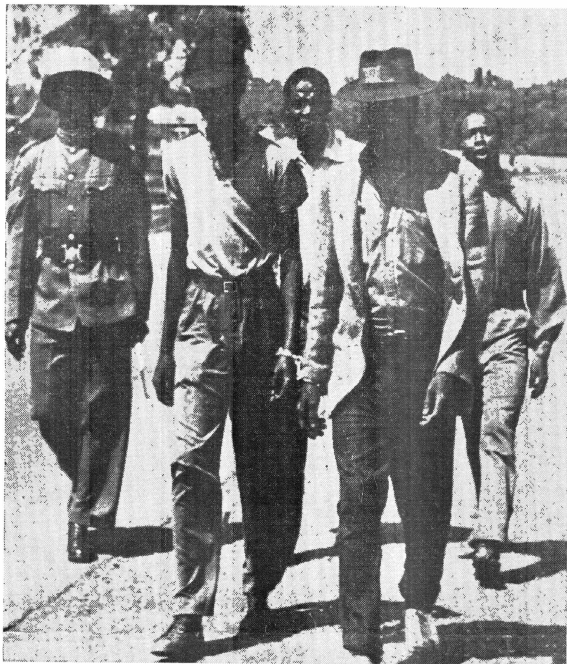


## WILL WE SOON SEE AFRICAN WOMEN MARCHED OFF TO JAIL LIKE THIS?



These four men, walking along a road just outside Johannesburg, were picked up in the manhunt that goes on daily for pass offenders. Handcuffed together, they are being marched off to the police station.

## PASSES FOR WOMEN TO START IN FREE STATE BUT NATS EXPECT RESISTANCE

**JOHANNESBURG.**—The first passes for African women will be issued in the Orange Free State, according to a statement of the Native Affairs Department.

The same statement also threatened that if any body like the African National Congress attempted to launch a campaign of resistance "the government will take the necessary steps." This is clear evidence that the Nats are well aware of the determination of African women, together with all democrats, to fight the spread of the hated pass laws.

The Free State has been chosen for the first issue of reference books to African women because N.A.D. teams are at present at work there issuing books to African men, said the statement.

The Government has three million books ready for African women, it is announced. It is estimated that three million will, in all, be issued to African men, and two thirds of this total have already been issued in various parts of the country. The books are to be issued to all African men and women over the age of 16 years.

### 'SCREAMING HEADLINES'

"Die Transvaler," the organ of the Nationalist Party here, printed the official statement on passes for women issued by the Native Affairs Department. Its report carried references to "screaming headlines in which gail is spewed against the issue of reference books to women which are appearing in periodicals and newspapers distributed among Natives."

The Native Affairs Department

itself asks naively: "How can the issue of reference books to African women be an oppressive measure?" If the books were not issued to African women, it says, there should be dissatisfaction, because every group in the country is to be issued with registration certificates or reference books!

The N.A.D. says that the issue of the pass books to African women will impose no restrictions on their existing rights and that the opposition being worked up against the pass books for African women is based on misrepresentation of the true facts. Yet, says the same statement, the books are being issued to "Bantu" women so that they can use them to establish their identity where necessary and where infra control and curfew regulations are introduced.

**FOOTNOTE.**—At the conference of the A.N.C. Women's League in Bloemfontein two weeks ago, it was resolved that African women will "under no circumstances" carry the humiliating passes.

Mrs. Lillian Ngoyi, the National President of the Women's League, said: "If the Government deports women in the impending struggle against passes, they will bring new hope to those in whose midst they are thrown in their deportation; if they are sent to jail they will convert the jails into institutions for universal education."

At the A.N.C. conference proper, an Action Committee was appointed to draw up a plan of campaign against passes for women to be considered at the special conference of the A.N.C. in April.

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## DOWN WITH THE I.C. BILL

JOHANNESBURG.

**"WE MUST NOT ALLOW THE INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION AMENDMENT BILL TO BE PASSED!"** This is the call to action issued this week by the South African Congress of Trade Unions. This Bill, says SACTU, is a threat to every section of the working people of South Africa and one of the most dangerous that has yet faced us.

SACTU recently held an Emergency Management Committee meeting to discuss and adopt a detailed plan of action against the Bill, which is to be re-introduced in the 1956 session of Parliament, which opens January 13.

SACTU must rally every worker, every demotaur, all who are prepared to protect the lives of the working people in the fight for the defeat of this Bill. "We must not allow this Bill to be passed!"

The call for national action against the Bill is a call to the working class of South Africa to defend their rights, to challenge the Government, and demonstrate their opposition to this Nazi measure to enslave the people of South Africa.

SACTU has announced some of the immediate steps in this campaign.

1. Each Local Committee of SACTU is immediately to convene a conference of local trade unions to discuss the Bill, and to discuss ways and means of getting hundreds of thousands of workers of all races to sign the petition against it.

2. Numerous mass meetings of workers must be held on this issue, and petition forms must be signed.

3. Local Committees must issue their own leaflets as regularly as possible condemning the Bill and explaining its dangers to the workers.

## 160 ATTEND INTER- RACIAL YOUTH PICNIC

**CAPE TOWN.**—Undeterred by bad weather, over 160 African, Coloured, Indian and European youth and their families celebrated the arrival of 1956 with a bumper New Year's Day picnic in the Cape Peninsula, organised by the Cape Youth Festival Committee.

Once again youth in Cape Town showed that peace, friendship and racial harmony are things that all South Africans, whatever their colour, can enjoy.

Giving the lie to the Nationalist racialists, they danced, sang and celebrated together. For the youth, there were no "superior" or "inferior" races.

The bushes and beach at Kommetjie rang to the sounds of their singing whilst a six-piece African, Coloured and European band kept up a hot tempo.

In the afternoon heavy rain drove them back to Cape Town where the "picnic" continued indoors.

Following their tradition, Elsie River branch of the ANC sold the greatest number of tickets and brought along the greatest number of youth.

The youth of the Cape were joined on the picnic by youth from other centres, who helped to make the occasion one of the most representative and memorable of recent years.

4. SACTU has recommended to its affiliated unions that its annual conference be held in Cape Town during the Parliamentary session. February is the month suggested for the conference.

All local committees are urged to campaign vigorously now against the Bill and at the same time to prepare for "the greatest trade union conference that South Africa has ever known in February 1956."

Every worker must take this campaign into his own hands, says SACTU. This must be a great mass campaign of the working class. "Down with the Industrial Conciliation Bill!"

### Apartheid Newspapers for Africans

JOHANNESBURG.

A new paper for Africans is expected to make its appearance early next year. This will be no ordinary commercial undertaking in the press world, but part of the Government's mounting propaganda offensive to win support for apartheid among the African people.

The new periodical will be launched by Dagbreek, the only Afrikaans Sunday paper in the country, and of whose Board of Trustees the Prime Minister, Mr. J. G. Strijdom is a member. The chief shareholders of Dagbreek are leading Nationalists.

The new publication has been in the making for some time. Its slant will be distinctly "Bantu," in the Nationalist sense of advocating "separate development" (in other words, apartheid) for the African people.

The paper is expected to receive active support from the Native Affairs Department, particularly its Information Division, which will use its network of information officers to push sales.

Sales of the paper will also probably be pushed through the schools and Native Education Division of the N.A.D.





# NEW AGE MATCHBOX

## WHO WILL LEAD THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE?

The Freedom Charter has caused fear and uneasiness among some of the leaders of the African National Congress, who are suspicious of co-operating with the racial minorities. When we examine the cause of the fear, we can understand how it comes about. The majority of Europeans are anti-Africans; some Coloureds still call us kaffirs; and there are Indians, for instance in Durban, who still practise apartheid in their tea rooms. Even some of our leaders have gone as far as such lengths as calling the racial minorities parasites on our land. This group of people believe that the fate of Africa lies in African nationalism only.

As an ordinary Congressman I believe that it is only African nationalism that will inspire the African people to free themselves from White domination. At the same time, I think it is our duty to co-operate with the racial minorities if they accept African leadership, not to give our opinion our success lies in assuring the racial minorities that the A.N.C. is building a new South Africa in which colour will vanish from politics.

Another group of our leaders believe in capitalist democracy. They attack the Freedom Charter on the ground that it advocates socialism. As far as I can see this attack is based on ignorance. If the attack is based on ignorance, the white exploiters for Black exploiters. We want freedom from all forms of oppression—that is, we think the soil should share the products; that those who build managements should live in them; that those who toil and sweat in the mines should reap the fruits. Where there is exploitation, there is no freedom.

Our leaders should realise that the Freedom Charter belongs to the people of South Africa. It was accepted by the delegates at Kliptown as it is, and therefore can be changed only by the people who formulated it—not by a few leaders.

A. A. ZWANE.

Johannesburg.

(Our correspondent is right in saying we look forward to a South Africa "which will be free from racial prejudice and colour," but he contradicts himself by insisting that the "racial minorities" MUST accept African leadership. Why should the Africans any more than the Whites enjoy an exclusive right to leadership? All sections of the people should take part in the liberation struggle on the basis of equality, otherwise it will be impossible to eliminate suspicion and racial prejudice. The contribution of Africans in the struggle is quite sure in practice to be greater and more important than that of other sections, but that will not be because they are Africans, but because they constitute the effective majority of the population of our country. The task of the liberation movement is to unite the various sections of the South African people in a common front on the basis of the Freedom Charter, fighting against Nationalist dictatorship, and for universal democracy. Don't forget that the

Freedom Charter says: "The rights of all people shall be the same, regardless of race, colour or sex." That covers the right to leadership as well.—Ed.)

## DISAPPOINTED WITH ANC CONFERENCE

The recent national conference of the A.N.C. has been marked by surprising and regrettable retrogressive steps. I refer particularly to the exclusion of the Bantu World from the conference (which you mentioned at all) and the dumping aside of endorsement of the Freedom Charter.

The delegates voting for the exclusion of the Bantu World, have to be distinguished from the rest of the press. To me the decision seemed to be based on emotion and hysteria. Some of the reasons were that the Bantu World is always attacking the A.N.C., that it is being disruptive by creating hostility within the A.N.C., and that it does not publish a true and full account of the activities of the A.N.C.

It is true the Bantu World is not pro-A.N.C. However, for that matter neither is the Star, the Mail or the Golden Age. An analysis of the politics, deliberate slant on news and views and the financial interests they represent will show that they belong to the same fold as the Bantu World.

So must we kick out the entire press? That would be foolish. Or is the rest of the press friendly to the A.N.C.? On the other hand, to expect the Bantu World to play a progressive role especially at a time when the struggle against apartheid is sharpening would be absurd. The freedom of the press is of grave importance to the progressive movement.

Whilst delegates were busy themselves with the national crisis of the Bantu World, the Freedom Charter, the most important political issue, was allowed to slip by. Here again conference was absolutely clumsy in its approach to one of the most dynamic issues confronting the people. Here it was not even a question of "putting the cart before the horse," but doing so with the horse altogether, and still expecting it to move!

Also the attempts by some elements to amend the Freedom Charter are sheer nonsense and disruptive. Do those people expect the A.N.C. now to tell the people that "certain demands" adopted at the Historic Congress in 1945 are to be dropped? This would amount to ignoring the Congress of the People and leaving the whole Charter to some "clever" people on some clever committee.

To tamper with the Freedom Charter would be morally wrong in view of the fact that it sprang from the thousands of people who were elected by the masses and more other people all over the country. A glance at the growing signature campaign will show that the people are ahead of some of their leaders.

GIDEON JACKSON.

Johannesburg.

## Free State ANC Backs Charter

The statement made in the "Bantu World" newspaper of the 24th December, 1955, that the Orange Free State A.N.C. opposed the Freedom Charter in toto is one of the foulest allegations made against the Free State Congress Movement.

The Free State A.N.C. is all out for the collecting of signatures for the Freedom Charter. As a president of the Free State I therefore call upon the people of the province, men and women, to stand up and roll up their sleeves to fight harder to win the aims set in the Freedom Charter. The year of 1956 is one of the most uncertain. Women are threatened with the carrying of passes. This extension of the A.N.C. to the province, men and women, should be fought to a bitter and better end. I therefore call for a struggle till freedom is won.

J. B. MAFORA.  
President O.F.S. A.N.C.  
Bloemfontein.

**U.S. ATOM BOMBS** dropped on the Japanese towns of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the Second World War claimed their fourth post-war victim with the death last night of a twelve-year-old girl, who as a baby, was only a mile to the west of the atomic bomb blast at Hiroshima. She died of lymphatic leukemia due to radiation.

## RACING AT ASCOT

The following are Damon's selection:  
Cape Racing Season Trial Handicap: 1. EQUITANT. Danger, Divulge.  
Ascot Handicap Tops: 1. AMOS' SELECTED. Danger, Jungle Law.  
Ascot Handicap Bottoms: 1. BATTLE ROYAL. Danger, Fair Bats.  
Owners' Handicap: 1. IRRADIATE. Danger, Filatrix.  
Progress Eight: 1. GAMICAL. Danger, Nual.  
Progress Six: 1. GARRETT'S SELECTED. Danger, Cypher.  
Maiden Plate: 1. COAL TRAIN. Danger, Santa Clara.  
Juvenile Plate: 1. EXAGGERATE. Danger, Beacon Flag.

**LAST WEEK DAMON SCORED SIX WINNERS INCLUDING BOTH DOUBLES.**

## A REAL BOXING TREAT

The large crowd who attended the Xmas tournament at the Bantu Men's Social Centre recently were given a real treat. Transvaal titles and a National title were fought for.

Ezekiel Shole, provincial flyweight king, retained his title with a third round K.O. Killer Johnson, I made the first round even but in the second round Shole took command and it became obvious that the fight would go one way.

The fight for the provincial bantam championship provided many shocks. Slumber David, defending his title did not have things his own way. The challenger, Rooney Makheni, put up a good fight and, at one stage looked like winning on a K.O.

The first round went to the champ, who intent on a quick decision, went after his opponent from the start. In the second round, much to everyone's surprise, Slumber David hit the canvas. A badly shaken man, he managed to hold on and see the round through.

The rest of the fight proved to be one of the most exciting I have seen for a long time. Both men threw everything they could into the fight. Eventually the superior experience of Slumber David took

## NON-EUROPEANS FIGHT BUS, BEACH APARTHEID

**CAPE TOWN**—As one local authority after another submits to Government pressure to introduce apartheid, the Non-European people are preparing for an all-out fight to defend their rights.

The South African Coloured People's Organisation is working out plans for opposing bus apartheid, which is likely to be introduced in the near future.

"The Nationalists are making the Coloured people their main target of attack," a SACPO official told New Age last week. "They want to put an end to the age-discriminated by the Whites. They want to have enjoyed and forced us to live in locations and carry passes. Bus apartheid is just the beginning. Later it will be house apartheid, job apartheid and all the rest of it."

"But we are not going to take this lying down. The Coloured people are determined to fight for the right to equal citizenship."

One of the spheres in which the Nationalists have been carrying out an insidious attack over many years is in connection with the provision of beach amenities.

## NO LEGAL BAR

At present there is no legal colour bar in Cape Town and Non-Europeans have the legal right to make use of any facility and swim on any beach they want to, including the Sea Point Pavilion.

For the most part, however, the Non-Europeans have not exercised this right, and have frequented the beaches where they would be free from restrictions and disturbances, such as Kalk Bay, the so-called Non-European pool at Sea Point, Maiden's Cove at Clifton, and Bakoven, and the swimming bath at Woodstock and Claremont.

The Cape Town City Council, however, has been under strong pressure from the Nationalists to drive the Non-Europeans away from their existing beaches to open up spots like Strandfontein and Oudekraal, where bathing is poor and there are almost no facilities.

So far the City Council has been reluctant to enforce segregation in this way, but may be compelled to do so in the future by the Administrator of the Cape Province, who was recently given the necessary powers by the Nationalist-dominated Provincial Council.

## BEACH NOTICES

Meanwhile the Cape Divisional Council has decided to set aside

beaches in its area of jurisdiction for the use of Europeans and Non-Europeans, and beaches from Cape Point as far as Scarborough, on the Atlantic Coast, are already distinguished by cairns of stones supporting notices "For Europeans Only" or "For Non-Europeans Only" as the case may be.

Non-Europeans who have customarily frequented Maiden's Cove at Clifton have found in recent months that half their playground there has been taken away by the recently founded Glen Country Club, which has laid out bowling green and tennis courts, and is planning to build a swimming pool and other European facilities there.

The Club has made tentative approaches to the City Council in connection with a proposal to lay out a 9-hole golf course. Should such a plan be agreed to, the Non-Europeans would be completely shut out from Maiden's Cove, access to which has already been made extremely difficult, with families having to scramble over mounds of rubble and slither down earth banks before they can reach the water.

## COUNCIL PROMISES

Mr. A. la Guma and Mr. R. September, chairman and secretary respectively of the South African Coloured People's Organisation, last week interviewed Mr. J. Osovat, the chairman of the Amenities Committee of the Cape Town City Council, to place forward complaints and proposals of the Non-European people in connection with the provisions of beach amenities in the Peninsula.

Mr. Osovat promised to make certain facilities available at Maiden's Cove immediately. Other items involving expenditure will have to be formally discussed by the Committee and forwarded to the Council before action can be taken, he said.

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