

# PITCHED BATTLE IN TEMBULAND

## Transkei Home Guards In Action Against The People

# NEW AGE

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PORT ELIZABETH. IN THE TRANSKEI B.A.D. COMMISSIONERS HAVE LAUNCHED A RECRUITING DRIVE FOR A BANTU-STAN MILITIA. THE RECRUITS ARE BEING PAID £5 A MONTH, AND IT IS REPORTED THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN THROWN INTO ACTION IN SOME AREAS.

On January 6 a convoy of 18 trucks and vans carried armed men from Qamata, Kaiser Matanzima's headquarters, to a place called Lanti. From there the army marched over the mountain to invade Rwantzana location. At the same time a number of armed police were at a shop in Rwantzana. After a clash Matanzima's men

fled, leaving their wounded on the field of battle. Some of these are now at the Lady Frere Hospital.

**REINFORCEMENTS**  
Meanwhile a force of over 200 men from the Mbizana location—another anti-Bantu Authority location that has suffered considerably at the hands of the supporters of Bantu Authorities—had been mustered to come to the aid of the Rwantzana men.

No sooner had Matanzima's army of invasion fled, it is reported, than the police started shooting their way up the mountains, arresting every male person on the way in the Rwantzana location.

A number of cases arising out of the opposition to Bantu Authorities are now pending in the Lady Frere Courts.

**HELICOPTER ACTION**  
New Age has received reports of (Continued on page 3)

## Starvation Tactics In Pondoland

DURBAN. ALLEGATIONS of an unprecedented reign of terror and wanton destruction by the police, army and pro-Government Chiefs in Eastern Pondoland have been made to New Age by four Pondo tribesmen who were on a short visit to Durban last week.

Isolated by the State of Emergency, the people are bitter but determined to continue their struggle against the organised might of the Nationalist regime.

**OUT TO STARVE**  
The tribesmen allege that the police and the army are out to starve them. They told New Age that police vans were regularly and

deliberately driven through mealie plantations and very often these vans go round and round in circles wantonly destroying the fields.

"During a raid at Monti location," said one tribesman interviewed by New Age, "a kraal head who refused to tell the whereabouts of another tribesman was stabbed in the thigh with a bayonet."

"When the people saw police trucks approaching the location on a subsequent raid they fled into the bushes. Many have made permanent homes in the bushes."

"During this second raid the kraal of one of the detainees was broken into and ransacked. Watches that had been left for repairs, coats, blankets and other personal property were taken away," he alleged.

"During yet another raid the (Continued on page 3)



The stoppage of the bus service at New Brighton has diverted so many people to the trains that the apartheid regulations have been suspended.

## WORKERS SOLID IN P.E. BUS DISPUTE

### No Customers For Buses Driven By Scabs

PORT ELIZABETH.

DESPITE POLICE INTIMIDATION AND THE ATTEMPTS OF THE BUS COMPANY TO LURE THE PEOPLE BACK ON TO THE BUSES, THE WORKERS OF NEW BRIGHTON AND ZAKELE ARE STILL SOLIDLY BACKING THE BOYCOTT.

On Monday scores of armed police were concentrated from early morning at three points along Daku Road from Zakele to the city. They were at Cadles, Norongo and Daku Square.

Along this route the bus company had a number of buses driven by scabs on a trial run. Every bus was accompanied by a posse of armed police.

Thousands of workers congregated at Daku and Norongo Squares, but not one boarded the scabs' buses. A fleet of taxis and private cars were ferrying the

workers to work while the Swartkops and New Brighton railway stations were crowded with thousands of workers boarding trains to work.

Thousands of other workers, with jackets slung over their shoulders, were walking to work.

Everywhere one was greeted with the clenched fist salute, the workers' symbol of solidarity, which has replaced the ANC thumb-up salute.

All sections of the township's 30,000 population, of all shades of opinion, stand solidly behind the bus workers.

### ANC Leaflet

On Saturday evening scores of thousands of leaflets were issued by the underground ANC and were widely distributed throughout Port Elizabeth and the outlying areas.

The ANC called on the people not to board the buses unless they were driven by the workers now locked out.

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Part of the crowd of 2,000 women and men who demonstrated at the Port Elizabeth Location Manager's office when they found the Bus Manager out. The bus depot is next to the Labour Bureau.





# NEW AGE LETTER BOX

## IMPERIALISTS PLEASED WITH CONGO CHAOS

It is very unfortunate that the Belgian stooges should not be contented with putting Mr. Lumumba in jail, but must now want to murder him.

Mr. Hammarskjöld the honourable secretary general of the United Nations and the imperialist camp must be very pleased with the confusion now prevailing in the Congo, and we know there will soon be talk that it is because Natives are still savages and not fit to rule (if this has not been said already). But the people cannot be deceived, we know better, that if the legal government had been recognised in the Congo, there could have been no confusion, no bloodshed nor strife. Instead, the Kasavubus, the Tshombes, and the Mobutus were incited against Lumumba and the Congolese government.

The United Nations forces were sent in the Congo to see that there is law and order, but, if a helpless man in chains can be brutally assaulted to the point of being murdered in the presence of the United Nations forces, one begins to wonder what is meant by law and order. Of course we know that the excuse is they cannot interfere in Congolese affairs, but what are they there for then? I suppose to block the way for any kind of help the Congolese people could have got from other spheres, and also to see that there is chaos and bloodshed amongst the Congolese people, so that the imperialists can again find an excuse to take over.

"BIDA"

Johannesburg.

## A LOT FROM A FEW

### What About the Rest?

FROM the £68 acknowledged last week to the £281 acknowledged this week is quite a big jump, but not quite as satisfactory as it looks. The amount comes from only nine donors.

We would have been much happier if the £281 had come from 281 or 562 donors, for that would have meant that more people were sharing the burden than is now the case.

The more friends New Age has, the safer we feel. Your half-crown, five bob or ten shillings is just as important to us as the bigger donations that occasionally come our way, perhaps even more important, for they are the guarantee that we have the support of the masses of the people, not only as readers but as fellow fighters for our paper.

REMEMBER WHAT THE MONKEY SAID—EVERY LITTLE HELPS!

DON'T DELAY. SEND YOUR DONATION TODAY!

Last Week's Donations:

Cape Town:  
Miss W. 10s., Cars £3, Anon £212.

Johannesburg:  
Jessie £12.10, Orange Grove £1, Rouxville £2, Rebecca £5, Mrs. M. L. Hooper (USA) £20, Mankind £25.

TOTAL £281 0s. 0d.

## World Churchmen Confused

The World Council of Churches has ended its seven-day conference in Johannesburg and came to the queer conclusion that "all unjust discrimination" must be rejected. Do these religious eggheads mean to tell us that there is ANYTHING just in discrimination? We, international Socialists reject ALL discrimination.

The Nederduitse Hervormde Kerk said: "We further wish to place on record our gratefulness to the Government for all the positive steps it has taken to solve the problem, and to promote the welfare of the different groups." The most important positive step of all has been overlooked: I mean that the starvation wages should be raised! How can anybody support a policy which forces the majority of the people to live in shamefully degrading poverty?

At this conference of the World Council of Churches, the most contradictory, vague and divergent convictions were expressed. Religion is indeed confused, and has always been. The conference also came to the conclusion that "there are no scriptural grounds for the prohibition of mixed marriages." Why then can these religious eggheads not condemn and reject the Immorality Act?

I say: beware of these two-faced people.

L. BERCKENBOSCH  
Maseru.

## S.A. Must Get Out of South West Africa

The people of South West Africa have been living a burdensome life under the cruel government of South Africa. We Africans don't want this Government of South Africa any more. We want our land back.

We hope that the UN will this year take South West Africa away from the Union and place it under trusteeship.

The Government must not interfere with the leaders of the South West Africa People's Organisation, but must leave them alone to work for their freedom as they think best.

Secretary General of the South West Africa People's Organisation.

Tsumeb.

## Long Live Lutuli!

Never in the history of the liberation struggle has the movement ever had a leader of Chief Albert Lutuli's political calibre. The long delay in the achievement of African freedom has been due to the lack of leaders like him. All sound-minded South Africans, irrespective of colour, are convinced that it is only through its humanitarian policies that the racial fire in our country can cease.

Viva Lutuli, the man of peace.  
WILSON B. NGCAYIYA  
Johannesburg.

## Africans Help to Oppress Africans

Do the Boers really oppress us by themselves? Do they not set an African to oppress an African? How do these act: African police and chiefs? Does a Bantu chief make a law by himself and his followers?

Woe! unto you Africans for killing other Africans. You pay for your souls. A sin is like your shadow, it is always moving next to you.

Africans must not kill other Africans. Let our enemies oppress us by themselves.

LENNOX ADAMS  
Nyanga West.

## French Atomaniacs

France is an atomic maniac. Not content with her bloody Algerian streets, she explodes bombs to intimidate the African people.

It is for us South Africans to stand by other African states who are plagued by France and it is the bounden duty of all countries, Capitalist and Socialist, to condemn the shocking violation of regard for human rights by France and her friends Belgium, Portugal, Spain and the Governments of South Africa and the Federation.

Down with nuclear suicide! Forward to nuclear disarmament!

We must turn on the heat and not give in an inch till the sun rises on a free African continent.

"DEMOCRAT"  
Cape Town.

## End Colour Bar on Social Page

We have recently, to the primary English daily newspapers, made requests for an end to the iniquitous colour bar which reserves the social features in those papers for Whites only.

Under present conditions, a man can be a reader for fifty years, but if his daughter is not white, she cannot have her photograph in the engagements, brides of the month and other features.

On the other hand, a man may not be a regular reader, but if his daughter is white, she can have her photograph in any feature.

We also pointed out that if the English newspapers continued on this line, they could only foster an environment which produces more and more rejection and oppression of everyone whose skin is not white.

L. F. DUNNETT  
Secretary, International Sports Union,  
Cape Town.

## In Defence of Duncan

In your thoroughly unpleasant attack on Patrick Duncan on December 22, you say of him that "he spits with the venomous spittle of Joe McCarthy" etc. Since you speak in this false way of an honourable man and fighter for freedom whom we do know, we can see how little we need to rely on your reports of what we don't know.

It is very shocking to see you try to pour dirt on a good man who opposes some of your views. It has always been the policy of totalitarian groups to try to destroy and ruin all their opponents, starting especially with those who are radical and freedom-loving.

J. E. STEWART  
Roma, Basutoland.

(Mr. Stewart objects to the language of our editorial, but has nothing to say about its contents. Does he agree with Duncan's line on the Congo? New Age feels no language is too strong to condemn the activities of those who, out of sheer anti-Communism, side with the imperialists against the people's fight for independence and liberation in Africa.—Ed.)

## EDITORIAL

## PEOPLE'S LEADERS ARE NEEDED HERE

ONE of the most distressing consequences of the State of Emergency last year has been the departure from this country of some of the most prominent figures in the political movement.

Not all have left our shores for the same reasons. Some have fled in panic, fearing for their future or that of their children. Some have been deported by the Nationalist Government. Some have left on the instructions of their organisations to carry on the political struggle abroad. Some have gone to further their studies or for other purely personal reasons. Some fall into the category of political exiles fleeing from Nationalist persecution.

Whatever the reasons of their going, the tide of the exodus has begun to assume such proportions that we feel it necessary to ask whether steps should not now be taken to stem the flow. If there is indeed a future for us all in this country, then we need the best brains and ability of the people's leaders here and now to fight for and win it.

We do not for a moment question the need to send emissaries abroad to organise support for our cause in other countries. All freedom-loving South Africans have been greatly encouraged by the formation of the South African United Front abroad, and wholeheartedly endorse everything that the Front has done to put the liberation struggle on the world map. At the same time, recent events have shown once again that the world only helps those who help themselves. Freedom will not be brought to us on a platter from abroad. It must be won by the struggle and sacrifice of the oppressed peoples of South Africa themselves.

As one leader after another leaves the country, whether for good or bad reasons, others are encouraged to follow in their wake. But for the mass of people there can be no departure, no flight or exile. They must remain to face the burden of apartheid, the pass laws, police raids, bad housing, low wages and all the other evils of race discrimination and oppression. In their day to day struggles against one or other form of oppression, the masses need the most determined, militant and experienced leadership that is available. It is the job of the whole liberation movement to ensure that the best men are on the spot to give it to them.

## BLACK BABIES BORN TO DIE

Most unfortunately, hundreds of new souls that are being swept along the mighty force of life never live long enough to realise the glory of life. Those who do, however, never taste the fruits of happiness. They are doomed to death. Theirs is a sad history.

From the very first step of life—that is, from the time the old woman pats its back so that it starts to breathe—a black baby stands a million to one chance of ever surviving the challenging moments of life. They are faced with congestion in the places of their birth, diseases, poverty, and around the corner the spiny sinews of death, in the guise of malnutrition, are just waiting their chance to strike.

For every one of those babies who does manage to escape all these horrors, a thousand well planned, well thought and well set snares await it. Slavery in disguise peers at him on every doorstep and street-corner of urban life. He starts his life blindfolded and most uncertain. Soon the long arms of the law will be opened wide to embrace him. It is a law that offers no protection, no sympathy, no rehabilitation for the products of creation.

Babies are brought up on a simple diet of mealie porridge, for their parents or guardians cannot afford expensive foods. Parents have to toil day and night for a meagre £4 a month. Out of this shabby wage they are expected to feed and clothe themselves and their children, pay rent, transport and exhaustive taxes. All these atrocities lead to a state of frustration and despair. Soon parents who cannot face their starving and dying children turn to drink in order to render themselves completely unconscious of the suffering in the dark and stinking slums.

But harsh treatment has only succeeded in hardening the slaves—who in turn, realising that they have nothing to lose, rise up against their cruel oppressors.

DRUM OBISPO  
Pretoria.

## Klerksdorp Wants Labour Inspector

Visitors are being chased away from Klerksdorp if they ask for a permit at the office of the Superintendent. We have no Baartman in Klerksdorp; here they are the dummies of the Council.

Please help us to get a Labour Inspector here in Klerksdorp.

We also want a trade union. Workers are paying high rents and there is no water in the location. The Superintendent pushes us from pillar to post.

WORKER  
Klerksdorp.

## New Age In Bechuanaland

Enclosed herein, please find a postal order for £1.1.0. as the renewal of my subscription to New Age.

I like New Age for publishing nothing but the "Truth" about events in our continent, Africa. It told the truth about the Congo, South Africa, Pondoland, and the World at large, while the radio and the other newspapers misinform us. So I'd rather die than miss a single copy of New Age.

KLAAS K. MOTSHIDISI.  
Bechuanaland.



# Police Don't Know Their Own Laws NEW AGE IS NOT BANNED

**JOHANNESBURG.**  
POLICE of the ordinary force and the Special Branch are somewhat out of date—or choose to be.

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the way in which villages are being "pacified" in Pondoland. Police and troops throw a cordon round a village and go from hut to hut routing out the people and interrogating them. "Suspects" are thrown into troop carriers and driven away. Overhead hovers a helicopter radioing reports to the ground of any people who break through the cordon and try to escape into the hills.

### ENCAMPMENT

The few men who come forward for Home Guard work are being distributed for service among the Chiefs who most require protection. At Sandi Majeke's home in the Qumbu district there is an encampment of 30 of them housed in tents under the command of three sergeants. Other men recruited under the Home Guard scheme are reported to have been sent to Pondoland.

Despite the ruthless manner in which the army and the police are suppressing resistance to Bantu Authorities, the resourcefulness of the resistors has reached new levels.

### ECONOMIC BOYCOTT SPREADS

In Pondoland the women, who had all along taken no very active part, have now been drawn into the resistance. The wholesale arrest of the men, including scores of teachers who adopted a careful neutral line during the course of the struggle against Bantu Authorities, has given rise to the birth of new and fresh forces. This new and hardly known leadership is not only continuing where the old leadership left off, but is intensifying the struggle. The economic boycott has now spread to Tabankulu which was comparatively the quietest of the East Pondoland districts.

Resistance has flared up again in the Mount Ayliff district. Of the 7 shops in the Mount Ayliff village, 5 have been boycotted, while an old established shop at Rode is also being boycotted.

In the area of the amaXesibe the rehabilitation fences have been destroyed on a big scale. The men whose homes are near these fences have been arrested in large numbers.

Jails in East Pondoland are said to be overcrowded and some of the detainees have been transferred to the Umtata and Mqanduli jails, as well as to others in the East Griqualand area.

There have been several instances in the past fortnight of police intercepting New Age sellers and telling them they must stop selling immediately, for New Age is banned.

A young seller on the East Rand spent the weekend in jail as a result of this interference. Outside the Daveyton beerhall he was collared by a Special Branch detective who said New Age had been banned since the state of emergency. He was taking the seller along to the charge office and then New Age would know not to supply him with a banned paper, he said.

Over 100 copies of New Age were taken from the seller to be used as exhibits in court. Our agent was locked up without a charge being laid, but pending further investigation.

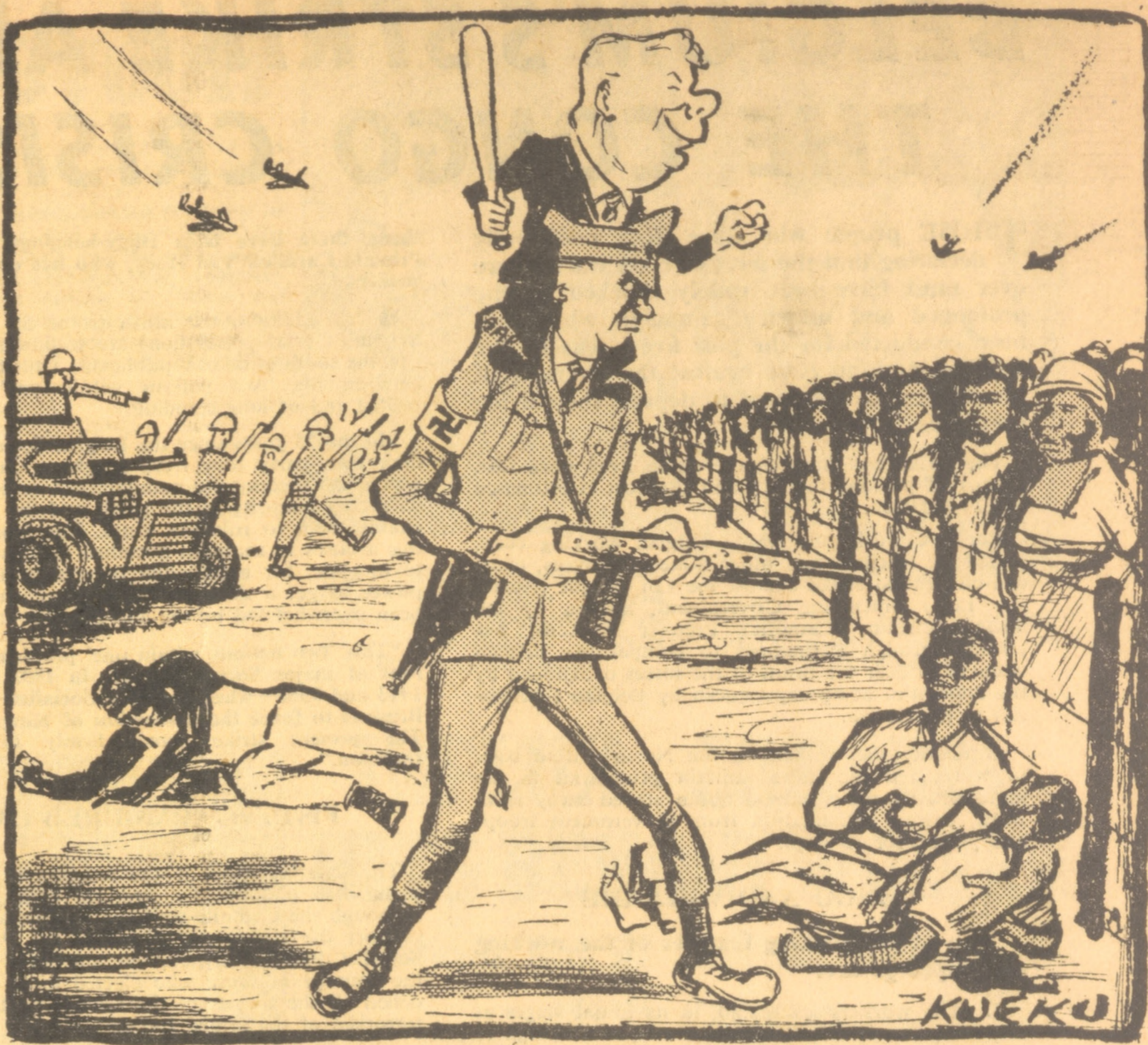
On the Sunday morning the agent was taken to his home by a policeman to fetch his passbook.

When he appeared in court on Monday the charge had become a pass offence. It was withdrawn soon after.

"The police still have my 104 copies of the paper," the agent told our Johannesburg office.

Yet another agent has been stopped twice by a policeman at a Johannesburg station and told he should stop wearing the New Age placard because the paper is not 'registered.'

Both agents are still hard at work selling New Age, which is, for the benefit of the police and any others who may not know, a LEGAL, REGISTERED NEWSPAPER and NOT BANNED.



SPEECH FROM THE THRONE: "Steps had to be taken to maintain public safety. Where action was taken, order has been restored."

# Starvation Tactics In Pondoland

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police came in three helicopters and surrounded the kraals. Seeing that the people had fled, the police and soldiers broke down doors and destroyed furniture. They then drank all the maas (sour milk) which is kept in calabash pots in most houses.

"More police, with pro-Government chiefs among them, arrived in vans. One chief shot a dog. Eight fowls which were also shot were loaded into the vans," he concluded.

"At Amadiba Location," said another tribesman, "Botanisi Ndovela was arrested after a severe beating by a chief and his indunas who raided us with a large armed contingent of police."

"We do not know what happened

to Ndovela, who was taken to the chief's kraal."

### GOODS REMOVED

Taking up the story, a third tribesman said: "On January 3, armed police together with the Chief and his indunas raided the home of one of the tribesmen who it is alleged had escaped into the hills. They took away clothing, blankets and his life's savings—£31."

"When the wife of the alleged escapee reported this to the local magistrate, he told her to report the matter to the Chief and the police 'who are your Government.' "She pointed out that the Chief was in the raiding party, but the magistrate took no heed."

On another occasion the police and the army surrounded a huge

forest on the banks of the Mtentshwana River suspecting that people were in hiding there.

### TEAR GAS BOMBS

"Aircraft dropped tear gas bombs whilst the police and soldiers fired round after round into the forest."

"We have no idea if anyone was shot during this raid," he said.

The fourth tribesman interviewed by New Age described a raid during which two oxen were killed at Kanyayo Location, also in the Bizana district.

"There was no rhyme or reason for the killing," he said. "The police arrived at the location one night, killed the two beasts and, after firing shots in the air, left."

"The owners of the beasts reported to the local magistrate who

asked if any of the tribesmen could recognise those responsible or if they knew the number of the van used during the raid.

"The people replied that all vans went about with their number plates covered during raids. In any case the raid was at night and they could not recognise the policemen responsible. The magistrate told the tribesmen that he could do nothing in the matter as he had no evidence to work on."

### SHOT AND STABBED

"At Ludakani Location a Mr. Shikila was raided by the police who were accompanied by a Chief. Whilst Mr. Shikila was dressing, the police threw a tear gas bomb into his hut and when he ran out shot him."

"The Chief then stabbed Shikila who is now in hospital."

The tribesmen pointed out that Pondoland was a seething cauldron of hate, subdued only because of the presence of the army. But, they added, even the army has not broken the spirit of the people who are determined to continue the struggle until the hated Bantu Authorities system is ended.

# TRANSKEI LEADERS GET THROUGH TO DAG

### PORT ELIZABETH.

DESPITE the Government's careful preparations at Umtata to let Dag hear only the Bantustan side of the story, a group of determined men finally broke through the cordon.

When these men were refused an opportunity to see Dag they waited outside the Territorial Authority Buildings. Although they were a mere handful at first, their numbers soon increased to over 300 men waiting for Dag to emerge from the conference where Kaiser Matanzima sang the litany of "Nationalist Government's good deeds for us Bantoe."

It is significant that Chief Poto, a senior Chief and an orator, declined to speak. Instead a scarcely known character—George Moshoesoe of Matatiele—supported Kaiser's remarks.

When Dag came out of the meeting place he walked with Matanzima into a waiting car while the Special Branch and the police guarded Botha Sigcau—the Bantu Authorities Prize Bull—and Commissioner General Hans Abraham. One of the demonstrators went to Dag's car to tell him that they wanted to present the other side of the picture. While he was talking to Dag, Commissioner General Hans Abraham came up and wanted to know who the man was. Matanzima replied that he was one of the chiefs.

After Dag had been taken on a conducted tour through Port St. Johns, all the time being carefully kept away from the centres where the army of occupation is concentrated, he returned to Umtata to find a two-page letter from the people's leaders. It had been delivered in his room without the Special Branch

knowledge.

In the letter the Transkei leaders called upon Dag to visit Chief Lutuli and to visit the jails where the Transkei people's leaders were detained. He was also informed of the evils of the Bantu Authorities and that the people would not be satisfied with anything short of full participation in the political life of the country.

While in Pondoland Dag was informed by the Bantu Authorities men who took him on the sight-seeing tour that the trouble in Pondoland was due to faction fights which arose as a result of conflicting claims amongst the sons of the late chiefs. He was told that a chief in the Transkei may have as many as 20 wives and when he died claims arose as to the position of the heir. This was the cause of all the trouble in Pondoland.



"O vat hom terug na die ou Transvaal."

## EICHMANN CASE

Prominent Jewish citizens of the German Democratic Republic who lost near relatives in the Nazi liquidation camps have filed charges with the Israeli authorities against Adolf Eichmann who is due to appear this year before an Israeli court on charges of mass murder.

Those filing the charges include Hanns Eisler, famous composer; authors Stefan Heym and Stephan Hermlin; and Lin Jaldati, noted Yiddish singer, herself a survivor of Belsen death camp. Professor Friedrich Kaul, Democratic Germany's most famous lawyer, will represent the appellants in the Jerusalem court.



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