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ITALIAN STRIKE THREAT

LONDON. Leaders of all Italy's trade unions have announced they will call a national strike if their demands for increases and a simplified system of payments are not met. The strike will be opened by a 24-hour "warning strike" by the 4,000,000 industrial workers and 2,000,000 farmhands, and if the warning is not heeded the national strike will follow in two weeks, they state.

"WE WILL NOT TAKE THIS LYING DOWN"

Food Workers Incensed by Ban on Ray Alexander

CAPE TOWN.

ONE of the best known and most respected trade union organisers in South Africa, Miss Ray Alexander, was last week ordered by Mr. Swart to resign from her position as General Secretary of the Food and Canning Workers' Union, and prohibited from attending any gatherings of any nature for a period of two years.

The news of her banning spread like wild-fire throughout the food processing factories and small fishing villages in the Cape Province and South West Africa, where her name has become a household word, synonymous with militant struggle for decent wages and conditions. Workers who have known and loved Ray Alexander for many years burst into tears at the news.

"We will not take this lying down" is the prevailing sentiment, and determination to take action to force the Minister to withdraw the banning order is spreading rapidly and spontaneously throughout the Western Cape.

SPLENDID RECORD

Ray Alexander has devoted her whole adult life to the struggle of the working class in South Africa. During her 23 years of trade union activity she has organised workers in the Distributive and shoe-repairing trades, the S.A. Railways and Harbours, the Chemical, Milling, Sweets, Laundry, Tin, and Food Industries.

When she first began to organise the workers in the Food Industry in 1941, wages ranged from 7s. 6d. to 30s. per week. At that time there were no annual

holidays, sick leave on full pay, no confinement allowances for working mothers and no limitation on overtime. Through the work of the Food and Canning Workers' Union, the 7,000 workers in the food processing factories now receive basic wages ranging from £1 10s. to £6 per week, with two weeks annual leave and sick leave on full pay, confinement allowances and workman's compensation.

During the course of her work, she pioneered trade unionism in small fishing hamlets along the West coast, Namaqualand and South West Africa. She has brought trade unionism to thousands of workers in small country towns in the Western Cape.

Adopting a national outlook in her work, she has played a big part in building the national trade union movement, consistently advocating unity and fighting against all who sought to split the workers along colour lines. She has been an outstanding member of the South African Trades and Labour Council, and is a trustee of the Western Province local Council.

"SHE IS OURS"

"We and our members fully understand that Ray Alexander has been expelled for this life-long devotion to the cause of the oppressed," said Mr. Frank Marquard, president of the Food and Canning Workers' Union.

"The men who have done this are the representatives of the rich and the employing class. They have for long shown deep-seated hatred and fear of the workers and the oppressed people. Their whole political life has been directed towards maintaining privileges and power for a small class of exploiters.

"Nothing that they do—the Swarts, the Schoemans and other enemies of the workers, will destroy what Ray Alexander has built up, or uproot her

from our hearts. She is ours, and will remain so long after the Fascists who are now in power have disappeared from the scene of South African history."

ATTACK ON WORKERS

"The compulsory removal of trade union secretaries from their unions is an attack by the boss-class government

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MISS RAY ALEXANDER.

Building Workers Propose Joint Campaign

FEELING RUNNING HIGH

JOHANNESBURG.

A MOUNTING storm of opposition and protest is developing against the arbitrary bannings by Mr. Swart of Mr. Piet Huyser, vice-president of the Trades and Labour Council, and other trade union officials and democratic leaders.

The National Executive of the Trades and Labour Council has decided to call a mass public protest meeting in the City Hall on October 10.

The Amalgamated Union of Building Workers, of which Mr. Huyser was national organiser, is carrying the campaign to the workers in the industry, circulating a mass petition and holding numerous job meetings. Feeling is running high, and many of the men are advocating militant action to secure the reinstatement of Mr. Huyser.

Similar reports are coming in from other trade unions whose officials have been expelled by the Minister. "At all factories at which I have called," says Mr. C. A. Olsson, Organiser of the Chemical Workers' Union, "the workers have expressed their shock at the removal of their secretary (Mrs. Julia Wolfson) who has served them faithfully for so many years and almost every member of the Union has unhesitatingly signed a letter to his or her Member of Parliament." These letters ask the M.P.'s to "leave no stone unturned to secure the removal of the ban on our Secretary." General meetings of the Jewellers' and Goldsmiths' Union, and the Glass Workers' Union have protested emphatically against the ban on Mrs. Wolfson.

JOINT EXECUTIVES TO MEET

The Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers has proposed a meeting of the executive committees of all Unions whose officials have been affected

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Mrs. V. L. Pandit arrives at New York to attend the United Nations General Assembly. Mrs. Pandit was elected President of the United Nations Organisation by an overwhelming majority.

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1960 OLYMPICS FOR HUNGARY?

LONDON.

Seventeen towns in many parts of the world are eagerly competing for the honour of staging the 1960 Olympic Games, said the American chairman of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Avery Brundage, when he attended the opening of the new 110,000-seat stadium in Budapest, Hungary. He thought with such a magnificent main sports field Hungary had a good chance of getting the 1960 Games.

Mr. Brundage said: "Hungary is one of the great Olympic countries and has a long and glorious history in the field of sport. The successes which Hungarian sport achieved at the Helsinki Olympics electrified the whole world. Such a small country, and it has such wonderful sport! This was the main reason why I came straight from New York to the opening of the People's Stadium."

Asked if Hungary might fail to get the Games for political reasons, Mr. Brundage replied: "The International Olympic Committee does not recognise politics."

The 1956 Games are scheduled to be held in Melbourne, Australia and the only difficulty at present is that horses may not be able to enter the country for the equestrian events owing to the six months quarantine law. The 1956 Games may still have to go to another town.

Mr. Brundage said the Olympics Committee was opposed to the idea of dropping the group sports and gymnastics, but it may consider dropping football since football in many countries was no longer an amateur sport.

BUNTING ATTACKS VERWOERD'S "BEASTS OF BURDEN" POLICY

African People Will Not Tolerate Oppression

CAPE TOWN.

"THE phobia of being drowned in a black sea has eventually brought the hon. the Minister to regard the Africans, judging by his speeches and judging by his policy, with a mixture of fear and loathing, and an obsession to prevent contact between black and white wherever possible," said Mr. Brian Bunting, speaking in the debate on the Department of Native Affairs in the House of Assembly last week.

"He is like a man already drowning in this black sea which he feels is threatening him and, like Canute, he is trying to turn back the waves, unavailingly. The hon. the Minister sees the only solution to the problem of integration, to the problems which are raised by industrialisation, in a system of regimentation of the African peoples, beside which the Nazi treatment of the Jews fades into insignificance.

"The hon. the Minister understands from history the meaning of industrialisation in so far as race relations in this country are concerned. He knows that with the development of an industrial community the old caste system and the barriers between one people and another which may have been possible in the past are not possible in the future. The hon. Minister knows that an educated

and capable proletariat is essential if industrialisation is to be proceeded with, and it is precisely for this reason that he has stated time and again that if industrialisation threatens the basis of apartheid then industrialisation must go.

MINISTER OBSESSED

"The Minister seems, in his obsession with apartheid and with the necessity of driving the blacks to one side, almost to be suffering from a disease, the symptoms of which are a high state of excitement and great volubility, combined with the dancing of black spots in front of his eyes."

Quoting from a recent speech by the Minister on his plans for Johannesburg, Mr. Bunting criticised the rigid formula he had laid down—locations were only to be developed in a southerly and south-westerly direction, there must be buffer zones separating locations from European areas, and any location must be at least 500 yards from a national road. It was clear that the last provision had been made because the housing which was to be provided for Africans would be of such a nature that the Minister did not want anybody to see it.

"Africans must work and go to and from their work unseen by the rest of the community. The only point of contact must be in the locations, with the officials of the Native Affairs Department and with the police and on the job with their immediate foremen. For the rest their problems must not be the concern of the Europeans. Leave that to the hon. Minister and his Department. Shut the Africans out from our life, hide them away, do not let anybody see them. All Africans must be shoved into locations, not only those who are already there, but the whole lot of them.

"The hon. Minister, if he were honest, and if he could get his party to accept that point of view, would abolish the whole servant system in South Africa, not because he objects to the easy form of life which servants give, but because he does not want that sort of contact between Europeans and Non-Europeans.

It is too close . . . that is the implication of the Minister's attacks on the locations in the sky in Johannesburg.

"FUNDAMENTAL WICKEDNESS"

"The worst example of the policy of the hon. Minister is to be seen in the Western Areas Scheme, which exposes the fundamental wickedness of the approach of the Nationalist Party towards the African people. . . These people are to be moved for no other reason except to satisfy the political and racial prejudices of the hon. the Minister and the constituents represented by the members of the other side of the House.

"The Western areas of Johannesburg have been Non-European areas since the days of the Republic, and Non-Europeans have lived there and enjoyed freehold rights for 50 years. Now the hon. the Minister proposes to take away from the African people the only areas in Johannesburg where they still enjoy these rights and to give them nothing in their place."

WHERE IS THE LOGIC?

"Why is this removal plan necessary now? If the hon. Minister wants to justify his Western Areas removal plan on the ground that it is necessary slum clearance, then he has the word of the officials of the Johannesburg City Council that there are other areas in Moroka and in Orlando where health and housing problems are far greater than they are in the Western Areas.

"Where is the logic in spending millions of pounds in moving people from houses—which in some cases are strongly built and weather proof—to areas where they would be provided in the first instance with no shelter at all?"

In terms of section 10 of the Urban Areas Act which was now being implemented by the Department of Native Affairs, the conditions with which an African had to comply in order to remain in an urban area were not expected of any other section of the community.

WANTS BEASTS OF BURDEN

"With the destruction of such freehold rights as exist, and with the destruction of the right of the people to remain in the towns, the Minister hopes the Africans will become people without homes, beasts of burden who will do the bidding of their masters without question, and to whom obedience and submission become second nature.

"I can only give him, on behalf of my constituents and the African people generally, the assurance that they will not tolerate being driven about in this way, and I can give him the assurance too about the Western Areas Scheme that that will be bitterly resisted to the very end."

"AFRICANS DETERMINED TO JOIN THE WORLD"

Rev. Bergsman on Education Bill

JOHANNESBURG.

"I DEPLORE the proposed transfer of Native Education from the Provincial Education Departments to the Union Department of Native Affairs," states Rev. Lee D. Bergsman, Superintendent of the American Board Mission, in a special statement to "Advance". "The emphasis on "Bantu authority" and "Native counsel" in the Bill does not mislead any thoughtful person.

"At first it might appear that the Minister has, with love and sympathy for the African people, decided to give them a larger hand in managing their own affairs, and allow the direction and guidance of African education to be determined in a large part by the Africans themselves. But we are not deceived, and the Africans are not deceived. They see through all this verbiage and realise that again the Government considers Africans to be actually and potentially different from people in other parts of the world, and in need of a "special" kind of education for their special destiny.

"The Government does not know that Africans are determined to join the world, and no scheme such as that proposed in the Bantu Education Bill

is going to result in anything more than a temporary nuisance.

"One in my position is bound to deplore also the inference in the Bill that Christian missions are no longer competent to establish or supervise or maintain schools for Africans. It is known by all that Missions were the pioneers in African education and are still carrying a considerable burden of responsibility and expense. It is evident that the liberal approach and broad scope of mission influence in many schools has been in part responsible for the pushing of missions aside.

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NEW COUP IN N. AFRICA?

LONDON.

Reactionary French "colonists" and the official class in North Africa, having brought off what they believe is a successful stroke of policy by deposing the Sultan and putting a stooge in his place, are now planning to repeat their coup in the neighbouring colony of Tunis, says the Paris correspondent of the New Statesman and Nation.

In Morocco they had to deal with the Istiqlal nationalist movement which is militant in some respects but is immature and is not soundly based in a mass organisation among the poorer classes. The Neo-Destour nationalist movement in Tunis is more experienced and better organised and is therefore a tougher nut to crack.

Nevertheless, they have practically declared war on the Tunisian nationalists. The Comité France-Afrique du Nord, representing the most reactionary French interests, has issued a communique denouncing what it calls the "intolerable terrorism exercised by the nationalists against friends of France". It says "all persons exercising an evil influence on the Bey (hereditary ruler of Tunis) should be removed. As long as their presence is tolerated at the Palace, things can only go from bad to worse".

One of the early consequences of this policy was the assassination last Saturday of Hedi Cjaker, a member of the political bureau of the Neo-Destour party. The nationalist leader was killed at night in Tunis.

£40 MILLION TRADE LOSS

LONDON.

In the first survey of Britain's trade losses due to the American embargo on countries of the East, the British Council for the Promotion of International Trade announces that in the last few months alone firms in this country lost orders for over £40 million. The list is by no means complete. British subservience to the Americans is far more complete than even little countries like Denmark and Holland. While those countries are building ships for the Soviet Union on a big scale, the Board of Trade forced shipyards in Britain to refuse orders from Russia for £11,500,000 worth of fishing trawlers, factory ships and merchant vessels.

BRITAIN HAS NO SOLUTION TO MALAYAN WAR

9-Year Plan for Puppet Army

LONDON.

BRITAIN will attempt to solve the grave financial situation created by the war in Malaya by shifting the burden of military and financial requirements still further on to the backs of the Malayan people themselves. This was the decision of the recent conversations between the Colonial Office and the Deputy High Commissioner for Malaya, Mr. McGillivray. Press comments concede that the future is "ominous".

The "solution" taken back to Malaya by McGillivray includes the following provisions:

1. A grant by the British Government of £7,290,000 towards the building up of locally-recruited puppet forces. The grant will be spread over nine years and it is hoped that by the end of 1962 the number of regular puppet battalions will have increased from 6 to 12.

2. Replacement of white troops by cheap colonial troops in order to economise on both British manpower and army pay.

3. Heavier direct and indirect taxation of the Malayan people to shift on to the local population the sacrifice of supporting the war.

4. Immediate allocation of American "aid" money for the purchase of arms and other war material. This source is expected to dry up when the United States cuts its aid in 1954.

PESSIMISM

The programme to build up a puppet army on such a meagre scale and over the period of nine years is an indication of the pessimism caused by the economic depression and the failure to liquidate the so-called "emergency" after five and a half years of ineffectual warfare. At the peak of Britain's military effort

INSIDE PARLIAMENT

APPELLATE DIVISION BILL ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS FASCISM

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent

There is nothing the United Party likes better than a legal debate. It is looking forward, therefore, to the forthcoming wrangle on the Appellate Division Bill with relish. The Bill does not present any awkward colour issues, and for this the United Party is duly grateful. It has been dodging around colour issues so much this session, that its nerves are on edge. A good, simple fight on legal problems will do much to restore its morale.

OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE

This does not mean that the Appellate Division Bill is not an important measure. It is of the utmost importance. It was a necessary and inevitable step in the march of Nationalist fascism. Sooner or later, there was bound to be some tampering with the courts, and this is it.

If this Bill—which divides the Appeal into a Court of Criminal and Civil Appeal and a stooge Court of Constitutional Appeal, packed with political judges—becomes law, it will not automatically help the Nationalists to achieve their aim of robbing the Coloured people of their common vote. Legislation dealing directly with this must still be passed, and if it is passed without the necessary two-thirds majority then it will be up to the "Constitutional Court" to declare it nevertheless valid.

SIGH OF RELIEF

The United Party is now settling down to prepare a major onslaught on the Bill. This is its duty. But if the United Party puts up an inspiring fight it must not be thought the indecision that has been apparent throughout this Parliamentary session has come to an end and that the United Party has taken on a new lease of life. Far from it. The United Par-

ty is merely breathing a huge sigh of relief that at last the Nationalists have presented it with something that gets away from those eternal colour issues. It is safe to assume that there will be no quarrel in the caucus over this Bill: Everyone is opposed to it.

But for how long can the United Party struggle on colour policy? Perhaps not for long, because events within its own ranks may precipitate a decision one way or the other.

BEHIND THE TRIVIALITIES

The clash between Mr. Strauss and his "right wing" has been fought on trivial matters so far, although fundamentally the motive behind the "right wing" is a desire to join the Nationalists. Mr. Strauss up to now has been anxious to keep the clash on the level of trivialities, because he fears the outcome if it comes down to basic politics; but it appears that a stage is being reached when both sides in the United Party will have to define what they are fighting about.

Sooner or later, the U.P. quarrel will boil down to a fight over colour policy, with Mr. Strauss reluctantly and unhappily put in the position of proclaiming a more militant policy towards the Nationalists. Mr. Strauss dreads the arrival of this day.

And throughout all this manoeuvring the Nationalist machine pushes ahead.

The Bantu Education Bill completes yet another phase in the advance of apartheid. It will teach non-whites to be hewers of wood and drawers of water. Mr. Swart, meanwhile, is intensifying his savage campaign against trade union officials and progressive political leaders, while Parliament is getting ready to expel Mr. Brian Bunting from his position as a properly and democratically elected representative of the African people. The United Party is doing little to stop this advance.

NEW CHAPTER BEGINNING

Perhaps I have been discussing the affairs of the United Party at too great length recently. But this Parliamentary session is focussing attention on the United Party. South Africa is watching the break-up of this big white party, and once it has disintegrated there will never be another big white party to oppose the Nationalists. The two-party system, founded on antagonism between English-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking South Africans, will have ended. The Nationalists will then turn their attention wholly towards progressive South Africa—to the various non-white organisations, the trade unions and all other democratic institutions in the country.

When the United Party dies—and it is in the process of dying—this is the new chapter that will begin.

DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE MEETS IN CAPE TOWN

Branches To Be Established Throughout Western Cape

CAPE TOWN.

"TO-DAY there are many thinking Europeans who realise that we are being led into a fool's paradise and that the ultimate destination is bankruptcy and ruin for all," said Mr. L. Lee-Warden, in the chairman's address at the first general meeting of the Democratic League.

"Those of us who founded the Democratic League know that this need not happen, and that it could be otherwise. A land such as we have, rich in manpower and minerals, could hold a bright and happy future for all, where men and women of all races could work together for the common good of all mankind."

At the beginning of the meeting the chairman called for three cheers as a mark of respect to those people who, through the action of the Minister of Justice, had been prevented from being present.

"I can assure the Minister of Justice," said Mr. Lee-Warden, "that the banning orders he has served on our friends has not degraded them. On the contrary, we regard them as courageous leaders, and the notices as medals of valour won on the field of battle against a Nazi foe like the one we defeated in 1945".

The meeting which was attended by about 50 people, predominantly European, adopted a constitution, the aims of which were based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and pledged itself to strive for the extension of the franchise to all adults irrespective of race.

Believing that differences between all nations, great and small, can best be settled by peaceful means, the Democratic League pledges that it will "strive for freedom, justice and peace among nations".

A committee of 14, with Mr. Lee-Warden as chairman, was elected to hold office for the current year. It was instructed to form branches throughout the Western Cape, and to help shape public

opinion through calling mass meetings in co-operation with other organisations and by publishing pamphlets on current issues.

They Mixed up Love and War

LONDON.

Two Italian journalists who exposed the conditions of Mussolini's fascist army in the disastrous war against Greece have been arrested and charged with "contempt of the armed forces". G. Aristarco and R. Renzi, who were both in the army at the time, said Mussolini's forces were "mainly concerned with making love to the Greek women". They said the Fascist influence on the army during the campaign and the occupation was disastrous.

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LAND TENURE BOARD SITTINGS

JOHANNESBURG.

The Land Tenure Board (appointed under the Group Areas Act) has a busy period ahead in its work of considering plans for apartheid ghettos. It is due to sit on September 22 at Burgersdorp, September 24 at Aliwal North, September 28 at Nylstroom, and October 12 at Balfour.

"We Will Not Take This Lying Down"

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upon the working and oppressed peoples of this country," said Ray Alexander in an interview with Advance.

"This is the same attack as was made upon the pioneers of the Trade Union Movement in 1913, when prominent trade union leaders were illegally deported from the country. This is the same attack as was made with the introduction of the Riotous Assemblies Act in 1914, and the use made of it by Mr. Pirow, Minister of Justice in 1930, when he deported trade union leaders from the Transvaal, and used police batons on the garment workers.

"All in all, the boss-class is attacking trade unions, hoping to leave the workers defenceless so that this Nationalist Government's declared policy of hostility to the trade unions and the workers of S.A. can be carried out.

CONFIDENCE IN WORKERS

"The Nationalist Government is hostile to the trade unions because the trade unions unite workers as a class regardless of race, colour, nationality or language. The Nationalists have said over and over again that the Afrikaner workers must belong to the Afrikaner unions. They have not succeeded, the Afrikaner workers are members of unions of all workers.

"They want to keep the workers divided so that this Government, as the true representative of the boss-class—the exploiters—can rule to the satisfaction of the Chamber of Mines, rich farmers and industrialists.

"I am confident that the working and oppressed people of this country will organise and will fight back against the attacks upon them and go forward to a free, prosperous and peaceful South Africa, where racial discrimination will be abolished."

KATIE KAGAN NURSERY SCHOOL

JOHANNESBURG.

The Katie Kagan Nursery School in Rosettenville was officially opened last week by Mr. Alec Hepple, M.P. for the constituency. Founded to help working mothers by caring for their children during working hours, the school already has an enrolment of 55 below-school-age children. There are four teachers, and the school is run under the qualified supervision of Miss du Rand, the principal, who received her training at Pretoria University. The children get three meals daily: breakfast, a substantial lunch, and a light snack at three in the afternoon.

Mr. Hepple, who had flown up to Johannesburg especially for the opening, expressed his pleasure at the opening of the school in his constituency, and paid high tribute to the late Katie Kagan, former secretary of the National Union of Distributive Workers, to whom the school stands as a living memorial.

The school, which has now received official recognition and will be partly subsidized by the Provincial and Municipal authorities, was established by the Katie Kagan Memorial Fund, which is also responsible for running another nursery school in Pretoria. The Pretoria school also maintains a creche.



"IT IS ABSURD TO TEACH NATIVES GENERAL WORLD AND ACADEMIC SUBJECTS . . ."—VERWOERD

GANGSTER METHODS ARE SABOTAGING KOREAN TRUCE

Assaults on Red Cross and Neutral Commission

LONDON.

AMERICAN gangster methods are creating extraordinary difficulties for the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission which is trying to carry out the terms of the Korean Armistice on the return of prisoners and other arrangements to pave the way for the Peace Conference due to assemble, if agreement can be secured, before the end of October.

In the American camps where prisoners are still held by the Americans on the grounds that they are unwilling to be repatriated, extreme terrorist methods are still being exerted. Chinese Red Cross workers who were allowed to enter South Korea to bring comforts to Chinese prisoners were gravely obstructed by the American guards on reaching the camps.

The Americans on Koje Island, Imjin River Bridge and other prison camps prevented the Red Cross teams meeting the p.o.w.'s except at a distance and over barbed wire fences. In three cases guards assaulted the Red Cross workers and drove them off so

that they could neither bring messages nor distribute gifts and comforts in their care.

A typical case of American behaviour was reported along with a serious protest by the Swedish team of the Neutral Nations Commission stationed at Taegu in South Korea. The four neutral nations were assigned some American army personnel to assist them, and these Americans were placed under neutral orders.

DISOBEYED ORDERS

But when the Swedish Captain Rune Larsson gave an American private M. Armstrong instructions, he was told "I don't take orders from you".

The Swedish captain ordered him to do what he was told and the American slugged him on the jaw. Captain Larsson had to throw him personally out of his office.

The Americans and Syngman Rhee authorities have gone to amazing lengths to force the South Koreans and Chinese still in their hands to refuse repatriation. These men are now being sent in batches into the neutral zone where they will be held in the custody of neutral Indian troops while their own side is given an opportunity to speak to them.

PRISONERS BREAK AWAY

On the first day that a batch of North Koreans arrived, a group of them broke away from their Rhee guards and demanded to be sent home. They had been forced to carry Rhee banners and were tattooed with anti-communist slogans. But they tore up their flags and were so insistent on going home, that the Indians handed them over for repatriation at Panmunjom the following day.

They reported that American and Rhee agents had told them to create

disturbances when in the custody of the Indians, demonstrate, beat and throw stones at representatives of the Chinese and North Korean side who make explanations to them.

"Use any means you can think of. You will not be held responsible for any incidents," they were told.

Along the neutral zone established by the armistice, the Americans have admitted their troops have committed 17 violations of the air and ground areas from which they have been withdrawn. Another 37 American violations are being investigated.

"TOUGH" ATTITUDE

It appears that the U.S. military in South Korea are being tacitly encouraged to adopt a tough attitude and are not under the strictest orders to carry out the terms of the armistice. This military truculence is in line with the repeated assertions of the U.S. political leaders who are clamouring for a re-opening of the war within 90 days if the peace conference does not go the way they wish.

The latest incitement was the speech of Mr. Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State, to the U.S. General Assembly in which he demanded that the "Communists should be willing to renounce ambitions which would be served by control of North Korea, then it should be possible to unite Korea under conditions which would enable the Koreans to freely manage their own affairs."

This demand is put more bluntly by Syngman Rhee who continues week after week to call for a "march to the North" to "unify Korea" in the event of the political conference failing to reach agreement in 90 days.

ALPHEUS MALIBA BANNED

JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Alpheus Maliba, a member of the Orlando Branch Committee of the African National Congress, has received a notice from the Minister of Justice prohibiting him from attending any gatherings for two years.

The notice is issued under the Suppression of Communism Act, and replaces a previous notice served on him, restricting him from public gatherings in terms of the Riotous Assemblies Act.

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IF YOU ARE BANNED BY SWART

By VINDICATOR

What is the meaning of the "banning notices?"

Nearly all the many persons who have received banning orders recently from the Minister of Justice under the Suppression of Communism Act have not only been ordered to resign from their organisations, but have also been prohibited from attending any gatherings anywhere in the Union. The penalty for attending a gathering is severe, up to three years in jail, without the option of a fine.

To those who receive such notices, then, it becomes very important to know exactly what a "gathering" is. Unfortunately, however, no one seems to know.

IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE

The old Riotous Assemblies Act, bitterly opposed at the time as a piece of tyrannous legislation, defined gathering as a public gathering, meaning:

"any gathering, concourse or procession, in, through or along any public place, of twelve or more persons having a common purpose, whether such purpose be lawful or unlawful."

That was in 1930, and times have changed since then. The Suppression of Communism Act redefined "gathering". It omitted the important epithet "public" gathering. It defined a "gathering" as

"any gathering, concourse or procession, in, through or along any place, of any number of persons having a common purpose . . ."

The difference is immediately apparent; so are the difficulties. Those who were charged in 1952 with disobeying Mr. Swart's notices made the point in Court that the orders were absurdly wide and unreasonable; that they were in fact impossible to observe. A man could not stand in a bus queue, attend a board of directors, sit down to help his children with their homework.

WITHOUT EXCEPTION

Mr. Halse, the magistrate, answered these objections. The bans, he pointed out, made an exception in the case of gatherings of "a bona fide social, recreational or religious character". The term "social" was very wide, he said, and would cover all occasions when a person went about his everyday business in society. He quoted the dictionary definition of "social" to illustrate his point.

Mr. Swart in his current spate of banning notices has removed these "exceptions". All gatherings are now prohibited. You do not have to be a lawyer to see how fantastically wide these bans are. If you want to observe them strictly, you cannot go to church, the bioscope, your own child's birthday party. If you are a lawyer, you can't go to Court; if you're a workman you can't go to work. You can't ride in a train, or even in a car, unless you're alone. You can't sit down to a meal in your own home with your family.

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

In fact, a literal interpretation of exactly what Mr. Swart says, would be a lifetime sentence of solitary confinement, without the slightest chance of earning a normal living.

But, this is ridiculous exaggeration, you may say. They would never prosecute for things like that. Maybe. But, isn't that just the point? "They" may or may not prosecute for anything you do, depending on the whim of the Minister or his police. Perhaps they won't arrest you for going to the bioscope, or a football match, or a birthday party. What about a lecture? A political lecture? An "Advance" social? Who draws the line? And where?

It is precisely this vague and uncertain position that constitutes one of the most obnoxious and intolerable features of Mr. Swart's bans. You may go about your normal business, involving, as it must, countless daily "gather-

ings"—and relying on the fairness and common-sense of the Minister, to avoid arrest every hour.

IF YOU CAN STOMACH IT

These are not very reliable factors. For it is this same Minister who has condemned you, not notifying you of any charges or evidence; not hearing your reply or defence. The gullible Minister who believed the stories about the poisoned wells and the school for "fire-bugs". The Minister who appears to have even taken seriously the fantastic "Botha report" of 1946. The Minister who relies upon the unsupported and untested evidence of the special police and of informers, who are no doubt well aware of his growing appetite for fresh sensations, and only too eager to deserve his favour.

You may—if you can stomach it—ask Minister Swart for his kind permission to attend a matinee once in a while, to go for a swim at Muizenberg, to "gather" with your wife and family. He might rather like that. But you wouldn't; nor would all the other victims of his arbitrary notices.

Not a nice prospect, is it? You may not be among the seventy-odd people who have received these notices so far. But who knows who will be next?

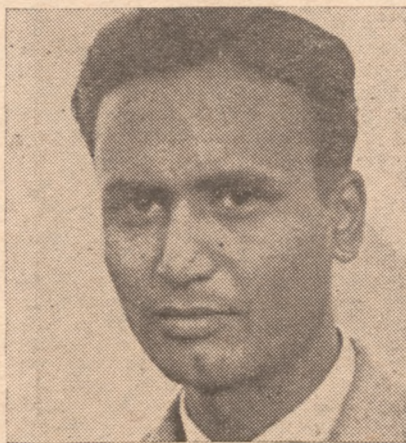
There is only one course for all of us to take. We must roll up our sleeves and get down to a job of sound political work. We must not rest until the whole country is aroused, and the people organised to fight for the restoration of democratic liberties and the right of all men to associate with their fellows without fear of imprisonment.

"I AM ONE OF MILLIONS"

Reddy Answers Nat Attack

DURBAN.

THE Tin Workers' Union has protested to the Minister of Justice against the banning of their General Secretary, Mr. S. V. Reddy, who has been a member of the Union for 15 years. Mr. Reddy was also banned from numerous other organisations including the Natal Indian Congress, of which he is vice-president; the Food and Canning Workers' Union, and the local branch of the S.A. Trades and Labour Council, of which he is a trustee.



MR. S. V. REDDY.

"With the rising tide of the cost of living, and when we have only recently applied for a conciliation Board to consider our demands for higher wages and improved conditions, this action by the Minister is tantamount to defeating our

case even before it is considered," says the statement by the union.

"Ever since he joined our union in 1938, Mr. Reddy has at all times laboured in the best interests of the members of our union and the workers in general. We will not accept the Minister's interference in our legitimate trade union activities, and will struggle to free the trade union movement from this and any other attack by the Government."

In his letter of resignation to the S.A. Tin Workers' Union, Mr. Reddy calls on the workers to face the future with confidence. "In saying farewell to you, I repeat my firm conviction that the workers will not travel the road to Nazi South Africa but will map and take their own road—the road that leads to a happier world.

"NOT FIT TO GOVERN"

"If my crime is that I have faithfully and to the best of my ability, served the workers of South Africa; if my crime is that I have always stood for fair play and justice for all, black and white, then I readily plead guilty. I am just one individual among millions who think like me, and no government, however powerful and autocratic, can succeed in barring the road to a new world.

"The history of the working class is a story of struggles, sacrifices and ruthless repression, of defeats and victories, and a continuous march forward to a saner social system. Those in power who have not learned this simple lesson from history are stupid, blind, and brainless. They are not fit to govern and must be removed from power.

"Swart and his Government are frightened men. They are afraid of democracy; they are afraid of the workers and their organisations, and they want to destroy that of which they are afraid. But a new spirit is abroad among the people of South Africa, and my confidence in the ultimate victory of democracy and progress leaves me with the unshakable conviction that the Nationalists will fail."

NOTICE SERVED ON JOHANNESBURG LAWYER

JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Vernon Berrange, the well-known Johannesburg barrister, has received a notice from Mr. Swart ordering him to keep out of a number of organisations



MR. VERNON BERRANGE.

and banning him from gatherings for the next two years. The notice is issued in terms of the Suppression of Communism Act.

Although Mr. Berrange is not a leader of any political organisation, his name is familiar throughout the country for his Court appearances on behalf of Congress members and other democrats who have been arrested for political offences.

"VENDETTA" AGAINST HUYSER

Expulsion part of Nat Plot to Capture Union

JOHANNESBURG.

THE feeling is growing in trade union circles that Mr. Swart's current series of bans on trade unionists is not only directed against the militant leaders whom they regard as "Communists" but is also a part of the long-term Nationalist plan to drive out all genuine trade union leaders and to replace them with Nationalist Party nominees.

"The vendetta against Mr. Huyser," says Mr. W. Blake, General Secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers "has been carried on for a long time, despite or possibly because of his efforts on behalf of our union." He recalls the successful court battle against the "violent and scurrilous publications "Die Bouwerker" and "The Mineworker," which resulted in the bankruptcy of the company which issued these publications but did not settle the virulent antagonism in certain quarters against Mr. Huyser. This antagonism and vendetta against him has now culminated in the present banning notices."

The case referred to by Mr. Blake, conducted on the instructions of the executive council of the A.U.B.T.U., was heard before Mr. Justice Ramsbottom in 1951. Prominent among the persons behind the slanderous newspapers referred to was Dr. Albert Hertzog, Nationalist M.P. In fact evidence was led that Hertzog was nominally Editor-in-Chief of these unsavory publications, although the defendant, Gleisner, did the practical editorial work. (Beetge, who was the contact man for the Hertzog-Gleisner clique in the building industry, has since apologised unreservedly and publicly to Mr. Huyser.)

DAMNING JUDGMENT

In his judgment, Mr. Ramsbottom made the telling point that there was no trouble in the Union until this clique began their defamatory work.

"What was the struggle (among build-

ing workers) about which so much has been said? The evidence does not satisfy me that there was any struggle or conflict among the members until this faction decided to create a conflict, to oust the officials of the Union, and to take their places. That, I think is the true background against which the activities of Die Bouwerker must be viewed."

Dr. Hertzog did not succeed in 1951. His papers were found to be defamatory, and unable to pay the damages went bankrupt. Huyser continued to enjoy the confidence of the workers, and retained his position in the Union until 1953. He was then removed by Ministerial order of Hertzog's colleague Mr. Swart.

SOUTH AFRICA CONGRATULATES MRS. PANDIT

JOHANNESBURG.

"On behalf of ten million non-white people," the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress have sent a cable to Mrs. Pandit, welcoming her election as President of the United Nations.

"It is a fitting tribute to India's stand for peace and justice, and recognition of your selfless devotion to the cause of suffering humanity," reads the cable, which is signed by Mr. D. Tloome and Mr. Y. Cachalia, on behalf of the two Congresses.

U.S. ARMY DREAMS OF OCCUPYING SOVIET UNION

McCarthy and Pentagon in Mad-House Squabble

NEW YORK.

THE American Army has made preparations for the military occupation of parts of the Soviet Union and has gone so far as to prepare a secret book for the use of intelligence troops. This sensational fact was brought to light by the notorious witch-hunter Senator McCarthy because he thought some of the things said about the psychology of the Soviet inhabitants in Siberia were too favourable.

McCarthy was working on his favourite tack that the whole of the United States administration is infiltrated with communist agents.

RED MANIA

Said McCarthy: "I am convinced that there is a complete tie-in in Communist infiltration in every Government department. It is all part of the conspiracy. While at times it can't be seen on the surface, there is always that inescapable tie-in."

McCarthy published extracts from the book prepared for the military occupation of the Eastern Soviet Union by the U.S. Army Far East command in Tokyo. By some fantastic freak of the imagination, he thought the document was "clear-cut Communist propaganda".

The Pentagon, U.S. Army headquarters in Washington, was extremely indignant at the attack and made a public announcement that the book was still classified as secret. McCarthy, they implied, was himself guilty of giving away State secrets.

The Pentagon statement revealed that the book was dated January 1952 and was restricted to about 100 copies. It was, says the Times, for use of intelligence officers who might, in the event of war with Russia, be assigned to duty in Siberia, presumably as occupying troops.

RUSSIANS ARE HUMAN!

Its purpose was to educate such officers as to the "psychological and cultural traits of Soviet Siberia", and attempted a sober assessment of the kind

of attitudes and opinions prevalent among the Russian people.

With this aim certain parts of the book—and only those parts which seem to have been noticed by McCarthy—paint the Russians as human beings with certain understandable attitudes and even virtues, and not as mere Communist automatons.

In a passage that Mr. McCarthy singled out for censure, the report likened Siberia "in a social sense" to the American Far West in the 1880's, saying that it is a land of wide open spaces where, "far more than in western U.S.S.R., all citizens are on an equal footing", and where there are "abundant opportunities for rapid advancement in the skilled trades and professions, and a man is paid according to what he produces . . . whatever other restrictions of Soviet authoritarianism, one freedom is maintained: that is the freedom of self-improvement and advancement within an occupation."

The American army spokesman, ignoring the cynical revelation of a power calmly planning to occupy the territory of a neighbour, concentrated on trying to prove that the document was really anti-communist. He claimed seriously that for every nice thing said about Siberia there were also 100 bad things.

Some of these he quoted to a press conference. Reporters were given a transcript of the preamble to the book for the American occupationists of the Soviet Union. It said:

"It is the purpose of this study to develop an understanding of the Soviet people which will be militarily useful in case of war . . . these aims require a realistic insight into the attitudes, reaction patterns, and social tendencies of the Soviet citizen. He has never known freedom of movement, speech, or Press. He has little understanding of representative democracy, free popular elections, or due process of law.

"The problem here is not to demonstrate the political injustice and economic tyranny of the Bolshevik Government, but to illumine the Russian in his existing Soviet habitat . . . **sound military planning requires a complete factual estimate of popular attitudes and of the people and soldiers on whom the enemy power will make his war efforts.**"

NEW BILL VIOLATES MARRIAGE RIGHTS

DURBAN.

Strong opposition to the Indian Regulation Amendment Bill is contained in a statement by the Natal Indian Congress, which condemns the measure as a violation of the fundamental human rights of marriage as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"The Indian people are totally against this Bill for they cannot accept a position which denies to them on racial grounds the right to marry a person of their own choice from the country of their origin," continues the statement.

The Bill, declares the statement, will bring the Union Government into disrepute in the international field not only because of its discriminatory character, but also because it is at the same time a violation of an international agreement entered into with India on this very question.

BUILDING WORKERS PROPOSE JOINT CAMPAIGN

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by Mr. Swart's orders, with the object of planning a common campaign for the lifting of the bans.

A militant reaction is also growing among members of the African and Indian Congresses and other organisations whose leaders and officials have been affected by banning notices.

Branch meetings throughout the Transvaal have expressed great indignation, and the view is increasingly being expressed that the leadership should take note of the mass spirit which is developing in planning a campaign against the Minister's despotic actions.

In Cape Town a special meeting of the local committee of the Trades and Labour Council on Monday night resolved to ask the public to sign petitions of protest against the banning of trade union officials, and to take part in any future activity the trade union movement might decide upon to obtain the withdrawal of the orders.

More than 20 affiliated and non-affiliated unions were represented at the meeting. Mr. C. Rehm, senior vice-president of the Trades and Labour Council and Mis Johanna Cornelius, an executive member of the Council addressed the meeting.

Meanwhile, serious personal problems face many of the recipients of Swart's notices, who have been employed as full-time officers of the organisations they are now instructed to quit. Steps are being planned to convene a body representative of all affected organisations and persons of good will, to assist in solving such problems.

ANOTHER LEGAL MURDER IN KENYA

NAIROBI.

A Somali, Ahmed Houssein, was sentenced to death in Kenya early this week.

His crime? Being in unlawful possession of a firearm.

Such is British justice!

AFRICANS FIRED ON IN NIGERIA

TAX DISTURBANCES

State Of "Tension" Declared

LAGOS (Nigeria).

ANOTHER serious shooting incident has occurred in Nigeria, this time in British efforts to suppress protests against high taxation of the peasantry. The shooting took place at the village of Eruwa, Ibadan district, Western Nigeria, when 100 armed police led by British officers surrounded the area and clashed with villagers, killing three and wounding others.

Trouble arose as a result of new taxation imposed by the nationalist Action Group ministry in Western Nigeria. Since the party came into office in 1951 it has imposed a Produce Tax, Education Rate Tax, Entertainment Tax, Capitation Tax and the usual Poll Tax. The heavily taxed poor people and peasants resented such an increasing load of taxation when the Ministers were themselves drawing salaries in their official posts of £1,200 to £3,000 a year.

Taxpayers associations have been formed among the population to defend the interests of the peasants. The people who produce the country's wealth are particularly resentful that while tax burdens increase there have been no rise in the price of the main crop, cocoa. Living costs and essential commodities have also been rising in price. But the British monopoly buyers and the Marketing Boards through which the British authorities control the marketing of cocoa overseas, have kept down the price of the crop to the producers.

In a series of disturbances arising from the people's resistance to taxation, five people have already been killed in different parts of Western Nigeria. Shootings, arrests and fines have been inflicted on the tax resisters with the result that the Action Group is losing its popularity.

PEOPLE RESIST

In the Eruwa disturbance, 100 armed police led by British officers, surrounded

the area and started mass arrests of alleged extremists. Many peasants fled from their land but there was resistance to the police and the men armed themselves with sticks. In the clash which followed three of the British officials were injured including the Senior District Officer, Mr. John Hanley, who was in a critical condition with a gunshot wound in the face.

The authorities declared a state of "tension" in the whole area and ordered people to surrender all weapons including firearms, sticks, hunting bows and arrows.

Crime Soars In "Land Of Free"

NEW YORK.

Once every hour and 20 minutes, on an average, a murder took place in the United States during the first six months of this year. Every half-hour, on an average, a rape was committed. These are part of the new record figures for crime just issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A major crime—murder, rape, manslaughter or assault—was committed at a rate of one every 4.3 minutes, while there was a car theft every eight minutes. All crime has increased and in the six months there were 1,047,290 serious crimes. This amounts to a rate over a year of one serious crime for every 77 Americans, men, women and children.

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A lively group of Cape Town supporters let their hair down at a very enjoyable function on Saturday night and contributed another £37 to the kitty.

All in all, thanks to many personal sacrifices, our total for last week came to £191 2s. 5d., making the total for the three weeks ending on Monday 21st just over £800.

The printed word is assuming ever greater importance in the struggle against fascist tyranny, but the printed word costs money. Every penny you give us strikes a blow at Swart, and helps defeat his attempt to bludgeon all progressive opinion into silence.

To reach our target of £1,300 we need £500 within the next nine days. Will we get it? That depends on you. Remember us next time you take out your cheque-book or when you draw your pay on Friday. An extra effort now will make all the difference to us.

THE HELL OF FASCIST SPAIN

War Crimes Frame-Up

The British Labour Sunday paper Reynolds News has published the first direct impressions of the Fascist dictatorship in Spain for a long time, written by a Socialist who has just returned from that country. For political reasons his name is not given. Here are some extracts from his report.

The big iron doors clanged behind me. The key grated in the lock. A chill ran down my spine. For I was in one of Franco's prisons.

For more than 400 years these grim stone walls had witnessed the cruelty of man to man. Here the Inquisition had tortured its victims; and now another tyranny crowded the cells with suffering humanity.

Fortunately, I had every hope of being released within a short time. I had secured permission from the Spanish Minister of the Interior, through influential acquaintances, to inspect the place.

POLITICAL OFFENDERS
Between twelve and sixteen men were crowded in each cell. I was not allowed to speak to them but their faces—wan and haggard—and their rags told their stories for them. Some were so young that they could scarcely have reached their twenties. Others were aged. Political offenders were mixed with ordinary criminals.

They had no beds. They slept on straw palliasses on the stone floors. In the winter in this part of Spain it is colder than in London; yet there was no heating of any kind.

SIXPENNY DIET
In the Governor's office later I was told about the feeding arrangements. Sixpence a day per head was allowed the prison authorities. The diet consisted of: Morning: One drink of a liquid made from roasted grain; mid-day and evening: a soup made with dried vegetables. The prisoners also receive about 4 oz. of bread a day.

"You can't expect men to remain alive on that food," I told the Governor.

He shrugged his shoulders. "They can always have food sent in from outside."

He told me that there was great competition among the prisoners to be employed on forced labour. Only if their conduct was good were they allowed on this. Then, for eight hours' work they got a slice or two extra of bread and a wage of tenpence a day—and a glimpse of God's sunshine.

FORCED LABOUR
Forced labour plays an important part in the Spanish economy. At one time—about 1943—there were 300,000 men on forced work. The number is considerably less than this today, but the official Prison Report describes with pride the military installations, dams, tunnels, railway lines and canals that have been constructed entirely with this slave labour.

The official Prison Report for 1951 also remarks cynically: "Prison workers have a double advantage . . . they can be placed in sparsely populated regions where it is difficult to find free labour, and also they are always available to the employer, whereas the free worker can change his residence or his employer."

WAGES DEPRESSED
There is a third advantage to a Fascist State that the prisoner does not mention. Since the prisoners are hired out to private employers, their labour serves to depress the wages of the free worker.

Those Americans who advocate the building of military installations in Spain should realize that these bases will inevitably be constructed with slave labour.

More than half of those detained in this prison were political prisoners. I studied the Criminal Code to see what the offences were for which they could be punished.

Article 489 of that Code grandly lays down the principle: "No Spaniard or foreigner shall be arrested except in accordance with the provisions of existing forms of law."

That sounds thoroughly democratic and in accordance with the best constitutional ideas—until one discovers what is contained in the Penal Code.

RULE OF DEATH
It is TREASON to express opinions in private or public hostile to the regime, or to engage in "illegal propaganda" or to criticise the Catholic Church.

It is REBELLION to publish anything likely to provoke public disorder.

It is SEDITION to organise a Trade Union or any combination of workers or to take part in a strike.

For these "crimes" a person can be sentenced by a Military Tribunal to death or 30 years' imprisonment.

As if these laws were not savage enough, there are no less than eight "Emergency Laws" (the last and most harsh as recent as 1947) which empower a Military Tribunal to condemn any person to death or any length of imprisonment for anything.

INQUISITION
In short, there is no political freedom of any sort or kind in Spain.

There is not even religious freedom. For under Franco the cruelties of Nazism are wedded to a totalitarian religious system equally savage. Ever since the Civil War was lost, it has been illegal to propagate any faith except Catholicism. In Barcelona recently a Protestant pastor was fined the equivalent of £750 because he told a man the time of his church service.

Now, by a new concordat signed last month between Franco and the Vatican, public worship of any kind except Catholic is totally forbidden. Every one of Spain's 30,000 Protestants will commit a serious criminal offence if he continues to worship according to his conscience. The Inquisition has moved back into Spain.

It would be well if some of the democratic Catholics in Britain and the United States were to protest against this evil law before the Archbishop of Seville succeeds in his attempt to exterminate every single Protestant in Spain.

LONDON.

One of the North Korean prisoners-of-war from the last batch was an army truck driver Li Hong Kuin, who was sent straight from a "war criminals" cell to the exchange point after serving two and a quarter years in jail for the "crime" of murdering the U.S. Commander, Major-General William F. Dean. Dean was returned hale and hearty to the Americans and admitted that he had been given humanitarian treatment by his captors.

Li was captured in October 1950 and the following March was charged with the murder of Gen. Dean on the grounds that he had driven his truck past the spot where Dean was last seen. The American general had actually remained for weeks in hiding and tried to make his way back to his lines but admitted in all that time he had not been able to find a single Korean who was a friend of the Americans.

Meanwhile Li was interrogated for more than two months by third degree methods which included torture by clubbing and electric shocks. In the end he was made to put his fingerprint to a "confession." Ten other Korean prisoners were similarly tortured to secure "confessions" on the basis of which he was condemned for the war crime of murdering the American General.

Li was still held in prison for the murder despite the fact that in December 1951 the North Koreans supplied the other side with details of Dean's capture and the camp where he was held prisoner. He was not released from the prison cell until the last moment.

DURBAN RIOTS: Congresses Warn People Against Rumours

DURBAN.

A JOINT statement issued by the Natal African and Indian Congresses declares that both organisations are satisfied that the vast majority of the residents of Cato Manor took no part whatsoever in the rioting which occurred there last Sunday evening.

The trouble began when hooligan elements, taking advantage of an accident in which an African was killed while boarding a moving bus, incited a small group of Africans to attack Indian property in the area, after first stoning and then setting fire to the vehicle.

Police squads sent to quell the disturbance shot one African dead and injured several others. One other African was burnt to death after being trapped in one of the blazing stores. Altogether, 18 Indian shops and two homes were either completely destroyed or badly damaged. The rioters made absolutely no attempt to attack any of the Indians living in the area.

As soon as news of the disturbances reached Durban, Dr. N. Jayker, Mr. J. N. Singh and Mr. M. B. Yengwa, officials of the Indian and African Congresses rushed to the scene. They remained in the area until late on Sunday night, calling on the people to remain in their homes and not give way to panic.

VIOLENCE CONDEMNED
Chief A. J. Luthuli, president-general of the African National Congress, in a statement issued to the press, said that the Congress was satisfied that the African people of Durban and Natal would join in deploring the events of Sunday night. "It is the task of Congress, and of the African people whom Congress represents, to bring home to the people of Cato Manor an of Durban the lesson that violence can do us no good."

The joint statement issued by the Congresses appealed to the African and Indian people to take no heed of any rumours that may be in circulation. "It is the task of the African and Indian people," continued the statement, "to see to it that the harmonious relations which exist among our people are even more strengthened. Our two Congresses have always preached non-violence and we are satisfied that the Non-European people as a whole are against any violence."

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SPORTS PARADE

by Bert Williams

The Best Way To Settle The Argument

"Fight," a feeble and sickly imitation of Ring magazine, and once a champion of apartheid in world boxing, still rates Marcus Temple as official flyweight champion of South Africa. It's nothing new to "Fight". They never did take non-white boxing seriously, but this time, with Jake N'tuli around, they've got to think pretty fast and a bit more soberly.

Jake is the real champion of South Africa and "Fight" should acknowledge it ungrudgingly. If it remains intransigent, I would suggest a clash between the two in Lourenco Marques.

It happened before in the case of George Angelo, former white middleweight champion of South Africa and Jolting Joe, non-white middleweight champion. The classic Angelo, easily one of the world's best boxers in the middleweight division, and forced like Jimmy Elliot to retirement through eye trouble, cruised home to an easy points win over Jolting Joe in Lourenco Marques. This would be the best way to settle the argument.

There's another side to it too. White South Africa kicked up a lot of dust when Jake got his crack at the flyweight title. They said Temple should have been recognised. And so did Reg Haswell, the man who helped promote Jake's Cape Town fight a few weeks ago. Here's something for you to think about, Haswell. A Temple-Jake fight will click well and there's the other side to it too . . . your side, even though you now recognise Tuli.

THERE ARE OTHER S. AFRICANS

Famous names in British professional soccer and often in the news because of the goals they get are the South African trio now playing for Charlton—Eddie Firmani, Leary, and O'Linn. Charlton's talent scout in South Africa got them signed and also Ron Oosthuizen and Peter Firmani, two 17-year olds.

It's a good break for these boys but obviously Charlton's talent scout confines his search only to white soccer. If this gentleman would perhaps condescend to seeing non-white games, he'll find they are as fertile as the Nile for talent. Black South Africans have made a niche for themselves in British boxing because they got a little support, and if overseas soccer talent scouts would do the same, British professional soccer would benefit very much.

ANOTHER TULI FIGHT?

Jack Solomons says, in his wonderful book "Solomons Tells All", that if it weren't for his fish monger's business he'd probably starve. Benny Singh tells you the same. Boxing doesn't make them rich but Youth Congress' charming Barney Desai and his co-editor of the Incolor, who calls himself "Just Peppy", dare to tread where both Solomons and Benny wouldn't. The boys are arranging for Tuli to meet another big name in South African boxing at Wembley.

The big name will probably be Slumber David but there are conflicting reports on Slumber's health.

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Drum's Arthur Maimane tells me Slumber's doctors have ordered him out of the ring for the rest of the year. I cannot think of another big name nor a name good enough to be alongside vs. Tuli, unless of course, Barney and "Just Peppy" have something up their sleeve. Good for Jo'burg, the home of Jake, that it will have the opportunity to see its hero in action here. Bert can now pat himself on the back, because it was he who suggested Tuli should fight in the Golden City.

TROUBLE FOR ROCKY

Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight champion, isn't going to have an easy

side-stepped for the comparatively softer South African, Johnny Arthur, although legally Walls is entitled to an eliminating bout with Arthur first. But Arthur has a very convenient excuse. Blacks can't fight whites in South Africa.

That is how Vic Toweel managed to keep his bantamweight crown without meeting a single black man. Under the present rules a champion may decide where he will fight and who he will fight. A white world champion in South Africa can quite legitimately avoid a logical black contender by remaining here. All the boxing govern-

I Like you, but . . .

Dear Bert,

Congratulations on your excellent sports articles in the "Advance". To me the Advance is now really worth the "tickey" I spend.

I sometimes wonder who you are and what you look like, but all the same I am glad I have a great friend in Bert Williams—in the shape of his "Sports Parade".

It's time we had someone who "hammers and lets go" at the Administration, the Players, Spectators and all those concerned with sports—especially in the Transvaal. Your sports column has induced me to pay a greater and keener attention to non-white sports. I hope you continue as you have started.

Now Bert, I happen to memorise every word you write. Remember the lines about the Soccer Brochure of the South African Indian F.A. (Advance Sept. 3rd)? You said you saw the finished product, it was an excellent effort and fully worth the price (1s.) On Monday I was at Natal-spruit and remembering your words, I bought a copy.

I wonder what you would have to say about it now but it is the worst brochure I have ever seen or read about.

1. No biographies of players or captains; 2. No pen-pictures of players or captains; 3. No photos of individual players; 4. Only two team photos and no names with them; 5. No trace (photos or names) of the N. Natal team; 6. No photos of the S. Natal team—cup holder (past); 7. But every official was given prominence; a photograph with his name in bold letters; 8. Not even the names of the Griqua players; 9. Not even the colours of the various teams; 10. And not a single mention of a player who had represented South African Indians.

And this is what Bert calls "excellent and your moneys worth".

Bert, I have only one conclusion to draw and that is you have been "bought over". For a little article and your name to appear opposite the "Mayor's" you gave this "rubbish" a good word in your column. And besides, the price . . . 2s.

I am beginning to weep, Bert, for it seems I am going to lose a great pal.

I am enclosing the copy I bought at the grounds, in case they showed you a wrong one. Bert would you please look through it and favour me with an autograph on the cover and page 10. I would be much obliged if you could do that and post it back to me.

Yours in Sport,

Ahmad Valiala,
Roodepoort.

time keeping his title. Canada has produced a major threat in the good looking, heavy punching, Earl Walls, its heavyweight champion. In one of the quickest knock-outs in heavyweight history, Walls stopped Rex Layne, one of the six top heavyweights in the world, in 63 seconds. Walls, who is a Negro, also wants a crack at Johnny Williams' title.

But it is hardly likely that Williams will be prepared to meet the heavy punching Negro. He is likely to be

ing bodies in the world, with the exception of South Africa, do not recognise a colour-bar, and as world championship fights are arranged by a decision of leading bodies often in conjunction with South Africa, this country must be made to conform to accepted standards. Then only will black boxers whose interests these boxing bodies claim to recognise together with whites will be served properly. Fortunately, South African boxing standards aren't very high, or else you'd have the anomalous position of every champion being a white man, and this remaining permanently so without a black man ever getting the opportunity to fight for a world title!

SEND YOUR NEWS

Secretaries of clubs and other sporting bodies are asked to send any news of interest to this column c/o The Sports Editor, Advance, Empire Buildings, Johannesburg.

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INDIANS OPPOSE LICENSING ORDINANCE

JOHANNESBURG.

The Transvaal Provincial Council has before it an amendment to the Licensing Ordinance, backed by the Nationalist majority, which will make it competent for local authorities to refuse a licence certificate, if they are "of the opinion that there are already a sufficient number of trades or businesses of the class in respect of which such certificate is sought within any particular area under its jurisdiction".

The Chamber of Commerce has already noted its objections to the proposal, on the grounds that it would endanger free competition.

The Working Committee of the Transvaal Indian Congress "objects strongly" to the draft amendment, in a resolution passed last week. It is "fundamentally directed against Indian and other non-white traders" declares the Congress, pointing out that the local authorities are elected by whites only, and that therefore others are bound to be prejudiced. The withdrawal of this amendment is demanded.

DIVIDE AND RULE IN NYASALAND

LONDON.

Part of the pattern of Federation has been the attempt to split the African people in Nyasaland in order to cancel out opposition to Federation. Last week in Blantyre a stooge organisation was set up with the name Nyasaland African Progressive Association. Its declared aims are to "help build up a strong, happy and prosperous Central Africa and to consider the place of Africans in the Federation". It will hold its first public meeting this month, and hopes to displace the Nyasaland African Congress. Its founders are said to be "urban Africans" but no names have yet been given though it is believed to be backed by the chiefs who are collaborating with the Government.

"HORRIBLE EXAMPLE"

LONDON.

British police, worried about the extension of organised vice in London, particularly the spread of the American "call-girl" system of big-money prostitution, sent two high officials from Scotland Yard and the Home Office to study how New York police deal with the problem of vice rackets. But they appear to have gone to the wrong place. New York's chief magistrate, Mr. Murtagh, told the British team:

"New York, far from being an example of how to approach the problem, is a horrible example of what not to do. We continue to deal with the matter in the same way as we did prior to 1930, and the city's approach to the problem is a disgrace."

"Let's Talk With Russia"

LONDON.

An appeal for food negotiations with Russia was made at the "World Government Movement" conference in Copenhagen by Lord Boyd Orr, former Director-General of the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organisation. He said: "If the hungry peoples of the world were offered the choice between all our freedoms and four sandwiches, they would choose the sandwiches."

"Let us talk to the Russians about improving agriculture and stop the endless talk about Capitalism and Communism. Let us begin reducing our expenditure on arms by five per cent. for this purpose. The businessmen agree but say the politicians will never come in with the plan. Meanwhile Asia and Africa are beginning to revolt!"

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