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IS THE  
  
BOYCOTT  
  
NAUGHTY  
  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

For Love or Money?

Sir,

Many of us accepted the discriminatory implications of the party-sponsored performance of "For Love or Money" with intense regret, and quite some misgivings. Julius Malie has therefore spoken for us in his letter to you. But there can be neither regret nor misgivings about the phrase used in your report on the performance, when you chose to write "that most of (those who were unable to see the show) us were adult enough to have accepted the situation in good faith". Such phrasing can only incur our intense dismay.

Yours etc.,

W. HAMM.

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Sir,

I am most grateful to Mr. Malie for writing as he did in the last issue. Were it not for your ludicrous footnote and the item on page 14, the matter could possibly have been allowed to rest there.

A Liberal, using a train or bus on the way to a protest meeting is accepting apartheid but under the circumstances is not able to do anything about it short of walking or staying away.

I for one, cannot see the purpose of organising and sponsoring an evening that debars our members and for that matter all people whose skin is not as white as mine, in order to raise money so that we can tell the world that we are wholeheartedly for a non-racial society.

I regret that I cannot pat the organisers on the back for raising £200 from this 'successful' apartheid venture. Not for one moment can I laud as successful anything that is so completely incompatible with our principles.

Yours etc.,

G. HIRSCHFELD

(This letter has been shortened)

## THE BOYCOTT.

South Africa's sporting traditions were forgotten in the squeals of horror against the boycott. White South Africa demands a monopoly of the rule-making in its politics. Anyone who seriously challenges the apartheid structure becomes an object of almost universal vilification among white South Africans. The boycott has been answered by a wave of nauseating pseudo-patriotism.

The boycott is the first overt expression of the new stage in the overseas loathing of apartheid. It is the desire to do something about it. Decent people felt the same about Germany, Spain and Hungary.

The South African press has strongly attacked the boycott. The morality of the boycott has been called in question. African workers have no right of trade union organisation, no vote, no wife and family living with them, no right to be in an urban area for more than seventy two hours without a permit. How dare white South Africa speak of morality?

## SUFFER FOR FREEDOM.

There has been a touching concern for the non-white and an anxious, insincere pleading that, after all, it is the Africans who will be hurt in the boycott. Nobody seriously believes that the boycott which starts in March will be successful in crippling industry and causing the dismissal of workers. But even if it did the Africans have learnt that progress is bought only at a price. They know they will have to suffer for freedom. The A.N.C. wants this boycott. It is the voice of the African people. Anyone who still doubts this should look at the results of the Basutoland elections.

Those who call the boycott in question must offer the African people an alternative road to freedom. The A.N.C. rejects violence. Its pleas for forty years have not protected the African people from the growing greed of the whites. If freedom is to be won white must be shaken from their complacency. Whites can be thankful that the non-violent boycott has been the chosen weapon.

## NO SHORTCUT.

The hope of the African people is the growing

antagonism to apartheid of public opinion throughout the world but especially in Britain and the United States. The Nationalists will fall when they are entirely ostracised, officially, by the British and American Governments. The boycott is a dramatic attempt to focus attention on South Africa. It enables public opinion to express its disgust at apartheid. The boycott must not be regarded as a spectacular shortcut to victory but as a step in the slow process of mobilising the world against apartheid.

The Liberal Party can be proud of having identified itself unreservedly with African hopes. Its actions ensure that whites will have a place in the new South Africa that will be.

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TREASON TRIAL:

The Treason Trial Defence Fund is having a STREET COLLECTION on Friday 19th February. Collectors are very urgently needed so please, if you have not yet been approached, ring Mrs. Gottlieb at 44-4360 and offer your help.

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JULIUS MALIE.

A Profile by Ursula Randall.

Round about the year 1917 James Malie with his wife Dinah came from Alice in the Cape to the gold mines of the Rand to seek work. It was happy hunting ground for jobs and James with his Standard II or III education was soon employed as the first African Medical Orderly on the Mines. He extracted teeth and dispensed medicine while Dinah - one of the first African women ever to matriculate in this country - continued teaching. The couple lived in a small wood and iron house in Grahamstown Street and it was here in 1919 that Julius was born and that we first hear of the fat, colourful character Ellen Morgan - servant and friend of Lord Kitchener and Sir Julius Jeppe - hostess to the Khama of Bechuanaland, Solomon ka Dinizulu and Chief Tshekedi - landlady and owner of the famous "Ikaya la Bantu" hotel for Chiefs in Marabastad, Pretoria.

Ellen Morgan was Julius' maternal grandmother and almost certainly the single greatest influence in his life for, in the traditional African manner, she took over his care and upbringing from babyhood leaving Dinah free to work. No-one seems to know how she came by the name of Morgan or why she was detribalised to the point of speaking only English and Afrikaans in the home or how she arrived in Pretoria as Lord Kitchener's cook or even her ethnic grouping which was probably a mixture of Xosa and Sotho. One thing however is certain, Ellen must have had a dominant and delightful personality, a rare intelligence and the opportunity through Lord Kitchener, to meet and know most of the British officials of the Boer War era. They must have liked and respected her, for it was through their help that she was able to establish and run her hotel for Chiefs - a unique centre where V.I.P.s, both black and white, habitually met to eat, drink and sleep and discuss the politics of the day.

It was in the "Ikaya la Bantu" that the young Julius, named after Sir Julius Jeppe, grew up, the only child in a house of visiting adults. Ellen doted on her grandson and the visiting chiefs made much of him.

Ellen was an excellent cook. European food and liquor was served, servants employed, and the wealthy guests paid liberally. The young Julius, who spoke no African language until he went to school, was always allowed to listen to the talk, the arguments, and the parties and can still remember Ellen's vivid account of how she helped Lord Kitchener bury bars of gold under the cellar floor during one of the battles near Pretoria.

Julius was sent to a Wesleyan Mission School at a very early age. His father died when he was in Standard III and Dinah his mother, much against Ellen's wish, took him away from the "Ikaya la Bantu" to his paternal uncle in Lovedale. From then on life for the young Julius became increasingly difficult. Eventually Ellen, through the influence of her friends, brought Julius back to Pretoria and the "Ikaya la Bantu". At Standard VII Julius left school - probably due to Ellen's death - and found himself a job as a clerk in a cycle shop in Johannesburg. His leisure hours were spent studying for his J.C. and attending night classes run by Dr. Eddie Roux who edited a newspaper called "Umsebenzi". Eddie became interested in Julius and offered him a job in the circulation department of the paper, and later invited him to join the editorial board.

Whilst working for Eddie, Julius started the first African Student movement and called it The South African Student Association. Its aim was to combat illiteracy through night classes, and to stimulate interest in political problems by means of conferences and discussion groups and a roneoed newspaper which Julius himself published. The work for this group was interesting and opened the doors both socially and publically. He met and got to know people like Brother Roger from St. Peters, Rosettenville. He became a speaker to European groups like the Jewish Workers Club, and was asked to join the executive of the Joint Council for Europeans and Africans. He attended deputations interviewing the Commissioner of Police and presented memoranda to various commissions on the treatment of Africans. Julius, in short, had arrived as a public figure. It was hardly surprising, therefore, that when the post of Secretary to the Bantu Men's Social Centre fell vacant Julius

should have been chosen among the hundreds who applied for the position.

Julius remained there for eight years during which time he added two more achievements to his list. The first his marriage to Mildred Msomi, an anthropologist and the second African woman to graduate in Natal, the other his own matriculation.

Julius then moved to Natal where he became a sewing machine salesman and built up the highest record of sales in the firm. This was resented by others, relationships proved difficult and he left to do market research for an oil company. It was while he was there that he was appointed to his present position in the Publications Department of the Institute of Race Relations.

Julius is a member of the Transvaal Executive of the Liberal Party and the Transvaal Provincial Committee.

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RESULT OF COMPETITION:

Apparently our readers like our name Liberal News because although we have had a few suggestions for a change, we have by no means been overwhelmed and so we must assume that the majority are content to leave things as they are. We should like to thank those who went to the trouble of sending in their suggestions.

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MISSING PERSONS BUREAU.

For a while this will be a regular feature because the office has received enough replies from readers to justify its continuation.

JOHANNESBURG SUBURBS

Mr. & Mrs. Abbott (Northcliff)  
Mr. Bellairs (Hillbrow)  
Miss. S. Berman (Parktown)  
Mr. Bloomfield (Yeoville)  
Mrs. Burchard (Bellevue)  
Mr. B. Caplan (Berea)  
Mrs. Ellson (Hillbrow)  
Mrs. Fernandez (Hillbrow)  
Mr. Fishman (Sydenham)  
Mr. Hertslett (Parkhurst)  
Mr. J. Isaacson (Hillbrow)  
Mr. & Mrs. E. Johnson (Highlands N.)  
Miss L. Kromberg (Hillbrow)  
Miss J. Lewis (Parktown)  
Miss J. Liefeldt (Barnato Park)  
Miss Levinson (Linden)  
Mr. N. Pritchard (Hillbrow)  
Mr. A. Rosen (Bertrams)  
Mr. L. Saxon (Berea)  
Mrs. P. Struben (Bergvlei)  
Mr. C. Stoler (Parktown)  
Miss M.M. Taylor (Edenvale)  
Mr. & Mrs. Teasdale (Berea)  
Miss J. Viner (Waverley)  
Miss Betty Dube (Wits. 'Varsity)  
Miss Dora Makgale (Orchards)  
Miss C. Mofokeng (Wits. 'Varsity)  
Mr. Isaac Motau (Alexandra)  
Mr. J. Mngadi (Box 1620)  
Mr. Bala Naidoo (????)

JOHANNESBURG SUBURBS

Mr. P.F. Ngobese (Box 1565)  
Mr. Sebba (Empire Gdns. Parktown)  
Mrs. P. Bergheim (Doornfontein)  
Mr. S. de Villiers (Noordegesig)  
Mr. S. Gorekoang (Newclare)  
Mr. M.G. Hadebe (Kliptown)  
Miss Marjorie Kwankwa (Jeppe)  
Mr. P. Msaka (Orlando)  
Mr. J. Sithole (Orlando)  
Mrs. P. West (Doornfontein)  
Mr. J.B. Williams (Fordsburg)

SOPHIATOWN

Mr. E. Butelezi  
Mr. N. Dlamini  
Mrs. Magrita Mhlambo  
Mr. L. Ncube

PRETORIA

Mr. J. Khoja  
Miss J. Lukela  
Mrs. M. Pretorius

OTHERS

Mrs. M.Y. Louw (Klerksdorp)  
Mr. P. Mokoka (Hammanskraal)  
Mrs. O. van der Merwe (Bloemftn.)  
Rev. C. Parmenter (Florida)  
Mr. Tabotahr (Evaton)

APARTHEID IN SPORT.

The campaign to fight apartheid in sport has been gathering momentum but requires a great deal of work to register some noteworthy successes.

Although the All-white All Blacks Tour is now very near, we are still making every effort to persuade New Zealand not to support the apartheid ideology. Letters have been written to all Commonwealth Prime Ministers, in order to urge their support for this campaign.

Members can help by writing letters of protest to The Rt. Hon. Walter Nash, Prime Minister, Parliament Buildings, Wellington, New Zealand, to ask the New Zealand Rugby Union to give up apartheid. A copy of your letter should also be sent to S.A. Sports Association, Box 2029, Port Elizabeth. Short letters can also be sent to New Zealand newspapers, "The Dominion and Evening Post" in Wellington. English newspapers interested in this campaign are "The Daily Mirror", "Daily Herald" and "Reynolds News" all in London, England.

Olympic Games

Our other major target is the Olympic Games. At the last meeting of the International Committee, the S.A. representative gave an undertaking that every effort would be made to ensure that non-white sportsmen would have opportunities of competing for places in the next S.A. team. What has come of this? Very little it seems. In reply to letters of enquiry, written to the S.A. Olympic Council and its affiliated unions, we have had very little positive response. It appears that almost no effort is being made to give non-white sportsmen any sort of chance and we have set ourselves the task of reminding these people of their obligations. We hope that the S.A. delegate to the next International Committee meeting will not be able to evade the issue as simply as has been done in the past.

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OPEN LETTER TO MACMILLAN

Just before Christmas a letter was published in many papers, including the "Observer". It was addressed to the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Harold Macmillan, prior to his visit to Africa. The letter was written by Mr. Alan Paton, Chief Albert Luthuli, Mr. Jordan Ngubane and Mr. G.M. Naicker.

For those readers who did not see this letter we print here some extracts: including parts that were not printed in South Africa. "We would not ask you, Sir, to publicly criticise our Government's racial policies, even though such a speech would ring throughout the world. It would shorten the life of these policies by twenty-five years and bring new hope to those who suffer under the colour bar, the hope that freedom, fully expected for their children, might even miraculously be known by them also."

"We make an earnest appeal to you of quite another kind, not that you will criticise apartheid, but that you will not say one single word that could be construed to be in praise of it."

"You will find it extraordinarily difficult to do this and we would not ask you to do it if we did not think that you are a man who knows the world and can be simultaneously urbane and resolute. And you will need to be all the more careful because we have recently suffered a visit from Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who, after a tour, the superficiality of which it would be impossible to equal, has returned to Britain with the highest regard for our Prime Minister, a man who would cheerfully have seen the annihilation of Montgomery and the whole British army."

"The Field Marshal was the guest here of Sir Francis de Guingand, who heads a new organisation known as the S.A. Foundation.. which was launched 'to present the other side of the case'. The Field Marshal has therefore left behind him in S.A. the unpleasant impression that he came out here in the interests of certain business men, and that these business men, concerned about the growing isolation of South Africa and therefore about their business interests, wanted the Field Marshal to return to England 'to present the other side of the case', which means in brief, 'the better side of apartheid'."

"As far as we are concerned, honoured Sir, apartheid has no better side; it is evil and unjust, and contemptuous of persons.

It now goes by the new name of separate development, and it is by holding up the dream of complete separation, each group having its own territory, its own institutions, its own autonomy, that our rulers have succeeded in seducing some people who ought to have known better,"

"Separate development is only apartheid in a new dress, and it means fundamentally the rejection of one's fellow countrymen, and their segregation in poor, inferior, subordinate societies."

The letter then gives some details of certain barbarities which non-white suffer, referring to them as "the costs of separate development" and then continues -

"This, Sir, places on you, as one of the senior leaders of the Commonwealth and the representative of a country whose reputation still stands high in South Africa. It would be the final disillusionment if you were to express or imply any approval of our Government's policies."

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JUMBLE SALE

After the summer holidays there are usually odd bits of clothing that we find we can no longer get into. If any of you are in this position please let us have your jumble.

Our Jumble Sale will take place soon, so please may we have as MUCH AS POSSIBLE and AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

DEPOTS: where the jumble may be left are:

Sandringham: 58 Athlone Ave.      Waverley: 9 Stuart Street.

Norwood: 1, Iris Road.      Emmarentia: 60 John Mackenzie Dve.

and of course the office. If you need stuff to be collected, please telephone the office, 22-8637 and it will be arranged.

## THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION.

One of the local dailies headlined its news-story about the Foundation "Millionaires team up". "Millionaires gang up" seemed a better title.

South Africa's increasingly hostile press throughout the world naturally is not doing the economy of the country any good. Foreign investment in the Union has not been maintained at the spectacular level of the immediate post-war years. Understandably overseas sources of capital are not clamouring for investment opportunities in a country which chooses to move in a direction contrary to the whole African continent. Reasonable foreigners regard with alarm a situation in which African demands for political expression become more and more insistent while white intransigence seems unchanging. Change there must be but many overseas observers believe that it will be chaotic and not orderly. Investment seeks out a rapidly expanding economy and political stability. Apartheid denies us the former and will mean the end of the latter.

### The Critics are Liars

In a world in which the non-white peoples are making extraordinary progress in all fields it is only natural that South Africa's name should be regarded with increasing hostility. The boycott, irrespective of its success, is a symbol of this hostility. White South Africa has reacted with injured indignation to this criticism, alleging that the critics are sentimentalists, liars or three-week-trip authors. It is considered 'done' to write of the housing schemes and new schools but not of passes, job reservation or group areas. It is an article of faith of white South Africa that were the 'facts' made known the hostility would cease. The Foundation is an attempt to make known the 'facts' on a grand, millionaire scale. If the Information Service with all its resources and factual license of the State has failed miserably, one wonders how the Foundation can hope to succeed.

### Do They All Agree?

One would have thought that to present the facts

about South Africa there would need to be agreement among the members of the Foundation about the situation in the Union. Does Mr. Oppenheimer agree with some of his new-found colleagues that the African worker in the towns is a temporary sojourner? One used to believe not. What is the unifying factor among members of the Foundation? It seems only to be "dough". The Foundation may well find that if it makes common cause with the Government, the African people may seek protection in an aggressive, workers movement. If the African people come to believe the gross over-simplification that apartheid was designed by white capitalists to protect their economic privilege, the members of the Foundation will have only themselves to blame.

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POLITICAL THEATRE:

The Theatre group which organised a play reading last year is anxious to continue its work. But it urgently needs people who are keen to help, so if you would like to take part in these small plays and can spare a few Saturday afternoons, please telephone the office.

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## SOPHIATOWN REMOVALS

All members will know about the plight of those families who were stranded in Sophiatown, homeless, roofless and apparently friendless. The Re-Settlement Board gave them notice to leave their dwellings in Sophiatown but would not supply transport or any alternative accommodation. The City Council were eventually persuaded to allow those families who could establish their right to be in Johannesburg to go to the site and service plots out at Zola, sixteen miles away from Sophiatown: but they would not provide the means of getting there, nor any building materials - so, naturally, the people did not move. Early in January this crisis came to a head when the houses began to be demolished over their heads. 500 families were involved.

### A. N. C. Ask for Help

Stephen Ramokgadi of the A.N.C. appealed to the Liberal Party for help. And this is what we did. We persuaded firms and people to lend us trucks to help move the families and their belongings. We also found some building materials and we helped with donations of money.

We had discussions with Mrs. Mitchell - a Progressive Councillor, who had already persuaded the City Council to provide site and service plots at Zola - and further representations will be made to the City Council.

### Help Still Needed.

But in the meantime there are families stranded in Sophiatown without transport or a roof over their heads, either in Sophiatown or when they get to Zola. We hope that members who are able to help in any way will do so.

BRANCH NEWS:

After the lull of the holiday period there is nothing to report of past branch activity. It is to the future that we must look. ALL MEMBERS are urged most strongly to start taking a really active part in the work of their branch. So far only a few branches have done any real work for the Party and this is certainly not good enough.

PROVINCIAL CONGRESS will be held this year on March 26th and 27th. The most important subject to be discussed will be the franchise and it is useless for the bulk of members to feel afterwards that decisions were taken with which they do not agree. It is all important for branches to meet before the Congress for two reasons:

- (a) to thrash out their attitudes on the franchise, and
- (b) to elect their delegates to represent their views at the Congress.

You have all received the memoranda on the franchise and should know the policies that are being advocated in the Party. By the time your branch meets you will probably also have ideas. But do not keep them to yourself. The Party wants to know what all its members think, not just the usual "TOP TEN" whose views are well known enough as it is. Let's have a bit of new blood at Congress!

Another very important activity for branches this year will be FUND RAISING. We are desperately short of money and your branch meetings will tell you how you can help (apart from making personal donations to the Party).

SO PLEASE ATTEND YOUR BRANCH MEETING.

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1960 RENEWALS:

All members are urged to send us their subs. for this year as soon as possible. Thank you.

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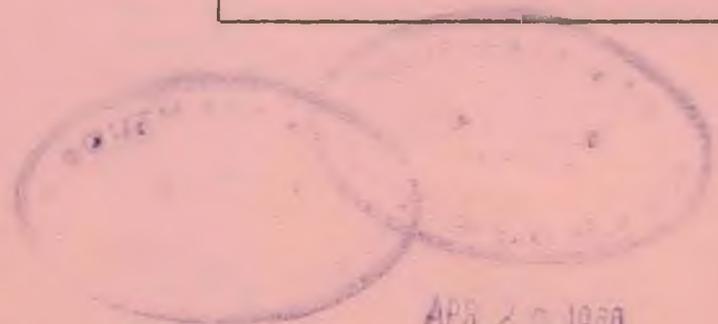
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B O O K S A L E

A small and unexpected book sale was held at Sam and Mike's in Hillbrow during February and proved to be quite a success. Another one is to be held on the City Hall steps during May and so any books will be particularly welcome, also

Children's books,

Comics,

and Paper Patterns.

All these will be extra welcome as they sell very well. Telephone the office, 22-8637, and arrange for them to be collected.

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MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN.

The Passes.

An hour spent in the Native Commissioner's Court at Fordsburg has a greater impact on anyone with any sort of conscience than months of reading, lecturing or discussion. Never again can the vileness of the "pass laws" be questioned.

These courts are not controlled by the Department of Justice, nor by a local authority, but by the Bantu Affairs Department.

At Fordsburg, most of the offences tried are for infringement of the "pass" laws, trespass, taxes, influx control and permit regulations.

The Fordsburg Court is in Carr Street, opposite the railway embankment. It is a shabby, prefabricated building, west of the Native Commissioner's offices. There are groups of police and numbers of women walking, standing or sitting about, mostly waiting to pay fines or to find out whether their men are inside waiting to be tried.

Criminal Court 'C' is on the left at the end of a short passage as you enter the building. It is a room about 20 feet by 18 feet. The Union Coat of Arms embossed on the wall above the bench serves to remind one that this is a court and is presided over by a man to whom is due the honour and respect of an officer of a court of law. There is the dock, the witness box, tables for clerks and prosecutor, a stool for the interpreter to sit on next to the dock, and along one wall there is a bench where members of the public may sit. Above this bench are some windows. They overlook a high netted yard and awaiting-trial men are brought to this yard by police vans from the various police stations where they have spent the night. It is usually crowded.

300 Cases a Day:

The session begins at 10 a.m. when the Native Commissioner enters and takes his seat on the Bench. The Prosecutor calls a name from the top of a pile of charge sheets in front of him and the morning's proceedings have begun.

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There may be up to three hundred cases a day to be heard and, allowing time for the tea-break, lunch break and clerical work, there are about four hours daily for the court to be in session. This of course means that court proceedings are quickly completed and most accused are in the dock, charged, asked to plead guilty or not guilty, tell their story, sentenced and are out of the dock again in about 15 - 20 seconds, sometimes less. This includes time for all questions and answers to be interpreted. The interpreter does not always ask the accused whether he is guilty or not, but sometimes merely relays the charge.

Sentences:

There seem to be three standard sentences for the common "pass" offences:

1. If a reference book has not been on the person of the accused when it was demanded by the police, e.g. if a man had it in his jacket and was wearing overalls whilst at work and then crossed the street to a cafe - the sentence is 5 weeks or £5.
2. If a man does not possess a reference book, e.g. it was lost or stolen when he was beaten up and his clothes taken, the sentence is 8 weeks or £8.
3. If there is a very good reason for the accused not to be in possession of his reference book, e.g. an employer who kept all reference books to prevent desertion, then the accused is warned and sentenced to 1 week or £1.

If the charge is failure to produce a reference book on demand and the accused then produces it (having been arrested and spent at least one night in jail) and on examination by the prosecurot it is found to be in order so that no alternative charge can be laid, he is discharged.

If an accused pleads not guilty to a charge, he is asked whether he wishes the policeman who arrested him to be called to give evidence. If he does so wish, the case

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is remanded (another night in jail and another day away from work) so that the policeman can be found.

Other witnesses, such as clerks and officials of the Municipal Native Affairs Department, are called to explain or to testify that permits have expired or permits have not been given. Thus it is proved to the accused that the piece of paper he thought was in order is not so.

#### Human Frailty:

There are cases heard of illegal entry of youths under 16 who forgot to carry their birth certificates, of young boys separated from parents and lost, of old men wrongfully visiting relatives, of strangers to the city whose reference books and entry permits were stolen on the train. There are many cases heard of men discharged from jail, not having had time to collect their reference books, picked up by the police and again charged with not having a reference book and again sentenced to jail. It is technically possible for a man who is sentenced to 8 weeks' imprisonment for not having a reference book to spend the rest of his life in jail, in a series of 8 week sentences.

The stories heard in this Court are a variation on a theme of human forgetfulness, human frailty, desperation and ignorance. One visit there should start up a chain reaction that will never let up until something is done about such a vicious situation.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We appeal especially to the women in the Liberal Party to attend these courts. The writer of this article has suggested that it might be better to attend other courts in the same vicinity. There are Courts A and B which are situated to the left of the main building and also the Vagrancy Court which is to the right of the main building. Experience has shown that the Public's presence at these Courts is advisable.

CELEBRATING MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN.

The Union Festival:

On 31st May, 1960 the Union of South Africa will be 50 years of age. Have we anything to celebrate in May?

In a democracy a boycott of a 50th anniversary festival by political minorities would be unspeakable. A democracy would be built on the consent of the governed.

South Africa from its foundation in 1910 has consistently violated the fundamental rights of man. The National Convention which established Union then was strictly "slegs vir blankes". Even the crumbs it threw to the non-whites have been gobbled up by Afrikaner Nationalism.

What can we celebrate in May? Mr. McMillan's speech in Cape Town gave notice that South Africa is attempting to build on foundations rejected by Western leadership.

Can we separate the good from the evil and celebrate our material achievements and ignore our utter failure in the field of human relations? Our economic progress has been built on an industrial colour bar, cheap labour and job reservation. Our political system excludes 80% of our countrymen from participation in the government. Our administrative system imprisons hundreds of thousands of otherwise law-abiding men annually for pass offences. Our education system seeks to fit Africans for their opportunities in life rather than to allow them to develop their personalities to the maximum of which they are capable. Above all our ultimate aim is the ultimate delusion, the fictional Bantustan.

The Liberal Party believes that May 1960 should be a time of sorrow not rejoicing. We shall not, in any way, participate in any event associated with the Union Festival. We urge you our members to do likewise.

Well we know that we shall not be able to compete  
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against the hulabaloo of the celebrations. It is not to any counter-festival or crusading boycott that we invite you. We ask you simply to join with us by refusing to participate in any way in these celebrations.

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### C O N G R E S S .

The annual congress of the Transvaal Division of the Liberal Party will be held in Johannesburg from 26th - 27th March, 1960. Unfortunately we can't yet tell you the venue because it is almost impossible to hire a hall in Johannesburg for a non-racial congress. Congress may be in your back-garden .....

The provincial congress, which governs the Party in the Transvaal, is composed of branch representatives. Your branch is meeting soon to elect delegates to the congress, which will plan the Liberal Party's activities for the next twelve months.

#### Some items on the Agenda:

1. The Role of the Liberal Party -  
a Critical Reassessment.
2. Boycotts.
3. The Franchise.

The opinions of all members are needed. They will only be known if you attend your Branch meeting.

MISSING PERSONS BUREAU.

The Editor would like to thank all those people who are responding so well to this feature. It is a great help in the office.

P.J. Van Vuuren (Pretoria)	John Mohl (Sophiatown)
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H.H. Mbere (Sophiatown)	(Sophiatown)
C. Malakala (Alexandra)	Mr. Willoughby (New Doornfontein)

One of us when young!

SUNRISE and HOPE.

A glow in the sky,  
The song of a bird;  
'Tis sunrise and day,  
My prayer has been heard.

Now all things are bright,  
The sun doth appear;  
The night glides away,  
I no longer fear.

J. UNTERHALTER

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With acknowledgements to Athlone High School Magazine!  
June, 1930.

CROOKED PASS CONSULTANTS.

by G. Cohn

The conditions under which Africans retain or are being given the right to remain and work in an urban area are very strict. It is only under very exceptional circumstances that people are allowed to remain in an urban area in which they are not born AND have lived and worked CONTINUOUSLY. Even removal from one area into the one right next door can mean loss of residential right in the urban area when, for instance, one is unfortunate enough to lose one's employment. Unscrupulous people, so-called "Pass Consultants", take advantage of this situation.

"For Consultation".

This is how they work: an African arrives in Johannesburg. He comes straight from school in order to find work in the big city. At the station he is bewildered by the multitude of people, cars, streets and building. He is immediately noticed by an agent of a "Pass Consultant" who speaks to him, gives him the address of the Consultant or takes him to the office, promising to get his pass "fixed up". The first thing our African newcomer has to do at the office is to pay money, usually between £4.0.0 and £7.0.0. He is given a receipt "for consultation" and it is these words which safeguard the "Pass Consultant" from subsequent criminal prosecution for fraud. If he is ever brought to Court for swindling people out of their monies, pretending to fix up their passes, he calmly points at the receipt which reads "for consultation". He says that he was paid this money for advice, not for a promise to fix up the pass, and it seems that our law as it stands today is powerless, although the "Pass Consultant's" fraudulent behaviour is obvious to all concerned.

In the interview with the "Pass Consultant" the African is, of course, being assured that his pass will be fixed up, provided he pays some more money within the next few days. He is usually given a so-called temporary pass to return to the "Pass Consultant's" office within the next few days, a piece of paper which is, of course, quite worthless in the eyes of the Police.

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In order to justify the money he has taken, the "Pass Consultant" often writes to the Pass Office or even goes to see the Officials on behalf of his client, but he does, of course know the result beforehand: in almost all cases his application for a work permit on behalf of his client is refused. After keeping his client in hopes as long as possible - during which time he tries to get some more money out of him - he finally tells him that his case is hopeless. More often, though, he just refuses to see his client at all, especially when he realises that no more money can be got from him.

Break This Racket:

Crooks have always existed in the world, but this particular kind of "Pass Consultant" crook is of the very lowest type, for he takes advantage of the suffering and misery which often follow a decision under existing pass regulations. This "Pass Consultant" knows how desperate an African is who is in danger of having to leave family, friends and home and how he will pay and pay when given the false hope for success.

The only hope of breaking this horrible racket is by making the facts as shown here known to as many Africans as possible. Warn them against touts at the Station - or at the Law Courts - who promise to "fix their passes". Warn people not to hand over large amounts of money for the promise of getting specials to look for work. Spread the news about these "Pass Consultants" and make it known to all your friends that they must be watchful. NO PERMIT and NO MONEY is always the inevitable outcome. Watch out.

POLITICAL THEATRE.

We have written and talked about Political Theatre before. You have read about the play we wrote, tried out and even produced in Birdhaven one Sunday afternoon. Now we really want to take up this idea seriously and produce these plays in the Townships in order to get across a message to thousands of people who can't or don't read.

For obvious reasons the cast must be Africans and even more obviously, they must know what to say and how to say it. We have the play, the ideas the author and the producer (an exciting person we think and hope) and all we need now is the cast but it must be an African cast.

If, therefore, any Africans interested in the theatre are prepared to give up three or four consecutive Saturday afternoons to learn the play, to act it and, incidentally, have fun doing it - then please phone us at the office, 22-8637 and give us your name.

African Theatre is big news in show business today and with the right response from you, political theatre could also become news as well as a powerful liberating weapon.

Think about it and when you have thought, then pick up that phone. We are doing everything we can at this end but with all the goodwill in the world, only our African members can act in the townships and only they can really make a success of this idea.

A VAN CALLED SIMON.

Bread, milk and peanut butter is the main meal of many thousands of African children every day. For this princely repast each child pays the nominal amount of 1d to the African Children's Feeding Scheme. This organisation operates its centres in all the old townships.

In the new townships west of Johannesburg, a van called Simon tours daily because the organisation is not permitted to establish permanent centres. The van stops at various points, sets up its counters and dispenses the daily ration to all the hungry youngsters eagerly awaiting their meal.

Devoted Workers:

The African Children's Feeding Scheme is a private organisation which is largely operated by voluntary workers and almost entirely dependent on the generosity of donors. The Johannesburg City Council gives it £1,250 per annum but it costs over £20,000 per annum to run.

There are already many women who devote a lot of their time to this work but perhaps more could be persuaded to interest themselves in it. The Scheme needs women to give their time, both as helpers and as fund raisers. Miss Maureen Garden, the Secretary, would like to hear from you. She can take you on a tour of the feeding centres, or she can put you in touch with your nearest centre if you want to help in distributing the food.

So remember the children of Africa whose constant companion is hunger. For each child that the Feeding Scheme is able to reach there are hundreds whom they cannot reach yet and who remain really starving, day after day, week after week, year after year.

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ALFRED BRENDEL is giving a piano recital in Aid of the African Children's Feeding Scheme on Sunday 10th April at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. R.N. Harvey, 33 Killarney Road, Sandhurst. Tickets £1.1.0 and 15/- obtainable from Liberal Party office, telephone 22-8637.

BOYCOTTS AGAIN.

The boycott has started. For the month of March people of many countries will symbolise their rejection of apartheid by refusing to buy South African goods. The boycotters do not believe that the March boycott will arouse sufficient economic pressure to bring about the downfall of the Nationalists. It is an opportunity for ordinary men and women to demonstrate overtly their rejection of racialism. It is a symbol of a nausea against the Nationalists throughout the world.

All praise to Pat van Rensburg for his key role in the organisation of the most successful anti-government campaign in which the Liberal Party has yet participated. We stand proudly with him.

Not Violence but Non-violence:

If there are any who stand with us against the Nationalists but question the boycott as a tactical weapon, we must ask them to point the way to alternative roads. The patient pleadings of the African people for 50 years have not prevented a growth of baasskap apartheid. The non-whites have chosen to win the political struggle by non-violence because they sincerely reject the horrors of violence. They believe that violence would destroy all that they are fighting for. The boycott is the most significant non-violent weapon since the Defiance Campaign. It has been chosen despite all provocation.

The Nationalists apparently propose to ban the boycott legislatively. And this despite the fact that boycotts (of Indians, of course) are part of our volkstradisie. It is perhaps fortunate that our non-white leaders have not resorted to the political violence, or even open rebellion, which is also part of our volkstradisie.

During the month of March the people of the world will show that it is white South Africa which marches out of step. We cannot keep pace with Verwoerd.

THE REPUBLIC

The Liberal Party has participated actively in the enrolment of voters for the republican referendum.

There are monarchists and republicans in the Party as well as many who feel that the substance of a system of government is more important than its form. The Party has always refused to express an opinion on the very academic theoretical advantages of either system. The political reality we face is Verwoerd's republic, and that we unhesitatingly reject.

Liberals have no appreciation of our present constitution. It is a white brain-child which entrenched the political monopoly of the white South Africans. It has failed utterly to safeguard the meagre rights it initially accorded to non-whites because it never allowed them a share of political power.

But although we dislike our present constitution we view with dismay the possibilities of an even worse one, and we will have no truck with a "Volk en Vaderland" republic. We appeal to all our members and sympathisers to see that they are on the roll, even after the 29th February.

BRANCH NEWS.

Springs. This active little branch held a very good meeting during February and were pleased with a very good attendance. They were even more pleased at getting six new members at the meeting. Nell Green spoke on Banishments and Julius Malie on the franchise. Mr. Malie, especially made a strong impact on those present, amongst whom were students from Wits and Rhodes.

North-East Rand. This truly non-racial branch held a very well-attended meeting during the month at which the indefatigable Julius Malie was again a very welcome and impressive speaker. The subject for the meeting was Franchise, and the branch voted unanimously in favour of universal adult suffrage.

Yeoville and Berea/Hillbrow. held a joint meeting presenting a Symposium on the Franchise. Mr. G. Cohn put the case for Universal Adult Suffrage. Mr. Malie (again!) spoke about the interim period and Mr. J. Palmer, a Progressive, put the case for a qualified franchise. The meeting voted in favour of a Universal Adult Suffrage.

Houghton. This branch meeting was fairly well-attended and Mrs. Marion Friedman and Mr. Jack Unterhalter were the speakers. Mrs. Friedman summarised the different possibilities with regard to the franchise and Mr. Unterhalter spoke at length on the boycott. The meeting was in favour of universal adult suffrage and the boycott.

Parktown. This branch meeting was a purely business one but an interesting meeting was arranged for March. The subject will of course be the franchise and, again of course, Mr. Malie will be one of the speakers. This time he will put the case for a qualified franchise!

Other Branches. It is to be hoped that other branches will rouse themselves from the lethargy into which they seem to have fallen and try and get at least one meeting before Congress meets on March 26th and 27th.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE.

The following publications are obtainable from the Liberal Party offices:-

This is Apartheid, by Leslie Rubin .. .. .	2. 6
The People Wept, the Story of the Group Areas Act, by Alan Paton .. .. .	1. 6
How much time have we left? (brochure) .. .. .	1. 0
Moet die Bloedbad Kom? by J.J. Oosthuizen .. .. .	6
Pass Laws Issue of Black Sash Magazine .. .. .	6
Liberal Party Handbook (available within next month)	1. 6

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copy of a letter to the "Times" Literary Supplement, London  
Sir,

UNDERDOG CONFESSIONS

I have been asked by Messrs. Weidenfeld and Nicolson to edit a symposium of underdog confessions.

The idea is that contributors, who may remain anonymous if they wish, should each write some 5,000 to 10,000 words on their own experience of a condition of mistreatment or supposed inferiority.

The conditions may be racial, sexual, mental, criminal, physical or any other, provided that they satisfy the editorial demands for interest, intensity, humour or other qualities.

Would anyone who feels inclined to contribute please communicate with me, before writing their contribution.

PHILIP TOYNBEE

Lindsey,  
near Hadleigh, Suffolk.

With acknowledgments to the "Times" Literary Supplement.  
Editor.

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FOR SALE

A member who will be returning to England later in the year wishes to dispose of:

A set of fishing rods and reels valued at over £20

A fibre glass sailing dinghy valued at £60.

Very generously this member has offered to give 25% of the proceeds to Party Funds.

Anyone interested should telephone the office: 22-8637.  
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E M E R G E N C Y .

We have an overwhelming duty in these times to be strong. We must show strength because we have to bear a great responsibility. Primarily we have an overwhelming responsibility towards those of our members who are detained under the emergency regulations. They presumably are so detained because of their Liberal beliefs.

We must keep faith with these members and at the moment one way we can do so is by making sure that their dependants are properly cared for. The number of people concerned (i.e. Liberals) is not great and because of this we ought to be able to make adequate provision when and if it is needed.

Emergency Relief Fund:

To this end we have launched amongst our members only, an Emergency Fund. We should like all members to be quite clear about the uses to which this Fund will be put. As most of our members know there is a Defence and Aid Fund which will soon be publicly launched. The object of this fund is to cater for all detainees, regardless of political affiliations. If there is to be any legal defence, costs will be paid by this fund. In the meanwhile, detainees are receiving financial aid and their dependants are being cared for on an emergency footing.

To return to the Liberal Party Emergency Fund. This will in no way make regular contributions to Liberal detainees or dependants over and above what they will be entitled to receive from the Defence and Aid Fund. But if a family is suddenly faced with a financial crisis they must feel able to appeal to the Party for help. The Defence and Aid Fund will never be in a position to make any extra contributions beyond those given regularly; contrariwise, our Emergency fund will never be in a position to make regular contributions of any kind.

There are two ways in which such emergencies can be met:

(a) when a situation arises, there can be a "whip round" for

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the necessary money, or (b) we build up a substantial fund upon which we can draw without delay. This latter choice was made by the Executive and has been launched as the Liberal Party Emergency Fund.

Other Responsibilities.

We have a heavy responsibility towards the African population which bears the brunt of every attack on life, liberty and property and which is officially voiceless. We believe that the Liberal Party to some extent has the trust of the non-white people and we must not betray that trust but rather try and encourage it.

We have a responsibility towards ourselves and the ideals with which we first formed the Liberal Party. The present situation in South Africa is a sure if tragic vindication of the truth of these ideals. Now more than ever the Liberal Party must propagate the concept of a non-racial democracy in South Africa. This we have been doing and will continue to do.

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CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

The Defence and Aid Fund are in urgent need of children's clothes for families of all detainees. Please send them to 17 Harvard Buildings, Joubert Street, Johannesburg, or telephone that office, 23-0642, if you need the clothes to be collected.

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MARGARET BALLINGER.

(A Reporter Remembers)

by G.L. Palmer.

Twenty two years of fighting against great odds for the rights of the Non-European people of South Africa in Parliament and out of it - that is the record of South Africa's most outstanding woman M.P., Mrs. Margaret Ballinger. When she retires from the parliamentary scene at the end of May, because a Bill abolishing M.P.s for Africans is to be implemented, the House will lose one of its greatest debaters; even her staunchest opponents will have to acknowledge her as the most forceful woman M.P. to have entered Parliament and probably one of the most forthright and knowledgeable public speakers in the Union.

As a young Press Gallery reporter in 1947 I heard Mrs. Ballinger speak from the "kitchen" - the far end of the House where the tiny group of Natives' Representatives sat - and her speeches never failed to enliven a dull afternoon and send tea-drinking reporters rushing back to the gallery. Her clear, incisive manner of delivery was a newspaperman's joy and even her fiercest opponents listened to what she had to say. If members interrupted her with irrelevant remarks her repartee shattered them into silence and stilled others who might have considered exchanging words across the floor of the House with her. She gave no quarter and expected none. Her concise, factual maiden speech in February 1938, made parliamentary history.

No Cliches

She has never talked in cliches. But as many cliches find their source in blunt truth, some of Mrs. Ballinger's own unvarnished statements have taken on the quality of catch-words. One of these was her assertion that it was time South Africa learned to govern instead of legislating. Another was the phrase that sums up her whole philosophy: that European prestige in this country could not be maintained by falling back on the bludgeon.

This championing of a cause is in no sense the

ranting of a fanatic. Mrs. Ballinger has made the cause her own because she knows that South Africa's future depends on this integration of the country's policy into one forward sweep of mutual benefit to white as well as black.

### Champion of the Weak.

Yet there is an element of crusading behind all this. Coming from Scottish radical stock, she has a Scottish sense of social responsibility and an urge to champion the weakest.

Having been put into Parliament by the people of the Transkei and being one of three representatives in the Union Parliament of 153 members, she has had to work hard to represent her million constituents and the conscientiousness with which she has carried out this task has become almost proverbial.

The strange situation of her constituents, a sub-economic existence in a country where they, vastly superior in numbers to South Africa's white population, constitute a 'minority cause', sets a problem for any honest representative of this cause.

A fellow journalist once compared her task with that of someone trying to knock down a brick wall with a tack hammer. The implements for the enormous task are so small. The brick wall, a huge bulwark of public opinion, is gradually being chipped but it still stands in the way of urgent and humane matters, like the sufficient provision of food and houses.

Mrs. Ballinger has no tricks of the trade to underline the wall, nor would they serve. Her forthright weapons stand her in better stead, - a fixed objective; a profound education which puts the ready answer always at the tip of her tongue and an ability to use the right word on every occasion.

She came into the public eye when, as Miss Margaret Hodgson, she was Senior Lecturer in History at the University

of the Witwatersrand. The Chair of History became vacant and she was placed second out of 39 candidates applying for the post, which was given to Prof. Fouche. She left the University at the end of 1935 because of a regulation preventing married women having permanent positions on the staff. She had married Mr. W.G. Ballinger in 1934. She beat four men in the election that first brought her to the House of Assembly in 1938 and she has held the Cape Eastern Division seat ever since.

As a member of Parliament she has been a member of the Marketing Commission, the Unemployment Insurance Commission and select committees.

### Memoirs.

On her retirement this energetic woman will not be idle. She intends writing her memoirs. They should be absorbing, considering her colourful career. She has had many interesting experiences electioneering amongst Africans.

Few people know that her father, John Hodgson, was a great friend of the Boers. In fact, he was accountant of the Free State Republic, after he came out from Scotland (his daughter was then 10). During the South Africa War he fought on the Boer side and afterwards started his own accountancy business in a Free State town.

Margaret Ballinger was one of the founders of the Liberal Party and its first President - a position she later had to relinquish because of pressure of work. She was the leader of the Liberals in the House of Assembly.

## HUMAN BEINGS AND SHARPEVILLE.

Historians will probably refer to conditions in South Africa as before Sharpeville and after Sharpeville. Certainly the events that occurred at Sharpeville on March 21st will never be ignored and we should like readers to know the practical reaction of the Liberal Party to these appalling events.

Our political reactions must of necessity remain mute but our humane reactions may be said out clearly and loudly. A few days after the slaughter an urgent call went out from Sharpeville asking for food. The wives and children of those killed and wounded were without any food. By the next day at lunch time the Liberal Party in Johannesburg and Pretoria had collected nearly two tons of food and this was taken out by lorry to Sharpeville.

### Permits Needed.

The lorry had been lent by a friend and was driven by the student son of a member. Accompanying the lorry went three members of the Executive. On arrival at Sharpeville there was considerable delay because no permit could be obtained to enter the Township and distribute the food. As the lorry was leaving it was stopped by a Captain of the Police. When the position was explained to him he asked our people to return with him to the police station and he would try and get permission. After about an hour he managed this and the lorry was allowed to enter the township and distribution of its contents permitted. By this time it was nearly dusk and all concerned decided it would be better to return next morning.

### Guarded by Saracens.

The lorry was left opposite the police station and guarded by saracens all night and the next morning the same people returned and the food was distributed with the help of a friendly church minister.

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That was the beginning of the Sharpeville Emergency Relief Fund. The Black Sash then took over the running of this fund. It is working in close co-operation with the fund which was started by the Mayor of Vereeniging and which is now functioning well from that town. Eventually it will all be run from Vereeniging.

It was wonderful and impressive the way people helped - they gave generously and without hesitation, food, money, clothing. One of the most heartening offers came from a merchant in Mafeking who gave 10 pockets of potatoes per week for a month. The last load went out last week. By no means all who gave were party members or people even interested in politics. They gave with their hearts because their hearts were moved.

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BRANCH NEWS.

Having now recovered from what at first looked like a knock-out blow, our Branches appear to have fully recovered and have been quite active. And branch activity these days amounts to one thing and one thing only. The raising of money!! Elsewhere something has been written about our Emergency Fund. There is of course a great and pressing need to support and donate to this Fund to the limit of each individual's capacity. Beyond this and really equally important is the ordinary fund-raising of the Party. Despite restrictions, the Party must still function and this still costs money. Branch activity must see to it that e v e r y member of the Party is contributing something each month to regular party funds.

TRANSVAAL CONGRESS - 1960.

This year's Congress, held as it was on March 26th and 27th was probably one of our most exciting. It certainly took place at an historically interesting and already tragic time. Looking back to it now, it seems remote in a way and certainly happened in another world. Three days after it ended, the Soweto arrests took place and South Africa entered a State of Emergency.

At Congress we received the news at lunch time on the first day of the suspension of the operation of the Pass Laws. We were exultant and hopeful, feeling that perhaps we were witnessing the beginning of the end of these laws that we had fought against for so long. Our feeling would have been somewhat different if we could have glimpsed the future and the tragedies that would soon take place.

Decisions taken at Congress in the light of subsequent events seem unimportant and unreal but we feel that members are entitled to know something of what happened there.

Prophetic Resolution:

It was a very well-attended Congress on both days and it was opened by our National Chairman, Peter Brown. The first resolution passed on that first morning, later seemed prophetic. We asked, inter alia, "that the government take such steps as may be necessary to ease the present tension, for example to abolish the pass laws". It was some two hours later that the news came through of the temporary suspension of the operation of the pass laws.

Much of the formal agenda for the Congress fell away as considerable time was taken up in discussing the pressing issues of the moment. We realised then that everything was boiling up and we would have been less than human and certainly unpolitical if we had stuck to the agenda.

However, we did manage to elect a Provincial Committee and Mr. Jack Unterhalter was persuaded to remain Chairman, at least for three months. By a rule made at last year's Provincial Congress he was not able to stand

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for re-nomination, having served two consecutive years. But a unanimously passed resolution resulted in a temporary suspension of this rule in view of the present situation. Our sympathy goes out to this wife and family for having inflicted the Chairmanship on them again! !

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ARTICLES CLERKS.

We have recently come across a problem in which we feel that members of the Liberal Party who are in a position to do so might be of some help.

African, Indian and Coloured people who want to enter the field of law or Accountancy experience great difficulty in becoming articulated to firms of lawyers or accountants. The S.A. Institute of Accountants and the Law Society will accept non-white clerks in articles and of course Wits. University will enrol students for the necessary courses. But it is virtually impossible to get any firm to accept non-whites as clerks.

Heads of such firms when approached by us always seem to give the same reason that "their clients might object". Now it seems to me that a start can be made here by a few courageous liberals or near-liberals. As the manager of a certain store in town, who experimented with no apartheid in their super-market, said "Get people into a habit and soon it all comes naturally". So let us try and get firms into the habit first of accepting non-whites as articulated clerks and secondly getting their clients into the habit of accepting these clerks to work on their books.

If any one reading this feels inclined to take the lead, the office of the Liberal Party would be very grateful to hear of him, as we get frequent appeals for help in this field.



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R E L E A S E     I S S U E.

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PRESS CLIPPINGS

Relativity: A new map of Africa, published by the London "Daily Telegraph", shows Sharpeville, marked in next to Johannesburg as one of the presumably important towns of South Africa ..... "Star", June 28th.

No Comment: Between 80 and 90 Natives were arrested in Pretoria yesterday for walking on the pavements. The bye-law on this subject was hotly debated when the Pretoria Municipal Bill was considered at the last session of the Transvaal Parliament. ... "The Star", June 27, 1910.

Gilt-edged: Steps taken this week towards easing the Emergency regulations helped bring an all-round advance in gold share prices today. .... "The Star", June 29, 1960.

Darkness: "Events in other parts of the world have shown that when Press is restricted, the exposure and prevention of injustice becomes less probable - and ultimately impossible in the case of totalitarian States. The lights of enlightenment and education go out"... Mr. Hendrik D. Wannenberg, President of the S.A. Society of Journalists, in his speech at the Society's last Congress. ... "The S.A. Journalist".

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THE THIRD FORCE.

Delegates to the recent National Congress at Cape Town were deeply impressed by the presidential address delivered by Mr. Alan Paton, National President of the Liberal Party.

Reviewing the tasks of the Liberal Party in the present situation, Mr. Paton began by emphasising that no new departure in policy or activities could take place without full consultation with the membership. He went on to postulate as a starting point for any discussion of the Party's role, the proposition that the Party is committed to a policy of non-violence.

"As I see it," Mr. Paton said, "we are entering a phase where the struggle between Afrikaner nationalism and African nationalism will be intensified ... I fully expect violence to be a feature of this struggle. What we do? Do we stand hopelessly by? Is our role alternately to respond to and to reject appeals for help made by other organisations? I am sure that it is not. But that is what we shall be reduced to if we have no positive contribution to make. What is that contribution to be? .. Some will be resolutely violent and what can people like ourselves oppose to resolute violence but resolute non-violence?"

A Force between:

Mr. Paton suggested that the Liberal Party should see itself as a third force between the opposing nationalisms, "both of them always trembling on the brink of violence". Such a third force need not be crushed between the opposing forces of violence; if it made proper use of the power of non-violence, it could determine the future of our country. Mr. Paton recalled the success achieved by Philip Kgosana in Cape Town and by a young Indian who prevented violence when a procession marched from Cato Manor to the Centre of Durban. Much could be achieved by non-violent demonstrations against such things as Group Areas evictions. "I would like to confront the users of violence, and I regard enforcement of the Group Areas Act as nothing less than an act of violence, with an ordered and self-disciplined opposition. These would be demonstrations trembling, not on the brink of violence, but on the brink of deliverance. But they require,

I am certain, discipline and preparation; one does not buy for nothing this non-violent power. For one thing, I am sure one would have to go to such a demonstration with something more than the mere desire to bring a tyrannical government toppling to the ground; one would have to go there to offer to South Africa a visible and substantial alternative to tyranny, motivated by love of what was good and just, and a desire to identify oneself with one's neighbour at the moment of his dispossession."

Mr. Paton said that some members might fear action of this sort, if the Party became involved in it. While it was necessary to keep the Party's activities as sensible and practical as possible, we could not escape the fact that the Party existed to serve certain ideals. In the present situation, the mere propagation of these ideals could lead to action against Party members by the State. It was therefore not possible for the Party to confine itself to activities which involved no risks.

#### On Our Side:

"At times like this", said Mr. Paton, "it is natural to face the future soberly, with a mixture of courage and anxiety. But I say to you, let us not be too fearful. Great Forces are on our side, not only the forces of good that take such a beating from men and yet are so invincible, but also great temporal forces, the disapproval of nations both great and small of the policies of apartheid and the determination of some of them to exert pressure on our rulers to change their ways. This places on us a duty also, that we should not forget what we came together to do and that we should continue to do it, to go on exercising what we believe to be inalienable rights to speak the truth, to attempt to persuade, to oppose injustice, to build bridges between people and people, to provide leadership and guidance for those millions of South African people who do not believe in violence, or who want some working alternative for it".

A CHALLENGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

by a Member

Some dramatic and far-reaching gesture by the Liberal Party is needed to convince South Africa - and particularly white South Africa - that the party means business: to convince the people of our sincerity and determination in fostering the ideal of a multi-racial society.

The times we live in demand such a gesture. What form should it take?

We may be inspired by the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Ghandi set out to show the British Raj that force was not needed to achieve his ideals. The real significance of the Indian freedom movement in the eyes of Ghandi was that it was waged non-violently. I quote from the epilogue of B.R. Nanda's biography (available at the Johannesburg Public Library): "He objected to violence not only because an unarmed people had little chance of success in an armed rebellion, but because he considered violence a clumsy weapon which created more problems than it solved, and left a trail of hate and bitterness in which genuine reconciliation was almost impossible."

Satyagraha:

Satyagraha (non-violence) was not designed to crush the opponent but to set in motion forces which would lead to his conversion. The object of a Satyagraha campaign was a peace honourable to both sides. The battles for Indian freedom were thus waged on the moral and psychological front. The process of conversion was twofold. Indians, no less than the British, needed a change of heart. Ghandi said many hard things about British rule in India, but he said harder things about the evils which divided and corroded Indian society from within.

We may criticise the Nationalists for not being prepared to make the sacrifices needed to achieve their ideal of Bantustan. What are we Liberals prepared to sacrifice to achieve our ideals? Alan Paton showed us the lines on which we should be thinking in

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his magnificent address at the Cape Town congress. There was a hint of how we should conduct ourselves in future in the provision of food and other essentials at Langa and Sharpeville. Deeds, not words, will bring whites and non-whites to our side - show non-whites that European Liberals are not just big talkers. Even Nationalists may be impressed. We white members should guard against the tendency to sink back into the enjoyment of our ease, wealth and privileges, only momentarily shaken into reality by events like Sharpeville.

Target Month:

I suggest that we could make a start on the following lines: supposing we set a "target month", say September, in which every member who feels he has the spiritual strength to do so should save 10 per cent of his salary for that month for the detainees' fund by means of a genuine personal sacrifice; by, say, abjuring all liquor for that month, cutting down or cutting out tobacco and meat, abjuring all entertainment, cutting down private transport expenses by eliminating non-essential journeys, picnics and so on.

The self-sacrifice involved is more important than the money which would be raised (which should be considerable). Everybody should take a solemn vow to do these things. The propaganda value of this example will be great. It is the least we can do when so many of our unfortunate allies in the struggle for freedom have been languishing in jail all this time.

This appeal may not be popular. It should be directed mainly at white members but some of our non-Europeans may feel themselves able to take part - perhaps on a five per cent scale.

Those with religious leanings could make the month a special one for prayer and meditation.

Perhaps the executive might consider this scheme, or some other positive plan of action?

WELCOME HOME.

It is a very great pleasure to be able to welcome back all our Liberal detainees, Ernie Wentzel, John Lang, John Brink, Colin Lang, Jock Isacowitz and Mark Nye. Four of them were in for over fourteen weeks, the other two a little less so. Fourteen weeks, confined and deprived of the rights of law.

These people have still not been charged with any offence and it is now deemed safe for 'the public safety' to release them from the confines of prison. Those released earlier than this last week-end were hampered by severe restrictions and which, at time of publication, are still in force. Happily those released more recently are 'only' confined to their magisterial district and not allowed to belong to any organisation or to attend a gathering of any organisation.

What can be in the official mind to make such restrictive conditions of release. These conditions are more severe than any awaiting-trial prisoner on bail. They are more severe than conditions imposed on those 'named' under the Suppression of Communism Act. A convicted person, having served his sentence, is released unconditionally.

Released detainees, having been "investigated", should be released unconditionally. Is there any official indication that once the state of emergency is lifted these conditions will be abolished. This too we should like to know.

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THIS IS NOT AN APOLOGY.

We are not sorry that this issue of Liberal News is late because we held up publication in the hopes that we would in fact be able to welcome home all Liberal detainees.

MISSING PERSONS BUREAU

Appleby, Miss J. - Hillbrow	Malaza, Mr. A. - Evaton
Coleman, Mrs. P. - Germiston	Malinga, Mr. B. - Evaton
Geldenhuis, P.B. - Braamfontein	Mlambo, Mr. A. - Diepkloof1437
Gumede, Mr. C. - Evaton	Nqolobe, Mr. R - W.N.T.
Gostelli - Springs	Peteke, Mr. H. - Alex. Tnship
Hewitt, Miss B. - Parktown North	Pincus, Mrs. - Bloemfontein
Holgate, Mr. & Mrs. - Parkwood	Rapudi, Mr. D. - Pretoria
Jakavula, Mr. R. - Sophiatown	Ramanjee, Mr. J. - Pretoria
Jacobs, Mr. & Mrs. - Parkwood	Seka, Mrs. M. - Alexandra Tnship
Jada, Mrs. F. - Sophiatown	Wolk, Miss Rose - Rosebank
Jennings, Mr. & Mrs. - Pretoria	Van Vuuren, Mr. P.J. Potgieters- rust.
Katz, Mr. A. - Orange Grove	Moikangoa, Mr. & Mrs. - Dube Vill.
Letoaba, Mr. J. - Alexandra Tnship	Matlhare, Mr. A. - Sophiatown
Morgan, Mr. J. - Pretoria	Ntsele, Mr. L. Sophiatown
McGregor, Dr. N. - Orchards	Smith, Mr. D. Coronationville

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OPERATION MOVE:

From August 1st the office will be at 45 Harvard Building in Joubert St. (Cor. Pritchard). This, we sincerely hope, will be our last move because the premises are a great improvement on anything we have ever had before. We shall be able to indulge a fancy of ours and fulfill a long-felt want by having a Club Room, where members can relax when they are in town. Committee meetings too will become almost a pleasure! The only snag is that we shall be on the fifth floor but there is a fast and reliable lift in the building. Our phone number, thank heaven, remains the same!

WE NEED HELP from those of our members who are handy with their hands. Painters and carpenters please apply. Our shelves need to be put up again and some walls need to be painted. Refreshments provided!

If you can help us over the week-end 30th, 31st July, please ring us soon (22-8637).

Another one of us when young!

Africa's Lament

They cry out to us the needy call!  
But few there be who heed or hear.  
A broken people, proud in spirit,  
Baptised into lore; yet our fear  
Secludes our reason, just as merit  
Is interred as criterions fall.

They need us with our wider ken,  
Not barbarians, but rather more,  
Cultured, cheerful, strivingly moral,  
Trying to keep up a tribal lore,  
Built, as is some island paradise, on coral,  
Each warrior adding to a code of men.

For they were brave and resisted  
Our incomplete conqueror's might.  
We have not ruled our heritage well,  
But have been the selfish parasite.  
The stirring of the dormant is a knell  
Spelling disaster from those who merely existed.

"Give us culture, we worship our land,  
Teach us to use both to grow  
Food to feed our hungry people.  
Let the knowledge you kindled glow  
Within us. Let us attain the steeple,  
The climaxed aspiration. Extend a hand  
Of welcome to the lovers of our land!"

E.M.W. (Form E.1) Ernie Wentzel

(With acknowledgements to Rondebosch Boys' High School Magazine  
December, 1950)

NATIONAL CONGRESS - CAPE TOWN, 1960

The annual National Congress of the Liberal Party, held in Cape Town at the end of May, took place under the shadow of the State of Emergency. There were serious gaps among the delegates. Peter Brown, our National Chairman, Jock Isacowitz and Hans Meidner, our two Deputy National Chairmen, Elliot Mugade, African Organiser for Natal, John and Colin Lang, Ernie Wentzel and John Brink could not attend because of their detention under the emergency regulations.

Yet, perhaps because of these straightened circumstances, this was probably the most successful Congress ever held. The attendance was a record and reflected clearly the multi-racial composition of the Party. Well over a hundred delegates and observers were present throughout Congress and the mood was resolute and optimistic, with nowhere any sign of despondency.

Congress spent much of its time on commissions dealing with franchise, political policy, publicity and organisation and finance. Their debates were lively

Many important decisions were taken. The franchise policy was amended and the final formulation was unanimously adopted. The full text is published elsewhere in this issue (see page 11).

Mr. Paton's Leadership:

Congress resolved that the Party's role today is to spearhead the opposition to apartheid. The Liberal Party must build itself into a large multi-racial organisation committed to the ideal of a non-racial democracy to act as a third force between the two extremes of white and black nationalism. In achieving these aims, the party will employ only non-violent means and condemns the use of violence for political ends.

Reports of the successful work of the African organiser employed by the Natal Division stimulated Congress to instruct the other divisions to appoint African organisers as soon as

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possible and to go all out on an intensive membership drive among all sections of the community. It was also decided to raise the minimum annual subscription from 2/6d to 5/-d.

Much inspiration was derived from the leadership of our National President, Alan Paton. His two major speeches, one at a public meeting, and one summing up the difficult political debate, will hold a high place for years to come. The Liberal Party and South Africa are fortunate in having at the present time a man of his stature.

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### THE FRANCHISE POLICY.

"The Liberal Party of South Africa aims to achieve the responsible participation of all South Africans in government and democratic processes of the country and, to this end, to extend the right of franchise on the common roll to all adult persons.

The Liberal Party considers it a prerequisite of a universal franchise that there should be entrenched in a rigid constitution a Bill of Rights based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which will protect the rights of all individuals and which shall be enforceable by an independent judiciary (vide Constitutional Policy).

The Liberal Party feels that it is not possible at this stage to foresee the precise circumstances under which the change will occur, but aims to have the idea of a universal franchise and a Bill of Rights accepted by the people of South Africa and to bring about the change with the minimum possible dislocation."

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PRETORIA AND THE DETAINEES

by AD HAIN

Almost immediately after the arrests Tony Brink worked out and began operating a very efficient system of relief for the dependents of those detained in Pretoria. All the families were visited in order to find out their individual needs, the number of children and their ages and the general financial condition. Expectant mothers received special consideration and sometimes school fees had to be paid. Some families were found to be self-supporting and of course did not need aid, others were found to be in great poverty. Tony did most of this visiting himself.

In all 37 families (about 100 people) are being cared for very efficiently which is a great credit to Tony's untiring efforts. The whole cost is approximately £310 per month which covers food, rents and extras such as school fees and maternity needs. This money is collected in Pretoria from all sections of the people. Many people have "adopted" a family which costs approximately £2.10.0 per week. Many people have sent clothing and blankets and altogether the response to appeals has been magnificent.

Personal Contacts:

In Lady Selborne the dependents receive their food parcels through a local storekeeper, but in Atteridgeville and Eastwood there are only a few families, so Party members take food parcels in themselves each week. A great deal of this food is collected from Indian shop-owners in the Asiatic Bazaar and Prinsloo Street and also from members whom we continue to exploit shamelessly! Personal contact is kept with all the families and we find that they readily turn to us if any troubles crop up and there is developing a strong friendliness towards us.

I would like mention to be made of the wonderful job being done by one of our Indian committee members. He collects fruit and vegetables from market stall holders, most of whom are Indians, twice a week. Every Saturday the Kombi luggage space is piled high with this produce for the 30 Lady Selborne families and then on Tuesdays he is ready again with a further

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supply for Eastwood and Atteridgeville. This unexpected "luxury" of fruit and vegetables is much appreciated by the families and greatly helps to ease their budgeting.

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S P O T L I G H T

OOSTHUIZEN: To Bokkie and "Cosie" was born a second son during June. Congratulations to you both.

HERRINGTON-VAN DEN BERG: Pamela Herrington married Johann Van Den Berg at the Catholic Church, Pretoria on July 2nd. Both are active and keen members of our Pretoria Branch. Great happiness to you in your future together.

A JOB PLEASE:

One of our women members from Orlando is having great trouble in finding a job. She supports a family and therefore does not wish to sleep away from home. She is a typist and general office worker but is willing to do domestic work which can end at 5 p.m. She is Mrs. Agnes Gama and if anyone can help please phone the office.

FILM SHOW:

On Saturday and Sunday, July 23rd and 24th, there will be a film show. The place - Mrs. Hannah Jaff's house, 105, 5th Street, Melrose. The time - 8.15 p.m. Admission can only be by ticket because there is not a lot of space available. Please telephone the office for further information.

BRIDGE DRIVE:

During August (date to be announced later) an afternoon bridge drive will be held.

AN ILL WIND OF CHANGE.

For many that much publicised 'wind of change' was an ill wind - but not so ill that some good did not arise from it. With signs pointing in the direction of a possible lifting and certainly the release of almost all detainees, we can allow ourselves a look at the good resulting from the emergency.

The Party, in all its provinces, has emerged from this crisis stronger than it has ever been before. People who previously had been members on cards only and who rarely, if ever, came to meetings either branch, members or public meetings, have shown in different ways that they now want to be identified as party members. They have given generously to the Defence and Aid Fund, to the Liberal Emergency Fund and also to general Party funds. Many of them too turned up at the members meeting which was held in June and at which Margaret Ballinger spoke. Resignations have been few and perhaps the wheat has been sifted from the chaff.

Interest has been revived in Party activities to an extent that is most encouraging. New members are being enrolled, many of them keen to do active work.

I should like to make a serious and important appeal to all members to continue this support even after the emergency is over. We cannot increase party activity without financial support and I urge all of you who have recently begun to pay monthly pledges to the Party not to stop when the emergency is ended. We must still function and we must function as never before.

Old adages may be corny but they are very often apt and true. Out of evil comes forth good and lets keep it that way.

BRANCH NEWS.

Voters Rolls:

Chief branch activity during June was that all branch secretaries checked that their branch members were on the voters roll.

Any members who were found to be unregistered were informed and sent registration cards which we sincerely hope they completed and sent in to the Electoral Office.

Otherwise branch activity has been confined to the important task of money collection.

Future:

National Congress passed a resolution calling upon all branches to be levied at least £50 per annum, over and above regular contributions from members. So branches will have to start thinking up ways and means. Don't forget too, that fund-raising functions can be entertaining and they can certainly help to stimulate interest in the party in general.

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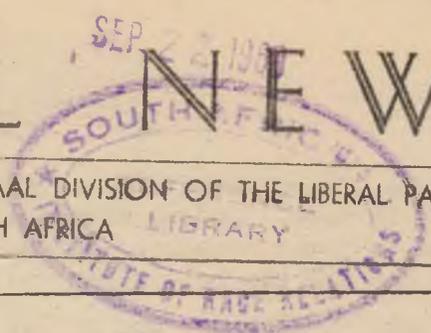
MEMBERS MEETING:

This successful meeting was held during June at the St. Francis Hall in Parkview. Our Chairman reported on the National Congress, Mrs. Hannah Jaff spoke about the Defence and Aid Fund and Mrs. Margaret Ballinger entertained us with her views about the situation in South Africa. The meeting was very well attended and we hope that all future members meetings will call forth a similar audience.

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# LIBERAL NEWS



MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE TRANSVAAL DIVISION OF THE LIBERAL PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA

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OPERATION MOVE

The office would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who helped us move. And we should like you all to know just how much we owe to these members. (We shall take them in alphabetical order because the help given was all equally valuable!)

David Craighead, one of our Vice-Chairmen, put up all the shelves for us - a time-consuming and tiring job but one which he did cheerfully and efficiently. Gay Kane-Berman, with the aid of Dorothy Millin, has been our wallpaper good fairy and has made the common-room look really gay! Gilbert Satikge and Simon Thepa between them have painted the Common-room and hall - a big job this because of all the scraping to be done and the business-as-usual attitude of us in the office! But these two were uncomplaining and did a lot of work at night.

Harriet Schlosberg generously gave us some lovely curtains to brighten our lives. On removal day we would have been lost without Geoffrey Thompson. His help and carpentry ability eased things considerably for us. An ex-member and still a sympathiser was generous enough to GIVE us 4 gallons of paint, so that the apparently plutocratic action of re-painting didn't cost us a thing! Labour and materials free!

The Common-room will be used for all committee meetings and branch meetings too, providing it is booked through the office. And please note, the common-room is also there so that members can visit us and each other when they come to town.

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There is no force so strong as an idea whose time is slightly past.

## VIOLENCE IN AFRICA.

South Africa's racialists have worked themselves into their traditional frenzy over the shambles in the Congo. The United Party in its familiar role of cloaca maxima (the sewers of Rome) showered the Ward 6 electorate with "Bongo-Congo's" and probably the immediate reaction of white South Africa was a closing of its ranks against the swart gevaar.

Nevertheless more and more whites recognise that the winds of change have crossed the equator on their journey south and that South Africa is rapidly becoming an isolation ward for racialism. Many ordinary whites recognise that the political situation has reached a critical phase after Sharpeville, Leopoldville and Bulawayo.

### Liberal Leadership:

The task of a dynamic Liberal Party is to offer leadership in this critical phase. African liberation is an inevitable political development. The only real political question is how Africans will achieve equality. Liberalism faces South Africa with the choice: CHANGE NOW OR CHAOS LATER.

### Belgian Leadership:

Thus far the Congo's violence and disorder is exceptional in Africa. It is an expression of unorganized social change leading to chaos. The Liberal Party emphatically deplores the violence in the Congo but in our condemnation we cannot lose sight of the real wrongdoer. The Belgians showed no lack of enterprise in their 80 year exploitation of the natural resources of the Congo both material and human. They deliberately withheld political experience from the Congolese and failed to provide the educational facilities to train the personnel required to run a modern state.

### White Violence:

We are not impressed by the proneness of white South Africans to sermonise on the Congo violence. At Sharpeville in 40 seconds 69 people were killed and 180 wounded. In any event the South

African Government had to proclaim a state of emergency because even our kragdadige kabinet had failed to maintain control by normal means.

Built-in Stabiliser:

The liberal Party is the living proof that we need not fear a Congo here. We have joined together in one political party men and women of all races working for a common society. There are many South Africans of all races with the know-how to run a modern state - they are South Africa's built-in stabiliser.

Both white and non-white South Africans can find hope for their future in the use of positive, unafraid non-violence as the mechanism for change and a foundation for the future. The Liberal Party favours non-violence not only because Hungary proved that violence is a poor weapon to use against the modern state but because Liberals know that means and ends are part of our plan.

Urgent Message:

The Liberal message to South Africa is an urgent one. The Congo means that change is upon us. We can achieve that change peacefully and avoid the Congo's agony of dis-order only if enough decent people of all races get together now to make an alternative possible.

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Why are the Progressives so "U"?

Is it because their blackmen are so few?

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WHAT AFRICANS SAY AND THINK

by Julius G. Malie.

Just what does the African think of the general political situation in the country and beyond its borders? The accuracy of the African's assessment of the events of the last few months in South Africa and in the whole of changing Africa will startle many whites who think that these happenings might just as well never have occurred for the impression they have created in the minds of Africans in this country.

Independence:

The emergence of independent African States has raised hopes of impending changes in our own country. Africans here realise that the pattern will not be quite the same as in the former British colonies. The changes now taking place are seen by them as the unfolding of a pre-conceived plan by the British gradually to pass on the reins of government to their former wards. For this the British rate very high in the esteem of Africans.

The Congo:

Recent events in the Congo have had a mixed reception. Whilst every African I have spoken to lauds the justice of yielding power to the Congolese, many do criticise the Belgians for having failed to prepare the Africans early in their administration for eventual self-rule. We know that the South African government is making exactly the same mistakes and more besides. Most dangerous of all is racial grouping, which will never make for stable government.

Moishe Tshombe:

Tshombe, the self-styled President of Katanga, is nobody's piece of cake. Africans here feel he is no more than a stooge in the hands of the Belgians.

Lumumba:

Patrice Lumumba is looked upon in a slightly more favourable light. He is the constitutionally elected Prime Minister of the

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whole of the Congo. There is sympathy for his spirited dislike of the Belgians, but many think his threats to call in the Russians are foolish. Africans know that once the Russians set foot in the Congo it will be difficult for Lumumba to get them out again.

Rhodesia:

People here are generally in sympathy with the demonstrators. There is a section that disapproves of the use of violence on both sides, but many believe that only by a show-down will changes come and rapidly at that.

There is some sympathy for Roy Welensky's attempt at partnership. The fact that he was able, some time last year, to remove some of the unsavoury apartheid practices almost with the stroke of the pen, has convinced Africans just how much can be achieved by one single courageous act. The removal of pin-pricks is still, in the mind of the African, the only true demonstration of the white man's sincerity.

Finally, Africans here are hopeful that white South Africa will make concessions, because these are long overdue, and because of the pressure exerted from outside.

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DETAINEES' PUBLIC MEETING

All local Liberal ex-detainees will speak at a public meeting next month.

REMEMBER THE DATE

WEDNESDAY Sept. 21st

REMEMBER THE PLACE

St. Francis Hall, Parkview.

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MORE BANNED MEETINGS.

For the last two months the Party has made vain attempts to hold public meetings in Orlando. Permission has always been refused by the City Council.

We did manage to hold an "End the Emergency" meeting on the City Hall steps on August 1st. There was a large audience which remained quiet and attentive. But the City Council has refused permission for another public meeting on the City Hall steps to discuss the banning of the A.N.C. and P.A.C.

It would seem that the United Party understands the meaning of the word democracy no better than the Nationalists. They have fallen into the habit of putting the "safety" of the state first, the freedom and security of the individual a poor second.

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WEEKLY MEETINGS IN ALEX.

From Aug. 27th the Party will hold weekly meetings on Sunday mornings at No. 3 Square. They will begin at 10 a.m. STOP PRESS: This first meeting was attended by a large contingent of police (Special and uniformed) who prevented the meeting from being held because permission had not been obtained from the Peri-Urban Areas Health Board. In future these weekly meetings will be held in private houses. Please ring the office for information.

IS IT OR ISN'T IT?

Is it or isn't it vitally important to YOU that YOUR Liberal Party not only continues to exist but to extend? In all sorts of ways it is being shown to the whole of South Africa that the only way to avoid another Congo here is by increasing multi-racial activities. By crossing the colour line as much as possible, by co-operation and combination.

In the nature of it the Liberal Party is in the best position to do just this and we must continue to expand our activities amongst black and white. Confidence in us must be engendered amongst the blacks. The whites must be convinced that OUR way is the ONLY way for South Africa.

Consolidating African Support:

With the emergency our financial position improved considerably which was very encouraging, so much so that we took the long overdue step of employing an African organiser. The response to this organiser's work so far has been such as to show us how vitally necessary it is that he continues his work.

But suddenly it is no longer spring! By that we mean that many people think that financial support for the Party is no longer necessary and many regular contributions have lapsed.

IT IS VITAL that our income does not drop. And it is vital that our income increases. We must continue to expand and unless we can have REGULAR financial support of ALL members we cannot do so.

Income:

At this point we should like to acknowledge the considerable support that many members already give every month, year after year. Without these stalwarts we would have sunk long ago. But it is just not enough to enable us to expand in the essential ways of education and more education. Pamphlets cost money, so do public meetings and how else can we show South Africa that our way is the only way.

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If the Liberal Party is worth belonging to it is worth supporting. So have the courage of your membership and contribute monthly, preferably by means of stop orders. Please give gladly when asked to do so by your branch collectors!

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LIBERAL PARTY SWIMMING LESSONS!

As our finances are in such a parlous state, Jill White, who used to teach swimming before she became our Secretary, will give swimming lessons on Thursday and Friday afternoons for Party funds. Hannah Jaff is lending her pool at 101, 5th Street, Melrose. As this is not a gala size pool, Jill would rather take beginners or children up to the ages of 11 or 12. There will be two diving classes on Monday afternoons at 4 and 4.30. These, too, will have to be for beginners - unless some member has a high diving board and is prepared to lend the pool to the Party one afternoon a week.

<u>Prices:</u>	<u>Swimming Lessons</u>	6/- each for half-hour classes of 2 or 3
	<u>Diving Lessons</u>	5/- each for half-hour classes of 4 or 5

Courses to be booked through the Party office - 22-8637

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DAG HAMMERSKJOLD

It is not only Mr. Louw and the owner of a certain hotel in Pretoria who are rapidly developing allergies centred around the arrival (or non-arrival) of the esteemed Secretary-General. The Party had planned deputations of welcome etc., etc., for Mr. Hammerskjold but the office is suffering badly from false alarms and excursions! and now they'll meet in New York - thank goodness!

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WOMEN'S DIVISION

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION

Party members have been getting restive. To keep pace with this feeling of urgency, and a bombardment of bright suggestions, and "Why doesn't the Executive do.....", two new Divisions have been formed.

If you would like to join either the Women's Division, or the Young People's Division, please telephone the Party office straightaway.

Both Divisions will initiate and carry out their own activities. No member of the Executive is allowed to belong to either Division!

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

Film Evening: We hope to be able to get hold of "The Magic Garden" and show it during the latter part of September.

Bridge Drive: An evening Bridge Drive will be held on October 15th at the home of Mrs. Walker, 17 Main Avenue, Riviera.

Book Sale: Please let us have as many old books as you can. We are having a book sale in November and if we have a really large selection of books we should make a lot of money. Collection of books can easily be arranged by phoning the office 22-8637 or your Branch Secretary.

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Ex-detainee - trained Accountant - needs a job. If you can offer him one, please telephone the office 22-8637.

HAVE YOU LISTENED TO LIBERAL PARTY SPEAKERS

at public meetings??

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN

DO AS WELL OR BETTER!!

The Liberal Party's increasing participation in public affairs has shown us the growing need for qualified public speakers who are able to put over the party's views clearly and concisely.

We have no doubt that in our ranks such people are present and with a view to bringing their talent to the fore the Liberal Public Speaking and Debating Society has been formed.

The purpose of this organisation is to find members who wish to gain some experience in public speaking and learn some of the technique which marks a proficient orator.

The Liberal Public Speaking and Debating Society will not only do this but will be the forum for stimulating discussion and perhaps even a little humour, which seems so lacking in our political activity today.

You will also learn about Parliamentary procedure and the rules that govern debates. This should prove invaluable to those who aspire to high office in our government of the future!

The Society will have its first meeting on Tuesday September 20th and thereafter will meet twice monthly at a central venue where everyone will have the chance of speaking and having constructive criticism levelled at their efforts.

If you wish to come, please use the form which is enclosed in the Newsletter. Names for the first meeting must be in the office by Monday September 5th.

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ANTI-REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN

The Liberal Party is working with the Progressives in their anti-republican campaign. Both parties disapprove of the non-participation of the non-whites in the referendum and who will certainly have no say in the government of a republic. Both parties are sure that a complete dictatorship will follow the proclamation of a republic.

We appeal to members to do all they can to fight a Nationalist Republic. Every member is asked to canvass at least two evenings a week. Please will you go to any of the following Progressive offices and offer your help. Clerical help is also needed during the day.

- ROSEBANK - Baker Square, opp. Rosebank School - 42-8429
- HILLBROW - Burton Crt., Klein St., opp. Total Garage - 44-1503
- ORANGE GROVE - Louis Botha Ave., opp. King Edward School Robot - 45-2297
- BIRNAM - Shopping Centre, Cnr. Corlett Drive and Cross Street. - 40-3865
- SANDRINGHAM - Glen San Bldgs., Cnr. George and Alexandra Streets - 45-7918
- GREENSIDE - 12 Gleneagles Road - no phone yet

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No Comment:

Extract from evidence submitted at Sharpeville Inquiry:  
Counsel (cross-examining Col. Pienaar) "Do you think you have learned any useful lesson from the events at Sharpeville?"  
Pienaar: "Well, we may get better equipment."

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The Winds of Change were blown in one ear and out of the other.

FOOD TO SHARPEVILLE.

The Sharpeville Relief Fund, originated by the Mayor of Vereeniging, is still functioning and works well and efficiently but they can only give people the barest subsistence. The members of the recently formed Liberal Party branch in Sharpeville asked us to try and give that little extra which would help to make life worth living.

The response from our members was wonderful. As you doubtless read in the press over £300 worth of provisions was taken in to the Township on Sunday August 21st.

This food came from all our branches, including big amounts from Springs and Pretoria.

Student Banned Entry:

We took along one of the Cambridge students who was keen to visit Sharpeville. In company with the white Party members present he was not allowed into the Township and so only Julius Malie and the driver of the lorry could go in. This prohibition undoubtedly impressed the Cambridge student!

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MODDER B

Many members have probably guessed that the Liberal Party has been very much behind the revelations and investigations about Modder B.

It is not possible to go into detail but it is important that members realise the kind of things we are able to do.

We were represented in the deputation that interviewed the Secretary for Justice and the Acting Director of Prisons and we remain active in this situation.

BRANCH NEWS

Parktown: Mrs. Felicia Kentridge talked to a not too-well-attended meeting early in August. Her subject "The Decline of Law in S.A." was a horrifying as it was instructive and those **who stayed away** missed something good. This branch has decided to combine with the ORLANDO branch for meetings and projects. The **first** combined meeting is to be held on August 28th when Eddie Roux will be the speaker.

North-East Rand: This branch held a well-attended meeting in Alexandra one Saturday afternoon, to which some Orlando members came. This branch is to start from September study **groups** for training in public affairs, administration and political knowledge. It was regrettable that so few white members of the branch attended this meeting - Rugby match may be blamed for at least some non-attendance.

Houghton: This branch sent out the following notice to **all its** members "Houghton Branch: (Under new management). Dear member, At the next meeting of this branch ..... neither Marion, Jack nor Leslie will be addressing us. Instead a prominent young African journalist will speak to us.." Congratulations Houghton upon your awakening!

East Rand: During August this branch has had two very successful meetings, the first **about 40** people and the second about 60! What **used to be the most dormant branch** has now become the most **active** and it **is** especially encouraging that this is a really non-racial racial branch, having a good Kwa Thema membership.

Hillbrow-Berea-Yeoville: held a joint meeting. Attendance was fairly good and a stimulating discussion took place on the current situation. A new Committee was elected and the two branches agreed to remain a combined branch.

Pretoria: Weekly meetings are held in Lady Selborne, there is continual huisebesoek, food parcels are still sent to detainees' dependants in Lady Selborne, Atteridgeville and Eastwood. House meetings and members' meetings are held monthly.

A bursary has been formed for an African student to go through high school. The Party here is strong and vigorous and steadily gaining ground.

Ad Hain was present when nine women were arrested at Chief Luthuli's trial and was able to arrange bail and defence with the help of party members. The women, having been arrested for nothing in the first place, were acquitted.

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S P O T L I G H T.

SHARP: To Yvonne and Erist, a first son, Wayne Vaughan. Sincere congratulations.

SWEMMER: To Ann and Terry, our congratulations on the birth of their second child, a son.

COLIN VAN REENEN of Pretoria was detained under the Emergency Regulations but released during July. Welcome home, Colin.

FILM SHOW: All who attended the film show held during July at the home of Mrs. Walker in Riviera enjoyed themselves very much. After all it is difficult not to laugh at the Marx Brothers, especially their classic "Night at the Opera". The organisers were however disappointed that there was literally no response to the notice of this film show which was advertised in last months "News". Attendance to the show was organised through phone calls. Liberals, aren't you interested in the Party's social activities?

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Stop Press

Peter Brown will  
speak at this  
meeting.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

First meeting Tuesday 20th September.

Will those who wish to join fill in the form below and return it to the office by September 15th.

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I wish to join the Debating Society.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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BOOK SALE

BOOKS URGENTLY WANTED for City Hall steps sale on Tuesday November 29th. Please deliver to 78 Jan Smuts Avenue, Saxonwold or telephone office to arrange for collection.

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CIVIL RIGHTS.

The Civil Rights League in Cape Town now publishes a monthly news letter. It is written by a prominent Liberal Party member. Anyone who wishes to be put on the mailing list should contact the office.

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INDIAN EDUCATION.

There are pitifully few schools for Indians, and the Indian Educational Institute is struggling to build a school in Johannesburg. They have appealed to the Liberal Party for help, and we hope members will contribute towards the project.

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S P O T L I G H T.

Hamm: Our congratulations to Celeste and Wolf on the birth of a son in London.

Narunsky: To Ronnie and Minnie a daughter was born during August. Congratulations.

Libete and Mahlalela: Elizabeth Libete was married to Matthew on October 29th. May they both have many years of happiness together.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS.

At the October Provincial Committee meeting, elections were held for the office-bearers of the Transvaal Division and also a new Executive. Jack Unterhalter, who has been our Chairman since 1954, has become a National Vice-President and he asked to be released from the Provincial Chairmanship. As you all know, at the Provincial Congress in March he was pressed to retain the Chair, although in terms of our Constitution he was due for a rest. With the Emergency over and life relatively quieter, Jack felt that it was time that someone else took over.

Leslie Cooper, who has been a Vice-Chair for over six years, was unanimously voted Chairman, with David Craighead as Vice-Chairman. The Hon. Secretaryship remains in the dynamic hands of Ernie Wentzel, and Dora Hill has taken on the arduous task of the Treasury.

Our new Chairman, Leslie Cooper, is well-known to all members who have ever had anything to do with elections and fund-raising. His quiet and urbane manner is a familiar one in election rooms. He has been a candidate in two elections, one Municipal and one Provincial. By profession he is an architect and has been a member of the Party since its foundation. We wish him a successful and not too troublesome term of office.

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PAT DUNCAN

Pat Duncan's principled stand has won the admiration of many people both within and without the Party.

Pat wrote an article in his newspaper "Contact" in which he criticised certain Communist activities. He was brought before Court in terms of the Criminal Code and ordered to reveal the sources of his information. Pat refused because it is part of the ethics of journalism that the Press should not reveal their sources of information. A free Press could not be built on any other basis.

DIE REPUBLIEK.

In the closing years of its life Afrikaner Nationalism has realised its boyhood ambition. The Nationalists can now have their republic as their latest cure-all. This Nationalist republic may be one of the shortest-lived republics in the history of government - but whether we like it or not we must live with it.

There can be little hope of the new republic gaining admission to the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth will probably breathe a sigh of relief at having an occasion to blackball its blackest sheep.

The future is bleak for this republic foisted on South Africa by a minority within a minority. Economic and political pressure from the outside world in protest against apartheid will bear heavily on South Africa.

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THE FEDERATION.

Whitehead's reaction to the MONCKTON REPORT strikes us as the actions of a desperate politician. There can be no long-term solution in filling the townships with troops. The repressive legislation which has been introduced exceeds even Afrikaner Nationalism's ferocity. Do white Rhodesians really look forward to a future based on clutching the rifle?

If the Federation is to have any future some means must be found NOW to give political expression to its African majority within the constitution. If Africans feel they cannot express their political hopes within the constitution they won't give up politics. They will simply ignore constitutional means on their road to political emancipation. The Monkton Report is an attempt to secure African political advancement within the law.

The significance of the Monkton Report is that African political coming-of-age has potentially reached the Limpopo.

JACK UNTERHALTER.

Were you ever at a meeting dying to say something much more important and urgent than all the other views being expressed, but unable to get a word in edgeways? Most of us have had such experiences, for Liberal Party meetings are not noted for a lack of talking. But if you did, the meeting could not have been Chaired by Jack Unterhalter. Of all Chairmen, he was one of the best in seeing that everyone, even the most reticent, had a fair opportunity to add to the debate. Many times must Jack have stifled his own desire to press a viewpoint in order that others might contribute. Jack was never a weak Chairman in any sense - he always held the reins tight and guided the Party at difficult times with a clarity and an insight given to few.

Jack Unterhalter was Transvaal Chairman of the Liberal Party for no less than 7 years. It grew under his care into a strong, energetic and zestful division - strong because of the numbers and quality of its membership; energetic because Jack was himself always in the forefront of the ideas that dominate the Party.

It has been a pleasure to work under Jack and members responded on all occasions to his call for work because he himself did more than anyone and never once shirked the most awkward or most irritating task.

During the emergency he put the welfare of our detainees and their families and the task of keeping the Transvaal Division alive before his home life, his health, and his professional work.

Jack has now relinquished Chairmanship of the Transvaal Division, not to take a rest (well-earned as it would be) but to give a chance to "new blood" and at the same time to devote himself to more specific tasks.

At the last National Congress he was elected Vice-President of the Party and it is a fitting tribute to his work.

WHITE MAN'S JUSTICE.

In spite of pleas and protests, legal arguments and deputations, the African townships of Lady Selborne and Eastwood and the Coloured people's township of Highlands were declared "white" areas under the Group Areas Act approximately two years ago. But the date of proclamation was not set and during the first week in November a committee of the Board sat in Pretoria to hear arguments by the City Council of Pretoria in favour of the proclamation and by various interested bodies, including the Pretoria Branch of the Liberal Party, against the proclamation.

A clear picture emerged during the three-day argument of the great hardship, suffering and unhappiness which will be caused by the removals.

In replying, Counsel for the City Council asked for an early proclamation. He brushed aside any suggestions of the necessity for suitable alternative accommodation to be available as irrelevant; and stated, inter-alia, that there was nothing in the Act which required that it should be applied justly.

The Board's decision is anxiously awaited by residents of the townships concerned, but there is little real hope that it will favour them.

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THE NEED FOR EMANCIPATION OF AFRICAN WOMEN

by Edith Ntisa.

Quite recently we have become aware that an African woman married by customary union has no claim in court for damages against any party causing the injury or death of the breadwinner. This may be legally defensible on the arguments brought forward in a certain case before the courts, some time this year. But there is still a moral legal ground for the repeal or adjustment of the law which leaves a bereaved woman unsecured, unprovided for, because she happens by sheer accident of an African marriage not to qualify for a claim in common law for damages. She loses all the comforts and care which her lost breadwinner should be providing.

THE FIGHT AGAINST FEAR

All over this country efforts have been made to intimidate opponents of the government. The Liberal Party has come through its experiences of Nat intimidation unscathed. Our ex-detainees are working harder for the Party than ever before, the branches are more active, new members are enrolled steadily.

Our most important work now is to stand firm against intimidation, and, by example, persuade other South Africans to do the same. This is the only way to ward off a fascist government.

THE BRIDGE-BUILDER:

Apartheid makes the work of a non-racial Party painstakingly slow and unspectacular. Whites cannot enter a township without a permit; the major African townships are far from the city; halls for non-racial meetings are difficult to hire. Despite these difficulties Liberalism's achievement in the last seven years is substantial.

CRITICAL SITUATION:

Now the political situation is critical. Pan Africanism may turn into anti-white racialism. If this happens there will be no place for whites in South Africa and Africans will be sold into the bondage that comes from the excesses of an ever-increasing nationalism. We are the only political group in South Africa that advocates the stable, civilized standards of the west; for even the Progressives have not adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This places a heavy duty on the shoulders of every Liberal.

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What Africans Think and Say.

Discussion on the town-bound trains and buses from the townships of Johannesburg has now veered away from Lumumba and his Congo calamity to the results of the referendum and to a prophetic peep into the republic to be.

Almost everyone I have spoken to tells me they knew beforehand that the referendum would favour the republicans. The reasons advanced for this conclusion are as varied as they are interesting. Some Africans justify their conclusions on the numerical strength of the Afrikaner over the English-speaking group. Others - and these are the more politically conscious - express disappointment over the results; largely because they suspect that a good many so-called anti-republicans did in fact vote "JA" thus giving the republicans a win by a short head.

Hardships Under Republic:

Of the republic itself, Africans are convinced that life for them will not all be just beer and skittles. The republic, they feel, will be an Afrikaner magic shadow show in which we poor darkies will merely come and go.

The Commonwealth Tie:

An interesting view is one I heard expressed recently by a man who usually knows all the answers. He foresees a right royal rift between the black and white members of the Commonwealth Club over the question of the to-be-or-not-to-be of the S.A. Republican member. This rift, it is predicted, will leave a red hot scar on the cherubic face of Chairman MacMillan. Book your seats early. This is our next attraction!

"Club 69":

The presence in town of this august company has not gone unnoticed by commentators on the early morning Dube Express. The big question Africans are asking is, what is going to be the line of action of these angry old men? Will they say their little piece and be heard no more? Africans are now asking for something positive from the whites of South Africa, to help dispel their fears and suspicions that all this talk of multi-racialism is, in fact, not just the vague outline of so many gift-bearing Greeks, bearing down upon them!

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Republic, O Republic,  
How I welcome Thee,  
How my longing reaches out  
to greet Equality.  
Equality of white with white  
To clutch prosperity,  
Equality of black with black  
To strive with penury;  
Equality of fear and hate,  
Equality of God and State,  
Equality (though separate);  
Come, vote for a Republic.

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ALEXANDRA REMOVAL SCHEME.

Africans are being forcibly removed from the comparative freedom of Alexandra Township to the ghetto atmosphere of Diepkloof. Many people will have to sell all the furniture they have collected over the years and move into hostels, where breach of the hostel regulations can result in eviction and criminal prosecution.

This is not a slum clearance but an apartheid measure. The Liberal Party has made its total opposition to the removal scheme known and we are making representations to the Peri-Urban Areas Health Board and the Resettlement Board.

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REFERENDUM DAY.

Many members of the Party put a great deal of effort into the referendum. Our "No Verwoerd Republic" poster was the subject of much comment and was even used by the Nats in one Nat. area to persuade people to vote "Yes". The Progressives did not like our emblem of the black and white clasped hands. They were so frightened of seeing their principles worked out in practice that they pasted their stickers over the clasped hands on our posters.

The United Party seemed to regard the referendum as a fight for their seats against the Progressives. They appear to have concentrated a lot of unnecessary effort in constituencies in which the Liberals and Progressives were at work. In certain peri-urban constituencies the United Party did no work to speak of and were unable to man polling booths in areas for which they had taken responsibility. The Liberals and the Progressives took these areas over at the last minute.

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WOMEN'S DIVISION.

On Saturday 8th October a group of women met together to form a Women's Division of the Liberal Party. Mrs. Dora Hill was elected Chairman, Miss Edith Ntisa Vice-Chair, and Mrs. Rosemary Wentzel, Secretary.

It was decided to call together a group of about 25 women to discuss the aims and purpose of the division and to outline its possible functions.

The Liberal Party, with its moral foundation, is the only hope left of building a respect for the individual and an understanding and feeling for all people. This is a concept on which we have a chance of building a true democracy. Women are the central unit of the family and have the greatest influence in their sphere. There are many problems which bind women making contact across racial barriers an easier reality. It is therefore vital that the Liberal concept be conveyed to the women of South Africa with all possible speed.

We hope that this gap in our Party will soon be filled by a militant and active group of women.

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APPEAL -- CHILDREN'S CLOTHING -- SHARPEVILLE

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DEBATING SOCIETY

Ronnie Narunsky's debating and public speaking society is off to a flying start, causing our offices to overflow somewhat. The Party has found a great deal of talent among the members, which can be developed. If you are interested, contact the office. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

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THE CAPE DIVISION.

Public meetings seem to snowball in the Cape. No week goes by without a meeting being held somewhere and people of all races from all over the Peninsula are joining the Party.

The Party is gaining ground steadily in East London, Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown.

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NATAL.

A large crowd heard Julius Malie, Alan Paton, Peter Brown and Guin Ventress speak at the Caxton Hall, Durban. Public meetings in Stanger and in Clarmont Township were equally well attended.

In Durban, the Liberal Party lunch-hour forum has become a feature of the city's political life.

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BANS AND MORE BANS.

The Liberal Party is still having its meetings banned. The City Council refused permission for a Party meeting on the City Hall steps on the pass laws in October. The Minister of Justice banned our meeting on the referendum, which was going to be held on the City Hall steps on 3rd October, under the Riotous Assemblies Act.

Our meetings in Alexandra Township and in Lady Selborne are being held on private property because the local authorities have not given permission for the meetings to be held in public places.

The Party has asked for a deputation to interview the Mayor of Johannesburg about the use of the Council's halls for multi-racial meetings.

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ACTIVITY ALONG THE REEF - THE EAST RAND BRANCH:

Graham Pringle writes:-

Attendances at branch meetings have been exceptional since the declaration of a state of emergency. The newest branch - Kwa Thema - held a very successful second meeting on October 19th at which Julius Malie and Nigel Clarke were speakers. The branch is progressing from strength to strength under the Chairmanship of Mr. Matthew Khumbeza and his committee. They are having two meetings a month from now on to meet the demand for political activity and association in this area; and have ambitious plans for fund-raising functions, the first of which is a party being held on November 5th.

East Rand has two house meetings a week at present which are proving invaluable for new membership and spreading interest in the Liberal Party. With Julius' persistent and stimulating enthusiasm we hope shortly to have active branches established in our outposts - Benoni, Boksburg, Brakpan, Alberton and Nigel.

General meetings are held on the first Wednesday in each month - open to everyone who cares to share our interest and friendship.

A notable feature of recent meetings has been the attendance and response created in a group of Cambridge undergraduates, whose concern in our policies is confirmed by recent correspondence and even a report in "Varsity", the Cambridge University Magazine.

Incident: Visitor to meeting asks Secretary, "Is this where Mr. Patrick Duncan is speaking tonight? (Convinced that Secretary is Special Branch and, having arrived at the gate, might just as well end up in the dungeon). Secretary replies, "It is - will you walk right in and sit down". (Convinced that visitor is Special Branch and when does the raid start!) Sighs of relief from each when visitor says he has come to enrol as a new member!

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(With Nigel Clarke Chairman and Graham Pringle Secretary, this branch has been responsible for the speedy growth of the Party over the past few months. One reason for the popularity and success of the house-meetings held in Graham Pringle's house is the fact that there are never any transport difficulties - members with cars are prepared to ferry people until the early hours of the morning if necessary.)

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PRETORIA PETITION.

The Pretoria Branch organized a 2,000 strong petition against the removal of a non-white taxi rank from the centre of the city. As a result the City Council referred the recommendation back to the relevant committee, so this was a definite achievement on our part.

OTHER BRANCH NEWS.

Our most welcome news here is that we now have a branch at SHARPEVILLE-VEREENIGING. We welcome all the new members who make up this branch and we hope to have news of lots of activity there. I believe that members of the Women's Division are doing useful work here. This is the first branch started by Africans which has extended its work among whites. The Sharpeville African members of the Party have now enrolled the Party's first white members in Vereeniging.

PARKTOWN NORTH: Congratulations to this small branch for a very active two months. Mrs. Coty Ingram was a charming Chairman at their public meeting in September to welcome back our prison graduates. During October they held two branch meetings, one of which was to welcome new members in the area. In addition some Orlando members attended and a pleasant Sunday afternoon was spent by all of them.

NORTH EAST RAND (ALEXANDRA): This section of the North East Rand branch now holds weekly meetings at 42, 6th Avenue, Alexandra. These are informal, entertaining meetings with much discussion between speakers and public, and light relief from a band of penny-whistlers. All members and their friends are more than welcome at these Saturday afternoon meetings. Telephone the office for details.

ORLANDO: Miss Dorcas Nongxa is the new Chairman, and Mrs. Stella Mpulo the Secretary. There is a strong action committee, and they are forming new branches in Dube and Meadowlands.

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- + Political prisoners who have been removed to Stofberg (40 miles from Johannesburg) have not seen their families since April.
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- + Will all members who have cars available on that day telephone the office IMMEDIATELY. We need at least 20 cars.

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