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Said His Mother was Beaten in Jail After

Cato Manor Killings

SON HANGS HIMSELF

From M. P. Naicker
DURBAN.

MR. Sampson Hlope, father of three children, is dead. He was found with a strand of wire around his neck, hanging from a tree.

He died, according to his father, because he could not rest after seeing his mother in jail with a bruised, swollen face as a result of the beatings she is alleged to have received from police interrogators.

She is one of the 69 people who are under arrest in connection with the recent Cato Manor uprising in

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Alexandra Leaders Face Banishment Threat

JOHANNESBURG.

A CLERGYMAN and a politician who have fought the Peri-Urban Areas Board in Alexandra Township have been threatened with banishment from the township. They are the Rev. A. A. W. Tanci, 76 years old, who has lived in Alexandra for about 30 years, and Mr. Dan Mokonyane who was born in the township.

The notice threatening to ban them charges the two men with activities "detrimental to the maintenance of peace and order".

The two were given till this week

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Their belongings lying about in the open, a Cato Manor family watch as a Council demolition squad, backed by a strong force of armed police, bring their house down with a crash last week.

Congress Call For Boycotts, Strike To Halt Cato Manor Removals

From Mandhla Nkosi
DURBAN.

A THREE-PHASED, militant mass struggle against the forced removals at Cato Manor and the proposal of the Group Areas Board to proclaim this area "white" was announced at an enthusiastic mass meeting held at the Durban City Hall last Thursday.

● Phase One of the campaign will be the boycott of all Municipal beer halls;

● Phase Two will be a citywide boycott of Municipally-owned transport in which all sections of the population will be called upon to participate;

● Phase Three will be a Province-wide stoppage of work!

BIGGEST EVER

The meeting, organised by the Natal Congress Alliance, was the biggest ever held at the City Hall, which was crammed to capacity. Several thousands left disappointed when they could not gain admission.

Announcing the decisions of the Joint Executives of the Congresses, Mr. Moses Mabhida, Secretary of the South African Congress of Trade Unions and Chairman of the Natal ANC Working Committee, said the City Council was the agent for the implementation of Verwoerd's apartheid policy.

In a fighting speech punctuated with wild applause and shouts of "Afrika!" Mr. Mabhida said that the vicious plans of the Group

Areas Board to declare Cato Manor a "white group area" must be opposed with all the strength that the Non-European people possessed.

Stating that the spirit of the 1946

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A section of the capacity crowd which attended the all-in Congress meeting at the Durban City Hall last week.



WORKERS' CONFERENCES THIS WEEK-END

Workers' conferences called by the S.A. Congress of Trade Unions are being held in the main centres this Sunday, February 28, starting at 10 a.m.

JOHANNESBURG: At the Trades Hall, 30 Kerk Street.

DURBAN: At the Bantu Social Centre.

CAPE TOWN: At the Railway Institute, Salt River.

In a statement issued in Johannesburg, ANC secretary-general Duma Nokwe issued a call "to Africans everywhere, farm workers and miners," to attend these conferences in their thousands.

The ANC call says:

"Branches and members of Congress must leave no stone unturned in organising the workers not only in their residential areas, but in the factories and compounds. Each industrial area must be zoned so as to make sure that no area or factory is not represented at these very important conferences.

"Our people must realise that the workers are the backbone of our own organisation; they are the most powerful force as the pillar of the economy of the country. Boycotts

and strikes depend on how thoroughly and efficiently the workers are organised. This is not only the task of SACTU, but that of Congress as well.

"There are three important issues that will come up sharply at these conferences: the need for an increase in wages, the attack on pass laws, the increase in taxation and its extension to women.

"The enforcement of our demands for the abolition of the pass laws and an increase in wages depends on the unity and the success which these conferences will register."



The Rev. A. A. W. Tanci.



Mr. D. Mokonyane.



A LETTER FROM ONE OF THE FORT HARE VICTIMS

Last year the whole world was shocked when seven Fort Hare staff members were arbitrarily dismissed by the Minister of Bantu Education as "saboteurs" of apartheid.

Now once more the honourable Minister, Mr. Maree, has "axed" twenty four Fort Hare students; and no reasons have been given.

It is an irrefutable fact that Fort Hare has now been turned into a brainwashing institution where the mind of the African child is to be conditioned to "develop" along Verwoerd's own lines. We are the victims of a political situation and that is why we must not divorce education from politics, as some stupid educationists say.

When I asked the new Registrar why he had been refused admission, he turned red and said I should go to Pretoria and find out from the Minister. He gave me twenty-four hours within which to leave Fort Hare.

This is a challenge which must be met by our people. Should South Africa fail to meet this challenge there is going to be a

Burdens in Rural Areas

I am just one month in the rural area of Chief Mhlambise's region. I have spoken to a lot of people and they tell me about the new laws and growing taxation from the B.A.D. and the chief. They also have to pay for Bantu Education. Dr. Verwoerd is also pushing his monthly magazine "Bona" into the schools.

He is organising the people to take part in a great show with music on May 31. I call upon the ANC in the Cape to send some leaflets to the rural areas and ask ministers of religion to conduct prayers on that day.

I also notice that unemployment is growing. Men are not allowed to go anywhere except to work in the gold mines in Johannesburg.

L. K. NQUDLE
P.O. Middledrift

headlong collision in the not too distant future—the oppressed cannot live stunted and underdog lives ad infinitum.

My comrades, this is the time to fight uncompromisingly for the realisation of the new Africa—the realisation of the Freedom Charter. Our people are living in the gutters of grinding poverty. Don't you feel the new life coming? Are those sounding drums of freedom not marshalling you together for the realisation of your ideals? If so, why let South Africa be the citadel of oppression? The pillars of capitalism are already crumbling down and the capitalists are trotting away. Let us fight till the dawn of freedom.

Freedom in our lifetime.

A. K. GANYILE
Fort Hare, Alice.

Treatment of Mr. Mase Disgusting

I learn with disgust and indignation about the demolition of Mr. Mase's private workshop at 42 Mendi Ave., Langa, by the local authority.

The treatment meted out to Mr. Mase, the Secretary of the Cape Western Region of the African National Congress, is not inconsistent with the general procedure followed by our oppressors in persecuting our active members who are in the forefront in the fight for freedom and national liberation.

To plead that Mr. Mase was given notice is nonsense considering that he could not acquire premises in the industrial and commercial areas of the city except in Langa where he had already been refused permission to occupy any of the few new business premises available there.

Let Mr. Mase operate from his present premises or give him a suitable place where he can operate from.

ZOLLIE Z. MALINDI
Athlone.

THE CREATOR OF APARTHEID

It seems that the British Prime Minister Mr. Macmillan is the great creator of apartheid. The Government of South Africa got its powers from Britain, and Sir Roy Armitage of Nyasaland also got his power from Britain. In Central and West Africa black people have lost their blood because of the British Government.

Terrible things happen to us at No. 4 when we are arrested for passes. The Dutch police let African criminals hit their brothers and rob them. We are kept in very small rooms and 140 people sleep on top of another and they fight all night because there should be only 25 in these rooms.

A SUFFERER

Johannesburg

Youth Hungry For Liberation

The second All-African People's Conference in Tunis has decided that the struggle to liberate our continent must be continued with all possible means. What we need is manpower to speed up the freedom wheel.

What can make things go faster than the young people? Nothing could make the Congress Party in Basutoland stronger than bringing the youth to the forefront. And the youth are hungry for liberation in mountainous Basutoland.

The Congress Party can do a big job teaching its rank and file about politics.

JOHN MOTLOHELOA
Mafeteng

Africans Are Too Heavily Taxed

We Africans of South Africa are over-taxed by the Government.

Rents are paid according to our wages. This year both husband and wife have to pay income tax of £2 and £1 if they each earn more than £180 a year.

The sad part is that our children are not taken into account. The Government forget that we Africans have more children than any nation in our country. In the reserves we also pay the following taxes per year: poll tax, quit rent, stock rate, general levy, and some other moneys required by the Government Chiefs.

To-day our people are in a critical condition because of these higher taxes.

E. B. MKABILE

Springs

Farm Squatters Forced To Pay High Rent

The people of Dwaslop Farm No. 249 and Ornock have a population of 5,000 people who are forced to pay rent of £3 10s. a year, married or unmarried. Even old pensioned men and women are forced to pay the same. They must also pay for cattle 10/-, donkey 6/6, sheep or goat 5/- each.

This is not done by the owner of the farm but by the manager. When the people complained, he told them that he was acting on Italian law and he had nothing to do with the Union Government.

This was reported to the Star and New Age in 1956, when the rent was still £3, having just risen from £2, which is the normal rent for married people on most farms. Cattle were then 6/6 a year. Now the people have been told that by 1961 rent will be £4, cattle at £1, a mule 15/-, sheep 10/- each.

L. MASHILE

Bushbuckridge.

THE OVERSEAS BOYCOTT AND OURSELVES

NEXT Sunday the economic boycott of South African goods is to be launched at a mass rally at Trafalgar Square, London. For the month of March the British people are being asked to boycott all goods made or produced in South Africa as a gesture of their abomination of and protest against the apartheid policies of the Verwoerd Government.

The boycott has the official support of the Labour Party, trade unions, co-operatives and other organisations in Britain, and is also being supported to a greater or lesser extent in a number of other countries. Though the Nationalist Government tries to pooh-pooh the whole affair, there is no doubt the effects of the boycott will be severely felt by the South African ruling class.

We unreservedly welcome this demonstration of sympathy from the outside world, which has greatly heartened all those engaged in the freedom struggle in this country. **At the same time, it is as well to point out that there is no question of the boycott bringing the Nationalist Government to its knees, or causing a fundamental change in race relations here.** The boycott is of limited duration and is intended merely as a gesture, a demonstration, like our own potato boycott last year. If it makes clear in a tangible form the depth of international feeling against the crime of apartheid, it will have achieved its purpose.

The stepping up of international pressure against apartheid is, of course, a great help to all those in this country fighting to end Verwoerdism, even though many of them, like the Progressive Party and others, haven't had the courage to admit it. **But still, the main effort must come from the people of South Africa themselves. Our deliverance is not going to be brought to us from abroad, through U.N.O. resolutions or British boycotts. It must be created by our own blood, toil, sweat and tears. It is only when WE are ready for the change that the change will come.**

From that point of view our own economic boycott of Nationalist products is of greater importance to us than the one overseas. What has happened to it in recent months? Does every Congressman still know about it? Can you, dear reader, remember the names of all the boycott products? It is to be hoped that coinciding with the overseas boycott, our own boycott of Nationalist goods will be brought to a pitch during the month of March. It would be a disgrace if, while our friends overseas were making a determined effort on our behalf, we were to be resting in our tents behind the battle lines.

Our Chance

To give every Congressman, every worker, the chance to play his part in the struggle, workers' conferences are being held in all the main centres of South Africa, also on Sunday February 28. These conferences must put an end to the lull on the local political front. The campaign for human rights must be stepped up.

● Never has the atmosphere been so favourable. Throughout Africa the people are on the march to freedom. One state after another is to get its independence this year, including the Belgian Congo where two years ago nobody, neither Black nor White, was allowed any political rights at all. Even the imperialist Macmillan has been compelled to trim his sails to the "wind of change" and utter his condemnation of apartheid.

● Never have the White Supremacists in South Africa been so isolated and despised in the world company, so uncertain of themselves and their policies, so vulnerable. They comfort themselves with Saracens and Sten guns, not with ideas. Their very inflexibility is testimony to their weakness, not their strength. Fighting with their backs to the wall, they feel they can make no concessions, for if they do, the whole game is lost.

Now is the time for the Congress movement to give a mighty shove, to raise the struggle to a new level. The millions of our oppressed peoples must be mobilised for action, organisation must be perfected, policies and slogans explained and understood.

IN THE YEAR OF VERWOERD'S UNION FESTIVAL, FORWARD TO THE PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM!

£1,380 FROM TREASON FUND COLLECTION

THE treason trial street collection held in Johannesburg last Friday raised the record total of £1,380 counted by Monday morning with some tins still to be opened. This is the highest total ever, thanks to generous donations from all sections of Johannesburg's citizens and the tremendous collection effort put in by members of the Congress movement. ANC collectors took all-day stands in the townships, at bus queues, in factories, some fill-

ing two and three boxes to the brim. One tin handed in by a South African Indian Congress collector from Market Street shop-keepers yielded £95 17s. 1d.

Treason Trial Defence Fund spokesmen said Congress put in "a tremendous effort".

Four ANC members—three women and one man—arrested for collecting on railway premises, were released on bail pending their court appearance.

NEWSPRINT CRISIS IS BACK AGAIN!

OUR business manager is up in Johannesburg impressing on people the importance of keeping New Age alive and he seems to be making quite an impact. In fact this week's total looks magnificently impressive. It is impressive—only our expenses which have to be chalked up against this total are even more impressive!

We find that our newsprint crisis is once more upon us and that NEXT WEEK, in addition to our monthly commitments, we will have to pay out £850 for our next shipment of newsprint.

Our manager is on the job NOW. Make his job easier by giving him the necessary funds to pay for both our newsprint order and our printing order. And if he can come away with a small nest egg to boot which will tide us over the next crisis (these come with monotonous regularity), we can all sit back and relax for a few weeks!

If you are called on in the next few days, please treat the appeal as urgent and give till

it hurts. If you are not called upon, we hope this appeal will induce you to post us your donation anyway, without delay.

DELAY MAY BE FATAL!
YOU DARE NOT TAKE THE RISK. SEND YOUR DONATION TO-DAY!

Last Week's Donations:

Port Elizabeth:
Romp, £1; E.D.R., £2; Doc, £1; Babs, 10s. 6d.

Johannesburg:
Collections, £15; With the compliments of Bram Fischer (thanks due to the Minister), £75; Anonymous, £4 4s.; Friend, £2; K., £15; Moosa, 10s.; F., £50; D.M., £25; Country, £115; Man, £25; Friend, £10; Friend, £25; Bill, £15; Eli, £10; Friend, £15; Vic, £5; A Friend, £2.

Cape Town:
B.W., £3 3s.; J. & H., £5; Bork, £3 3s.; Len, £10; A.G., £6; Jumble (per Louis) 2s.; S.K. (Xmas present), £25; Jumble (per Sonia), 15s.; Nick, 10s.

TOTAL: £466 17s. 6d.

24 FORT HARE STUDENTS VICTIMISED

Refused Readmission Because They Were "Unco-operative"

BANTU Education in the Universities has started with a vengeance this year, 1960.

● At least 24 students have been refused permission to return to Fort Hare to continue or complete their courses.

● 84 African students who tried to get into Wits have been refused permission by the Minister of Bantu Education.

● Coloured students are being turned away from Cape Town University and shunted off instead to the converted primary school at Bellville which, says the National Union of South African Students, is not a university and it behoves no one but the Government to pretend that it is.

FORT HARE

Among the students who have been refused permission to return to Fort Hare are the remaining members of last year's Students' Representative Council and some senior students who had held positions on the committee of some cul-

Jo'burg Special Branch on The Prowl

JOHANNESBURG.

SPECIAL Branch detectives have been on the rampage here again in recent weeks.

Eleven members of the Special Branch elbowed their way into a meeting of the African Food and Canning Workers' Union last week and sat in the hall as the workers' meeting proceeded.

When asked what they wanted, the detectives produced a warrant authorising them to remain in the meeting as they were "investigating incitement"

In recent months Special Branch members have been keeping a watch on the offices of the African National Congress, scrutinising those who go to the office, scribbling notes, and searching Africans ostensibly for passes but then confiscating papers for which they scribble rough receipts.

Detectives not only roam through the offices, but enter by front and back entrances, and have taken to searching the lavatories in the yard.

An African organiser of the African Milling Workers' Union carrying files from one office to the other was stopped by a European and two African Special Branch men who demanded to see the papers he was carrying. They confiscated membership forms and cards, pay envelopes, complaint statements from workers, members' hospital cards, workmen's compensation claims and an envelope containing £11 0s. 6d.

tural organisations on the campus. The authorities have given no reason for victimising these students other than that they were "unco-operative". As the present authorities have only just taken over at the college, it is difficult to see how they have had time to find out who is and who is not "co-operative".

New Age understands that the new authorities are taking strong measures to "clean up" Fort Hare which, they allege, has been a nest for the production of Communists in the past.

One of their first steps will probably be to ban NUSAS at Fort Hare and sever completely all association between Fort Hare students and external organisations.

The composition of the S.R.C. is to be reviewed to ensure that it falls into line with official policy.

REGULATIONS

To assist it in its task, the Government recently gazetted regulations for the control of students at Fort Hare. These regulations, says NUSAS in a statement, will turn out schoolboys, not students.

Here are some of the regulations: Every student applying for admission must submit a testimonial of good conduct from a minister of religion, a Bantu Affairs Commissioner or a Magistrate.

When he signs the registration form a student must undertake to comply with all the rules and regulations of the College.

Resident students may not leave the College without the permission of the Rector.

A student may not have a visitor in the hostel without the permission of the hostel superintendent.

Any student organisation or student activity is subject to the prior approval of the Rector

No meetings may be held in the College grounds without the permission of the Rector.

No magazine or publication for which students are responsible even 'in part' may be distributed without permission of the Rector.

No statement may be made to the press without the Rector's permission.

No collection lists can be circulated without his permission.

Women students may not be outside their hostels after 7 p.m. without permission.

A student breaking any of these regulations is guilty of an offence and must appear before the Discipline Committee. He is allowed no legal representation at such an inquiry, the procedure at which is determined solely by the Rector.

WITS.

Johannesburg City Council bursaries for Africans to study engineering have had to be stopped because the Minister of Bantu Education has refused permission for any African student to be accepted at the University of the Witwatersrand.

No engineering courses are available at any of the new tribal colleges. The Minister's statement said there was no point in Africans taking engineering courses because there was no opportunity for them to use their degrees.

Yet Johannesburg's Council established engineering bursaries in 1956 because it needed African engineers for the south western town-

ships where over half a million Africans live. One student is in his fourth and final year, another in his second year. These students will complete their courses but no further bursaries will be granted.

Cabinet undertakings that Non-Whites would be admitted to the 'open' Universities where there were no alternative facilities for them have thus proved to be worthless.

BELLVILLE

At Bellville students are being offered courses in "Practical English" and "Practical Afrikaans".

Says NUSAS: "If this place is not an indoctrination centre for an authoritarian government, then we need some official explanation from the Government of firstly, the appearance of these remarkable subjects; secondly, the shocking conditions at this little converted primary school on the sandflats, and thirdly the absence of such faculties as Medicine, Engineering and Architecture".



"My God, I forgot—we're all breathing the same air!"

DURBAN BAKERS TO BE BOYCOTTED

From M. P. Naicker

DURBAN.

A BOYCOTT of all products—bread, biscuits and cakes—manufactured by a leading baking company in Durban was launched at the mass City Hall meeting held here last Thursday.

Launching the boycott in the name of the African National Congress, Mr. Moses Mabhida told the cheering crowd that this decision had been taken after careful consideration of a complaint made by the membership of the African Baking Workers' Union and SACTU.

It had been reported, he said, that repeated negotiations for the recognition of the union by the employers had been turned down in spite of a promise made last year that such recognition would be granted as from the beginning of this year.

"Conditions at this company's factory have become intolerable," he said. "One worker who lost his

Durban Women Arrested

DURBAN

Twenty-five protesting women were arrested outside the Durban City Hall last Wednesday after an all-night vigil in the open. They wanted to interview the Mayor to tell him they were opposed to the forced removals at Cato Manor

When told that the Mayor was out of town, the women decided to sleep outside the City Hall. Nine of the 25 had their children with them.

wife was refused leave to go home to make arrangements for her funeral.

"For how long are we going to tolerate this type of treatment?" he

asked. "Now we have made a stand and call on all our people to stop supporting this company," he concluded amidst wild applause.

Police Called to Unity Movement Meeting

CAPE TOWN.

LONG standing differences within the Non-European Unity Movement broke out into the open last Sunday when a flare-up between rival factions at a public meeting resulted in the police being called in and people being put out of the hall.

The meeting was called by the "Combined Fellowships and the Society of Young Africa" to protest against University Apartheid.

Before the meeting started, circulars were distributed outside stating that the SOYA which was co-sponsoring the meeting did not exist except in the pages of "The Torch", and that it consisted of people who had in fact been expelled from SOYA, and did not represent that organisation.

"REAL REPRESENTATIVE"

When the meeting had started and the chairman called upon the speaker from SOYA, a group of twelve people from the audience came up to the platform, and one of their number, Mr. F. A. Nkonyeni, described as the President of SOYA, claimed that he was the real representative of the Society, and commenced to address

the crowd. Attempts to remove Mr. Nkonyeni from the platform caused a scuffle, but he continued his speech amid boos from a section of the audience and support from his followers.

POLICE CALLED

When it became impossible to remove Mr. Nkonyeni and his followers from the platform, the organisers decided to call in the police, and later a contingent of constables arrived.

When they demanded to know who were not entitled to be on the platform, several people including Mr. Nkonyeni were pointed out and they were escorted from the hall.

A number of people in the audience then left the meeting, apparently in protest.

Addressing the meeting later on Mr. R. O. Dudley, one of the speakers and Secretary of the Teachers' League of S.A., referring to the calling of the police, said that there was a principle which people in any society accepted—that they were entitled to protection from the police when threatened with public violence.

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