

PLOT TO CREATE "CONGO" IN ZANZIBAR DEFEATED

Statement by Zanzibar Nationalist Party and Zanzibar and Pemba Peoples

Party on the Massacre Plot in Zanzibar

THE cowardly massacre of the people of Zanzibar by organised thugs has shocked the world.

Hundreds upon hundreds of innocent people have been ruthlessly attacked for the sole crime of belonging to the Progressive Party which demands immediate and genuine freedom for the people of Zanzibar.

Children ranging from the age of three have been brutally murdered by gangs of thugs who conducted their cowardly and barbarous attacks on isolated families in the remote areas of the country.

Attempts were made to turn the massacre into a racial issue, into one of Africans versus Arabs. The reason for camouflaging this hideous treachery as a racial issue was to solicit sympathy from the Africans; on the main-land and to justify the bloody "nationalistic" uprising. It is nothing of the sort. It is cold-blooded, unprovoked and pre-meditated massacre of the innocent people of Zanzibar.

While the reactionaries have been making steady but sure progress, the progressives and the reactionaries have been meeting one political defeat after another.

The alliance between the Zanzibar Nationalist Party and the Zanzibar People's Party, which won the Zanzibar election, is the result of the predicted political defeat of the reactionaries who have been rejected by the people of Zanzibar. The reactionaries, whose only hope of continuing to bamboozle the people rested in the whipping up of racial hate,

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INTER-CONTINENTAL HUG: (AFRICA MEETS ASIA) 3 Presidents in Cairo



President AHMEN SUKARNO of Indonesia greets President ABDUL NASSER of the United Arab Republic looks on (centre). Sukarno and Toure were both on official visits to Cairo.

THEY HOPED TO REPEAT THE TRAGIC EXPERIENCE OF THE CONGO IN WHICH THE ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF LUMUMBA WAS FORCIBLY REPLACED BY A GOVERNMENT OF THUGS, GANGSTERS AND REACTIONARIES.

But the tragedy of the Congo can never be repeated in Zanzibar, because the forces that are supporting the ZNP and the ZPP are greater and more organised than the forces that want to hinder the attainment of the legitimate demands of the people of Zanzibar. Members of the ZNP and the ZPP were instructed by the Executive of their party never to hit back when provoked, because such action would have resulted in a civil war which would mean a setback to the progress of the country.

Owing to strict party discipline the instructions were followed to the letter. The ZNP/ZPP met the Zanzibar Africans and Arabs in an effort to end racial conflict between Africans and Arabs in Zanzibar the newly elected Premier of the island has stood down in favour of an African for the post, reports the London "Observer" correspondent in Dar Es Salaam. The report continues:

The reactionaries knew of their defeat in advance and so they resolved to wreck the election results, confuse the election results, and create conditions whereby the British Government would be obliged to suspend the constitution and continue the status quo.

Zanzibar Nationalist Party Leader Stands Down For Africans

With 32 people dead and over 300 injured in this week's rioting, Sheikh Ali Mubsin who had earlier agreed to form the protectorate's first responsible government, with himself as Chief Minister, decided to stand down in favour of the breakaway Afro-Shirazi leader, Sheikh Muham-med Shamte Hamadi, now a member of the Zanzibar and Pemba Peoples Party, which won only three seats out of 23.

Sheikh Shamte Hamadi, himself an African, will now be de facto Chief Minister of Zanzibar in place of Sheikh Ali Mubsin, who has been content to accept another Ministry for the sake of greater harmony between the Arabs and Africans.

The latest dramatic move in Zanzibar on the part of the left-wing Zanzibar Nationalist Party, in giving an African leader of the calibre of Sheikh Hamadi the Chief Ministership of Zanzibar is almost certain to bring about a rapprochement between the Africans and the Arabs and will help to heal the wounds caused by the rioting in this normally peaceful protectorate.

It is almost certain now that both leaders will press for immediate independence and the establishment of a Republic with the Sultan as constitutional head, concludes the "Observer" correspondent.

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AFRICA

All-Africa Trade Union Federation Is Set Up

THE All-Africa Trade Union Federation was set up by acclamation at the African trade union conference here recently.

The new federation's headquarters are to be in Casablanca. The federation's charter, passed by acclamation, said members of the AATUF could not be affiliated to other international trade union bodies and gave members ten months in which to disaffiliate from any such organisations.

This applies, for example, to the Kenya Federation of Labour, led by Mr. Tom Mboya, which is a member of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

The AATUF charter also calls for "positive neutralism" and non-alignment between blocs and demands that there should be no interference from abroad in the running of African trade union affairs.

The conference declared support for the workers fighting for freedom in South Africa, Algeria and Aden.

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ALGERIA

"Tell me, son—what sort of independence were you expecting?"

FRESH CRACKS AT SPORTS COLOUR BAR

THIS week there have been fresh moves to have the colour-bar in our sport lifted—the beginning of a new campaign on various sports issues.

★ SASA has written to Birmingham, where a S.A. tennis team is due to play a Davis Cup match against England, pointing out that the team represents only white South Africa and that the controlling body (SALTU) rigidly excludes non-white South Africans.

David Samaai is mentioned as a player who has merited consideration for S.A.'s teams for many years (his record, including a victory over Gordon Forbes, is proof) but has always been ignored.

★ While the all-white bodies, especially S.A. Athletics, are trying frantically -to prove (by exhibitions, coaching etc.) that they do not discriminate against non-whites, SASA is moving to have the matter raised again at Athens on June 21.

Since there is fresh evidence of S.A.'s discriminations, i.e. Reg. Honey's advice that non-whites should compromise with the colour-bar—the Olympic Committee is morally bound to raise the matter.

★ The Afro-Asian conference in Cairo during July will consider what fresh moves to initiate on the sports front.

QUERY

Why has the Papwa Fund waited for the last minute to announce that it has no money to send Papwa to defend his Dutch Open title? If the public had been told earlier something could have been done. Has Louis Nelson lost interest in the fund he is supposed to manage?

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GOVERNMENT'S NEW BILLS

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local authority may decide, but the total number shall be not less than six, and the number of selected members must not exceed the number of elected members.

● Only Africans resident in the area may take part in the election of members of an urban Bantu Council. The qualifications for voters are not specified and are left to the discretion of the local authority.

Thus one local authority might decide on votes for all, while another might impose educational or income qualifications.

● The selected (appointed) members must be approved both by the Minister and by the local authority, and must be chosen "by and from the representatives of Bantu chiefs" specifically to represent the various ethnic groups.

POWERS

● An urban Bantu Council will exercise all the powers of an Advisory Board, and in addition will administer such of the following matters as may be allocated to it by the urban local authority with the approval of the Administrator and the Minister:

The lay-out of the area, the accommodation of Africans not living under conditions of family life, the removal of persons unlawfully resident in the area (this covers the notorious endorsement out under section 10 of the Urban Areas Act), the unlawful occupation of land and buildings, the allocation of houses, the erection of buildings and the demolition of unauthorised structures, control of entry into the area, control of animals, provision of health, sanitary and medical services and "the moral and social welfare of persons living in the area."

● The Minister is empowered to confer on any African designated by an urban Bantu Council who is a member of the Council or the

representative of a chief the same criminal and civil powers as may be conferred on a chief or headman under the Native Administration Act.

COMMUNITY GUARDS

● The Minister may, after consultation with the Minister of Justice and an urban Bantu Council, establish a "community guard" for "(a) the preservation of the safety of the inhabitants of the area in question; (b) the maintenance of law and order therein; and (c) the prevention of crime therein."

THIS MEANS THE BRINGING OF THE NOTORIOUS HOME GUARDS OF THE TRANSKEI INTO THE TOWNS.

● All revenue received by an urban Bantu Council (from fines, licences etc.) must be handed over to the local authority, which in turn must provide for any expenditure incurred by the urban Bantu Council.

UNDESIRABLE PUBLICATIONS BILL:

POLITICAL publications will be seriously affected by the provisions of this Bill.

The principle of pre-publication censorship and banning contained in the earlier Bill, which was withdrawn by the Minister in the face of widespread public criticism, has been dropped.

Instead, the Bill makes the production and dissemination of undesirable publications or objects an offence, punishable in the courts in the same way as any other offence.

WHAT IS UNDESIRABLE?

A publication or object (which includes newspapers, books, periodicals, pamphlets, drawings, pictures, carvings and gramophone records) shall be deemed to be undesirable if it, or any part of it,

(a) is indecent or obscene or is offensive or harmful to the public morals;

(b) is blasphemous or offensive to the religious convictions of any section of the inhabitants of the Republic;

(c) brings any section of the inhabitants of the Republic into ridicule or contempt;

(d) is harmful to the relations between any sections of the inhabitants of the Republic;

(e) is "prejudicial to the safety of the State, the general welfare or the peace and good order." (This clause is so vague that almost anything could be brought under the axe.)

The Bill also makes it an offence to disclose indecent or obscene details from judicial proceedings.

PENALTIES

Any person who contravenes any of these provisions is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £200 or to imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both. It shall be no defence that the matter in question was published with a contrary intention.

No prosecution shall be instituted except on the recommendation of the Board of Censors and on the authority of the Attorney General. But if the Board states that a publication is not undesirable, no prosecution may be instituted.

IMPORTED PUBLICATIONS

The Bill also amends the Customs Act dealing with the importation of publications which are "indecent, obscene or on any ground objectionable."

Instead of the Minister, the Board

of Censors will have the right to decide which imported books may be banned, but there shall be a right of appeal to the courts against any decision of the Board, provided that such appeal must be lodged within 21 days.

The Undesirable Publications Bill has been referred to a Select Committee before the second reading and will not be proceeded with until the next session of Parliament.

LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL:

THE main provision of this Bill is that Africans over the age of 18 are to be given the right to buy, possess and consume any type of liquor.

The Bill says: "The Minister or any person acting under his directions may, subject to such conditions or restrictions whatsoever as he may deem fit to impose, grant written authority to any person or the nominee of—

- any urban local authority,
- any association of persons,
- any divisional council, or
- any Bantu territorial, regional

or tribal authority . . . to sell liquor or such kinds of liquor as he may determine, to any class of natives of the age of eighteen years or more, for consumption on or off such premises as may be described in such authority."

PROFITS

Any person to whom authority is given to sell liquor to Africans must pay a fee not exceeding £200 to the receiver of revenue. All profits from the sale of liquor shall be dealt with in the manner specified by the Minister.

Asians and Coloureds are to be given the right to buy, possess and consume liquor on the same basis as Europeans.

One clause of the Bill states that no African, Coloured or Asian may consume or be in possession of liquor on private premises without the consent of the owner or lawful occupier of such premises.

44 Charged With Burning Down DRC

BLOEMFONTEIN.

Forty-four African boys between the ages of 13 and 18 have been arrested on a charge of burning down the Dutch Reformed Church here. They have been refused bail and are being kept in the location lock-up and were due to appear in court on June 13.

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Soccerites must press for a set of rules and this means that the Soccer League and Soccer Federation must meet SOON.

CRICKET NEWS

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