

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 01924.

PRICE THREEPENCE.

JOHANNESBURG CELEBRATIONS.

The celebration of May Day this year promises to be on a much more general scale than on previous occasions. The United May Day Committee has been very busy making the necessary arrangements and will hold its final meeting at No. 5, Trades Hall, on Tuesday, 29th April.

The programme as arranged is as follows:—

Assemble on Union Ground at 10 a.m. sharp. Procession will move off, headed by the various banners and the ACME MILITARY BAND via Plein, Troye, Commissioner, West, President, Eloff, Jeppe and Rissik Streets, arriving at the front of the

TOWN HALL at about 12:15.

The Band will play "The International."

The following resolution will be put from two platforms:

"This mass meeting of Johannesburg workers, ascembled on May Day, sends fraternal greetings to the workers of all lands, and particularly to those who, in prison or otherwise, are the victims of capitalist vengeance.

"It welcomes the establishment of official relations between the Russian Workers' Government and the Labour Government of Great Britain.

"It demands the 1st of May as a statutary holiday i throughout the Union, and calls upon all workers to cease I work on this International Labour Day.

"It demands the immediate release of the nine strike Roll up in Force and Celebrate prisoners who are still held in captivity by the Smuts Roll up in Force and Celebrate Government.

"It demands work or maintenance, at trade union rates, for all unemployed workers.

"It recognises that so long as South Africa is dominated by big financial, mining and commercial interests more intolerable, and therefore urges the workers to organise industrially in order to stop the capitalist offenthe condition of the working class will steadily become mive and, further, to express their detestation of the brutal behaviour of the Smuts Government by voting against the South African Party at the forthcoming etectrons.

"It strongly urges all workers, farmers and small traders to vote solidly for the 'Pact' candidates, and put an end to the Government which has crushed and murdered them ever since it came into office.

used in industrial disputes."

PLATFORMS.

PLATFORM 1: President Street side.

Chairman: C. B. TYLER (B.W.I.U.).

Speakers: 1. W. H. ANDREWS, C.P.

2. J. CURRAN (S.A.M.W.U.).

3. C. F. GLASS (W.C.W.U.).

PLATFORM 2: Market Street side.

Chairman: D. R. MORRISON (S.A.L.P.).

Speakers: 1. TOM MATTHEWS (A.E.U.):

2. MIKE RAUTENBACH.

3. S. P. BUNTING, C.P.

In addition to the above there will be on each platform one representative each of the National and Labour Parties.

At 1.30 p.m., at the sound of the bugle, the resolutions will be put from the two platforms simultaneously, and the demonstration will disperse after singing

"THE RED FLAG."

Workers

Mour Day

TOWN HALL

IN THE EVENING (Admission 2/6, refreshments free).

All who are willing to assist in the Street Collection, as "It demands that in future the Defence Force be not | Banner Carriers, Marshalls, etc., are requested to meet at the Trades Hall, No. 5, at 9 a.m. SFIARP.

Politics and Economics.

South Africa through the political appeal to the country. machine dominated by General Smuts.

During that period a new alignment of I parties has evolved, and in the place of the four distinct parties which existed prior to 1921 there are now two.

has an economic basis. The old South the Free State, went into opposition African Party was the party of the Dutch | with Hertzog when he left the Cabinet. big landowning farmers. The Unionist Party represented the big mining, financial and commercial interests. Gradually these two sections of the capitalist class began to overlap as the mining and financial interests became large landowners and the original landowners became interested owing to their growing wealth in mining, financial and manufacturing ventures.

The first political expression of this economic fact was seen in the support given to the Dutch S.A.P. by the Natal Independents, who safeguarded in Botha's administration in the persons of Sir Thomas Watt and Colonel Leuchars the merchants and manufacturers of Natal. These indepesdents were originally looked upon with some disfavour by the die-hards of Unionism répresenting mining and berley and Johannesburg, and in close touch with international finance in London, Paris and Berlin.

The war closed up the ranks of the various sections of capitalism, and although there was no organic fusion of parties yet the elections of 1915 were fought on the cry of support the Government in the war.

In practice there was no opposition in from the Nationalist Republican party led by General Hertzog.

In the 1920 elections, however, the Labour and Nationalist parties, profiting the working class and bourgeois elements sunk their superficial differences and war, the high cost of living, etc., gained substantial victories and placed the S.A.P. in a minority in the House. The two sections of big capitalism saw their danger and amalgamated their forces, the S.A. Party absorbing the Unionist Party.

Parliament was immediately dissolved, and an election fought in 1921 on the cry in the direction of a purely petite bour- Pact and against Smuts and big finance. that the country was in danger of splitting | geois party. Its socialist objective exists from the Empire if the Nationalists still in an emasculated form, but is never Nationalist and Labour opposition. ology.

has been growing increasingly unpopular elements of the S.A.L.P. and the National hostility to all forms of exploitation. owing to the massacres of natives which Party are thus seen to be identical, the West, of coloured strikers in Port Eliza- | broadly the Dutch section with its Repubbeth, and finally the unprecedented lican traditions, and the other the British ! slaughter of strikers and subsequent white with its Imperialist traditions. terror on the Rand in March, 1922.

Bye-election after bye-election was lost by the Government, culminating in the

the mining and financial magnates of ernment party to dissolve Parliament and September 30, 1923. The delay is due to

THE OPPOSITION.

begins with the rupture between General year. Hertzog, then Minister of Justice in the Botha Cabinet in 1923. He represented It is the business of the student of poli- that section of the Dutch population who tics, and particularly the class-conscious were dissatisfied with the growing friendworker, to try to understand these changes. liness of Botha and Smuts with the im-In common with all political alignments, perialist, i.e., the big capitalist interests, the grouping of parties in South Africa and several M.L.A.'s, chiefly from

> very real, the economic interests attracted last ten years: to the Nationalist section were the bywoners or landless Dutch in the country, l the increasing numbers of proletarianised Dutchmen on the mines and other industries, the smaller farmers and the numerous young lawyers and other professional men who had passed through the colleges and universities and looked to politics for a career more congenial than the dull monotony of farming. Naturally, as the Nationalist movement grew, an increasing section of the Dutch Church gave it openly and mining magnates.

the white trade unions, and adopted a definite socialist objective.

It attained some measure of success in the Natal and Transvaal Parliamentary elections in 1907, and gradually attracted Parliament from 1915 till 1920 excepting | certain petite bourgeois elements, lawyers, doctors, small tradesmen, merchants and parsons who were looking for a political carcer. Sometimes veiled, at others open struggles for control of the party between 1915 when, under the influence of war slogan "Turn Smuts out." fever, Colonel Creswell and the petite! bourgeois elements captured a special congress and drove the class-conscious elements out of the party, which rapidly shed all trade union affiliation. Since then the S.A.L.P. has gravitated rapidly will throw its influence on the side of the

The economic factor being, as always, the predominant one, the two parties have I

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Soviet Finances.

BUDGET OF 1922-23.

It is now possible to give the final For fourteen years the people of the significant victory of the National Party It is now possible to give the final Union of South Africa have been ruled by in Wakkerstroom which induced the Gov- figures of the Budget for the year ending the difficulty of estimating in gold rouble: the value of transactions which were mostly arranged in Soviet currency, whose The history of the present opposition value enormously deprecated during the

THE DEFICIT.

Revenue amounted to 1,215,070,000 gold roubles, and expenditure to 1,285,852,000. Deducting from the revenue the amounts raised by currency emission, there was a total deficit for the year of 434,960,000 gold roubles, or 34 per cent. of the total expenditure. This percentage is comparatively small, as may be seen-Stripped of its Nationalist and Republi- from the following table of the relation of can sentiment which was and is, however, the deficit to the total expenditure in the

Year.	per cent.	Year.	per cent.
1914	39.1	1919	77.3
1915	74.0	1920	86.9
1916	76.0	1921	84.1
1917	81.7	1922 (Jai	aSept.) 60.1
1918	66.6	1922-23	34.0

Both revenue and expenditure fell below the original estimate. Revenue (excluding emissions) was estimated at 1,056,401,720, and actually amounted to only 850,892 gold roubles. Expenditure was originally or tacitly its blessing. Its politics are a estimated at 1,418,816,517, and amounted mixture of almost mediaeval superstition to only 1,215,070,000 gold roubles. The and reaction blended with a strong deficiency on the side of revenue was nationalism and republicanism, and on accounted for mostly under the head of financial interests centred chiefly in Kim- the part of the industrial Dutch a strong direct taxation. On the expenditure side resentment at the power of the financial there was a saving of 80 million gold roubles on the estimates of the People's The S.A. Labour Party originally came | Commissariat for Finance, of 33 million into being as the political expression of on the People's Commissariats for War and Marine, and of over 20 million under the heading of Loans to Agriculture.

-"Information and Review."

Half my life has been spent trying to forget the falsehoods I was taught in my youth. Most of us would know a lot more had we learned a lot less.—H. E. Boote.

was a feature of party congresses until formed an alliance—a pact—on the one

It is exceedingly likely that they will be successful, and as it is necessary in order to clarify the issue that the Pact should have a term of office, the Communist Party

With Hertzog and Creswell in power, the rapid disillusionment of the workers obtained power. Smuts was hailed as the mentioned. Its leadership is in the hands and small farmers who are now supporting saviour of the country, and the Labour of Creswell, Barlow and similar reaction- them in both town and country is inevit-Party was swamped, losing most of the aries, who retain control by playing up to able. Some may turn in despair to the seats it gained in 1920, the Nationalists the upper strata and official element of S.A.P. and the pendulum may swing just holding their own. The nett result the white workers who have developed a further towards reaction, but ultimately was a S.A.P. majority of 24 over the petite bourgeois and imperialist psych- a real working-class party embracing workers of all nationalities must emerge Since then, however, the Government! The economic interests of the constituent with a clear-cut policy of uncompromising

For that time we have to wait and work. took place at Bullhoek, in German South- only difference being that one represents For the present our slogan is: Down with the unholy alliance between Smuts and the Chamber of Mines!

Down with the assassins of the workers!

Up with a workers' and farmers' goverument.

Bielogical Socialism.

Knowing the irresistable power of these high and mighty J.R.M. would descend Government, dominated by Smuts, the forces we can see the present form of from his biological pedestal and see things arch-enemy of the working class, has been society slowly but surely moving towards as they really are. Yet it is to be hoped forced to resign. After fourteen years of its final phase. To the superficial individual the system has all the appearance; of its pre-war strength. Pageants, Royal society are material, the most important the people, it finds the country a seething processions, Wembley Exhibition, etc., are | being economic. boosted to hoodwink the unthinking These biological socialists place the cart the miedeeds, tyranny and oppression of masses. Micawber-like these unthinking before the horse. They have a dream of the Government. Right from the commasses, still hav. g faith in the dope of | changing the heart of man so that he shall | mencement of their rule Smuts and the the stability of capitalistic society, are love his enemies. This altruism has more S.A.P. have been in open alliance with waiting until something turns up, some or less been preached as the doctrine of the oversea financiers and magnates, and thing that will give them more than the Christianity for the past two thousand have assisted them to get a stranglehold casual employment that is the rule to-day | years. Yet we are as far off the goal as | over the South African people. As a consein all branches of industry.

The advent of the Labour Party to conwas hailed by the superficially thinking interests come first, and it is the dream brutality of the grossest kind was intromasses as a great victory for Labour. On the other hand, the capitalistic Press, in the first instance, kept up a continuous material interests for the good of subjugation by capitalism an easy achievehowl against such a calamity. It was the humanity. beginning of the end of all things, said these hirelings of capitalism. The tune is It has been applied by all classes against political forces which has resulted in the completely changed since the formation of their enemies, and we have no reason to resignation of the Smuts Government, the Government. They know capitalism | believe that if the working class in Eng- | overshadows this event in importance and has nothing to fear from J. Ramsay Macdonald and Co. They are quite content to machinery by way of the ballot box that of a new era. While the absorption of let them carry on, allowing them a share the capitalist class would quietly give up the Unionist Party by the S.A.P. in 1920 of the loaves and fishes of office, to strut about as animated pegs for the display of means of production to the workers. Guy Fawkes clothing at levees and other | The biological altruistic socialists with of a small group of imperialists, capital-Royal functions, knowing that at any time | their dream of loving one another are a | ists, and monopolists. In contradistinction if they should attempt, which they will not, | menace to the working class. The step-by- | to this the Pact between the Labour and to cross the line of demarcation laid down step folly they preach is impossible. The National Parties, however flitting and by the other party, they could be turned | question bluntly is shall the working class | temporary the aims of its creators, marks out of office immediately.

J. Ramsay Macdonald and others of that ilk: who write and prate of socialism as having a biological basis as opposed to the material basis of Marxism, should get of the land because there is no profit in it of the country has been darkened by this some of their mental kinks straightened out for themselves; shall they continue to imperialist machination. It has brought by their experience at the helm of State. allow the machinery that provides cloth- South Africa to the bring of ruin, but at Since taking office they have had to deal with a series of strikes. These strikes are not caused by any biological difference between the employers and the employed. The grounds of the dispute is material. An such a situation. It is either a matter of enemy. This great achievement will economic question of how little the employing class will pay in wages to their workers. | continue with all its brutality, of the ers over their exploiters, for another The workers on the other hand are endeavouring to force as high wages as possible control of these necessary implements and of its victims' unity has disappeared. from their employers. A struggle purely using them for the mutual benefit of economic without the least shadow, bio-society as a whole. logical or otherwise.

that many of his followers will get their political power, during which the S.A.P. eyes opened to the biological folly and see | had ample time to prove its willingness or clearly that the antagonisms of any class | capacity for safeguarding the interests of

ever. The capitalists as a class are just quence, revolts, rebellions and wars have as eager for their pound of flesh as the marked the entire period of S.A.P. rule trol of the political machinery in England slave owners under slavery. His material from 1910 onwards. In all these, military of imbeciles to expect them to commit duced by the Smuts Government, in order economic suicide by handing over their to intimidate the people and make their

> Force has been the arbiter in all ages. land were to get control of the political has brought the country to the threshold their economic power and hand over the was hailed as the end of racialism, it was

> be content to allow a small section of the the beginning of the end of the curse of community to retain control of the land racialism which has so far kept the people and all the means of production; to have of South Africa divided into two hostile the legal right to prohibit the cultivation but futile camps. For decades the history ling, when run by the workers, to remain | last the nightmare of useless strife is passidle because this machinery has ceased to ing away. Town and country, workers

allowing the present private ownership to inevitably hasten the victory of the workworking class on the other hand taking obstacle placed by capitalism in the road

J.M.G.

WHAT IS BEHIND IT?

tural College for Craftsmen has establishership state-wide. MEMBERSHIP, lished an "Honour Society." The State LIKE THAT IN HONOUR FRATERawards a gold button bearing the inscrip- NITIES, IS BY INVITATION ONLY. tion "Guild of Building Handicrafts" to Prospects do not know they are being conworkmen who "after careful enquiry has sidered." been made as to the fitness of each one" It will be interesting to watch the work- | done, and reliable sling-tackle, etc., being

cation says that the Guild of Building | a whole, but is on the other hand probably for craftsmen, and adds: "Lack of incen- workers who will look rather to their guild tive to ambitious young men in the build- membership for special favours than to the ing trades has long been recognised in general body of organised workers for an Oregon. A need for some higher standard improvement in general well-being in of ideals among the crafts, whereby a which all will share. master workman may be recognised for They will probably be used as pacework well done was apparent, and so the makers in normal times on the jobs, and guild was organised. While the present in time of strike form the nucleus of the some questions to ask on the subject at 23 members are all residents of Portland, scab army of the bosses. Watch them.

are invited to become members. | ing of this scheme. It is certain that it used. Money is no compensation for a The State supervisor of vocational edu- is not launched to benefit the workers as maimed hand or lost one.—"Indicator." Handicrafts is the highest honour society designed to create a privileged section of

A Critical Moment.

The economic laws grind slow but sure. It would be too much to expect that the South Africa has arrived. The S.A.P. A critical moment in the history of whirlpool of wrath and indignation against ment.

But this is not all. The re-grouping of in reality nothing else but the unification provide profits to the present owners. | and farmers, have come to realise their There is no step-by-step policy can meet | common interests against the capitalist

Blood for Gold.

Mill men are complaining from Randfontein to Springs of the lack of protec-It is reported that the Oregon Agricul- it is intended to make the scope and mem- tion against accidents. In the mad rush for tonnage, every consideration for human safet is swept aside. The position is becoming a menace to mill workers, who should insist on reasonable repairs being

Constitutionalism.

People are askin why it was necessary for the National Council of the "constitutional" S.A.L.P. to suspend its constitution on the eve of an election.

The rapk and file will probably have the next congress.

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The Good of Africa.

terests of South Africa."

Capetown, is the latest example of a poli- evils of party-warfare and rancour. tician mouthing meaningless phrases. harmony."

What is behind all this phrase-making. he was only concerned with "the good of reasonableness. South Africa." What did HE mean? It give a reasoned answer. If South Africa | the consequences were. itself.

Africa.

If that is what is meant then we have to remember that what is one man's meat! mum time in order that the wealthy may | the exploited proletariat of the earth. become wealthier and may more completely control the lives and actions of the great mass of the toilers.

In the minds of the Pact politicians is a misty feeling that all is not well under the present system, but they lack either the knowledge or the courage or both to go right to the heart of things and advocate the removal and the cause.

more than the people of other countries a opened the proceedings on behalf of the homogeneous mass. What is called national Mayor, and then follows a whole column ! prosperity does not necessarily mean—in report of the speech of the chairman, Mr. fact seldom does mean—the well-being of Archie Crawford. This gentleman an-ALL sertions of the community. On the nounced that the conference was MOST contrary, a country may be piling up representative, but judging by the re- The need of the moment is for the

Duncan, Hertzog, Creswell, and even Britain." Crawford all harp on the same string. The I The chairman confessed that there were I burden of their song is the identity of in- only six representatives from the Witterest between all sections of the com- watersrand, and as this is by far the workers than this.

The exact contrary is apparent in every

shades of misery or uncertainty which result from their dependent position in society.

Dependent, that is, on the few who control all the means of life, land, factories, tion without access to which the workers must perish.

has occasional glimmerings of the truth labour, capital and the country. which, if thoroughly grasped and acted upon, would make him free.

During a strike it is dimly seen by many, but the lesson is soon forgotten.

all political parties repeat the phrase "for workers have determined to try a change

Creswell at the Town Hall declared that any talk of the spirit of the convention of represent South African Labour in Geneva.

measured out to them since.

When the "good of South Africa" is is another's poison. The good of South identical with the welfare of the great mass Africa on the lips of Duncan and many of the toilers then we may be expected to others means simply a state of affairs work for it. In the meantime our only which will enable the maximum wealth to | consideration is the good and well-being of be squeezed out of the workers in the mini- the WORKERS in South Africa as part of there not a serious side to it.

Most Representative.

The Press gives great prominence to in the ranks of organised Labour. what is humorously called a "Trade The amount of publicity given in the The people of South Africa are not any M.P.C.—and a town councillor at that— it is intended to be used by the enemy.

gress' may be left to the imagination.

hand are the comparatively few well-fed, out the usual nauseating twaddle about the executives.

clothed, educated, pampered and petted "harmonising the interests of trade uniondarlings of fortune, and on the other the ism with those of the general community," vast mass of the people suffering all the "building up a moderate and constructive movement," "negotiation as against the revolutionary or direct action course," He particularly emphasised that "only those who declared for the Amsterdam as against the Moscow International" transport, and credit, the tools of produc- could sit at HIS Trade Union Congress, and bleated in the time-honoured Labour Fakir manner about the "common interests" of the capitalist and workers and Unfortunately the average worker only the evils of strikes which caused loss to

The danger of drifting into politics was emphasised, working-class politics, of course, being meant. If all the unions supported the S.A.P. or whatever party Now in face of an election and with the happened to form the government then, With damning iteration the orators of conviction that the great majority of the of course, all would be well. The real reason for the "congress" being brought the good of South Africa" or "in the in- of government, the S.A.P. bagmen are put together was, however, disclosed at the end up to bleat about sweet reasonableness and of the speech. The Labour Conference at Mr. Patrick Duncan, in a speech at the need for a common patriotism and the Geneva and the question of who should be the delegate was the one point that mat-When Smuts was the man of the hour in I tered, and, of course, the miserable rump prates of the "convention spirit" of a 1921 we heard nothing of this billing and of a Federation was once more trotted out 'common patriotism' and "the basis of cooing. It was ding-dong fighting and as the MOST representative organisation ruthless criticism of all who dared to of trade unions in South Africa with Crawoppose him. Again, in 1922, was there ford as its prophet, and therefore he must

Amongst other speakers at this precious The workers were brutally told to take Trade Union Congress were Mr. R. Miller, is probable that he would, in common with the terms of the soulless Chamber of Mines the Government Inspector of White the other spell-binders, find it difficult to or the consequences, and all know what Labour, and Captain Fowler, of the Department of Mines and Industries, who is a mere geographical expression, then The workers have a chance—not of took the opportunity of saying that the South Africa can, as it has done for a few | being avenged by any means—but at least | work of factory inspectors was made diffihundred thousand years, take care of of lodging a protest during this election, cult owing to the refusal of the trade and the amount of consideration given to unions to co-operate. The employers, of Obviously in some vague and ill-defined | the S.A.P. politicians should be measured | course, were tumbling over one another to way the speakers mean the people of South | by what they meted out to the Rand | anticipate the wishes of the inspectors, but strikers in 1922 and what they have when e.g. washing appliances were installed by the good, kind bosses, the wicked and wrong-headed workers refused to use them. No doubt he would like to have said inspired in their cantanterous behaviour by Moscow and the Bolsheviks.

The whole farce would be ludicrous were

Such meetings as the one referred to and such men as the chairman, although obviously totally out of touch and without influence with the mass of the workers, are capable of causing mischief and disruption

Union Congress " which was held in the capitalist Press to this shadow of a con-Town Hall, Pretoria, during Easter week. | gress and the presence of prominent Gov-We are gravely informed that a real live | ernment officials should make it clear that

> Similar organisations are used for the most einister purposes in America and other countries, and will, if the occasion demands, be so used in South Africa.

gigantic wealth and at the same time the marks that he let fall in the course of his genuine rank-and-file trade unionist to take great mass may be suffering the tortures speech Mr. Crawford seems to be afflicted the matter of co-ordinating the activities of the damned as was the case in the early with the same delusion as were the three of the various industrial organisations and nineteenth century in Great Britain and is tailors of Tooley Street when they referred by building up sound workers councils or now the case in Germany and elsewhere, to themselves as "We, the people of Great | committees representative of the rank-andfile membership to checkmate the insidious and sinister activities of the Chamber of Mines and its agents.

It is more than two years since the munity. A more ghastly lie was never in- largest industrial district in South Africa, events of March, 1922, and the executives vented and forced down the throats of the the representative character of the "Con- of the unions have not yet evolved setimactory co-ordinating machinary. The ordi-No one but Mr. Crawford seems to have nary members must now got to work in walk of life. There are two broad divi- had much to say at this extraordinary their branches and apply themselves to the sions in all capitalist society. On the one travesty of a congress, and he trotted problem, and, if necessary, give a lead to

Animals at the Zoo.

THE CATERER SMILES.

Johannesburg citizens are asked by the local Press to smile at the rather expen- should not bar the importation of opium sive blunder made by the municipal officials who were responsible for the arrangements at the Zoo on the occasion of the reception to the Governor-General) last week. The lucky refreshment contractor, who will not over three hundred | retary in the late administration. He ad- | and political consequences that follow from pounds more profit than he bargained for, mitted in a letter to the Anti-Slavery this change, especially in view of the has no kick coming and, of course, may be Society that there were 296 brothels in the thorough-going nature of the measures permitted to smile. On the other hand, Hong Kong colony, and that all practising | adopted by the Soviet Government, fully there are some who think that by the prostitutes are given licences by the British account for the excitement over the resimple expedient of issuing tickets at the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in the Hong forms which is being experienced throughmunicipal offices and collecting the tickets | Kong government. at the turnstiles the stupid blunder might have been avoided, and over £300 saved for the town, but, of course, this would be too much to expect from the intellectuals who manage or mismanage our municipal affaire.

The "loyal" section of the town who, of course, would naturally be at the Zoo bun and tea fight, have demonstrated how much public or civic spirit they possess when there is an opportunity, by playing a game of follow my leader in and out of the Zoo turnstiles to secure an extra cup of tea and a few buns at the public expense. But to repeat—THE CATERER SMILES.

As Man to Man.

In marked contrast to the vicious and vindictive sentences handed out to the strikers in 1922, the sentence on Manie Maritz was pronounced by the Judge in almost apologetic tones.

Before sentencing Maritz to three years without hard labour, the Judge delivered quite a fatherly little homily in Dutch to the prisoner as "man to man" and not ers' Anniversary. The artists will include as a Judge, as he explained.

The reason for this leniency is clear. The strikers' action, consciously or uncon- triumphs, with R. E. Christian in a duet sciously, was a menace to capitalism. Maritz only carried on war on conventional capitalist lines. Hence the leniency in his case as contrasted with the ferocity of the Judges when sentencing proletarian rebels."

Working Costs Down.

MINING SHARES UP.

profit of £205,328 for the March quarter | The Y.C.L. Choir will render "The and a reduction in working costs of 7d. per | Builders," and the whole assembly will, ton and an increase of 1s. 3d. per ton in of course, sing the "Internationale" and revenue, whilst Government Areas, Mod- the "Red Flag." In view of such an the benefit of the masses of workers and derfontein, for the same period shows a assured programme success, ticket sellers profit of £559,772.

showed a profit for the year of £375,036 | more can always be obtained as required | with a reduction of working coets of 8s. PER TON as compared with 1921, and Hall. the chairman stated that "he hoped to see I a further reduction of working costs this year."

The mine workers therefore know what to expect. More and more cheap black labour and the few remaining white miners | Whilst the Scottish Labour M.P.'s were gallons) to 13 kopeks, the privileged rate to be pushed still harder and paid less is giving a dinner to the Premier Macdonald for workers and Soviet employees being rethe inner meaning of reduced working a little proposal was adopted by the House duced from 8 to 7 kopeks. costs.

figures that the mining sharemarket is re- £2,000 to £5,000. We do not believe for ported to be improving and that all the a moment that the matter was arranged by shareholders were, in the words of their | Macdonald and Clynes. The Glasgow men spokesman at the meeting, "more than must have felt pretty small when they delighted to see the condition of things." heard of it, however.

Christianity & Civilisation.

Hong Kong is a British Colony. It was taken from the Chinese in order that they rate at which the old Soviet rouble notes from India. And, besides, the missionaries stable currency, the new financial epoch in must be protected.

See the civilising influences at work.

The licensed card reads as follows:— ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

main object the love of the people. You prostitutes: your persons are your own. You can come or go away at liberty. . If any extortion or oppression is im-Authorities, and you will get your wrongs redressed..

licensee is on the bottom of the card.

tous about keeping the Scotch Sabbath, abolished this system. We don't think.

May Day Social Programme.

An exceptionally fine array of talent will take part in next Thursday's Social at the Town Hall in honour of the Work-William Matthews and Stanley Argall, fresh from their latest Eisteddfod with the latter, Edgar Adeler's Syncopating Orchestra (under the direction of Jack Greaves and Johnny Jacobs), Signor Ferramosca's Trio, J. Schulman (violinist) in a solo and also leading Dvorak's all its disastrous effects. Not the least of "Nigger" quartet for strings, Miss Leah | these was the growing inflation of prices Ellis (contralto), Miss O'Callaghan in Irish songs, the Bradshaw sextet (a great turn), J. Hurwitz (humorist), Charlie Hudson and J. Longmore in a banjo duet, G. Williams, concertina star—and all, prac-Randfontein Central G.M. shows a tically, working-class singers and players. need have no hesitation in devoting this Robinson Deep, at its annual meeting, last week to selling off their entire stock from the General Secretary, No. 4, Trades

Off Their Guard.

of Commons which increased the salary of It is not surprising in view of the above Clynes, who is Lord Privy Seal, from

New Soviet Currency.

With the decree of March 7 fixing the will be redeemed in terms of the new the history of the U.S.S.R. may fairly be said to be launched. The old Soviet rouble is dead and the new gold rouble. Mr. Ormsby Gore was the Colonial Sec- takes its place. The tremendous economic out the U.S.S.R. The fixing of the rate of redemption of the old notes removes the threat of their catastrophic depreciation during the last days of their existence. For a short period they will continue to func-The British Government has for its | tion as small change, as the quantity of metallic coin is not yet sufficient for this purpose, but already the only holders of considerable importance are State institutions, and the role of the unstable Soviet posed on you, you can report to the token in the money circulation can be definitely declared at an end. That the financial reforms have already won the confidence of the population is clearly to be The name, address and photo of the concluded from two facts, firstly, the considerable decreases in the prices of commo-Has Ramsay Macdonald, who is so solici- dities that have already taken place, and, secondly, the appreciation in the value of the chervonetz in the foreign exchange market. Taking the chervonetz as equal to 10 gold roubles, the pound sterling, which before the war was worth 9 roubles 41 kopeks, and a few weeks back stood at 9 roubles 7 kopeks, now stands at 8 roubles 47 kopeks. The dollar has similarly fallen in comparison with the stabilised gold rouble, and now stands at 1 rouble 97 kopeks. This is at the very outset of the reforms. It is a sure indication of the strengthening position of the Soviet Union.

THE COST OF LIVING.

Fixing the rate of exchange of the Soviet rouble marks the end of the period of continually depreciating currency with even when calculated in gold roubles. For the ordinary worker the test of the financial reforms is its effect on the cost of living. The example of Germany shows that it is easily possible for a stabilised currency to involve a depression in real wages and a general increase in the cost of living. In the U.S.S.R., where the reforms have been introduced primarily for peasants, the most strenuous efforts are being made by the Soviet Government to ensure that the level of real wages shall be maintained and that the stabilised prices shall mean a real decrease in the cost of living. This is being successfully accomplished in every sphere. As an example it may be mentioned that the Moscow Soviet has reduced the price for water supply and drainage from 15 gold kopeks per 100 vedros (1 vedro equals 2.7

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Down With the S.A.P.

Two years ago the first beginnings of a united front movement against the Smuts

the Labour Party whenever they adopted a policy likely to lead to the betrayal of the working class. Nevertheless the Com- | December 1988 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 2 munists will continue to support the anti-Government pact and to do everything in their power to secure the defeat of Smuts in the forthcoming election.

Communists support the Nat-Lab Pact: Because, in spite of the reactionary history of some of the Labour and Nationalist leaders, it is the most revolutionary move ever made in South African politics.

Because the defeat of the Smuts Government will be a severe blow to capitalist imperialism, not only in this country but throughout the world.

Because the Smuts Government, by its military support of the capitalist class (particularly the mining trust), has brought about the defeat and impoverishment of the workers.

Because the defeat of an avowedly capitalist government and the substitution of a government with working-class sympathies, is a necessary, step in the advance | Farman and an analysis and an a towards Communism. The workers and bywoners will find that it is only by the displacement of the factory owners and landlords and the taking over of the land and the means of production by the workers that an end will be put to the poverty, system.

time has come!

proited workers and poor farmers!

cracy!

Smash the political machine of Chamber of Mines!

No more Smuts! Long live the Revolution!

E.R.

Significant Figures.

The output of iron and steel in the United States of America was in 1913 49 per cent. of the world production.

In 1923 this had been increased to 60 per cent.

Who said Britannia rules the waves?

Union Wrecking.

Crawford's record of attacks on various united front movement against the Smuts | unions and state of the Government were seen on the Rand. At one. His Industrial Union, except for a is reported as saying:—

'There is over-indulgence in recreathat time the hirelings of the Chamber of | few minor sections; consists of "poached" Mines were carrying out a campaign of members and delinquents from established revenge against the workers who, in the bodies. Whenever any body has decided great strike, had fought to maintain a that distance and separation would lend civilised standard of living for themselves, enchantment to the view of Crawford, he their wives and their children. | has gathered around him any coterie of | It was thought that the only thing that | dissatisfied or gullible members and would stop the murder policy of the Gov- promptly launched them as a section of ernment was a united front of all the anti- | the S.A.I.U. To-day it is winding engine | Sunday to the modern French one." imperialist parties-Communist, Labour drivers, yesterday it was municipal Commenting on this, "The Freethinker" and Nationalist. The Communist Party | mechanics, earlier it was railway shopmen, Isays: "If Mr. Macdonald's analysis of took the lead in the agitation which, and immediately after the strike it was the focial conditions goes no deeper than

MAYDAY

(THURSDAY, MAY 1st).

GRAND LABOUR SOCIAL

in the

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JOHANNESBURG.

Chair at 8 p.m.

Come Early to Secure Seats.

Wells on War.

has in view—unless it is the Conservative | will not be slow to recognise. The workers have waited a long time for | candidates in the shipbuilding constituenan opportunity of getting rid of the cies. Does he think he may have to fight I S.A.P. Let them not fail now that the France or Italy or Japan or the United States? Those five cruisers will be no good! Long live the united front of the ex- in a war with France; we should have to tuck them away somewhere and put patrols Vote solid against the S.A.P. pluuto- of submarine chasers to take care of them. the mutual suicide, so to speak, would be 1923 of over 5 million pounds. achieved through the air. The cruisers Not so bad for a philanthropic capiwould hardly be of more use against Italy. I talist. It is Italy, however, which is likely to be most estranged by the thought of them. Italy or Japan. Is there a ghost of a 1923 of £301,000. After increasing the chance of a war with either the United reserve to £222,000 a final dividend of 3e. States or Japan? It is our excellent cus- per share has been declared, making tom to defer to the United States, and we 132 PER CENT. for the year. always shall. This leaves Japan. Can | Earl Buxton and Sir Robert Horn have anything but the blackest folly bring us joined the Board of Directors. into a conflict with Japan except on some issue which would put the United States on our side?"

H. G. WELLS.

Save Us From Our Friends.

Addressing the Free Church Council (a unions is a long and not very creditable | body of Sabbatarians) Ramsay Macdonald

> tion to-day. There is an incapacity to spend a quiet Eunday. I AM AMAZED AT SO MANY OF MY FRIENDS SAYING THE SCOTTISH SABBATH WAS A BURDEN! I would like to see a state of society in which every man and woman preferred the old Scotch

although unable at first to secure the re- rockbreakers. lease of Stassen, Long, Hull and Lewis, Each section after a little experience of was responsible for the steadiness and inculminated in the withdrawal of the death | the man and his methods is disillusioned | dependence of the Scotch character, and sentences passed on Garnsworthy and his and falls away, but not before they have that steadiness of character is to be gained companions. The idea of a political parted with a subsidy for union breaking, by a good stiff dose of old-fashioned Sabunited front against the Chamber of Mines | and always after they have weakened their | batarianism, THE SOONER HE has been growing stronger and stronger old union in its struggle for better condi- LEAVES POLITICS AND TAKES TO and has culminated in the official Labour- tions. Are winding drivers likely to bene- THE NONCONFORMIST PULPIT THE Nationalist Pact. The Communist Party sit from such association? Is it not then BETTER." But the "Church Times" has been left out of this agreement because | best to close our ranks and send the | solemnly blesses this cant by unctuously it has ruthlessly criticised the leaders of wreckers about their business? remarking: "He spoke to the Free "The Indicator." Church Conference as an assembly of Godfearing men, and representatives of organised religion." To this "The Freethinker" caustically retorts: "Exactly. All it needs to complete the description is to add 'HAVING VOTES.' That is all that is needed to understand the address. On the whole, we think the speech, even from the point of view of tactics, was unworthy of Mr. Macdonald. It gave the game away so completely that we suspect some of the shrewdest of his listeners must have seen through it and realised its purpose. After all, when one is baiting a hook one should cover the hook with the bait. To let the hook be seen is bad tactics. That stupid praise of the old Scotch Sabbath for instance."

There was a time when no church, chapel, or religious assembly of any sort would tolerate Macdonald on its platform. That was when the clergy were busy hounding on the dogs of war, beating the imperialist drum, and devoting their flocks 13 to the Moloch of destruction. Macdonald opposed the war and easily became one of the best-hated men in the country. He had moral courage then. But now with the sweets of office and the gratification of political ambition that has all evaporated, "One does not buy a weapon without and as with Smuts, Nemesis awaits him. destitution and unemployment which are an enemy in view, and I am altogether at | Cant and hypocrisy are sorry substitutes an inevitable result of the capitalist a loss to see what enemy Mr. Macdonald for political consistency, as his supporters

What has Clydeside got to say about it?

Don't Want The Dole.

Lever Brothers, of Sunlight soap fame, In a war between France and Britain the made a trifling profit on the operations of

The Union Corporation made profits for

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ROUMANIAN ATROCITIES.

paragraphs flung at them containing vague others, who in the very first days had exreferences to the Bessarabian question posed to the public the provocative work which convey little meaning. A glance at of Inkulec, they had these men drowned the map of Europe will show that the ter- in the river. At the same time in all the ritory, the immediate future of which will towns, the elected (!) municipal bodies be settled at a conference being held this ("Duma") and provincial administrations week in Vienna, lies at the south-west | were forcibly driven out, and in their place corner of Soviet Russia, having the river Pruth for its eastern and the Dniester for its western boundary.

This country formed part of Russia prior to the revolution and its inhabitants are the "Svatul-ceri" alone remained as the largely. Ukrainians. It was annexed by Roumania, its eastern neighbour, in the in reality is a group of adventurers who following circumstances:--

into Bessarabia, at the time-when it was name of the people," and to-day is cut off from Russia by Ukrainian insur- | "solving" the Bessarabian problem. gents, a little group of adventurers organised a "Soviet" (Svatuli-ceri), in order to further their own interests by means of the peculiar military situation, and to fish third soldier in the local Bessarabian garrithe exception of a few of its members, worked from the very beginning under Roumanian direction, but in order to give the "Soviet" the veneer of a democratic population which had spoken out against institution, and to conceal its real nature, the adventurers invited the leaders of various parties and organisations to work with them. These did not see through this "Soviet" and sent their delegates without any idea whatever of the provocative! Such is the voluntary annexation of part, which this Institution was to play | Bessarabia to Roumania. In the last few later. Roumania was thus able to occupy | years, the situation is supposed to have Bessarabia at the times when Russia was improved, so at least the Roumanian newsin the throes of the fiercest civil war.

Preparations began immediately for the annexation of Bessarabia to Roumania. The adventurer-group of the "Soviet" receives big grants in money, and out of gratitude therefore immediately begins the purification" of the Soviet from those elements which are injurious to it. that is, those elements which might prevent the into other districts. union of Bessarabia with Roumania. They Bessarabia has been occupied by Rou- And have, perhaps, the time for pitying, stuck at nothing in order to drive out of the manian soldiers now for six years, for six | Think of us, then, Soviet those elements which immediately years the Bessarabian problem has been spoke against the Roumanian occupation, I" solved" by martial law and unheard-of and for this purpose had recourse to the terror. most bestial crimes and murders. Under

Readers of the daily Press have short Dneister N. Grunfeld, Kovsan and many "Bun-rumani" (good Roumanians) were installed. Public officials, beloved by the people, heads of various revolutionary bodies, teachers, editors of progressive newspapers, etc., were dismissed, so that | Star Turn (Charming Prince). sole "ruling organ." This organ, which have sold themselves to the Roumanian Long before Roumanian troops marched | Government, then began to speak "in the

> On the other hand, there began an unheard-of terror among the town and son, in all more than 70 men, were shotbefore the eyes of the people. In Bendera (in Roumanian Tighina), the whole of the the occupation, were driven into a field, surrounded with machine guns, 240 railway workers picked cut and shot down before the rest. The next day 46 University technical students were shot.

papers (Adeverul) claim. How the situation has really "improved," a few facts indicate:—

In the Chotin district, the peasants who could no longer endure the Roumanian terror, were driven to revolt. As punishment, their villages were burnt down, the male population shot, and the women sent

-From "Imprecorr."

AS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

tersea, has been speaking very plainly on in Britain impossible. the relationship between native and British | "There have been numerous strikes in workers in India.

"Unfortunately," he says, English foremen and tradesmen (some of stances of great hardship by the Indian With our unlearned and close chained them alleged Socialists) have not only workers. In not one of these strikes the failed to give their share to the workers of so-called British Trade Unionists and In terror. Nay, we were not brave, as India in such a fight, but are rendering | Socialists who are out in the East have daily assistance to their capitalist pay- sided with the men, and in almost all the You have no fear—but now the light has masters who pay them at a much higher strikes these European foremen have been

played by those British managers, foremen and technical experts who go out to the East and become slave-drivers over human beings without ever standing up for those who are put to work under them.

over the poor dumb Indian workers, but many claiming to be Socialists, because they are the blacklegs who go out to the they are all subject to the great obsession East and create a situation which makes of preserving the white man's prestige.

Mr. Saklatvala, the ex-M.P. for Bat-, the economic position of British workers

India which have been spontaneous and We fettered, we held dumb, "many | which have been carried on under circum- | We too were Youth-I chiefly instrumental in calling out the ""The most disgraceful part is really armed police or even the soldiers with the You are most brave, sole purpose of terrorising over the ignor- But yet your light—it was the light we ant workers.

"So far there was only one man, Mr. Miller of the Indian Railways, who sided with the strikers and he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and he was "They are not only a gang of terrorists | abandoned by all the Europeans, including

Potted Politics.

HOW THE POOR LIVE.

| Working Men draw the Dole 15/- per week.

King of England gets £1,500 per day, and lives in Castles rent free, and goes Yachting, Golfing and Hunting. The Ratepayers pay for these larks.

Working women at the Wash Tub get 3/per day (if lucky to click a job).

Queen Mary gets £100 per day (all found), and dozens of Bed-Chamber Ladies get £10 per week each (Duchesses).

Prince of Wales gets £10 per hour. Half-million Joy ride to India, and goes Fishing, Dancing and Polo. Rows of Medals. What a life! Such a dear! Hunt the slipper with the Girls.

Duke of York (such a Sport). Has just found a Wife. He gets £71 per day.

Duke of Connaught. Poor Old Uncle! Rubs along on £71 per day. Spends the Winter in France. Ratepayer-I spend my summer on 'Appy Hampstead on a bath bun and a pennorth of peanuts.

Ex-Queen Alexandra gets £190 per day. Age 76. But our old Grannies get 10/per week. What a diff!

Dean Inge of St. Paul's Cathedral gets £40 per week. Lives Rent Free. Tale Teller. Love each other!

Ex-Soldier-But Policemen get a Pension at 50, and 70/- per week, and found cushy jobs which keep us out of work. While us has got to fiddle about on our Dole of 15/- till we are 70. What a Game for us "Boys of the Bull Dog Breed."

To the Younger Set.

When you are old

And our too stormy and too tragic spring...

You'll have forgotten us; we shall be dead;

Yet it was we

Whose bodies made the bridge for you to tread.

You do not fear:

You ride abroad with neither pain nor ruth,

But we,

hands we lit the spark

come.

gave.

Think of us, then,

Whose bodies made the bridge for you to tread.

When you are kind and old—and we are dead.

> -By Margaret Widdemer in "The Measure.

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EXCUSE OUR INTERRUPTION, BUT HAVE WE RECEIVED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION LATELY?

Young Communist Notes.

WINTER EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

The Johannesburg Y.C.L. is preparing an educational programme for the winter months. The classes will be held on Sun-0 day nights. A time-table and syllabus will be published next week. The classes will be open to all who care to attend.

The Tuesday meetings will proceed as usual.

WORKSHOP MEETINGS.

The Capetown Y.C.L., in conjunction with the local C.P., has been holding some very successful meetings at the Salt River railway workshops. At a meeting held on the 17th of April there were about 300 workers present, of whom 45 per cent. were apprentices. They were rather surprised to see a youth mount the platform and address them.

In Johannesburg the Y.C.L. held a meeting the other day at a large engineering workshop. The Demands for Apprentices, as formulated by the Y.C.L., were submitted and discussed. The "join the unions'' campaign was warmly approved by some of the apprentices, and there were no dissentients among the young workers. An older worker tried to pour cold water on the proceedings, but the apprentices backed up the action taken by the young Communists.

These meetings are proceeding both in Capetown and Johannesburg.

SUCCESSFUL PICNIC AT GERMISTON.

The picnic of the Germiston Y.C.L. held at Alberton on Good Friday was well attended. Rain threatened in the afternoon, but held off. A ticket for the May Day Social realised 25s. by American auction. Short speeches were made by Comrades Pallas and Roux (in Afrikaans), and by Comrade Shall (in English). The Germiston Branch gave three rousing cheers for the Johannesburg Y.C.L., the Johannesburg comrades reciprocating.

P.S.—The Germiston Branch is Afrikaans-speaking, and consists entirely of young industrial workers.

PROGRESS.

Minister of Justice De Wet, commenting on the progress of the town of Brakpan, said four years ago a special Justice of the Peace was established there, the next year they had to have a Magistrate; have a jail, warders and, glorious thought, April, 1924. even an executioner. Hurrah for progress!

A Touching Scene.

At the opening of the Wembley Empire Exhibition Miss Thomas (Jimmy's daughter) presented a bouquet to the Queen.

How all the dwellers in mining village hovels and one-roomed tenements will rejoice. They will forget their hunger and misery in the contemplation of the touch. ling spectacle of the Queen—God bless her! 18/25/2 -accepting a bunch of flowers from the daughter of an ex-railwayman.

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Communist Party Notes.

MAY DAY SOCIAL.

The final meeting of the May Day Entertainment Committee will take place on Monday evening, 28th inst., at 8 p.m., in No. 4 Trades Hall.

All who are willing to make the 1924 Social a record gathering are urged to attend.

ADA RABB, Convener,

That's the Stuff to Give Em.

Three hundred native workers at the diamond diggings near Mafeking struck work. They wanted a shillings a week and food shillings.

The Resident Magistrate, with a posse of mounted police proceeded to the diggings and arrested ten of the leaders, and we are told THE STRIKE TERMIN-ATED.

The ten strikers were fined £5 each or a month's hard labour.

The fines were not paid, and there are ten added to the South African strike victims.

Who said negotiate to the point of exhaustion?

But then, of course, these strikers were only "niggers."

Loyalty.

Brakpan is determined to vindicate its reputation for loyalty.

At a civic luncheon given last Thursday to the Minister of Justice, the Rev. H. Dower was asked to say grace. The band immediately struck up National Anthem.

POOR OLD GOD!

The Pinky Dinkeys.

The latest recruit to the British Labour Party is Mr. Oswald Mosley, M.P. for Harrow. He is the son-in-law of Marquis Curzon.

The Labour Party will soon be a party of the gilded youth of Britain.

The General Dealer's Business carried no wthey were building Law Courts, and on by Mahervanjee Cursetjee at Stand at this rate they might have Resident 196, Hospital Street, Cleveland, will be Magistrates and additional Magistrates removed to Stand 142, Concord Street, soon. Glorious! In time Brakpan may Prospect Township, as and from 15th

11/18/25.

Notice is hereby given that the Business hitherto carried on by M. Silverstone under the style and firm of the Central House Furnishing Co. at 220, Main Road, Fordsburg, will be removed to 31, Pritchard Street, Johannesburg, on the 1st May, 1924.

M. BACHARACH,

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