

**Communist Leader  
In Laos**



**PRINCE SOUPHANOU-VONG**, leader of the Communist Pathet Lao forces in Laos, whose striking successes over the American-backed troops of puppet Boun Oum have thrown the West into a tither. The American Time magazine reported last week that Pathet Lao has already captured half of the whole country, meeting with little resistance from the Royal Laotian Army. Britain and Russia support the restoration of the government of neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma, but increasing United States military intervention in Laos is threatening the East-West cease-fire plan.

**AMERICA**

**Invaders Surrendered in their Underwear!**

**CASTRO HIMSELF LED VICTORIOUS CUBAN TROOPS**

**FIDEL CASTRO, PRIME MINISTER OF CUBA, PERSONALLY COMMANDED THE CUBAN TROOPS THAT SMASHED THE U.S.-BACKED INVASION OF HIS COUNTRY TWO WEEKS AGO.**

This emerges from **firsthand reports** from Cuba which show that the people there rallied immediately around their revolutionary Government, isolated the fifth column, smashed the invaders, and celebrated in triumph their great victory in defence of their freedom.

**The Real Story**

**FURTHER** proof of America's share in the attempted invasion of Cuba came to light yesterday as over 500 prisoners taken by the Cuban militia at Giron Beach were rounded up, stated one report.

Many of them surrendered, in their underwear, as they had torn off the U.S. paratroops' uniforms they wore. But the tale they told showed what had happened.

**HUMANE TREATMENT**

While Premier Castro was reported as being engaged in supervising the final military operation, President Dorticos went to inspect the prisoners to see that they were treated humanely.

He heard them say they had been recruited and trained for two months in Florida, then transferred to Guatemala, where they underwent further training under the supervision of U.S. officers.

They were taken to Puerto Cabozas, in Nicaragua, and were then shipped to Cuba in invasion craft escorted by U.S. planes and destroyers.

**CASTRO PERSONALLY**

**A**N official account of the fighting said ten enemy aircraft were shot down, "mostly flown by American pilots," and the 175 parachutists from C-46 transport aircraft from Nicaragua "fought with great ferocity."

It said "the invading mercenaries refused combat from the moment Premier Castro personally assumed command, developing a basic tactic of continued artillery fire on two fronts while the in-

fantry attacked in the centre, forcing the invaders to retire into the marshes where they were trapped.

"The final coup given by Battalion 148, advancing from Santa Clara was directed personally by Premier Castro.

"During the attack on military and civilian targets mercenaries used B-26, B-29 and F-86 aircraft and one amphibian.

"Three Shermans were destroyed by artillery fire."

**JOYOUS TUMULT**

**H**AVANA became a citadel instantly at Castro's announcement of a national state of alert, reported U.S. correspondent Joseph North.

It was the same all over the island—in the factories, the farms, and the schools. Workers remaining at the point of production instantly volunteered to do the work of their brothers who were off with the militia.

The full story has yet to be told of the epic feats of valour of these heart-breakingly young soldiers and militiamen, many still in their teens.

They stood fast and counter-attacked under incessant aerial bombings. The communique tells of great supplies of weapons and equipment captured from the invaders. They include heavy Sherman tanks.

The enemy was able to make the landing under a heavy umbrella of aerial cover. But the covering planes were obviously dispersed and at least nine were shot down by the morning.

The beachhead established was at Cayo Playa Giron, a place-name that will go down in the history of freedom, as Cubans are saying in the joyous tumult that is Havana, Santiago, and all the cities and palm-covered countryside between.

**FIFTH COLUMN ROUTED**

**T**HE invasion was prepared by the North American imperialists as part of a plan to engage the counter-revolutionary fifth-column in terrorist actions, sabotage and assassination. But this plan was smashed, declared Blas Roca, general secretary of the Cuban Popular Socialist Party.

The rapid and energetic mobilisation of the Revolutionary National Militia, of the Committees for the Defence of the Revolution, and of all the security forces in the cities, ordered by Premier Castro, paralysed the fifth column.

In a few hours the counter revolutionaries were rounded up.

"The invasion showed the strong links that unite Cuba's armed forces with the entire Cuban people. **IT SERVED TO SHOW THAT OUR REVOLUTION IS NOT ONLY PATRIOTIC AND DEMOCRATIC, BUT ALSO SOCIALIST.**"



Fidel Castro.

**NEGROES WRITE TO ADLAI**

**T**HERE was a stir in UNO last week when Cuban Foreign Minister, Dr. Raul Rao, read out the text of a message from Mr. Robert Williams, president of America's National Association for the Advancement of Coloured Peoples, which he had been asked to pass on to the U.S. delegate, Mr. Adlai Stevenson.

It said "Now that the U.S. has proclaimed its military assistance to peoples desirous of repelling aggression, the oppressed Negroes of the south urgently request tanks, artillery, bombs, money, and the use of American bases to destroy the racial tyrants who have betrayed the American Revolution."

**The "Star" Falls**

I aim at the stars. A Columbia release of a Charles H. Schneer production.

In Antwerp, Belgium, when this "Wehrner von Braun story" opened recently crowds stormed the Rex Theatre and the film was yanked. Reason: during World War II this identical theatre was hit by a V-2 (made by Von Braun) and 700 civilians were killed.

The film is made with the cooperation of the U.S. Army and Department of Defence.

But the net purpose of the film, with the very charming Curt Jurgens playing the lead, is to justify the West's rescue of this man from charges of wanton murder of civilian populations, and putting him to work against the potential "enemy", the USSR.

Jurgens seems uncomfortable in the role. Herbert Lom is a believable patriot German, Gia Scala, a pretty Allied spy. The intent of the film is to make you feel good that this bird is "on our side."

● You won't.

**PROFILE**

**World Plotter No. 1 — he stands in the shadows**

**B**EHIND President Kennedy stands the sinister man in the shadows who gave the signal for the invasion of Cuba.

He is Allen Welsh Dulles, born April 7, 1893, brother of the late unlamented U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and head of the notorious Central Intelligence Agency since 1953.

Dulles Central Intelligence Agency has been so much up to its eyes in the conspiracy against Cuba that Cuban emigres themselves said that its initials, C.I.A., now stood for Cuban Invasion Authority.

"One immediate consequence of the whole unfortunate affair", said the Times recently about the crushing defeat of the Dulles-planned attack on Cuba, "should be a

severely critical look at the powers and organisation of the Central Intelligence Agency."

The last exploit of Mr. Dulles and his C.I.A. which hit the headlines was when, on the eve of scheduled Summit talks, he sent the U-2 spy plane across the Soviet Union.

As long ago as December 1918, Dulles, then a young diplomat in the U.S. delegation to the Peace Conference, produced a document entitled "Lithuania and Poland, the last barrier between Germany and the Bolsheviks."

Dulles came out strongly in favour of intervention against the Soviet Republic.

In 1926, Allen Dulles left the State Department to join the powerful legal firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, of Wall Street, where he acted for the Mellon-Morgan syndicate in a big oil rights dispute in putting pressure on the Government of Colombia.

But that case was in 1928 and not 1961, and Colombia had no Fidel Castro, so Colombia's President was sacked and a friend of Wall Street bankers was put in.

It was his performance in Switzerland from 1942 to 1945 as representative of the U.S. Secret Service that gave him his dubious reputation as a "master spy."

It was in Switzerland that Dulles negotiated with emissaries of Himmler's notorious S.S., discussing even the preservation of nazism under some sort of compromise to end the war, while the official Allied policy was unconditional surrender.

Within a year of heading the C.I.A. he was master-minding the

attack on Guatemala, which had elected President Arbenz and a Government which was not to the liking of the mammoth U.S. firm, United Fruit Co.

He was now in supreme charge of a department which, according to him, was to carry out a policy of "liberation, not containment," toward the Soviet Union and the Peoples' Democracies.

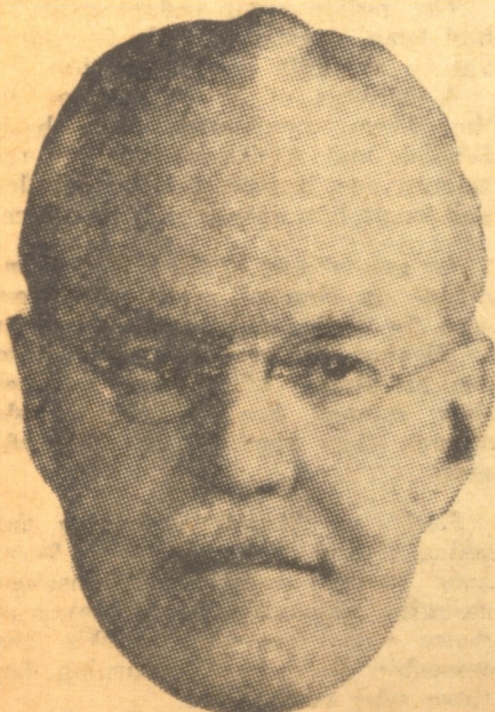
Funds for the Dulles "dirty tricks" department were stepped up, plans for espionage and sabotage were increased, and everything done to cause trouble with the Soviet Union.

But time has shown that it is not only over Cuba that Dulles and his men have given what The Times calls "bad intelligence advice."

As long ago as December 1956, Dulles told a conference at Princeton University that Soviet students "were becoming restive," that "the leaven of education has begun its work, and the men in the Kremlin have a hard task ahead to hold the process in check."

Yuri Gagarin has shown Dulles and the world the results of this leaven of education, but not in the way that Dulles hoped. He was as wrong about Soviet students as he was about the Cuban peasants.

No wonder The Times complains bitterly that, because of Dulles and his C.I.A., President Kennedy "was misinformed about the strength of the invaders, the effectiveness of Castro's forces and the willingness of the majority of Cubans to swing into revolt against Castro when the signal was given."



**ALLEN DULLES**, (brother of John Foster Dulles) directed Cuban invasion.

# STRIKE CALL FOR MAY 29?

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emergency with thousands of people in jail because of their opposition to the policies of this Government.

The National Action Council is convinced that all right-thinking people must realize that the intensification of such a policy will ultimately bring disaster to all peoples of South Africa. The "granite-wall" attitude of the Government and their "last ditch" stand policy spell danger for every single South African.

## Disowned by World

Already these policies have brought the signs of economic and diplomatic disaster to South Africa in its relation to the peoples of the world.

The Commonwealth governments have disowned South Africa, a world-wide boycott of trade relations is spreading ever wider, economic sanctions and diplomatic isolation are the subject of discussion at the United Nations Organisation and are close at hand. The mal-administration of South West Africa is being powerfully challenged.

The total effect, therefore, of the policies of the Nationalist Government which have their

roots in the traditional policy of white supremacy and black inferiority has resulted in a decline in every aspect of the lives of all the people of South Africa.

## No Solution

The Nationalist Government which has precipitated this serious crisis in our country can offer no solution, save the mobilisation of the army and the building of concentration camps for their political opponents. This preparation of violence by the Government is provocative and is in fact an incitement to violence. It is bound to aggravate the situation.

Only the people of South Africa can now save the country by calling a halt to these suicidal policies; by thinking radically and acting boldly before the Nationalist Government drags us all with it to national disaster.

The National Action Council declares that the African people who constitute two-thirds of the people of our country, and who when united are a vital and potent force, have issued a bold call for the immediate solution of our problems. The 1,500 elected delegates coming from 145 African organisations who attended the

All-in African Conference at Pietermaritzburg on the 25th March have demonstrated the unity of the African people.

## National Convention

The Conference made a demand that the Union Government should convene by not later than the 31st May, 1961, a National Convention representative of all the people of South Africa, irrespective of race, colour or creed which will have sovereign powers to determine in any way the majority of the representatives decide a new non-racial democratic constitution for South Africa.

The All-in African Conference was under no illusions that the Verwoerd Government would easily and willingly accede to this demand. Indeed, one of the purposes of the conference was to cement the unity of the Africans in order to exert effective pressure together with other racial groups to change this situation.

During the coming weeks therefore and especially on the eve of the Government's Republic Day, May 31st, the African people together with their allies are determined to conduct country-wide mass demonstrations and mass protest actions in support of their demand. It is primarily to organise these mass demonstrations and protest actions that the National Action Council exists.

## Human Rights

The African people have always demonstrated against their disabilities and these demonstrations have varied according to the existing local problems. During the period prior to the Republic Day efforts will be made to direct demonstrations not merely against specific disabilities but for the demand for fundamental human rights. The most powerful weapon of the oppressed people of South Africa has always been their labour power and they may well be called upon to withdraw their

labour power for a specific period. The demonstrations of the African people have always been conducted peacefully and the forthcoming demonstrations will be conducted on the same basis.

These demonstrations will not be directed against any racial group but against a minority government which has already proved its unfitness to rule and yet rides roughshod over the opinions and aspirations of the overwhelming majority of the people. The main target therefore of the demonstrations will be white domination in all its manifestations.

The National Action Council hopes that those who are opposed to the policies of the Nationalists but do not yet see their way clear to give active support to the forthcoming struggle will at least remain neutral and will do nothing to give the impression that they support the Nationalists against the demonstrations of the oppressed people.

These demonstrations might affect industry and commerce but we would like to assure those concerned that this will only be incidental and we hope that they will support an effort to bring conditions of economic prosperity and political stability to the country.

## Non-Co-operation

The demonstrations before Republic Day will only be the beginning of a sustained struggle against apartheid and white domination. The Pietermaritzburg Conference has called:—

"On all Africans not to co-operate or collaborate in any way with the proposed South African Republic or any other form of government which rests on force to perpetuate the tyranny of a minority; and to organise and unite in town and country to carry out consistent actions to oppose oppression and win FREEDOM."

This call gives every section of the people of our country an opportunity to participate in some form or another in demonstrating their rejection of a Verwoerd Republic. The National Action Council invites all democratic South Africans to support and emulate this action in their own interests.

These are means of peaceful pressure to force the Government either to conform to civilised standards or to give way to one which will.

## No Turning Back

We know that this is a bold, radical course on which we have embarked. But there is no turning back. In such a time of crisis anything less than bold, courageous and radical action would be useless. Throughout the country those who shrink from such bold action—the Parliamentary opposition amongst them—are proving utterly ineffective in influencing the course of the Nationalist Government or staving off economic and political disaster. It is the time for boldness and courage.

In the name of the African people, therefore, we appeal to all South Africans for boldness, for courage and for action now, before it is too late. We appeal for support and co-operation of all sections of the community, for solidarity with us in what we do, and for appropriate action by whatever way they can help to resolve this crisis.

Only through the maximum unity of the anti-Nationalist forces and joint effort can we all go forward to shape the future multi-racial South Africa which will be rid of the scourge of white domination and racial discrimination and which will be able to hold up its head amongst the democratic nations of the world.

# Bloody Clash At Warmbaths

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injured lie in Warmbaths hospital, among them one shopkeeper injured by a stone because he refused to close his shop during the strike.

Warmbaths agreed that Van Coller was the cause of the trouble. New Age discovered that in 1958 40 Whites signed a petition for the removal of Van Coller because his indiscriminate arrests on petty charges were going too far. Nothing happened. Van Coller remained and the authorities of Warmbaths took until last Monday to realise that only his permanent removal and the announcement of this to all the people of the town would end this crisis.

Advisory Board members and African constables living in the location are sleeping in the bush to evade the anger of the African people who suspect they haven't done enough to have Van Coller kept out.

## COMMISSIONER TOO

The Chief Bantu Affairs Commissioner, Mr. B. J. Liebenberg, rushed from Pietersburg to Warmbaths to deal with the emergency situation there, confirmed to New Age he had telephoned the BAD Minister asking for the immediate dismissal of Van Coller. By 4 p.m. on Monday the Minister had told him no decision could be taken until Thursday. The Commissioner immediately summoned an Advisory Board meeting but by 5 p.m. only two members had arrived and when given the Ministerial message to convey to the people they left in the company of the police.

The township residents later reported that these two men were pointing out young men to the police who immediately arrested them as having had something to do with the previous night's demonstrations.

Mr. Liebenberg looked hurt when asked whether any steps would be taken to induce residents to return to work.

"We will not force anyone," he said, "although of course we'll give protection to those wishing to return."

While this interview was going on, the sound of cuffing and slapping could be heard from the lock-up in front of which the Commissioner was standing.

## ARRESTS

The police commandant said 24 had been arrested, mainly for damage to property in the location.

A canvass of White opinion in the town confirmed that both English and Afrikaans-speaking residents are hostile to Van Coller and want him removed from office.

An eye-witness of the shooting incident on Sunday night told New Age the police did not fire tear gas to disperse the crowd but fired into the air first. After three minutes they opened fire on the people though they were 30 or 40 yards away.

Early on Monday morning the police sitting on top of their Saracens were enjoying themselves shouting obscenities in Afrikaans at every passer-by—while within the township there was mourning for those who were killed.

A large turnout is expected at the funeral of Puhis Masoga, the first man to die in the shooting.

## SPORTS SHORTS

● Most welcome recent news is the decision of the Soccer Federation and the newly formed S.A. Soccer League to work together. This is essential if we are to have a united soccer organisation.

The Soccer League seems to have run into some trouble with the Orlando Pirates, but this is just the kind of teething troubles we must expect in the beginning.

● Duncan Pikoli, Butcher Birds star wing, has finally got his passport to play professional rugby in Britain. A farewell function for him has been arranged by his club.

Unfortunately, it seems as if Gubby Daniels, the W.P. player who is already in Britain, has been unable to settle down and is returning to the Union.

● The attention of high schools throughout the country is directed to

the announcement that a national high schools sports tournament will be held in Durban during September under the auspices of the Natal Association, acting on behalf of the South African Senior Schools Sports Association.

There are many regional associations for schools and they should all make an effort to have teams and representatives at this first-ever event. Natal have an excellent reputation for arranging things well—we can expect a high standard.

● Our Kimberley correspondent, Lennie Himson, has reported that the South African Coloured Rugby Tournament will be held in Cape Town during September (under 19). If this tournament comes off, surely this would be a good opportunity for introducing non-racial sides from all provinces?

## GREETINGS

Asha Hassan.—Wishing you a very happy birthday sweetheart. A kiss for every candle. From your loving mother, Ashraf and Naidoo and family.

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## Nhlapo Should Win this Fight

From Robert Resha  
JOHANNESBURG.

FROM Vereeniging to Pretoria and from Springs to Randfontein, the main topic among boxing fans is the coming fight between Enoch "Schoolboy" Nhlapo and "Wonderboy" Mabena at the Bantu Sports Ground on Saturday May 6, for the National Lightweight Crown now held by Nhlapo.

This is a fight everybody has been waiting for. I have listened to the fans discussing these two boys and have found that they have difficulty in saying who is better without using a "but". Having seen both boys in action, I find myself in the same position as the fans.

Mabena has a fine style, and is both a boxer and fighter, a clean puncher with a celebrated left. He did not please me in his last showing at the Orlando Stadium but those who have seen him preparing for this fight say he is tops.

Nhlapo, with his hawk-like eyes, is double-fisted and both hands carry heavy punches. His terrific lead-packed right has sent many an opponent to the canvas for no return. His greatness, however, lies in his beautiful timing and cool-headedness.

Some people say that Nhlapo is a slow starter and does not warm up quickly whereas Mabena is quick off the mark and this may give Mabena the day.

That may be so, but other things being equal, and both boys in top form, I put the last bit of ink in my pen on Enoch "Schoolboy" Nhlapo.

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