

AFRICA

On Our Northern Border

FEDERATION IS BURSTING

In Southern Rhodesia African R-day Was Great Success

Hundreds of thousands of Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia) Africans went to the polls last month to vote in a referendum organised by the livewire National Democratic Party on the country's proposed constitution. The emphatic and almost unanimous answer of the voters was "NO!" They rejected the new constitution which, at the price of a few concessions, aims at perpetuating white domination forever. These pictures from Bulawayo tell the story of the Africans' own R-day.

R-day is approaching, and Joshua Nkomo, President of the NDP holds up a paraffin tin which is to be used as a ballot box, as he calls upon the people to vote "NO!" (below left).

● Finally the day arrives. For the first time in her life this woman (right) casts her vote. Perhaps she was thinking of baby (you can just see his right foot sticking out) as she drops her ballot paper into the NO tin which is painted red on top.



In town and country long queues of Africans waited patiently to exercise their votes. All was quiet and orderly (the natural way in African society)—a practical demonstration of "one man one vote" (above).

● Whitehead's police were very active during this period—but not the African police, who were confined to camp. Here (left) two white police armed with rifles check the identity card of an African policeman and demand to know why he was absent from camp. It seems that Whitehead's government does not trust the African police!

In Northern Rhodesia POLITICAL EXPLOSION INEVITABLE— says UNIP

THE writing is on the wall for Northern Rhodesia. The sporadic outbreaks of violence in the Northern provinces and the Copperbelt are the natural result of the continual betrayal by the British Government of the Africans of the territory to the interests of the Federal Government and those white settlers who are determined to maintain white supremacy.

The pattern is all too familiar. The Africans demand democratic rights. Promises are made to them. Their leaders call on the people to be patient. Meanwhile the settlers mobilise their armed forces. The promises of an African-majority government are not kept. The people get impatient. There are isolated acts of violence. The authorities go in for stern repression—Africans are shot dead. The anger of the people rises . . .

This is the stage which has now been reached in Zambia (Northern Rhodesia). In a statement issued in the Voice of Zambia recently the United National Independence Party, led by Kenneth Kaunda, apologises to the people of Zambia for advocating patience while the negotiations with the British Government were proceeding.

"We have to make up for this mistake by now providing for them leadership in mass action," the statement continues. "Hence the supreme powers granted to President Kaunda."

Meanwhile hundreds of men and women have been arrested by the police for participating in the Beer Boycott, which was a great success until finally called off last month. Dozens more have been arrested without charge. The constitutional impasse and the provocations of the authorities have made a political explosion grimly inevitable in the territory, declares the statement.

Reports from Northern Rhodesia indicate that there was considerable difference of opinion amongst the delegates at the recent conference of UNIP at which the next steps in the campaign for an independent Zambia were discussed. The majority of delegates appear to have given their support to Kaunda and empowered him to launch a Master Plan in support of the freedom struggle.

SABOTAGE

Another group, impatient at the slowness of political progress in the country, appears to have called for more drastic action to be undertaken. It is reported that they are the persons responsible for the attempts last week to blow up cinemas in the Copperbelt. The sabotage of roads and bridges in the Northern Province, on the other hand, seems to have been the spontaneous reaction of the people in the area to the provocations of the authorities.

Among the resolutions adopted at the recent UNIP conference was one calling upon the Party to revise the methods of its struggle and to find the means which the British Government would understand and obey.

● The conference also condemned the Portuguese for their vicious policy in Angola, condemned the British for supporting the Portuguese and for keeping Kenyatta in detention, condemned the Verwoerd Government and called for support for the boycott of South African goods, and condemned Kasavubu and Tshombe as "tools of the Belgians, for bringing chaos to the Congo and as being responsible for the murder of Patrice Lumumba."

Nyasaland Aims To Be Independent State Of Malawi

The first territory to break the bonds of the Central African Federation is likely to be Nyasaland. Under the leadership of the Malawi Congress headed by Dr. Hastings Banda, the people of Nyasaland are surging forward towards the creation of the independent state of Malawi.

The elections scheduled to take place earlier this week were expected to result in an overwhelming majority for the Malawi Congress in the new legislature. The Nyasaland constitution is far from perfect, however, and contains many provisions which favour the retention of power in the hands of the federal authorities. The election results should, however, demonstrate emphatically the overwhelming support given by the people to the Malawi Congress, which will be able to use its position in the Government to step up its campaign for an end to Federation and complete independence.

Each step taken by the people of Nyasaland towards independence will act as an inspiration to the people of Northern and Southern Rhodesia in their struggles for full democracy and an end to white domination.

In Brief

THE CONGO'S new premier has been described by the U.S. magazine "Time" as follows: "President Joseph Kasavubu's hand-picked candidate, cigar-smoking Cyrille Adoula, a 39-year-old anti-Communist former bank clerk whose goal it is to unite the Congo without political pyrotechnics." Enough said. Vice-Premier is Antoine Gizenga, who stood loyal to Lumumba throughout and who today leads the anti-imperialist forces in the Congo.

LITTLE publicised has been the savage assault of the Portuguese against the people of the small territory of Cabinda, just north of Angola. All literate Africans were arrested as well as all local chiefs. Villages were razed by fire and most of the enclave's 60,000 inhabitants fled the country. The liberation struggle continues, however.

Sexton Mabena Pulled It Off! Percy Lewis Beaten On Points

From M. P. Naicker

DURBAN.

SEXTON "Wonderboy" Mabena has done it. In a hectic ten-round history-making international boxing tournament against Percy Kid Lewis, former Empire Featherweight champion, Mabena beat the visitor on a narrow points decision.

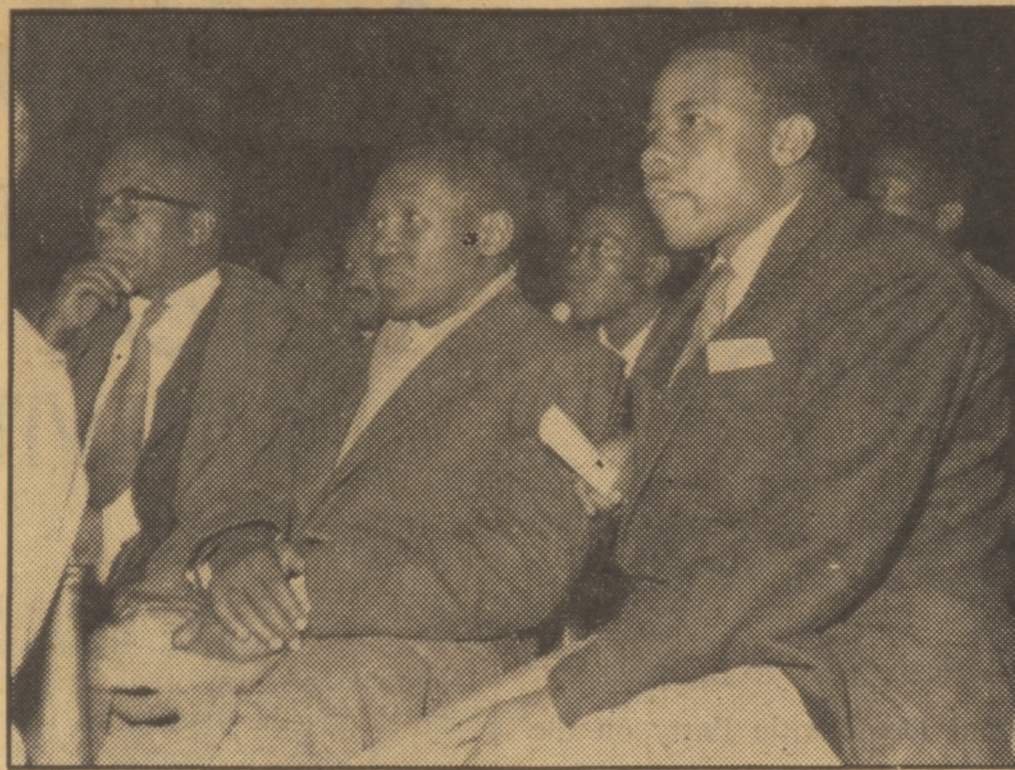
On his showing at the Durban Icedrome, Lewis will have to show much improvement in his attack if he is to have any chance against our lightweight champion, Enoch "Schoolboy" Nhlapo, whom he meets in Johannesburg on September 2.

Lewis was undoubtedly the better boxer. His clever footwork and his ability to get out of trouble when the Wonderboy was on the attack were a treat to watch.

In the last three rounds, Mabena had the visitor fighting in retreat almost continuously. The crowd, which was undoubtedly giving all its support to the South African, was brought to its feet on a number of occasions during these rounds when Sexton, sensing the kill, went in hammer and tongs in an effort to win by a knock out.

Weaving and ducking every attack, Lewis showed his superior ringcraft by getting out of every difficult situation with the coolness of the master that he is. But he did not have the answer to the attacking, brute force tactics of the South African.

Looking At The Future



Enoch "Schoolboy" Nhlapo, the South African lightweight champ, was a keen ringsider at the Durban Icedrome when Sexton Mabena (former South African feather and bantamweight champion) beat Trinidadian Percy Lewis on points. Nhlapo meets Lewis in Johannesburg on September 2.

ACES UNITED DESERVED THEIR VICTORY

DURBAN'S crack Aces United deservedly won the first match of the second round R1,000 UTC League Cup competition against Avalon Athletic (Durban) by 2 goals to 1 at Currie's Fountain Stadium last week.

Athletic had entered the field hot favourites but they let their colours

down when they failed to produce a good forward line.

The losers had the biggest opportunities to upset the apple cart in the second half, when they played with a strong wind behind them, but their forwards found Aces' new 'keeper, Samuel "Washada" Sibisi, a one-man defence.

"Washada," who was playing his first professional match, put up a brilliant performance, and was instrumental in foiling many goal-getters.

In the twenty-fifth minute of the first half, a ball collected by "Washada" was kicked direct to his left-wing, Siviling Dass, who broke through the Athletic defence and slammed in the opening goal. (1-0).

Athletic, receiving full support from the 5,000 crowd, retaliated and were happy when they were awarded a penalty. But their centre-forward, Joey Chetty, failed to make good the kick.

In the dying minutes of the first half, Aces' right-winger Streeni Moodley made no mistake when he caught Athletic 'keeper, Denzil Easthorpe, out of position to give his side another goal. (2-0).

Half-time Aces 2, Athletic 0.

The second half saw the ding-dong tussle proceed with the same zest as in the first session.

Later, Athletic were once again awarded a penalty. Their inner-left, Peter Minnie, failed with the first kick, but when the referee called for a re-take, Herbert "Shortdex" Zuma made no mistake.

Final score: Aces United 2, Avalon Athletic 1.

Batswana Could Smelt Iron Before Coming Of The White Man

B.P.P. Call To End Oppression

PALAPYE.

THE Bechuanaland People's Party preferred self-rule, even if it meant making the laws in Setswana and getting them translated by the few learned men and women in the territory, said Mr. M. K. Mpho, Secretary-General of the BPP, addressing a meeting attended by 500 men and women at Tonata Village recently.

"Education does not mean speaking English only," said Mr. Mpho. "It has a lot to do with natural ability and common sense.

"We are told that we cannot govern ourselves because we do not even know how to make a needle and cotton. I would like to know how many of the White members of the Legislative Council and the District Commissioners can make a needle and cotton.

"And, as a matter of fact, many of our illiterate men can make their own needles, with which they stitch their kaross. All Government officials were not needle makers but employees of the Colonial Office. If we want them, we can still get them for the same purpose."

IMPERIALISM

Mr. K. K. Motshidisi, the BPP

THANKS

LA GUMA.—Mrs. W. la Guma and family wish to thank all comrades and friends for the kind messages and tributes received during their recent sad bereavement.

secretary in Palapye, told the meeting that had it not been for the imperialists, the Batswana would have improved their methods of making fire and smelting iron, which was their daily work. But since the coming of the White man the people had lost all this knowledge and were so oppressed mentally that they had accepted the position of being boys and girls.

Mr. P. G. Matante, BPP Vice-President, called on the people to join the BPP to get rid of oppression and exploitation. The Legislative Council must be rejected because it had already started to discuss ways and means of decreasing the people's cattle, while at the same time allowing many South African Whites to settle and even buy land in the Protectorate.

"We need hospitals, schools, good wages. We need industries in our land. For 76 years our rulers have failed to give us these things because they do not have our interests at heart."

At the end of the meeting people rushed to the speakers' table to join the party.

Successful meetings have also been held by the BPP recently at Palapye, Francistown and Mahalapye. All meetings are now attended by the police, who even follow the leaders from district to district by train. But the people are not being intimidated.

SOCCER

NATAL

vs.

TRANSVAAL

at

Curries Fountain
Stadium

on

Sunday, August 20

at 3 p.m.

SONREIS HAS STARTED

THE Council of the South African Sports Association has given the go-ahead for the campaign — "OPERATION SONREIS" (Support Only Non-Racial Events in Sport). The first stage has already started—the collection of signatures for an appeal in support of the campaign.

In addition, all sportsmen will be asked to stay away from racial events and **BODIES WILL BE ASKED TO ORGANISE COUNTER ATTRACTIONS** to all racial events.

Consideration will also be given to a suggestion from ARTHUR JACOBS, SASA Vice-President, who flew to Port Elizabeth for the council meeting, that placard demonstrations should be organised.

Other decisions:

● To set up a 100-man Sub-Committee for Open Olympics Preliminary S.C.O.O.P.

Names will be announced next week.

● SASA is to set up a 9-Man

C.P.C. Campaign

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spearheaded by the militant Coloured People's Congress.

Crystallising of opinions is one thing; galvanising them to be used in positive action is another.

Faced with increasing oppression and ruthless determination of the Nationalist cohorts to maintain White Supremacy at all costs, we have no alternative but to carry on the struggle with utmost vigour...

TAKE OFFENSIVE

The CPC must immediately take up the offensive. There is the burning question of decent jobs and better pay for workers. The economic problems of the people, bad as they are now, will assume even graver proportions as South Africa slides into the abyss of depression as a result of the lack of capital inflow and other contradictions in our society.

Methods of struggle proposed by CPC include:

Coloured Elections: The organisation of broadly based boycott committees and a mass campaign to ensure a decisively low poll; the isolation of collaborationists.

Job Reservation: Support of Coloured tramway workers whose union has asked for the reservation for whites only of work as bus drivers and conductors; an approach to leading stores to demand that jobs be opened to all on the basis of merit alone, and that stores which do not co-operate be blacklisted and picketed.

City Council: A mass petition and lobbying of Councillors to ensure employment to all races on the basis of merit.

Cultural Front: A call to all groups to refuse Government subsidies for apartheid, and action to frustrate the staging of segregated shows, especially by visiting artists.

Sport: Support for the SONREIS campaign of the South African Sports Association.

A CHALLENGE

The CPC statement concludes:

"We must constantly urge our cultural, sports, and civic organisations to seek the participation of our fellow African oppressed in their activities. In this way we can positively break down the barriers which have been deliberately erected to keep us apart.

"Verwoerd is calling a general election in October in order to strengthen the herrenvolk, so as to meet—in his own words—"the internal onslaughts" of the Non-Whites. LET US TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE."

SCOREBOARD

by RECORDER

Committee for the All-Africa Games.

● Application is to be made for affiliation to the All-African Sports Federation.

● Target for the future: the meeting of the International Olympic Committee in Nairobi. This will be the gateway to the Tokyo Olympics.

Comment

A sports columnist is asking why the entry of Percy Lewis, West Indian boxer, to South Africa is not being opposed. But this is a very different matter from the Worrell tour—this is pro-sport and Lewis does not come here to represent his country, nor is he a member of a team.

SOMEONE IS MISSING WITH HIS PUNCHES!

Congratulations

To the Kester boxing crowd in Kimberley. At last they are moving to get non-racial matches.

Durban Nurses Furious

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refused to accept any of the suggestions for improved conditions in the hospital on the grounds that the memorandum was "politically inspired." He said he knew who the "agitators" were and that he had photos of them which would be sent to Pretoria.

Dr. Dormer is reported to have refused to transfer or dismiss the warden who had caned the nurses because they might ask for further dismissals if he did.

NURSES FURIOUS

Dr. Dormer's attitude has infuriated the nurses. Interviewed by New Age, they said they would continue to press for their rights and would not forever tolerate the conditions under which they were being forced to work.

In the meantime, the legal representative of the nurses is believed to be preparing the necessary documents to sue the warden for damages and the union is investigating the possibility of charging her with assault.

FOOTNOTE: Mr. Stephen Dhlamini, Chairman of the Local Committee of the South African Congress of Trade Unions, was arrested outside the King George TB Hospital last week for failing to produce a pass.

Mr. Dhlamini is the principal organiser of a committee supplying food to the nurses, who are boycotting all food supplied by the Hospital until their demand for the dismissal of the warden who caned the nurses is met. He was released on bail of R10 and is due to appear at the Commissioner's Court this week.

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