

YOUR GUIDE TO THE NATIONAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE?

An assembly of delegates of all the oppressed people to decide on how to fight the tyranny of the Nationalist Government, struggle against passes, job apartheid and demand a national minimum wage of £1 a day and a higher wage for all workers.

WHEN?
This week-end, Saturday and Sunday March 15 and 16.

WHERE?
"Congress Square," corner Hamilton and Bevan Streets, Newclare, Johannesburg.

WHO CAN SEND DELEGATES?
Any group of men and women, no matter how many they

are, should they live in the same block or street or village or town; or work together in the same factory or office or shop or farm.

WHAT IS THE CONFERENCE AGENDA?

Saturday March 15
1 p.m.: Opening.
1.30: The people's grievances against the Government, harsh laws and restrictions.

The Group Areas Act, apartheid and job reservation.

Sunday March 16

9.30 a.m.: The disabilities of women.
The pass laws and passes for women.

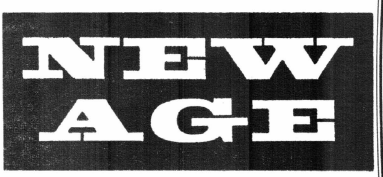
2.15 p.m.: The demand for £1 a day as a national minimum wage and for increases for all workers.

4 p.m.: The need for strong unions.
5.15 p.m.: The resolutions of the conference.

THE SLOGANS OF THE CONFERENCE:

FORWARD TO £1 A DAY VICTORY!
THE NATS MUST GO!
ASINAMALI! SIFUNIMA- LI!

PEOPLE'S PLAN OF ACTION



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CRUCIAL DECISION FACES CONFERENCE DELEGATES

JOHANNESBURG.

DECISIONS of vital importance to the whole country will be taken this week-end at the National Workers' Conference in Johannesburg, where workers from town and country will meet to discuss their common needs and thrash out a common policy of action.

Coloured Elections

Growing Support For Congress Candidates

CAPE TOWN. AS Thursday April 3 approaches, the day when Coloured voters go to the polls to elect representatives to Parliament, the indications are that support for the Congress candidates in the Cape Peninsula

With the general election looming ahead, workers without the vote will speak out their grievances against the load of harsh laws placed on their necks by the Nationalist Government, and will vote for their own demands:

- for a national minimum wage of £1 a day;
- against the pass laws;
- against job and residential apartheid.

From Ladysmith and Middelburg, the East and Western Cape, Bloemfontein, Durban and the Reef and all Johannesburg's townships, workers' steps will lead towards Newclare, to the hilly square overlooking the Western Areas, where, it is hoped, a new chapter in the people's struggles will be written.

This is seen everywhere as a "decision conference" and delegates and participants from factories and townships are eagerly debating the issues before it.

The £1 a day slogan has gained tremendous popularity everywhere it has been raised since last February, when it emerged during the great Reef bus boycott.

GOVT. BLUFF

During the outcry for higher wages during the boycott the Minister of Labour announced that he would investigate a score of industries and have new wage determinations fixed.

He turned a blind eye on the tortoise-pace of the wage-fixing machinery of his department, and he also told neither Parliament nor the country that the Wage Board investigations might leave wages where they were or even cut existing wages—as in the milling industry (where workers by strike action defeated this step); and now in the food and canning industry where wage cuts have been ordered throughout the country.

CONNECTIONS

Workers are quick to see the connection between the £1 a day demand, the cry for an end to the pass laws, raids and arrests and the other slogans of the National Workers' Conference.

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Mr. Piet Vogel.

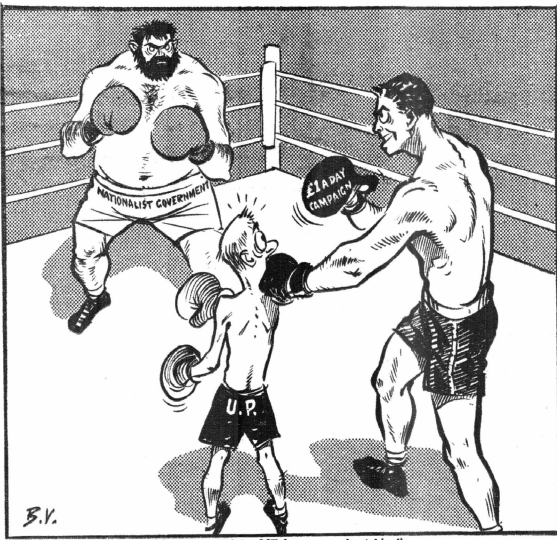
and Outeniqua (Eastern Cape) constituencies is growing rapidly. In Port Elizabeth Piet Vogel, the Congress candidate nominated by SACPQ is storming the constituency with his supporters. The main areas, including Uitenhage, are already being vigorously canvassed in spite of the fact that the campaign commenced only last week.

STORM OF APPLAUSE

When he appeared at the Korsten Hall (after a meeting called by the Nationalist candidate Mr. E. Louw had been abandoned before it had even opened), Piet Vogel was met with a storm of applause.

Sub-committees have been established in other centres throughout the large Eastern Cape area and thousands of handbills containing the main points of Mr. Vogel's election programme are being distributed. The Congress candidate's manifesto itself sets out clearly the policy on which he is fighting the election and is based on the prin-

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"Move over and let ME have a crack at him."

Hopes For Settlement of ANC Dispute

JOHANNESBURG.
HOPES for a settlement of the dispute in the Transvaal ANC continued to rise this week. The National Working Committee's intervention seems to have been welcomed by the branches though some wanted fuller explanations of the nature of the intervention.
A spokesman of the National Working Committee told New Age that the suspension of the Transvaal Executive could be necessary

be only a temporary step and a prelude to a full conference and proper elections.

Some among the petitioning branches responded to the call of the National Working Committee to take no part in the Lady Selborne meeting of petitioning branches, though others defied it and continue to work as a pressure group within Congress.

Monday morning's announcement by the Transvaal Provincial Execu-

tive that it found the action of the National Working Committee in suspending the Transvaal Executive "unconstitutional and high-handed" threatened to bring new complications into an already highly complex situation. A meeting of the Transvaal Executive, though not a full meeting, took the stand that the Provincial Executive would continue to function in office normally.

Though based on feeling that

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NEW AGE LETTER BOX

'NEW AGE' REPORT CRITICISED

What a distorted article your paper wrote about the Transvaal Conference held in Orlando on February 23, 1958 (*New Age*, 27 February)! The reason is not far to seek. Your paper has deliberately set itself the task of sowing disunity among the people.

It stated that the petitioners showed very little inclination for a solution being reached. Instead, they were content to be disruptive. Indeed this is a strange situation where people, given an opportunity to voice their grievances suddenly, for no apparent reason, abandon their case and indulge in fruitless matter. If your report is correct, how do you reconcile the demand for a reply to the charges made in the petition (the Province had to reply, of course) with the lack of enthusiasm they (petitioners) allegedly showed?

Another serious allegation your paper made was: there was no distinction made between delegates and observers. This is not true because the Speaker ordered that observers out, but the delegates refused. It was then decided by delegates that they (delegates) should occupy seats on the left-hand side of the hall facing the Speaker. Where does this allegation come from, then, that there was no discrimination between delegates and observers as a result of a plot made by petitioners prior to conference? I attach absolutely no importance to your complaint that, in spite of a letter notifying them to send delegates only "Western Areas and Mazunya Group" did not

abide by this order. Was there any committee set up to ascertain the number of observers in individual branches? Of course not. Your paper made wild guessing. No valid reason was given why observers should be excluded from Conference.

Somewhere in your article you mentioned that the "Mazunya Group" was not intent on any solution being arrived at, but you forgot that they were one of the petitioners, and were as much concerned as anybody else. As for the phrase "Mazunya Group," it is better left un-answered. Congress is nobody's possession!

Your concluding remarks were astonishing. You actually want us to believe that some of the petitioners will dissociate themselves as a result of the so-called "disgusting gangster tactics" adopted by some of the Petitioners. We who attended conference know perfectly well that officials of the Province organised volunteers—mark you who could hardly sing the National Anthem. Besides, I cannot see how some of the petitioners will change their minds, since the position has not changed. Conference did not reach any solution at all let alone a satisfactory one.

I would like to sound a word of warning to *New Age*. If *New Age* persists in giving inaccurate reports about Congress, we shall be obliged, not take this as an empty threat, to boycott it. So be very careful.

KILELE MASABALLA
14 Miller Street,
Sophiatown.

And Our Reply

Mr. Masaballa alleges that *New Age* publishes inaccurate news about the ANC and "threatens us with a boycott if we don't cease this practice. All we do in reply is to say we can do so," in more than *New Age* to publicise the policies and composition of the ANC, and we have always sought to give our readers accurate information about the Congress.

It is just because *New Age* is so deeply concerned about unity in the ANC and among the people that it has gone so far and so far to report the facts of the present crisis. Remember that the press was not allowed to attend the Special Provincial Conference. We spent hours trying to get together with him at the conference, and if there are in our report slight errors of emphasis, we can assure our readers that it is not due to our bias or ill-will on our part, and we would not hesitate to correct them if they were brought to our notice.

There have been some criticisms (all except this one verbal) of the *New Age* report from both petitioners and supporters of the Provincial Executive. None of these criticisms has yet convinced us that our report was inaccurate.

The petitioners might have pressed for a conference to air their grievances but, once at it, with tempers inflamed, the tactics of some amongst them played no small part in obstructing the proceedings. Hour after hour was just because spectators refused

to vacate seats for delegates. It was reported to us that at least two of the petitioning branches took formal decisions to ignore the Provincial letter that delegates only should attend the conference.

We used the term "Mazunya group" to distinguish his supporters from other branches in Alexandra Township.

Some petitioners have firmly condemned "gangster tactics"—others have done so—perhaps because they approve of them?

Throughout this crisis *New Age* has tried to avoid taking sides in the dispute and has above all else stressed the need for unity and a settlement.—Ed.

Support for ANC in the Countryside

We are the people of Rooi-jantjiesfontein. One day a man came and told us how to go on the right road. This man was from the African National Congress. So I ask you my African people to give whatever contributions you can to Congress.

I am sure that even the Nationalist government itself does not believe in the success of its policy. Instead of leading people to a new standard of life as required by modern civilisation with freedom, equality and fraternity, they follow the plateland farmers who cling to the feudal ideals of the Voortrekker—a return to slavery. —A.N.C.

Bakolobeng Tribe,
Rooi-jantjiesfontein.

A Warning Repeated

THREE weeks ago we warned you that *New Age* was running into serious trouble caused primarily by the serious fall-off in donations revenue. The situation has not improved to any appreciable extent since then, in spite of our appeals.

Today we had to make out a cheque for £800 for shipment of newsprint now being off-loaded at Cape Town docks. We should have paid for it a week ago BUT WE DID NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO DO SO. This big single payment has now entirely exhausted our current resources. AT THIS VERY MOMENT WE HAVE NO MONEY ON HAND WITH WHICH TO MEET OUR MONTH-END PRINTER'S BILL AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

Those charges—in case you are interested—will come to well over £1,000. WE HOPE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OUR case, if YOU ARE NOT interested, the time is very near when *New Age* will have to close down.

We cannot save *New Age*, as we did last year, by further increase in price, as this is our of the question. Only you, our readers, can do so, and there is only one way in which you can do it. GIVE US EVERY PENNY YOU CAN SPARE—NOW! Please do not wait until it is too late. Please do not wait till we call on you. *New Age* is as much your responsibility as ours.

Some of our readers have already responded to our appeal with the result that there has been a marked increase in donations this week. It was this timely response which, in fact, enabled us to meet the urgent bill for newsprint.

Particular thanks to the group of women who, at 10 days notice, organised a giant Jumble Sale for us in Johannesburg. Special thanks, too, to the anonymous donor who sent us £100 and to Johannes van Brits, a farm labourer, who sent us 9/-.

They all helped to pay for our newsprint. It is now up to YOU to help us meet our month-end accounts. PLEASE FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE!

This Week's Donations:

Johannesburg:
Jumble Sale £105.12.6, Parkway £4, Greenside £2.10, Playboy £3, J. Monthly £15, Omega Collections £3, Becker (month) £5, Unknown Friend £100, Jack £5, M and D £2, Johannes Kgasi 9s, Vic £2.10.

Port Elizabeth:
Friends £1, Doc £1, Passerby 2.6d, Better-than-nothing Is, Friends £2.

Case Town:
J.F. £5, H.B. 3.6d, J.B. 7s, Robot £1, Anon (Collections) £12.2, Sister £1, Harry £1, M.G. £1, My Sisters £1, M.W. £1, Premier 10s, R and B £5, Mica £1, Concert £4.15, F.M. (Fort Hare) 9s, R and J £10, J.B. £10, W.E. £14, S.L.M. 11s. Twenty-first Birthday £60.11, Jo.W. 19s, Progress £2, Flask £1.

TOTAL—£373 18s. 5d.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DONATION YET?

EDITORIAL

A TIME FOR ACTION

THIS coming week-end—March 15 and 16—the National Workers' Conference is taking place in Johannesburg.

Hundreds of men and women of all races from all parts of the country will be coming together to voice their demand for

- £1 a day and an all-round increase in wages;
- An end to the pass laws;
- Repeal of the Group Areas Act; and
- An end to Nationalist misrule and apartheid tyranny.

Why is this conference taking place? Because the masses of the South African people, starving and oppressed, have decided that something must be done to improve their lot.

During the bus boycott last year, businessmen, industrialists and economists, the Johannesburg City Council and just about everybody else except the people who sit in Parliament admitted that most Non-Whites couldn't live on the low wages they were getting. There was talk of appeals to the Government, Wage Board inquiries etc. BUT, IN FACT, NOTHING WHATSOEVER HAS BEEN DONE ABOUT IT. The cost of living has gone up since then, but the people's wages are as low as they ever were. Their standard of living has fallen.

Workers' trade unions are not recognised. Strikes are illegal. When workers do try to negotiate with their employers over wages, the Government and the police intervene and there are baton charges, arrests, mass dismissals.

From all parts of the Union come reports of continuing Nationalist attacks on the people's rights.

● Families are broken up in the Western Cape, women deported, husbands and fathers forced to live as "bachelors."

● The Zeerust terror is intensified as Verwoerd drives on with his passes-for-women steamroller.

● The Coloured and Indian communities in all centres live in fear, with Population Registration and Group Areas threats hanging over their heads.

To the people's protests, the Government turns a deaf ear. In the background looms the shadow of the treason trial, where the people's leaders face a capital charge.

To accept apartheid means to submit to permanent inferiority and humiliation as a lesser breed.

The South African people are not prepared to live as slaves. They have seen that no one moves to help them until they move to help themselves. So now they are going to stand on their own feet, relying in the first place on their own strength, unity and determination to win their demands.

No Non-White can take part in the general election. Now they must state their case in another way, so that the whole country and the whole world can understand what they want: justice, freedom and equality.

Congressmen and women: close your ranks, set side your differences, allow nothing to divide you, prepare for the struggle ahead.

- FORWARD TO THE NATIONAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE.
- UNITE AND FIGHT FOR £1-A-DAY.

JOB RESERVATION THREAT IN PORT ELIZABETH

Recently Mr. J. A. P. Nel, Nationalist M.P. for Port Elizabeth North, said at the first public meeting of his election campaign that job reservation would be investigated at the motor assembly and tyre factories in the near future.

He emphasised that "an end must be put to this state of affairs that the state of affairs that he was referring to was the fact that the majority of workers employed on the assembly plants and in the tyre factories were Coloured and African. He further said that the first right in South Africa was the right of the Whites.

and an appeal has gone out to the motor and tyre workers to join or form a union now, so that when the Industrial Tribunal starts conducting job reservation enquiries, we can be ready to meet the challenge.

If job reservation is introduced into the motor and tyre industry, the livelihood of thousands of African and Coloured workers will be affected. This applies particularly to Coloureds, as the assembly plants, along with the shoe industry, are almost the only spheres in which appreciable numbers of Coloureds can find employment.

Yours in the struggle,
MELVILLE FLETCHER
9 Court Chambers,
Port Elizabeth.

The local committee of SACTU is already taking this matter up,

A.N.C. CRISIS CLEAR:

NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE TAKES STEPS IN FOR UNITY

"All Hands To The Workers' Conference"

—Says National Call

JOHANNESBURG.

THE crisis in the Transvaal African National Congress looked like clearing towards the end of last week with the news that the National Working Committee of the Congress had decided to intervene in the situation and called on all members and branches to co-operate in seeking a unity settlement.

We print below the full text of the statement by the Working Committee:

The National Working Committee of the African National Congress has considered with grave concern the situation of the organisation in the Transvaal. A special conference was convened by the Transvaal Provincial Branch of the ANC to consider petitions submitted to it, expressing the grievances and dissatisfaction which certain branches felt arose from the annual provincial conference held last year.

Failure of the Special Conference

All those who were concerned with the welfare of our organisation shared the hope that the special conference would resolve, once and for all, the problems which had created such sharp divisions within the Province, dissipated the energies of our active members for months and now were threatening to paralyse our organisation at a time when we are faced with momentous tasks in our struggle against Nationalist tyranny.

The special Conference of the Transvaal branch, however, failed to resolve the problems and to forge that unity which would redirect the attention and energies of the members to their vital task.

No Violence or Hooliganism!

Certain elements at the conference demonstrated a flagrant disregard for the welfare of the organisation, its policy, discipline and democratic procedure, and resorted to tactics of coercion, intimidation and violence. Our organisation has repeatedly stressed that neither in its struggle for liberation nor within itself does it tolerate methods of terrorism and violence. These methods do not serve any constructive purpose. Our organisation provides adequate democratic channels for the redress of grievances and the settlement of disputes. Under no circumstances can acts of violence and hooliganism be justified, as these only serve to wreck the organisation. The National Working Committee condemns these acts of hooliganism as subversive, and calculated to undermine and wreck the organisation. It calls upon all members of Congress to condemn them. The matter is being investigated and appropriate steps will be taken to deal with those who are responsible for this serious breach of discipline.

A Call to Both Sides

The situation in the Transvaal Province is rapidly deteriorating. It is the solemn duty of every member to avoid any further deterioration and to alter the course of events from one of great disunity

to one of greater unity. We cannot allow a situation which will nullify all the historic gains won by our organisation in the past few years, which have cemented our people into that mighty force which has shaken the very roots of Nationalist tyranny.

It is with this purpose in mind that the National Working Committee has now decided to intervene in the situation and to call upon all members and branches of Congress to co-operate in saving the organisation from disaster.

It is essential for the purpose of facilitating the intervention of the National Working Committee and forging the desired unity that all parties to the dispute should cease activities forthwith (irrespective of who is right or wrong) and co-operate with the National Working Committee in finding an amicable solution of the issues. The Working Committee accordingly directs the Provincial Executive to suspend all its activities as an Executive pending a special conference to be convened by the National Working Committee. The branches which submitted petitions, and which evidently formed a committee to act for them, are now called upon to dissolve that committee forthwith. We have no doubt that Congress members who have the interest of the organisation at heart and who cherish its principles and historic goal will rally to the call for unity.

Working Committee Taking Over

The National Working Committee is setting up machinery to administer the affairs of the Province and will communicate with all branches in due course. In the meantime the administration of the Province will be handled by the secretary of the National Working Committee.

Our internal differences are important but they should not overshadow our struggle against the enemies of the people—the Nationalists. Let us, if we must, differ internally but let us remain united and solid in our struggle against the Nationalists.

The National Working Committee calls upon every member of Congress to redouble his efforts to make the National Workers' Conference a success and the mightiest demonstration against the Nationalists.

JOHANNESBURG.

Last week the Requisition Committee announced that it had agreed to dissolve because the "grievances" conference had been called. Below is the full text of the statement, signed by Mr. John Gaetsewe, as chairman of the Requisition Committee.

The Requisition Committee agreed to dissolve itself on February 22, 1958 as the conference to discuss the grievances had been called.

No decision was taken by the Requisition Committee at any stage of its existence to confiscate the property of the Transvaal Province of

Berrange Recovering from Stab Wounds

JOHANNESBURG.

Despite the stabbing attack on Advocate Vernon Berrange, he will appear at the treason trial of the 91 accused. Mr. Berrange played a most prominent part in the defence throughout most of the preparatory examination.

Mr. Berrange is well on the way to recovery and is expected to be released from a Johannesburg nursing home shortly.

Mr. Berrange made a statement in which he said the assault had no political motive behind it. He said he had been stabbed in the back "by a European whom I know." His wife and daughter were present at the time.

UNITY MOVEMENT FLOPS IN JOHANNESBURG

JOHANNESBURG.

THEY came, they saw but they did not conquer. Sour-faced and thoroughly disappointed, leading figures of the Non-European Unity Movement who invaded Johannesburg last week retreated and went home without addressing a single public meeting.

Mr. Ben Kies, Dr. Marison, Councillor Viljoen and others came here to discuss plans for advancing the boycott of the elections by the Coloured people in the Transvaal. They had expected to address huge public meetings.

Their plans collapsed when in committee stage discussions between the "Unity Movement" and the five individuals including Mr. Adams Daniels who resigned from SACPO on the issue of contesting the Coloured seats could not reach any agreement as to the tactics to be adopted in the "boycott campaign."

The ex-SACPO group had formed themselves into a com-

mittee called the "Votes For All" Committee," but the "Unity Movement" group refused to organise the boycott under that banner and wanted a branch of the Anti-CAD to be formed here to carry out their campaign.

Mr. Daniels is reported to have said that he totally disagreed with the views of the Anti-CAD and the Unity Movement and in fact he intended to withdraw his resignation from SACPO as soon as the question of the elections was over. Another fact which sharpened the disagreement was the fact that the "Unity Movement" group refused to give their support to the forthcoming National Workers' Conference.

Finally when it was clear that no common ground could be reached the "Unity Movement" packed away the circulars they had brought from Cape Town which would have invited the public to meetings held under their banner, and went home.

We Don't Want Passes!

Some of the women were dressed in their tribal regalia when a deputation of women from various African townships in the Cape protested to the Mayor last week against the operation of the pass laws. The women were angered when the Mayor said it was the law that they must carry passes. A further demonstration was planned to take place at Langa this week, but has been postponed to allow the ANC committee sufficient time to mobilise the people on a mass scale in opposition to the pass laws.



REQUISITION COMMITTEE DISSOLVES ITSELF

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ANC GREETING TO GUIANA

JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Oliver Tambo, Secretary of the African National Congress, has sent a message of support to Dr. Cheddi Jagan, leader of the People's Progressive Party in British Guiana on the occasion of the party's sixth annual congress.

Praising the victory of the People's Progressive Party in the recent elections Mr. Tambo said: "We have watched your struggle with keen interest, hence our pride in the progress of the Guianese whom we salute on this memorable occasion. I wish your conference every success in its deliberations and its great task of achieving complete independence from foreign domination."

NUDW CONFERENCE

CAPE TOWN.

The 21st Annual Conference of the National Union of Distributive Workers will be held in Cape Town on Saturday March 15 and will be opened by Mr. H. Wright of the Commercial Travellers' Union.

The resolutions which will be discussed at conference include items such as the I.C. Act, Coloured Education, World Peace and the banning of Trade Unionists.

"We consider that (job) reservation cannot be in the interest of either European or Non-European workers," says the resolution on the I.C. Act. "We resolve to oppose any attempt to impose job reservation in the distributive trade." And further, "We demand that this Act be removed from the Statute Book."

JOHN GAETSEWE
Chairman Requisition Committee.

WORLD STAGE

ARAB-ISRAELI RELATIONS ARE EXPLOSIVE

Writes U.S. National Guardian Editor CEDRIC BELFRAGE
In This Article Written On His Visit To The Middle East

MORE was heard about the Arab-Israeli question than about any other at the recent Afro-Asian Cairo Conference, both in meetings and in informal conversations. Most Arabs (whether Egyptians, Lebanese, Syrians, Palestinians, Jordanians, Iraqis) are like most Jews—very subjective in stating their case and passionately convinced that right is on their side. After listening to them for a week you feel that the situation is as dangerously explosive as ever.

So far as I know, not one note of sympathy for Israel was expressed throughout the Conference. Since nearly all African and Asian countries and many political shadings were represented, it would be foolish to brush this off under the heading of "domination" by Arab states, by Moscow or by anyone else.

Mrs. Rameshwari Nehru, one of the chief sponsors and India's delegation leader, led off on the first morning by referring to "the recent aggressive attack made on our (Egypt's) independence by three Western imperialist powers." This is the general Afro-Asian attitude toward Israel since the Suez affair.

For Asians and Africans, Israel placed itself firmly in the hated imperialist camp by attacking a neighbour in concert with France and Britain. It continues in close military alliance with France, which is slaughtering the Arabs' brothers in Algeria.

THE WEDGES

During the Conference, Ben Gurion's bid for military aid from West Germany seemed to make the point even clearer. A Syrian delegate put it thus: "Imperialism has created certain supports such as Israel in the heart of the Arab world, and the government of Taiwan, and driven them as wedges into our homelands to stop our progressive liberation and economic development and striving for solidarity."

This generally hostile attitude does not mean that leaders of the Afro-Asian liberation movements have forgotten the horrors from which thousands of Jews fled to Israel.

But in a memorandum on the new refugees caused by "international imperialism and Zionism" the Palestine delegation pointed out that "the only crime" of the Arab nation was to be living on the spot chosen for a Jewish haven.

The Palestine delegation consisted of leading Arabs from Gaza, where some 230,000 of the 1,100,000 Arab refugees have been living for nearly ten years.

Half-naked and riddled with disease, they are jammed into tents and mud-houses with an allowance of 1,400-1,500 calories a day (nothing for some 125,000 children born since 1951) and with minimal school facilities for less than half of the children. The UN relief agency strives heroically to house and feed them on \$2 a month per head.

THE DIFFERENCE
This is obvious material for "anti-imperialist and Zionist" pamphleteering, and thousands of such pamphlets—some factual and effective, some merely wild and inflammatory—were distributed at the Conference by Palestine and other Arab delegations. After the Conference, 35 delegates were flown to Gaza to see for themselves.

Here one sees a principal reason why the West can get nowhere in its efforts to stir up Afro-Asians against "Soviet imperialism," customarily symbolised by Hungary. The Afro-Asians are well aware that thousands of Hungarian refugees have been flown out for settlement in West Europe and America. Huge sums have been collected for them in every "free world" country.

There is nothing at all for the Arab refugees unless they will accept settlement in places where they don't want to go (they merely want to go home). For Afro-Asians, this is further proof that all Western "generosity" is as politically inspired as are the outpourings of demagogues in their eyes. Also, to inspire it, one had better be white.

Some of the demands of the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine (such as "abrogation" of the Jewish state and repatriation whence they came of

all recent Jewish immigrants) are totally unrealistic. But the demand for cessation of immigration into the present Israeli state are regarded by many as the present Israeli state is regarded by many as

THE DISTINCTION

Many thoughtful Arabs see their ultimate liberation in a big country "from the Atlantic to the Persian Gulf," possibly in some kind of loose federation. This, they say, could include the Jewish people "provided they are willing to live like citizens, not like Zionists."

They claim that this appeals to large numbers of Israelis, who are irked by the confined boundaries within which they can move, and who want to live in an atmosphere of peace rather than on a perpetual "brink." Meanwhile these Arabs want the original Palestine to be restored as a country in which all would have equal rights.

A vast many such Arabs who showed no trace of "racism" but were careful to distinguish between Zionists and Jews in general.

THE DANGERS

There were, however, enough elements in and around the Conference to indicate the danger that moves toward conciliation might be drowned beneath racist intolerance on both sides, if the West continues on its present course. One figure haunting the Conference lobbies was a "journalist" from the Islamic United Nations, which lauds Gerald L. K. Smith and Hitler in its cruder, venomous anti-Semitism. Nobody knows who finances its weekly English-language edition circulated, as the man told me, "widely in your Southern states."

In a corner of the long, pillared room where white-powdered and turbaned men served lemonade in Conference intermissions, Mrs. Nehru had this to say: "Yes, I am worried about the possible growth of racial intolerance in this part of the world, although the people are not racist-minded if left alone. Some of the Arabs are too rigid, even if most of the right is on their side."

"When they say they want all to share Palestine and live equally in peace, without any more immigration, that is good. But I don't like their insistence that they must get back all the land that was taken from them and that those who have it must leave."

"I am a refugee myself—my family, once the wealthiest in Pakistan, were turned out with nothing. But we have decided to stop protesting about it because we know it can't be changed peacefully; others have the land and are now equally convinced they have a right to it. It is useless vindictiveness to continue the process of causing suffering; to right past wrongs, we must all begin to understand that and seek for compromise, no matter how greatly we were wronged."

THE SPOTLIGHT

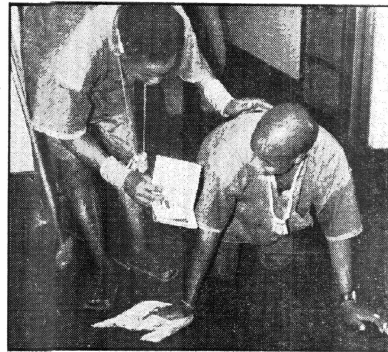
The comparative moderateness of the resolution on Palestine testified to the joint wisdom of the Conference. It "adopted" the Palestine delegation's report on the refugee situation and oppression of Arabs in Israel; declared Israel a "base of imperialism" threatening the security in the region; and sympathetically endorsed the Arabs' general "rights in Palestine" and to return there.

Taken in connection with other resolutions, the implication was that if imperialists would stop interfering for advantage in the Middle East, and the emphasis were transferred to general economic revival, a peaceful solution could be found. The spotlight of guilt must be held firmly upon imperialism.

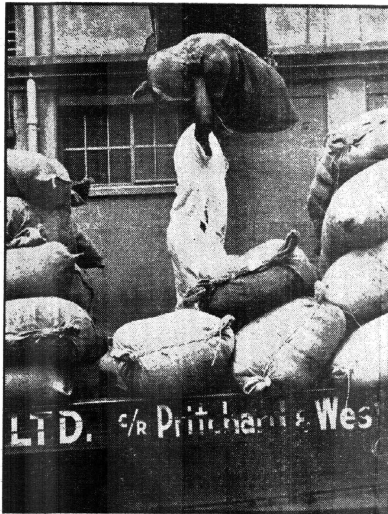
Some at the Conference were cheered by a newspaper report of proposals made by the new "Third Force" movement in Israel. This self-critical movement has condemned Israeli propaganda implying that only a violent solution is possible, and proposed as a basis for discussion Arab recognition of present Israeli boundaries, repatriation and compensation of Arab refugees, abolition of discrimination against Arabs in Israel, return of Arab property and partial federation of the Middle East.

The Arabs have a strong case in simple justice. The Jews' sufferings have been caused not by Arabs but by "free world" members.

A POUND A DAY!



1. MORNING ON THE DOORSTEP. £1 A DAY! FLAT WORKERS EARN FROM £7 TO £9 A MONTH PLUS ACCOMMODATION. LOCATIONS IN THE SKY RE-MOVALS HAVE HIT THESE WORKERS HARD.



2. EARLY FLOUR DELIVERIES. "UNZIMA LOM-TWA LO"—THE LOAD IS HEAVY, SAYS THE WORKERS' CONFERENCE LEAFLET. JOHANNESBURG MILLING WORKERS WHO EARNED £2.18.3 A WEEK LAST YEAR HAD THEIR WAGES INCREASED TO £3.5. BY THEIR MILITANT STRIKE THIS YEAR, BUT THAT ONLY APPLIES TO JOHANNESBURG; IN SPRINGS FOR EXAMPLE MILLING WORKERS STILL GET ONLY £2.12.6 A WEEK.

UNEMPLOYMENT MOUNTS IN BRITAIN TOO

Well over 400,000 people in Britain are now unemployed and the number is expected to reach half a million in the next few months.

This is the estimate of British trade union leaders following the publication of official figures showing that unemployment had increased by 129,000 between September last year and January this year.

The situation gives the lie to Prime Minister MacMillan's smug claim that Britain's workers "have never had it so good."

Ship-builders and builders are among the hardest hit. Ship-building and ship-repair workers, machine-tool craftsmen, among others are also being laid off; and as Labour M.P. Mr. Edwin Gooch estimated, 10,000 farmworkers are unemployed.

Greetings To Conference

THE ANC

regards the pass laws as Enemy Number One, and will put forward to the National Workers' Conference its strongest opposition to the passes, and its determination to fight for their abolition, for an immediate end to the daily raids, and the immediate withdrawal of the regulations compelling women to carry passes.

The African National Congress has agitated for a minimum wage of £1 a day. It regards this task as its "baby" and will do everything to see that it supports this demand of the workers by calling on Africans of all walks of life to attend the conference to firmly challenge the Nationalist Government to satisfy the workers' demand for £1 a day.

CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS

SACOD is proud to associate itself with the National Workers' Conference. We see in the Conference an opportunity for the voiceless in S.A. to demand an end to the misery of starvation, low wages, pass laws and other restrictive laws and to plan a campaign to win for themselves the right to live as human beings.

ANC YOUTH LEAGUE:

"We call upon the youth who are the most hard hit by the Nationalist fascist laws such as pass laws, low wages etc. to rally solidly to the conference. All sections of the youth, factory workers, students, nurses and sporting bodies must send delegates to the workers' conference."

FEDERATION OF S. AFRICAN WOMEN

As HOUSEWIVES, as WORKERS, women are vitally concerned with the National Conference of Workers.

The Federation of S.A. Women calls upon women of all races to send delegates to this great conference—wages, job reservation, passes, apartheid, group areas—ALL THIS IS WOMEN'S BUSINESS AND WOMEN WILL BE THERE!

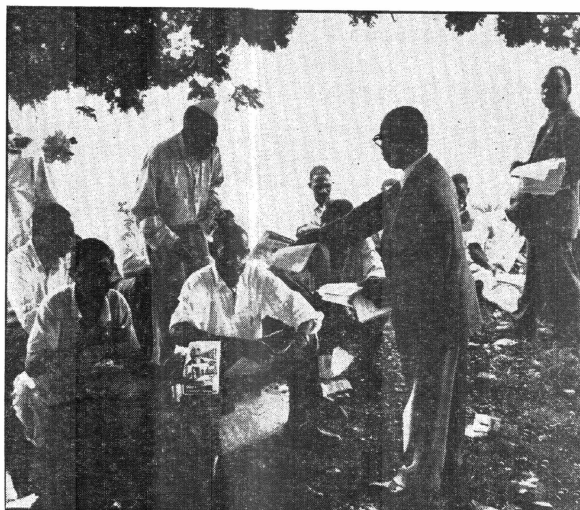
TRANSVAAL INDIAN CONGRESS:

"We are interested in getting the Nats out. Any action in that direction will receive the full support of the Indian people."

SACPO

Calls on the Coloured people to play their full part in the struggle against apartheid. The return of Beysveldt and Vogel to Parliament will be a mighty contribution to the end of the Nat regime.

-The Call Goes Out From Early Morning When The Flat-Workers Are Busy At Their Polishing, To Evening When The Night-Watchmen Prepare To Go On Their Rounds



3. LUNCH BREAK ORGANISING. LAUNDRY WORKERS READ £1 A DAY LEAFLETS DURING THEIR LUNCH HOUR. WAGES IN THIS INDUSTRY RANGE FROM £3 TO £4 A WEEK.



4. TIME FOR THE NIGHTWATCHMEN. IN SOUTH AFRICA'S MOST CRIME-RIDDEN CITY THE NIGHTWATCH PATROL IS AN INDISPENSABLE SERVICE. YET SOME OF THE MEN WHO PATROL THE FACTORIES, GUARD THE SHOPS AND HOUSES—AND OFTEN GET IN THE WAY OF THE WEAPON OF THE DESPERATE CRIMINAL—EARN NO MORE THAN £9 A MONTH. THERE ARE GREAT WAGE DISPARITIES AMONG NIGHTWATCHMEN WHO WANT TO KNOW WHY SOME GET ONLY £9 A MONTH WHILE THOSE IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE EARN £15 A MONTH. 5. ORGANISE! THE NATIONAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE FOR NATIONAL LEGISLATION FOR £1 A DAY IS AT HAND.

Kimberly Union Meeting

The African General Workers' Union held a public meeting on February 25 at which it was decided to send a delegation to the National workers' Conference in Johannesburg. A resolution was also passed expressing solidarity with the Amato textile workers.

Speakers were Messrs J. Mamppe, W. Sebotal and David T. Noko.

PEOPLE'S PLAN

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Said some, interviewed at random:

"The ghost squad stops us in the streets for our passes and we are fired for coming late to work..."

"We take our children out of school and send them to work because we can't keep going on our wages..."

"We are worn out from hard work but we don't see the money we work for..."

The World Federation of Trade Unions has commented that the £1 a day demand will be a challenge to colonial wage everywhere, and the South African campaign will have repercussions all over the continent.

PORT ELIZABETH

The workers are energetically preparing for their Conference in Johannesburg. Daily the postman brings a pile of letters containing postal orders.

"Please send receipt, the workers must see I sent money," is the type of request that is in the covering letters. The workers count every penny and they want to know if it has reached the correct destination. They send small amounts: 10/-; 12/6; 7/6. That is what they can barely afford, yet these add up until they have raised £300 which is what the workers from the P.E./Uitenhage area are to pay for the two trucks in which they are going to travel to Johannesburg.

They are determined to go to the Great Conference to discuss what to do to impress upon their employers that £1-a-day is the barest minimum on which a worker can live.

CAPE TOWN

Over 1,000 workers have been convened in this area and over £100 raised to send delegates to the Johannesburg conference.

Typical of the response has been the sending of £4 by workers at the Explosives factory in Somerset West. They are unable to send a delegate themselves, but raised the money to help send delegates from the Cape area who will protest on their behalf against the miserable sum of £8 a month they receive in wages.

A solidarity meeting will be held on the Grand Parade, Cape Town, on Sunday March 16, starting at 2.30 p.m.

Race Classification at Heatherdale

From Billy Mokhomona, BLOEMFONTEIN.
RACE classification officials arrived in the Heatherdale Coloured township here recently, and the small community are filled with horror and resentment at the treatment being meted out to them under the Population Registration Act.

People who have been under investigation say the officials have been going to extremes in order to re-classify people and the questions put to the victims include inquiries into the race of their partners in any physical relationship they might have had.

If a person admits that he has been with a white African, he or she is classified as African, and vice versa.

In another instance, one of a pair of twins was classified as African, and the other Coloured.

MARTIAL LAW IN TRANSVAL

Clergyman And Lawyer Banned

JOHANNESBURG.

DICTATOR Verwoerd has ordered virtual martial law for four large areas in the Transval and, ruling by proclamation in terms of the Native Administration Act, sealed off from the rest of the country (and the outside world).

In each of the areas Native Affairs Department policy has been taking a nasty beating and the people have risen almost as one to oppose him.

ZEEURST is the hottest spot of all, with the people in open revolt against passes for women.

MAMATHOLA: the tribe has time and again refused to move from their ancestral land, and Parliament had to pass a special measure to force them out in the hurried, pre-election session this year.

SEKHUKHUNLAND is up in arms against Bantu Authorities, the deportation of four leading tribesmen and the suspension of their Paramount chief for first one month, and then three months.

There has also been trouble in **RAMAGOEPE'S LOCATION**, near Soetmekaar in the ZOUTPANS-BERG.

NEW OFFENCES

In terms of the proclamation it is an offence to enter or leave these areas without a permit.

It is an offence to make any statement, verbal or written, in these areas which is intended or is likely to have the effect of subverting or interfering with the authority of the state.

Orders were served this week prohibiting the Anglican clergyman, the Rev. Charles Hooper, and his wife, and attorney Mrs. Shaaluth Muller from entering the prohibited area.

The penalty for entering without a permit before the proclamation was a fine of £25; now it has been

extended to a fine up to £300 or five years imprisonment. The proclamation also provides for the confiscation of vehicles used to convey prohibited persons into these areas.

The Rev. Hooper is cut off, by this edict, from about 1,400 members of his congregation, and will be able to visit only about 250 in the Zeerust location. "The Minister has in effect deprived me of my function as a missionary," the Rev. Hooper commented.

Mrs. Muller has been acting legally for large numbers of the Baphurise tribe under arrest following disturbances in the area.

Three Baphurise tribesmen have already been deported from the Zeerust area, and the Government is said to be looking for others, among them members of the Royal family.

CACHALIA SENTENCED

JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Yusuf Cachalia, formerly secretary-general of the South African Indian Congress, was last week sentenced to three months imprisonment without the option of a fine for a contravention of the banning order served on him in terms of the Suppression of Communism Act.

The ban was a five-year one and prohibited Mr. Cachalia from attendance at any gathering. He was found guilty of attending sessions of the Multi-Racial Conference in Johannesburg at the beginning of December.

Mr. Cachalia told the court that he had been under the impression that the ban was a two-year one, and had lapsed at the time of the conference.

An appeal has been noted.

COLOURED ELECTIONS

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principles of the Freedom Charter. SACPO in Port Elizabeth have issued a call for more volunteers to canvass the voters, and they are asked to report at the election rooms at 20 Court Chambers, Adderley Street, Port Elizabeth.

The opposition candidates, in addition to the Nationalist, are Mr. S. Holland, official United Party representative, and Mr. G. Smith, independent.

Beyleveld's Campaign

In Cape Town the Coloured voters are showing their support for Mr. Piet Beyleveld. Canvassers are finding warm welcomes from voters who have readily affirmed their backing for the Congress movement after having received Mr. Beyleveld's election manifesto.

One voter told SACPO's canvassers: "I and several of my friends have discussed this election in the train on our way to and from work, and we have all decided to vote for Mr. Beyleveld. We are going to vote for him because he too has experienced some of the bitterness that the Non-European have to endure under this Government."

The areas in the Cape Peninsula are being flooded with handbills as the canvassers go out to see the voters, and big posters bearing Mr. Beyleveld's picture and the slogan "Equal Rights For All" are appearing on walls and in shop windows all over the Peninsula.

Mr. September, SACPO Secretary, said, that the key to the Congress election victory was the number of voters the election organisation was able to contact. "There are 8,000 voters in the constituency. If we are able to canvass them all then our success is assured. But we badly need more canvassers."

Volunteers are asked to assist with canvassing and to work on election day, to report at the offices at 1 Roger Street, Cape Town, or to phone 2-6956.

THE ZEEURST TRIALS DRAG ON

ZEEURST.

Yet another large and serious preparatory examination into allegations of arson opened this Monday at Leufontein.

The jail is still crowded with Baphurise awaiting trial. Preparatory examinations have been going on since February 3, with some breaks in between.

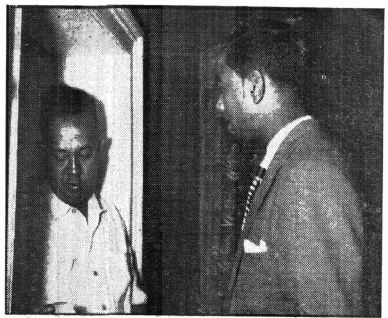
At BRAKLAAGTE 13 were committed for trial for arson. In the first LEEUFONTEIN preparatory proceedings, also on charges of arson, the accused, with a few exceptions, were committed for trial.

At MOTSWEDI the accused charged with arson were committed for trial.

The biggest case is yet to open at WITKLEIGAT where 60 accused are to be tried for murder.

The Crown is expected to call 120 witnesses in this preparatory examination.

It is not yet certain whether there will be a prosecution arising from the GOPANE shootings earlier this year when three men lost their lives.



SACPO member Henry Naude speaks to a voter, Mr. Ismail Karim, about the coming elections. Mr. Karim promised to vote for Piet Beyleveld, the Congress candidate.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST PASSES FOR NURSES

JOHANNESBURG.

THE struggle of the women against passes has shifted to the hospitals where the nurses are courageously resisting attempts to make them carry passes. On the 22nd of this month the first mammoth anti-pass demonstration to the matrons of the various hospitals is planned by women of all races.

Both the South African Nursing Council and a number of matrons at hospitals have made repeated attempts to compel the nurses to take out passes. The Nursing Council has sent out registration

forms to the Non-European nurses requiring them, among other things, to furnish their identity numbers. In the case of Indian and Coloured nurses these identity numbers are obtainable from the Board of Censuses whereas the identity of the African nurses are the numbers appearing on their pass books.

The nurses throughout the country have firmly refused to take out these passes and are accusing the Nursing Council of being the tool of the Government in its attempts to enforce passes on the African women.

Even more deplored by the nurses is the tactics of "divide and rule" used by the authorities to undermine their unity. Whereas the junior nurses are required to supply their numbers straight away before they can be registered as nurses, the nurses already in training are only expected to do so when they complete their course, and the nurses who have already completed their training are given up to the end of the year to comply with the regulations.

STATEMENT

A statement issued by the Federation of South African Women warns the nurses about the grave dangers which will face them if they carry passes. "In future," says the statement, "a midwife going to help a woman in childbirth must think of one thing first—if the pass is with her." It calls upon the nurses to stand firmly behind the demand that passes be rejected.

Trade Unions Thrown Out of Office

PORT ELIZABETH.

The Food and Canning Workers' Union has been thrown out of its offices in Court Chambers under the Group Areas Act.

The other two unions which have been affected by this order are the Municipal Non-European Workers' Union and the Laundry Workers' Union. They had offices in the same building.

UP MY ALLEY

THERE appears to be a lot of fun and games on the go in the big struggle for the best seats in Parliament. And there doesn't seem to be much difference in the vote-catching methods of the main contenders.

Trying to scare the votes away from the Liberals, Capt. Jack Basson is telling the Sea Pointers that non-White franchise rights is just a stunt. Us blacks DON'T want the vote, anyway, he says.

Did I hear correctly? He even says we've admitted that we're not entitled to it! Look, Cappy, if you're looking for votes talk about the ductails.

THE Johannesburg C.I.D. are carrying out investigations after the discovery of a skeleton in a box in a Jeppe basement.

● Why the C.I.D.? Isn't it the Population Registration boys who specialise in investigating skeletons in people's cupboards?

CHANANA's minister of Finance has predicted that us blacks will have political independence by 1967.

● Let's hope this does not mean some more evidence about foreign aid or freedom in our lifetimes.

SO now our kids won't get any grub at school. Taking the food out of the mouths of children is probably part of our way of life.

A French Queen did something similar way back. She said: "If they haven't any bread, let them eat cake."

● You should hear what happened to her.

NOW the City Council has suggested that Dr. Donges establish another racial group among the Coloured people. "For those whose social and cultural standards are comparable with those usually regarded as attaching to Western civilisation."

Now, where does that place us? How does one conform to the standards of Western civilisation?

From what I can gather every-

By **ALEX LA GUMA**

body in the country conforms to the standards, if there are such. We've got workers on land and in the cities; professionals, intellectuals, we drive in cars, buses and in cars, go to the cinema, sports, eat out of plates or bowls, wear suits. In fact we do everything they do in Western countries.

So now, who is who as far as the City Council is concerned?

● Or does the Council suggest that the "standards" apply only to those in the upper bracket, and exclude the hawkers and the street sweepers?

To blazes with the Pop Register, anyway.

OVERHEARD during election canvassing: "Vote vir ou Piet. Hy is 'n wakker boer."

WORLD CAMPAIGN SAVES LIFE OF ALGERIAN HEROINE

HOPES FOR ANC SETTLEMENT

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Victim Of Frame-Up Trial Is Rerieved

THE decision of the French government not to carry out the sentence of death passed by a French military court on Djamilia Bouhired, one of the heroines of the Algerian liberatory movement, is a victory for progressives all over the world.

Ever since the first news of Djamilia's grotesque frame-up trial last year, French democrats, backed by an international campaign have fought to save her from the guillotine. So widespread has this demand become that the government no longer dared to continue with the execution.

Djamilia Bouhired is a 22-year-old Algerian girl who joined the National Liberation Movement two years ago.

Early in 1957, when French troops were waging a particularly merciless campaign against the freedom fighters, one of the underground leaders, Yacef Saadi was warned that his hiding spot was in danger, and it was necessary for him to move.

Djamilia was a member of Yacef's group. When they set out for their new retreat, she went ahead as scout, and walked straight into a French ambush.

With superb courage Djamilia

showed out a warning, drawing the fire to herself. A bullet ripped through her body—but her shout gave Saadi and the others time to make good their escape.

Miraculously Djamilia was not killed. She was taken to a French military hospital. Police and army officers began to question her while she lay in agony on the operating table, trying to make her disclose where Yacef had gone. She refused to answer.

Immediately after the operation she was taken to a military prison and held there, illegally, for 17 days before being brought before a magistrate.

During those seventeen days she was systematically tortured, the police making use of their standard practice in Algeria of applying electric shocks to sensitive parts of the body. In addition she was subjected to sadistic sexual tortures by French military officers.

WOULD NOT BETRAY COMRADE

There was only one thing that the torturers wanted Djamilia to tell them: Where had Yacef fled to? But although she knew, she could not be forced to tell. Yacef is still free, a constant thorn in the flesh of the occupation troops.

Finally Djamilia was placed on trial, on a framed up charge of being responsible for the blowing

up of a cafe in Algiers in which a number of French civilians had lost their lives. She was alleged to have passed the bomb to a woman called Bouazza with instructions on how to use it.

Djamilia vigorously rejected the charge. She admitted proudly that she was a member of the Liberation Movement, but denied that she had participated in terrorist acts against civilians.

THE "EVIDENCE"

The only evidence against her was an alleged confession (which Djamilia denied having made) and the testimony of Bouazza, to whom it was alleged that she gave the bomb.

Bouazza was not much of a witness. A congenital syphilitic of low mentality, who had spent three years in a mental hospital this is how she gave evidence.

First she directed a stream of obnoxious curses at the accused. Then she performed a belly-dance, remarking to the French soldiers who filled the court: "I'll do you a dirty dance if you don't see the point." After a silence she shouted suddenly: "I'm a whore!" (This was untrue as well as irrelevant to the case.)

Roaring with laughter, the witness played a machine-gunning the public with her finger, shouting "tactactactac." The judge



Djamilia Bouhired.

had her removed, but as she was the star witness, in spite of her shortcomings, he had her brought back and asked her:

BEGAN TO UNDRESS

"Did you not tell the examining judge . . ."

"Tactactactac!" interrupted the demented girl, pointing her finger at the judge.

"As you see, she does not deny it," he commented.

Then he had to have her hurried out of the court. She had begun to undress.

Later, not surprisingly, French lawyer Verges withdrew from the case. He had been told by the court: "Doctors who care for rebels are arrested. It might be better to arrest lawyers who defend them."

The court appointed its own lawyer. Djamilia refused to speak to him. So he pleaded guilty on her behalf!

The judge sentenced Djamilia Bouhired to death. And that, thought the French "defenders of white civilization" was that. But they had not reckoned on the storm of protest which would be raised first in France and then throughout the world, when lawyer Verges refused to be silent and brought the facts of the case before the bar of world opinion.

PRETORIA CONFERENCE

Despite a warning from the National Working Committee against the holding of any meeting in Lady Selborne, Pretoria, on Sunday representative of five petitioning branches went ahead with their proceedings. They paid lip service to the call of the National Working Committee for the dissolving of the Requisition Committee by announcing its dissolution, but then turned round and constituted a "caretaker committee" to "guide the interests of the petitioning branches."

The meeting adopted the slogan "Forward to a free, independent African Nation Congress." The branches represented at this conference were Orlando East, Lady Selborne, Nzimhlope, Sophiatown, the S. Gonyama, P. Lebaha, and Alexandra. A number of individuals formerly members of the Requisition Committee were not present and were elected to the committee. Some members, said one speaker, "had stabbed the masses in the back."

Dr. P. Tsele, of Pretoria, proposed the formation of the caretaker committee to safeguard the interests of the petitioners until a free African Nation Congress. A surprise turn at conference was when three men declined nomination to the committee—Messrs I. M. Mokoena, P. Lebaha, and P. Eleven were elected to the caretaker committee—Messrs Mangisa, G. Siwisa, P. Tsele, J. Madzunya, Ndzi-mo, Mosefo, Mosefo, Maphane, Hani, Walaza and Mrs. Ellen Mopollo.

ADMISSIONS

Mr. P. Molots's report to the conference made some interesting admissions. After the breaking up of the Orlando conference, he said, "we seized the documents and furniture. We organized a committee in the Congress offices. This was done to save the organisation."

And a full financial statement placed before the conference. Lady Selborne showed an item of £1 paid out for the hire of a lorry from Sophiatown to the Congress office to remove the furniture.

Yet another item in the financial statement recorded expenses to the tune of £8 15s, incurred by the Requisition Committee organizer Stephen Segale in his branch organizing. A further item of £2 was incurred for storage of the Congress car for which Mr. Madzunya is responsible.

The conference note was sounded by Dr. P. Tsele who said: "We want to clean up these sums. Mr. Molots called for a free, independent autonomous African National Congress and there were calls to the people to stand firm in these sums, not to waver or 'step backwards'—a sign that this conference was worried that some of the petitioners had given some of their assets about associating with the Africanists."

DEATH OF MARCEL CACHIN

Marcel Cachin, a foundation member of the French Communist Party, director of L'Humanite and a member of the French Parliament, died last month in his nineteenth year. He devoted his entire life to the cause of the French working people and of the international socialist movement. Vast crowds attended the funeral.

New Age conveys its heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Greenwood Ngoyana on the death of his mother last Monday.

EISENHOWER CHANGES HIS CABINET

Switch From Cadillac Kings To Rich Rocketeers

WASHINGTON.

With an economic crisis looming on the horizon President Eisenhower has once again changed the composition of his Cabinet.

Until now it has been known as the Cadillac Cabinet, because of the close relations between all the members and the big motor-vehicle and aircraft monopolies which have benefited most from government war expenditure.

With the changes it has become the Rocket Cabinet, the balance of power swinging to men who are or have been closely connected with the biggest firms making these missiles.

The key Defence post is now held by Neil H. McMillen, former director of General Electric and Chrysler. Since he took over the cabinet post Chrysler has shot ahead with the production of the Jupiter missile. The same firm also has the contract for the army's Redstone rockets.

General Electric has not been neglected. It is working on sub-contracts for the 5,000 mile Atlas intercontinental missile, the 1,500 mile Thor and an air-to-air anti-aircraft rocket called the Spinwinder.

The monopolies make their big profits irrespective of whether or not their rockets work. Every time a missile goes phut-phut in a cloud of smoke the big firms pocket a few more million dollars.

Perhaps that's why they don't mind all the dud efforts which have made the U.S. a laughing stock?

NEXT STOP THE MOON—Soviet Scientist

MOSCOW.

THE Soviet Union hopes to be able to launch a rocket soon which will land on the moon, and following that, one to circle the moon, Dr.

the earth like the first two, although it would be much bigger.

Now it appears that Soviet scientists are aiming to put Sputnik 3 into the orbit round the earth after overcoming the moon's gravity completely.

MUCH FASTER

It will be necessary for the Sputnik 3 to reach what is known as the second cosmic speed, about seven miles per second, compared with the first cosmic speed of five miles per second necessary to put a Sputnik in orbit round the earth. "We have almost reached the second cosmic speed necessary to overcome the pull of terrestrial gravity and emerge into the expanses of the universe," said Dr. Melkumov.

Dr. Melkumov said that the use of solar energy was now quite possible outside the earth's atmosphere. Equally, if not more, promising and certainly the most economical would be the use of thermo-nuclear energy. Soviet scientists have already announced that they are working on the design of a rocket plane to penetrate outer space like a rocket and

then land on the earth like a plane.

GETTING BACK

The rocket engine of such a plane would have to have a thrust of at least 50 tons to develop a speed of up to 10,000 m.p.h., it is known that with the aid of a new



highly calorific fuel the rocket engine which powers the Soviet I.C.R.M. has already substantially surpassed this 50 ton minimum. The problem of re-entry has, however, still to be solved though some unofficial reports say the Soviet scientists are already well on the way to mastering this one too.



Tigran Melkumov, a well-known Soviet rocket motor expert announced here last week.

It has been known for some time that Soviet scientists are getting ready to launch another Sputnik, but it was thought that Sputnik 3 would be sent on an orbit round

