

# NEW PLANS FOR ANTI-PASS CAMPAIGN

## Time to Take Us Seriously

OUR last week's appeal was not taken seriously, it seems. Or perhaps it is too early to tell. But in case there are people who think we did not mean what we said, we must hasten to assure them that they are wrong.

New Age needs £1,650 by the middle of October. We have to pay for another shipment of newsprint and we have to make up our usual monthly deficit of £800 at the end of September. True, some of this will come in from regular donations—but most of it will have to come from special donations and special efforts on the part of all of us.

The New Age staff is not able to cope alone with the situation. We need the help of every Congressman and woman. Particularly do we need the help of those who are in positions of influence in the community. There are such people in the ranks of Congress—people who can go out for a week or less and bring back £1,000 for New Age. It is to these people that we specially direct our appeal, for without their help at this stage, we cannot see how New Age can survive the next few months.

But besides individuals of this sort, there are our readers and supporters all over the country. Take heed of our appeal—it is not for nothing that we make it. We know you have heard it all before. But it is only through your help that we continue to survive.

DO NOT LET US DOWN THIS TIME.

NEW AGE MUST LIVE. SEND YOUR DONATION TODAY.

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#### Johannesburg:

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TOTAL: £77 12s. 0d.

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## Last Week's Police Victims

Among the injured in a police raid in Cato Manor (reported in last week's New Age) were a 1-year-old baby, seen above lying in a hospital cot, and its mother, seen on the right being interviewed in hospital. The baby, which was shot in the head, was strapped to its mother's back at the time of the incident.



JOHANNESBURG. THE NEWEST PHASE OF THE CONGRESS ANTI-PASS CAMPAIGN, TO LAST UNTIL JUNE OF NEXT YEAR, HAS NOW BEEN LAUNCHED.

The pass laws are the king-pin of the country's apartheid laws and so 1959 and part of next year have been earmarked as "Anti-Pass Year."

Phase one of the campaign embraced the great Africa Day demonstrations on April 14, the National Anti-Pass Conference of May 31, the demonstrations on June 26 and the launching of the economic boycott, the potato boycott and the women's anti-pass demonstrations on August 9.

Phase two will be launched with the calling of numbers of All-In People's Conferences to deal with local grievances and issues such as pass and permit raids, high rents, arrest for rent arrears, influx control, transport costs and overcrowding.

The local conferences are planned to draw in Congress members and also residents of townships who are not members of Congress or any organisations, as well as churches, advisory boards, local and sporting bodies.

The ANC will make approaches to organisations and individuals to co-sponsor these conferences.

### IN TOWNSHIPS

Where possible the conferences will be organised on a township basis, so strings of conferences are expected to take place in many different centres.

People's deputations to the authorities to present their grievances

and demands are expected to flow from the conferences.

Conferences of country people are also a major phase of this campaign.

Important dates in the campaign will be demonstrations on December 10, Human Rights Day, and Africa Day next year, on April 15.

Early in 1960 provincial workers' conferences will be held to encourage the formation of factory committees and the election of deputations to demand £1 a day and the recognition of African trade unions.

National anti-pass demonstrations are timed for next May, culminating in nation-wide counter-demonstrations against the official Union Day celebrations.

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# 20 Saved from the Gallows

## Sekhukhune Tribesmen Reprieved

JOHANNESBURG.

FOUR Sekhukhune men who have been in the death cells for months following their conviction for murder won their appeal and were freed this Monday. They are all from the village of Seopela.

They are Madigudu John Seopela, Morewani Jack Kgulima, Kgobise Petrus Sethla and Polinyare Piet Seopela.

The news of their acquittal has been received with jubilation throughout Sekhukhuneland.

Sixteen tribespeople from Sekhukhuneland, among them two women, will be moved from the death cells in Pretoria jail to the awaiting trial cells following the hearing of their appeal against their death sentences in the Appeal Court, Bloemfontein, last week.

The sixteen, among them Chief-tainess Madinogo, are all from the village of Madibong. After a long trial earlier this year they were sentenced to death for murder. The Appeal Court set aside the death sentences and ordered the calling of fresh evidence at a new trial. This new evidence came to light during the public violence trial of 64 men and women from the same village who were all acquitted in their trial.

Mr. Justice Theron tried both cases of the 16 and the four.

# Mr. K. SHAKES WEST WITH DISARMAMENT PLAN

DESTROY ALL ARMIES! DESTROY ALL NAVIES! DESTROY ALL WEAPONS OF WAR! THE SOVIET UNION PROPOSES COMPLETE DISARMAMENT WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

THIS simple and dramatic proposal by Soviet Premier Khrushchov to the United Nations General Assembly in New York last week was greeted by storms of applause

from the delegations of almost every country represented in that body.

That applause has swept out far beyond the UNO buildings at Lake Success. Banner headlines throughout the world proclaimed Khrushchov's call for perpetual

peace—this was what the world, tired of threats, tired of the arms race, horrified by the prospects of a third world war, was waiting for.

Even if nothing concrete materialises straight away, even if the actual path to disarmament is beset by months and years of hard, tough bargaining, Mr. K's call has at least set the tone that the peoples of our globe want to hear.

Of course, the professional hatred-mongers, the suspicious people, who, as Mr. K. wrote in an article in the U.S. journal Foreign Affairs, always inspect a suitcase to see if it has a false bottom, are doing everything in their power to counteract the tremendous response given everywhere to this inspiring call.

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## NEW AGE LETTER BOX

### NO GUNS FOR BANTUSTAN CHIEFS

On August 26 about 3,000 Pondos came from all corners to the Qaukeni Great Place where a gathering was held by apartheid-lovers and Mr. Botha Sigcau, a Pondo Paramount Chief in the East. The gathering was addressed by Mr. Maree, a Minister of Bantu Education, and Mr. de Wet Nel, Minister of Bantu Administration and Development.

Mr. Maree delivered a long speech about Fort Hare. In 1960, he said, Fort Hare would become a Xhosa-speaking people's college and no other people would be admitted. Here in Pondoland a Pondo High School will be opened—for Pondos to be taught according to their mode of living I presume.

Is Mr. Maree empty-headed? How can Pondos acquire civilisation if they are kept away from other peoples?

Then Mr. de Wet Nel, a man of fat face and short stature, delivered a speech about the government of the Pondos in their own country (Bantustan). He pointed out that Chief Sigcau will be a chairman only to pass Government laws. It is clear the Chiefs never will be independent, but only the tools of the Government.

All the time Botha was smiling. He was given a golden fountain pen and a chair which is no better than the one I use at home. In turn he gave Nel a shield to defend himself against his enemies, but Nel didn't give him a gun to defend himself in turn.

All around me the people were very angry, thinking Nel would speak to them about the Rehabilitation Scheme, which will never take place in Pondoland East as far as I am concerned. But the people in this corner lack leadership.

I am sure the Government plans

will never succeed in this corner of the Transkei and I will be very pleased if freedom-lovers tell Stella Sigcau, daughter of the stooge, to turn her father from his dangerous course.

Pondoland has been and still is our fathers' land. No empty-headed Nationalist will make it a dreamland of apartheid. Only an uncivilised race or nation is pro-apartheid.

Freedom in our lifetime.  
DAN GANYILE

Bizana

### Potatoes Were Untasty

Believe it or not, there was such indescribable excitement over the news of the withdrawal of the potato boycott that everybody was so anxious for the next meal in order to have potatoes, no matter whether it was breakfast or just tea time.

But what a great disappointment! We all agreed that we had not tasted anything so untasty before. The housewives, apparently, have totally forgotten how to cook potatoes. We added all the spices we had, some butter, some tomato sauce, some even went to the extent of adding cheese, but all this seemed of no avail. We must still learn how to cook and eat potatoes, that's the only answer.

But when we think of the farm labour scandal, the death of Cornelius Mokgoko, the treatment of the people at Kaguapoort, and all the disgrace, inhumanity, stone-heartedness and misbehaviour of the farmers and their Government towards the people, we feel that even if the potato boycott was not called off we would not in the least suffer, rather we would gain.

All the same, thanks to Chief.  
LINDA MBEKI

Cape Town

## UP MY ALLEY

IN Cape Town the other day a Miss Nettlefold, extolling the virtues of British politics, gave her audience to understand that in Britain "we have no class warfare", and "although there is poverty, there is no hunger".

I haven't been to Britain myself, but having read the newspapers about strikes, and having heard from South Africans there who are finding the going tough, I am forced to raise my eyebrows at those remarks.

Perhaps Mr. K's reply to U.S. Ambassador Lodge's praise of the American system is apt in this case, too.

"God knows what is the difference between the capitalism described by Karl Marx and by Mr. Lodge. I don't."

FOR a man who gave the go-ahead to the atom-bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima towards the end of the last war, ex-President Harry Truman's snubbing of Mr. K. seems a typical gesture of a reactionary who has the blood of thousands on his hands and doesn't give a damn about spilling more.

Is Harry still keen on further atomic bombings?

AND in spite of anti-Kruschov sour-graping, a Negro couple in the Southern states named their

new son Nikita, born one hour before his namesake landed.

But then very few in the U.S. give a hang about niggers in Mississippi.

I ALSO hear, now that the statue of Bartholomew Diaz as discoverer of the Cape is being set up here, some Nats are thinking

By ALEX  
LA GUMA



ing of one of Makulubaas De Wet Nel.

Inscription: Yonder lies your Bantustan.

AND that black opals will not be allowed in South Africa.

AMERICAN Nobel-prize-winning novelist Ernest Hemingway has been invited to the Soviet Union. If he accepts his next book might be "The Old Man and The Sea."

### Africans Want More Radio Time

Why is there so little time for African languages on the broadcasting — only from 9.30 to 10 a.m.?

Don't we pay the same licence fee as Europeans—£1 15s. a year? Don't we buy these wireless sets at the same prices as the Europeans?

Is it because we Africans have always been regarded by the Whites as uncivilised? Or is it that the S.A.B.C. is against giving Blacks adequate time for listening?

It is very awkward for Africans to listen between 9.30 and 10 a.m. Father and mother are at work and the children at school, so there's no one left to listen to the wireless, except on Sundays when there is no news but only religious services.

Africans pay their licence fees but don't hear their languages being broadcast. That's exploitation.

"DOESN'T KNOW HOW"  
New Brighton, P.E.

### We Are Just Like Birds

Demonstrating women are told that they must not carry dangerous weapons. But why must the police be armed? We are just like birds. Our life is nothing. To be killed like dogs, for nothing. Who calls the police? Why do they come with their noise? To show that they can shoot?

S. NKONYANA  
Orlando, Johannesburg

### Nyasaland Africans Undaunted

In Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia Congress leaders have been active in informing the people of the danger of Federation, that is why Congress leaders in the two protectorates have been detained and imprisoned and are languishing in detention camps.

However, these suppressive acts have not daunted the Africans. Everyone is fighting for freedom and to get rid of the imperialist yoke. We are certain that the imperialists will never succeed in dominating the Africans in their motherland, because freedom is a natural requirement of all peoples of the world.

N. Z. S. JELE  
Johannesburg

'TALK TOO MUCH', Port Elizabeth: As there is a case pending in the courts arising from the incidents at Zakele, we regret that we are unable to publish your letter.—Ed.

M.H. Dada, 53 Block B, Johannesburg: Your article is far too long for publication. If you will send your full address we will return your manuscript to you.—Ed.

### Death of Mrs. Slood

Johannesburg  
Mrs. Minnie Slood (formerly Minnie Bodenstien) who died on September 15 after a long and painful illness, will be missed by many in the progressive movement.

She was one of the foundation members of the Left Women's Committee, and an indefatigable fund-raiser for causes such as Spanish War Relief, the victims of the African Mine strike in 1946, strike funds in the 'forties and New Age itself.

She impressed all who knew her during the last two years of her life with the indomitable courage and spirit with which she faced her last painful illness.

She retained a gay, sparkling personality to the end, alert to events in the world and this country and retaining a lively sympathy for progressive causes.

New Age extends its deepest sympathy to her family.

## EDITORIAL

### Jobs For (White) Pals

IN terms of a notice published in the Government Gazette last week, the Government has decreed that as from March 18, 1960, "work in the building industry in urban areas of the provinces of the Free State and the Transvaal is reserved for White persons and no persons other than White persons may perform such work."

Africans are already prohibited from undertaking building work in urban areas throughout the country in terms of the Native Building Workers' Act. Now Coloureds and Asians in the Transvaal and Free State are also to be debarred.

The Minister of Labour told the Nationalist Party Congress in Pretoria that job reservation was to be applied also to motor transport and the driving of heavy vehicles would be reserved for Europeans. His justification for this was that Non-European drivers displayed a slower reaction time and less responsibility than European drivers, though no scientific evidence has been produced to support this allegation.

But no such argument can be advanced in the building industry, where Coloureds and Africans have shown they are just as good builders as Europeans—in fact some employers have found them better, because they are prepared to work harder. In the Cape most building workers are Non-Europeans, but not even the Minister of Labour has yet had the cheek to argue that buildings in the Cape are for that reason more liable to collapse than those in the Transvaal.

In these instances once again job reservation is shown to be an instrument to maintain White supremacy at the expense of the progress of the country as a whole. Millions of our people are homeless—yet the Government deliberately restricts the number of those who can learn to become building artisans. This is sheer race lunacy—there is no other word for it.

But it is also selfish and callous inhumanity. Once again thousands of Non-Whites are to be deprived of a livelihood so that the White man may be secure. The suffering and heartbreak that will be brought into thousands of Non-White homes is ignored by De Klerk and his friends. They only take notice of White suffering and heartbreak.

De Klerk has promised that the Government will extend job reservation throughout commerce and industry so that the future of the White worker may be protected. A number of occupations have already been reserved, and it is clear this is no idle threat. In fact, job reservation is perhaps the most terrible single weapon in the Government armoury for bringing about the caste structure of society the Nationalists are aiming at.

For this very reason, job reservation is a threat to good race relations and economic progress, and must be opposed by all democrats. But above all it is imperative for the Non-White workers to organise and defend themselves NOW. They can expect nothing but disaster from the Government, and no one can safeguard their future except themselves.

### HAVE YOU READ THESE PAMPHLETS?

The following pamphlets can be obtained from the CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS, P.O. Box 4088, JOHANNESBURG.

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# THE FARMER SAID: "I DON'T CARE A DAMN"

## Another Labourer Alleges Assault

CAPE TOWN.

**C**OMPLAINTS about sjambok assaults on farm labourers are not confined to the potato farms of the Eastern Transvaal.

Last week Mr. Kedamile Nozonda came into New Age office to tell us of his experiences with a European farmer in Retreat, Cape Town.

Mr. Nozonda was not sent to the farm as a result of falling foul of the pass laws, nor on the 9d. a day prison labour scheme. He was a so-called "free" worker, and took up employment on the farm in July.

He worked from 4 in the morning until 6 or 7 at night and was paid £1 a week, plus food (mealie meal and samp) and overalls. He looked after the poultry and cattle on the farm, and worked in the farmer's garden.

One morning he overslept and did not get up till 6. The farmer stormed into his quarters and found him dressing.

Mr. Nozonda says the farmer started to beat him with his fists and a sjambok and threw all his belongings out into the open. When he was outside the farmer set his dogs on to him.

The farmer's wife intervened and stopped her husband from continuing the attack, but Mr. Nozonda, fearing for his safety, ran away from the farm. He reported to Langa and complained about the assault.

THE LANGA OFFICIALS SIMPLY WITHDREW HIS WORK PERMIT AND GAVE HIM TEN DAYS TO GET OUT OF TOWN.

## POLICE BATON CHARGE WAS ILLEGAL

### Woman Acquitted on Assault Charge

DURBAN.

**T**HE police baton charge against a peaceful demonstration of over 600 African women who marched to the offices of the Bantu Administration Department in Camperdown (see New Age, Sept. 3), had a sequel in the Magistrate's Court of Camperdown recently when Mrs. Violet Ndhlovu, who lost the tip of her little finger and suffered a deep gash on her head, appeared on a charge of assault.

She was found not guilty and discharged, the court holding that the order to disperse issued by the Major in charge of the police force had been illegal.

Cross-examined by Mr. Joe Matthews, who appeared on behalf of Mrs. Ndhlovu, the Major admitted that the demonstration was peaceful and that the delegation of women carried no arms except two white flags denoting their desire for a peaceful demonstration.

He admitted further that after he had given his order to disperse, his men baton-charged and followed the fleeing women for over 200 yards.

New Age telephoned the farmer to get his side of the story. The farmer said:

"He's a slow Native and you can't understand him. He was late that morning, and he tormented me in various other ways."



Mr. Nozonda.

New Age: Mr. Nozonda alleges you assaulted him.

**The Farmer:** He had a 12-months contract with me. Now I've given him the sack and paid his fare back to the Transkei and that's all there is to it.

**New Age:** Do you deny that you beat him?

**The Farmer:** I don't care a damn about you or anybody else. If you don't like it you can go to the police.

The farmer then slammed down the phone.

Acting on the farmer's advice, Mr. Nozonda has laid a complaint with the police and the matter is being investigated.

Mr. Len Lee-Warden, M.P., is also taking up his case with the Langa officials to see whether he cannot be given a permit to take on other work in the Peninsula.

## Waar's Jou Reference Book?"

### B.A.D. Again "Abolishes" Passes

CAPE TOWN.

**N**O longer will the African people be assailed with the notorious demand, "Waar's jou pass!" There are no more Pass Offices in the Union. There is no more Pass system.

At least, that is according to the Bantu Administration Department—and provided that local authorities and the police obey the recent instructions issued by it.

A circular dated 10th June, 1959, issued by B.A.D. Secretary Dr. Eiselen, deplores the fact that many officials are still using the term "pass" and points out that passes are a thing of the past. The Natives (Abolition of Passes and Co-ordination of Documents) Act did away with "a number of documents, generally referred to as a 'pass' or 'passes'."

#### SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS

"As a result of agitation against the so-called 'pass laws' which were alleged to be restricting the freedom of the Bantu in various ways, a stigma became attached to the word 'pass,'" the circular stated.

"Antagonistic organisations and persons often exploit this position by referring to a reference book as a pass. As a result of this, agitators have already lodged successful campaigns against the issue of reference books, especially to Bantu women."

The B.A.D. continuously tried to do away with the expression "pass" and to encourage the use of "reference

book" in common parlance. It has even abolished certain Departmental appellations such as "Pass Office" and "Pass Officers."

Yet, says Dr. Eiselen, it has been brought to his notice that officers still refer to a "pass office" when a "registration office" is meant, and they still call on people to produce their "passes."

"It is imperative that this undesirable state of affairs should cease forthwith, and a careful choice of words would contribute towards obviating unpleasantness."

Officials must now use the terms "reference book," "registration office" and "labour bureau" only.

#### DURBAN ECHO

Apparently inspired by this "new deal" on the part of the B.A.D., Durban's Director of Bantu Administration, Mr. S. Bourquin, has ordered his staff to take care "to avoid the use of derogatory or abusive words and expressions in whatever language." Officials are "earnestly requested to co-operate on the lines indicated" in the B.A.D.'s letter.

"An indiscretion on the part of one member of the staff can and does on occasion lead to criticism of the whole department," says Mr. Bourquin. "Any person calling on this department must be regarded as a member of the public which it is the function of this department to serve without discrimination as to race or colour."



## Priest Refused a Passport

This is Father Leo Rakale, African priest of the Anglican church in Sophiatown, who was refused a passport to travel to England to the mother house of the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield, Yorkshire.

Son of a priest, Father Rakale was born in Springs, where he went to school. Later he attended St. Peter's in Rossettenville. He became a popular amateur bantamweight boxer and later a boxing trainer. He was ordained a priest in 1941.

Asked how he felt about being refused a passport, Father Rakale said: "I am disappointed about not getting it, but not surprised."

## Special Branch Employs a Full-Timer

JOHANNESBURG.

**O**LIVER Mti, the spy-informer uncovered by New Age earlier this year as the man sent into the offices of New Age and Congress to snoop for the Special Branch, now seems to be a Special Branch full-timer. He has been seen about town regularly in company with Special Branch detectives, and has been posted on duty outside city buildings, notebook and pencil in hand to jot down the names of persons entering certain offices.

### and Looks for New Recruits

JOHANNESBURG.

An ANC member out of a job queued at the Pass Office to register for employment. As he reached into his pocket to take out his papers, some African National Congress membership cards and badges fell to the floor.

"Oh, you're Congress!", said the Pass Official.

"Yes, I'm Congress."

"You want a job? Come with me, I'll get you a job."

The ANC member was driven by car from the Pass Office to Special Branch headquarters where he was offered work at £45 a month if he would become a member of the Special Branch to report on leaders and activities in the African National Congress.

"You're asking me to spy on myself. I would rather starve," said the ANC man and turned the proposition down flat.

# They Still Want £1,000 Bail For Morolong

CAPE TOWN.

**T**HE public prosecutor still wants £1,000 bail for Congressman Joe Morolong, now languishing in Vryburg jail on a charge of possessing banned literature.

The incorrect report in last week's New Age that bail had been reduced to £100 was based on a misunderstanding.

When Mr. Morolong appeared in court last Friday his attorney asked for bail of £100, and it was confidently expected it would be granted. However, the prosecutor opposed the reduction of bail and said the offence was serious.

"First there are five charges of being in possession of undesirable literature. For these the maximum sentence is five years' imprisonment or £1,000 fine. There is also a charge of being in possession of communistic literature. For this the

law (the Suppression of Communism Act) does not provide the choice of a fine, and the maximum sentence is 10 years' imprisonment."

The magistrate ordered that bail should stand at £1,000.

No formal charges have yet been put to Mr. Morolong, who was remanded to October 5.

#### APPLICATION TO COURT

Meanwhile Mr. Morolong's attorneys in Cape Town, Messrs. S. Kahn and Co., are preparing to make an application to the Supreme Court for a reduction of bail. It is expected that the action will be heard sometime this week.

The Cape Western Region of the ANC is collecting funds to assist Mr. Morolong with his bail and with the costs of his defence.

**Footnote:** Joe Morolong was formerly one of the Treason accused, and was amongst the 61 against whom all charges were dropped before the end of the preparatory examination.

While he was facing the charge of high treason, which is a capital offence for which he might have received the death penalty, he was released on bail of only £50.

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