NTIL recently it seemed that the days of big political meetings and demonstrations in Britain were gone forever. So addicted has the British public become to television that party political leaders are being chosen for their television personality rather than their ability to arouse an audience at a public meeting.

Yet at a time of emergency, even the British will tear themselves away from the TV screen and emerge into the streets and squares to register their protest at some action or other that they regard as a threat to the British people.

One such example was during the Suez crisis when 40,000 Londoners packed Trafalgar Square to demonstrate against the mad attack launched by the Tory Government against Egypt.

Now once more the British people are emerging from their

This time the emergency the H-bomb, and the refusal of the British leaders to take steps to have the bomb banned.

It started with a big rally called in a London hall to launch a Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. The leading figure in the Campaign was Bertrand Russell, who was enthusiastically supported by scores of well-known trade unionists, intellectuals and religious leaders. The rally was a great success.

A SIGNIFICANT STRAW

Then came a significant straw in the wind. The London Daily Herald caused a political sensation by hopping on the CND bandwagon. The clean break with H-bomb "defence" policy, to which the Labour Party committed Britain when it was in power, was

WORLD STAGE By Spectator

particularly startling in a paper long regarded as the organ of Labour's Right-wing.

Coming out in three scare-headlined editorials for unilateral nuclear disarmament as "A Policy for Staying Alive," the Herald after years of sagging circulation suddenly could not meet the demand for copies.

From Labourites came two letters to the paper: 69 MP's, including some Right-wingers, supported the Herald's opposition to U.S. nuclear rocket bases in Britain under any circumstances. Party secretary Morgan Phillips, recalling assurances that the Herald would remain "loyal" after the party relinquished its part-ownership last year, expressed the leaders' "profound disturbance."

He accused the paper of appearing to "undermine the party," and to "interfere in private discussion between the party and the Trades Union Congress" on a defence-policy statement.

Repudiating either pacifism or neutrality, the Herald asked for "the pressure of the people-your pressure" to stop Britain in moving any further "along the road to a nuclear hell".

THE LONG MARCH

Then came Easter week-end, and the now famous Aldermaston march. The march was originally conceived of as a gesture of protest against atomic weapon testing by a handful of pacifists and Christian leaders. It caught the imagination of the British people, who are stirring from their despairing attitude of "Well, there's nothing I can do about the bomb".

In no time the number of volunteers for the 50mile march from London to the Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Research Establishment had swollen to hundreds and then thousands.

It was a strange, motiey crowd that eventually assembled for the peace pilgrimage.

Clergymen and scientists, students and trade unionists, skiffle groups and highbrows who blench at the very name of skiffle, were all represented, and politically, though in different proportions, there were people of nearly all parties and groups.

And, of particular interest, "this was the first political demonstration since the Labour election campaign of 1945 to have caught the imagination of the young" (New Statesman).

(This stirring amongst the youth was further seen when the London News Chronicle offered modest prizes to the best 500-word articles from underthirties on the "bomb". Two days later the paper reported:"Replies to our challenge came by the barrow load. . . . No more entries, please".)

About 500 people provided the hard core of the march, being met on the way by about 1,500 others. Though the weather turned bitterly cold, and the rain came down in buckets, they struggled through, earning the admiration of the millions of newspaper readers following their progress.

At Reading, their halfway house, they slept on the floors of two schools. All along their route they were cheered and fed by the villagers. At Reading they were given soup and coffee by the local Civil Defence corps, "the first useful thing they have ever done," according to Ian Mikardo, M.P.

By the time they reached Aldermaston their numbers had grown to over 3,000, and outside the Research Establishment itself they were cheered by a vast crowd of several thousand sympathisers.

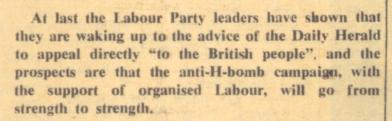
The last few hundred yards were marched in "dignified silence", and then the rally was addressed by a number of prominent speakers, including the noted anti-Fascist, Pastor Niemoller, who had come all the way from Germany.

A resolution urging the Governments of Britain, America and France immediately to stop the testing, manufacture and storing of nuclear weapons, and IN THEIR HANDS-FOR signed by thousands along the route of the march, was read to the crowd.

LABOUR RALLY

The four-day march had come to an end, but not the spirit which had motivated

Last Sunday 12,000 Londoners responded to an appeal by the British Labour Party and the Trades Union Council to demonstrate in favour of the drive against H-tests, against rocket bases on British soil and against supplying West Germany with nuclear



RESPONSE TO RUSSIAN TEST SUSPENSION

THE world-wide response to the Soviet initiative has been virtually unanimous—a big sigh of relief, and credit to the Soviet Government.

Said Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, 79-year-old ex-Governor General of India: "It is God's Russian miracle—let us hope this noble gesture is contagious.'

The Burma New Times: "A clear moral victory over the U.S."

The London Economist: "A boxer who has just received a crisp and efficient blow on the jaw recovers no points by claiming that he saw it coming," and, keeping up the boxing metaphor, James Reston of the New York Times: "Like Carmen Basilio, the U.S. has taken a terrible beating.'

Democrat leader Adlai Stevenson: The Soviet move might "deprive us of moral leadership."

Even John Foster Dulles is constrained to admit that the Soviet Union has "scored a certain victory."

The only person apparently unconcerned by it all-American President Eisenhower. Said Ike: "The Soviet move is just a side issue. I think it is a gimmick, and I don't think it is to be taken



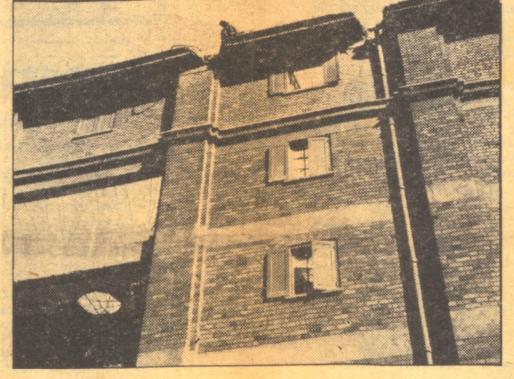


THEY TAKE THEIR LIFE £3 A WEEK

Perched high above Johannes-burg, balancing on a narrow ledge where they are demolishing the Old Castle Brewery building, these African workers take their life into their hands.

Our photographer was shaking at the knees by the time he climbed down from this height! And they do it for a pittance: just over £3 a week.





the trial will take place in Pre-

made to get the building ready.

tioned as the presiding judge.

But the next morning the

Nationalist newspaper, Die

Transvaler, without saying any-

thing about the Star report,

said bluntly that the decision

had not yet been taken as to

whether the trial would be in

Pretoria or Johannesburg. It

also said that it had it on re-

liable authority that the trial

Unperturbed by Die Trans-

valer report, the Star the same

evening printed a picture of the

old synagogue and described it

It is difficult to understand

how the Government could

possibly justify a decision to

hold the trial in Pretoria, for

such a decision would make

the most effective defence of

the accused almost impossible

and would in addition subject

as the venue of the court.

would begin in July.

JOHANNESBURG.

WHERE is the treason trial to be held? Confusion, disorganisation and fumbling have marked every step taken by the government since the "treason" proceedings were first mentioned. The same mixup is continuing now in the fixing of the place and date of

When the preparatory examination adjourned last year the prosecutor vigorously opposed a defence request for additional time to prepare its case. The prosecutor said that everything was ready and the Crown wished to push ahead without delay. It was only after the defence agreed to proceed with the trial immediately on the close of the preparatory examination that the adjournment was granted.

That was six months agobut final arrangements have still not been made nor have indictments been served. And after the Johannesburg Drill Hall had been substantially altered in the last weeks of the preparatory examination - obviously with a view to making it suitable for the venue of the trial—it is now reported that them to hardships even greater than those undergone during

the past sixteen months. On Thursday the Star an-Not a single one of the 92 nounced without any qualificaaccused lives in Pretoria. The tion that the trial was to take majority live in the Johannesplace at the old synagogue in burg area, and those who have Pretoria, probably during the had to come from distant parts latter half of June, and it dehave, during the course of the scribed the preparations being preparatory examination, made their living arrangements in Mr. Justice Rumpff was men-Johannesburg.

If the trial is held in Pretoria, it would mean that all the accused would have to travel to Pretoria from Johannesburg each day-and the train fare for each would therefore be an additional eight shillings a day. This alone would add £40 a day to the cost of the trial to the accused. Perhaps even more important, it would mean an additional travelling time of three hours a day for each accused and for all the defence lawyers—three hours added to an already ex-

hausting daily routine. IS IT THE GOVERN-MENT'S INTENTION TO PLACE THIS ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON THE ACCUSED IN THEIR DE-FENCE? THIS IS THE **OUESTION ON EVERY-**ONE'S LIPS.

ETHNIC GROUPING TO BLAME FOR DUBE RIOTS

Jo'burg Commission's Report Slams Verwoerd's Policies

JOHANNESBURG.

THE City Council Commission of Inquiry into last September's Dube disturbances, which the Government boycotted, has now issued its 90-page report in which it slams Dr. Verwoerd's ethnic grouping policy as one of the three immediate causes of the trouble.

HOSTILITY TO POLICE

space to the general attitude of

as well as European . . . carry out

Suspension of

Atom Tests

Welcomed

stop holding tests of nuclear wea-

"Not only do such tests pollute

"We trust that the unilateral

NAZIS BACK

18,000 former Nazis are back in

Berlin judiciary, and 74 military

organisations, including that of

former members of the Stahlhelm

BERLIN.

The S.A. Society for Peace and

· · their duties."

The Commission devotes some

"There is considerable evidence

Aithough the disturbances lasted | September 8 and 15 was at least | of movement and opportunities for two days and resulted in heavy fifty, the Commission says. Yet employment . . .) have caused loss of life, the Cabinet refused to because no police witnesses ap- grave resentment. appoint a commission of enquiry. peared before it, the Commission | The Commission points to a

ment of Justice refused to play ball, ing would have dealt with the increase in wages; insistence on the Police Commissioner replying situation; whether the police should treating alleged offenders in a formally that his department had have diverted the funeral proces- humane manner; better police pro-"no relevant evidence at its dis- sion so that it did not pass the tection; better schools, recreational posal." Yet, as the Commission hostel; and why, despite warnings and vocational training facilities; points out, the police were, before by the Council's Security Officer, reconsideration of ethnic grouping the rioting took place, fully aware armed groups parading with dan- and the discouragement of migraof the growing tension in the gerous weapons were not disarmed tory labour. vicinity and actually took an active before the trouble. part in quelling the riots. More, n a prosecution arising from the rouble eleven members of the Force gave evidence.

"One would have thought," com- hostility towards the police by ments the Commission, "that if the Africans authorities considered themselves wholly blameless in respect of the that this is largely due to the manriots," they would have welcomed ner in which individual members the chance of giving evidence. of the police force-Non-European

Evidence given before the Com- The Commission comments mission by the Council shows that further, that "it cannot shut its the Government enforced ethnic eyes to the fact that certain laws grouping on Johannesburg at (which place restrictions on liberty pistol point and official and African warnings of future trouble and, quoting the words of the Manager of the Non-European Affairs Department" ". . . the responsibility for any disorders which may eventuate in the future must be borne by the Government.

With one possible exception, reports the Commission, not a single Friendship with the Soviet Union African had a word to say in in a statement warmly welcomes favour of ethnic grouping, and the the announcement by the Soviet evidence of the sole exception, did Government that it has decided to not impress us "on this point."

Significantly three leading Basuto pons. chiefs and three leading Zulu pons. chiefs called in to address their followers during the troubled week's reported to the N.E.A.D. the earth's atmosphere with harmful radiation, thus threatening health and life, but also this de-Manager that ethnic grouping was cision is a major contribution to-causing friction between the different tribal factions and was one tional tension and paves the way of the factors in the disturbances. towards peace and disarmament,"

Again, with one exception (a missionary of the Church of the Nazarene) all the European witnesses strongly objected to ethnic grouping. This witness seemed concerned about the need for his Church, without ethnic grouping, having to have "interpreters for all for the strong to the strong that the unilateral initiative of the Soviet Union will be followed in the near future by both the other atomic powers. We hope that this in turn will lead to successful negotiations for the cessation of the manufacture of of them. I must carry about a nuclear weapons, the destruction

(presumably in different languages.)

Commenting on reasons advanced by the Government N.A.D. rible threat to all life, and, ultifor ethnic grouping, the Commis- mately to disarmament by all sion says of "tribal discipline": "It powers and the replacement of the remains to be seen whether it is "cold war" with an era of peacepossible to put the clock back and ful coexistence among the nations turn urbanised into tribalised Afri- of the earth." cans and whether the maintenance of tribalism in urban areas is compatible with the advance of

The Commission is in no doubt that ethnic grouping was one of their old jobs, or in better posithe causes that led to and facilitated tions in the West Berlin city adthe rioting. It is significant, they ministration. At least 23 of Hitler's commented, that the rioting did not special court judges responsible for extend to Orlando where ethnic the execution of anti-fascists of grouping had not yet been imple- many countries are in the West

NO FINDINGS In all, the death roll between and Bear Division, are active.

So Johannesburg's Council went found itself unable to produce find number of root causes of conditions ahead with its own inquiry, com- ings on a number of points, among of unrest in the south-western posed of three judges, and re- them whether the second police townships, among them too low sided over by a former Chief Jus-tice of the Union, Mr. A. van der funeral party past the Dube hostel, breakdown of parental authority was premature or excessive; and the migratory labour system.

Then the police and the Depart- whether tear gas instead of shoot- Among its recommendations are

Boycott Apartheid Tea Party

Church Dignitaries

PORT ELIZABETH.

When the Negro dignitaries of the A.M.E. church arrived in Port Elizabeth recently, the Native Affairs Committee of the Council invited them to tea in rather quaint and unusual circumstances. The tea was arranged to take place at the Home for Destitute Africans, a scarcely known place tucked away in an obscure corner of New Brighton.

Some time back the late Mr. Selope Thema, then in his heyday, referred to it as the only Zoo" in Port Elizabeth. He was reported to have said this after Councillor Adolph Schauder had taken him and his party on a tour of New Brigh-

For some reason or other the American Church dignitaries failed to turn up for the Apartheid Treat, and the Patriarchs from the Council NAD feasted quietly on the eats they had provided to impress the American Church dignitaries.

Smoke and Enjoy

Famous Tobaccos.

Mine Captain

Chapman's Special ++

Silver Cloud

Greyhound Mixture

Wayside Mixture

Champion Plain

Champion Mixture

Vryburger Mixture

Iris Mixture



CHAPMAN'S BULK TOBACCOS:-

DARK FINE No. 17 MMR

MINE CAPTAIN.

DETAILED RESULTS

CANDIDATES sponsored by the United Party won all four seats in the Coloured elections held throughout the Cape Province last week. Nationalists who contested three of the seats, and Mr. L. Kellner in the Peninsula, lost their deposits.

Mr. Piet Vogel, SACPO candidate in Outeniqua (Eastern Cape) received 96 votes and also forfeited his deposit.

The small number of votes cast for Mr. Vogel is attributed to the inexperience of SACPO organisation in the Eastern Cape and its inability to contact the voters throughout the vast constituency which stretches from Mossel Bay to the borders of Natal. The East-ern Cape branch of SACPO entered the field very late in the campaign, even later than the Peninsula organisation, and was able to do only a limited amount of canvassing election day was also weak, especially in comparison with the U.P. machinery.

These are the results in the four constituencies:

Outeniqua (Eastern Cape): W. Holland (U.P.) 3,001 G. Smith (Ind. U.P.) P. Vogel (Sacpo) A. W. Louw (Ind. Nat.) Spoilt papers 2,059 U.P. Majority Percentage poll: 65.59.

G. S. P. le Roux (Ind. U.P.)	3,155
E. J. Conradie	205
Spoilt papers	84
U.P. Majority	2,950
Percentage poll: 54.7.	

Boland:	
C. Barnett (Ind. U.P.)	2,474
C. G. Starke (Ind.)	587
	270
Spoilt papers	91
	1,887
Percentage poll: 41.9.	

Peninsula:	
A. Bloomberg (Ind. U.P.)	2,138
P. Beyleveld	813
L. Kellner	448
Spoilt papers	44
U.P. Majority	1,568
Percentage poll: 44.2.	

BAN ON MEETINGS

JOHANNESBURG.

Just before the week-end Dr. Verwoerd struck again to use his wide powers to ban all meetings of more than ten Africans in all major urban centres.

The ban will last, it was said, a few days or a few weeks. No time limit was set.

Excluded from the ban were only church services, funerals, sports meetings and meetings held by M.P.s and Provincial Councillors.

A swift beat-the ban meeting filled Sophiatown's Congress square the very night of the proclamation when after a few short hours of blitz campaigning over 5,000 people from Sophiatown and some neighbouring areas converged to re-affirm their stay-at-home decision for the following week, and to condemn the Verwoerd measure.
The African National Congress

said officially of the ban: The banning of meetings in urban areas throughout the country by Minister Verwoerd is as reckless as it is uncalled for. It is an interference with the rights of the people which can only result in unrest and increased tension. There must be something seriously wrong with a Government policy which compels its authors to resort to restrictive measures, one after another, as a reply to the just demands of the people.



Reg. September.

RAIDS

JOHANNESBURG.

As part of the drive to build up panic and intimidation—and again in the hope of finding damning evidence of "agitation," bands of Special Branch detectives—all the old familiar figures-made several swoops on Congress offices in different parts of the country. They produced warrants empoweramong the voters. Organisation on ing them to seize documents relating to National Protest week. In addition to this the Special Branch raiding the Johannesburg A.N.C. offices demanded passes from the officials. The raids lasted for about an hour.

> In the haul was the usual collection of publications seized in raids of this sort, among them journals and papers on sale to the public.

THE ELECTION RESULTS MAY NOT SHOW IT, BUT THERE IS

A New Wind Blowing Amongst Coloured People

THE success of United Party candidates in the Coloured elections should not be overemphasised. Though they all won by big majorities, their victory does not mean that the Coloured people are wholly behind the policies of the United Party.

The voters' rolls are old ones, originally compiled for the 1948 elections. Few of the younger Coloured men have registered since then. In consequence, most of the voters are of the older generation of Coloured people, steeped in the United Party tradition, looking backward to what they think of as the "good old days" when they were General Smuts' "boys," rather than forward to the day when they will enjoy full and equal rights with all sections of the population.

The election results have at least this merit—that they demonstrate clearly the Coloured voters' clear rejection of the hateful apartheid policies of the Nationalists. But they also indicate that most of the voters who could be bothered to go to the polls have not yet lost their faith in the United Party to "put things

U.P. Machine

In the Peninsula seat there were other factors at work. For all his faults which were so freely criticised during the campaign, Mr. Bloomberg was a strong candidate, well-known in the constituency, and with a very well-oiled election machine at his disposal. He had been working the constituency for months. It can be said that every voter who was likely to

of the S.A. Coloured People's Organisation

the polls.

Piet Beyleveld, the treason candidate, was on the other hand, almost completely unknown when his campaign was launched, a bare six weeks before the elec-tions. The policy for which he stood-alliance with the Congress movement on the basis of the Freedom Charter-was also unfamiliar to the voters. Beyleveld had to start from scratch, build up a team of workers put his line across, convince a whole community-all in a few short weeks.

The election result does not in any way reflect the real, almost sensational achievement, of the Beyleveld-SACPO campaign. Congress policy was put across. The Freedom Charter entered into thousands of homes where it had never been heard of before. The issues behind the treason trial were explained to eager listeners

So enthusiastic was the reception for this policy that even a newspaper like the "Golden City Post" was freely predicting a Beyleveld victory by a landslide. Bey-

by REG. SEPTEMBER General Secretary

vote Bloomberg was brought to

in every corner of the Peninsula.

CANNING WORKERS **PROTEST**

CAPE TOWN.

A joint meeting of the National Executive Committees of the Food and Canning Workers' Union and the African Food and Canning Workers' Union was suspended indefinitely as a result of the proclamation issued by the Minister of Native Affairs banning all meetings of more than 10 Africans in Cape Town and other specified areas.

The excutives resolved to send a protest to the Minister of La-SEE that The Great White bour against this undemocratic Chief, Verwoerd, has decided and unwarranted interference with not to abdicate. I suppose the the legitimate rights of South first thing he'll do is try to dispute African citizens and in particular the findings of the Commission against the invasion of the rights into the Johannesburg riots. The of workers and trade unions who judges' findings were exactly what are prevented by this proclama-Congress has been saying for a tion from carrying out their long time - that ethnic group- statutory and legitimate business.

The executives placed on record their unqualified opposition But, knowing the attitude to the recommendations of the of "Die Kaffer Koning" from Wage Board published under past experience, the best we will Government Notices published on get from him will probably be the 10th and 31st January, and an announcement that the undertook to continue their cam-Commission into the riots were paign for the rejection of these recommendations.

leveld received support from the mass of the people which Bloomberg never dreamed of-especially from the workers. Beyleveld received an ovation from a crowded City Hall meeting where Bloomberg's two meetings in Woodstock and Wynberg ended in uproar. Beyleveld received a vote of confidence in Athlone, the boycott stronghold, which Bloomberg never even dared to enter.

Universal Suffrage

If there had been universal suffrage amongst the Coloured people-if every Coloured man and woman over 21 had been able to vote—the result would have been very different. As it is, even on the old roll, the fact that 813 people endorsed the Congress policy is of the highest significance.

It means that even amongst the older generation, there is substantial support for a policy of militant struggle for equal rights for

It means that 813 people decided to abandon the traditional isolationism of the Coloured people and throw in their lot with the Africans, Indians and progressive Europeans in the Congress movement.

The 813 Beyleveld voters are a reflection of a strong new current which is stirring amongst the Coloured people. The old ties, which bound them to the masterrace parties in the past are being loosened. New ties are being forged with the Congresses. As Nationalist laws like the Group Areas and Population Registration Acts begin to bring hardship into Coloured homes, the whole complexion of Coloured politics is

SACPO Gain

SACPO itself made great strides during the election campaign. Its positive approach to politics made a great appeal to the Coloured people, who are obviously tired of "do nothing" tactics and waiting for a strong lead. Even boycotters were telling the voters: "If you do vote, vote for Beyleveld."

Many Coloured people who refused to go to the polls will support SACPO in its future campaigns—against the Group Areas Act, against Population Registration, against the whole edifice of "Europeans only" politics.

A Fine Start

SACPO has made a wonderful start. Its general line has the support of the people. The task now is to get down to the job of organisation. SACPO branches must be set up in every area. Members must be enrolled, subscriptions collected. Constructive tasks must be placed before the membership.

Above all SACPO must enlist the support of the Coloured working class and the organised trade union movement. The Coloured workers have a fighting tradition which must be mobilised in the liberation struggle. Only if SACPO leadership and policies reflect its working-class support will the organisation be able to forge ahead.

When SACPO organisation is as good as its policies, the Coloured people will for the first time be. able to make their full contribution to the freedom struggle. The Beyleveld election campaign has brought that day so much the nearer.

MY ALLEY

THE thousands of Africans who bear the scars of baton charges and who have prison records because they didn't possess a scrap of paper must have wondered at the sudden change of heart that came over the perpetrators of their sufferings during the period preceding the days of protest at election time.

Everybody who would be good children and behave themselves and go to work like nice little slaves would receive a pat on the back from our warm-hearted cops. They were even offered free rides in UDF transport.

Never before had the Africans been offered such kind consideration. Never before did the Africans need more protection than they did this week. There was a big bogey waiting around the corner to gobble them up.

But the pie-crust promises must have given a lot of people indigestion, because all the nice words were spiced with a lot of threats too. Nobody in his right mind could fall for the Strijdom-Div combination.

It all reminded me of the little rhyme which starts: "Will you come into my parlour said the spider to the fly . . . '

A S somebody told me, there are three degrees of dumbness. You can be just plain dumb, terribly dumb, or Strijdom.

So they are thinking of building a separate monument to the Coloureds who died along with Retief and his Voortrekkers when Dingaan got mad at them.

The idea was amended the next moment because somebody thought the Coloured monument might turn out to be bigger than the present one, so they settled by deciding to see whether they could just add a line to the plaque on the present one saying "-(So many) Coloureds.'

I'm surprised they did not pursue the "traditional policy"

further by removing the bones of the Coloureds from the mass grave where they're lying along with those of Retief and his

MR. G. J. GOLDING was conspicuous by his absence from "Onse Abie's" election campaign in the Peninsula. I heard he was "very ill". But he managed to pop up on the day the results were announced, grinning broadly



ALEX LA GUMA

in the company of "Duiveltjie," another of Abie's prominent supporters.

• The Unity Movement became grave-diggers in order to jack up their estimated percentage of the "boycott". They included all the dead people on the roll too, when they announced their "results".

ing is one of the causes of strife in our country.

all supporters of the ANC.

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