work that is



Alfred Hutchinson.

being done by the Festival Committees in the Cape, Natal and the Transvaal. There is no doubt that these Festivals of Youth for Peace, Friendship and Racial Harmony are a great contribution to the cause of world peace. For, by bringing together the various sections of our society, we learn to know each other and thus counteract the propaganda that divides our people against each other.

It must never be said that South

Africa betrayed the will of the people of the world for peace. While our peace movement is weak to-day, let us not spare our efforts and energies for the creation of a peace movement so strong that the war-mongers must tremble. Long live the struggles of the people of the world for peace. Long live the cause of world peace and world friendship.

### Stop H-Bomb War

JOHANNESBURG.

"The question is not one that can or should be left to the politicians and scientists alone. This question is the direct concern of every man, woman and child in the world. It is a matter of life and death to you—whatever your class, race, colour or political outlook." These words from the striking leaflet on the H-bomb issued by the S.A. Peace Council are already beginning to evoke response among wide sections of the public.

A general meeting of the Twine and Bag Workers' Union in Durban passed a unanimous resolution stating that "the use of the hydrogen and the atomic bomb in warfare would mean the complete destruction of humanity," and calling for the outlawing of these weapons and urging the five Great Powers to sign a peace pact. Similar resolutions have been passed at the Johannesburg Youth Forum and the Johannesburg West branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress Youth League.

The Transvaal Peace Council is holding a symposium on the implications of nuclear war at the Trades Hall on Friday, April 23, when it is hoped Dr. Blesley and other eminent speakers will participate.

The South African Peace Council is anxious for interested people to undertake distribution of its important leaflet "We Want to Live," especially in smaller towns and centres where there is no organised Peace Council. Leaflets are available from the Secretary, P.O. Box 10528, Johannesburg, and will be sent free of charge to any address, but it would be appreciated if orders could be accompanied by donations to cover the cost of the leaflets: £1 per 1,000.

## CAPE SHOPS COMPETE FOR MOSCOW SILVER

BATTERED by heavy Antarctic seas but proud holders of the blue ribbon for catching most whales, the Soviet whaling fleet, the Slava, docked in Cape Town last week.

Of the 17 whaling fleets in the Antarctic this season the Slava was the most successful. She won the blue ribbon from the Berlina, a British fleet, which has been the holder for the past three years.

Eight years ago the Soviet Union first sent a whaling fleet to the Antarctic. The catchers were made in Norway and for the first two years the harpoon gunners on the Slava were Norwegians.

"We are now trying out new methods of catching whales, and projects to build our own whale catchers have been started in the Soviet Union," the chief engineer told a reporter.

### GOOD SEASON

This season was a good one. I was told. The Slava went farther south than the other fleets, and found the new fishing grounds stormy but rich in whales. On their return journey to Cape Town the Slava was hit by the worst storm it has experienced. Giant waves battered the factory ship and broke over the bridge, damaging it badly. Windows were smashed and decks flooded. The 15 catchers escaped practically untouched, as they were able to ride the heavy sea.

Crews of Capetonians went on board the Slava last Saturday and were shown over the factory ship by a friendly crew. Many commented on the way their numerous questions were answered so readily and that they were able to wander so freely around the ship.

Most of the free time of the crew was spent shopping. Fierce competition has raged between Cape Town stores, who were all anxious to see as much as possible of the £40,000 which the Slava crew had to spend.

## THE BEND IN THE ROAD

By KATIE HENDRICKS.

### SYNOPSIS

Katie is a young Coloured teacher. Her brother Robert, who is a good-for-nothing and has been living as a bergie on the mountain, is now living with their mother.

When Robert came down from his pondokkie on the mountain and went back to live with mother, I hoped he would turn over a new leaf. But I should have known better.

During the day, while mother was at work he went job hunting. At length he decided on a job with the fisheries at the Docks, where he earned three pounds ten shillings a week.

Robert, with money in his pockets, left mother and went to live with friends at Walmer Estate in a house which was in reality a brothel.

At work one day Robert fell on the slippery floor while carrying a block of ice. He limped badly for the rest of the day and in the evening barely managed to make his way to the bus stop. With an effort he boarded the bus but when he wanted to signal the bus to stop at Walmer Estate, he found that he could not rise from his seat. Two strangers carried him to his room and his friends telephoned for a doctor.

An examination revealed that Robert had broken his leg.

"Have you any people in Cape Town?" the doctor asked.

"I have a sister who lives at the Tafelberg Hotel."

"Then how is it you live in a place like this?"

"These are my friends, doctor. But please doctor, do not ask me so many questions."

"All right," said the doctor rising to go, "what's your sister's name?"

"Katie."

"I'll do you a favour and get in touch with her."

"Thank you doctor."

The following evening I collected a note at the reception desk addressed to "Katie". The doctor had scribbled a line to say that Robert was living at 101 Danford Street and that he had had an accident; I had better go there as soon as I could.

Danford Street is one of the least respectable localities in Walmer Estate and I was not at all happy about being seen in such a place in my best afternoon dress.

A group of skollies lounged on the stoep of the ramshackle corner house in all attitudes and I could smell the acrid daggas smoke. Perhaps that was why Robert had come to this dissolute place!

I was expecting trouble from the skollies but I comprehended their mentality and I knew how to take care of myself. They stared at me expressionlessly yet disdainfully and one of them put a languid foot in my way. I stepped over the foot and one of them cracked a coarse jest.

"Shut your mouth, you dirty bliksem," I vituperated shrilly.

"Ag, miss. Why is the miss so cross?"

If I had faltered or shown confusion I would not have got off so lightly.

While the rest of the group stared at me half-curious, half-threatening, the jester of the group sprang sharply to his feet to stand to attention in acknowledgement of my victory.

"Look out man, let the miss come past."

I walked through the open front door and an incredibly fat and sweating Coloured woman met me in the hall. With a great heave she brushed her sleeve to her nose and held out her hand.

She spoke in a deep husky bass; "Ullo," she said.

"Good afternoon," I replied. "I want to see Robert. The doctor sent a letter to say he was sick."

"Robert is in hospital," she replied.

"Is he very sick then?" I asked in alarm.

"He broke his leg," she croaked indicating a portion of her massive calf by lifting the hem of her skirt. "Wait, I will get you the address." She returned several minutes later with the address of a hospital in the southern suburbs written on a scrap of paper.

I said "Thank you" and was preparing to leave when the fat landlady cleared her throat with a resounding roar and said chattily, "Sit over there on the stool. Can't you speak Afrikaans?"

(To be continued next week)

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## SPORTS PARADE

by  
**Bert Williams**



THE Durban City Hall reverberated with boos as Alby Tissoung, contender for the British Empire feather-weight championship, left the ring after being declared the winner of the 10-round catchweight contest with Jerry Moloi, of Johannesburg. This was Moloi's first defeat in Durban, and four of the five Pressmen at the ringside thought Moloi had won very clearly. Two of Durban's daily newspapers, the Natal Mercury and the Natal Daily News, expressed themselves very strongly on the subject. They said they couldn't agree with the judges. Joe Francis of the Leader was equally strong in his condemnation of the verdict: Tissoung never won the fight, he said, except in the opinion of the judges.

Jerry Moloi fought a clever, brainy fight and made the heavier Tissoung, who weighed 130½ lb. to his 125 lb., look clumsy, awkward and inelegant on more occasions than Tissoung hit him.

Moloi would go in, his head well gloved, shake his head like a spitting cobra and, with the speed of a jet Comet, punch the open Tissoung without reply. Tissoung showed that whatever little boxing ability he did have he has sacrificed for the knock-out strategy.

Wide open in the second round, he waded into Moloi with the idea of getting it over with quickly, but the cagey Transvaaler met him on his ground, and in a heavy exchange he caught the Natalian with an over-arm right which dropped him for the compulsory eight count.

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This was borne out in the Moloi fight. Tissoung trained hard but could not make the feather-weight limit. It would appear that the highly-rated Natalian spent most of his valuable hours reducing, thus being forced to ignore the more vital part of his schedule—sharpening his timing, polishing his blows and developing a really sound defence. All I can say is quit the feathers, Alby. If you remain there any longer you're going to become nothing more than a human punch bag. You still have your punch, and you can continue to use it to greater advantage in a heavier division.

Moloi is the crowd's darling in Durban, and he can be sure that every promoter here would like to have him on his bill. He is clean, gentlemanly fighter—a real credit to this manly art. Those who were inclined to under-estimate him must now eat their words—he is as good as any feather-weight in the country today.

## AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The national amateur championships of the South African Non-European Amateur Boxing Association concluded last week. As expected, Transvaal carried off the honours, winning seven of the ten titles, and newcomers Orange Free State winning three. Rooney Makhene, who won the fly-weight title for Transvaal, was declared the best winner of the tournament, though I thought this should have gone to Charles Louw, national light-weight champion from the Transvaal, and R. Caine, of Natal, a middle-weight, was declared the best loser. With the exception of Charles Louw, a Coloured, all the champions are Africans. Special mention must be made of Charles Louw from the Transvaal, W. Madshidisho from the Orange Free State and John Joshua from Kimberley. These lads showed they were outstanding prospects with a very bright future. The following are the results:—Fly-weight: J. Mtinkulu (T) beat N. Pemba (EP), t.k.o. second round; bantam-weight: Rooney Makhene (T) beat E. Wilkinson (WP), t.k.o. first round; feather-weight: Thomas Fokane (OFS) beat R. Henry (WP), t.k.o. second round; light-weight: Charles Louw (T) beat E. Schroeder (WP), t.k.o. first round; light-welter: E. Madshidisho (OFS) beat W. Mashigo (T), points; welter-weight: M. Morgan (OFS) beat J. Joshua (GW), points; light-middle-weight: J. Sekete (T) beat L. Kortesi (OFS), points; middle-weight: A. Nkonyane (T) beat J. Caine (N), points; light-heavy-weight: George Mawasha (T) beat Gem Gumede (N), k.o. first round.

Natal were the poorest team on view. Their training showed clearly that they were not equipped for the task. The straight left was completely absent from their repertoire and they seemed so obviously over-trained. According to M. R. Mistry, their trainer, it looks as if the more training you do, the better. What balderdash! This is a lesson for Natal—no one person should be appointed trainer. He should have at least two other assistants, who should act in an advisory capacity.

Parents Demonstrate  
CAPE TOWN.

Not a single child entered the grounds of the Eureka Primary School at Matroosfontein when the bell rang on Monday morning. Groups of mothers stood at the school gates holding banners demanding the reinstatement of a teacher, Mrs. Eleanor Kgabele, who was dismissed without notice or reason the previous Wednesday, and calling for the dismissal of the principal and assistant principal.

This demonstration is the culmination of a long campaign by parents of children at this school to make their voices heard in the running of the school.

"Since this principal came he has never let us enter the school," Mrs. Elizabeth Pharela told ADVANCE. "When we ask to see him and to discuss our children he calls us raw savages and drives us away. If the children are sick they must bring doctors' certificates or they



Mrs. Eleanor Kgabele.

are not allowed back to the school. They are sent home without reason."

"My child lost his book two weeks ago, and the teacher will not give him another, so he cannot read or write," said one mother. "My daughter was sent away from school and told to go and work because she is too old," said Mrs. Katie Lesede.

"We object to our daughters having to undress at school and wash under the tap because they are dirty. If they are dirty they should be sent home to wash."

"We will not let our children return to school until the principle is dismissed," was the resolution of a meeting of 300 parents called by Elsie River Vigilance Association last Sunday. The meeting demanded the immediate constitution of a schools committee and requested Parow School Board to receive a deputation from residents on this issue.

The following are Damon's selections for the racing at Milnerton on Saturday:

Juvenile Plate (colts), 5 furlongs: BILL BROKER. Danger, In Command.

Maiden Stakes, 7 furlongs: RIDGEWAY. Danger, No Kiddin'. Wynberg Handicap (B), 9 furlongs: KILLOWEN. Danger, Ashleaf.

Kenilworth Handicap (C), 6 furlongs: AUDIBLE. Danger, First Degree.

Rosmead Handicap, 1½ miles: JEFFERSON. Danger, Diallage. Kenilworth Handicap (B), 6 furlongs: FATEFUL. Danger, Aligrass. Wynberg Handicap (C), 1 mile: REAL PHOENIX. Danger, River's Delight.

Juvenile Plate (F and G), 5 furlongs: MIDINETTE. Danger, Priscilla.

W. H. ANDREWS  
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ALL WELCOME

## FROM RING AND TRACK

BY GUS

POLITICS and sport don't mix—so I was told by some leading sports administrators when I suggested to them that they held in their hands the key to closer co-operation among the Non-White groups in the country.

It is surprising the number of people who hide behind that time-worn excuse—too scared to face the facts and do something about them. They shudder at the thought of being "named" and, in some cases, being shunned by White society.

**Black people who tell me that sport and politics don't mix strike me as being plain hypocrites—a strong term indeed but no more fitting.**

## IMPORTANT PART

The position is such that in every walk of life in this country politics plays a most important part.

We'll take sport, for example. Ask yourselves why Non-White sportsmen, in general, are inferior to White sportsmen in South Africa while in other parts of the world they are holding their own and in most cases leading the field.

You'll tell me that this is due to several reasons. Firstly, they lack the facilities, such as proper playing-fields, track grounds, etc. Secondly, our boys aren't physically fit. Thirdly, the Government hardly allows them to go overseas, where they might be able to grasp something from leading sporting countries. It is true, however, that more Non-White boxers have been allowed to campaign overseas than ever before, but it is true also that a South African Indian soccer eleven were refused passports to tour India and that Non-White boxers are banned from entering this country.

**We have every right to citizenship claims as the Whites have. So why are we not provided with the same amount of facilities as the Whites? Simply because those fanatical White supremacists refuse to accept the fact that we Blacks also warrant a fair deal.**

It is useless denying that our boys aren't physically fit. A lot of factors are in turn responsible for this, and chief of which are long hours of work at the factories and malnutrition.

The question of refusal of passports and the banning of Non-White boxers from entering the country from overseas are all too well known.

Now, if that isn't politics I'd very much like to know what is.

All right, you accept the fact that sport and politics do mix in this country. But what are we going to do about it?

I say sport can be used as a valuable weapon to fight the maniacal colour policy. It can bring about closer co-operation amongst the various Non-European races of South Africa; it is agreed that unity is strength. Let there cease to be individual racial sporting associations like the Indian, Coloured, Malay and African Football Associations. Do away with such sectionalism. Let us unite on the soccer fields, tennis courts and cricket grounds as we do in the boxing ring and the athletic fields.

Then only can we achieve a means to retaliate in the sphere of sport. Then only can we honestly feel that we have achieved some degree of unity which various Non-European political parties are striving to bring about in this country.

## ATHLETICS

The Western Province Athletic Championships at Goodwood did not come up to expectations. This was due to the fact that there was a poor crowd and the track was in a very bad state.

Nevertheless, the athletes gave of their best and competed keenly in all the divisions.

Amongst the seniors, two runners, A. Dames and P. Forbes, deserve some mention. Dames won the 880 and the 440 and came third in the 220, while Forbes won the three-mile, ran second in the mile and was placed second in the javelin throw and the shot putt.

J. Adams won the gruelling six-mile, followed closely by N. de Wet and A. Marman.

**Outstanding athlete for the day was junior 18-year-old C. Christiaan, who outdistanced the seniors with his magnificent javelin throw of 121 feet. The senior distance was 89 feet, the javelin being thrown by M. Rutgers.**

A great future is predicted for Christiaan, who is unusually short for a javelin thrower.

Miss C. Carolissen won both the 100 and 220 yards among the women, while A. Wynn also won the 100 and 220 among the boys (under 17).

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# Swart Must Not Dictate To Us

Says Johnson Ngwevela in an eve-of-election statement on why the people will vote for RAY ALEXANDER.

Election day, April 21, 1954, when African voters will elect a candidate to be their representative in the House of Assembly, is now less than one week away.

First I want to give the following information to voters:

The people's candidate's name, Ray Alexander, will be on top of the ballot paper. It will be easy to find it, because it is the top name. Make a cross in the square next to her name. Do not write anything else on the ballot paper—only a cross.

before the election. She has been among us for the last 24 years working in our interests. And she was banned by Swart just because she fights for the betterment of the conditions of the Africans—because she fights against apartheid. She helped bring about wage increases for Africans before the war. She obtained thousands of workers holiday leave with pay, sick leave, cloakrooms, tea-time rest and so on.

Above all, she has fought with-

ander will bring to Parliament just because it will be the true voice of the African people.

By banning her from going to Parliament the Government tries to dictate to us that we must vote for one of the other candidates—one of the candidates who supports some of the policies of apartheid.

But we must vote for Ray Alexander to show the Government that it cannot dictate to us whom we should elect.

By voting for Ray Alexander Africans are demonstrating to the rest of the country and, indeed, to the whole world how we are treated by this vicious Nationalist Government.

## SWART'S CANDIDATES

I want to point out a few facts about Miss Alexander's opponents. One of them is Mr. Gibson. But he is completely unknown in the African struggle. He seems only to have learnt that Africans are oppressed this year when there was a by-election and he decided to try and let the Africans put him in Parliament.

He lives between Paarl and Stellenbosch in one of those places which are notorious for using section 10 of the Urban Areas Act. But he has never raised a word in protest or to help suffering Africans whose families are separated by these municipalities.

But now he comes shamelessly to ask Africans to vote for him. In the interests of his own election campaign he has not hesitated to take actions which have assisted those who aim to split the Vigilance Associations—as at Athlone.

He is sponsored by the Liberal Party. In the constitution of this party there is a clause that voters must have a Standard Six qualification. As you know, many of the African voters in this election have not got a Standard Six qualification.

Mr. Gibson has the cheek to ask these voters to vote for him when he openly says that he does not think that voters who have not got Standard Six qualification are good enough to vote. He has contempt for us, but he asks us to vote for him.

Ray Alexander, on the other hand, stands for full and immediate equality for all African adults.

As is well known, Mr. Gibson and his party do not support the African National Congress. Ray Alexander has given full support to the Congress in its fight against unjust laws.

It is not necessary for me to say anything about Mrs. Jonker-Fiske. The people know that she

is only a joke and a Nationalist in disguise. She cannot bluff the Africans.

A vote for Gibson and Jonker-Fiske is a vote for Swart, Verwoerd and Malan—a vote for dictatorship, passes, police raids and deportations.

A vote for RAY ALEXANDER is a vote for Afrika—a vote for full and immediate equality.

Voters, do not be divided. Stand together—VOTE for RAY ALEXANDER.

## STOP SLAVE LABOUR BILL!

CAPE TOWN.

Meetings of workers all over the Western Cape are being held to organise for the Conference to Stop the Schoeman Slave Labour Bill, which is being held in the Trade Union Centre, Salt River, on May 2 at 3 p.m.

Delegates to the conference are being elected at trade union, factory, house and area meetings. Among the organisations taking part in the conference are the African National Congress, the South African Coloured People's Organisation, the Congress of Democrats and several trade unions. At all the meetings the workers have expressed their whole-hearted support for the campaign and their concern at the far-reaching implications of the proposed amendments to the Industrial Conciliation Act.

**ALEXANDER, R. E.**

**X**

GIBSON, J. T. R.

JONKER-FISKE, J.

If you write your name or anything else on the paper your vote is spoilt and will not count.

Above is how the ballot paper will look after you have made your cross.

Certain attempts have been made to mislead voters. Some voters who have been forced to carry service contracts (passes) have been told that they are no longer voters. Some have lost their voter's certificates. Others have not been given their certificates. Others, again, did not receive Ray Alexander's manifesto. But in spite of this all are voters, and when they come to the election place they will have the right to vote and will receive their voting number from our people there.

### WHY WE SUPPORT RAY

Why must we vote for Ray Alexander? A tree is known by its fruit. She was known by the workers and their families long

out any compromise for full equality for Africans immediately. She believes that Africans should have the right to sit in Parliament, and she will fight for that right. Full and immediate equality—that is the programme with which she has come. No other of the candidates in the election stands for full and immediate equality. Both of the other candidates stand for apartheid in some form.

It is for these reasons that Ray Alexander's meetings have been bigger than those of her opponents and that she has received unanimous votes of full confidence everywhere she has been.

We voters know very well that the Government will not allow Ray Alexander to take her rightful seat in Parliament.

The Government is frightened hear the real voice of the people. The Government is frightened of the message that Ray Alex-

## MARITZBURG COUNCIL TO UPROOT THOUSANDS

THE immoral and iniquitous nature of the proposed group areas for Pietermaritzburg is exposed in a memorandum submitted by the Pietermaritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Congress to the Land Tenure Advisory Board.

An examination of the plans for land distribution reveals that the Pietermaritzburg City Council intends to uproot thousands of Non-Europeans from their homes and remove them to undeveloped areas long distances from their places of work.

"The Indian people view with extreme gravity the serious peril that now faces the Indian community as a result of the race zoning plans of the Government and Municipality.

"These plans fully justify the fears of the Indian people . . . the vast plan of racial zoning is nothing less than a well planned and clearly calculated attempt to deprive the Indian community of their land, homes, businesses and other economic interests within the City. Properties worth thousands of pounds acquired over a number of years through toil and industry are to be taken away under cover of

the racial zoning," states the memorandum.

The Group Areas Act does not make provision for alternative housing for people displaced, nor does it compel local authorities to provide the necessary civic amenities in zoned areas. "The Indian people, denied the municipal franchise, will therefore be left to the mercy of a white municipal authority with serious consequences."

The entire scheme of demarcation proves that the Group Areas Act is to be implemented with no inconvenience and sacrifice to the white community, but at great cost to the Non-European people.

The memorandum shows that the facts and figures given in the plans before the Board demonstrate conclusively the tremendous hardship and suffering to which the Non-Europeans will be subjected if the plans are carried out.

### Address Unknown

A telegram sent by Kensington branch of the African National Congress on the occasion of the unveiling of the tombstone at Peddie to the memory of Mrs. S. Moxokozeli was never delivered. Though all other correspondence has reached Mr. M. Matji, provincial secretary, at the same address, the Post Office told Mr. L. T. Mgweba, Kensington A.N.C. secretary, that the "addressee of the telegram is unknown."

## HISTORY WON'T TALK OF DR. CECIL J. RHODES D. MALAN

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent

OUR history books have told us about the "Scramble for Africa." The big imperialist powers carved up the African continent and claimed "ownership" of millions of Africans and their land. Africa still lies under the heel of these parasitic governments—Britain, France, Belgium, Portugal and others.

And now a new imperialist power hopes to arise in Africa—the Malan Government. It is casting its hungry eyes over the continent. Its first territorial demand was South-West Africa. Now it wants Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland.

South Africa has had a full taste of British imperialism, and now, Dr. Malan wants to impose on the Africans of the three territories the imperialism against which the Boer leaders once rallied the whole Afrikaner nation. Malan is quarrelling with Churchill over the spoils.

But the British Government is cunning. Suddenly it announces that big development schemes are under way in all three protectorates and other schemes are being planned. We must now believe that the British Government has the interests of the protectorates at heart—after deliberately keeping them backward and undeveloped and robbing them of their raw materials.

Britain is to blame for keeping the Africans of the territories so poor that their young men have had to accept the employment offered on the gold mines. Britain has been the bloodsucker for many years. Now Malan wants his turn!

Let it be repeated: no one will be deceived. As long as Britain rules there Bechuanaland will remain backward; Basutoland will be kept in subjection; Swaziland will continue to be largely illiterate and malnourished. Whether Britain has the territories, or whether Malan steals them, the people will not benefit.

### GIVE THEM INDEPENDENCE

There is only one just course, and that is to grant the three territories their independence. They must become autonomous, free nations.

I doubt whether anyone in Parliament is going to make this demand on their behalf.

Malan is not being opposed by the United Party because he wants the protectorates. The United Party says it also wants them. It disagrees merely with his

methods. It is the old United Party story of "We can do it better." The United Party does not want Malan to get the credit for what will probably be the last attempt in Africa at land-grabbing.

I believe it may be the last attempt. Malan has become an imperialist too late in life. The people of Africa will no longer tolerate imperialism. Opposition not only in the three territories but throughout Africa, and also in Britain, is so great that it can be safely predicted that MALAN WILL NOT GET THE PROTECTORATES.

### MALAN TOO LATE

All over Africa the sympathy and comradeship of the new Africa will be extended to the people of Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland. Everywhere in Africa the people are stirring, getting ready to throw off the chains of their oppressors. Malan is too late!

As I write this the debate in Parliament has not started. But I am willing to prophesy that hardly a voice will be raised in either the Assembly or the Senate in support of the people of the territories. The debate will show once again that the politicians are cut off from reality, that they are living in a dream world. Come down from your rulers' heights, Messrs. Malan and Strauss, and have a look around. You'll be surprised.

When the mock debate in Parliament is over and the members have adjourned for the recess it will be easier to see the whole picture. Africa will declare and the world will declare—MALAN, YOU'RE TOO LATE!

### Support for Action

Witwatersrand Workers' Council of Action held a fine delegate gathering of factory workers in Johannesburg last Sunday. Warm response to the new body was evidenced in the fact that barely one month after establishment it was able to muster 250 delegates from factories in 16 different industries throughout the Rand. Conference passed a resolution expressing support for the May Day Cape Town Conference called by the Council of Non-European Trade Unions. Other resolutions condemned Nationalist plans to smash trade unions and demanded the repeal of the Suppression of Communism Act.



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