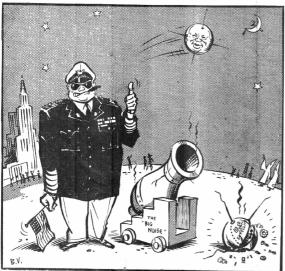
# RED MOON OVER THE WORLD

THE whole world has been electrified by the announcement that the Soviet Union has an "artificial moon" into outer space, where it is now circling the court areas 96 minutes "artificial moon" into outer space, where it is now circling the earth every 96 minutes. Professor Anatoliy Blagonravov, one of the Russian scientists attending an International Geophysical Year conference in Washington, said that the satellite had no military implica-

tions and was "a peaceful undertaking in the interests of science."



## 100 Years Old, But She Wouldn't Take a Pass,

# So They Cut Off Her Old Age Pension!

JOHANNESBURG. SHE was the oldest woman we had ever seen—a hundred if a day old, we felt. Crouching under a blanket on the mud floor, unable to walk any longer, face folded and wrinkled about her faded eyes, her only move-ment was a bird-like gesture in

the direction of the strange huan voices. She is too old and worn to do

She is too old and worn to do much but linger on. But not too old to know about the pass laws, and knowing, to refuse to take out a pass book.

AND BECAUSE OLD MRS.
MAGDELINA RANYANE, OF DUTFONTEIN. NEAR BODENSEIN. IN THE WES-BERN TERN TRANSVAL, REFUSED TO CARRY A PASS BOOK, HER OLD AGE PENSION HAS BEEN CUT OFF.
And not only her pension, but

And not only her pension, but also those of 12 other old wo-men and three blind men whose wives and daughters dug in their heels and said: "You may starve us to death but we won't carry

passes."
Putfontein is a little village in
the Western Transvaal like so
many others. Last season's
mealie stalks are still jutting out mealie stalks are still jutting out of the fields like neglected scare-crows because the people are only now starting to plough. Square, thatched huts are grouped in homesteads where the little children play about the fowls scamper in and out of the huts and screech above all talk by the people inside them.

On March 6 this year the Na tive Commissioner came to village to issue pass books to the women. A meeting was called at the nearby school and it was then apparent that the women were divided, the majority refus-

were divided, the majority refusing to take out the books.
The Native Commissioner delivered his ultimatum: those who
refused would be cut off from
receipt of their pensions.
On March 18 pensions were
paid out. Thirteen old women
due to receive old age pensions
received nothing, and three blind
men, due to receive blind pensions, were not paid because
their wives, daughters or other
close female relatives had also
refused to take out pass books.
This is what these people were

This is what these people were told, and this can be the only reason they no longer receive

their pensions.

Some in the village did take pass books: the wives of the teachers and the African Lutheran ministers and church leaders were first in the queue.

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The Government takes it out on a 100-year-old woman: Old Mrs. Magdelina Ranyane, whose daughters think she is more than 100 years old. One of her grand-children plays at her feet.

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# BERRANGE'S PASSPORT BAN VIOLATES RIGHTS

JOHANNESBURG.

THE announced intention of the MHE announced intention of the defence counsel in the 'treason' enquiry to call important overseas witnesses to refute Crown allegations against the accused has been blocked by the surprise refusal of Minister of the Interior Donges to grant a passport to defence advocate Vernon Bernange.

When the court adjourned on September 11th the defence informed the magistrate that Mr. Berrange had applied for a passport and undertook to ensure that the preparation of the defence case would be completed by January 13th, when the court resumes.

A large number of people who are now overseas have been implicated in the Crown evidence in-

are now overseas have been implicated in the Crown evidence, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher; Fenner Brockway M.P., Father Huddleston, Monica Felton, Canon Collins, Solly Sachs and a host of others. The defence has considered it of great importance that all witnesses who can throw any light on the allegations should be interviewed, and Mr. Berrange has spent a considerable time preparing for the consultations.

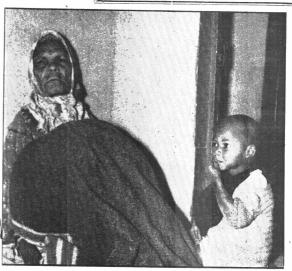


Adv. Vernon Berrange.

to discuss and analyse the theories put forward by Crown witness Andrew Murray.

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In addition the defence has communicated with overseas political experts who might have been called experts who might have been called



# WE NEED YOUR HELP SELL "NEW AGE"

To do our work properly, we need to get New Age into as many hands as possible in the next few months. This is of ex-

treme importance.

We must boost our sales to at least 40,000 and if possible 50,000 readers by the end of the

Year.

There are many issues confronting the masses of people in this country which are of vital concern to them e.g. Multi-racial Conference, Elections, Group Areas, Pass Laws etc. In the united front opposition to the Nats on all the conference, and will take its righting place fighting on behalf of all the sorely oppressed people in this country. in this country.

For this purpose we need firstclass volunteers who will carry our message to all corners of the country. That means that the

It would be absurd to think that

It would be a solved to think that an all-White university like Rhodes would have "informers" for the Security Branch and a Non-European university like Fort Hare have no "informers." On the

Hare have no "informers." On the contrary, Fort Hare must be infested with informers. In fact, several of them are known to the students. It is alleged by some students that the Security Branch has offered them money ranging from £10 to £50 to give them information, about lecturers and

formation about lecturers and students who indulge in political

These same students alleged that they were also asked to report on the meeting of students which was addressed by Mr. Wentzel and Mr. N. Rubin. The students concerned reported the matter to the President of the Fort Hare S.R.C.

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youth throughout South Africa who know what it is to be looked down upon as third rate citizens in the land of their birth, must rally to our aid, and they in particular should regard this as their contribution towards the noble task of freeing their peo-

noble task of freeing their people from bondage.
Every New Age which is sold by them is another nail in the coffin of their oppressors. Already the African and Indian youth in many parts of the country are voluntarily selling New Age in their areas because thay realise what a powerful weapon it but there are many other areas, and particularly dependent of the particular dependent of the partic

Town and Port Elizabeth, where the rallying cry of New Age has not been heard. Now is the time of greatest danger, but also of greatest hope in the fight against this Govern-

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ment's tyranny. We appeal there-fore to all youth throughout the land to take up arms—in this case in the shape of New Age and hit the Nats hard and often. Nats hard and often. YOUR PAPERS ORDER NOW

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# **ANC** Secretary

the right path or not.

People must learn how to make speeches, about their leaders. We know no comrades in the ANC, yet I see my fellow-man is determined to call our secretary in that way, Moreover, you say you know his mistakes which he made before he was arrested. Did you raise any question about these mistakes at any of the confer-ences? No. Why? Because you

cannot stand on any platform with him and prove his mistakes. If any mistakes happen in our organisation, there are bodies to put them right, not just people who merely try to put themselves in the limelight. You have made

# we learn, at the headquarters of this pro-Nationalist Party clique. It has been confirmed that he has already been offered a high post This student has a tendency to enter students' rooms in their absence and has often been found

sence and has often been found fiddling with their books and documents. His excuse on being discovered is always: "Man, I'm lazy to study today. I want a light novel to read."

One senior student is said to post in the Alice Post Office. One senior student is said to post his letters at the Alice Post Office, not at the Fort Hare one. Unfortunately for him, and fortunately for the forces of progress, some of his letters have been seen addressed to police stations and NAD offices in the Transvaal.

One student is said to be in the good books of a highly extreme Nationalist group which, it is alleged, pays his fees. He is doing one course this year. He reports, we learn, at the headquarters of this way he his paid.

offices in the Transvaal.

Two African men purporting to
be from Fort Beaufort allegedly
sent by United Party officials
visited one Fort Hare student and visited one Fort Hare student and told him that, as the students were against the Separate Universities Education Bill, they should stone and burn public buildings in town as a sign of protest. United Party officials who were approached about this matter denied it. This was seen to be a direct trap

#### LOVEDALE TOO

Incidentally, Alice is infested with detectives these days, some from as far afield as Port Eliza-

Two Lovedale students were summarily ordered to appear at the police station on September 20, 1957. There they were questioned about their political views and connections. Special stress was laid on their association with Fort laid on their association with Fort Hare students. Formal statements were taken from them and they

were ordered to sign them.

Copies of Fighting Talk and
Liberation were confiscated from
a third student whom one Lovedale authority is reported to have
termed "a hater of every White face.

TRUTH

# (Cape) Defended

Judging by your letter, Mr. Nzube, (New Age, September 26). I gather you do not belong to the ANC but to the Youth League, which is bound by the decisions of the parent body. Thus the Youth League cannot affiliate to the World Federation of Democratic Youth, and the ANC should see whether the but have been applied to the People must learn how to make

a personal attack about a leader, and should withdraw if you are bound by the policy of the ANC. S. DYUBENI

#### Is There Anti-Semitism In The Soviet Union?

Your report on Soviet Jewry interesting. During the period of the "black years" one heard simi-lar reports of the good deal meted

lar reports of the good deal meted out to Swiet Jewry by the State, only to be contradicted a few years later. Let us hope history will not repeat itself.

Those who participated in the previous youth festival bring back a different version of Soviet Jewry. It was reported by Isnell dele-gates that Jews flocked to greet the Isnells. The they feel insecure and are yearning for Hebrew cul-ture. In Russia it is forbidden to learn Hebrew, a certain numerus learn Hebrew, a certain numerus clausus exists in universities, Jew-ish Nationalism is negated yet Isationalism is negated yet Jews bear the stamp of 'Jewish Nationals' on their identification papers. Feelings of anti-Zionism have given rise to a Soviet version of anti-Semitism

of anti-Semitism. of anti-semilism.

If a progressive should seek after truth it would be folly to hide these aspects of Soviet treat-

Y. BORNSTEIN Cape Town

#### EDITORIAL

# TMMORAL.

THE Nationalists fear all normal, human contacts between Black and White. They accuse those who wish to promote such contacts of "inciting hostility between the races," to use the language of the Riotous Assemblies Act or the Supppression of Communism Act. The truth is, of course, the very oppositethat the more the various races mix, the less prejudice, fear and hatred can exist between them. When all the barriers are down, true friendship and harmony, based on equality, will reign in our country.

Nowhere is the dishonesty of the Nationalist approach to the race question revealed more clearly than in the report of the Commission of Inquiry into Undesirable Literature. Paragraph (f) of the definition of "undesirable" in the Commission's draft Censorship Bill says printed matter and other objects shall be undesirable if they "tend to engender or have the effect of engendering friction or feelings of hostility between the European and the Non-European population groups of the Union or between the various Non-European groups."

Fair enough. The incitement of race hatred should be outlawed, all democrats would agree. But then, if we want to do away with feelings of hostility, should we not actively promote feelings of friendship and amity between the races?

No, says the Commission. In paragraph (e) of the very same definition, it says it should be an offence to "depict, represent, describe or portray miscegenation, sexual relations, intermarriage or other intimate social intercourse between Europeans and Non-Europeans in a eulogistic manner." (Our emphasis.)

In other words, it should be an offence for anybody to portray as desirable a state of affairs where the blight of race distinction will be eliminated from our lives, and where all South Africans can live together freely without thought of the colour of their skins. It should be an offence, in the Commission's opinion, to praise Mr. Eric Louw for taking tea with Mr. Kwame Nkrumah in London recently.

#### Love Outlawed

Nowhere is this fear of normal contact between Black White expressed more and clearly than in the Nationalists legislation outlawing sexual relations between Black and White-the Mixed Marriages and Immorality Acts. The love of man for woman, says

the Commission, should be treated with reverence something sacred, and it should be illegal to treat it suggestively or provocatively, with lewd or offensive innuendos or jocularity, or foul, profane or abusive language.

Vet in the same breath the Commission (and the Nationalist Government) say the love of a White man for a Black woman is an abomination which should be outlawed.

That even "the Nationalminded" feel the illogicality of this approach is confirmed by the apparently ever-increasing number of court cases in which Europeans are charged with contravening the Immorality Act with Non-European women. In one such case recently, a Regional Court magistrate in the Northern Free State sentenced a European farmer to two years imprisonment and six strokes for contravening the Immorality Act with an African woman. The farmer had two previous convictions for the same offence. Remarked the magistrate: "I don't know whether this is a form of disease or an ordinary criminal tendency. In a way I am sorry for you, but I have a duty to pass a sentence that will be not only a punishment but also an example."

#### Who Are Diseased?

We ask our fellow-South Africans and the whole world -Who are the mentally diseased-those who love, or those who punish love as a crime? Who most offend the public conscience-those who steal into the bushes to fornicate, or those who spy on them, pounce on them in their intimacy and drag them off to court, dressed only in their underclothes?

We don't wish to be understood as advocating immorality by any section of the population; but we do wish to place on record our hatred and disgust of the Nationalists' sex legislation which, in our opinion, is infinitely more degrading to its authors than to its unfortunate victims. It is the passing and applying of such laws which is a crime against humanity. One day, let us hope soon, the perpetrators will be brought to book.

### **Boksburg ANC** Revived

12 ANC members About About 12 ANC members attended the special meeting held at Boksburg on September 26. It was the first meeting to be held in Boksburg since the illness of the ANC leader, Mrs. Masidisha. the ANC leader, Mrs. Masidisha. It is two years now since the ANC has been in oblivion here because many of the members have been scattered and are in other herecker.

At present many members are mourning for their leaders who were kicked off the Advisory Board. In Boksburg it has been proved that the Board is the chief enemy of the ANC. People with reign from the seats of the Advisory Boards oppose the AN and detest the progress of the Africans.

They are the most loved and trusted by the authorities. Such people ought to be opposed until progress is clearly seen through the haze. Afrika!

M. P. NKUMBULE Stirtonville, Boksburg.

Alice



#### PENSION CUT OFF

(Continued from page 1)

But those who refused were adamant: "We know the evils or passes—our husbands and our sons are suffering under these evils." they said, and they have evils," they said, and they have not changed their minds.

#### PALTRY SUM

Pensions paid to old people in the country areas are £14 5s. a year. That is, a paltry £1 3s, 9d. a month. Paid in two-monthly lots, each old or blind person should receive £2 7s. 6d. six times a year.

Once the pension is approved the Government, the pen-oner is issued with a metal disc with his or her number on it, the Native Affairs Department told New Age. On production of the metal disc, payment is made.

Asked if it was departmental policy to cut off pensions if women refused to take out identity books, a spokesman of the NAD Information Service said he had not known of any such

"We have had cases where Natives have been dishonest," he said, "and have applied for, and collected pensions, in more than one area. The Magistrate or Native Commissioner may then demand more than the metal disc as identification . .

"But the question of dis-honesty does not enter here.." we broke in "Could a Native Commissioner take a decision on his own to suspend pension payments if a woman refused a pass

"I don't know official then explained again: "In cases of suspected dishonesty . ."

"Have you heard of any decision to cut off pensions for this reason? Is it policy to do so?"—
"Not that I know of," said this

"I'll tell the pension people this is going on," he promised. "I don't know how long their enquiry will take."

#### NOT A PENNY

Meanwhile 16 helpless people at Putfontein have received not a penny since March.

And if you want to know of what stuff heroes are made, remember these 16. For this is what a struggle against passes for women means, and these are the front-line fighters.

STARVING OUT THE BLIND: Petros Tshole (61 years) has re-STARVING OUT THE BLIND: Petros Tshole (61 years) has re-ceived a pension since 1941, but it was withdrawn because all the women of his family refused to carry passes. 66-year-old Daniel Salau (on the left) is in the same position.

# NURSES TO DISCUSS MULTI-RACIAL **ORGANISATION**

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER

JOHANNESBURG.

A NATIONAL conference of nurses "to discuss the changed act, and to co-ordinate efforts to maintain the status of the profession in South Africa" will be held in Johannesburg next month.

A circular from the Organising Secretary of the conference states: "There is widespread feeling that the Nursing Association, as now constituted under the Act, cannot possibly represent the nurses of this country adequately, nor protect their interests in the way it ought. Accordingly, nurses in Johannes-burg, after numerous requests from all parts of the country, have called a national conference of nurses."

The conference will be open to The conference will be upen to all nursts, in contrast to any conference called by the Association in terms of the Act. (It is laid down that only white nurses may attend a meeting petitioned for by members of the Association.)

Delegates to the conference will be elected on the basis of one for every 25 nurses, and any other in-terested nurses may attend as ob-

Discussions at the conference will include the questions of syllabuses, uniforms, salaries, advisory boards and the possibility of forming a non-discriminatory nurses' organisa-tion with direct affiliation to the In-ternational Nursing Council.

#### NOT RESTRICTED

"It should also be noted," the circular states, "that a multi-racial organisation formed at the conference would not be limited in its activities and procedure in the same way as the Association is restricted by the Nursing Act."

An appeal is also being made to overseas colleagues, both as individuals and as members of organised bodies, to send good wishes and messages of friendship to the con-

# 'Jo'burg Council **Must Fight The Nats.**' -Dr. Cohen

JOHANNESBURG.

"THE time has come to call a halt to bullying and bluster," says Dr. Percy Cohen, Congress of Democrats candidate for Ward 19, Bellevue East, in his election mani-

Government will think twice before it carries out its threats in the teeth of mass resist-ance by the inhabitants of the largest and richest city in the

"At the very least, Johannesburg must cease to be a party to the en-forcement of inhuman apartheid laws which every decent person views with disgust. Let the Nationalists—if they can—do their dirty work without the aid of City Council machinery. They will not find it

Answering the question "why are we opposing the United Party candidate?", Dr. Cohen says: "We are doing so because we want a City Council that will work for the happiness and well-being of all the citizens of Johannesburg, white and non-white

"Our ultimate aims are set out in the Freedom Charter, but, in the meantime, until all have the right to elect and be elected to legislative bodies, we need people in the Council who will consult with the chosen leaders of the Non-Europeans on all matters which affect them, and will put forward their point of view.

"We want representatives who will FIGHT the vicious methods of apartheid, instead of agreeing with them or putting up a merely verbal

SPINELESS

"Why is the United Party so spineless? Because, although it often tionalist Government.



Dr. Percy Cohen.

disagrees with the Nationalists on methods, it is completely at one with them on principles. Both parties take their stand on WHITE BAASSKAP. We, on the contrary, take our stand on 'DEMOCRACY'

Dr. Cohen, born in the Transvaal, qualified at the University of the Witwatersrand and served as an officer on military service in the last war. On his return to civilian life, he played an active part in the Springbok Legion, the ex-servicemen's organisation, and was one of the few Europeans who took part in the Defiance Campaign of 1952. to express his solidarity with the Non-Europeans in their struggle against the unjust laws of the Na-

#### UNION PAYS FINES FOR LECOL WORKERS send for the N.L.B. and the police when workers ask for more wages?

From Michael Harmel

JOHANNESBURG.

A BOUT 60 African men and wo-A BOUT 60 African men and women workers employed by
Lecol Products tried for a long time
to get Mr. Daniels, their boss, to
pay them more wages. Most of them
were getting only £1 8s. a week,
and they could not live on those
wages. Last month, matters came to
a head. On the third, Mr. Daniels,
despite previous understines. despite previous undertakings to consider the matter, said, "No. No increases." On the eighth he refused to discuss the matter further.

morning. workers clocked in as usual: but they didn't start work, Instead they went to their cloakroom, and waited for the boss. They wrote out three demands for him:

- 1. Wage increases,
- 2. Morning and afternoon tea breaks.
- 3. Union subs to be deducted by the office.

or Daniels did not discuss tress demands with them. Instead he sent for the Labour Department and the Native Labour Bourd. The workers took a poor view of the Native Labour Board being brought in, and went on with their sit-down.

sent for the police and had all his workers arrested. The African Food and Canning Workers' Union bailed Opposed to

The incident had a sequel in Court last week when the worker appeared before Magistrate A. J. van Wyk, charged with conducting an illegal strike, Mr. J. de K. Malan prosecuted, and Mrs. S. Muller defended. In the Court, Sgt, du Preez de Depending Aranch sat next to the Labour Department official.

them out at £3 per head,

Wyk said that the Mr. van Wyk said that the workers should have consulted the Labour Department, their legal representatives and their trade union before taking action. He fined them £5 each. The trade union paid the fines, amounting to £305.

The real loser, however, has been Lecol Products. Apart from losing orders, production has fallen off steeply with a completely new and inexperienced staff.

The new African staff at Lecol is Mr. Daniels did not discuss these mands with them. Instead he sent or the Labour Department and the lative Labour Board. The workers botk a poor view of the Native abour Board being brought in all of the department and went on with their sird-own.

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Cook's Bush

Removals CAPE TOWN.

A resolution stating that the people of Cook's Bush refuse to move to Nyanga unless alternative accommodation is offered to them

accommodation is offered to them was passed unanimously at a meeting attended by over 300 people held in the area last Sunday.

The Africans of Cook's Bustneon of the so-called "Black Spots" of the Peninsula—were recently given 30 days notice to move to Nyanga. They number about 400 families comprising between two and three thousand people in all. They live in wretched shanties on private ground belonging to a European, to whom they pay rent.

private ground belonging to a Euro-pean, to whom they pay rent. Speakers at the meeting expressed bitter opposition to the idea of moving to Nyanga, There are no homes or facilities for them there, and above all there is no freedom, as they will fall under the control of the location superintendent and the stringent regulations he administers. Police raids are frequent in the

Nyanga shanty town.

The meeting also decided to draw up a petition for circulation among the residents, and a deputation is to be sent to the authorities.

"A HUNK of iron that almost anyone could launch," snorted U.S. Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Rawson Bennett, (Reuter, Oct. 5.) But the admiral was all by himself. Headlines in every major newspaper throughout the world proclaimed the opening of a new era as man's scientific horizon was extended to the infinity of space by the Soviet Union'sand mankind's-little 23-inch artificial moon circling the earth

The most important thing was the scientific and technical achieve-ment itself. But there is no doubt that uppermost in the minds of most people was the competitive aspect—the fact that in the race between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. the Soviet scientists had won

#### "A TRIUMPH" - BURGER

"This is a great Russian triumph," began the editorial of the Nationalist daily Die Burger last Monday. "No matter how one looks at it, that is the way must be seen. This is all the more



Portrait of a penny-pinching politician.

the case because it is the Russians in breaking the space barrier.

"If it had been Americans, or citizens of almost any other great Western country it would have been an equally great achievement but less of a triumph. From them something like this would have been expected, but who would have believed a little while ago that the Russians would be first the Russians whose technical backwardness has been the subject of so many reassuring state-enterprising fellow. And if it was ments by Western leaders?"

The S.A. Broadcasting Corporation covered the news with un-usual detail and imagination and an astonishing absence of any attempt to play down the Soviet achievement. And it was Springbok radio news commentator Hugh Rouse who pointed out that the past few months had shown the U.S.S.R. to be the only

• To have launched successfully an intercontinental ballistics mis-

To have jet-propelled passenger aircraft in full-scale commercial operation.

And now to have created an

"The Soviet Union can no longer be regarded as one of the great scientific powers," said Rouse. "It is the leading scientific

While Die Burger sadly chided

falsely that it was 'way ahead of the Soviet Union,' the editors of the U.S. newspapers had quite a different complaint. They were hopping mad because the U.S.S.R. was ahead-and they were blaming authorities for it.

#### PENNY-PINCHING?

"A Grave Defeat for America" was the headline of the New York Herald Tribune editorial, and it

### WORLD STAGE by Spectator

attributed this defeat not to the Soviet Union's gigantic strides forward but to the "penny-pinching, easy-does-it mood into which the Administration, the Congress and the whole country has fallen.

And Senator Stuart Symington called for a Congressional investi-gation which would call up leading scientists for questioning on why their Soviet contemporaries had been allowed to get ahead of

them.

It is a little doubtful whether hauling America's top scientists over the coals like naughty schoolboys for not doing well enough at their laboratory practicals will help the U.S. very much.

There is no doubt that the warm congratulations from U.S. scientists are genuine, but one has a suspicion that the "all pals together for the good of science" attitude of the U.S. political and military chiefs was a little coloured by anxiety to show that they were nice people who could safely be let in on the invaluable nformation which the "hunk of iron" is been-beening into tane recorders all over the world

#### POLITICAL EFFECTS

The red moon will certainly have far-reaching effects.

It dramatises the immense ad-

vance of the world's first socialist state from a backward, feudal land in 1917 to "the world's leading scientific power" forty years later.

And it brings into proper per-spective the activities of the small but vocal group of socialists in Europe and the U.S. who have allowed themselves to be dragged out of the mainstream of political activity in order to create a cult of so-called "anti-Stalinism".

Recent achievements bring into very sharp focus for ordinary people everywhere a fact which real socialists have never lost sight of—that the first socialist state is a miraculously healthy, tough and



wrong for enthusiasts to refuse to believe that the apple of their eye was capable of suffering through periods of mumps and measles and even festering boils as he grew towards maturity, it is a darned sight worse for those same enthusiasts to spend their lives now poring morbidly over the pus

in every pimple of the past.

The red moon is likely to bring about a feeling that it is time to

about a feeling that it is time to come back to the present.

Poland and Yugoslavia

The artificial satellite stole the headlines just when subdictiors were bringing out the large crowd of Coloured and Afri-

Warsaw.

The student demonstrations in the Polish capital followed the banning of Po Prostu, the newspaper of the student section of Poland's national youth organisa-tion. Ever since Poland's decision to take "a new road to socialism" nine months ago" Po Prostu has regularly published articles highly critical both of the Polish and Soviet systems and these have frequently been reprinted in the Western Press. Information has not yet arrived here of whether the ban on the paper follows the publication of any particular article or whether it is the result of the general negative policy followed by the editorial board.

But what does seem clear that Polish premier Gomulka is refusing to weaken in the face of the student demonstrations just as he refused to give way in the face of the strike of Loda tramwaymen-and that the Polis government has found it sary to show that it will keep control with a firm hand.

#### DJILAS JAILED

The ban on Po Prostu has close parallel in Yugoslavia where Djilas, once one of the leaders of the Yugoslav Communist Party, has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for publishing in the United States a book which condemns outright the Yugoslav government and Communism in general, and which has been much praised in the Western Press.

Whatever may be the pros and cons of the Po Prostu ban and the Diilas imprisonment, they are unusual interest in that they have been considered necessary in Poland and Yugoslavia. For these

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The Councillors' speeches either not mean all to a communication.

giving evidence in his defence at a

Court last week on a charge of

illegal striking.

The charge, which was under the

Native Labour Settlement of Dis

up for trial, Warrants were issued for their arrest.

The remaining 25 were found

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A N unsuual and significant mass meeting against the Group with Natal Indian Congress, Natal Indian Organisation and City Councillors and Advocate A. Goldberg, a former United Party

"I WANTED TO SUPPORT MY

COLOURED BROTHERS

Spekenham African Strikers Sentenced

workers to step aside so that he could address them. They refused to do so, and sang a song about higher wages and shouted "Funa mail."

HIGHER RENTS

Native Labour Settlement of Disputes Act, arose out of the strike being conducted by the workers at the Spekenham food and canning factory near Bellville.

Altogether 27 African workers were charged, but 2 failed to turn up for trial. Warrants were issued with the striking and some of them replied the properties of the striking and some of them replied the properties of the striking and some of them replied the properties of the striking and some of them replied the striking and some of the striking and some o

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The remaining 25 were found guilty and sentenced to a fine of 27.10s. each, with the alternative of 30 days imprisonment.

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"I STOPPED work because I and shouting.

The then told the support my Coloured brother workers who were on strike," said an African worker who were others who

Dr. Reim addressing the meeting. Seated at the table is Mr. H. secretary of the Mayville Indian Ratepayers' Association. At the back (from right to lett) are Councillor Carte, Mr. J. N. Singh and Dr. A. Babalal, chairman of the Durban and District Combined Indian Ratepayers' Association.

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HAPPENED ONLY IN HITLER'S

**GERMANY**"

United Opposition To Group Ar s In Durban

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demonstrations. It seems that they openly condemned racial zoning or couldn't push thousands of hum have decided that there are times when a government must stand Councillor R. Carte, an ex-mayor, them with transport when ameni firm even if its decisions are not popular.

appealed to the Indian people to such as lighting, good roads an try to win the sympathy of those sanitary conditions were lacking.

go into work, and they decided stand by them.

for myself," said one of accused, "The reason I did

go to work was that I wanted

support my Coloured broth workers who were on strike."

The Magistrate Mr. C. D. Kirk

man, rejected the defence content

to go to work purely as a ges to the Coloured workers, and sa

that they were out to gain.

Mr. A. L. Sachs (instructed b

S. Kahn and Co.) appeared for

"I didn't hope to gain

"When you touch the Group reas Act," said Mr. Alan Paton, liberal Party Chairman, "you touch a evil thing." He called upon all sople to face the problem with etermination and courage and to work for a better South Africa thich would end the fear and mass pheaval that faced the country.

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DURBAN.

Act was held last week. Together Party speakers, three leading

also appeared on the platform.

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Adv. Goldberg condemned the ct as inhuman.

The registration of taxpayers and the collection of taxes. Adv. Golderg consensus and the collection of taxes.

Dr. E. Reim, a European clergynan, led prayers at the meeting. He
sid that he had lived as a neighbur of the Indian people for
bur of the Indian people for
control of workseckers. rany years and saw no reason why they should be singled out by the athorities for unfair treatment.

Mr. J. N. Singh, a vice-president the NIC, said that the Indian pople must not be lulled into a sense of security. There was one way of defeating the Coup Areas Act, he stated, and that was by the Africans, Indians ad Coloureds standing together and all Coloureds tanding together and fibting it.

THE COST Mr. B. Barnabas, president of the Myville Indian Ratepayers' Asso-cition, revealed that 115 business huses, 15 factoriees, 12 schools, 16 Tmples, mosques and churches, an more than 120 clinics, social clbs and sporting bodies would be accted if the mass removal plan-nd by the Council was carried out.

# VERWOERD TIGHTENS HIS GRIP ON THE **RESERVES**

# Wide Powers in New Proclamations

From Govan Mbeki

AN appointed chief or headman "shall be entitled to the loyalty, respect and obedience of all Natives loyalty, respect and obedience."

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Testident within his area and may—take such steps as may be necessary to secure from them such loyalty, respect and obedience." This is one of the clauses in Proclamation No. 110 which Dr. Verwoerd stealthily promulgated while

the attention of the country was turned to Parliament during the debate on the controversial "Church

Proclamation No. 110, which lays down regulations prescribing the duties, powers, privileges and conditions of service of chiefs and will ake over the actual administraheadmen under the Bantu Authorities Act, has torn aside the scanty-fig leaf that the Native Affairs Department used to cover their sinister intentions when they intro-duced the Bantu-Authorities Act to the Transkei Bunga and Chiefs'

meetings elsewhere,
Underlying every clause in this proclamation is the subtle plan to appeal to the selfish and vain ele-ment in human nature. At one moment the chief may gain the impression that by collaborating with the Nationalists he will be doing his people some good. Thus: "He (the chief) shall seek to promote any measures which provide for active participation by his tribe or community in the administration of its own affairs."

But such "active participation" is allowed only if the community carries out without questioning the "orders, instructions and require ments of the Government."

"It is humanly impossible to up-bot thousands of human beings vithout employing methods of bru-hlity. I dare anyone to do it. 'hings like this could have hap-Things like this could have hap-nemed only in Hitler's Germany."

Councillor A. S. Robinson stated that it was not the Civic Council. Councillor A. S. Robinson stated ment through the Native Commiss at it was not the City Council sioner. "He shall maintain law and tho had asked that Cato Manor be order in his tribe—and bring to the tade a White area, but that the notice of the Native Commissioner to the tade when the council of the Native Commissioner immediately he becomes aware immediately he becomes aware to the council of the Native Commissioner to the notice of the Native Commissioner to the Native Commissioner to the notice of the Native Commissioner to the notice of the Native Commissioner to the notice of the Native Commissioner to the Native obody, he added, was going to ictate to him what to do. of serious import or concern to the

#### DUTIES AND POWERS

The following are some of the orders whose enforcement he is compelled to ensure in relation to the administration and control of Africans in his area:

cans into urban areas.

• The bringing to the notice of his tribe of all the laws, orders, in-structions and requirements of the Government and ensuring strict compliance therewith.

lawful authority of strangers.

Reporting the activities of persons who disturb and obstruct the peace, order and good gov-ernment by the holding of unauthorised meetings, the distri-bution of publications and pam-phlets, or in any other manner.

#### SUPERINTENDENTS

The proclamation foreshadows and by the Council was carried out the meeting passed a resolution tally opposing the Group Areas at Land stating that its implementation in Durban "would lead to diruption of the social and economic life of the people, impose consisterable hardships upon thousands of Indians and bring about their ecnomic ruin."

In order to lure its stooges the Nationalist Government has clothed the chief or headman with authority:

To prohibit the shouting of war cries or the blowing of bugles and whistles.

To search without warrant any Native or kraal homestead or other place within his area occupied by a Native."

latest of the proclamations to meet Africa.

At that stage the superintendents will take over the actual administration of the Act in the Reserves where they will exercise the same brutal powers as the Managers of what the Artian exercise through the Labour Bureaux in the urban areas. In order to lure its stooges the Nationalist Government has been brutaled and the Reserves. The Proclamation emphasis have only the World body, Pakistan will not be able or will not see fit to match Nationalist Government has been supported by the Nationalist Government has been suppor

To prohibit the gathering of proclamation lays down that "it men in groups, or the brewing of beer in kraals even at a wed-ding or any other ceremony, residence—and thereafter it shall

Failure to comply with such an Order is a punishable offence for which a fine of £100 or imprison. African women for not being in

In the absence of the person on whom the Order is to be served the brought to such Native's notice

ment for a period of 12 months may be imposed.

that country.

The Chronicle added "By its action in deciding to resume large-scale relations with South Africa, the Pakistani Government stands exposed for lack of principles. Perhaps it is the only means of pulling

PAKISTAN'S DEAL

Kenya's Indian-owned newspaper

"The Daily Chronicle" said recently in an editorial that "in the eyes of South African Indians, Pakistan had

forfeited all right to represent them" as a result of her recent de-

cision to resume large-scale trade relations with South Africa.

"It has sold them for a miserable piece of silver," said this paper.

The newspaper was commenting on a visit to South Africa of the Pakistan Commissioner in East

Africa, to explore possibilities of resuming diplomatic relations with

**CRITICISED** 

the country (Pakistan) out of the desperate economic plight it finds itself in today."

### Women Arrested in Boksburg

BOKSBURG

month.

One of the women. Mrs. Lizzie other piace within his area occupied by a Native."

Nothing short of downright could be roughing subservience and submission to particular laws will assist to have made and recolamations has been considered and recolamation has been considered and recolamations has been considered and recolamation has been considered and reco

THE passengers in the mixed first-class on the train to Cape Town were packed as tight as beans in a tin of pork. By the time we reached Observatory I was systematically being strangled by a little boy who had hold of my camera-strap, and at the same time slowly being anaesthetised by a young lady who had apparently had her morning bath in some-thing probably called Evening in Paris, but which smelled like On

The ordeal proved too much for several passengers.

The Waterfront

Said a stout woman who appeared to be on the verge of apoplexy: "This is awful, why (take your elbow out of my back) don't they put on more coaches?".

"We are dogs," muttered an old grey-head. "We are dogs to be beaten and chased from pillar to post."

"I've had enough," snapped another man. "There are three coaches for Europeans, all half empty, on this train. I'm not going to take this another yard."

We pulled into Salt River and he was out and heading for the European carriages. He climbed into the first one he reached, with everybody craning their necks to see what was going to happen. Nothing did.

Apartheid on the trains makes its effects felt particularly at peak hours, and that's when it often falls apart. But peak hour or no all the time, and we're all head-ing for the stage when everybody is going to say of the entire apartheid system:

"I'm not going to take this another vard."

SPRING is pouring out all over. Nice weather for the ducks, but in many homes there

enough water to float a snoeking

By ALEX LA GUMA

fleet. I was having tea and a chat with a friend of mine the other day when the sound of music from another part of the house caused me to ask: "Is your youngster learning to play the xylo-

"Xylphone nething," growled my friend. "That's the rain leak-ing into the basins we've put on the kitchen floor."

A moment later a harder downpour sent a long trickle through cup. "Drink up," said my friend, cackling. "Your tea'll get cold."

It's no joke. The leaking roofs, I mean. We've just had the Asiatic 'flu, now I suppose we're in for another round of colds.

Along the Cape Flats the poor will be wading through the ruins of their hovels when the rain holds off for a while. To say no-thing of Windermere. More cha-rity, more discarded blankets and clothing. No improvement in the housing situation.

PEOPLE are blaming the weather on the nuclear explosions. Some scientists have denied that hydrogen bomb tests cause disturbances in the weather, others say that they do. Whatever they do to the weather or not is unimportant in comparison to what they do to people.

A Japanese scientist said the other day that if bomb tests are continued, the Japanese people will be extinct in ten generations.

As the ancient Phoenicians would have it:

"Take war away from the earth, Banish all strife from the soil: Pour peace into earth's very bowels,

Much amity into earth's bosom.'

# Eoan Group Members Reject Govt. Threat

### CULTURE AND APARTHEID DON'T GO TOGETHER

CAPE TOWN.

THE Eoan Group is faced with the choice of accepting a Government grant of over £1,000 and performing for apartheid audiences, or refusing the grant and continuing to perform for mixed audiences.

At the annual meeting of the Group held in Cape Town last week, the Chairman Mr. W. Richardson, said that they might have to do without the grant, have to do without the grant, which came through the Department of Coloured Affairs, if a condition of its acceptance was that they introduced apartheid at per-

formances.

Rank and file members of the Group interviewed by New Age are all emphatic that the Group refuse to be "blackmailed into accepting be "blackmailed into accepting
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the Nationalist Government's policy."
Mr. Richardson said the Group
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that they had "got by" performing
for mixed audiences so far, but if
they did not conform with clause
five of the terms of the Government grant, it might be taken away.
A letter was sent to the Department in which several questions
were asked concerning the clause,
but no reply had been received.

NO RACE FEELINGS

"We carried on without any feel-ings on race, colour or creed, and performed 'Countess Maritza' to

audiences of all groups," said Mr. Richardson. "The new committee, however, has a problem to consider when they get a reply."

In an interview with New Age, Mrs. S. Herman, whose grand-daughter attends one of the Group's ballet classes, said:

daughter attends one of the Group's ballet classes, said:
"We send our children to the Group for cultural education. Culture and apartheid do not go together. In fact apartheid can only destroy culture. As usual, the Government is trying to force is apartheid policies on the people. The total conditions."

A member of the Eoan Group A member of the Eoan Group such insulting and degrading conditions."

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A member of the Eoan Group
Choir said: "The Nats are trying to
blackmail us into accepting their
policy. Well, as far as I'm concerned, and it is the opinion of
many others in the Group, the
CAD can keep their money. We don't agree to performing to sepa-rate audiences, and even if we lose £1,000 from the Government, I'm sure that the public will make up for it with their support."

reland
to time been pressing the Group to-

wards the acceptance of apartheid. In a speech on the Coloured people in the Senate during the last Parliamentary session, Dr. Donges referred to the need to establish a Coloured theatre where Coloureds could give performances to their own people.

Last year, Dr. I. D. Du Plessis, Commissioner for Coloured Affairs, arranged a separate performance of the opera "La Traviata" for M.P.s and cabinet ministers. The result was an outery from the public and within the Group itself

The resignation of several prominent members of the Group shortly after the performance caused a great deal of speculation as to the reasons for their leaving the Group which they had helped to make famous, but indications are that dissatisfaction with the attempts to introduce the colour-bar is an issue which continues to cause concern among members.

At the annual meeting, however, Mr. Richardson pointed out: "There is no cause for alarm, If we do not like the apartheid conditions we may have to do without the grant and show our self-sufficiency by raising funds to keep ourselves in the good financial position we are now in. We are in a sounder finan-cial position than we ever were."

#### Women Sentenced in Carltonville

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All forty-three African women arrested for permit charges during last week's mass police raids were convicted when they appeared before the magistrate here. They were sentenced to a fine of £3 each with the alternative of a month's imprisonment. An appeal has been noted. The women were arrested under the contract of t

One woman said in her evidence that she had been in the location for only one night. She produced a return ticket back to Johannesa return ticket back to Johannes-burg which she said she would have used that very morning of the arrests. She was, however, also con-

More raids for permits are continuing in the area and last Friday a further thirty women were

#### Socialised Medicine

DURBAN

A resolution that "the introduc-tion of socialised medicine will be in the best interest of our people" is to be moved by Dr. Margaret Cormack at a session of the Durban International Parliament at Natal University on Wednesday, October 16. at 8 n.m.

#### ANC Branch Revived

BOKSBURG.

The new committe of the Boks-burg branch of the African National Congress is composed entirely of women. They were elected into women. They were elected into office at the general meeting of the branch held last week. The branch had been in decline for the past two years but has now been reorganised and revived.

## AND NOW A MULTI-RACIAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

"In order to bring about effective opposition to the Government's policy of channelising Non-White youth into the ising ixon-write youth into the stream of cheap and unskilled labour, the Youth League believes that all youth forces must be rallied into a powerful united front which will embrace all progressive youth in South Africa."

This proposal is made in a statement issued by the African National Congress Youth League, following the decision to sponsor a multi-racial conference of youth and students under the slogan "Defend Rights of Youth and Students."

"This year alone," the state-"This year alone," the state-ment continues, "amongst va-rious other misdeeds, the Nurs-ing Amendment Act, which vio-lates all universally recognised principles of nursing and medi-cine was passed in the face of the Curber, the Government has laid the foundation for the final studies of non-white students expulsion of non-white students from the universities and the creation of "inferior tribal con-

stituent colleges" for African students.

"The non-white youth in the nursing profession, in the schools and universities, as well as the working youth will no doubt form the spear-head of the fight, but the progressive white youth have a releatless role to play within the segregated institutions, marsing associations and rade the abolition of apartheld is the abolition of apartheld is the shollition of apartheld is the shollition of the profession of the state of the non-white youth."

#### AIMS OF CONFERENCE

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Outlining the aims of the proposed conference, the ANCYL
points out not all its aims may
be realised and achieved immediately, but the conference might
succeed in drawing in broad
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who would be quite prepared to
denounce the various laws of the
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"Our approach should be that of laying a foundation for co-operation, co-ordination and mu-tual assistance in the various campaigns that are embarked upon whether by students, nurses or even working youth."

# CLERGYMEN CHARGED IN **ILLEGAL MEETINGS CASES**

PORT ELIZABETH.

IT is not the intention of the Native Administration Act to in-I Native Administration Act to interfere with the vested rights of Europeans, argued Advocate G. E. Rein in court here, appearing for the defence in the case in which Canon J. N. Suggit, Messrs Eddie Heyn, Steve Tobias, Alf Every, Piet Vogel and Tandekile Manyube are being charged with addressing a meeting at which, it is alleged, more than 10 Africans were present

sent.

The case arises as a result of a meeting held by SACPO at the Iarman Hall in Schauder Township to end off the June 26 activities.

Quoting a number of cases Mr. Rein argued that the regulations framed under the Native Administration Act banning meetings in the urban area did not refer to members of rectal groups of the control of the legislature to interfere with the fundamental rights of Europeans. Europeans.

He said if this exception were not upheld it would mean that if at a gathering of, say, 500 Europeans there were 11 Africans, or at a funeral of a European there were 11 African mourners, and a funeral oration were made at the graveside that would be an illegal assembly.

"The Act does not empower the Governor General to prohibit meet-Governor General to promot interings of white persons, which is exactly what he has done in this case
if the Crown argument is upheld."

In the light of this argument, he
took exception to the charge and
claimed that the regulation was
ultra vires

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A similar case came before the court four days thereafter on the 4th. This arose as a result of a prayer meeting held in the T. C. White Hall, New Brighton, in the evening of June 26. According to the charge it is alleged that this was a meeting in terms of the regulation banning meetings in the urban area of Port Elizabeth.

Mr. Jankelowitz, for the defence, took a similar exception to that

raised by Mr. Rein. The court de-cided to adjourn the case pending the decision to be given on the ex-ception raised in the first case.

In the second case Rev. Antoni, Rev. Zweni and Messrs Mazizi Mancoko and P. Mjo are charged. The charge against the fifth man has been withdrawn.

#### What Is An Inywagi?

PORT ELIZABETH.

For calling an African police detective an "inywagi," Monica Koloyi was recently sentenced to £15 or 30 days, £10 or 20 days of which was suspended for 18 months provided she did not during that time again use "abusive language."

Monica was arrested during the bus boycott last February. Giving evidence, Detective Gazo told the court that Monica had referred to him as an "inywagi," which the court interpreted to mean "traitor."

Inywagi is a wild animal which resembles a cat. It hunts under the cover of night and usually plays havoc amongst fowls in the farming areas. Farm workers who possess a few chickens always take pains to ensure their protection against nywagi

Stealthily it crawls into the fowl run where the fowls usually realise too late that it is not a cat and by the time they give the alarm it has already killed one of them and carried it away.

The term is widely used in the Eastern Cape in Congress circles

# "PEOPLE'S LIVES AS CHEAP AS BIRDS"

# **ANC** Supports Setting Up Of Riot Commission

JOHANNESBURG.

THE Nationalists have turned down the cry from many quarters for a commission of inquiry into the clashes in this city's south-western townships in which forty lives were lost, but the City Council has decided to set up its own commission.

This the Transvaal African National Congress welcomed in statement issued here last week.

"The Nationalist Government has The Nationalist Government has flagrantly disregarded the wishes of the people of South Africa by its firm attitude against the appointment of a commission of enquiry in spite of the fact that frequent in spite of the fact that frequent riots take place in different parts of the country, but the Government is not concerned with finding out the causes.

"The lives of the people have become as cheap as that of a bird as far as the Nats are concerned.

"The south western area is the biggest populated area of about 500,000 Africans working in Johannesburg. The fact that the Government alleges that tsotsis and "Russians" were the cause of this trouble in the area should have warranted the appointment of a com-mission to get to the root of crime and unruly element.

"It is nonsensical to accuse the City Council of being unable to deal with the tsotsis, and is charac-

teristic of the Nationalists to shirk teristic of the Nationalists to shirk responsibilities whenever they are confronted with serious problems. Quite clearly, what the Government is afraid of in the appointment of a commission is to expose the hol-lowness of its apartheid policy and the dangers into which it leads the country." country

#### C.P. Gains In Australian T.U. Elections

CANBERRA.

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Communist strength on the executive of the Australian Council of Trade Unions will be greater than at any time since the war as the result of the elections for eight vacant seats conducted at the binarial congress in Sydney Just week.
One quarter of the seats on the LUC, are now held by communists, CUC, are now held by communist powerful Waterside Worker's Federation, the Building Workers, and the Food and Distributive Workers.

#### GOVT. SAN MARINO DEFIES ITALIAN

## Plot Against West's Only Communist State

IN five successive general elections since 1943, when world war two was not yet at an end, the little republic of San Marino has regularly returned a Communist government to power-the only Communist government in Western Europe, Last week the people's militia of San Marino stood at the alert, and the Italian working-class prepared to back them, as Italian government troops encircled the little republic and attempted to starve it into submission.

The people of San Marino are proud and fiercely independent.

Theirs is the oldest republic in the world—it has had a continuous independent existence for 1.600 years: It is also the smallest state in the world, with an area of 38 square miles—three San Marinos could fit into Johannesburg with little room to spare.

#### TOURISTS, STAMPS

And it has the smallest popula-tion in the world—14,000. Most of the country's revenue is derived from the tourist trade and the sale stamps-about two-hundred times as many stamps are sold as the number of letters posted. Neutral throughout the last war,

the republic has an army of only 184 men and its armaments con-sist largely of old-fashioned carbine guns

In the last elections the Communists with their Nenni Soci-alist allies won 35 seats to the Christian-Democrat's 25

But a recent government deci-sion to sell royal titles in order to bolster up the state finances caused dissension in the socialist camp. This was aggravated by a subsequent plan to close down the 348-year-old Santa Chiara con-vent school whose nuns, the government claimed, were incapable of teaching according to modern educational requirements.

The children of some of the communist and socialist deputies had been attending the convent and five of the M.P.s split from the government on this issue,

#### IN MINORITY

This placed the communists in a minority of one and the govern-ment, following normal practice, decided to dissolve and call for new elections on November 3rd.

But the Christian-Democrats did not want elections. In a straight election fight it was most unlikely that they would obtain their majority again and they announced that they were going to ignore the dissolution and declare themselves to be the new government.

To prevent this coup d'etat the army—which is solidly pro-gov-ernment—blocked the doors of Parliament and prevented the rebel government from entering.

#### IN CATHEDRAL

The rebels therefore gathered in the Cathollic cathedral and de-clared that they would operate

Unperturbed the Communist caretaker government still firmly in the saddle went ahead with the planning of the elections. To demonstrate the fairness of the voting they invited the United National Programment of the program tions to send observers. The mat-ter would have ended with the decision of the voters in November but for the unexpected intervention of the Italian Christian-Democra-

In a flagrant violation of in-In a flagrant violation of in-ternational law, the Italian gov-ernment called out its troops and imposed a tight blockade on the little republic. The blockade, it declared, would not be called off until the rebel government was allowed to take over in Parliament and the elections were called off.

#### BOOMERANG

The Italian intervention boome-ranged. The independent San Marinians, who like to solve their own problems, did not blame their own government for the blockade but put the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of the Italian Premier and his Christian Demo-crats. The chances of the local crats. The chances of Christian-Democrats in a new election fell lower than ever.

In a desperate attempt to force the issue Italian blockaders ber to remove their official Italian signia and to march into San Ma-rino to join the rebels.

But all signs are that the Italian But all signs are that the Italian Premier is walking into trouble. The powerful Italian Communist Party is not likely to remain pas-sive in the face of this government action, and the issue involved is one on which the Party is assured of the backing of the entire work-includer and many other sections. ing-class and many other sections of the population as well.

# WHERE AFRICANS PRACTISE **APARTHEID**

WHAT is happening in some parts of Bechuanaland?
This question is important, as Bechuanaland is divided into not less than seven independent reserves. Do the Bamangwato know what is happening in another Ngwato reserve, the Batawana reserve?

Dictatorial it not slave laws have been the recognised policy of the Batawana, at least for the 35 short

Batawana, at least for the 35 short years I have lived on earth.

In the Batawana Reserve in Bechuanaland unlike many territories in Africa, the African practises apartheid, oppression, suppression and discrimination against another African on grounds of race.

#### History

History says that Tawana (the son of the second house of Chief Mathia of the Bamangwato he father of Khama the first, Khama the first, Mana the son of the first house and the heir to the Bamangwato quarralled with his elder brother Khama the first and took a section of the Bamangwato and his father had thiba and left for Ngamiland in order to solve their quarrel. Here they found a race which called its elf-Bavei and settled amone them. they found a race which called It-self Bayei and settled among them. Generously the Bayei welcomed the Bamangwato who soon became known as the Batawana. The Bayei gave them food. Offered their sons and daughters to help the strangers in various activities including cooking and ploughing for the Batawana during the ploughing season.

Clever Minority and the Foolish Majority

The Batawana took advantage of the Bayet's kindness. They made them their slaves. They could go anything, sell the Bayet's children sat they pleased, The Batawana did not fight against the Bayei norder to enslave a man just dien man enslaves the black mortification. The Batawana to the man enslaves the black mortification of the Bayet station. But they are both for the sake of freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different profit of the sake of freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different profit of the sake of freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different profit of the sake of freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different profit of the sake of freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different profit of the sake of freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different profit of the sake of freedom and peace because of the sake of freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different form in the Batawana restrict a led the sake of freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different form in the Batawana restrict the sake of freedom and peace slavery has continued in a different form in the Batawana restrict the sake of freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different form in the Batawana restrict the sake of freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different form in the Batawana restrict the sake of freedom and peace should be saked to the sake of freedom and peace should be saked to the saked freedom and peace. Slavery has continued in a different form in the Batawana restrict the saked freedom and peace should be saked to the saked freedom and peace should be saked freedom

clever minority and the Bayet the foolish majority. This is a common practice everywhere, where slavery is practised in the modern world.

Today only the Batawana have the right to make the laws, that is, if the laws are not made by the British Government. Taxation without representation is their motto. We must pay tax but we must not say which laws are good for us. y the Batawana can be appointed the chief and his council of

## By Motsamai K. Mpbo

elders, for they are not elected headmen. This is because the Bata-wana are born chiefs and clever chiefs too. But the question is, clever chiefs for whom? Therefore they know what the foolish majority want. Only the Batawana are eligible for election to the African Advisory Council. By the way, Councillors are also appointed.

Only the Batawana can graze freely in the land that is surely not their original heritage.

#### No Right To Complain

A Motawana can claim a Mo-A Motawana can claim a Mo-yei's property and have it by law. Is this not in reality the law of the jungle? But it exists here. A Moyei has no right to complain. His (Moyei) complaint is never ur-gent. Never important. Except when a Moyei has offended a Mota-

land is paid. The reason is they (Bayei) are learning. Learners never hunger in the Batawana Reserve. Very unusual situation indeed.

Another common sentence, especially for the Bayei, is public flogging. They are flogged, using the kgotta to legalise this action. (This will teach other Bayei a lesson.)

#### British Looking On

All these things happen while a British representative is looking on. Who gave the chief-these dictatorial and discriminatory powers? If it is not the British Government why look on and keep quiet? This treatnot on and keep quiet? Instreament can no longer be endured by the foolish majority, and it is bound to be a threat to peace in the whole of Bechuanaland. We all need freedom and peace. We are created the same by the same God. We are all human beings

same by the same God. We are all human beings. Since 1954 the Bayel have been trying through all right channels to get the chief to give them a hear-fug. Up to now their request has not been granted. They have been refused permission or a letter of appeal to the District Commissioner nothing to gramble about. They were but troublemakers, agitators.

#### A Political Organisation

The replacement of chieftainship The replacement of cinetrainsing by a national political organisation for the whole of Bechuanaland is a necessity. This will-ensure freedom to all the peoples of Bechuanaland. Why only kill the Bamangwato chieftainship? Remember, marrying a white lady is no crime in Britis and in Bechuanaland.

#### Treason and Jazz

BRITISH jazz-men are blaring into action to support the 156 accused of treason in South

dignant about the colour bar. Dankworth, a slender, easy-going man of 29, who used to play in the band of the Queen Mary and has had his own band 186 accused of treason in South Africa.

Africa.

The two top jazz-band leaders in Britain, Humpbrey Lyttellon and Johnny Dankworth, are coming together for the first time when he had a triumphant tour with their bands to give a mid-their band to gin the four years ago. He was 22, came into a war 22, came into a

# GERMAN SCHOOL-BOOKS **SLANDER AFRICAN PEOPLE**

### "Black Menace" In Union

LONDON.

MANY text-books in West German schools today infect young people with racialist and expansionist ideas taken over bodily from Nazi school books. And in their lessons on South Africa, West German children are taught the Strijdom teachings of white superiority.

Here is a passage on South Here is a passage of South Africa from a geography book "Countries and Peoples," published in Stuttgart, which has been offici-ally approved for use in West Ger-man schools:

"In the slums of the black popu-"In the slums of the black population the poverty is even greater. The Negroes are ruined by drunkenness and immorality. Under such circumstances the black agitutors find it easy to incite the embittered people. They call the such a such as the population of the p

Other passages implicity claim "racial superiority" for the white races. Europeans and Americans are described as "marked by their inventiveness, courage and strength in action, while Indians and the Chinese are marked for

their patience and frugality."
"Europeans and Americans do not
adapt themselves to nature, like the
Asiatics," says the book, "but Asiatics," says the book, "but strive to subjugate nature to their wishes. They are not content with the product of their fields, but stretch out their hands for all the goods of the earth."

#### JAPANESE EXCEPTED

True to Nazi pattern, the Japan-ese, however, are described as the exception to the rule about "frugal Asiatics" and are referred to as the "leading force for law and order in South East Asia."

in South East Asia."
Those territories now incorporated in Poland and the Soviet Union are claimed as "part of Germany," by "Countries and Peoples," inenoring completely the new eastern frontier of Germany on the Oder-Neise laid down by the Potsdam Agreement of 1945.

to machines without the assistance or training which new workers usu-ally receive. They were allocated the worst looms and inferior weft with which even qualified workers are unable to reach the necessary maximum production level. They were forced to deal with technical problems correlly bandled by me.

problems normally handled by me cnanics.
As a result of all these factors, the eight men suffered tremendous nervous strain and even injuries from attempts to adjust their machines.

chines.

The men found it impossible to cope with the work and after the first month, having failed to reach the required production level, were

smissed. Meanwhile, since their dismissal early last month, the eight Indian workers have received no pay. All except one have families to support.

Pending investigations, they are not likely to receive unemployment benefits for several weeks.

Unions has asked the Chamber's re-presentatives to meet a deputation this week.

A letter from Mr. Leslie Massina, SACTU secretary, to the Chamber expresses appreciation of "the serious manner in which the Cham-ber has responded to our represen-itations"

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tations."

"A great weakness of our industrial legislation," writes Mr. Massian, "is that it does not provide any adequate or acceptable machinery for direct discussions between employees—particularly Non-Buropean employees—on the other. Such a state of a flarism must continuously lead to friction and misunderstanding."

ing."
SACTU is prepared to offer its services to establish worker-employee liaison, "and we believe that your Chamber is in a position to

effect a similar office in respect of



These are the Indian textile workers who have been sacked

They Played a Leading Part in the Strike last June: now

DURBAN. EIGHT prominent members of the Textile Workers' Union were dismissed from their jobs at Consolidated Textile Mills last month. All played a leading part in the strike which took place at the

served his employers for less than 3 years, most for six, nine and ten years without complaint from the

management. management.

According to the information given by the workers and the union officials, when the eight men returned to work after the strike they were sent to a different department to do work in which they had had

to do work in which they had had no former experience.

Before the strike, the eight men were employed in the Jacquard department where the weaving—of a certain type of blanket—was done by Indians only, while Africans were employed on weaving in other departments.

#### JOINED IN

Most of the Jacquard workers joined the strike when it broke in June.

African scabs were sent into the

Jacquard department to work with

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Secretary.
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The men were dismissed for underproduction," despite first-lindian strikers returned to work the last records for years of work at the factory. None of the workers usu-class records for years of work at the factory. None of the workers, were transferred the worst looms and inferior weft the few Indian stooges. When the Indian strikers returned to work the eight dismissed men, among the best Jacquard workers, were transferred to the plain-loom department. The African scabs were told to remain in the positions formerly occupied by the eight Indian workers.

by the eight Indian workers.

When the union protested against the transfer of the eight Indian workers to a different department, the deputation was told by the management that the matter would be agement that the matter would be left to the Africans and Indians to settle; that if the Africans were willing to give the Indians back their Jacquard jobs and they themselves return to the plain-loom section, the management would not object.

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management would not object.

Most of the Africans indicated that they were willing to return to their old jobs, but subsequently members of the management warned them that in the plain-loom department they would frequently get short-time and that there was far short-time and that there was far the plain of the short-time and that there was far the short-time and that there was far the short-time and that there was far the short-time and the three short-time and the short-time that the short-time short-time that the short-time short-

### NO ASSISTANCE

The eight Indian workers were forced to remain in the plain-loom

department.

They were given one month, instead of the usual 20 months, in which to acquire the skill demanded for plain-loom weaving and the maximum production of the quali-fied worker was expected from them on the first day. They were put on

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RUGBY AT MOWBRAY From Henry Dempers

THISTLES were the superior team in their match against Progress last Saturday, but it was unfortunate

that the game resulted in a draw considering the good position Thistles held on the log in running for the Commando Cup.

During the first half Thistles were frequently penalised in the scrum. On one occasion M. Swartz of Progress sent over a goal (3-0). Progress was, in the meantime, also trying desperately to penetrate Thistles' defence.

Half-time score: Progress 3

After the interval Thistles' play was confined mainly to their forwards, Within a short space of time, after M. Swartz of Progress had dotted the ball in self-defence, van der Corn, the Thistles flanker, rushed over to place the ball behind the post. Much to the disapproval of the spectators the referee of the spectators the referee awarded this as a try. Greeff failed to convert; (3-3).

The final whistle found Thistles still trying for a win within the Progress 25.

#### FIXTURES

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3rd Teams Temperance vs Perseverance.

1st Teams

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Temperance vs Thistles.
1st Teams
Wanderers vs S.A.P.
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