## WIDE OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED BAN ON MEETINGS

## Liberals, Black Sash, C.O.D Will Fight Back

JOHANNESBURG.

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RECEIVED Mr. De Wet Nel, had already

**U.S.** Ambassador

Sacked Because of

**Colour Bar?** 

CAPE TOWN.

IS the transfer of the United States Ambassador, Mr. Henry A. Byroade, from South Africa to Afghanistan the result of the mounting

agitation in South Africa and overseas against the operation of a colour bar at the U.S.

This issue was first raised by

This issue was first raised by New Age in a front-page article on July 17, 1957, headed: "Mr. American Ambassador, Have You a Colour Bar?"
The article saked: "When the Americans celebrated Independence Day this month, did they invite a single African, Indian or Coloured to join with the white guests? No, they did not.

the write guesser No, mey die of the write guesser No. Byroade drank a toast with apartheid Minister Mr. Sauer. Mr. Byroade did not drink a toast with any Nob-European leader was invited. European leader was invited. American towerment keeping on talking about the equality of all men irrespective of race, but in practice it sunontrie.

Embassy in Pretoria?

By Monday of this week the

The charge rankled, and

The charge rankled, and there was much muttering in high places in the American foreign service. Only a few weeks ago, at a reception held by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in New York. Mr. Ronald Segal, editor of the magazine "Africa South", repeated before a distinguished that the United States representatives practised a colour sentatives practised a colour sentative practised a colour sentatives p

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that the United States reprebar at their tembasey in Pretoria, and that this was not
going down with the Nonwhite peoples of the Union.
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If so, progressive South Afri-cans want more tangible proof

guests at the next Independence Day celebrations in the U.S. Embassy before they will be-lieve the colour-bar has gone. Deeds speak louder than words. Is the United States for or against apartheid? Let them show us, and the whole

world, where they stand.

than that.

THE FACTS, HOWEVER, SHOW THAT THE MINISTER HAS BEEN CAUGHT WITH HIS PANTS OFF, On Danson

HIS PANTS OFF.

On December 12 he gave notice to the Johannesburg City Council of his intention to implement the han in terms of the Native Consolidation Act which prohibits the holding of gatherings, meetings and assemblies attended by Africans in White areas. In terms of the Act the City Council has to state any objection within three weeks.

weeks.
In addition Mr. De Wet Nel listed 13 White Johannesburg citizens and said he intended to prohibit them from additional prohibit them from additional

hibit them from addressing or organising meetings where one or more Africans are present.

The City Council at an emergency meeting rejected the proposed ban and accused the Department of trying to steal a march on them since the Council was in

recess.

A number of organisations here have also announced their intention to fight the measure. These included the Black Sash, the Liberal Party, the Institute of Race Relations, the United English-speaking South Africans and the Congress of Democrats.

The Liberal Party statement threatened court action seeking a declaration of rights if the ban was enforced.

### PUBLIC OPINION

Public opinion here is con-vinced that in spite of the Minis-ter's denial it was the intention of the Nationalists to ban mixed

meetings.
The Nationalist newspaper breek en Sondagnuus" said in a leader that Mr. Nel obviously intended the ban to include politi-

intended the ban to include political meetings.
Another vital question was why did the Minister single out 13 citizens if the ban was only intended for mixed parties?
The thirteen on the list include I. Slovo, Shirley Goldsmith, Mansaker, beam Fischer, Roomie Press, Marcel Goldberg, Ronnie Press, Marcel Goldberg, Bennie Arenstein and Michael Harmel.

off some time to dance, during a reception for the delegates.



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The platform at the Basutoland Congress Conference. The man on top is Mr. Serutla Serutla, of Port Elizabeth, who said that racial discrimination of all kinds would be banned in the terri-tory if Congress was returned to power.



## Thousands At Basutoland Congress Conference

JOHANNESBURG.

SEVERAL thousand delegates from Basutoland and the Union attended the annual con-

Union attended the annual conference of the Basuloland African Union attended the annual conference of the Basuloland African Congress held in Maseru on December 26 and 27. They listened to numerous speakers proclaim "We shall have a Congress Office of the Conference of the Confere

President Ntsu Mokhehle took



This was the picture of apartheid Minister Sauer drinking a toast with U.S. Ambassador Byroade that we published in 1957.

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of official police forms, the letter says: "Seeing that I was going to stay in Tsumeb for many days I decided to report at the magis-trate's Native Affairs Branch and was given permission to stay until

WENT TO COMPOUND

"As it was my belief that the Boers were after my blood I asked an African clerk if I could walk all over and he said yes, except in the location where I would need pending his removal under escort a permit. It was about 11.30 a.m. to Ovamboland.

Written in pencil on the back Tsumb Compound accompanied

by a friend who is an employee of the mine. We sat under a tree in the compound, but not inside the enclosure. I had some newspapers with me and commenced reading. A chap came along and said his boss wanted to steak to me and I asked him what I had to do will all the said with the said to the will be said to the said to the work of the said to the said

went white limits of the compound of the what I was doing in the compound. I told him I had gone to see some (Continued on page 8)

# NEW AGE

## VERWOERD IS OUT OF STEP

In the interview with United Press, the Prime Minister, Dr. H. F. Verwoerd, has made a H. F. Verwoerd, has made a bold but fruitless attempt to de-fend the Un.on's basskap and apartheid policies.

apartheid policies.

He appears balked that "the West was seeking to outbid the Communists at their own game of attacking the White man's prestige in Africa."

Any student of African affairs is aware that it is not a question of outbidding the Communists, but simple logical reasoning of the Western, democracies keeping pace with the stirring African dependence.

Most of the Western countries

dependence.

Most of the Western countries are aware that the people of Africa vehemently detest all forms of colonialism, which denies the African the right to full clizenship. It is for these reasons, accusing fine West points an accusing fine West points and says: "It is an oppressor country." says: country

The Prime Minister complains that: "When South Africa is at-tacked, many Western nations either stand aside or participate in the attack."

Does Dr. Verwoerd want the West to support the Union stand even though South Africa has no moral basis, no justification for its case?

Its case?

The question is asked: Why has the Nationalist Party failed to take cognizance of the mounting opposition at home, yet takes strong exception to oversea criticism?

One does not foresee that Great Britain will cede the Pro-tectorates to the Union—at least not to the Nationalist Party

not to the Nationalist Party Government, whose policies have antagonised and alarmed the Africans of those territories. The Protectorates are free of recial turmoli; they have no pro-blem about passes for African men and women, and the ratio of crime is much lower in those territories than in South Africa. Can Dr. Verwoerd be taken seriously when he states: "Speak-ing geographically, the Union is best situated to guide their (Pro-tectorates) advance?"

What guarantee is there that the Union, once the Protectorates are incorporated, will "respect their (African) rights and privi-leges?"

The Union is out of step with world progress; its thoughts and actions are out-dated, and this has made the chances of racial co-operation in this country grow

co-operation in this country grow dimmer, by the day.

At no period in the history of South Africa has its reputation and national honour been so low, or degrading as now, under Nationalist Party rule,

White South Africa must pause, think and resolve on the words of Kenya African leader, Mr. Tom Mboya, when he says:

"We have all the potentialities that are necessary for the fight. We need not fear, because God and justice are on our side."

STEPHENS O'DWYER. Johannesburg.

### HAVE YOU MADE YOUR NEW YEAR **RESOLUTION?**

To our New Age committees in every centre who do such invaluable work for the such invaluable work for the people's paper go our heartfell good wishes for the new year and thanks for what they have done in the one which has just faded out. This applies too to the volunteers who are always around when needed most and around when needed most and to all our friends who con-stantly ensure that we are in good financial standing.

good financial standing.

A special word of mention
about our London New Age
committee who not only have
raised hundreds of pounds for
us in the past year but have
also bolstered our morale and
that of all our readers in South that of all our readers in south Africa. On a smaller scale, but no less important, New Age benefits from the efforts made by the group of Dublin students and all other friends overseas who support us so nobly.

Our Xmas Eve dance down Our Xmas Eve dance down here in Cape Town went off with the usual bang. The women's committee and handful of volunteers really excelled themselves. The cash takings were £114 and promises of almost £500 which are as secure as the rock of Cilbraltar. These promises will be redeemed promises will be redeemed within the first few days of the New Year and give us a good start for 1959.

The year ahead promises to be a hard but beneficial one to the liberatory struggle in South Africa. It is our New Year resolution to be right in the thick of the struggle to expose the hypocrisy and tyranny of the Nationalist govtyranny of the Nationalist government. For this we need plenty of money to get our news out to the people. So start off the new year with the firm resolve to put New Age donations at the top of your monthly budget. And the time to start implementing this resolvents. lution is as soon as you read this appeal. Put your hand in your pocket and, before you forget, take out those few pounds and post them to New Age — NOW.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

Cape Town: Port Elizabeth Patriot £5, R.S. £3, Eame and Dennis Xmas Party £5 10s. AT. £5, Xmas Party £10s. AT. £5, Xmas Party £113 19s. 1d., Paddy Xmas Party £13, Pipe, 2s. 6d., M.G. £1, D.B. 4s. 6d., E.C.F. £4 4s., 12. Eighlieth birthday £12 19s., Happy New Year: £4 14s. 10d. Total £160 13s. 11d.

Johannesburg: Million Ngwe va 2s. 6d. V & Co. 510 rya 2s. 6d., V. & Co. £10.
Regular (for Dec.) £5, Intellectuals £5, Total £20 2s, 6d.
Grand Total £180 16s, 5d.

### HELP FROM **ENGLAND**

We thought that we should take this end-of-the-year optake this end-of-the-year op-portunity to write to you of our continued purpose to raise funds in this country for your courageous paper. In 1958 our Committee raised over £300. In 1959 we hope to exceed this

figure.

Our success in the past year is due not to our efforts. It is due to the increasing recognition in this country of the courageous fight which New Age is making in the just cause for real democracy and freedom in South Africa and for peace in the world.

Please accept our best wishes for success in your struggles.

Yours sincerely, Patsy Pillay,

Max Joffe, Chairman, New Age (London) Cttee.

[We thank the New Age Committee for their timely and inspiring gesture and would like to assure them that, for all their modesty, we are well aware it is their wonderful work which has made their success possible.—Ed.]

### Politics In School

I have noticed that the African youth in many schools are really politically debarred. The reason commonly being that the teachers are misleading them by telling them that while a child is still attending school he must stay away from politics because there.

attending school he must stay away from politics because there is no room for politics in school. If so, why do boys and girls carry dom passes in the African schools? Why are teachers and pupils arrested if they are found without a pass? I describe this idealogy, are straight heavested. without a pass? I describe this ideology as stupid because it proves beyond doubt how the Bantu Education has affected the teachers. Very few African teachers can define what Bantu Education is, because Verwoerfs tion and politics are isolated from each other.

E. L. VARA.

E. L. VARA Cradock.

HELP SELL NEW AGE

### EDITORIAL

### ANOTHER CHURCH CLAUSE

THE Government's move to stop all gatherings in private homes in Johannesburg which may be attended by an African must be seen for what it is-a sinister threat to what little is left of our freedom of association.

It is NOT a move to protect the morals of the people. In his first letter to the Johannesburg City Council, the Minister, Mr. de Wet Nel, made no distinction as to the type of gathering he wanted to ban. It was ALL gatherings attended by Africans that he spoke of outlawing.

When he saw the outcry he had provoked with his sweeping proposals, he beat a hasty retreat and claimed he only wanted to top mixed social parties held by certain Europeans "characterised by excesses," "in contravention of well-known South African cus-toms," and at which "liquor has flowed freely" with results which, he says, can be left to the imagination.

The truth is de Wet Nel wants to leave everything to the imagination, for he has not produced a single fact to justify a sweeping ban which, if implemented, will not only gravely violate the privacy of the home of the 13 people concerned, but will strike a further blow at friendly race relations.

If liquor has flowed freely, why have there been no criminal prosecutions? If there have been excesses, how is it nobody knows of them?

The houses of the 13 mentioned by Mr. de Wet Nel have been closely watched by the Special Branch for years; there has even been a police raid on at least one of them in recent months. How come after all this Mr. de Wet Nel can't produce any facts to justify his proposed ban?

On the other hand, assuming there have been "excesses" (which we deny), does Mr. de Wet Nel want to make out that nobody apart from these 13 people holds parties at which similar excesses" take place? Are "excesses" never committed at parties attended by Whites only? Why has Mr. de Wet Nel not come forward with a programme for putting an end to "excesses amongst all sections of the people in all corners of the country?

No, Mr. de Wet Nel's whole argument against the 13 is con-tradictory and nonsensical. What he is after is NOT to stop "excesses" but to stop all forms of normal social contact between White and Black. For so long as White and Black can meet anywhere on a basis of equality, so long will it be possible to keep the spirit of human fellowship alive in the face of the harshest attacks of this apartheid-crazy Government.

Conversely, once it becomes impossible for Black and White to meet anywhere in friendship and amity, it will become so much the easier for the Nationalist Government to sow race hatred, suspicion and discord which is the only basis on which its power can be perpetuated.

Let no one think the attack will stop with the 13, or that the Government can be bought off by sacrificing the 13 to the Minister's lust for control. Today it is the 13, tomorrow it will be the Liberals whose homes are barred by Ministerial edict, maybe even the Bishop's Manse.

This move is a blow to all who hope to preserve some form of free contact between the races. It must be fought unitedly by all democrats

## ALLEY

T'S all over bar the hang-overs and from all sides there are reports that a good time was had by all. Those who attended the coon carnivals no doubt enjoyed the clouds of dust, and the new contribution to "folk music" which goes, "Hala hoop, hula hoop, hula hoop," ad infinitum.

There was another coon carnival at Melkbosstrand and coons there had an elevating time with such games as vinger-trek, skilpadtrek, aartappel-indic-emmer, and blikkle-optel.

BUT it's also time for New Year resolutions and B.A.D. Man De Wet Nel has started the ball rolling by promising to pay more attention to the "Natives." He wants all meetings banned so they won't get roughed up by the police.

I AM also told that the new rubber batous to be issued

to the cops will be used on women only.

AND that ex-lords of Havana have been made to give up the cocktail called Cuba libre and told to drink Castro oil

WHAT the three Must-get-areas, Golding, Joshua and Moses have taught us by asking for the exclusion of all groups other than Coloureds (Whites, Chinese, Indians) from a cinema down here, in order to prevent a white business or to prevent a white business or to prevent a white business or of it, is that once we become anti-one section we just can't help becoming anti-another. Those boys even closed their eyes to the fact that the bio belonged to a member of the Indian group.

It appears that even school-principals haven't learned that

By ALEX LA GUMA 

you can't have your cake and eat it, neither cut off your nose to spite your face.

"THE recent outbreak of shootings is neither seasonal nor due to an unusual increase of crime, but rather is indicative of a South African attitude towards firearms."—The Cape Arens.

A not-so-dumb blonde hit the jackpot although they didn't give her a prize when she appeared on a radio, quiz. Asked the quizma iter: "What do you think people would find when they reach the woord." they reach the moon?" Said she: "Russians."

T RECEIVED no greeting cards From the Special Branch but a member did doff his hat to me the other day and say compli-ments of the season. I wonder what he expected as a reply: "Happy hunting?"

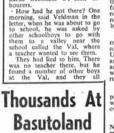
### SCHOOLBOY KIDNAPPED TO WORK FOR POTATO FARMER?

CAPE TOWN.

MEET Mrs. Edith Mtekeli,
of 12th Avenue, Windermere, Cape Town, mother of
3-year-old Veldman, a schoolboy in standard IV, who is
living with his gradmother,
Mrs. Mtekeli's mother, near
Umtata, in the Transkei, and
attending achool there. Or was

attending school there. Or was until recently ... Sometime last November Mrs. Mrkeli received a telegram from her mother informing her that Veldman had disappeared from home. For weeks she heard nothing more. Then on Defember 29 Mrs. Mrkeli received a letter from her son which had been former on the property of the p

her son which had been for-warded to her by her mother. The letter informed her that Veldman was working on a farm at Kinross, in the potato belt in the Eastern Transwal, notorious for the farmers' harsh treatment of their la-



## Basutoland Congress Conference

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African-People's Conference and would work with all national liberation movements and in par-ticular with the freedom fighters in South Africa.

Mokhehle also rebuffed efforts by some Africanists from Johannesburg who tried to introduce their chauvinist views to the conference. He said the B.A.C. conference. He said the B.A.C. would not be party to disputes in the Union. In this regard the B.A.C. would take its own inde-

Mr. Serutla Serutla from Port Mr. Serutla Serutla from Port Elizabeth was wildly cheered when he said that the new party should go to the people with the slogan of "no colour bar and dicrimina-tion of any kind." He also pleaded for equal pay for equal work.

### PAPER BOYCOTTED

Amongst the resolutions passed was one calling for the boycott of a newspaper called "Lentsoe La Basotho" published by the Bantu Press. Conference deplored the fact that a government subsidy of £2,000 a year was granted to the paper. "Lenstoe la Basotho (the baper. "Lenstoe la Basotho (the Voice of the Basutos) was in fact nothing but the voice of the government and the Basutoland and Union European capitalists, said

On the question of franchise nalifications conference attacked qualifications conference attacked the clause requiring voters to have resided in the territory for 6 months preceding the elections. Many Basutoland tax-payers work-ing in the Union would be de-barred from voting if the clause was put into effect.

Chief A. J. Lutuli, who was due to open the Conference, failed to arrive in Maseru.



climbed in (presumably to some form of vehicle, but the letter does not give details) and went to Umtata. From there they were transported to the farm at Kinross where he is now working. The letter does not say whether they travelled by train or by van.

Veldman says he gets £4 a month in wages. He gives the names of other boys from the Umtata area who are with him and adds: "Temba is arrested and in jail and I do not know when he will be out. Sipho has run away."

Veldman ends his letter ex-pressing the hope that there will be no trouble at home over his disappearance.

But Mrs. Mtekeli came to But Mrs. Mickeli came to New Age to ask: "How was my boy taken away? Was he kidnapped? Or recruited? Or did he run away? I want him to come to me in Cape Town and we will go back home together." She has not seen him since December, 1957.

the farmer for whom Veldman is working, and is making inquiries to find out:

WHO TOOK THIS 13-YEAR-OLD BOY AWAY FROM HOME? AND WHY? MORE ON THE ACCRA CONFERENCE

## MR. DUNCAN DEFENDS HIMSELF—AND THE YOUTH LEAGUE REPLIES

JOHANNESBURG.
THE A.N.C. Youth League has

THE ANC. You'th League has issued a further statement conceange Mr. Patrick Dungan's temporary back on the Acen All-African People's Conference.
The statement says: "Mr. Duncan has written to Mr. George Padmore, of Ghana, stating that the Youth League has made an offensive attack on him, and he repudiates the fact that his reports painted a picture of a conference riddled with divisions and hostility. On the contrary he says that he has consistently spoken on its great importance.

its great importance.

"After careful reading of Mr. Duncan's letter," says the Youth League statement, "we have absolutely no cause to withdraw anything we have said."

#### PRESS SELECTION

Mr. Duncan himself concedes in his letter to Mr. Padmore that "the press of course does its own selection. "The significant thing however was the fact that no denial or correction to the newspapers concerned has been made Mr. Duncan, says the Youth

"The allegatons we originally made against him are borne out by the facts and we need only refer to the press statements he has made."

made."

On the question of unity, for instance, Mr. George Clay of the London Observer reported on December 14: "The confe

December 14: Reported of The Conference achieved a remarkable degree of unanimity in spite of the wide variety of political views represented." Yet Mr. Duncan said: "The rock-like firmness of delegates from Black Africa against the ideas of delegates from Ricas and French Africa against the ideas of delegates from Ricas and French Africa against the ideas of delegates from Ricas and French Africa against the ideas of delegates from Ricas and French Africa against the ideas of the i

14/12/58.)
And in the Rand Daily Mail (12/12/58). Mr. Duncan said: "There is a definite split on this issue (i.e., the use of violence) — with the Arabs and Algerians on the side of violence."

On the question of the use of violence as a factic, Mr. Duncan are obliged to retaliate."

COMMUNISM and non-violence along Ghandi lines was adopted (Post, Star).

Yet the resolution adopted on this point read as follows:
"Recognising that national independence can be gained by

"Recognising that national in-dependence can be gained by peaceful means in territories where democratic means are available, it (the conference) guarantes its support to all forms of peaceful action. This support is pledged equally to those who, in order to meet the violent means by which

"COMMUNISM
But Mr. Duncan takes the cake
in his report on the so-called
"rejection of communism" at the
conference. He 'said:
"The Egyptian-led body which
favoured it (communism) is meeting with tough opposition." (Rand
Daily Matt. 12/12/28. Mr. Duncan
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"Only heaven and Mr. Duncan alone can reconcile the advocacy of communism by the anti-com-munst United Arab Republic," says the Youth League statement.

## **'UNITY MOVEMENT'** BREAKS IIP

### Convention And Anti-Cod Are Loggerheads

THE "Non-European Unity Movement" has split wide

open
All the delegates of the Coloured body, the Anti-C.A.D.,
walked out of the annual conference of the All-African Conrention which was held in Natal
last month. This action followed
the exclusion by the conference of
representatives of several of the
Cape New - Era Fellowships and

Soya.

The split has taken place

The split has taken place exactly along the lines we predicted
in New Age just about a year ago.
We noted then:

"A feature of the division
which is a source of the greatest
embarrassment to the N.E.U.M.
is that the split is largely along
racial lines. In the one camp
stands Mr. I. Tabatha and the
other is the New Era Fellowship
(Anti-CA.D.) group led by
Messrs, Hosea Jaffe and Ben
Kies."

The split has come on the ex-The split has come on the ex-act issues which we predicted. The Anti-Cad constitutes about half of the membership of the N.E.U.M. Its influence is con-fined almost solely to the Western fined almost solely to the Western Province where it has a following among the Coloured intellectuals and middle class, but absolutely no working class. The Anti-Cad specialises in the use of the most militant language as a smoke-screen for complete political in-

activity.

Trotskyist-influenced, it reserves its strongest invective for the main enemies of the government, coming to life in every major campaign to sabotage Congress activity. It opposed the Defiance Campaign, the Congress of the People, the Freedom Charter, the April 14th strike, the SACPO election campaign.

ction campaign. CONVENTION ACTIVITY CONVENTION ACTIVITY

During the past year' or so, while the Anti-Cad has done nothing but cry boycott, the Convention has been drawn into activity by the fierceness of the oppression in the reserves, In some parts of the Transkei Convention removes. The same leaf leaf strungles members have led local struggles against the Bantu Authorities Act, and have been banished, sacked from their jobs and otherwise victimised.

Active struggle has made Convention conscious of the need for allies and some of their new statements reflect a new understanding of the situation. Thus, while the

Anti-Cad continues to describe the Accra Pan-African Conference as a "quisling" conference, A.A.C. President Mr. Tsotsi, referring to the Accra conference, told the President Mr. Isolsi, referring to the Accra conference, told the Convention conference that "Afri-can Nationalism was a progres-sive force which should not be condemned outright, if it was not anti-White, but should be guided and directed." (The Torch, Decem-ber 23.)

and directed." (The Torch, Decem-per, 23.)
While seeking allies, however, the Convention, with its long history of disruptive activity, has been attracted not by the militant and principled policies of Congress itself, but by the disrupters inside and outside Congress, the African-ists and their ilk.

"PROGRESSIVE CAPITALISM"

In his presidential address, AAC president W. M. Tsotsi declared that all that his organisation wanted was "to secure for the Non-Europeans equal rights in a modern, progressive, capitalist, society."

society."

He claimed that the main pur-He claimed that the main purpose of the Nationalists was to prevent the development of a modern progressive capitalist economy among the Non-Europeans, and "to crush the rising professional and business classes."

He declared.

"Re-division of the land) is not

part of our programme. Our pro-gramme demands the lawful ac-quisition of land within the capi-talist society of which we are part

part."

As one delegate commented:
"If that is all we are offering the
peasants, then we are offering the
peasants, then we are offering
them nothing at all. We are saying to the dispossessed: 'You will
get no land unless you bur it.'
But the people on the land are
poor. They have no money to buy
farms."

poor. They have no money to buy farms."

The A.A.C. president apparently now considers himself a represen-tative of the tiny class whose chief interests are in opportunities for trade and business.

LINK-UP WITH AFRICANISTS?

AFRICANISTS!
In fact, if Mr. Thota's address
does reflect the true views of the
AAC. it would by no means be
surprising if there were to be a
future link-up of some sort with
the remnants of the Africanist
group recently trounced in Congress. They could then form the
nucleus of a new "World"-backed
with the fundamental disunity
in the "Unity Movement" now in
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#### ALFRED . . . . AND **HUTCHINSON'S** RROTHER "SOLD" FARMER

JOHANNESBURG.

EVERY year thousands of people who fall into the clutches of the police are spirited sway to work on the farms without their relatives or friends knowing what has happened to them.

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### "SOLD" TO FARMER

The prison authorities stated hat Hutchinson was "sold" as a labourer to a farmer by the name of Stals. The authorities did not know who this farmer was or his way to Nelsprüt.

where he was. There was only one jail official, Mr. Lategan, who knew the farmer. But Mr. Lategan was not on duty that day. Further attempts were made to ascertain the facts from the Direc-

of Prisons, but he too was

By this time the Pretoria attorneys who had been asked to trace Hutchinson were in a fury. They threatened to apply to the currentened to apply to the Supreme Court for an order of habeus corpus which would compel the prison authorities to produce the body of Hutchinson.

After this threat telephones began to buzz. Mr. Lategan was found and he in turn telephoned the farmer. But there was still a snag — the farmer was not at

snag — the farmer was not at home.

The attorneys gave a further ultimatum demanding that Hutchinson must be brought back to the Pretoria jail within three hours. A police van was sent flynnles away.

Before the time limit expired Hutchinson was brought back,

Though Soviet Education Has Produced the Creators of a New Planet,

the Communists Soy

## **SOVIET SCHOOLS MUST** BE EVEN BETTER!

sputnik soared past the moon and became a new panet in civic duty for everyone. the universe.

system. They want to make it

themselves playing an active part. It has now been crystalised in a thesis adopted by the Central Committee of the Ommunist Party.

The thesis marks an important

change in the trend of Sviet edu-cation policy. But of curse, the need for change does ot mean that there was nothing god about the previous system.

On the contrary, the hesis de-

"The Soviet school system has prepared nillions of educated and cultured itizens, playing an acoutstading scientists, engiand desiners, whose searchings and despers, whose searchings and whoe creative work are em-bodied is such historic scientific and technical victories at the arti-ficial eart satellites, atomic power stations, the atomic icebreaker and highspeed jet airliners.

from manual labour and the conversion \( \epsilon \) mental endeavour into a monophy of the raling classer have doze treasendous harm to the intelectual development of mankind For centuries culture was forkiden fruit for the millions of relinary people. For centuries the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear and the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values which so clear that the first conversion of the values masses if working people and served be interests of the ex-ploiters, the thesis declares.

#### MSAPPEARING

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The strides forward in the edu-International control of the stricts forward in the education of the door to space travelwhich it unlocked with the first studik. Most countries would est content with the control of the socialist revolutions there were millions of people in the social of the socialist revolutions are any honest useful work for the socialist revolutions and tractor station, or in an office and society—any honest useful work for the socialist revolutions and tractor station, as repair and support an tent with an education system oppressed outcomed and the which produced the sen and today there are no longer back-ware depoles. Everyone has the ward peoples. Everyone has the But the Soviet people are not popertunity of going to school on yet satisfied with their executional a completely equal basis, and of system. They want to make it being taught in his own language, and everyone the second of the society with the source of the society with the society

There is no more illiteracy and better still.

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### WORLD STAGE

Spectator

tion of Britain, France, West Ger

### "NOT SUFFICIENTLY

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PREPARED"

A fault in the present system, the thesis says "is that instruction is to some extent divorced from life and that when they leave school, young people are not uniformly prepared for practical friendly prepared for practical friendly prepared for practical friendly prepared for practical friendly propared from the frie

"But soviet people must not rest on beir oars. Life itself is setting the school new tasks.
"Our ystems of general and higher euclidon are lagging being being the demands made by the buildong if communism and suffer from seious shortcomings. The most seious of these is a desire to improve some thing, there is a tendency to extend the common serious of these is that a generate its faults. Thus the pro-instruction is to some extent of the properties of the case when instruction is to some extent of the properties of the continuous of the set and and the province of the properties of the continuous of the set and the properties of the properties of the continuous of the set and the properties of the properti is all the more intolerable at the present stage in the building of communim."

One of the main faults in non-socialist society is the great gulf between nanual and mental work.

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#### AIM OF EDUCATION

THIS week the whole world of everyone; on the other, work, work, for taking part in building

communist society.

"And any work at a factory, a collective farm, an industrial es tablishment, a state farm, a ma chine and tractor station, a repair

"The main task of our school ing in our youth a deep respect for the principles of socialist society."

How is this to be done?

EDUCATION EXTENDED In the first place compulsor education is to be extended from

seven years to eight years.
This provision has caused some misunderstanding. For example Bendiner, in his article mentioned above, spoke of a "reduction" from ten years to seven or eight. The fact is that the 20th Congress recomion of Britain, France, West Germany and Italy (the total population of which is roughly the same
as that of the U.S.S.R.)

But with every great advance
the Soviet Union always looks for
new ways of Improvement.

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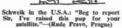
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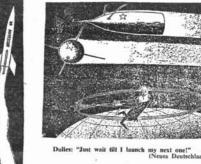


### SPUTNIK SPARKS









(Left): Another U.S. rocket out of control.

## JEZEBEL

the railways, a sober, dull sort of a chap. They struggled to

make ends meet and they conse-quently looked as if the 'spirits' had let them down badly. My brother was more success-ful. He had a job in a garage.

ful. He had a job in a garage. He was very much in love with a school-teacher and planned to marry her and send for Mother and the children. He got me a job with him. I took to it like a fly takes to jam, I was sure it was my vocation. I loved everything about the garage, I was five to the ich in the mornings.

thing about the garage, I was first on the job in the mornings. I liked nothing better than to work amongst the engines and my boss had great trust in me. The years went by. I had a good future in front of me; that is until I met Arenha.

until I met Arenha.

What a girl, she ran around
with a happy-go-lucky crowd
who wouldn't have noticed me if
she hadn't taken up with me. My
mother had eince died, all the
while waiting for my brother to
send for her, Ishalta had asked if
I would like to fetch the children
and see about the funeral. I hurnot see about the funeral. I hur-

My brother Job didn't like my friends. He said to me one night

page of the book he was read

and get away from my family.
I'll ask Arenha to marry me. I'll
ask her tonight, How a girl like
her fell for me I didn't know

but why query a gift from the

street rehearsing my proposal. I'll say, "Arenha . Arenha dariing, I love vou . look at me dear." She'll hang her head shyly but I'll be persistent. "Look at me dear . . I . . . I

love you don't you love me a little too?" She will throw her arms around my neck and whis-

per against my broad chest,

I walked down the pot-holed

AS I straightened up I felt a burning sensation in the small of my back. The hoe slipped from my hands, I gave a start and picked it up. My sense refused to believe what I saw. And my mind did not want to register the words I heard or thought

grave. That day long ago my mother had said to me: "Dimakatso my son, do not ly you tempt the spirits in using

I heard, a voice from the

"But I mean it mother, when I leave here I'll never, never come back again."

"Oh my child that word has a oomerang effect on us mortals."

She sighed and wiped my little sister's nose with the corner of her apron. My father had died when I was ten years old, my eldest sister Ishalta, and my bro-ther Job, who had gone to live in Alexandra in Johannesburg, then I. next my brother Rapiena and then Marta the baby — mother's only interest in life was us kids. When my father died something died in her too. They had been boy and girl lovers in far away Basutoland. My father had paid good fat cattle for my mother and never regretted it. After his death mother had lost the cattle we had, and had come to Vaalplaats with us. We stayed and

worked Our master was stern but kind. I hated mules and working in the fields but I had to do it. It seemed that even the sun was against me, it burned on the same spot on my neck. I would sob and mumble, 'One day I'll leave here and never come back. Ishalta married a man from the next farm, and they left for Jo-hannesburg. My heart was heavy with envy, but I promised my-self 'one day soon. When that day came I just walked away from the farm, without saying "by your permission' to anyone.
By hitching and hiking I arrived
in this awe-inspiring city with its
tall buildings and thousands of
people: I almost lost my nerve people: I almost lost my nerve and returned to the farm but for the thought of the mules and the fields. Surely in this wast place there was a job of work for me? I located both my sister and brother The former looked old and very let down to me. She had gone fat and her many chil dren kept her on her feet con-stantly. Her husband worked on

derly and ask, "Will you marry me?" My dream was shattered by a

"Hey . Hey Dim . Dim come here." He stood in front of the Chinaman's store, his back of the Chinaman's store, as ouch to the window. He had an un-lighted cigarette between his lips, an odd habit he had. "Dupe wants to know if you

would drive us up to the city?"
"Why . . . sure . . . where is

"He went to scout for a car." "Scout for a car?" I couldn't

"scott for a car?" I couldn't yet understand their lingo. Most of the time I pretended I knew what they were talking about.
"Ia he'll be back . . . oh by the way your girl friend want to go along . . . object?" My heart

flew to my throat and detoured to its proper place again. - "Object? - . why chum that's the best news ever." He gave me a pitying look which I was too silly to understand. I always drove them to town. Dupe had a lot of friends and their cars I would like to fetch the children and see about the funeral. I hurriedly replied: "No, no I don't want to go to the farm... you go Sis." She looked intently at me. "After all you are the eldest...," I said to soothe my conscience. were always at his disposal. One night I almost doubted my good friends but it proved I was wrong. We had been to a movie and on the way back Stokki had said; "Hey guys there's a car let's have some fun . . how about a drive?" They all laughed

"Dimakatso why do you keep this company? They are not of our crowd." "Our crowd?," I cried. "Old busybodies you so I laughed too, they were so iolly We piled in, Dupe, Stokki, Edna, Moore, Arenha, Pitso, and I. We drove around for some time and left the car a few cried. "Old busybodies you mean. You are only stuck up. My friends are lively and full of jokes." He was leaning against the table his right hand on the table his right hand on the label he was readstreets from where we found it. It worried me so I asked if the owner stayed somewhere about there, Pitso shouted "What? Oh page of the olook he was reading.

"Too full of jokes if you ask me." he said.

"No one asked you. Stop preaching." I slammed the door behind me. I was disgusted with his fault-finding. The best thing I could do was to get married. bless his little heart . . . listen to him guys." They laughed up-roariously and slapped me on the back. While feeling foolish at their laughter I liked the com-

erriment. Now Stokki was saying in his ne to drive pal. It's foolish to have only one driver in a crowd like ours." I agreed. I felt good I was one of them. Or was 1? We went on our drive, that is Dupe directed me to a place on the outskirts of the city. A dim lighted street that ran large yard. Dupe and Stocki got out and walked towards the house whistling. Arenha sidled up to me and said in her busky voice: "Why so quiet Dim?" The way she whispered my name was music to my ears

name was music to my ears
All of a sudden I felt tonguetied. "Arenha . . I'm . . . where are the others?"

"Why Dimakatso Gabashane, you ape — here I am making eyes at you ... and ... you ... I could have kicked myself, I had waited for this opportunity and when I got it, I panicked, I

and when I got II, I panicked I put my hand out to her but she had opened the door; and then the others came back. She got out and asked, "Is it O.K.?"

Stokkie answered "Ja . you bring Dim wit." They laughed and I felt as if some one had pushed me on to a revolving chair. I couldn't get my bearings. When will I be one of them? We got into another car, a very late model. Bewildered I asked why didn't we go with the other car.

Arenha said something like
'damn fool. I asked "What?"

Dupe shouted "Hell . . stop
asking fool questions . . let's

wasn't quite so dumb, knew something was fishy, so I said determindly, "Sorry Dupe but I am not sticking my neck into anything I don't know about." Stokkie said lazily, "Oh hell, look Dim, you drive and that's all, we brought this man's . . ." nodding his head towards the

dark house . "car, and we go back in this tin." I wasn't going to let them get away with anything phoney and taking me for a stooge, as much as I wanted to be one of them. So I said contemptuously: "I am sorry chaps . . but I don't go. Come Arenha, we'll catch a bus."

Those were the last intelligible words I used.

I saw Dupe lift his arm and

something descended on my neck that sent me staggering. I shook the faintness from me, and came up first flying, but Dupe was ready for me, he kicked me in the stomach, I lay where I fell and became sick. After a while I looked around. Finding I was alone I crawled out of the vard and waited to get back some wind. Every bone in my body ached but I knew it was the kick in my stomach.

I stayed home that week. Rapiena eyed me dubiously but lucky for him be held his own counsel. The following Sunday evening I was standing on the corner of our street wondering where to go, when a voice said softly, "Hey Dim, hey . . . here . . . next to the drum." The start

... next to the drum." The start I gave was nothing to the beat of my heart but I stayed put. "Well." next to the drum, "... what do you want?" "Sh talk softly ... please come here." My heart moved and went towards the big drum that stood against a shanty, but my legs refused to move. I said again, "What do you want?" Her answer sent me running toanswer sent me running to-wards the sound of her voice. I bumped into the drum, skinning shins she was crying as if

hands out and felt before me. the dark making it impossible to see her. She caught my hand and I pulled her towards me. She came with a rush, I staggered against the large drum holding her tightly against me, our lips met as long lost friends. My mouth demanding and her lips willing. I was on a flying carpet soaring above the slums of Alexandra, and Arenha was in my arms. I was content until I remembered, I held her away from me peering at her face, "Arenha what is this?" I shook

her slightly.
"Oh Dim I longed so for you. Believe me. I wanted to come

## The Story by RICHARD POALA Age Competition

ling, I'll tell you all if . . . "

your friends know you are here with me?" She moved in my arms, but not out of them.

"Look darling let's sit down, and I'll tell you,"
We moved towards the old stone steps of the shanty and sat curve of my arm. Tilting her head back, she kissed my chin. I turned my head and caught her

my arm from around her, but she caught it and put it back around her. "All right I know you think

know me either that's why he kicked my breakfast out." I moved irritatedly.
"No, no . . . but you came at him, he had to defend himself. He was sorry but that beast made us go saying he didn't want a brawl."

away from bus and home

you get it and I'll drive." He wirked and said good-natured by, "Swell, meet me at seven down Twenty-three Street." I was waiting all dressed up. He walked up to me and said. van being beach but you were gone." I wondered if that was true, But then I remembered something else," "And of course your friends drove."

and put it over her firm breast. I felt myself floating again. I got home very late that night. We

met every night secretly. I didn't want to meet the gang vet, I was happy just to be with her. A few nights later Dupe's

Indian friend hooted outside our house. Reluctantly I went out. There in the car were the whole

gang hailing me joyously. I was maddeningly happy.

Arenna had accepted my mo-dest ring and even Job had to

own that perhaps she was the girl for me. My fool's paradise

girl for me. My foots paradise was an enchanted Eden. She was singing at a Social Concert one night and as I was working late

I promised to fetch her after the Concert. Dupe looked in at the garage that afternoon on passing. As he was leaving he asked ca-sually if I was fetching Arenha

that night, I said I was.

"... because if you do I'd appreciate a lift home." I laughed, "A lift? What would I

use to lift you in chum?" He stared at me unbelievingly, his fat face with his small twinkling

half pink eyes turned full on me

felt ashamed, and said quickly to

cover my embarrasment, "O.K.

I was waiting all dressed up. He walked up to me and said. "Right on time my friend. It's just down this street and around the corner." "No that man did. After he "No that man did, Alcer ne left us, Dupe went to look for that Iedian on Sixth Street and he drove us to look for you."

I was believing her, but I said uncertainly, "You of course didn't know where I lived."
"Ok you are a stubborn darl."

A big black Buick was at the kerb, a super de luxe model. I ran my hand along her shining bonnet admiring the sleek lines. "Gosh what a car. Abdullah's uncle must be very rich, He must like you a lot to trust you with such't know where I lived."
"Oh you are a stubborn darling, we all know your brother don't like us, so we tried to way-lay you, and this was the first chance I had to see you." She gave my hand a little squeeze, and not it over her first bearing.

like you a lot to trust you with He laughed, "Well of course he does, I can get almost any-thing from him." He laughed again. His merriment jarred a little so I said, "Well get in."

The engine purred contented-ly as all well-cared-for cars do. I felt pride in diving it. We drove through the city and ar-rived at the centre before Aren-ha's last song.

Can that female sing? Gosh I was bursting with love for her. Dupe whispered in my ear, "If there is anyone you want to give a lift to, it's O.K., I'll get a friend or two, the car's big and they'll appreciate it." I felt nothey'll appreciate it." I felt nothing but true friendship towards this guy, the fellow's heart was open and kind. I offered two guys who lived near us a lift, they accepted. The car was crowded. We were eleven in the car but we didn't mind, everyone was in high spirits. Stokki and a new chap in our crowd Paris was

We were driving along the highway towards Alexandra when I heard the siren behind us. Things happened so fast that even now I cannot recall all that transpired. One minute I was happily pressing my knee against Arenha's and smiling at her sideways, and the next the police siren was notifying us to pull up. I slowed up, when a dull roar from the rear seat jerked me to

"Damn you, you nitwit drive, drive like hell do you want us to go to iail? Press the accelera-tor down." The shock made me an easy accomplice. I raced a losing race, the police closed in on us, and at last I was forced to draw up, or we would have capsized. Needless to say, it was a stolen car. Dupe and I were locked up our statements were taken. I told the truth, which sounded like a far fetched falsehood. Dupe swore that I offered him and a few others a lift with-out telling where I got the car from. My conviction was a fore-gone conclusion, Dupe said he was under the impression that being so well liked at the garage where I worked, I had borrowed

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## which won 2nd Prize in the New

sooner but thought it better to

wait."
"Why? and where are your "Don't sound so bitter Dim

She hesitated. "Well go on . . . if what? Do

down. Arenha sat just within the

half pink eyes turned full on me.
"You don't mean you are going to let Arenha stand in an
overcrowded gueue waiting for
an overcrowded bus are you?"
The way he said it, made me
want to crawl under one of the
cars and hide. I mumbled, "Well . . . we al-ways do that." ways do that."

He grinned, "Gosh you guys make me sick, I wish I had a girl like that, a driving licence, and that I could drive . . . I

ips a glancing kiss.
"Well . . what . . ?"
"Did you think Dupe hit you that night?
"Well I'm damned." I moved would have showed you how to treat a lady." I pondered this for a while. It would have been nice to fetch

that, but you are wrong it was that man he didn't know who you were." I laughed. "And I suppose Dupe didn't her in a swank car, the dress she was going to wear and the con-cert she was going to sing for was a class affair, and a car suited a girl like her, down to suited a girl like her, down to her shoes.

"I could ask Abdullah for his uncle's car if you'll drive... I hate to ask you, because of what happened that night."

It was the first time he reminded me about that night, I felt ashmend and said mickly to

"So my friends left me there

AFRICA ON THE MARCH-4

## THE NEW GHANA FACES MANY PROBLEMS

"I stand for no racialism, no discrimination against any race or individual, but I am unalterably opposed to imperialism in my foran."

-KWAME NKRUMJIL

GHANA, one of the newest of the African indepenent states, takes its name from a mediaeval African Kingdom, ret the modern political unit vas created as recently as 1957. Ghna is divided into three main regins, the Gold Coast Province, Ashati-land and the sparsely populted

land and the sparsely populied Northern territory.
Britain colonised the costal regions in the fifties of the 9th Century. In 1901, after a seen-year war, the Ashani people, together with the people of the Northern Territory, were brought under British imperialistic rul.

On March 6, 1957, these terion March 6, 1957, these trri-tories together with that part of Togoland which fell under Uted Kingdom Trusteeship (granted by the United Nations), gained pli-tical independence under the nme of Ghana.

The population of this irdependent state is 5,127,000 of whom only about 6,000 are Whites. The cap tal Acera has 135,926 inhbitants.

The people are mainly Afrian peasant farmers, producing coo for export. This crop accounts for two-thirds of Ghana's incene from exports. It is grown by sants on plantations which select a people of the people of

This means tat taking into account the families of these pea-sants and laburers, nearly 12 million men, wanen and children, or about 40% of the population, are dependent on cocoa produc-tion for their Irelibood.

The marketag of cocoa is monopolised v a Marketag Board, and met of the exports (amounting to 55‡ million a year) are sent to Britin and the United States,

LOWEST LEVELS

flour mainly from States and Canada.

Ghana's working-class is still small and undeveloped. But with new schemes for industrialisation, it is growing steadily in numbers and organisation. On the goldmines there are about 25,000 on the diamond mines. Gold, darmond, manganete and bauxite production is controlled by month of the control of the c

An Industrial Development Cor-poration with a capital of £1 million is speeding up Ghana's industrialisation Overseas monoindustrialisation Overseas mono-poly finance groups enjoy wide concessions as well, and the Nkrumah Government encourages investment by them, granting gene-rous relief to so-called "pioneer companies" including "tax holi-days" on profits Industries remain small, though, and are copeen-trated on consumer goods like trated on consumer goods like furniture, soap (controlled by the gigantic Unilever world monopo-ly), shoes, bricks and tiles and so

### VOLTA RIVER PROJECT

The British Aluminium Com-The British Aluminium Company and the Canadian combine, Aluminium Ltd., are behind a gigantic scheme, called the Volta River Project, which aims at building a dam across the Volta river and a power station to supply hydro electric power to be used mainly to manufacture aluthat the scheme will cost £300 million.

The wages of the more than 10,000 workers in private industry are stated in official statistics to be about £14 per month. The Nkrumah government is establishing new health and social service. schemes and may apply much of the new aid being received by the Government to building a giant housing project in the capital Acera.

### POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

The tribal traditions of the peo-ple of this new State, particularly In the Nortern Territory the peasants subsis on the lowest levels, and have little if any surplus for cash ale. Ghana is still forced to impet meat, fish and For example by Athantic ustom.

## Sactu's New Year Message

JOHANNESBURG.
The South Arican Congress of
Trade Unions is a New Year message extends is solidarity and
warm greeting to all workers.
The Congress pay tribute to the
thousands of vorkers who sacrificed their security and jobs during
the struggles of the past year, the
bus boycott of 957 and the strikes
of 1958.

"These examples have inspired all people who are driven to live below the breadine to carry on the fight for higher wages, a 40-hour week, trade unon rights and full democracy."

workers live below subsistence level and they realise that they cannot stave off the workers' decannot stave off the workers' detection to the state of the time to force them to change resolutions into action. This can only be done by organisation; by forming strong Trade Unions, whatever the strebacks.

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"These examples have inspired il people who are driven to live flow the breadine to carry on the ght for higher wages. a 40-but min mirrorek, trade unon rights and full emocracy."

Employers annot ignore the conomic realites of South Africal an life. The know that the

although chiefs were chosen from families with "ritual status," they could only be "enstooled" by the people, who also had the right to "destool" (remove) them at any time should they fail to carry out their duties.

The first political organisation The first political organisation that attempted to gain independence for the country was the United Gold Coast Convention led by Dr. Danquah. The UGCC had a fatal weakness: set upon gaining independence, it was nevertheless scared of the very force that could achieve it — the people.

The result was that more radi-cal middle-class elements in the UGCC led by the American edu-cated Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, esta-blished the Convention People's Party and took control of the na-tional movement. Their main slo-gan was "Self-Government Now," and their method "Positive action."

won support among wide



Dr. Kwame Nkrumah

sections of the people, and the gains of the CPP were consoli-dated into the "positive action struggle" which led to the im-prisonment of Nkrumah and other CPP leaders in 1949-50.

other CPF leaders in 1949-50.

The struggle led to the British imperalists being forced to abandon direct control of the country, and granting political independence to the people. At the same time the big British and United States monopoly groups maintained their economic grip on the

#### OPPOSITION

The CPP became the ruling party of the new Ghana, Ist main opposition, created out of a number of rival tribal parties, is the United Party formed in October, 1957. The declared aim of the United Party is "to build on the foundation of their traditions and culture a true parliamentary democracy . . to uphold and maintain the institutions of chieffancy militate or co-operate in when the parties of the parties of the rapid development of Africa; and to seek by necotia-CPP became the ruling for the rapid development of Africa; and to seek by negotia-Africa; and to seek by negotia-tion and agreement between adja-cent independent African nations, the settlement of problems created by the imposition of imperialist

## WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS BAD?

In the Government Gazette of December 19, 1958, there is an entry: "Customs Act, 1955 — Objectionable Literature — List No. 26 Published Subsequent to the Revised List Published by Government Notice No. 1510 of the 31st July, 1956."

List No. 26 consists of the titles of 179 books whose importation into the Union is banned on the grounds that the Minister of the Interior, Jozua Francois Naude, finds them "indecent, objectionable or obzene."

objectionance or obscene.

Item No. 168 on List No. 26 reads as follows: "What is Good and What is Bad . . . V. Mayakovsky."
Vladimir Mayakovsky is the famous Russian poet who died in 1930, "What is Good and What is Bad" is the name of a poem for children written by Mayakovsky in 1925. Here is the poem in its entirety, as translated by Paddy Breslin:

Tiny toddler teld his Dad:
"I am puzzled so!
What is good and what is bad?
Answer if you know!"
Scerets I will always shun —
Nothing could be worse!
Al that Papa told his son
I have put in verse.

If the wind tears down the roofs, If the heavens spout, That is bad — why, even goofs Will not venture out, Sun has conquered raim and cold, Sun shines over all — That is good for young and old, Good for big and small,

If the boy is black as pitch, if his face has dirt on. Then his skin is bound to itch—And that is bad for certain. If the boy likes soap and water, Toothpaste, brush and comb. Then he's very good and ought to Be a pet at home.

Some boys bully, bite and hit Boys but half their size. Boys like this I can't permit Verse to advertise. Other boys will never strike
Smaller boys. That's good!
Boys like this we're bound to like —
That is understood.

If the boy destroys and tears Picture books and toys, Each October child declares; "What a bad, bad boy!" If his eyes to books are glued, If he's never shirking. Then the boy is very good, For he's fond of working.

This boy met a crow and scampered In a dreadful funk. Coward He is sorely hampered Through his lack of spunk. Others would not be afraid to Tackle birds of prey. Good! Such spunk's a mighty aid to Boys on life's long way.

Some boys' shirts are black as ovens, Some boys shirts are black as over Yet the boys seem glad. People call them dirty slovens. Don't you think they're bad? This boy's shoes are always shiny Just as shoes should be. Though the boy is very tiny, He is good, you see.

All must grow from small to big — Nothing ought to balk us. Boys are bound to grow up pigs If the boys are porkers. Tiny toddler understood. Tiny told his Dad: "I will always do what's good, Never what is bad."

In terms of section 128 read with section 126 of the Customs Act, "any person who knowingly has in his possession or deals with" this poem shall be "guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of £1,000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years, or to both such fine and imprisonment."

employed in any government De-partment in terms of a 1954 de-cree; and censorship is imposed on left-wing and communist publi-

frontiers."

The influences within the United Party are many; rich city merchants and bourgeoisic; various tribal and youth factions.

Nkrumah has taken various orsteps to prevent the growth in any form of a Communist group in the country. In 1953 he suspended two militant trade union strike is being abandoned as a "conservative and capital-inspired two militant trade union strike is the growth of the conservative and capital-inspired two militant trade union strike is the conservative and capital-inspired from the top."

The new Ghana faces many problems as a young State: strong remnants of tribalism, corruption among certain Ministers and officials, a backward economy mainly based on a scattered rural peasantry, and in other directions in the grip of the overseas monopolities.

ists,
But its independence and position as a new State and member of the United Nations have pre-sented a challenge to all Africa.



Fidel Castro.

## CUBAN PEOPLE OVERTHROW FASCIST DICTATORSHIP

## New Government Promises Democratic Freedoms

THE people of Cuba have overthrown one of the modern world's vilest dictatorships — the government of Fulgencio Batista, which was placed in power and supported to the hitter early the Luisted to the hitter to the holds third place in South American case the mount of American hitter to the hitter to the holds third place in South American case the mount of American hitter to the holds third place in South American case the mount of American the holds third place in South American case the mount of the m

to the bitter end by the United States.

States,

A small island country with population of only six millian though both the country and the

PRODUCTION FALLS

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This worry is justified by the
latest industrial statistics.
Britain's steel production dropped again in November, being
16% less than the same month
last year, (351,000 tons weekly,
compared to 429,200 tons).

economic recession got into stride.

A substantial cut in coal production is expected to lead to a further decline in the demand for steel in the coming months.

the

first 9 months of 1958,

vested since Batista was placed in power in 1952. Since 1957 Batista has exempted the Americans from any taxes on exported

FASCIST TERROR

FASCIST TERROR
As a result of the cynical American plunder of the country the scopic are among the poorest in South America, and to retain power Batista resorted to naked fascist terrorism. The country was turned into a huge concentration camp.

Spontaneous uprisings against the government have taken place frequently in the past years, but

frequently in the past years, but they have been unco-ordinated and disunited and have been speedily and bloodily crushed.

One such brief uprising took place on July 26th, 1953, Among its leaders was Fidel Castro, who was one of the few survivors and managed to escape to Mexico. There is organised a group of December 2, 1956, 81 of them landed on the island and formed the nucleus of the guerilla army which has now overthrown has now overthrown

"JULY 26th

"JULY 26th"

Calling themselves the July 26th
movement, this small guerilla
group was able to clude the raids
of Batista's army because the
people of the area unhesitatingly



## **COMMON MARKET IS BIG** VICTORY FOR GERMAN CAPITAL

### **Challenge Comes To Britain at Critical Time**

GERMANY'S monopoly capitalists who have long empire has given to Britain, light the department of the of the United States, and en-

### **AMERICAN** SOCIALISTS SEEK UNITY

American socialists of all types of outlook, from the Communist Party to the right-wing Social-Democrats met at a national conference in Cleveland last month to discuss the possibilities for common action in the presidential elections next year.

Such a meeting has not taken place in the United States - and possibly anywhere else in the western world — for the past forty years.

The main organisations represented were the Communist Party, the Socialist Workers' Party, the Social Democratic Federation and the Independent Socialist League.

The Communists out forward the viewpoint that all socialists should unite to consolidate this year's limited victory over the Republicans by supporting pro-gressive Democrats and using all possible influence within the possible for the property of the property of the that to adopt independent action at this stage would mean isolation at this stage would mean isolation and ineffectiveness in the heighten-ed political tempo of election year.

The SWP however declared that to could not support candidates of capitalist parties and called for tocialist opposition candidates everywhere they could be mus-tered, irrespective of the votes they might obtain.

The two positions were found to be irreconcilable, but all delegates agreed that further conferences should be held in future to at-tempt to achieve united action.

pitalists who have long empire has given to Britain, chafed under the domination have achieved an important success in their latest bid to reach the top.

The last attempt failed when Hitler went down to defeat.

From the beginning of this year, West Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Luxem-bourg, have united to form a European Common Market. In the first 9 months of 1958.

Pittain had produced 14.8 millions tons of steel, which was 8.6% less than the stame period of 1957.

Strinking orders from the capital goods producers in industries such as construction, ship-building, railway rolling stock and coal, were the reason for the fall in steel production. These industries reduced their stocks sharply during the third quarter of 1958 as the economic recession got into stride. A substantial cut in coal pro-

The effect of the market will be the gradual lifting of tariffs on imports from the member countries, so that there will be a free flow of goods.

This means, for example, that where in the past German goods in Paris have cost much more than similar French goods, be-Germans had to pay, in future, with the easing of these duties, the prices will be much the same.

It also means that Britain and the U.S., which are not part of the Common Market, will not find it easy to sell their goods in Europe, because for them the tariffs will remain and prices will therefore have to be high.

#### ECONOMIC UNION

But the union is not confined to tariffs. It also has other far-reaching implications. The coun-tries in it have agreed to harmo-nise their policies on such ques-tions as the migration of labour and of capital, on social welfare schemes. schemes, on overtime pay, equal pay for women, transport charges,

Britain was told: Abandon the restrictions against us in the Commonwealth or else we will impose festrictions on you in

But as Britain's whole economic strength rests on her exploitation of the empire, this was really no choice at all.

The new economic challenge to Britain comes at a particularly critical time. For in spite of talk of an end to the sluwup, unemployment 1½ growing. There are now 536.000 unemployed.

A recent Gallup poll by the News Chronicle revealed that this

is causing increasing anxiety, 17% of voters now consider unemploy-

## INDIA WILL BE SOCIALIST

India condemned capital-ism and explained why India

PRIME Minister Nehru of intended following the path of



Nehru

Socialism, in an addres at the Delhi university recently.
Capitalism, he said, "not nonly brings pet sondicts in its train, resulting sometimes in major conflicts, but also is optimized to the socialism, we have to remember." If we are to work for socialism, we have to remember that there cannot be any socialism in a backward and underdeveloped country. Socialism and Communism were children of an industrial civilimaterial resources. Socialism feet of the provided of

Mr. Nenru said that in india today the methods of produc-tion were broadly speaking old fashioned and backward and that this led not only to econo-mic backwardness but also was a drag on the country's social and intellectual life.

pported it in the face of the

bloodthirsty reprisal.

Equally unhesitatingly, the
United States government backed
Batista in his attemp to crush the Batista in his attemp to crush the revolution. In the spring of 1957 the United States News and World Report disclused that "jet planes given to the Eatista government by the U.S. lawed dropped napalm bombs and strafed Castro's forces."

In July of tha year U.S. marines actually landed in Cuba under the pretence of protecting the U.S. naval base here, but the outcry against this set of aggression was so great throughout

sion was so grea throughout South America that the marines withdrawn

#### NO POLITICAL PIOGRAMME

Castro's movement however, has not adopted my clear-cut political programme of its own. Castro and all the other leaders are wealthy or midde-class men. and for a long time the under-ground trade union movement was hesitant to commit itself to his banner.

In August, 1957, however, the illegal Communist Party announced its belief that no single political organisation in the country was able alone to overthrow Batista. This could be achieved Batista, I his could be achieved only by the united action of all anti-Batista forces, whatever differences there migh be between them. On this basis t threw in its support for Castro maintaining its position in spit of promot rejection of Communist aid by

clear that Castro and his immeliate associates are by no mean progressives. They have brought the new president, Manuel Urruta, from his exile in the United States, where his sympathies of American big business were well-known. Castro has briedge his anti-communism and his fiendship for the U.S. and has eclared. "Our relations with the L.S. will be respectful." immeliate associates are by no mean progressives. They have

the LS. will be respectful."

But the revolution has unleased new brees. Castro has committed him/of to, a number of promises—freedom of the press, the release of political prisoners, the bolding of elections — and it is not poing to be easy to go back on these promises,

The revolution in Cuba cannot but lad to big new advances, not least of these being the weakening of the remaining dictatorships in South America.

BRITAIN'S FOLLY

woule expel Br'tish citizens and exproriate British property.

Jusifying British policy to the ress an unofficial British spokesman old the Observer on October 17th if last year: "Batista enjoys "he stonent of the army and the trade unions."

### More Atom Deaths

The number of deaths in Japan resulting directly from atomic ra-diation resulting from the U.S. atom-combing thirteen years ago

is continuing to increase.

In Hiroshima alone 35 people died rom atomic diseases during 1958 and scientists predict that more will die this year.

## TOIVO IN JAIL

friends. He asked me shether I had a permit. I said no and he said he was having me arrested for trespassing." for trespassing

The police arrived aferwards, said Mr. Toivo, and too him to the charge office where he was told to wait while they took the statement of the mineworker who had called him to the offee. After that they ween with him to fetch his bags at the Zation and unpacked and searched then.

#### IN CUSTODY

"I spent 2½ days in austody," the letter continues, "In spite of my question as to whre were the other people who wee sitting with me under the tree who, it appeared, also had no right to be

### JEZEBEL

(Continued from page 5)

I looked at him feeling sorry for him because he was going to get arrested for perjury in a little while when Arenha cane to tell while when Arenha cane to tell about the car and all he other car thefts.

I now know he was involved in. So I didn't mind what he said, in. So I didn't mind what he said, but when Arenha tesified the same evidence. I diec Yes, I stood there dead on my bet. I felt nothing. I looked at ler but I looked right through her rotten

little heart. little heart.

I got nine months ecnpulsory labour for a first offace. The first four weeks in prion were unimportant, because I felt nothing not even when a big lorry thing not even when a big lorry with a netting wire enclosure came to take us to do farm labour, I still felt like a zombi. I came alive when Leard the terribly alive, here I was at Vaniplasts vorking in the idels and down tere near the windmill stood ne donkeys. How the sorifs must have laughed. The irony offt, and a dull dead voice of a midner saying "The world of a midner saying The world with the saying the world with the saying the world with the saying the world with a saying the world with the saying the world with a saying the world with the saying the say of a mither saying "The word 'never' ias a boomerang effect on us."

and wanted to pay the fine, they refused to take the money."

A constable, G. J. Bakker, or

A constable, G. dered the keeper to issue him with dered the keeper to issue him with prisoner's uniform, Mr. Tolvo claims, and the following Monday morning he was called to the office where he was asked whether he wanted to pay his fine. Mr. Tolvo explained that he had wanted to pay when he was sentenced.

"I said I wanted to see the ma-gistrate and was told that I could see him when I had paid. I paid £1 14s, 0d.

#### REPATRIATION ORDER

"Then he (the constable in the

"Then he (the constable in the office) showed me a form signed by the magistrate stating that I should be kept in custody until the day I would be recarried under excert to Ovamboland."

Mr. Toivo was later told by the magistrate that he had no right to be in I sumeb and was being sent under excert to Ovamboland. The magistrate declared that the magistrate declared that the him is the magistrate of the ma him a travelling pass to Ovambo land. Mr. Toivo would be sent to the Native Commissioner in

### UNITY MOVEMENT BREAKS UP

(Continued from page 3)

the open, it is expected that many members both of the A.A.C. and the Anti-Cad are likely to feel a need to reassess their situation

need to reassess their situation.
There will be disgust at the
A.A.C.'s decision to confine its
stitention to the professional men
and traders and to turn its back
on the great majority of Africans,
the workers, and at the same time
equal disgust with the Anti-Cad's
consistent sabotage of every call
by the Congresses for genuine
unity to fight the Nats.
As a result there is bound to be
an increased movement of NEUM
supporters away from these policies and towards the Congresses.

in the compound, I was fined £2 Ovamboland and he would decide or 20 days.

"Although I had some money What would be done further, KNOWS NOTHING

"I am now facing a charge of which I know nothing." Mr. Toi-vo's letter ends. Mr. Toivo has asked New Age to contact the Africa Bureau in London, and friends in New York in connection with his position. In Windhock, where he arrived

after leaving Cape Town, he had considerable trouble getting per-mission to travel to Ovamboland where his relatives lived. The auwhere his relatives lived. The au-thorities insisted on his taking up employment there immediately al-though Mr. Toivo maintained that owing to his health he could not work immediately. His reference book was taken from him and he was issued with a permit to travel to Ovamboland.

## Nyanga Mass Meetings

CAPE TOWN.
A meeting will be held at Nyanga on Sunday, January 11, called by the A.N.C. Nyanga No. 2 Branch, near the D.R.C. school

2 Branch, near the D.R.C. school at 2p.m.
Leaders of religion will open the meeting with prayer for the leaders facing trial on a charge of treason and those who have been deported.
A.N.C. leaders will address the meeting, and have issued an appeal to all freedom-loving Africans to attend.
Another mass meeting will be Another mass meeting will be a compared to the property of the

Speakers from different branches will address the meeting.
About 400 people attended an ANC, meeting held at Nyanga No. 2 last Sunday.
Resolutions were passed demanding the stopping of the treason indictment, the ending of deportations and the repeal of section 10 of the Urban Areas Act and other oppressive laws.

## Police Took No Action Against Gangsters, Witnesses Allege

CHARGES that the police at the Wymerg police station had declined to investigate criminal actions eported to them were

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The witnesses were giving evidence at a preparatory examina-tion of 66 persons alleged to be the members of the Msomi Gang

the members of the Msomi Gang which had terrorised Alexandra Township. The men are facing close to 90 charses of murder, arson, robbery and extertion.

One of the witnesses is an African constable also stationed at Wynberg. He told the court that in the course of his duties one day he saw a box full of revolvers lying in the "Msomi office" in the township.

He reported the matter to the Wynberg police but nothing was:

Wynh done. berg police but nothing

Another witness who had been inber of the gang but had re-l a few months before the

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and kill a person. He reported the matter to the Wynbere police on two occasions and when nothing was done about it, he report the Marshall Square police.

### SEPARATE OFFICE

Earlier a senior police officer stached to the Peri-Urban Health attached to the Peri-Urban Health Bovrd, which has it a own local nolice force, said that he had had to open up a private office in town where Alexandra residents could give statements about the activities of the Msomi Gang. This method paid dividends be-cause people were terrified to give statements at his office in the

winship. He had observed the offices of the Msomi Gane for several the Msomi Gane for several weeks, said the officer, and after he had seen some of the men in court assaulting and robbing peo-

ple he had decided to arrest them. Evidence was also led of how the allgeed members of the gang set their victims on fire after pour ing benzine over them.



## SPORTLIGHT ...

"DULEED"



West Indies-Colour

### Discrimination

It is not only South Africa that problem, but also the work that the problem was also the work that the problem was also the buf the selectors pick a sude to four India, received invitations, for only two members of their side, both Whites — Robin Blynone and Eric Akliston — Cricket Board function. The rest of the contingent, all Coloureds, were not asked. This brought forth vehement protests from the players, officials and critics. Quite rightly Mr. B. Hoyos, secretary of the Barbados Cricket Association under the protest of the problem of the protest of the protest have been satisfactory. For the protest have been satisfactory of the protest have been satisfactory for the protest have been s

haid dividends. The sade touring India today has a Non-White Manager and captain. Rumours have it that the last West Indies side that unsuccess-fully toured England was a vicfully toured England was a vic-tim of discrimination, with the chief culprit being captain God-dard, who refused to live in the same hotel as his team mates. No wonder that the professional mem-bers refused offers to tour India. A few like Ramadhin, Sobers, Smith and Hunte ultimately agreed to go, probably on condition that there was no colour-bar of any sort anywhere, at any time. anywhere, at any time,

### National Schools Cricket

### Week

IN the Western Province and Natal. schools cricket is being organised and conducted on a very satisfactory scale, which brims to mind that such games should be initiated on a national schools. Week organised for the European schoolboys. The time is ripe for the formation of such a body, and administrators of these schools tournaments should start the ball rolling by first of all initiating it on a freely interpretable properties of the schools tournaments should start the ball rolling by first of all initiating it on a freely interpretable provided in the schools tournaments should provide an ideal oppoortunity for the formation of a national body. Natal. I know, it well organised, and it should not difficult to get the other provinces interested subsequently. Once this idea has been adopted.

Once this idea has been adopted.

I am positive that many sponsors could be found to finance this scheme. But this can follow later, for the formation must first come

### Non-White World-Record

world cricket scene, can be gauged from the following table:-

## LONGEST INNINGS IN FIRST CLASS CRICKET

\*Hanif Mohammed — Pakistan vs. West Indies — 337 runs in 973 minutes

L. Hutton — England vs. Australia — 364 runs in 800 minutes. L. Wright — British Guiana vs arbados — 262 n.o. in 708 Barbados minutes.

S. G. Barnes — Australia vs. England — 234 runs in 642 minutes.

\*V. M. Merchant — Bombay vs. Maharashtra — 359 n.o. in 640

Maharashue ninutes. F. C. Thomson — Queensland vs. N.S.W. — 275 n.o. in 630

H. Moses — N.S.W. vs. Victoria - 297 n.o. in 630 minutes.

\*Hanif Mohammed — Pakistan XI vs. M.C.C. — 141 runs in 630 minutes

\*V. S. Hazare — Baroda vs. Holkar — 288 runs in 628 minutes, W. H. Ponsford — Victoria vs. N.S.W. — 437 runs in 621

\*G. Sobers — West Indies vs. Pakistan — 365 n.o. in 608 minutes.

HIGHEST INNINGS IN TEST CRICKET 365 n.o. Garfield Sobers — West Indies vs. Pakistan — 1957

364 Len Hutton — England vs.
 Australia — 1938,
 \*337 Hanif Mohammed — Pakistan vs. West Indies — 1957-58.

336 n.o. Walter Hammond — England vs. New Zealand 1932-33.

England vs. New Zealand 1932-35.
And further down the list:—
\*270 n.o. G. Headley — West
Indies vs. England — 1934-35.
\*261 F. M. Worrell — West
Indies vs. England — 1950.
\*260 C. Hunte — West Indies
vs. Pakistan — 1957-8
\*Non-Whites.

In addition the world's first, second, fourth, sixth and seventh wicket partnerships are held by Non-Whites.

South Africa's highest recorded individual score is that of 410 not out, by M. I. Yusuf, a Natalian, in a league match played in Salis-

### We Hear It Said . . .

- That the S.A. African F.A. and the S.A. Bantu F.A. have in reality never been united, as was officially announced last season. This fact was disclosed at the annual meeting of the S.A. Bantu F.A. where it was stated that the amaleanation was accepted only in theory for consideration of their affiliated units.
- That Basil D'Oliviera is the That Basil D'Oliviera is the obvious choice of "Sportsman of the Year" in the various competitions organised by the Non-European papers. This is the general feeling of the man in the street, as Basil has done enough this year to warrant this honour.
- That the West Indies team now touring India are performing creditably although playing with-out their three stars Worrell. Weekes and Walcott. Players like Sobers. Hunte an dSmith are strik-ing good batting form.
- Holders

  That in a friendly soccer match at Sonsteu Sports Ground in Durban recently the famous Bush Bucks were completely outcricketers are dominating the draw 3-all.