

ALGERIA:

● **ATTEMPTS TO REACH AGREEMENT**
● **COMMUNISTS' NEW PROGRAMME**

ALGERIAN officials have maintained secrecy over what really happened at the recent talks between the Algerian Information Minister, Mr. Yazid, and the Minister of State, Mr. Bitat, on the one hand, and Mr. Ben Bella and Mr. Khidder, former Minister of State, on the other.

The meeting arose out of disagreements in the Algerian Liberation Front resulting in a rift between supporters of Mr. Ben Bella and those of Mr. Ben Khedda, the Premier of the Algerian Provisional Government.

LIMITED AGREEMENT

Reports suggest that the talks led to a limited agreement to let the politico-military commands try to achieve unity at an extraordinary meeting.

An authoritative Provisional Government source in Rabat said there were no grounds for pessimism after an abrupt suspension of the secret talks between the Ben Khedda and Ben Bella groups.

Other news from Algeria reveals that a new programme of the Algerian Communist Party for the "phase following self-determination," says that the communists would welcome the formation of a unified Marxist-Leninist party on the Cuban model "which would rally all progressive Algerian forces on the basis of Marxist-Leninist principles."

This would be without prejudice to the continued existence of parties representing petty bourgeois class interests.

The programme sets out to establish a national democratic Algerian state which would pave

the way for setting up an Algerian socialist republic.

ECONOMIC AIMS

Foremost among the economic aims is emancipation from "French and international monopolists." The programme states that the non-capitalist road of development, which is essential for rapid economic progress, cannot be taken without "strengthening the ties of co-operation and mutual aid, especially with the socialist camp."

Agrarian reform must effect drastic changes in the distribution of land and incomes from farm yields.

Foreign policy should be based on the Bandung principles of non-aggression and non-interference in the affairs of other states and membership of any "military or imperialist" grouping should be avoided. The use of the Algerian desert for nuclear tests should be denied.

FLOWERS FOR KEITA



Mr. Modibo Keita, head of state and Chairman of the Republic of Mali, recently toured the Soviet Union and visited a number of places including scientific and industrial projects. In our picture a factory worker hands a bouquet to Mr. Keita at a housing construction plant which manufactures reinforced concrete parts.

N. RHODESIA PREPARES FOR ELECTIONS

Unip Recalls Foreign Representatives

From Victor Zaza

AFTER almost 18 months of political wrangling in Northern Rhodesia, nationalist parties are ready to participate in the forthcoming general elections. The militant and biggest party in the territory—the United Independence Party—has already gone ahead of other parties in its preparations and has set up its election machinery.

The UNIP has produced a 43-page election manifesto in which various government departments are dealt with at length. In all, UNIP promises a fair deal to all races. In the field of education, compulsory education from the age of 5 to 15 is envisaged. Extension of railways is also one of the important factors a UNIP government, once in power, would deal with.

BATTLE-GROUND READY

The election battle-ground being ready, UNIP's central committee decided to recall some of the party's international representatives who are potential candidates.

The first to arrive was Arthur Wina, who for the past 2 years has been UNIP representative in the U.S.A. and often appeared at the United Nations in New York. Mr. Wina abandoned his Ph.D. studies to return home. Since his arrival he has been appointed to UNIP's International and Foreign Relations Department.

The second to return was Mr. Rueban Chitandika Kamanga, who was until recently UNIP representative in Cairo. He is also Deputy President of UNIP and is a one-time clerk in the provincial administration of the Northern Rhodesian Government.

He resigned his job to join the now-defunct African National Congress and later the Zambia African National Congress which was banned, and its leaders arrested during the March 1959



Mr. R. C. Kamanga

emergency in Rhodesia. After his release in 1960 he became Deputy General Secretary to ZANC's successor, the UNIP.

AUTHOR

Between 1951 and 1960 Mr. Kamanga was in prison 9 times, all on political grounds. He is also the author of "The Hero," a short biography of Patrice Lumumba.

Another man expected from abroad is the fiery Munn Kayunbwa Sipalo, UNIP "Minister Plenipotentiary" to Ghana. Mr. Sipalo is coming not to stand as a candidate but, as he says, "I am going home to eradicate the last bid of colonialism in Northern Rhodesia."

"A SHOCK"

UNIP leader Mr. Kenneth Kaunda announced recently that "Sir Roy is going to get a shock very soon."

He predicted the resignation of

two senior African civil servants.

Mr. John Rwanakatwe, the first graduate in Northern Rhodesia and former principal of Kasana secondary school, has quit his London job to come and join UNIP. In London Mr. Rwanakatwe was working in the N.R. High

Commissioner's Office.

UNIP has recently purchased a band that will be touring the territory entertaining the people. The Tanganyika Broadcasting Station has also allowed UNIP a 15-minute programme daily for the purpose of the election campaign.

ANGOLA LEADER ESCAPES FROM LISBON

From Tennyson Makiwane

DR. Agostino Neto, the Angolan poet and Honorary President of the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) whose arrest in 1960 sparked off the insurrection in Angola, has escaped from confinement in Lisbon, and is expected in Leopoldville, Congo.



Dr. Neto

His arrival at the Congo-based headquarters of the Angola liberation movements is expected to bring about radical changes in the political situation and will further strengthen the leadership of the MPLA.

Dr. Neto returned to Angola in December 1959 after completing his studies in Lisbon and soon assumed the leadership of the MPLA. His political activities provoked the wrath of the Portuguese colonialists and on June 9, 1960, he was arrested by the PIDE (secret police).

His arrest sparked off peaceful demonstrations for his release by people of his home village. The reply of the Portuguese fascists was the massacre of 30 demonstrators and the injuring of 200 others.

Subsequently Dr. Neto was transferred to a prison in the Cape Verde Islands. After serving a term of imprisonment there, he was removed to another prison in Lisbon.

Earlier this year he was released but prevented from leaving Lisbon. A few weeks ago he escaped from Portugal.

PLAN TO PRODUCE ENCYCLOPEDIA AFRICANA

A PROJECT to compile an Encyclopedia Africana has been started under the directorship of Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, the eminent Negro scholar. The secretariat for the project, which is sponsored by the Ghana Academy of Sciences, has been set up in Accra. The Government of Ghana has underwritten the cost of starting this work.

A brochure issued by the secretariat states that its plan is to guide and co-ordinate the work of assembling, organising and publishing materials for the encyclopedia which will be authentically African in its point of view and at the same time a product of scientific scholarship.

At the outset the advice and counsel of eminent authorities in various African states is being sought.

It is the intention of the organisers of the project to draw also upon the writings of non-African specialists whose work has contributed to the accurate interpretation of the life and history of Africa.

The secretariat has already received letters of support from scholars and scientists in various African states and other countries.

PROPAGANDA BATTLE IN THE TRANSKEI

Govt. Making All-out Bid For Public Support

From Govan Mbeki

PORT ELIZABETH.

CURRENT events in the Transkei belie the BAD Minister's statements that the people there are falling over each other to thank the Nationalist Government for the introduction of the Bantu Authorities.

If that were so it would not be necessary for the Government still to be enforcing a State of Emergency, or for the Chiefs, as the Government's spokesmen claim, to persist in their requests that Regulation 400 be retained.

The Chiefs, with the aid of their strong-arm stormjaers—the home guards—and the police, are

engaged in calculated persecution of the people.

The dom boek—the pass—has become not only the main instrument of oppression, but also the means of bringing in large sums of money in fines.

As in the urban locations, men and women dare not move about in their areas without a reference book. They are stopped by the mobile police along the roads and called upon to produce reference books. Reports from areas like Kentane Umtata, and other widely separated districts all tell of a state of terror being spread amongst the people, as well as ever-increasing impoverishment.

Battle for Minds

Still remembering the peasant mass resistance of a year ago, which was only broken after some of the worst brutalities against the people had been committed by Government forces, the police are maintaining vigil against the holding of meetings. Recently a number of men at Cala were arrested when they were found at one home. At the time of writing the men were, according to reports, still in jail.

In addition to the employment of terror tactics the Government is mounting high pressure propaganda to put across to the people the "advantages" of being oppressed under apartheid policies. The Information Department has organised mobile units to tour the locations in the reserves.

New Age learns that the following are some of the aids the propaganda units are going to use:

- On arrival at a location the units will attract the people to a point they have selected as their headquarters by blaring out the cheap, repetitive jive music that is broadcast over Radio Bantu every morning.
- Recorded speeches in the African languages by Chiefs and other stooges will be played.
- There has also been prepared a selection of recorded translations of speeches by Dr. Verwoerd and the BAD Minister, Mr. De Wet Nel.
- Attached to the unit will also be a projector to show films of what the Government is doing to help the "Bantoe."

This will be in addition to Government publications like "Bantoe," "Inkqubela," "iTranskei," which the Information Department is distributing freely on a large

scale in the schools and among a large number of other people by mail. These organs as well as the DRC publication such as "Umtha" are also dished out amongst the prisoners in jail.

There is also a big array of weeklies in all the African languages. These are produced by printing and publishing houses under Nationalist influence, and there is a greater number of them circulating amongst the Africans than there are publications circulating amongst the whites in Afrikaans. These independent publications are also distributed in large numbers in African schools and teachers are told "you must pay your subscription" before a certain date.

Teachers whom New Age interviewed said they paid subscription because the editor's letter made it abundantly clear that they were expected to subscribe

People Know Better

Despite the concerted propaganda the people know better and still resist the Bantustans. Sometimes and quite often they hold secret meetings—big and small—to organise themselves to resist the Bantu Authorities and to find an answer to the terror of the homeguards and the grabbing greed of the Chiefs and other stooges. And by the look of things nothing will ever stop such resistance short of large scale mobilisation of whites and the deployment of such forces in the reserves.

Others still use the time-honoured methods of making representations to the BAD Commissioner. On July 11th Chief Ferguson Gobizitwana of the Amakhonjwa Location and his people went to see the BAD Commissioner at Port St. Johns—a district in the Enyandeni (Chief Poto) Regional Authority. Chief Poto and a retinue of loyal sub-Chiefs were also present.

The people told the BAD Commissioner and Chief Poto that they rejected the Bantu Authorities as well as the proffered "self-government." The meeting broke up in disorder when the people told the Paramount Chief Poto, who was insisting that they should show their loyalty by approving what he had accepted, that they differed from him on the question of the Bantu Authorities.

FIGHTING TALK COMPETITION

'Fighting Talk' announces that the winner of its competition is: Mrs. V. Weinberg, 11 Plantation Road, Gardens.

Sisulu's Wedding Anniversary



Mr. Walter Sisulu, banned from gatherings and organisations, COULD celebrate his wedding anniversary the other day. He and Mrs. Albertina Sisulu have been married for 18 years and a gay party in their home made merry.

TROUBLE BREWING AT UMTATA HOSPITAL

PORT ELIZABETH.

IN a wave of security checks at Umtata Hospital, the matron has been calling meetings of the senior nurses, the Special Branch have been interrogating nurses and a senior nurse, Miss Tozana Culayo, has already left the hospital, while the position of others remains tense and uncertain.

The present unrest is due to the decision of the hospital authorities to insist that intermediate examinations as well as final examinations should be written by the present batch of student nurses. The nurses objected, stating that in their contracts there was no provision for intermediate examinations.

Only from next year will the

intermediate examinations be compulsory. The results of these examinations will have a bearing on the State exams.

Trouble, however, dates back to early last May when the matron instructed the junior nurses to parade with the African constables at the opening of the Transkei Territorial Authority session. The nurses refused. Since then the hospital authorities have been on a witch-hunt to find the senior nurses and outside "agitators" who influenced the juniors to disobey the matron's order.

New Age learns that unless the hospital authorities relax their pressure on the nurses there may be widespread trouble at the hospital.

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