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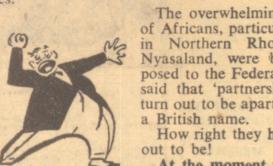
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A FEW years ago the Central African Federation qualify for the B roll.

was created out of the three territories of

The B roll will include Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaand. At the time, those responsible for the Federation made great promises about a new era of 'racial partnership' between the peoples of the three terri-



The overwhelming majority of Africans, particularly those in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, were bitterly opposed to the Federation. They said that 'partnership' would turn out to be apartheid under

How right they have turned

At the moment two sets of franchise proposals are being debated in the Federation. The one is for the Federation as a whole, the other is for Southern Rhodesia, which retains a large degree

of autonomy within the Federation. Sponsoring the Federal franchise proposals is Sir Roy Welensky, Prime Minister of the Federation. Sponsoring the Southern Rhodesian franchise proposals is Mr. Garfield Todd, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia.

SIR ROY AND TODD

A comparison between the two personalities gives some idea of the differences between the two plans. Sir Roy, once an engine driver, is a tough man whose opportunism and otuspoken racialism have helped him to the top of the Federal tree over the heads of better-bred rivals. He is spokesman for the policy of vigorous industrial development of the Federation, crushing the powerful opposition in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and firmly entrenching White supremacy over the whole Federal

He makes no bones about his attitude to the Africans. This, for example was what he had to say at a recent bye-election meeting:

"We have got to show that the tolerance and integrity that has been traditional in the Federation is not going to be upset by the vapourings of so-called African leaders and their howlings for self-government for the Africans, or by such incidents as the Matimba case." (Patrick Matimba was a Southern Rhodesian African who committed the 'crime' of coming home from Holland with European wife and

Todd is a more complex character. He too wants to see that the Federation remains in 'civilised hands,' but he stands for a policy of relaxing the colour bar so as to allow a few middle class Africans to edge their way across the border from 'uncivilisation' to 'civilisation.' A devout Christian, he still has visions of partnership one day meaning more than having the African as the working partner with no rights. and the European as the directing partner with all the rights.

While the South African Government is busy splitting the trade unions in terms of the I.C. Act, the Southern Rhodesian Parliament has adopted a law enshrining the principle of non-racial trade unionism (though many Africans have opposed the Act on the grounds that it is designed to counteract African trade union militancy).

Similarly, while the South African Government is attempting to enforce complete apartheid in the Universities, Todd has played a leading role in the establishment of the Central African University, which is open to people of all races, though it practises a fair measure of social apartheid.

Yet mild though Todd's liberalism is, he is rapidly losing the support of the members of his own party (United Rhodesia Party), as was shown by the fact that he stood almost alone in his party against the recently passed 'immorality' laws.

FEDERAL FRANCHISE

Here are the details of the franchise policies proposed by Sir Roy for the Federation, and by Todd for S. Rhodesia.

First, the Welensky Federal franchise.

There are to be two common rolls. The A roll, which will elect three-quarters of the members of the Federal Parliament, will consist of persons satisfying high qualifications. They are:

- 1. Annual income of £700 and an oral knowledge of English, or
- 2. Annual income of £480 and Standard Five education, or
- 3. Annual income of £300 and matriculation. This will mean that only an infinitesimal number of Africans will qualify for the A roll.

The remaining quarter of the seats (including the six Africans, who must be elected in terms of Federal constitution) will be voted for by those who

The B roll will include all the voters on the A roll plus persons with an annual income of £200 and who have a knowledge, both written and oral, of

In practical terms, this means that most of the seats will be voted for by Whites only, while a few seats will be voted for by Europeans plus a tiny minority of Africans. Nominally there is no colour bar in the franchise. In practice the colour bar is virtually complete.

S.R. FRANCHISE

The Todd franchise proposed for Southern Rhode sia is also clearly designed to perpetuate White domi nation of the country.

The present qualification for the common roll of

WORLD STAGE

By Spectator

£240 annual income will remain. In addition there for 100 children which was apwill be a 'special' roll consisting of persons who do not earn that amount but who have passed Standard 8 (what a commentary—near-matriculants earning less than £20 per month!)

The number of 'special' voters to be admitted to the roll on these high educational qualifications will be limited by law to a maximum of one-fifth of the total number of registered voters in the country.

At present the electorate consists of about 70,000 Europeans and 560 Africans. The new proposals will allow for about 8,000 African voters in the near future, about one-tenth of the total vote. (There are about 178,000 Europeans and 2,290,000 Africans in

These proposals are only slightly more liberal (or, about 500 has been thrown into abrather, less permeated with the spirit of White baas- solute despair by the proclamation. skap) than those for the Federal area.

COLONIAL OFFICE

Negotiations are going on between the Federal Association, told New Age. Party, under the leadership of Sir Roy, and the S.R. There is no future for the In-United Party, led by Todd, for a merger between dian people at Rylands Estate.

There can be little doubt that such a merger would posed to do when we get there? result in Sir Roy becoming boss of the whole federal This will mean absolute ruin for "This means absolute ruin to us.

At one stage the British Colonial Office tried hard "To achieve something we must "I have been in my shop here to keep up the pretence of being the protector of the fight this Nationalist Government. since 1939, and my father was a to understand that by their shame- is less than the valuation the Board Africans, and hence would have been more likely to The Group Areas Act is unjust. shop-keeper in the Peninsula for ful acts they have brought tragedy in turn pays 80 per cent of the support a man like Todd.

Not so with the present Tories. With the blood of tions and without friction?" more than 10,000 Kenya Africans hardly dry on their hands, they prefer to back someone like Sir Roy. who will ensure quick profits while putting the 'Black upstarts' in their place.



this year, Colonial Secretary
Lennox-Boyd told delighted

But there are also extensive Euromany of the White settlers in scrap metal dealers.

AFRICAN DEMAND

Meanwhile the debate goes on between those people in their own areas"—and "We should be left as we are. Europeans who say that the proposed franchises are make "their own profits" out of serving the public with a spirit of too radical and liberal, and those who say that it is these lucrative businesses like the goodwill. There has never been any better to get the support of the African elite against | Whites have been doing in the past? | trouble here. We Indians are a part their fellow-Africans.

None of these politicians seem to bother about didates from amongst the Non- of the Coloured sport board, manwhat the Africans themselves think on the subject.

Apart from a few virtual stooges in S. Rhodesia, the Africans are unanimous in condemning both sets of franchise proposals. Their demand is quite simple: no A rolls and B rolls and 'special' voters, but 'one lone, if possible on a larger scale. ling a living there. We can only go club leader. man, one vote!"

As long as political power remains in the hands of In Matroosfontein there are about the Europeans, the Africans realise that they will 10 shops—1 belonging to a Chinese, never emerge from their present state of oppression 1 to a Coloured man, one to a shop of Mrs. Asa Parker, a widow and indignity. That is why they will not be taken in European, and seven to Indians. aged 38 with six small children to by thin deceptions, and will continue to fight for the They serve a community of about look after. full franchise which is their right.



Group Areas **Victims**

Above: What is to happen to this handsome mosque in Elsies River now proclaimed to be a Coloured area after 3 years? The plans for this £9,000 building were passed by the Goodwood Council less than two years ago, and the building is not yet completed. In addition to the mosque, the building houses a Moslem school catering proved by the education authorities within the last year.

Right: Mr. A. Allie (left) serves customers over the counter of his Matroosfontein shop which he is forced to vacate within the



Group Areas Shock For Cape

(Continued from page 1)

"We'll have to fight this," Mr.

There are already enough shops all who have to move.

PROPERTY VALUES

dian properties in Elsies River are which I must now lose. worth hundreds of thousands of "We are opposed to the Group Sipping drinks in Johan- pounds. All would have to be dis- Areas Act. There is nothing in it nesburg at the beginning of posed of within the next three for us."

South African reporters that pean properties in Elsies River, and Another who will have to move there were too many "irre- it will be interesting to see what from Matroosfontein is Mr. S. M. Brighton by a woman, who pointed sponsible Africans" in Nyasa- happens to them. They include cine- Mukuddem, who has kept shop in out certain people who were immeland. He spoke about the mas, cafes, general dealers, drapers, the area for 30 years, the last 3 in diately arrested and taken in the aspect of the clearing of the Wesmental superiority of the bottle stores, chemists, doctors, his present shop in Matroosfontein kwela kwela to the police cells term areas of all Non-Europeans White man, and said that hotels, butchers, a dairy-farm and which represents an investment of where they spent two days before Africans under the Resettlement Act

be there than had the "na- European bottle-storekeepers, hotel- ren aged from 15 to 4 years. provide these services to "their own put into a grave."

> special dispensation to continue tary of the Welfare Society. where they are?

ONE YEAR TO GO

4,000 people.

MATROOSFONTEIN HAVE ON didn't know what to do. She had LY ONE YEAR TO GET OUT been told she would have to move This has come as a terrible shock to Rylands Estate, but "I don't to them, as Matroosfontein was not know where it is or what I must do M. H. Khan, Vice-chairman of the even mentioned during the hearings there. I would rather die. How can Elsies River and District Traders' of the Land Tenure Board last year. I make a living for my small child-

dleep," Mr. A. Allies, one of the there. What are the rest of us sup- Indian shop-keepers told New Age.

Why can't we go on as we have about 50 years before me. I have a into thousands of Peninsula homes difference to the property owner. done in the past, without distinc- wife and 9 small children as well as this week—and benefited nobody. A man who manages to sell his an aged mother and two brothers to look after. There is no space for us at Rylands Estate. Here I have Mr. Khan told New Age that In- a business worth about £10,000,

FOR 30 YEARS

Nyasaland had more right to At present there are no Non- family of a wife and seven child-

Or will the Group Areas Board of the community. I am a patron of hold that there are no suitable can- many Coloured clubs here, president Europeans, and allow the Europeans ager of a Moslem school and secre-

The same problems exist in Ath- Estate? There is no chance of mak- recently worked under Tyesi as been tenants. Now the first 50 Afrithere to be buried.'

WIDOW'S MITE

Just down the road is the dairy

THE NON-COLOUREDS OF shocked by the proclamation and ren? The Government should rather "I have been so worried I couldn't kill everybody than make them

> Dr. Donges and Dr. Van Rens- value. If any property is sold suburg, the author and the administra- sequently for more than this basic tor of the Group Areas Act, will value the Group Areas Development probably sleep soundly in their beds Board takes 50 per cent of the diffeonight, full of arrogant Nationalist rence between their valuation complacency. They should be made the higher price offered. If the offer

Nine Men Charged

PORT ELIZABETH.

Last week, police and special branch men were led around New between £5 and £6,000. He has a they were released on payment of and Indians, Coloureds, Chinese

This woman alleged that four of Act. African property owners have owners or chemists. Will licences "What is going to happen to us?" the nine men charged, including a to sell to the Resettlement Board be granted to Non-Europeans to he asked. "It is as if we are being man in his seventies had assaulted but eventually the whole area will her one night at her home. The fall under the Group Areas Deveothers are charged with assaulting lopment Board. The low prices at a young man who is the brother of which the Resettlement Board ac-Barret Tyesi who was recently ex- quires properties means that the elled by the New Brighton branch Development Board will eventually

of the ANC. get them at a low price: one arm The branch secretary told New of the Government handing the Age that Tyesi, a former cultural other gifts, at the expense of the club leader, was engaging in activi- people. ties aimed at wrecking the ANC in Up to now the Africans moved "What can I do at Rylands New Brighton. The woman until from the Western areas have all can standholders have been ordered

for Meadowlands or stands in Diep-

kloof by certain specified dates in IIIIII increased amount, in some cases, of She told New Age she had been | | | | | | | | | | |

an extra £25 in an amount of £1,000, but most property owners are getting only a fraction of the The standholders have been given

much as they can of their pro- these forced values. A test case on the removal orders offered for the property. But it is committees of the Group Areas prepared

settlement Board (which deals the Resettlement Board is the valu-

The law makes it possible for owners in turn are having their own chance to lodge objections to the the Group Areas Development Board to carry out the most. flagrant acts of "legal robbery"

yet perpetrated in South African increased its original valuation by One after another property owners an average of 61 per cent. But this are being offered wretched prices was after architect's evidence and comes steadily nearer, and ruination for their stands and buildings. legal argument had been brought of Non-European home-owners and

lower than the real values.

A committee of valuators is apnted by the Group Areas Devepment Board to inspect properties in the areas and to fix their basic

value of the land. In the case of the Western Areas, before that. The Native Resettlement Act was passed in 1954. The result was that the land had NO market value because it has been clear that the area would be taken property at a higher price than that White area, and the properties on June 21 it was agreed between The bosses also refused to meet determined by the Board does not would go for a song. therefore reap the whole benefit. A

given of the low offers made to Furthermore, 16 of the ex- that they had been told by an offi-Development Board to pay for the property owners for their stands strikers who went back to work on cial of the Department of Labour development of the very group areas—for another racial group— and buildings, and their struggle to Monday, July 1, were put on to that he was the only spokesman for get the values increased. Take the case of one property, a

amount they have valued their pro- the Group Areas Development Act, dents are fighting to save as nine days to lodge objections to

> The standholders point out that ator, the buyer, the decision-making have been a third and less of the

SALVAGE BATTLE

battle to save salvage what they can of their properties before the committee of the Group Areas De-

Those who can afford legal representatives are able at least to argue In valuing properties the Board them in the face. their case and manoeuvre their way seems to have taken into account round the complicated formula for only the municipal valuations. In property purchase under the Group the majority of cases, New Age is Areas Act. Those who have no legal informed, the municipal values are nen to argue for them are lost, in

The land value in the areas is to be assessed, under the Act, as though no proclamation has taken place. The purpose is to avoid speculation after the proclamation which may increase or decrease the

EXAMPLES

could get goes into the funds of the

Xuma's house in Toby Street. On March 2, 1957 the owner was told his property had been valued at £5,450. On May 11, 1957 the same Board valued the same property at £3,950, thus reducing its own valuation. The owner had not objected to the original valuaton. On May 29 he received a letter from the regional representatives of the Department of Lands which offered to purchase his property at £2,200 plus, in terms of section 24(2) of £1,400. The owner is therefore being offered about 90 per cent (more than usual) of the difference between the valuation and the price against standholders is now being far below the original valuation of

Other valuations by the Board with African properties). But body and the authority that forces values placed on the properties by their owners and architects.

Indian and Coloured property owners are told that they have a In the case of ten properties that have come before the Board, it itself understood the notices.

Meanwhile the date for removal before the Board and lengthy pro- businessmen, which has been threatening for so long, now stares

Group Areas Victims In Cape



Mrs. Asa Parker, of Matroosfontein: "I would rather die than move to Rylands Estate."



Mr. M. H. Khan, of Elsies River: "We must fight this unjust Act." (See "Group Areas Shock For Cape" on this page.)

96 Durban Strikers Not Yet Re-employed

employed.

from Non-Europeans, made into a This is in spite of the fact that the Textile Workers' Union and the a Textile Workers' Union deputamanagement of the mill that all the tion which included African represtrikers should be taken back to sentatives working in the mill. They

two days' short time, and on Mon- African workers in Durban.

Mr. S. M. Mukuddem, of Matroosfontein, stands to lose about

£5,000 if he is forced to move to Rylands Estate.

DURBAN. | day, July 8, a further 19 will go on though the group areas proclamation was issued only in August 1956, the fate of the area was quite clear the fate of the area was quite clear the hadronic at strike at the beginning of June as and in an interview with union a protest against the retrenchment officials, one of the directors of the of 200 of their fellow-workers, 96 firm stated that it was not the poremain who have not yet been re- licy of the firm to put its 'loyal workers' on to short time.

Numerous examples could be work before the end of June. gave as their reason for this the fact

Officials of the union have been visited late at night by detectives of the Special Branch, and questioned about the possibility of the union's calling a boycott of the blankets of the firm concerned.

The officials were told that all entrances to Basutoland-where most of the blankets are sold-were beng carefully watched by the police.

TREASON FUND

JOHANNESNURG.

The Treason Trial Defence Fund has at last been granted registration by the National Social Welfare Board, it has been announced here.

This means that the Fund is a registered welfare organisation and has the legal right to collect funds from the public for the aid of the accused and their dependants.

REGISTERED

If any of the 156 treason accused now appearing at the Drill Hall should be committed for trial at the end of the preparatory examination, Mr. Oswald Pirow, Q.C., will lead the prosecution team, it was reported in the press recently.

Other members of the prosecuting team would be Mr. Japie de Vos, Q.C., who was a member of the Government's team in the constitutional case; Mr. M. S. Louw, a son of Eric Louw, the Minister of External Affairs; Mr. G. C. Hoexter, a son of the Judge of Appeal, and Mr. J. Trengove, a Pretoria barrister.

WHO IS THIS PIROW?

OSWALD Pirow is no longer practising at the bar. Most of the time he is busy producing pineapples and bananas on his farm at Bushbuckridge, in the Transvaal, so that for all practical purposes he would be emerging from retirement to conduct the prosecution in the treason trial.

Pirow's name is little known to the new generation of South Africans. But in the 20s and 30s he was a leading member of the Union Government, Minister of Justice and Minister of Defence, well known as an admirer of the Nazis abroad, one of the authors of the Riotous Assemblies Act as we know it today.

Pirow was born in the Transvaal in 1891, of German descent. In his youth he was a champion boxer and weight-lifter, won swimming competitions and was a formidable wrestler and a competent horseman.

Entered Cabinet

He started his career as an advocate, and eventually became a K.C. In June, 1929, he entered Hertzog's Nationalist Governmen as Minister of Justice in place of Tielman Roos, who had resigned on account of ill-health.

One of his first acts as Minister was to frame amendments to the Riotous Assemblies Act giving him the power to ban meetings and deport "undesirables" from one area of the Union to another, without trial-provisions which were later taken over and expanded in the Suppression of Communism Act by the present Minister of Justice Swart.

As a measure of the esteem in which he was held in the democratic movement, his effigy was burnt by Africans at a public protest meeting at the time.

He also had a hand in framing the "Native Bills," eventually passed in 1936, which deprived the Cape Africans of their vote on the common roll.

As Minister of Justice, the man responsible for the conduct of the police force, Pirow always took a "tough" line against the people's organisations.

Defence Minister

When the Hertzog-Smuts coalition was formed in 1933, Pirow became Minister of Railways and Defence, and was responsible for the preparation of South Africa's military strength for the war which eventually broke out in

His first contribution to the army was the special service battalion (S.S.B.) organised on the Nazi model as an auxiliary to the permanent force. Each unit consisted of 1,200 men, mostly poor whites who had little prospect of other employment at a time when tens of thousands were workless as a result of the great economic

His second contribution to the army was the bush cart, South Africa's "secret weapon." Just how effective it was may be gauged by the following quotation from the Monitor of March 22,

"The country will never forgive Pirow for his pro-German stand. As Minister of Defence he was voted a fairly large sum of money shortly before the war broke out. Nevertheless, some six months General Smuts, who succeeded Pirow at the outbreak of the war, to be a 'paper bush-cart' army In these days of giant tanks and armoured cars, it seems incredible that in 1939, after Pirow had seen the German military machine with his own eyes, he still toyed with wooden bushcarts pulled by oxen. He explained that these bushcarts would be a powerful weapon in bushveld warfare."

Only 40 of these carts had been built by the time war broke out, though a further 600 were under construction.

"During the war these bushcarts did see service in military camps. They were reinforced with corrugated iron and used as dirt removers!"

The racialists did, of course. forgive Pirow his Nazi sympathies; but the country could never forget his bushcart fiasco. A great, gust of laughter accompanied Pirow's departure from the political stage, and must have haunted him in his years of wandering in the wilderness thereafter.

Admired Hitler

Just how Nazi-minded was Pi

He visited Germany twice in the thirties, and met the leaders of all the fascist countries during his tours of Europe.

Writing in his paper Die Nuwe Orde of February 14, 1946, of his meeting with Hitler in 1938, Pirow

"His words came in a flood, but the ideas were logical, crystal clear and strong. No, strong is not the right word. They were as gigantic as the mountains outside (at Berchtesgaden) and like the mountains they stretched to the horizon. It was the language, the philosophy of the 20th, the revolutionary century.

"When we left a few hours later, I said to my friends: 'He is the greatest man of his age, perhaps the greatest of the last 1,000 years.' THAT IS STILL MY OPINION TODAY!"

Similarly he described Mussolini as "one of the greatest men of his time . . . He introduced the Revolution of the 20th Century and later generations will honour him for it."

When Soviet troops marched into Berlin, and Hitler was killed, Pirow mourned: "Adolf Hitler has fallen in the van of the fight against Bolshevism. He was the greatest man of his age, and one of the greatest of all times."

When Goering and his pals were executed after the Nuremberg trial, Die Nuwe Orde printed a special edition. The whole of the front page was devoted to a memorial "in memory of the martyrs of Nuremberg," whose names were printed in huge type inside a heavy black border.

Even Tielman Roos, who had been Pirow's first political leader, was forced to repudiate him in the 30s as a "Little Hitler."

The New Order

After his disappearance from the front rank of politics, Pirow devoted himself to the spreading of fascist ideas in South Africa through his New Order move-

This is what he had to say about the Jews in his newsletter of October 1945:

"I firmly believe that if every Jew could vanish from the earth, the world as a whole would be a better place."

During the war, when brave South Africans were dying to save the world from Nazism, Pirow had the effrontery to publish his fascist blue-print for our country, entitled The New Order for South Africa as revealed to Oswald Pirow." It was described by the late E. B. Dawson in the Sunday Express at the time as "an exact model of the Nazi constitu-

Note the use of the word "revealed." Pirow claims divine guidance for his fascism.

The first aim in this document

The rejection in form and character of democracy and the establishment of a South African Christian European National Socialistic Republic founded on state authority and civilian disci-

Think of the Freedom Charter's promise of equality, and read this from Pirow's charter:

"No influence which might create the possibility, even in the remotest future, of any form of equality between European and Non-European will be tolerated."

As for immigration into the country, he stipulated that "The entrance of Jews and other undesirable persons will be pre-

Naturally, in Pirow's Nazi state there could only be one function for the Non-Europeans to fulfil: 'The Non-Europeans will be subject to compulsory labour service."

Use of Violence

Pirow has not always been so keen on constitutional methods of struggle as he appears today. Die



Oswald Pirow, as seen by an artist in 1942.

Transvaler (October 5, 1944) quoted him as saying that "there were more than half-a-dozen ways of getting into power. Although force was stupid at the present time, he did not bind himself to exclude unconstitutional and illegal methods if the interests of the volk should demand it.'

While South Africans were fighting on the battlefield. Pirow was praising 'the disciplined youth, the Ossewa Brandwag, who will be for us the stormtroopers of South Africa." And being greeted at public meetings with cries of "Heil Pirow."

In 1947 he even forgot himself so far as to lay himself open to a charge of public violence. Incensed by the refusal of the stu-dents of Wits to introduce apartheid in their Rag procession, he wrote in Die Nuwe Orde:

"The time has come for firm action from the nation itself and physical violence. The young men of white South Africa shall remove from the public these outgrowths of a spiritual destruction. Although it is an offence to incite people to public violence, today They are lodging an appeal.

we offer this advice: where Non-Europeans intrude among Europeans throw them out on their necks. Where Europeans entice them, and play with them, throw these renegades out with them. There are many occasions when a blow of the fist is a sign of vitality and not of lack of refine-ment."

He was fined £10 or two months.

Anti-Communism

Pirow spent his last few years in Parliament trying to persuade the Government to fight against the Communists instead of the Nazis. The Star described the speech with which he introduced his anti-Communist Bill as "this rather worn-out attempt to ape the Nazi scare technique . . Mr. Pirow's attempt to make the flesh creep with a Communist plot failed rather dismally from the start." (February 11, 1952.)

Said the Sunday Times: "A damp squib."

The war had no sooner come to an end in Europe than Pirow called upon the Western powers to launch an immediate attack on the Soviet Union. The Cape Times commented: "The most charitable comment one can make about Pirow, who has been making speeches again, is that his head ought to be examined."

The paper added: "Can democracy reasonably allow its freedoms to be abused by people whose declared purpose is to subvert democracy and eliminate freedoms? In other words, how much longer is any half-witted Nazi who feels so inclined going to be allowed to carry on with the work of undermining all for which South Africa fought?" (Cape Times, August 20, 1945.)

Is there any more to say? This is the man who has been chosen, from amongst all others, to present the Government's charge of treason against the 156. Perhaps it would be fitting to end this profile with Oswald Pirow's own definition of treason contained in the final paragraph of his New Order: "Our party will have to develop into a wide and embracing National movement, and all other parties will have to disappear. We can dispute the actual form of the republic, but he who wants to strike a compromise over its nature commits treason."

Randfontein's Bus **Boycott Victory**

RANDFONTEIN.

Randfontein people scored a resounding victory last week when they won a reduction in bus fares following their twenty-week boycott

of the Greyhound bus services.

The fares on all the routes from the locations to the town have been reduced by two-pence.

During the boycott leading mem-bers of the residents' transport commttee were arrested no less than five times on a variety of petty charges. The people, however, stood firm and refused to be intimidated.

The leaders of the people have dismissed with contempt the suggestion by the local Native Administration Department that in future the African people should first consult their 'Township father, the location superintendent' when they have complaints against the bus services.

ZEERUST TRIBESMEN FINED

Seven Zeerust tribesmen who pleaded guilty to convening or addressing an unlawful gathering were fined a total of £365 last week. **Collection Number: AG2887**

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