



IN BID TO SMASH DURBAN BEER HALL BOYCOTT

ARE AUTHORITIES TRYING TO TURN AFRICANS AGAINST INDIANS?

From M. P. NAICKER

DURBAN.

EVERY effort by the Durban City Council's Bantu Administration Department to break the beer hall boycott which has entered its fifth week has failed. The people are not prepared to patronise the beer halls until their demands are met.

I AM BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE SOME IN AUTHORITY WHO HOPE TO SMASH THE BOYCOTT BY TURNING THE AFRICANS AGAINST THE INDIANS.

Last week I received reports from several Municipal employees alleging that they were being threatened with dismissal unless something was done to turn the people against the Indians. I asked the New Age legal representative, Mr. R. I. Arenstein, to contact the offices of the District Commandant and the News Editor of the Natal Daily News. He warned them that if such incidents occurred the blame must be laid at the door of those responsible for the spreading of such malicious propaganda.

pal security police) who rushed out of the Victoria Street Beer Hall in Durban brandishing sticks, and attacked both African and Indian bystanders. About twenty of them continued their charge through one of the side streets smashing several plate glass windows in Indian shops.

Their efforts to get the African

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ARE YOU BUYING POTATOES?

This man was beaten on a potato farm—See page 3.

WEST INDIES TOUR OFF! JOHANNESBURG.

As we go to Press this week, we learn that the West Indies apartheid cricket tour of the Union is OFF.

S.A. Cricket Board official, Mr. Jassat, is also off to Europe to see how much money he can save from the wreckage.

My belief is strengthened by the action last week of beer hall employees and "black-jacks" (Municipal

COON LEADER SAYS BISHOP'S A COMMUNIST SO IS THE SWEDISH PRESS

JOHANNESBURG. MR. C. R. SWART should meet Mr. Majiet Omar, leader of the Golden City Dixies Troupe which has just come

back to South Africa minus nine handsmen and singers who decided to stay behind in Sweden.

For Mr. Omar blames the Communists in Sweden for the breakup of the troupe. And when you ask him how he picks out a Communist he says: "ANYONE WHO CRITICISES THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS A COMMUNIST!"

That was no slip of the tongue for Mr. Omar said it more than once. "Yes," he said, "we took anyone who criticised our Government to be a Communist."

"What of the Bishop of Johannesburg?" we asked, "he criticises the Government." "Well, then, he's a Communist too," came the quick reply.

The Dixies were in Sweden when the Cato Manor troubles broke.

The Swedish press reported the disturbances and the batoning of women, and some papers urged the Dixies for their own good, not to go back to South Africa. And on this evidence, Mr.

Maurice Smith, the promoter of the Dixies' overseas tour, says there was a "Communist cloak and dagger drama" to get the artistes not to return to South Africa. (Continued on page 2)

MINISTERS BACK WOMEN'S PRAYER DAY Ten-Minutes Silence, Aug. 9

JOHANNESBURG.

TEN MINUTES SILENCE on August 9, Women's Day, has been called for by the Transvaal Interdenominational African Ministers' Association. It will be from 11.50 to noon.

August 9, the third anniversary of the women's anti-pass protest to the Prime Minister at the Union

Buildings, falls on a Sunday this year and has been declared a National Day of Prayer.

In Johannesburg a National Prayer Service will be held at Sophiatown's Freedom Square.

The South African Women's Federation sent out a call to all Ministers of religion to take a lead in these prayers and services.

"This is a call we dare not refuse the mothers," said a statement issued by the Rev. N. B. Tantsi, chairman of the Transvaal Ministers' Association last week.

TRAGEDY

"We all know the tragedy that has overtaken our womenfolk by being compelled to carry passes and be subjected to all the iniquities of the Influx Control Regulations.

"I am therefore appealing to my fellow ministers and Christian (Continued on page 2)



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TIME FOR AN ALL-IN PARTY?

IT has interested me greatly to read the question of an all-in Congress is at least receiving responsible attention. When I mentioned it at the 1958 Multi-Racial Conference in Johannesburg I said that it has been a subject of discussion with me for many years.

I have never had in mind a Congress to replace the existing, limited Congresses, but one which members of those Congresses could join without resigning their own Congress membership, and which would also be open to people who have never felt able to join any of the Big Four—such as myself.

A South African Congress would have to be based squarely on a policy of non-violent resistance to discrimination and tyranny in every form, combined with a simple but very clear discipline which could be followed by men and women of all faiths in the Union without wounding the susceptibilities of any person.

That someone may be raised up to lead us in this spirit is the hourly prayer of yours sincerely,
ARTHUR W. BLAXALL
London

THE letter by Congressman (Letterbox, July, 16) calling for a multi-racial socialist party says something that many people will fully agree with. Even if it is only a small party in the beginning it should still be started, because it is certain to grow in time.

It is no good for such a party to be started by a nobody. Some of the leading men should call a meeting, and even if we are only a few hundred, we would follow. Especially the trade unions would give this party their support, as long as the leaders are known people and not adventurers.

ENOCH MATSHABA
Johannesburg

THERE is already a "multi-national party," the Liberal Party, and there is no need to form another one. Socialism may be something to be considered in the far future but it is certainly not practical politics today.

Your correspondent, Congressman, who wants a socialist party now is a dreamer. That there are faults in the Liberal Party, I, as a Liberal, would be the first to concede. In fact Congressman's description of it as "always frightened that the Congresses may do something 'rash', always sniffing about for 'communist influence', never sure whether it is more scared of getting too close to the Congresses than of getting too far from them," is so ac-

Question for Mr. Champion

MR. A. W. G. CHAMPION says (Letterbox July 9), "since our party led by Dr. A. B. Xuma was defeated by the present party we lost interest in the activities of the Congress".

I would like to ask the gentleman, "do you not agree that in Congress if new leaders are chosen the old ones should support them still? Otherwise it implies that since you lost your position, Congress must have lost all those who subscribed to your party; or that Congress shall lose the present membership if and when the present leaders get their defeat as you did. What progress is that, Mr. Champion?"

E. A. M. MKHIZE
Durban

curate about some members that it makes us all wince. But Congressman, unless he is a communist supporter, would be better advised to join the Liberal Party and try to change it from inside, than to waste his energies on a socialist party which would never succeed.

LIBERAL

Rhodes University,
Grahamstown

O.F.S. Must Boycott Too!

I appeal to the sons and daughters of Africa in the Free State to throw in their weight in the potato boycott, and the boycott of Nationalist goods which appears on the list. My appeal is directed mostly to the people of Bloemfontein.

The potatoes are not clean. If you eat a potato, think twice about your dead and buried brothers in the potato lands.

J. B. MAFORA
Acorn Hoek, Transvaal

Nurses' Expulsion

Condemned

WE greatly condemn the action taken by the authorities of the Fort Beaufort hospital in expelling the entire lot of nurses who were undertaking studies in this noble profession.

The nurses aired their grievances with the matron and she did not seem interested. The superintendent acted in a similar manner. With no statement from these two officials, we have no alternative but to condemn the action.

As is commonly known, the only labour to be used will be the untrained personnel at the expense of the patients.

We demand that an unbiased commission of inquiry be held.

B. V. MPUHULA
Acting Organiser, Transvaal
Hospital Workers' Union
Johannesburg

Even Banks Know A.N.C.

HOW interesting! Some time back I was unfortunate enough to possess a Southern Rhodesian half-crown piece. I must have got it from a cheated shopkeeper who then may have decided to do the same to somebody else, and this happened to be me.

I went to a bank in Adderley Street, and although it was closed, I slipped in to change it, not to defy, but because I needed the money badly. I was asked if I could not read the sign BANK CLOSED, and said I could speak English but not read it. However when I returned the next day to change the coin all eyes were on me.

"What do you want here? Where did you get this money? Are you having any correspondence with people in Southern Rhodesia? Are you an ANC woman?"

All these questions flocked like a disorderly herd of cattle. I could not get a chance to answer any. Finally I was given 2/3d. for the Rhodesian half-crown.

It clearly appeared to me that not only Verwoerd in Parliament or Potgieter on his farm, but also the teller behind the counter in the bank was feeling the influences of the ANC.

LINDA MBEKI
Claremont, Cape Town

Child Labour on the Mines?

A FEW visits to our gold mines and coal mines in the Rand and O.F.S. have convinced me beyond doubt that the present system in South Africa is rotten and that it should be changed without waste of time. A system which condemns so many people to a life of misery and suffering under the cloak of working the wealth of the country demands not only condemnation but immediate elimination.

It is impossible to describe the conditions of the African mine workers without being emotional. But the factor which is marked is the apparent employment of child labour. These children seem to be from 15 to 18 years old and I will leave to the imagination of the reader the terrible life of these young kids. I met a child at a colliery and was informed that he worked underground. The child was thin, emaciated and sickly. He came from Basutoland.

There is semi-slavery in the mines. I think the ANC should take immediate steps to call for a commission to investigate conditions of our brothers in the mines. Let SACTU extend a friendly hand and help, so these workers can win for themselves better conditions and decent wages and a democratic status in South Africa.

A. ZWENI

Johannesburg

COON LEADER

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But both Mr. Omar and the Dixies' manager who was with them on tour admitted that the Swedish newspapers almost without exception were equally hostile to South Africa's race policies.

The whole Swedish press, apparently, is run by the Communist Party!

The decision of nine of the Dixies to stay behind broke up the show and the remaining 11 troupers had to quit and come back home.

"We were South Africa's ambassadors overseas," Mr. Omar groaned. "We were to be the pioneers, the first Non-Europeans to get passports and represent our country overseas. Now those nine have let our country down."

"The troupe was told all the time 'don't talk politics', and we all knew we should not talk politics. Things are all right in South Africa. It is the best country in the world. These things that went on in Cato Manor don't worry me at all. We South Africans are used to it."

He disclosed that when the Dixies were in Kenya the Union High Commissioner in Nairobi and the managers of the troupe together devised a trick (Mr. Omar's word) to test the loyalty of the troupe members. Some of them were approached by certain Europeans and offered the chance of staying behind in Nairobi. "They refused so we knew they were loyal," said Mr. Omar.

Women's Prayer Day

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friends that we so arrange our programmes and plans that we can be there in a good number to offer our prayers to Almighty God for the abolition of the whole pass system.

"In many areas such as Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, the passes for women is operating with such remorselessness and utter ruthlessness that many a home and individuals have been visited with misery and untold suffering. Silent tears is the lot of fathers, mothers and children whose family life has been destroyed through the influx control regulations.

At 11.50 a.m. we should observe 10 minutes silence in prayer for people driven to perdition and those groaning and moaning in prisons and slave farms as a result of the pass laws.

Devlin Commission Spells Doom of Imperialism

THE National Consultative Committee of the Congress movement this week demanded the immediate release of Dr. Banda and his fellow Nyasaland Congressmen.

The Congress stand at the time of the declaration of emergency in the Federation has been confirmed by the Devlin Commission.

Congress said at the time that the alarm sounded by the authorities in Nyasaland was a cover for the fact that resistance to Federation and opposition to White minority rule was increasing and had become a popular demand.

Federation was forced on the people of Nyasaland against their wishes and strong protests. It was born in conflict and perpetuated by violence.

Though the African people were accused of an assassination plot, it has been proved now that the violence and terrorism came from the other side.

The unnecessary and illegal use of force by the army, the murder of innocent Africans and punitive measures to cow the population cannot be strongly enough condemned.

There can be no doubt whatsoever that the African people do not want Federation. They will also not be deterred by the viciousness of the White settlers in a panic to maintain their privileged position.

The people of Nyasaland are not blind to the fact that the British Government's representative in Nyasaland gave his full support to the violence against them.

"We are once again confirmed in our view that the imperialists must get out of Africa and stop supporting White settler rule," say the Congresses and there will be few Africans who will not endorse that sentiment.

No Longer An Emergency— But We Still Need Our £1,000 Each Month

The £1,500 we collected in Natal sounds like and is a lot of money, but, as we explained in our last week's column, the target we set ourselves was not arbitrarily chosen. The shipment of newsprint has not yet arrived, but is due any day now. However, we have the money in hand and the life of New Age is assured for the present.

The regular donations from Johannesburg and Cape Town particularly have enabled us to make ends meet for current expenses. But the battle to keep New Age going is one which never ceases, for the simple reason that £1,000 has to be collected each and every month.

This week our donors are of an international character. We have received £100 from our London Committee—for which many, many thanks. This Committee, made up of South Africans living in London, has been responsible for several hundred pounds each year and it is nice to know that we can continue relying on them. There is another donation from Norman Jeffery of Australia—another of our stalwarts. He has sent us £8. Mary Louise has sent us £10 from the United States of America and M.L., a resident of England, £2.10.

It makes us feel good to know that we have people the world over who appreciate the work that New Age is doing.

And this should make South Africans realise their responsibilities more than ever.

New Age travels the world over and is read the world over. We owe it to ourselves to see that we give it as good support as it gets abroad.

Last Two Week's Donations:
(Last week was devoted to the Natal drive)

Johannesburg:

Optician £5, Book-keeper £1, Play-boy £3.10.6, Holiday with Rebecca £7.10, Holiday £10, Jan £2, 2 Skirts £1.15, Leynkie 9s., Nessie £5.5, Cycles £20, Friend £15, Groceries £5, Furniture £5, Friend £10, Jumble from H. Tsehle £1.18, R.R. £2, H. £1, J. £15, Doctor £2, Mary Louise (U.S.A.) £10, I. £2, Eli £10, M. 5s.

Cape Town:

A.R.M. 19s., A.Z. £1, Dr. K. £1, Robot £1, Band £1, Eagle £2.2, "S" 10s., Bob £1, Wyn-doc £5, M.L. (England) £2.10, Unity £5, Norman Jeffery (Australia) £8, Alf £1, London Committee £100, A.R. 10s., Diamond (per S.B.) £5, S.M. 6d.

Durban:

Nad £2, J.N. £3, T.C. 10.6d., A.N. £1.1.

Port Elizabeth:

G.M. £1, Doc £1, Babs 10.6d.

TOTAL: £280 15s. 0d.

DON'T BRING A-BOMBS TO AFRICA

Says Rand Meeting

JOHANNESBURG.

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting called by the South African Peace Council at the Gandhi Hall last week decided unanimously to forward to the French and South African governments strong protests against the French proposal to explode an atomic bomb on African territory.

Similar protests have been lodged by several African governments.

"There have been so many warnings from leading scientists throughout the world of the perils to future generations from A and H bombs already exploded, that there can be no justification for taking further risks, and for bringing to the continent of Africa the same deadly dangers that, directly and indirectly, have already brought great suffering to other parts of the world," the meeting declared.

"We appeal to the French Government to suspend their plans immediately, and to all governments of the world to do everything possible to put an end to these unjustified experiments.

OUTLAW ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS

"In the name of the women and children of South Africa, we demand the immediate outlawing of all nuclear weapons. We add our voices to those of world-famous scientists, headed by Einstein, philosophers, such as Bertrand Russell and Albert Schweitzer, and men and women of every country, famous and unknown, experts and laymen, great and small, who are not prepared to mutilate and ruin future generations to further the prestige of rival powers. We people of South Africa feel it is in the power of ordinary people to force their rulers to put an end to such lunacy. We pledge ourselves to work in every way possible to protect our children, and the children of the world.

"Common sense demands that international differences should be settled without the threat and fear of war and conflicts. This can only be done on the highest level, and to this end we ask that the Big

Powers hold a summit conference within the near future. The future of the world depends upon agreement, and the Big Powers must not be allowed to relax their efforts until agreement has been reached."

TEST DANGERS

Mr. E. Jassat told the meeting that in any future war the Reef mines which produce uranium might be completely wiped out. But there was not only the threat of annihilation in future wars, but the threat to human beings by the nuclear tests.

An American journal reported that the amount of radioactive



strontium in the bones of American children up to four years old had doubled during 1957 but this report had been suppressed. "How much radioactive strontium there is in the bones of South African children no one knows."

The bombs grew bigger and bigger, added Mr. Jassat. With De Gaulle's refusal to stop the testing of H bombs on the Sahara, the Continent of Africa was being threatened with contamination.

LILIAN NGOYI CALLS FOR SUPPORT FOR PRAYER DAY

From Ronnie Joel

KIMBERLEY.

ONE of the biggest crowds ever seen in a meeting here in Kimberley packed the Bantu Hall recently to hear a lively and spirited address by Mrs. Lilian Ngoyi.

"Our policy is non-discrimination, this country suits everyone living in it," said Mrs. Ngoyi, President of the Federation of S.A. Women and the ANC Women's League.

As members of the Special Branch and some from the Railways hurriedly scribbled notes, this fiery speaker called on all women in Kimberley to observe the Women's Day of Prayer on August 9.

Dr. A. Letele called on the women to do their best to send delegates to the forthcoming women's conference on September 5 and 6 in Johannesburg.



Lilian Ngoyi.

New Soviet-Africa Friendship Group Sends Greetings To Union

JOHANNESBURG.

SOUTH Africa's Society for Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union has been cabled a message of greeting by the Soviet Association for Friendship with African Peoples formed earlier this year.

The cable stresses the need for the strengthening of friendly and cultural ties between the peoples of the Soviet Union and South Africa.

The Society's annual report discusses the two main aims of its work: the improvement of relationships between the two countries, and the restoration of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union; and, secondly, the spreading of greater information and understanding of the peoples of the Soviet Union.

NOT IMPROVED

On the official level, says the Society's report, it cannot be claimed that relations have improved between the two countries in the last two years. It continues:

Although the Soviet Union remains an important customer for South African products, especially wool, and could be a very much more important customer for many other products; although South Africa and the Soviet Union obviously share, as the world's leading gold producers, important common interests in the world economic field; no steps whatever have been taken by the Union Government to restore the diplomatic relations which were so crudely and unjustifiably broken off by it in 1956.

It is true, that South African marksmen and gymnasts have attended important international contests in the Soviet Union. More South Africans have been visiting the Soviet Union, as tourists, or in other capacities, than has been the case for many years.

Many of them have published interviews or articles on their return, practically all of which statements have indicated that the visitors were extremely surprised and favourably impressed by the contrast between Soviet reality, and the distorted picture of conditions in that country which they had previously gained from reading prejudiced newspaper reports and impressions.

SOVIET GOODS

Also, there has been an increased tendency for Soviet consumer goods

to appear on the market in this country. We can buy Soviet matches—and very good matches they

appear to be—and we are told in the papers that we will soon be seeing Soviet motor cars, the Moskvich and the Volga, on our streets.

These welcome breaches in the "iron curtain"—a curtain which has

been erected by hostility and prejudice on our side, as it always has been, rather than that of the Soviet Union—do not result from any change of heart or mind on the part of our Government.

In so far as our Government has anything to do with it at all, they must be regarded as grudging concessions to a changed international climate, the relaxation of tensions between the East and the West, rather than to any goodwill or initiative from the side of Union Buildings.

HOW DID THE KLAN KNOW?

CAPE TOWN.

THE BANNING OF MR. RONALD SEGAL, EDITOR OF "AFRICA SOUTH," HAS PROVIDED FURTHER EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE THEORY THAT THE TERRORIST KU KLUX KLAN HAS CONTACT WITH A MEMBER, OR MEMBERS, OF THE SPECIAL BRANCH.

Last Friday afternoon, Mr. Segal telephoned a member of the New Age staff to inform him that, after a long break, he had again received a phone call from the Klan. The caller had done no more than laugh derisively and then hang up.

"It's obvious they're pleased about something," Mr. Segal told New Age at the time. "I'm just letting you know in case we hear that someone's car has been burnt."

No cars were found burnt—but early the next morning the Special Branch arrived at Mr. Segal's office with their banning order.

"My banning is an attack upon the whole Opposition Press in South Africa," Mr. Segal said in an interview with New Age.

"If Editors can be banned because of the opinions they express in their leading articles, there will be few prepared to put their opposition to the test. Intimidation of this type would make open press censorship unnecessary—the Government would get the conformity it needs to survive by frightening

the Opposition Editors personally.

"The Suppression of Communism Act is now revealed in all its naked tyranny. It has always been true that you cannot sacrifice the liberties of some citizens and not of all. When the Act was passed, many of us warned that it would be used to ban Communists and non-Communists alike, to ban all who opposed the slide into terror that is the pulse of Nationalist rule.

"Those who watched the banning of Communists with equanimity, because it was only Communists who were being silenced, should have known that non-Communist radicals would be next. Now they see radicals being banned again with equanimity, for are not the Liberals still safe from attack, and the United Party?"

"Surely it will not be long before all who oppose the Government, even half-heartedly, are handcuffed by banning orders and prosecutions under the various Acts of Parliament that make a mockery of all law in South Africa.

"It is to be hoped that the



Mr. Ronald Segal.

community of persecution that has grown up in this country will lead to a community of opposition. For only with a united front of all democratic forces in South Africa can the peoples of the country be purged of the insanity of apartheid."

The Cape Western Consultative Committee of the Congresses has condemned the ban on Mr. Segal as another attempt to intimidate White opinion expressed in favour of the non-White people's struggle for democratic rights.

ARE YOU EATING POTATOES?

JOHANNESBURG.

"ARE you still eating potatoes?" asks a gory photograph of a great wound on the head of an African farm labourer used in a leaflet on the potato boycott produced last week by the Congress of Democrats.

The potato boycott is in protest against the slave labour conditions on many Transvaal farms, says the leaflet.

Following the public outcry at these exposures the Minister of Bantu Affairs and Administration temporarily suspended the contract labour scheme but Africans found guilty and sent to prison for petty offences under the pass laws are still being sent to work on farms in the potato-growing areas, though as convicts now.

Farmers do not attract labour through the normal channels, the leaflet says, because they will not pay a living wage and provide decent conditions. A national minimum wage is needed. "You can help achieve this." The potato boycott, says COD can "hit the farmers' pockets; and force a reconsideration of the whole farm labour system. Add the weight of your buying power to this boycott."

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