

THESE PICTURES TELL A MILLION TALES

A million Cubans recently gathered in the streets of Havana at a giant rally to protest against the bombing of unsuspecting Cubans by American-based aeroplanes. The pictures show (left) one of the victims of the bombing and (below) part of the huge crowd gathered in angry protest against the U.S. for allowing aircraft to leave her soil on the murderous venture.



On October 26 the inhabitants of the Cuban village of Socorra were peacefully going about their business, when an aeroplane suddenly swooped down upon them from the skies and rained bombs down upon them. Two of the villagers were killed and a number wounded. THE AEROPLANE RETURNED TO ITS BASE IN FLORIDA, U.S.A.

The attack, far from striking terror into the hearts of the people of Cuba as it was supposed to do, aroused the Cubans as never before in defence of their newly-gained independence and freedom. A million people assembled in Havana alone to denounce the U.S. imperialists for allowing the agents of the overthrown Cuban dictator Batista to use bases in America for armed terror attacks against the people of Cuba.

The Americans at first hotly denied that they bore any responsibility for the attacks, but this denial only served to increase the anger of the Cubans. So powerful were the demonstrations that followed that the officials in Washington were compelled to eat their words, and they finally undertook to see to it that the bombing raid would never be repeated.

● Meanwhile the enemies of Cuban freedom continue to reveal new plots for the overthrow of the Castro Government, but every time they are frustrated by the strength and unity of the Cuban people, who are overwhelming in their support of the new popular regime.



AFRICA BELGIAN SOCIALISTS CONDEMN CONGO POLICY

THE Chairman of the Belgian Socialist Party demanded that the Congo be given independence within the "Belgian Community" and denounced the Government's plan to send more troops to the Congo. Mr. Volland urged immediate "round table" talks with representatives of the political parties of the Congo.

In Brussels students of the Free University were attacked by fascist elements during a demonstration against the sending of more troops to the Belgian Congo. The fascist set fire to posters condemning government policy in the Congo while the police stood by. Many youth organisations and

the Socialist General Federation of Labour have passed resolutions expressing their opposition to the sending of troops to the Congo.

The minister for the Belgian Congo, Mr. De Schrijver alleged, during a debate in the Belgian Parliament, that the meeting of Congolese people for independence was unlawful and said that the Colonial authorities and the security forces were not responsible for the massacre at Ruanda Ruindi. He rejected the proposal of the Belgian Communist Party for immediate negotiations with the Congolese people and insisted on going ahead with an "election" which will further delay Congo independence.

Travelling Competition?

IKE IN ASIA

THE hearty reception given to President Eisenhower on his recent trip to Europe and Asia stands in marked contrast with the cold welcome which the late John Foster Dulles used to receive when he made similar journeys.

The difference in the nature of the receptions given to the two men is partly attributable to the personal charm which Ike possesses and Mr. Dulles never had.

BUT THE MAIN REASON THAT IKE WAS WELCOMED WHEREVER HE WENT WAS THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE COUNTRIES HE VISITED WISHED TO APPLAUD THE MAN WHO HAD MET WITH SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHOV AND THUS OPENED THE WAY FOR A DRAMATIC REDUCTION IN WORLD TENSIONS.

Cold war thinking was clearly uppermost in his mind when he spoke to the Government



leaders of the three Central Treaty Organisation (Cento, formerly Baghdad Pact) countries; he visited, namely Turkey, Iran and Pakistan. In these speeches he emphasised that America would continue to provide military aid to these countries and that there was no question of dissolving existing military blocs.

The outlook for disarmament must remain bleak as long as the U.S. continues to allow the most reactionary of its allies to call the tune on the subject.

● Perhaps the most important feature of the tour was that it was felt to be necessary at all. Ike is the first U.S. President to visit Asia, and his visit to that continent shows how important it has become in world affairs in recent years.

Meanwhile . . .

Mr. K. TO AFRICA

DURING his recent visit to the Soviet Union the President of the Republic of Guinea told reporters that he had invited Soviet Premier Khrushchov to visit his country. Khrushchov had not yet replied to his request. Toure added, but he was hopeful that he would be able to greet the Soviet Premier in Guinea soon.

● Earlier this year Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia also extended an invitation to Khrushchov to pay a visit to Africa, and unconfirmed reports stated that Mr. K. was likely to pay a visit to a number of countries in West Africa as well as to Ethiopia some time next year.

Barred Books: Russia Gives The Reasons

COMMENTING on the withdrawal of books from the British book exhibition now on here, Mr. Alexander Rybin, head of the Soviet publishing organisation Glavizdat, said recently:

"We were anxious that not a single book should give cause for misunderstanding, disapproval or indignation among visitors.

"Any suggestion that we are afraid of these books is ludicrous. Certainly the Soviet Union would not collapse if they were exhibited," he said, adding that a large number of foreign books by authors of all shades of opinion are published in the Soviet Union.

"We were prompted solely by the desire to aid good feelings between our two countries. We want the exhibition to help friendship and mutual understanding. For us friendship with the British people is the most important thing of all."

His detailed account of the reasons why Soviet representatives had advised the withdrawal of 24 books and nine magazines from the exhibition, which is now at-

tracting two to three thousand visitors a day, clearly demonstrates that the books objected to contained passages offensive to any Soviet reader.

Many drew parallels between the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany in the struggle against which virtually every Soviet family lost at least one member, couched in the best cold-war spirit and could in no way contribute to the exhibition's aim—the furtherance of Anglo-Soviet friendship and understanding.

THE AGREEMENT

The representatives of the British Council had readily agreed that the books objected to should not be exhibited and had thanked their Soviet opposite numbers for their advice, stressed Mr. Rybin. They, too, were anxious that nothing should stand in the way of the success of the exhibition, which, Mr. Rybin added, contained nearly 4,000 books instead of the 3,000 provided for by the agreement.

He also pointed out that the agree-

ment also provided that both in the case of the present British exhibition in Moscow and the Soviet exhibition to be held in London early next year, either party had the right to propose the withdrawal of any book regarding which it had doubts.

HITLER ON COVER

He listed the main grounds for objection:

- Some distorted the foreign and internal policy of the Soviet Union;
- In others, attacks were made upon the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies;
- Others gave a distorted picture of the policy of the Soviet Communist Party in the field of art;
- Others gave a distorted anti-Soviet picture of the Hungarian events of 1956.

One volume had also been withdrawn because it had a portrait of Hitler on the cover and many photographs of nazi generals inside. Many visitors to the exhibition were unable to read English, Mr. Rybin pointed out, and would judge a book solely by its appearance.

"Regardless of the contents, this question is too acute for us. Why should we advertise a man who has caused so much grief to our

people?" interjected his assistant, Mr. Somov.

WILLIAM MORRIS

Regarding the volume of verse and essays by William Morris which is among those withdrawn, Mr. Rybin underlined that the objection in no way concerned William Morris himself or his writings—another book of his letters remained on the shelves of the exhibition.

BUT, HE EXPLAINED, IN THE COMMENTARY TO THE SECTION ON ART AND SOCIALISM, A PARALLEL, OFFENSIVE TO A SOVIET READER, WAS DRAWN BETWEEN HITLER GERMANY AND THE SOVIET UNION.

In Joyce Carey's "Art and Reality" it is alleged that political freedom does not exist in the Soviet Union, that the entire spiritual life of the people is controlled and man himself turned into an automation.

Here, too, a parallel is drawn between Socialism in the Soviet Union and fascist regimes.

Elizabeth Frank, in her book on Margot Fonteyn, the British ballerina, repeats cold-war propaganda allegation that the Soviet Union was guilty of aggression in Hungary and that Soviet tanks killed women and children in Budapest.

Will Non-Whites Get Real Chance to Make Olympic Games?

NOTWITHSTANDING the tentative arrangements being made by Non-White amateur sport administrators to send a team of Non-White sportsmen to participate in the Olympic Games next year, it looks as though the promise made by Mr. R. Honey, a few months ago that there will be no "discrimination on racial grounds" when it came to the selecting of a team to the Olympic Games, will not come true.

Present indications are that Non-White sportsmen are going to be robbed of the opportunity of representing their country in the Olympic Games either by constitutional technicalities or by apartheid conditions. Non-White amateur national sporting bodies are expected to affiliate to the White national amateur sporting bodies before they can have a hope of sending representatives to the Olympic Games. More often than not, the terms of affiliation by Non-White bodies to White bodies are such as to place Non-White sporting bodies in an inferior position—third rate members.

FOOTBALL CONFERENCE OFF

Bantu Must Disaffiliate From Whites

THE conference between the two national soccer groups—the S.A. Bantu Football Association and the S.A. African and Bantu F.A. The S.A. unification of the two bodies, S.A. Bantu F.A., on the other hand, made a hasty and rash decision of throwing in their lot with the Whites, falling prey to the numerous promises of expert coaching, refereeing, lectures, and arrangement of tours to and from this country, promises which have remained unfulfilled and will probably remain so.

The Pretoria Bantu S.A. have placed when the Bantu Football Association disaffiliates from the F.A.S.A. (the White National Amateur Athletes and Cycling Association) among Non-White amateur athletes and cyclists administrators regarding their position to the Olympic Games, particularly in the Transvaal.

CONFUSION

There is already confusion among Non-White amateur athletes and cyclists particularly in the Transvaal.

The South African Amateur Athletes and Cycling Association will hold the National Meeting in March or April next year at King's Park in Durban and in Maseru, Basutoland. Almost at the same time, the Europeans will hold their championships in Cape Town.

It is hoped that from these trials, the best candidates for the Olympic Games will be selected. Mr. D. F. Botha, Recreation Officer of the Native Affairs Department of the Anglo-American Corporation and National secretary of the South African Amateur Athletes and Cycling Association, told New Age that his organisation has already affiliated to the South African Athletic Council (White body) and has accepted the terms in that his organisation will have equal rights the same as on the affiliated White bodies to the SAAC. But Non-Whites will not compete with and Whites in this country.

Not only that, Mr. Botha's Non-White association will not ask visiting teams to compete against them, but they may, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE WHITE ASSOCIATION, import Non-White teams to compete against his association. In spite of all this, said Mr. Botha, the team to be chosen for Olympic and Empire Games will be "purely on merit."

How come? According to Mr. Botha, the prescribed conditions are in accordance with the "laws, customs and traditions of the country." And, that his organisation at its last Annual General Meeting held in Durban in April this year accepted them. "These conditions," said Mr. Botha, "have not been objected to except by one district—the Central African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association."

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"We salute the valiant martyr who laid down his life and admit the courage and undying spirit of those injured.

"We shall always wish glorious success to all those South African workers who have organised themselves to end colonial slavery, economic exploitation and political oppression.

"The people of the world, with their love of democracy, call for the right of all persons irrespective of colour or creed to enjoy a decent standard of life."

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