Congress Leaders Back Luthufi's Call

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South Africa's other 'Test

Vicky of the London Daily Mirror, while congratulating the South African cricketers on their victory, reminds British readers of the savagery of apartheid in the land from which they come.

"Doing Great Service to the People," says Magistrate BUT GUILTY OF OFFENCE!

"THE accused was doing a great service to the people by keeping these children off the streets. From the bench I say I admire her for it, but technically she is guilty of the offence charged." These were the words of the Native Commissioner at Johannesburg when he cautioned and discharged first. Margaret Manahoo after finding her guilty under the Bantu Education Act of conducting a Bantu school which was not registered in terms of the Act.

BANTU EDUCATION

Mrs. Mtambo in her evidence told the court that since about 1951 a committee of mothers had asked her to take in their children who could not find room in the bigger, recognised schools. The purpose was to keep the children off the

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Mambo was convicted was that of three children who had been in her three children who had been in her them to read and write and do arithmetic. They admitted that there was no blackboard and hardly any books. time to teach the children but arranged for as many as possible to enter recognised schools. Rather than turn the other children onto the streets she kept them and gave them bible classes, games and handiwork. She denied that she gave them formal classes. As soon as she was able to place the children in a recognised school she closed down her establishment.

ENTHUSIASM FOR MILLION SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

"T ENVISAGE AN UNPRECEDENTED RUSH TO SIGN THE FREEDOM CHARTER. SO URGENT IS THE DEMAND FOR FREEDOM," MR. GEORGE PEAKE, NA-TIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE S.A. COLOURED PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION, SAID IN A SPECIAL STATEMENT TO NEW AGE THIS WEEK, WELCOMING THE DE-CISION TAKEN BY CHIEF LUTHULI, JOINTLY WITH OTHER CONGRESS LEADERS, CALLING FOR THE COLLECTION OF ONE MILLION SIGNATURES TO THE FREEDOM CHARTER.

STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT HAVE ALSO BEEN ISSUED IN INTERVIEWS WITH 'NEW AGE' BY THE LEADERS OF THE S.A. INDIAN CONGRESS AND THE S.A. CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS.

THE FIRST SIGNATURES TO THE FREEDOM CHARTER ARE NOW COMING FORWARD IN THE SUBURBS, TOWNSHIPS AND LOCATIONS OF JOHANNESBURG AS THE PETITION FORMS ARE TAKEN FROM DOOR TO DOOR AND CIRCULATED FOR SIGNATURE AT MASS MEETINGS.

"No one can deny that the Free-dom Charter is the most important document yet to be drawn by the people of South Africa," said Mr. Peake. "Written into the Freedom Charter are all the aspirations and wishes of the oppressed.

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"Let us set to work, comrades.
The task is urgent, the people
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road to freedom, Mr. Peake's
statement concluded.

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EVERY ADULT INDIAN
Dr. H. M. Moosa, joint secretary
of the S. A. Indian Congress, declared in a statement that this organisation aims to secure the signa-ture to the Charter of every adult Indian in South Africa, "for in the

CAMPAIGN for the Transvaal's signature quota will be given an official send-off be given an official send-off from a mass conference to be held at the Trades Hall on Sunday, 18th, at 10 a.m. Re-gional conferences in other parts of the Transaval are also being organised.

The Cape Town campaign will begin officially on the 24th, when there will be planning meeting of the regional execu-tives of the congresses.

realisation of the ideals contained in the Charter lies the true happi-ness of all 300,000 Indians, as well as of all the people of our country." MILLION FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM

FREEDOM
The campaign for the Freedom
Charter, said Mr. Pieter Beyleveld,
national chairman of the Congress
of Democrats, is far from being
merely a campaign to collect one
million signatures. It is a struggle
to mobilise 1,000,000 fighters for
feedoms afford string roof freedom, to afford stirring proof not only to the South African Go-vernment, but to the world at large, of the people's desire and determi-nation for freedom.

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Mr. Beyleveld stressed that the signature campaign should be developed as the basis around which to build magnatisation allows the strength of the strength of the day-to-day struggles of the people. The campaign opened up great opportunities for local lugrent opportunities for local lustifiative and for the positive demands of the Freedom Charter to be the inspiration in the struggles of the people,

FORT HARE STUDENTS VINDICATED

Staff Resignations Follow Commission's Report PORT ELIZABETH,

THE report of the Fort Hare Commission is a vindication of the stand taken by the students, and has already resulted in sweeping changes at the university. Several staff members have resigned, and expelled students are to be given the opportunity of stating their case.

The Commission, which consisted of Professor J. P. Duminy, Professor M. C. Botha and Dr. Edgar Brookes, came to the conclusion that "the time is overripe for a bold. transition from the spirit, methods and atmosphere of the Missionary High School to those of a Univer-

While not sparing in their criti-cisms of the students, the main criticism of the Commission was directed against the authorities, whom it accused of ignoring the legitimate grievances of the stu-dents. In particular the Commis-sion felt that the hostel system was in need of a drastic overhaul, and it named two hostel wardens who, it felt, should be retired because they were nearing the age limit, and two others who were unsuitable for their task because they were "lack-ing in sympathy."

FACILITIES INADEQUATE

The Commission also found the accommodation and facilities available to the students inadequate, and recommended improvements.

The authorities' handling of the The authorities' handling of the crisis which led to the closing of the college was also criticised by the Commission, which felt that the system of encouraging students to inform on their fellows was "ill-advised."

With the publication of the receivi-

- The principal of the University Professor Dent, has resigned;
- The wardens of Iona House and the Women's Hostel have re-signed, with effect from the end of the year:
- The 13 students who were not readmitted to the University have been recalled, and will be allowed to appear before the Discipline Committee to argue the case for their reinstatement;
- The rule for compulsory atten-

The rule for compulsory attendance at prayers at Iona House has been scrapped. The remaining recommendations of the Commission will be considered by the Governing Council at its next meeting. Meanwhile Fort Hare is on vacation. But when the students return, they are going to stage a football match and a grand ball to celebrate their victory.

Orlando Squatters Take Over **Empty Houses**

JOHANNESBURG. JUHANNESBURG.
Several hundred Orlando
shanty town residents, fed up to
the teeth with living in breeze
block shelter slums and impatient at the housing promises
which do not materialise, moved into vacant Council houses in the Westcliffe section of Orlando last week-end in a militant protest action.

During the night, entire families moved with all their furniture and possessions and took occupation of the recently completed Westeliffe homes. By the pieted Westchie homes. By the following morning the police got wind of the move and by mid Monday morning, African and European S.A. police and muni-cipal police had moved on to the

chal police had moved on to the scene.

One police officer spoke of mosple beling prosecuted for illegal squarting, and on Monday of the second of the square of the squar

protest removal.

These families, living in Orlando breeze block shellers, were among the first Johannes-burg Africans: under the leadership of Mpanza to demonstrae against the post-war housing crisis in the largest squatter movement the city has ever seen. The Council provided these people with shelters, and this is the tenth year that they are waiting for proper homes.

Sweet Workers Want Better Wages

AT their annual general meeting last month the members of the African Sweet Workers' Union resolved to intensity their campaign for higher wages and better conditions.

From 1948, wages have been at a standstill as follows: General workers, £3 4s, 6d, per week, plus £1 10s. living allowance; labourers, week, plus £1 10s. 6d. cost of living allowance; labourers, £1 17s. 9d. per week, plus 18s. 3d. co.l.a. The union demands a basic wage of £4 per week for general workers, and £2 10s. for labourers, as well as 30 days sick and a 40-dur working week, instead of 12 as at present, and a 40-dur working week, instead to the workers are very much op-

stead of 45.

The workers are very much opposed to the new determination which proposes to divide general

which proposes to divide general workers into two groups and which will mean that the majority of the workers will be in the lower-paid group.

We have calculated that under this determination. 690 workers will gain a total of £87 £3.6 d. per week, while 1,000 workers that is a total of £875. At this rate the employers gain more than £300 a week.

We call on all workers to close the man £300 a week.

We call on all workers to close their ranks and carry on more

We call on all workers to ctose their ranks and carry on more courageously and support their claims with more vigour.

It is not only the wages that are at stake, but the very existence of the union and the right of the workers to get better conditions for all.

LIEGORYA.

J. LEGOBYA.
Secretary, African Sweet Workers'
Union. Johannesburg.

Plough Own Land

In Mafeking the majority of the people are peasants. Instead of tilling their own soil they are forced to spend their time and farms in order to find the money to pay their poll tax.

A peasant's union has now been started to work for the time when we will plough our own piece of land, instead of having our blood sucked by spending the Markhall Markhall College.

W. LEKHONKHOBE.

Mafeking.

STOP

that

Headache!

Mag-Aspirin is better. When throbbing headaches torture you, take Mag-Aspirin at once! Feel how gently the nerves are calmed, the pain soothed away. Mag-Aspirin quickly restores sound, health-giving sleep. It has given thousands of sufferers welcome relief from headache, bladder pain, backache, toothache, lumbago, neuritis and rheumatic pains.

MAG-ASPIRIN

is not ordinary aspirin

Mag-Aspirin Powders, 2/- per box. Also available in Tablets at 2/6 at all chemists and stores.

Education

A meeting was held in the Methodist Primary School, Ath-lone to elect a school committee under the Bantu Education Act or rather Bantu Indoctrination Act.

Act.
A queer feature of the meeting was that there was a policeman in uniform standing at the door and two members of the Special Branch inside, taking

A lot of people were turned away at the door because according to the ruling of the chairman, only parents of pupils at the school were admitted.

After questions had been put, and unsatisfactorily answered a gentleman tried to move that the

e rejected.

A motion was moved that the question should be put to the vote by a show of hands but the chairman ruled that it should be taken by secret ballot.

TU EDUCATION WAS RE-JECTED BY 33 TO 23 VOTES.

Athlone, Cape.

Covetou: Nats

The Group Aras Act is to be put into operatic in Grahamstown. The Indian bordering the extreme edge of ligh Street and some having shop in town are to be removed.

This is a violatin of democraci.

N. C. KAUNDA. Nyasaland Arican Congress.

Nyasaia...
Johannesburg.

Self-Government

Not Federation

What the people of the Central African Federatio want is self-government, not fderation. The present sysem of nomina-tions to the Legishtive Council is not democratic and should be

ended.

Africans should have financial control in the Legslative councils of their own ountry. Chiefs should be appointed and dehoesed by their own peope without interference by the goernor.

The partition of Nyasaland should be done with due regard to the wishes of the people of the country.

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Nationalist covetusness to possess and dominae the Africans
and other NonEuropeans and

their land, STAN.EY B. KABA. Grahamstown.

Song of Africa

There are many difficulties but we must never be discouraged. Alead lies success. Let us stretch ou our arms and break the chains

that bind us.
Let us sing the song of Africa,
fo Africa is our fatherland.
S. Z. NDEBELE.
Kalehong Township,

Railway Doctors Negligent

Athlone Rejects Bantu

gentieman tried to move that the Committee be elected but he was shouted down by the angry parents. A resolution was moved and seconded that the election

THE ELECTION AND BAN-

Z. Z. MALINDI.

Great Dawn

There is the great dawn of free-dom!

Accompanying that great, glitter-ing dawn Is a new army of strong men,

Who will bring justice and peace To the present war-sick and starv-ing generation.

You'll see the downtrodden masses rejoicing!

After the struggle, hard and bru-tish life will be buried. Tears, blood, sweat and sacrifice

is the price of freedom Ultimately, we shall see that great dawn of freedom-A glittering dawn which has bread for ALL men.

LAZARUS NGWENYA. Wattville, Benoni.

HE'S DONE IT AGAIN!

DR. DONGES, the Minister of the Interior, has banned another classic—this time Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein." This is the novel by the wife of the great British poet which tells the story of the man who made a monster he was later unable to control. So great an impact has the novel made on the Englishspeaking peoples that the word Frankenstein has passed into the

English language.

There is perhaps something symbolic in the banning of "Frankenstein," whose plot is summarised in the Dictionary of Phrase and Fable as follows: "A young student (Frankenstein) who made a soulless monster out of the fragments of men picked up from churchyards and dissecting rooms and endued it with life by galvanism. The tale . . . shows has the creature longed for sympathy but was shunned by everyone. It was only animal life, a parody on the creature man, powerful for evil and the instrument of dreadful retribution on the student who usurped the prerogative of the Creator."

It sounds exactly like a description of the Nationalists constructing their monster of apartheid!

This classic has been in circulation for 137 years, and is included in library collections of famous books, such as the Everyman and World's Classics series. But Dr. Donges has decreed that anyone who imports it into South Africa, or is found in possession of it will be liable to a fine of £1,000 or five years' imprisonment, or both.

Dr. Donges did this once before, a few months ago, when he banned Voltaire's "Candide" and Gautier's "Mademoiselle du Maupin." But on that occasion the public outcry was so great that he was forced to admit he had made a mistake, and a week later both books were "unbanned."

Has the Minister made another mistake? Or is he just plain ignorant and stupid?

It would be wrong to think that either explanation is alone the reason. The truth is that the censorship policy exercised by the Nationalist Government is a standing threat to the cultural and educational standards of the South African people.

It is almost impossible to import any publication from any People's Democracy, no matter what its subject. The position is similar as regards any left-wing organisations in other countries. Examples in the two most recent Government Gazettes are:
"Achievements in the Protection of Mother and Child in the Rumanian People's Republic;" "Information Bulletin of the Miners' Trade Union International"; "A Diary for Youth, 1955," published by the World Federation of Democratic Youth, and "I Want to Live—Ban Atomic Weapons," published by the Women's International Democratic Federation.

But Dr. Donges does not stop at Communist or left-wing publications. Any book or pamphlet or magazine which propagates views on the race question opposed to those of Dr. Donges, is likely to find itself on the black list. Books about the socialist countries written by non-Communists are also often included. In the last two weeks, for instance, the book "Through the Chinese Revolution," by the missionaries Ralph and Nancy Lapwood was banned.

It is quite obvious that neither Dr. Donges nor his censors read this book; or that if they did they did not understand it. The probability is that the book was banned simply because it was about China and had the word "revolution" in its title.

Other books banned in the last two weeks included three Other books banned in the list two weeks included adective stories or thrillers by Ellery Queen, Sydney Horler and James Hadley Chase, three of the acknowledged leaders of this school of publications; "Under the Skin," by the well-known English novelist Phyllis Bottome; a collection of short stories by the American writer Erskine Caldwell; "The Last of Mr. Norris," by Christopher Isherwood; "The Story of Esther Costello," by Nicholas Montsarrat; and a book on psychiatry by a doctor of medicine.

The total list of bannings is unknown, and unavailable to the public, but has been estimated to run into thousands of titles. Week by week, as new items are added to the list, the Nationalists draw their corrugated-iron curtain round South Africa, attempting to keep South Africans in ignorance about what is happening in the rest of the world.

The most distressing feature of the bannings is that, with few exceptions, they seem to be accepted by the intellectual and cultural "leaders" of South Africa. Not one daily newspaper has ever protested against the way in which the National Government is abusing its powers in this respect. Our artists, writers, poets, university professors, teachers and others entrusted with the preservation and development of our cultural values

No people who value freedom of thought and freedom of expression can tolerate the sort of censorship to which they are expression can core are the sort of censorship to which first she being subjected by the Nationalists. Once more it falls to the progressive movement to defend the right of the South African people at least to read and think what they please.

PROTEST AGAINST DR. DONGES' CENSORSHIP MUST BE STEPPED UP TO THE POINT WHERE THESE FREEDOMS ARE RESTORED TO THE PEOPLE.

JOHANNESBURG.—Stark proof of the allegations of the S.A.R. & H. Non-European Workers' Union that railway doctors treat sick and injured workers cursorily Letters and the conficial treatment given is more than most and the case of the

Further Evidence by Union

A work one day last month pusing cocopans, one of the pans bunped into him, injuring his side. On the railway medical slip his injury was described as a "bruising On the railway medical slip his injury was described as a "bruising
of ight chest," and the report furthe stated: "no fracture seen,"
J—was put off duty for 12 days
and was instructed to report back
to vork by a certain date.

Yet the report on this man by
the radiologist states quite clearly
that two of J—s ribs are frace-

MAY BE SACKED

like all labourers on the railways like all labourers on the railways whe exceed the sick leave granted then by the railway doctors, J—ma be sacked from his job, despite the seriousness of his injuries. The Union says there are many case of African employees on the railway being genuinely ill. Yes the property of the railway of the railway of the railway doctors. Railway doctors consult only at certain depot and should men be too ill to atted the consulting rooms and atted the consulting rooms and call in private doctors, the railway docors invariably refuse to endorse

their certificates, and the men are fired for being absent from work without the authorised certificate of a railway doctor.

There is the case also of M-There is the case also of M—certified by a private doctor whom he consulted when seriously ill recently, as quite unfit for any further manual labour. This man has been instructed to return to work by a certain date, and if the rail-way doctors take no notice of the certificate he has obtained from a certain date, and the certificate he has obtained from a certain date, and the certificate he has obtained from a certificate he has obtained from a certain with the certificate he has obtained from a certain way but also his gratuity.

READ

Dagga-Smoker's Dream

Short Story By RICHARD MOORE

in New Age Next Week

Pay More For Water Than For Rent

Squatters Fight Back

JOHANNESBURG.—In the sprawling squatters' camp of Albertynsville the people are fighting an attempt to charge them exorbitant fees for the water they use.

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According to the contract the squatters entered into with the private owners of the land, they were to pay a yearly rental automatically renewable for 12-month periods, and the owners were under an obligation to supply reasonable and continuous supplies of fresh water.

Earlier this year, the counterer.

Earlier this year the squatters were told they would have to pay for water instead of the yearly rental.

Water charges were laid down: 3d. for four gallons, 4d. for 5 to

"PEOPLE ARE **AWAKENING**" Luthuli's Birthday Message to Dadoo

JOHANNESBURG. "WE are under no illusions as to what the attainment of freedom will cost us in pain and suffering before victory is gained," wrote Chief Luthuli in his birthday message to Dr.

Dadoo,
"We know that those who
directly and indirectly support
the status quo will subject us
to untold brutality, slander and
abuse. In their efforts to fulfil their baasskap apartheid policy the Nationalist Party will un-leash against us all diabolic measures in an effort to cow into submission the masses of the oppressed people,
"But these efforts are sure to

"But these efforts are sure to meet with ignominious failure for already we are witnessing heartening signs of the awaken-ing of the people. Already the persecution we are going through is steeling to resist-ance many in the ranks of the liberation army. "The days ahead will see the growth of an effective army of

growth of an effective army of liberation to gain in momentum to become an avalanche that will strike a death-blow to oppression in South Africa. May our Courage rise with 6 gallons and 2s for a 48-gallon

The people estimate that some of them paid more for water in a few months than they had previously paid in rentals for the en-

But despite that attempts were made to raise the water price even

The people organised protest meetings on this issue and one of these was attended by the Native Commissioner who said the water charges were illegal.

A compromise agreement was arrived at, but since then the squatters report that the water supply is unsatisfactory, and five of the squatters have had summons for ejectment issued against them. The five, all leaders of the squatters' or ganisation, will fight the ejectment orders, and defend their right to re-main in Albertynsville.



Ejected from their home by Court Messenger because the premises were condemned, the Petersen family of Woodstock, Cape Town, had to "make do" in an adjoining field. Mr. Petersen has looked all over for some kind of shelter and approached various official departments, but was everywhere met with the same answer—"we have no place for you." To add insult to injury, he was told that if he did not move

from the field, the police would be sent to throw him off. "If it were not for the kindness of a friend him off. "If it were not for the kindness of a Iriend who put a van at our disposal, my wife and six children would have frozen to death," Mr. Peterson told New Age. "What are we to do? If we can't get a place, I'll have to put up a pondokkie somewhere." Our picture shows the Petersen family standing in front of their belongings with Mr. and Mrs. Petersen each holding an 8-months' old wan.

U.S. STOPS PENSIONS **COMMUNIST HEROES**

Mean Act Condemned By U.S. Press

THE U.S. AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN AWAY THE DISABILITY PENSIONS FORMERLY PAID TO TWO LEADING AMERICAN COMMUNIST EX-SERVICEMEN, CONVICTED UNDER THE SMITH (SUPPRESSION) ACT.

They are Bob Thompson, who was invalided out of the army with 100 per cent. disability, having contracted both malaria and tuberculosis, and Saul Wellman, also released with 100 per cent. disability for wounds received at Bastogne.

A Staff-sergeant in the 32nd U.S. Army Division, Thompson was clted by General Douglas MacArthur for outstanding heroism at Buna, Guadatcanal. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest medal issued by the U.S. Government, and was recommended for promotion to captain.

Both Thompson and Wellman fought in Spain. Both were known Communist leaders when they entered the armed forces. A total of 15,000 American Communist served in the armed forces during World War 2. The withdrawal of their pen-

sions has been widely criticised in the U.S. Murray Kempton, colum-nist on the New York Post, com-mented: "We owe Wellman and Thompson a debt that pensions cannot pay or malice erase. If Bastogne and Buna are glorious, these mean-whatever their lives

before or since—are glorious, And when we play them cheap, what-ever their aims, we debase not them but the memory of that mo-ment."

The persecution of American citizens for their political views was recently strongly criticised as a violation of the U.N. Declara-tion of Human Rights in a state-ment by 42 distinguished Britishers published in the New York Press.

The letter, signed by Lord Boyd-Orr, former head of the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organisation, four members of the House of Commons: John Parker, Sydney Silverman, Ben Parkin and Maurice Orbach; Professor G. D. H. Cole, D. N. Pritt, 16 Trade Union leadways of the Professor of D. H. Cole, D. N. Pritt, 16 Trade Union Leadways of the Union Leadways of the U.S. Pritt, 16 Trade Union Leadways of the U.S. Pritt, 16 Trade Union Leadways of the U.S. Pritt, 16 Trade U.S. Pritt, 17 Trade U.S. Pritt, 17 Trade U.S. Pritt, 18 Trade U.S. P celebrations

"PASSED IN HYSTERIA"

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It warned that law "passed in
hysteria of anti-Communism can
be used to limit the freedom of
speech, press and assembly of all
Americans," and expressed special
concern about the new indictiments under the membership
clause of the Smith Act, which
makes mere membership of the
Communist Entry an offence pulhiable by Ju Jears' imprisonment.

The statement goes on: "We have watched with growing concern as dark clouds of fear and intolerance increasingly obscure the American tradition of freedom, and have eagerly noted in recent months the signs of a healthy malic opinion recent." recent months the signs healthy public opinion rea ing itself.

"But just when we hoped for the return of the political atmos-phere of the Bill of Rights—which declares Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, of the press ..." we read of a series of Smith Act trials in which the charge is merely mem-bership of the Communist Party.

"These charges were described by The New York Times as in-volving 'a violent upheaval in our judicial concepts.' We be-lieve that they also conflict with the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights in that they condemn peo-ple for their ideas as distinct from

LIMITS TO FREEDOM'

"We have seen how 'loyalty investigations' and the role of the paid informer can endanger the liberty and livelihood of thousands of law-abiding citizens, and how legislation passed in a hysteria of legislation passed in a hysteria of anti-communism can be used to limit the freedom of speech, press and assembly of all Americans. 'Security' becomes a laughing-stock when it leads to passports being denied to Americans of international standing, and denies visas to equally distinguished men and women from other leads to pass of the standing and denies of the standing and the standing an and women from other lands who wish to visit the United States.

"Our expression of concern at "Our expression of concern a these prosecutions and restrictions is a token of respect and friend-ship for the many Americans, both famous and little-known, who have stodo our against the witch-hunt, and especially for those who have suffered imprisonment, exile, loss of employment or in other

Their record gives us confidence in the future and encourages us to appeal to all friends of free-dom in Britain to make known their support and thus hasten the return to sanity in the United States," the statement concludes,

'UNITE IN ONE RAILWAY UNION!' Says S.A.C.T.U.

JOHANNESBURG.

"NOW is the time for all railway workers to unite in the one union which has always been free of the control of the railway administration: the S.A.R. and H. Non-European Workers' Union. Through this organisation the railway workers must put forward their demands and struggle to get those demands."

This is the comment of the South African Congress of Trade Unions on the disbanding by the Government of the "Bantu Staff Associations" on the railways, to make way for works committees under the Native Labour Act.

Labour Act.

Throughout, the Staff Associations have been completely under the control for her allway administration. The associations could not even amend their constitutions without the permission of the railways. The dissolution of the associations were become effective dissolution as become effective thumb of the railways. But the associations. When the suspension of the stop order system they operated for the staff associations. When the suspension of the stop order system they operated for the staff associations. When the suspension of the stop order system was announced, the association executives met and decided that they could not carry on. They made and their funds. They must

seek to keep those funds for the purpose they were given: to im-prove railway workers' demands. The final aim is to unite all railway workers in one strong union en-tirely free from control by the administration.

One of the associations has assets of several thousand pounds as a result of the stop order system which operated for many years. Members of the Staff Associations are indignant that the decision to dissolve and place the association's funds in the hands of a liquidate suitation of the members, and are contemplating legal action on this issue.

LAUNDRY WORKERS

It was indeed startling to hear representatives who, until recent events in Johannesburg, were op-posed to S.A.C.P.O. and unity with

the African and Indian people be-cause they believed that such unity would make the Government hostile

to the Coloured people, stand up at the meeting and stress the neces-sity of uniting with all who were opposed to the Nationalist Govern-

Even the representative of the

Even the representative of the Natal Coloured Welfare League, a body whose policy was not much different from that of any white re-actionary body, said that he had come with mandates from seven Coloured organisations to support "any opposition" to the recent administration of the Population Registration Act in Channeschure.

ministration of the Population Re-gistration Act in Johannesburg. While others emphasised that the Coloured leaders must no longer fight to protect the Coloured peo-ple only, but for the benefit of all who suffered regardless of colour, race or creed expensions.

"LEADERS" ISOLATED

The position in Durban is that the Coloured "leaders" are virtually isolated from their people, especially the workers and have in the

past refused to co-operate with the national organisations leading the liberatory movement.

Despite the attacks by the Government on the political rights of the Coloured people, however, there is still the danger that some leaders

will continue to sabotage attempts at unity of the Coloureds with the democratic forces of this country.

Provided that the progressive forces here extend their activities to the Coloured people, there is to-day the best opportunity that Durhan has hitherto enjoyed to attain unity between Coloured, African and Indian workers.

race or creed.

WORKERS TOOK MILITANT PROTEST ACTION.

the workers back, under the old

STEEL WORKERS:

NATAL COLOUREDS MOVE

TO CONGRESS UNITY

THE Coloured leaders of Natal are beginning to see clearly that the only hope of saving their political rights is by unity with the democratic forces of this country.

Last week 22 representatives from | alone. A new attitude is develop-Last week 24 representatives from various Coloured organisations met to resuscitate the defunct Coloured Action Council of Natal to prepare the people for a properties of the people for a people

U.S. TWISTING TO AVOID DISARMAMENT

THE United States is playing a dangerous game in international diplomacy. Though the relaxation of tension which was brought about by the Geneva conference has been welcomed throughout the world, the U.S. is trying to revive something of the atmosphere which prevailed at the height of the cold war.

The chief Washington correspondent of the New York Times, Mr. James Reston, wrote recently that "the Eisenhower Administration has reached a policy decision to put a brake on the optimism created by the Big Four Conference." Reston said this was the explanation of Eisenhower's speech in Philadelphia two weeks ago in which he emphasised that the "spirit of Geneva," if it is to be "genuine and not spurious," must not be used "to justify the division of Germany, the enslavement of the satellites or the activities of subversive Communism."

In other words, the United States authorities are

not prepared to make any concessions with a view to bringing about a further relaxation of inter-

ational tension.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union has announced a huge cut of 640,000 men in her armed forces, and the People's Democracies have made similar reductions. The Soviet Government stressed it was doing this as a further contribution to the consolidation of world peace and as an earnest of its peaceful intentions. It expected the Western powers to follow suit.

BRITAIN IS PLEASED

The British Government openly welcomed the reduction. The London Observer wrote:

"The Mossow announcement that Soviet armed forces are to be reduced by \$40,000 men is the most important Russian contribution to a detent since the signing of the Austrian Treaty, and a good agury for the disarmament talks to be resumed by the United Nations sub-committee on August 29. augury for the disarmanient has to be found a graph to the United Nations sub-committee on August 29. This reduction . . . must be viewed as an earnest of williagness to implement, on a reciprocal basis, the much more far-reaching proposals for disarmanent to agreed levels first suggested by France and Britain and accepted by the Soviet Government last Mac."

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Dulles, however, struck a discordant note. He complained sourly that "the military significance (of the Soviet reduction) is not easy to judge."

No wonder Time' magazine was compelled to report last week that the line taken by Eisenhower and Dulles had not gone down too well in America, Ceneva had at last opened, the proper proper that the compensation of the proper source and more friendly relations with the Soviet Union. Commenting on Eisenhower's speech, Time' said; Commenting on Eisenhower's speech, 'Time' said: "Judging from the visible reactions, his point did not get over to the U.S. public—or at least to the

DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS

The sphere in which American double-talk is likely to have the most serious reactions is that of dis-armament. As the 'Observer' reported, the disarmament proposals put forward by the Soviet Union last May, besides being the most detailed yet presented for consideration by either side, were also in large measure an acceptance of the Western point of view

about inspection.

The West had for years complained that the Soviet refusal to allow inspection inside her territory had "prevented international agreement on disarnament."

The fact was that Russia had never rejected the idea of inspection, she had only rejected the American proposal that there should be international comership of atomic resources. Her argument was that this ship of atomic resources. Her argument was that this would allow a combination of foreign powers to interfere with the direction of the internal Soviet economy.

WESTERN PLAN ACCEPTED

At any rate, on May 10 the Soviet Union accepted the Western proposals on inspection almost word for word. But what happened? From that mo-ment the Americans proceeded to place new obstacles in the way of agreement. The well-known American

columnist Joseph Alsop wrote on July 18:

"The Pentagon (U.S. milliary headquarters) is undyingly opposed to a serious disarmament effort.

The disarmament talks that have taken place have aroused no Pentagon opposition because they were thought to be meaningless. But the Pentagon is up in arms now because serious disarmament talks seem to be a possibility.

At the Geneva talks the Soviet Premier Rulganin At the General tanks the Soviet Freihrer Bulgann reiterated the plan which his government had previously put forward on May 10. This envisaged a phased reduction of the armed forces of the powers.

OBJECTION ELIMINATED

The Soviet Union abandoned her previous call for the immediate destruction of all atomic weapons. She agreed that this could only happen when there had been a substantial reduction in the armed forces of all parties-thus eliminating an important object tion, advanced by the Americans over many years, that the Russians wanted them to throw away their strongest weapon while the Russians still retained their tremendous superiority in conventional wea-pons. Finally, the Soviet Union outlined a most

detailed plan of inspection on a permanent basis to ensure that the conditions of a disarmament agreement were properly carried out.

Just as, ever since May 10, there had been no Just as, ever since May 10, there had been no American reply to this proposal, so at Geneva Eisenhower again side-stepped the issue and came forward with his plan for an exchange of military blueprints and aerial reconnaisance. All observers are agreed that the Eisenhower plan was phoney.

"BULL'S EVE"

As a propaganda stunt, said Joseph C. Harsch in the Christian Science Monitor, it "this the bull's eye." The Christian Science Monitor thought the President's proposal would hinder rather than help "the slow but noticeable advance in world retainers which

slow but noticeable advance in world relations which the conference had so far produced." One of the the conference had so far produced." One of the members of the American delegation told the publisher William Randolph Hearst that the plan was

WORLD STAGE BY SPECTATOR

"a gimmick . . . a tricky plan with little chance of working out. Hearst quoted a veteran political cor-respondent as saying: "It was just a little too slick. It wasn't meant to

be acceptable to the Russians and when we make a proposal which is essentially phoney, I think it is bound to hurt us in the long run."

FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE

"trick" has astonishingly now become the basis of the American disarmament plan. The New York correspondent of the 'Cape Times' reported

last week:
"A fundamental change in the United States ap-proach to disarmament unfolded itself yesterday as the United Nations sub-committee on disarmament resumed its sessions behind closed doors here.

"The United States, it is now clear, has temporarily shelved its long-range plans for disarmament and an international control organisation, and is concentrating instead on a limited 'early warning system.' This would enable it to engage in 'massive retaliation' in the event of nuclear attack,"

BACK TO COLD WAR? Thus the Americans want to drag the world right back to the positions and language of the cold war. The correspondent quoted "one United States source here (who) yesterday described the change in United States policy as the 'end of the rainbow approach.' He added that the United States was now more interested in the immediate expediency of its proposal rather than a possibly unfruitful quest for fina

If this report is true, the United States is revealed as a monster of international duplicity. Having maintained for years that it was the Russians who were holding up agreement, now, when agreement is in sight, she calmly announces that she is no longer interested in "final results" but only in "immediate

What is behind this treacherous diplomacy? The answer is that the United States cannot afford to

If there has been one factor which has enabled the United States capitalistic economy to survive the post-war period without a collapse, it has been the massive amount of military expenditure.

A total of 310 billion dollars has been spent on amounts by the United States during the last 1 made conflicting statements under oath.

Found guilty, Mr. Grainger was present on the New Deal from 1932 to 1940—the last time the U.S. capitalists tried on that the transfer of the U.S. capitalists tried on the the transfer of the U.S. capitalists tried on the U.S

expansion in the U.S. economy, with a 66 per cent increase in manufacturing capacity. But this capacity cannot be used to the full because the purchasing power of the American people has not kept pace with the rise in output and the rise in profits. U.S.

News reported earlier this year: "WORKERS ARE SURPLUS"

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"Large unused capacities are indicated in almost all lines of industry and agriculture. Workers, too, are in surplus . . American industry in fact is able to turn out a much greater volume of goods than is now being produced."

The Illinois Business Review wrote last March: "As we move lato 1955 the broad picture is that of white words are to make the condition of the came I was awakened from my what was the condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the came I was awakened from my condition of the came I was away from was duzy and I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the period of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the period of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the came I was away from the trade of the ca

AN OLD STORY



'DON'T MOVE US FROM OUR HOMES!'

THE residents of Germiston Location are conducting a struggle against the removal of the location to Natalspruit and last week the women of the location again took the lead in showing their opposition to the removal plans.

In a procession, 113 women of the Women's League of Justice No. 2 marched to see the Manager of the Native Affairs Department. This was the second procession of women to see the Manager.

To him they presented a letter which said: "We are not prepared to go to Natalspruit." The letter recalled that in 1909 a pledge was made to the people that if they took from the women said the assistance when the normal to the propose that is they took from the women said the assistant the removal and presented their case, the manade to the people that if they took from the women said the assistant the removal of the loss of the presented their case, the manader to the people that if they took from the women said the assistant the removal of the loss of the presented their case, the manader to the people that if they took from the women said the assistant the removal of the loss of the presented their case, the manader to the people that if the the took from the women said the assistant the presented their case, the manader to the people that if the the proposed to the presented their case, the manader to the people that if the presented their case, the manader to the presented their case, the manader the presented their ca

made to the people that if they took up occupation in the Germiston location they would never be removed to a new place. Now the authorities are overlooking the carnest agreement.

In answer to the statement of the

destroy homes in the location and try to "rake everyone to Natal-spruit." Yet the Advisory Board had not notified the people about

TRIAL OF TWO WORKERS SHOWS THAT

IT IS DANGEROUS TO MAKE STATEMENTS TO POLICE!"

ANYONE who makes a statement to the police places himself in a dangerous position. The Crown should not be surprised if the present prosecution serves to convince people that they are safest if they refuse to make any statement when asked to do so by the police," said the defence advocate during the trial of two members of the Food and Canning Workers' Union in the Tulbagh Magistrates' Court last week.

"If any mistake is made in a sworn statement, the onus is then on the accused to show that he believed it to be true, otherwise

The two accused, Mr. John Grainger and Miss Janet Appolis, branch committee members of the Union, were charged with having made conflicting statements under oath.

December, Becky Lan, secretary for the Food and Canning Workers' Union had paid a visit to the fac-tory at which the two accused were

"Three months afterwards," said

thought at first that he was a doctor, "He told me he was there to enquire about Miss Lan's visit to the factory, and that made me think he series from the trade union. He said that several people had told him on the series of the was from the trade union. He said him grainger £30 or two moths.

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trouble, Miss Lan had been charged with attending a gathering. Mr. Grainger who was called

as a Crown witness, had told the court that his statement to the police was wrong and that she had not been at the gathering. "HAD TO TELL TRUTH"

"I knew that she had not been at the meeting, and I had to tell the court the truth," said Grainger.

Miss Lan had been acquitted.

Finding Grainger guilty, the Magistrate said that he accepted Sergeant Sauerman's evidence that he had not told Grainger that other

This the old, old story. How is overproduction under capitalism cured? By means of a slump. Or by means of a war. For Eisenhower's America the continuation of military spending on a war-time that see economic necessity. And for that reason it is clear the U.S. monopolists and their government have decreed the cold war must continue.

But to the American people it is being made clear when the continual military expending the propose of the continual of the continual of the continual of the continual of the continuation of military spending on a war-time that set decreed the cold war must continue.

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

A NUMBER of young Johannesburg readers have shown their solidarity with New Age in a practical fashion.
A group of them held a party
in honour of Dr. Dadoo's
birthday and decided that the
best way to celebrate the occa-

sion was to send £10 2s, 0d. to New Age. Two other young readers sent in £4 15s. 0d. and £17 15s. 0d. respectively, all collected from friends whom they had approached. What's more, they have promised to do the same regularly each month.

And from far away Liver-

pool, England, comes news that a group of readers there have set up a committee to help us in our struggle. An effective way of demonstrating solidarity with the people of South Africa!

These examples of activity on behalf of your paper once again raises the question: What are YOU doing to help? Perhaps you are a member of

one or other of the Congresses Consider for a moment what our paper means to you and your organisation. Without your organisation. Without New Age your activities would receive little or no publicity. You yourselves would be working in the dark, not knowing what others are doing in the rest of the country or in the rest of the world.

the people for opposition to the

methods being used for re-classifi-cation of the Coloured people.

Although actual policy of the

Council will only be discussed at

a future meeting, speeches made by members present clearly showed that the leaders have been shocked into realisation that the

Coloured people cannot fight

New Age is your paper, the only paper through which you can make your demands and your plans known to the people of South Africa and the world South Africa and the world large. It is your duty to help keep the paper alive.

When next you attend a meeting, remember your duty, and raise the question of New Age with your fellow members. Perhaps your branch can send a donation, or your colleagues put something on your collec-tion list.

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JOHANNESBURG.—LAST WEEK JOHANNESBURG SAW THREE MORE FACTORY DISPUTES IN WHICH THI

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before long the management had cussion.

which the employer threw on the floor when it was taken to him by a workers' deputation,

The workers then took part in a mediately was arrived at. Wage action in the factory and increases are also now under dis



TWO MORE VICTIMS OF PASS LAWS

By Naomi Shapiro

SECTION 10 of the Urban Areas Act, without doubt the most hated pass law in South Africa, claimed vet two more victims in Cape Town last week. They are Mrs. Elsie Mtsi, pictured on the left, and Miss Sofie Oala, who were deported to their "homes" in the Transkei, because they were

living in Cape Town without permits.

With their deportation, an endless chain of suffering was set in motion, for not only are these women personally af-fected, but their whole family life is ruined. Torn from comparative security, both were sent off, quite literally into the wilderness, where no homes, no jobs, no means of liveli-

WEEK IN JAIL

Before their deportation, Mrs. Mtsi and Miss Oala spent a week in jail. (They had been sentenced to a fine of £5 or 25 days in jail for contravening Section 10.) Then they were released on £10 bail, on condition that they reported to Dis-trict Native Commissioners in the Reserves by September 12.

Mrs. Mtsi lived in Cape Town where her husband works. He has lived in the urban area for more than 10 years. Her parents and her parents-in-law are all dead. She and her husband have no kraal of their own, no livestock, no land to till.

She has three children, who are with her aunt in the country. Out of his earnings of £3 odd a week, her husband has now to support not only him-self and the children, but the separate home which his wife will have to set up in Ngcobo.

she told New Age. "I will just have to beg a corner some where."

Sofie Qala has already suffered bitterly because of the I Занаванания на населения на на населения на на населения на населения на на на населения на на на населен

miseries of apartheid-her two children died in infancy because of malnutrition and starvation. She came to work because her widowed mother and five brothers and sisters did not have enough to eat All the family have to depend on, is a ration from the farmer

In Cape Town Sofie lived with her married brother and his wife, and worked as a domestic servant. But she los her job when the family for whom she was working moved out of Cape Town. It was while she was looking for another job, that she was arrested under Section 10.

"Maclear is a small village," said Sofie, "and there are hun-dreds of Africans looking for work there. I have no idea what I will do when I go back."

Representations to various allow the women to remain in Cape Town have proved in vain. Led by Mr. Greenwood Ngotyana, who was deputising for Mr. Len Lee-Warden, M.I. a deputation interviewed the Additional Native Commissioner, but to no purpose.

"He merely told us that there was no reason why Sofie could not get work at Maclear and Elsie, he stated, had her husband working here, there was no reason for her to be here as well."

The deputation next stated their case to the Urban Areas Commissioner, but the matter was outside his jurisdiction, they were told

So one day last week, with money scraped together some-how (and still to be repaid), Elsie Mtsi and Sofie Qala boarded the train to the places to which a cruel and heartless administration has ordered

THE NEW PIPE

OLD Makwanasi rose to his feet In his excitement at winning the game he tossed the pack of cards into the fire.

The group of Africans gathered round the brazier looked on in silence.

The wintry wind sweeping through the building material and debris in the yard carried swirls of dust into the half built house in which they sat, playing cards or just watching, in the warmth of the fire

the fire.

The burning cards hypnotised Moses Mokhale. He watched a they flared and crumbled in the consuming flames which flickered blue and then died in the residual ashes. His hopes of winning vanished with the flames. He had lost thirty shillings that evening. Half a week's salary had gone with the cards.

He jerked his head in anger as old Makwanasi laughed cheerfully and spoke to the company.

"I am going to Alexandra to drink beer," he said.

"I am tired of this place in the trees. It is cold and dirty. And . . there are people here who are not very honest." He stared at Moses who was unable to meet his direct

"With this money," he jingled his winnings happily, "I can visit an old woman whose beer is good. Very good."

Very good."

He smacked his lips in mock enjoyment as he spoke. No one said a word as he went into the next room where his blankets lay, a disorderly bed, on the concrete floor. His clothes hung from large nails in the unplastered walls. He took down his ragged jacket, foraged in a wooden box for other clothing and went outside to wash.

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Stripped to the waist, he bathed himself in leisurely fashion under the tap in the yard, seemingly oblivious of the icy wind and the cold water. Then, with his brown skin gleaming and the little was the cold water. Then, with his brown skin gleaming and the little was the way of the way of

less shirt and sat down to face up his shoes. These shoes were new. They were his special pride. Their cost, at least a week's wages, had been foregone by his family to whom he sent money at the kraal. They were brown shoes with soles so smooth and shining that he were them with reluctance. He

he wore them with reluctance. He tried not to damage the soles as he walked and rubbed on the inevitable scratches to preserve the gloss. He was fascinated by the clean perfection of these shoes and sat for long periods examining the shining eyelets and finger-ing the neat laces, watching the reflections of light on the shining leather, or polishing up its dulled

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is friends.

He only wore his shoes on im-ortant occasions. This was one, visit to the township.

Old Makwanasi set out through the building debris and over the dusty winter veld. He walked gin-

gerly on the stubble grass to pro-tect his shoes and dusted them carefully before he set off down

tect his shoes and dusted them carefully before he set off down the tarmac road. Meanwhile, Moses was sitting moodily by the fire warming his holds. His component had rolled heads to be the store of the store of the floor and were deep in that slience which comes before sleep. Though the sun had not set, it was too cold to sit about.

Moses could not sleep though he had been offered a blanket for the night. He was disgruntled, for the night. He was disgruntled, for his first effort as a card-sharp had failed. It was humiliating to be beaten by the old man and he had brooded until the matter lost personnel.

"What pipe?" Moses was arri-tated that he had to admit that he

had not been listeninig.

"The one in the shop at the top of this hill," replied the old man patiently. He was only too pleased to repeat the story for a second

"There is a pipe in that shop which I have wanted for many months. The money was too much until today," he added. Moses winced. He had to think

quickly.

"There are other shops with other, perhaps better pipes," he suggested cautiously. "They may be cheaper than this pipe you have

The white customers in the shop showed signs of annoyance, so he kept the old man waiting until the

At long last the pipe was produced. Makwanasi examined it carefully with trembling hands. He controlled an impulse to pocket it immediately and pay, in the face of the shopkeeper's obvious impatience. He was not to be intimidated. He would make sure he had bought a good pipe, sure he had bought a good pipe, into a shoddy buy. His peasant caution was stronger than his fear of the white man, or his desire for the pipe.

gestured towards the empty sea beside him and tumbled once more into oblivion.

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They clambered onto the eart. Makwanas impacted his shoes, and the shoes of the shoes the empty pipe.

the empty pipe.

Moses shifted restlessly on the hard seat. His brain was working at full pressure once more. He was always one to see a chance of making a dishonest penny, and the piled up provisions on the cart had fired a new and explosive train of thought ... if he could get rid of Makwanasi, the sleeping driver would present no obstacle ... the goods would be his to sell ... someone might even buy the cart and the hore. Ere a to sell . . . someone might even buy the cart and the horse. For a moment he seriously considered pushing the old man off into the

pushing the old man off into the road and whipping up the horse, but he thought better of the scheme, realising its great risks. In this thoughtful silence they creaked slowly along the dusty road through the outskirts of Alexandra. They passed the old taxi parked at the side of the road. The driver was thumbing through a sheaf of sticky tickets which a departing policeman on a motor cycle had just completed. The fares were already some distance up the road, completing their journey on

foot.

As the wintry sun set red behind the black lines of the pine trees which flanked the road, the harsh lines of the tumbledown buildings, in which the multitude of people were herded together.

The township had no lighting system. The only lights came from the cooking fires which burnt in

system. The only lights came from the cooking fires which burnt in every yard, and from the occasional glimmer of a candle through uncurtained windows. A vast pall of smoke from the fires drifted across the valley in which Alexandra lay. It melted into the gloom which soon enuified the whole

which soon engulfed the whole area in total darkness. Against the background of a myriad of voices an atmosphere of peace permeated through the of peace permeated through the community despite the whine of the stormy east wind as it freshened with the night. The innumerable little groups of people huddling around the cooking braziers were cosy and content and they sang and chattered in the darkness.

Makwanasi found the old wo-an who brewed beer. She had Makwanasi found the old woman who brewed beer. She had survived the repeated police raids for liquor. Her beer bore no resemblance to the traditional drink. Its popularity lay in its vicious kick.

tick.

The pair joined the Africans and Coloured folk gathered in the lean-to shack in which the shebeen was conducted.

been was conducted.

It was like any public bar of an evening. There was a steady flow of people who came in for a quick drink and then left. There were groups of men and women who sat "sbout the whole evening ordering one round after another. Regular customers sat in their customers are the control of the strangers and loudy critical of the strangers and loudly critical of the strangers who invaded their pub. The air who invaded their pub. The air was turgid with the smoke of

D. A. LEONARD

spective and became as serious to him as if he had lost a large sum of money. He had to get even with Makwanasi in some way.

He watched the old man's sil houette move across the dark veld with the feeling that his money and with it his dignity, were both disappearing for good.

He jumped up and raced after Makwanasi. So long as he re-mained with him something might

"I too feel like a drink of good beer," he said in a friendly tone as he fell into step beside the old man. "And a woman too," he added slyly with a leer at his

Old Makwanasi's grunt might have meant anything.

They walked slowly up the long hill. The old man was still unaccustomed to wearing shoes and they cramped his gnarled toes so that he hobbled along in considerable pain.

able pain.

Moses, who was a slightly built, undersized man, typical of the town bred African, slouched along easily in his well worn patent leather shoes. His ungainly almost dwarf figure contrasted strangely with the tall powerful build of the old man. His slovenly appearance was accommanded by his baggy, which was accommanded by his baggy, the bay the b cocked over his left eye somehow made him look effeminate. He puffed casually at a cigarette drooping from his lower lip as he listened with but scant attention to the old man's animated conver-sation. He was brooding over his own troubles.

He paused. The old man said nothing. He was clearly intent on getting to the shop Moses tried

getting to the suby move and again.

"You must not hurry with so important a purchase. A pipe must last many months, years. how long have you had that one?" pointing to the worn stub of blackened wood clenched between the old man's teeth.

the old man's teeth.

If only he could stop the old fool, delay him from spending the money until they reached the township . . then he would get his own back. Something was bound to turn up, sooner or later. Moses was an optimist.

"I have chosen," the old man replied grandly.

replied grandly.

He quickened his pace in happy anticipation but the pain in his cramped feet became so intense that he sat down on the kerb and removed his shoes. He tied the lacest logether and after slinging the shoes across his shoulders, set off again down the road.

Moses was hard put to keep pace and followed him, slouching along more quickly than usual.

They reached the busy Louis Botha Avenue thronged at this hour with African cyclists racing home from the city to Alexandra Township which lies several miles to the north, beyond municipal limits.

municipal limits.

Makwanasi had the road sense of a puppy and blundered into the mealstrom of traffic without heed. He was narrowly missed by a noisy diseel bus crowded with Africans who screamed in agitated harmony with the vehicle's tyres as the brakes were applied and the bus slid past him in a violent swerve. As it accelerated,

"Come on, Jim. Do you want it?... I'm busy."
"I buy him, baas." He fumbled in his .pocket with his thick fingers and produced a ten shilling note, carefully folded, and a sixpence. He slowly unfolded the mote and handed the money to the

assistant The pipe was his.

The old man resisted the temp

The old man resisted the temp-tation to buy a new sack of to-bacco to go with the pipe. He emerged from the shop with his purchase clenched proudly be-tween his grinning tecth. Moses, who had waited outside the shop rather than witness the painful extravagance, ground in-mardly, but forced a smile of con-wardly, but forced a smile of con-wardly, but forced a smile of con-tash he set off down the long hill on the Pretoria road, towards the township.

They merged with the throng of They merged with the throng of

Africans making their leisurely way homewards. Washerwomen, after a long day at some private house, carried additional bundles of dirty washing collected from other European houses en route, to be washed in the nearby river which a population of many thou

which a population of many thou-sands uses for every purpose. Children, carrying bundles of firewood and parcels of provisions, walked with their mothers who bore heavier packages on their heads. The two men had not walked

The two men had not waiked far when a seven seater taxi rat-tled to a halt beside them. It was packed. Passengers appeared to be seated in rows on the knees of those behind them. The driver put his head out and shouted above the din of the engine and of his fares' hanny chatter.

the din of the engine and of his fares' happy chatter.
"Want to ride to the township? Only two shillings each from here. Right into the township, too. No walking. We guarantee to drive you to your own door, my friends. No funny business in this firm." He cocked his head enquiringly. The ship of the days of the ship of the days of the ship o

be tempted to spend more money to get his first ride in a motor car.

"Oh, come on. Three shillings for the two of you. A special reduction for cash, gentlemen... what? ... no? ... You'll be sorry, walking on this cold unhealthy day."

The engine roared and beload.

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blue smoke which obscured the
battered car as it jerked and spluttered off down the road.
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a cart which creaked past them.
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Readers are invited to send in their own opinions on these short stories, and to say whether or not they agree with the judges' comments.

Makwanasi was elated at his Makwanasi was elated at his luck at the card game. Although he had only recently left his work as a farm labourer to get the higher wages to be found in the city, he had an intuitive understanding of men. Though he had never heard of the confidence-men never heard of the confidence-men and card-sharps who work among the African people, he had realised Moses' part in the game at an early stage and had destroyed the cards before his luck was due to end. Nevertheless he would have been angry to learn that Moses was trying desperately to turn the tables on him now.

Moses answered the old man's chatter with an occasional grunt until he realised that Makwanasi

until ne realised that Makwanasi was talking about money. "It will cost me ten shillings and a tickey," he said. "What's that?" asked Moses, thoreughly alarmed. "That pipe," answered the old

moving away, a cloud of oily smoke was blown into his bewild-

The small shop at the crest of the hill was crowded with custo-mers, and Makwanasi, as befitted an African, waited modestly in the background until an assistant

an African, waited modestly in the background until an assistant deigned to notice him.

"You bold him whe do to do want?"
"You bold he had been assistant deigned to have a some and the heart he had been assistant turned away. "But baas ... last week baas had pipe in window .. ten shilling and one tickey with the had been assistant turned away. "But baas ... last week baas had pipe in window .. ten shilling and one tickey was the had been assistant turned away. "But bass ... last week bassistant turned away in window ... ten shilling and one tickey was in the had was amused at the old man's despair, surprised at the request. The boy was in rags almost, looked good for the half-crown line. It just showed how well off the kaffirs really were.

THE SHORT STORY WHICH WON THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE

cheap tobacco. There were a few grass chairs but most of the customers sat on upturned boxes. They drank from old jam tins which Anna filled from a couple of four-gallon paraffin tins hidden under some sacks. She charged one beer that she had a large reserve outside in an underground cache. Makwanasi greeted Anna

"Well, here I am, back again.

ow are you?"
Anna, fat and good tempered, She knew him. He came in quite often, drank himself quietly into a stupor, and staggered off. He

a stupor, and staggers of the never caused any trouble.

"Hullo," she said. "You here tonight Just a minute. I'll get you a drink. How many ... two?"

"Two, and another two to follow. Meet my friend, Moses Machala We are foogther tonight."

follow. Meet my triend, Muses.

Mokhale. We are together tonight."

She nodded curtly towards

Moses. She did not like him.

"You make a strange pair," she
said to Makwanasi, and went for

said to Makwanasi, and went for their drinks.

The old man sat down on a box

and soon made friends with some

and soon made friends with some young men sitting near him with deference and showed the keenest interest in his long story of the events of the evening. All the liquor had an effect on Makwanasi. His narrative became progressively exaggerated with successive rounds of drinks.

Friendship With

Soviet Union JOHANNESBURG.

African Government pur-sues a policy of friendship with the Soviet Union went out from a public meeting held here over a public meeting netd nere over the week-end under the aus-pices of the South African Society for Peace and Friend-ship with the U.S.R. The meeting discussed the results of the Geneva peace conference,

the Geneva peace conference,
The world could look to a
future free from war, said Mr.
Leslie Massina, secretary of
S.A. Congress of Trade Unions.
By exchanging cultural delegations, sports teams, trading with
the Soviet Union and Eastern
Democracies, South Africa
ould reap the gotte about a
Godwal. But the South Africa
Government, he said, was not
taking advantage of Geneva.
"One of the spheres for coexistence is increased trade between East and West," said
South African Indian Congress
ioint secretary, Dr. H. M.
Moosv, "We must see to it
hat South Africa's uranium is world could look to a

Moosa, "We must see to it that South Africa's uranium is never used for atom hombs but for the people and their prosperity, for peace, not war."

A resolution passed read: "This meeting condemns the Government practice of whole-sule banning of all forms of Soviet literature, including cultural books scientific magatural books, scientific maga-zines and art publications and urges the South African Government, in the name of civili-sation and cultural progress, to take immediate steps to reverse this practice, raising an 'iron curtain' on its own borders by refusing passports to the major-ity of South Africans and thereby preventing them from see-ing for themselves how other peoples of the world live."

The meeting also called on The meeting also called on the South African Government to facilitate exchanges of peace, friendship and cultural rela-tions between South Africa-and the Soviet Union and to establish full diplomatic rela-tions with the Soviet Union by sending a representative there.

NEW AGE COMPETITION

"I played a good game of cards today," he said.
"Really," replied a fat bald man in a creased blue suit. "Did you win anything?"
"Of course." Makwanasi jingled

loose coins in his trousers tet. It was obvious he had won of of money. "I am always lucky at cards

"You must feel very rich with all that money." The speaker, a rodent-like fellow with a goaten and nervous hands, leaned forward and smiled. There bough thought flosts. "Have another drink?" asked a third member of the group. He had not taken part in the general talk, but had sat with his beady black eyes fixed, almost without blinking, on Makwanasi's face. "It's on me this time, Hey, Anna."

The old man nodded his accept-

The old man nodded his acceptance so as not to interrupt his story. He had bought the best pipe in the shop and was about to engage a new and expensive taxi

"What about you?"
Moses refused, trying hard to appear cordial. He had suddenly realised that the old man and he were in the midst of a gang of hooligans. When the pair of them hooligans. When the pair of them left Anna's house, much the worse for liquor, these five young men would waylay them in the dark street and rob them.

Moses knew. He had worked in similar gang.

a simiar gang.

His first impulse was to slip out and leave the old Makwanasi to his fate. He would never recover his money now. He stood to lose everything he had on him. There would probably be some sort of a fight ... injury . . . injury . . .

darkness.

At last Makwanasi responded to Moses' efforts to get him away from the shebeen. He staggered out into the cold night air, a grotesque figure in his tattered clothes and his bright new shoes, the waved Moses aside when the latter tried to explain the situation to him. He sat of the pipe in the wind. He only gave up when its matches were exhausted. Then he took off his shoes which were the his matches were exhausted. Then he took off his shoes which were the his matches wore capain and sung them, with laces tied together, over his shoulder. over his shoulder.

He followed Moses cheerfully down the road, unaware that the younger man was uneasily hurrying by the shortest route to the bus terminus where they intended to take a bus to the top of the hill.

Every tree and every shadow seemed to hold a hidden danger Moses knew they were at the mercy of any wrongdoer. There were no police about, and the inhabitants of the township had learnt at heavy cost to ignore the screams of persons waylaid in the streets. They minded their own business and remained safely behind locked doors.

The two men neared the termi-us. Moses began to breathe more nus. Moses began to breathe more easily for there were sure to be other people there. Five dark figures leaped upon

were, were taken by the robbers. They overlooked his shoes which laad fallen from his shoulder and lay unnoticed in the dark.

Moses quickly recovered from his initial shock and put up a fight. He tried to draw a knife but he he down wereneded and twisted. fight. He tried to draw a knite but his hand was wrenched and twisted until he gave in. His assailants stripped him to his socks and left him lying in the road. They vanished as suddenly as they had come.

Moses and Makwanasi stood side by side in the road surveying one another. Both were shaken by their experience. They reacted differently.

The younger man simply broke down and cried. The loss of his fine clothes was a bitter blow. The shame was more than he could

bear.

The old man had sobered up completely. He calmly took stock of himself. The rough handling he had endured made no difference to

and modelled made so difference to his tough body. but where were his pipe and his brown shoes. ?

He bent down stiffly and felt in the dust where he had lain. He found his pipe, broken by the trampling of many feet, from the standard of the standard of

When he stumbled on the shoes, still tied together, his old face lit up with his grave smile. They were dusty but seemed unharmed, so he dusty but seemed unnarmed, so he slung them once more over his shoulder and turned to his companion, realising his state for the first time. "Hoo!" He gave expression to his astonished sympathy, but he eventually had to laugh at Moses' downcast bearing. He was quite

oblivious of his own condition for

"This is bad, my young friend. You will get sick. I will lend you my shoes, for my feet are hard. We will go quickly to my place, walking in the dark roads. Me and my friends will give you clothes." Old Makwanasi paused and looked at Moses doubtfully.

"You can find a job there too in the morning . . . and we will mend my pipe together."

Judges' Comments

In our opinion this is a quality ear tory, well written, easy on the ear and imagination, fluent. What it lacks is the final sharpness and the full achievement of effects that come with the combination of literary flair and writing experience. It shows the writer has the flair, the situations are fine the characters, especially old wanasi, excellently conceived. The material is so good we feel the writer could, and probably will, make more of it by cutting, care-ful revision and rewriting.

In a more of it by Cutting.

One difficulty in construction is the presence of two objects of interest and fascination to the old man. First we have the shoes then the pipe and pip contemplative "high lights tradictory as it may sound

A weak point is the relationship A weak point is the retailorship between the two men, their scraps of dialogue, etc which could be better done, briefer, more crisp. The writer should be careful about generalisations such as

who was a slightly built, under-sized man, typical of the town-bred African." Is this true or an

On the credit side, we think the theme very fine. The ending, al-ways a key point in a story is particularly good. The old, naked man, happy at finding his shoes, leads them to the man who wasted to rob him and even promises to rob him and even promises to make the companies of the con-tinuity of the broken pipe into another revelation of his essenti-ally robust and humane character. The writer misses something of

The writer misses something of the irony when Moses realises he must protect his intended victim from other robbers if only for his own sake. The effect could be more striking.

Evaion Boycott Committee Members Arrested

JOHANNESBURG.

JOHANNESBURG, SIX members of the committee organising the Evation bus boyoth have been arrested and face charges of public violence after the incident last week in which a company bus as stoned and set on fire. The boycott has been conducted since July and though many of the people of Evation has been considered since July and though many of the people of Evation has been unified and determined. The six arrested have all been refused bail.

refused bail.

Several carloads of Special
Branch detectives arrived in
Evaton after the bus burning,
as well as uniformed police,
and after their investigations the six were arrested,

The atmosphere in Evaton is tense, and from the authorities talk about "shooting to keep order" is free and frequent.



AT the huge rally of textile workers held in A I me nuge rainy of texture workers in an Johannesburg recently the workers carried flags and slogans such as "We don't ask for Heaven on earth, but we are tired of hell on earth." "The Bosses are Associated but the workers are United." "We want a new agreement." "Negotiation is better than strike."

Textile workers came to this rally from all along the Reef, as well as from Johannesburg mills and factories.

Five dark figures leaped upon them from the shadow of a door-way. Although Moses had expected an attack he was tacked completely by surprise. The two men were thrown to the ground in an instaht.

Makwanasi was an easy prey in his befuddled state and he was soon stripped naked and left alone, His clothes, shabby as they

to approach the management and demand that Kath-leen Arnolds be re-instated. They showed such deter-mination, that by lunch time Kathleen was working

For the past month, the employers at this par-ticular factory, which is a new one, have treated the workers' complaints and grievances with contempt, and have practically ignored their union.

Chief among the workers' complaints is the fact that there is no wage agreement and that their salary scales are among the lowest in the Western Cape. They also demand the establishment of a sick fund.

The scretary of the Cope Western Region of the Textile Workers' Industrial Union. Mr. A. Caleveyr, Informed New Age that the union is making every effort to obtain a Conciliation Board agreement for the workers are to have them covered by the Industrial Council.

★ SPORTS REVIEW

Negro Challenger For World Heavy-Weight Title

WHEN white Rocky Marciano won the world heavyweight title from decrepit Jersey Joe Walcott, the pure-blooded Southerners and their brothers in-hate in South Africa rejoiced. The Nationalist Press in Johannesburg splashed the news all over its front pages with unconcealed glee. Their white hope had come at last.

It is nearly fifteen years since It is nearly fifteen years since a white man, James Braddock, last held the world title. Before Joe Louis, the great Jack Johnstone, who in my opinion was the greatest heavyweight damapion the world has produced with the contemptuous ease with which he knocked out the best of the white

heavyweights.

Ristentinent among the racialists in that his business interests in the result of the second of the

ANOTHER BLACK CHALLENGER

Now another black man, Archie Moore fights Marciano for the world heavyweight title on September 20. The lightheavyweight champion of the world, his ability was acknowledged by nearly all contemporary light-

New "Fighting Talk"

JOHANNESBURG.—"The Freedom Charter is the picture of the future South Afric, in which oppression and exploitation shall be more to be a full property of the p JOHANNESBURG .- "The Free

Fighting Talk."

Ithis issue Brian Bunting writes on the Geneva Conference and the possibilities for democratic advance that a relaxation in the Cold War opens up for the world and for South Africans; a Coloured writer contributes an article on the classifications of Coloureds for the population register, declaring, serpes of the population of the popu

and the Biack Sash women.
Further articles deal with race laws in South Africa; and the use of atoms for peace. Cecil Williams writes from the Soviet Union, and Duma Nokwe on Verwoerd's youth labour camps and teacher training colleges. colleges.

The annual subscription to "Fighting Talk" is 5s., obtainable from P.O. Box 1355, Johannesburg. The magazine is sold at 6d. a copy.

Teachers' League Meeting

CAPE TOWN.

A well attended public meeting A well attended public meeting under the auspices of the Cape Teachers' Federal Council in the Banqueting Hall last Sunday after-noon condemned the summary dis-missal of the nine members of the Cape African Teachers' Association from their positions as trachers, and from their positions as teachers, and demanded unconditional withdrawal

of the notices.

The meeting also condemned those people who took part in the school committees and school boards set up under the Bantu Wynberg 1000 Handicap: 1. COPELAND. Danger, Nanook. of the notices.

heavyweights who either refused to fight him or to defend their titles against him. Freedie Mills and Gus Lesnevich, and even Joey. Maxim were pachydermous to the cajoling and the challenging of

But you can't keep a good man down. At the age of 38, when most fighters have waved a fond most fighters have waved a fond farewell to the fight business, Archie won the lightheavyweight title from Joey Maxim in a 15 round decision in December, 1952.

120 VICTORIES

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Moore, at whom Marciano
looked twice, and even then refused to commit himself, before
he agreed to give him a crack at
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look of Hawaii. A few weeks
before he beat Nino Valdes, of
Cuba, ranked number one heavyweight challenger, on points
over 15 rounds.

Moore has a record of 120 victories, 19 losses, and has drawn 5 fights in 144 contests. He has knocked out 82 opponents and has himself been knocked out on four occasions.

four occasions.

Marciano, who comes from Brockton, Massachussets, will defend his tille for the sixth line since he won it on the 13th knockout from Walcott in September, 1952. Marciano is unbeaten in 48 contests, and has flattened 42 of his opponents. Don Cockell his last challenger was stopped on a nine round technical knockout on May 16.

KNOWS MORE

Quite rightly several U.S. boxing experts have observed, despite Marciano's impressive record, that Moore knows much more about boxing techniques than does the champion. It has been pointed out that Moore's

REFUSAL of South Viet Nam to agree to discussions with North Viet Nam on a national election might cause the whole structure of inignt cause the whole structure of the Geneva agreements on Indo-China to collapse, Mr. Nehru, the Indian Premier, has warned. He said that if the agreements ceased to function India could not continue as chairman of the truce commis-

Racing at Kenilworth The following are Damon's selec-

tions: Wynberg Plate: 1. WAVERIDGE. Danger, True Aim. Three-year-old Stakes: 1. TOP WALK. Danger, Rodfell.

Wynberg Handicap: 1. FAMOUS RIO. Danger, First Degree. Round Course Handicap: 1. LUGE. Danger, Lavoisier.

Kenilworth Mixed Handicap: 1. REBUKE or Rangpur. Danger, Greengrass.

Kenilworth Plate: 1. MISS CON-QUEST. Danger, Apple Amber.

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powerful

powerful and accurate right punch could slow down Rocky's usual driving attack. Archie, 5ft. 11ins. tall, usually weighs 185 lbs. An American writer describes him in these words: "Flabby in appearance, words: "Itabby in appearance, he's actually powerfully muscled, and though ageing, fast on his feet. He rolls with the punches rather than expending his energies in sidestepping them. Fighing from a semi-crouch with arms across his chest, he makes a difficult target to hit. n addition to his fast, hard right punch, he has a good left hook.

"After he turned professional boxer in 1936, young Archie travelled throughout the country travelled throughout the country and compiled an impressive list of victories. He went to Australia and there in quick succession he won seven straight times, twice defeating Ron Richards, the best middleweight and lightheavy-weight in Australia.

STOMACH ULCER

"When he returned to the United States in 1940, a stomach ulter forced him to give up boxing for a year. The illness nearly ruined his career and even endangered his life. At one time he had wasted away to 9.5 me he had wasted away to 9.5 me he was a leading contender for Gus Lesnevich's lightheavyweight crown."

Certainly the racialists cannot be comfortable at the thought that Moore is a menace to their champion, and may even beat him. From this point of view there is tremendous interest in this fight in this country, and even in the United States itself. From in the United States itself. From this distance I express the hope that in this important contest there will be severer refereeing than there was in the Cockell fight.

I saw the film of that fight, I saw the film of that fight, and am convinced that it was not only Marciano's hefty punch which stopped the Britisher. The American used tactics and methods which in any other country in the world would have led to his disqualification. But the American

his disqualification. But the Ameri-cans are a strange people.

For once I am at a loss to pick the winner—in view of Moore's age, I think the youthful and harder hitting Marciano should begin a favourite.

ALRIGHT, I WAS WRONG!

ALKIUSH, 1 WAS WRUNG!
Yes, I am the man who wrote
that Cohen would knock Willie
Toweel out inside six rounds. I
was proved wrong. But there are
reasons for Cohen's disappointing
performance—the gumboil and his
performance—the gumboil and had
a lot to do with Toweel going the distance. The seriousness
of this injury can be gauged from ing the distance. The seriousness of this injury can be gauged from the fact that even though Cohen had Toweel completely at his mercy in the second round, flooring him three times, he could not knock him out.

It is difficult to believe that a It is difficult to believe that a man with Cohen's experience and ability could fail at this critical moment without good reason. The verdict, a draw was a bit puzzling, and I still cannot understand it—even the ringside observers thought that Cohen had were the field.

U.P. IS ABANDONING COLOURED VOTE

THE past six months or so have taught the Coloured people of South Africa several valuable

The first lesson is that the Nationalist Government now has the necessary machinery to take them off the voters' roll. The fact that this machinery is fraudulent, does not help the Coloured people. The Minister of Justice, Mr. Swart, has said outright that the Coloured voters will come off the roll at the 1956 session of Parliament.

The second lesson is that the "support" the United Party has given to the Coloured people up to now in their struggle to retain their vote is being withdrawn.

The third lesson is that the very existence of the Coloured people as one of the four main racial groups in the Union is in danger As the S.A. Coloured People's organisation of Transvall are being "classified out of existence" under the Population Registration Act.

KEEP THREATS

It is not necessary to deal fur-ther with the first point. The Nationalists have threatened to remove all Coloured voters from remove all coloured voters from the common roll at the next ses-sion; and while we know that the Nationalists keep none of their promises, we know only too well that they keep all their threats.

that they keep all their threats.

The second point needs elaboration. I want to quote the "Natal Winess," which said. "If the United Party has decided that prior to the election of 1958, or immediately after it, a second fusion should o-seur, and that the existing rights of the Coloured voters should be sacrificed to it (much as our primaeval ancestors used to bury a sacrificial victim under the foundation stone of anew building), the decision to expel Dr. Friedman becomes intelligible."

There you have it in a nutshell. There is not going to be any fusion, of course, for the simple reason that the Nationalists don't want it; but that won't prevent the United Party burying the Coloured vote along with all its other dead principles.

ENDEARING

If any further proof is needed of the United Party's intentions. of the United Party's intentions, there are the recent speeches of Mr. Marais Steyn, M.P., and Mr. L. C. de Kock, M.P., both stalwart members of the U.P. They have referred to the Coloured people as being itted of being kicked around like "political football and the U.P. thinks it is better to have no vote at all than better to have no vote at all than better to have no vote at all, than to be continually worried whether you have a vote or not. That is what I find so endearing about the United Party-its thoughtfulness.

There is no lack of proof that the United Party is preparing to the United Party is preparing to abandon their campaign to retain the Coloured vote, Senator Steensamp says that "amity between the two White races is the aim of the U.P." and although the Coloured vote is "important," it is not "the real matter at stake." And Mr. S. F. Waterson says: "What is involved is a question of tactics not of principle."

Mr. Waterson said the Nationalists had started all the tenable that led to Dr. F nation by asking would do after that removed the from the common opinion," said t S. F. Waterson, "

cheek of the Nationalists to ask BIGGER BETRAYAL?

could go on quoting this sort I could go on quoting this sort of thing indefinitely. But the point, I think, is proved. We know that the U.P. has no intention of restoring the voting rights of the top ower. But is that all? We have assumed up to now that at least the U.P. would continue to fight for the rights of the Coloured people, but is this true, or will the next Parliamentary session see an The third point is the "reclassion."

even bigger betrayal?
The third point is the "reclassification" of Coloureds into Africans. There have been a couple, of letters in the daily Press from Africans who say they are proud to be Africans and would not be anything else. Quite right. But that is not the point. When "Col important changes take place. All the chains that bind the Africans pass laws, police raids, restrictions pass laws, police raids, restrictions pass laws, police raids, restrictions. the chains that bind the African— pass laws, police raids, restrictions on movement and residence, the hundred and one shackles—all these are transferred to the Col-oured when he is turned into an "African" by a Population Regis-tration official.

tration official.

This is what the Coloured people object to. They see the African struggling to break his shackles, and in growing numbers they are standing shoulder to shoulder with him, sharing the struggle. They too, have shackles, if not as many. Their objection being chassified as "African" is that they want BOTH themselves and the third themselves and the third themselves and the third themselves and the third themselves the third themsel

ALL TO SAME LEVEL?

When S.A.C.P.O. accused the Nationalists of trying to "classify the Coloured people out of existence" it put its finger right on the real motive. The Nationalists want all Non-Whites reduced to the same level, the lowest possible level. Under the Group Areas Act, the Indian Company of the Indian community are going to be robbed of their trading licences and reduced to labourers. This will enable Whites to take over their businesses, but that is not the whole reason.

The Indian people, like the Coloured people, are a "bad example" to the Africans. They are one rung higher up in the scale of privileges and possessions. Africans might want to copy them. cans might want to copy them, they might want to forget that they are Africans. The Nationalists, therefore, want to eliminate these "stepping stones"—because that is how they regard the Coloured and how they regard the Coloured and Indian peoples. They want all non-Whites to be cheap labour, at the beck and call of the White boss.

Dr. Donges has issued a long and inaccurate statement about the "concessions" he is making to the Coloured people in his classification methods. He is doing nothing of the sort. He refuses to do what the law says: take his information from the census returns. He is the law says: take his intormation from the census returns. He is pushing ahead as fast as he can, turning Coloured people into "Africans" by the score. There are 68,000 Coloured people in the Transvaal at present. I wonder Transvaal at present. I wonder how many will remain when Dr. Donges is finished?

Donges is finished?

The future facing the Coloured people is clear and ominous. It is clear and ominous the coloured people is clear and ominous the coloured people in the coloured people is clear and only and unity on the coloured people with all the non-White all the democratic forces.