## NEW AGE MUST BE SAVE

Dear Readers.

Dear Readers,
The time has come to make
you take us seriously.
NEW AGE IS IN A DESPERATE FINANCIAL POSITION.
UNLESS YOU COME TO OUR
AID, THERE WILL BE ONLY
A FOUR-PAGE NEW AGE
FOR THE REST OF THIS
MONTH, AND AFTER THAT
NOTHING. first time since the
paper started, we were unable to pay our printer's bill at the end
of last month. Also for the first
time since the paper started, we were unable to pay the since the paper started were unable to pay the since the paper started. We

were unable to pay the salaries of our staff members. In the third week of March we are expecting a shipment of newsprint from overseas, for

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which we will need a minimum of £800 in cash.

Never has the need for New Age been so great as today. Week by week, New Age has been completely sold out. The people are clamouring for the nonly newspaper which they regard as THEER paper, the people which has consistently fought the people's battles. In spite of all our appeals, last week you sent us only £43 in donations, and this week you for the continue that the Never has the need for New

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P.E. Dock Workers

Appeal to Cape Town

PRICE 3d

Remember, 8 members of New ge staff are involved in the Age staff are involved in the treason trial. Their own salaries treason trial. Their own salaries have been cut by half; and the salaries of the remainder of the staff, low though they are already, may also have to be drastically reduced. On top of everything, last week our Cape Town offices were wrecked by fire.

The few who are left to carry the burden of New Age just can-

the burden of New Age just cannot do the job alone.

We can survive Swart's attacks; we can survive a fire started by vandals, and any other thuggery anyone may bring against us. But we cannot survive your apathy.

Every freedom fighter has a responsibility to see that New

Age is kept going. New Age staff is doing what it can, working under pressure against terrific odds. Many voluntary workers have been doing a magnificent job to help out, not only in recent weeks, but over a period of

If New Age goes under, the blame will rest with you, each and every reader, who has read these words and done nothing about it. Are you prepared to have that on your conscience?

If your answer is "No," please get cracking. There is no time to waste. New Age needs your help not tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, but today! RIGHT NOW!

### WHO 5SET FIRE TO NEW AGE OFFICES?

CAPE TOWN.

THREE of the four offices occupied by New Age in Cape Town were gutted by fires which broke out in Chames Buildings, Barrack Street, on Tuesday night last week.

Separate fires were started in each of the New Age offices and also in the storeroom of a dress shop on the same floor of the building. The the same noor of the building. The fires were first reported by a police-man on patrol in Plein Street, who called the fire brigade at about 2 a.m.

The fires were eventually put out, but not before extensive damage had been caused, both to the New Age offices and the storeroom of the dress shop. It is believed that had the fire been allowed to burn unbindered for another 10 minutes, the whole building would have been destroyed.

Only one of the four New Age offices was inhabitable after the fire the editorial office, where the fire did not get going. The other three offices were a shambles, with furniture reduced to ashes, and the contents of cupboards and one steel filing cabinet strewn among the de-bris. Even window frames were burnt out and the glass shattered by the heat

New Age records have been ex-tensively damaged, and all files of back copies reduced to cinders. Chairs, typewriters, adding machine, duplicator, desks—all were dam-aged, in some cases beyond repair.

### NO ARREST

The fires were quite clearly started deliberately. The police are investigating, but so far have made no arrest.

Meanwhile New Age carries on. The old offices have been boarded up, but the administrative staff are making do with temporary equip-ment in temporary offices, at the

You, gentle reader, are already reading the next issue.

(See pictures on page 4)

## **BOYCOTTERS' "NO"** COMMERCE OFFER

### THIN **END** THE WEDGE

From Michael Harmel

JOHANNESBURG.

[INDER the threat of the immediate withdrawal of PUTCO bus services and Schoeman's draft new law to deprive them permanently of transport thereafter, the people of Alexandra, Sophiatown, Moroka and other bus boycott areas met last Friday to consider the dramatic last-minute "end-the-boycott" offer of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce.

They turned it down flat.

Unlike the previous unacceptable proposition (an appeal to employers to pay a voluntary transport allowance of a shilling a week) it the Chimber's new proposal was an example, and modifying the the Chimber's new proposal was arrived at after prolonged discus-

"Don't Scab On Us. Our Fight Is Your Fight" PORT ELIZABETH. THE refusal of the stevedores to work over week-ends until their demands for higher wages have been met has caused serious dislocation in the docks here. Last week-end not a single stevedore went to work. The crews of most within work and were helped for the most own of the steves of the striping accents the state of the striping accents the striping accent to the striping by white-collar employees of the shipping asents.
But still ships occupied every berth at the docks while others for lack of space had to anchor outside the harbour as was the case at the height of the Suez Canal crisis.
The Stirling Castle brough was, so did the Cape Town Castle from East London Their ships were heavily guarded by armed police and no people were allowed to come

and no people were allowed to come near.

The whole barbour area was seething with armed uniformed policy of the people of the p

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AREAS

and no people were allowed to come



THE BOYCOTT GOES ON: Sunday meetings in many townships en dorsed the rejection of the Chamber of Commerce plan to end the boycott. At the same time Alexandra Township was invaded by the greatest concentration of heavily-armed police following mass raids on Saturday when over 150 people were arrested. The PUTCO buses have gone, but the war of nerves against the people continues, Our picture shows boycotters passing a police cleek point.



### AFRICANS ARE LEARNING FROM THE BUS BOYCOTT

When the boycott was started in when the boycoit was started in Port Elizabeth on Monday, Febru-ary 11, the Daily Mail said: "The sympathy boycott in Port Eliza-beth is most ill-advised." It re-gards the decision as peremptory

gards the decision as peremptory and dictatorial.

I think the "Mail" is wrong in trying to make the people think the ANC is dictatorial. What the people of Port Elizabeth decided through the ANC was solidarity and support for their brothers who are squeezed to take out the

who are squeezed to take out the last penny they are trying to save for their children. Port Blizaber are trying to save for their children. It is a right to stand by the Reef people as Mr. Robody is wishing politics into the obycott but when the Government sends police to intimidate people and interfere in the meetings, the politics must come in—Julius P. Buss, Western Native Township, Johahnnesburg.

I appeal to the Nationalists and their supporters to ask their Gov-ernment to change its attitude and settle this bus fare dispute imme-diately. I am appealing to you be-cause you as voters were respons-ible for the election of the present

Government.
Should this appeal go unheeded, then we Non-Europeans will have to take more drastic steps in retato take more drastic steps in reta-liation against the enforced bus fare increases. We will organise the African people everywhere to boycott any business, undertaking or product that has anything to do with the Nationalists. Your businessmen will suffer £200 each day they open their shops. Remember how your shop-keepers suffered in Ficksburg when the Africans were not

keepers suffered in Ficksburg when the Africans were not allowed to come into the town. If

we decided to boycott your busi-nesses throughout the Union we would get mass support from our people.—Motlatsi Mathe, Durban.

I would like to stress that this new plan of boycotting Nationa-list products is wrong and unwise. All those products listed do not touch the Nationalist Govern-ment. The main Nationalist product is the pass or reference books in the pockets of the African men.

—T. F. Blind, Grahamstown.

The Nats want to rule with an iron hand. Mr. Schoeman is not prepared to negotiate with the boycotters and blames everything on the ANC. He says it is testing on the ANC tested its strength very fruit-ANC tested its strength very fruit-fully during the defiance campaign in 1952. Then it obtained support even amongst Mr. Schoeman's white people, who decided to form the Congress of Democratic form the Congress of Democratic Properties. which works in harmony with the ANC.-M. Mamosa, Basutoland.

We are looking with pride and We are looking with pride and emotion at all those who are walk-ing long distances rather than pay he increased fare. I know what the bus boycott means to the African people, who are going to face danger, hardship and sacrifice— perhaps death itself. But through it all we will gather experience of boycott and strike, that is more valuable than money

and good home furniture. After these boycotts we will be a better and a stronger race. We will have that proud confidence that we have done our duty to our country. F. H. Mbi. Alice.

### **Protest At Police** Interference

In connection with the meeting held on February 3, the following protest letter was sent to the super-intendent:

"We strongly protest against your instructions to your police to interfere in our meeting. We call on you and your police to keep your hands off our meetings, because of the provocation them with the provocation that the provocation will be a provocation the provocation that the pr

CHAIRMAN

Natalspruit Branch, ANC.

### **Bad Treatment From** African Police

Africans, I think it is time the black bosses should go and live in the S.A. Police Locations, not in the S.A. Police Locations, not with us. I was given a blow by an African policeman when arrested for a special pass. The only way they treat arrested people is to hit them. Even a dog is better off. If you hit it with your car you seld and pull it out of the road if it is dead, If it is hurty you look to —but not these African police!

Africans! It is time we should make a stand!

A. LUNISI Alex. Township.

### Basuios May Appeal To IT.W.O.

I wish to announce a meeting open to all individuals and organisations to be sponsored by the Commoners' organisation of Bastoland known as Lekhotla la Bafo. This meeting will be held at Moshoeshoes' ford, called Thaba Bosicu, the night mountain. The main topic of discussion will should send a delegate to put the problems of our people before the United Nations Organisation.

United Nations Organisation.

The British only need us in time of war and disasters. After those are over, they sit at their white superiority tables and discuss the Native Problem and ways cause the Native Problem and ways to be compared to the problem of the

We shall ask two men already at UNO—Russia to take Basuto-land Congress by the right hand, and India by the left hand, to put us before the world so that a proper inquiry can be made into the protection of our people under the agreements between King Moshoeshoe and Queen Victoria.

I. J. M. MATHIBELA

Basutoland.

### Protest Against The **Beerhalls**

We protest against the beerhalls that destroy the families of the Africans, Our husbands come bome every Friday night without their wages, which have been spent in the beerhalls. As they drink, the Government police are waiting for them outside to arrest them for drunkenness. If you give a man a drink, you expect him to be drunk, not sober. We protest against the beerhalls

These people are taken to the magistrate's courts and fined so that they should be left with nothing in their pockets. The mothers of the family have to take trains to the courts to look for their husbands who have been trapped in the beerhalls. By soine trapped in the beerhalls. By going on the trains they spend their last pennies which they should have for their children to eat.

The beerhalls are only a source of trouble to us. The time has come for the people to protest

THE MOTHERS OF SOUTH AFRICA

### Hankey's Fight With Advisory Board

The Native Advisory Board of The Native Advisory Doute of Hankey location tried to prevent the free travelling of people from the location to the city without a written authority from the magistrate. This they tried to do through the Port Elizabeth Divisional Council sional Council

The ANC branch of the loca tion successfully opposed this measure and interviewed the local magistrate who denied any know-ledge of such a procedure. As be-fore, the residents are now freely going to the City without permits.

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The ANC has another fight against the Advisory Board on its hands. The Board refused permission to ANC members to rebuild their fallen houses, advising them instead to apply to the Divisional Council for permission.

But Mr. William Makhephe who sent an application to the Council, was refused permission, without any reasons being given.

It is clear that the Advisory Board only camouflages some of the wickedness of the Native Affairs Department.

Join the ANC, the only representative body of non-whites! SECRETARY

ANC Hankey Branch.

### "Satan Is Made Black"

Apartheid is not new, it was formed by the White missionaries when they came to this country. The laws followed later.

Some of our people were sent to school to learn so that they might teach others and frighten them by telling them that they would not go to Heaven if they did not become "civilized".

Few White men ever tried to learn Xhosa, Zulu, Sesotho, or other African languages, why not?

The answer is very simply be-cause they wanted the Africans to be under the Whites, as it is to-

There is not a single African minister of religion who can preach in the White churches, but the White minister can preach in the African churches. When it comes to drawing a picture of "God" they make God White and Satan is made Black.

E. B. MKABILE

### **EDITOR LAL**

### THE BOYCOTT — ROUND

ROUND One in the Rand transport battle is over. The great struggle of the African workers to secure cheap, adequate transport to and from their homes enters a new phase. The first phase ends with the withdrawal by PUTCO of its services to Alexandra. Sophiatown, Moroka-Jabavu and other boycotted routes, and Schoeman's nasty new Bill. But there can be no doubt that victory so far has gone decisively to the African people.

They have defeated every attempt by the Government to break the boycott, using the police as stormtroopers. They have maintained their unity in the face of every attempt to divide them. They are more conscious than ever before of the deeper issues involved in the transport question-miserably low wages, segregation, lack of Non-European representation etc.

More than any other factor, it is Schoeman's heavy-handed intervention in the dispute over bus fares which has brought these issues to the fore, and made the boycotters of the Rand and Pretoria see themselves as front-line fighters for their people's rights. Continually harried by police-raids and cordons, the boy-cotters have come to regard the maintenance of the boycott, the maintenance of unity, as something in itself, transcending the simple fare issue upon which it started. The slogan "Azikwelwa!" has become a battle cry in the struggle for people's rights.

It is against this background that the people's decisive "No" to the last-minute offer of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce must be considered.

With the withdrawal of the PUTCO services, the need for a general all-round increase of the wretchedly low wages can be clearly seen as the fundamental issue behind the boycott. This has been recognised not only by African leaders but by such bodies as the Chamber of Commerce and such people as the Mayor of Johannesburg, who made promises of investigations into wages provided the boycott was ended.

But why should the people end the boycott before the main cause has been removed? The boycott showed that wages were far too low-but the wages remain low, whether or not the people are riding in the buses. The people displayed sound common sense in refusing to consider such offers as inducements to end the boycott.

Just as the people realised that their only answer to the increased fares was unity in mass action, so they must realise that the only answer to their urgent need for higher wages is unity in mass action.

The way to victory in Round Two, therefore, lies through the organisation of tens of thousands of African workers behind the demand for a minimum wage of £1 a day.

It is welcome news that the South African Congress of Trade Unions is seeking the co-operation of the boycott committees, the Congresses and other democrats in the biggest recruiting drive in South African trade union history.

The time could not have been better chosen.

### **WORCESTER FAMILIES TURNED OUT** INTO THE RAIN

People's houses were opened and their belongings hurled into the streets in rain and wind on February 20. The location de-partment ordered the evictions to be made, claiming arrears in rent. Summonses were first issued on February 13 asking for full settle-ment. Those who were unable to were ejected.

People had nowhere to go and sat with their belongings in the open. Children were soaked, and old people were seen sitting help-lessly and desolated.

Many people in Worcester earn less than £2.10. a week Rent is 14/6d. per week, so little is left for food and clothing. The buildings are carelessly built. It is impossible to light a candle in them on a windy day, as the wind enters below the corrugated from road and in the corrugated from road and ro a slight difference between in the open veld or in the h

Four hundred people attended a meeting called by the "Stand By Our Leaders" campaign, which is

rapidly gaining momentum in Worcester. People expressed deep concern at the arrest of the leaders, oppressive legislation, and the deterioration in race rela-

Speakers again and again made Speakers again and again made the point that they stood for mu-tual respect between human beings, irrespective of colour, race or sex. Those present joined in prayers with feeling and enthu-

There was a minor disturbance when an African "Insecurity" Branch member refused to take his hat off while the prayers were said. This educated CID chap refused to be obedient to God, and preferred to defy him. No doubt he is a wise man and wisdom will die with him.

The meeting dispersed with people determined to fight for freedom the right way.

H. M. TSHIZANA

Worcester.



Three members of Randfontein's anti-permit deputation to the Native Commissioner: from the left, Mrs. Elizabeth Matshe, Mrs. Martha Matlou and Miss Miriam Serefe.

### RANDFONTEIN WOMEN IGNORE REGISTRATION

### **Huge Demonstration Against Permit System**

From Ruth First and Tennyson Makiwane

RANDFONTEIN

THE ultimatum to African women of Randfontein that they must register at the Labour Bureau before they can take on jobs is being flatly ignored by the women of the three locations.

A huge demonstration of women to the Native Commissioner was followed by a decision that the women would not register for permits or at the Labour Bureau, and by the end of last week none of them had. But women born in Randfontein

Ten African women were arrested Ten African women were arrested and charged with incitement follow-ing the anti-pass and anti-permit demonstrations. All are out on £15 bail and their case will come up in court on March 6. The local chairman of the Afri-can National Congress branch has also been arrested on a charge of incidence.

#### NOTICE

The official notice from Randfon-tein's Department of Native Admi-nistration warns that "it is an offence to give work to any Bantu women without first getting permis-sion from the registering officer." "All Bantu women not in employ-ment who wish to get work must report to the registering officer (of

stered themselves . . ."

European employers are similarly warned that they must not give work to African women without ap-plying to the Registration Bureau, BUT the Randfontein municipa-lity is stretching the law much fur-

lity is stretching the law much fur-ther than it actually goes, and au-thorities there more or less admit that. The Labour Bureau registra-tion regulations do NOT vet apply to African women. It is NOT com-pulsory for all African women to apply to the municipality for work and register officially as work

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And the clauses in the Urban
Areas Act quoted by the official
circular apply not to employment
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But women born in Randfontein or living three legally are not compelled to register for employment. The Randfontein manager of the NAD told New Age that the registration was never intended to be compulsory for all, and the women of Randfontein cannot be compelled to register, at the Labbur Bureau. to register at the Labour Bureau, But, he added, the registration would be "in their interests" and "for their protection."

#### DEMONSTRATION

Two days before the day fixed for registration streams of women from the locations and nearby farms came together to demonstrate against the carrying of documents, both the permits issued in terms of the Urban Areas Act and the work regi-

Stration permits.

Outside the office of the Native
Commissioner ten women volunteered to convey the women's objections.

teered to convey the women's objec-tions to the new system to the Commissioner.

Inside the offices officials pro-duced their identity cards and told the deputation that their wives were also carrying them. The Native Commissioner said "during the time of Jesus Christ both men and wo-

men were required to register."

The deputation reported on the interview to the crowd. Then the police gave the women five minutes to disperse

The women decided they were not prepared to register

### The Raids Continue

### Japan's Budget

LONDON.

Total expenditure in Japan's draft budget for 1957 amounts to a Kyodo report. This is some 10 per cent more than for 1950 between the common than the common that the common than the common than the common than the common that the common than the common than the common than the common that the common t

### **GAVE LIFTS TO BOYCOTTERS—** SACKED FROM UNIVERSITY

PRETORIA

A TECHNICAL assistant on the staff of the Pretoria University who was prosecuted for refusing to give his name and address to the police when giving lifts to Lady Selborne boycotters, has been dismissed from his post,

On the staff of the Physics Department of the University, Mr.

B. T. Verhagen received a curt notice of dismissal just after the case.

In his evidence Mr. Verhagen said he and his mother were on heir way to Lady Selborne on January 31 to give lifts to Africans who were not using the buses and

who were not using the buses and were walking to the township. Their purpose was to help the people and to strengthen the boycott

Inter pulpose was to help tuse people and to strengthen the boycottneration for their lifts. They gave African women lifts. Just as these women were getting out of the car a police van drove up. A constable asked him what he was doing in the location. He replied that it was not a location. The constable the told the women and the worstable that the police had constable the police had constable the told the women and the worstable that the police had constable that the police had constable the told the word with the word of the

### Treason Trial Resumes

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The treason hearing reopened on Monday morning at the Drill Hall after a week's adjournment with more evidence by detectives about meetings held over three years ago. The defence has already objected vigorously to this type of evidence as irrelevant to the charge.
The accused looked weel and the contraction of the contra

It was pleasant to see Lilian Ngoyi well and cheerful after her recent illness.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP NEW AGE?

### Standstill **Wool Washeries** -80 Arrested

PRODUCTION at a wool washeries in Port Elizabeth came to a complete standstill last week when almost the entire labour force

was arrested.

For some time the workers have been demanding that the management should allow shop stewards to carry on their duties and that he should agree to negotiate with their trade union officials. When the their trade union officials, When the workers called on the management to obtain a reply to these demands, it is alleged that three were set upon and kicked about by one of the foremen who only stopped after the workers had drawn the attention of the manager to this.

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The foreman then fired the three workers, whereupon the rest of them downed tools immediately. They remained on the premises demanding their weekly wages as it was a Friday, but they got neither their pay nor were they discharged. The next morning they returned to the factory as usual. While them to the factory as usual. While their be situation at the union offices, 80 workers were arrested and taken to the charge office, where they were

the charge office, where they were charged for trespassing.

### Last Week's Donations To New Age

Cape Town:
Muthane Peter 2.6d.; On behalf
of Elsies River freedom fighters
(tin) £1.16.4; Mrs. Johannes Moosa
2s.; Mrs. Annie Molefle 2.6d.; Mrs.
Agnes Budiroang 2.6d.; Mrs. Fatima
Parker 4s.; Sundries £86.17.
Port Elizabeth:
1. Babie 10s.

Friend £1; Babe 10s.
Johannesburg:
Readers' collection tin £4.16; Ben
Shek, editor of "Champion" (Canadian youth paper) £16; Johannesburg sundries £36.4.

Total-£147 16s. 10d.

# And Now—CRADOCK AFRICAN

From our own correspondent

CRADOCK

A BOYCOTT of the local beerhall which was started here by the African National Congress on February 22 has so far proved a 100 per cent success.

Circulars bearing the words "Aku-ngenwa, akuthengwa, akuselwa" and buy beer from the beerhall, but (We boycott, we don't buy, we the drink from the beerhall) were won't drink from the beerhall) were distributed among the people a day thet thumbs up. before the boycott was due to start, From the beginning the people stayed away, and instead of the £25 takings on a normal day, only three sixpences could be obtained for

JOHANNESBURG.

A total of 462 Newclare Africans were arrested in a dawn raid in what the police describe as a "routine operation" recently. Congress members declare the raid to the proper of control of the proper of the proper

REASONS

Reasons for the boycott of the beerhall of Cradock by the ANC are as follows:

1, The beerhall is supported by the Africans supposedly for the wel-fare of the Africans, but the dirt of the location streets is ignored by the Cradock Council.

2. The beerhall is situated in the midst of educational centres, so the attention of the children is paid to the drunk people from the beerhall rather than to the teachers.

3. The Council has banned all meetings for the people and has increased the rents without calling a meeting to explain the reasons to the people for its measure.

4. The beerhall is built close to the local playing field. In this field there used to be a water tap used by the players, but to attract the players to buy from the beerhall the Cradock Council removed the tap.

5. Last, but not least, recently the Council invited foreign police to persecute the Non-Europeans of Cradock and these police have sucked money out of the people in many ways, leaving behind damages and casualties.

Some Coloureds suggested Some Coloureds suggested that not only the beerhall must be boy-cotted but all alcoholic centres, such as wine and spirit stores in town, because they as Coloureds are allowed to obtain wine from these stores and when they get drunk in town they are arrested. This suggestion is still pending.

## HAIL TO THE PEOPLE OF GHANA!

WEDNESDAY 6th of March will be remembered by the future historians of free Africa as a great day in the long and bitter struggle of the people of our Continent against colonial slavery.

With flags and fanfare the people of Ghana (formerly called the Gold Coast) celebrate their indepen-dence from this date, the 113th anniversary of the seizure of the territories by the British Imperialists.

Ghana, with its five million people occupying an area of 100 000 square miles, is today the star attrac-

### WORLD STAGE

By Spectator

tion on the World Stage. People from all over the world, representing great nations and small, have flocked to Accra, the capital, to witness the independence celebrations. From Britain has come the dence celebrations. From bittain as some constitution of Kent concealing with an air of graciousness the gall that the Tories must feel now that another of their possessions has broken free.

From the U.S.A. comes



Vice-President Nixon, babypatting and backslapping in good American electioneering style, no doubt anxious to fill the 'vacuum' created by the political withdrawal of the British. "Rubbing shoulders" with Nixon, as the newspapers put it, are representatives of the Soviet Union, which has consistently championed anti-

colonialism, and of the Peo nle's Republic of China, which not so long ago

### Sidelight

An interesting sidelight on the invitations sent out is the fact that the only two persons from British Guiana asked to attend were Cheddi Jagan, leader of

Guiana asked to attend were Cheddi Jagan, leader of the People's Progressive Party, and Fred Burnham, former Vice-Chairman of the P.P.P. Other representatives come from the governments of colony-owning countries, hiding their alarm, and from the newly independent states of north Africa and Asia, openly expressing their joy at the addition to their number. Even the Nats are swallowing their racial pride and have sent a representative on behalf

of the S.A. Government.

Not officially represented, but there in spirit, will be the peoples of the vast territories of Africa who still languish under colonialism—the peoples of the British, French, Portuguese and Belgian colonies, and

the people of 'free' South Africa.

Yet the most important persons present at the celebrations are not the foreign dignitaries, but the common people of Ghana themselves, who have trekked from all over the country to rejoice on the day which their years of struggle have brought about. By foot, by cart, and by train they came, the urban workers, artisans, petty traders, market women and fishermen, clerks, teachers and peasants.

### The Heroes

These are the heroes of Ghana, the people whose selfless struggle gave Kwame Nkrumah the strength to lead his country to independence. Apologists for colonialism are trying to represent the grant of free-dom to the Gold Coast, as Ghana was called until doin to the Gold coast, as Shaha was said this week, as an act of liberality by the British Government to a people whom they had trained to

rule themselves.

The truth is that it was militant action by the masses of the common people, during which scores of their leaders were thrown into gaol, that forced the British colonialists to make a dignified retreat if

the British colonialists to make a signification through any to the throw out altogether. In any case the people of the west coast of Africa were ruling themselves before William the Conqueror brought a bit of 'order' to Bagland, A thousand years agon the Empire of the Bagland, a though the armount of the armount of the Bagland, and the sand years ago the Empire of the Bagland, and the sand years and period to be a support of the armount of the same and the same armount of the same armount

### Slavery

When the British first came to the Gold Coast it was not to teach the people how to rule themselves, but to strip the country of its black gold—African slaves. With the development of modern large-scale industry human beings were replaced by raw materials

as the chief object of plunder Africans from the Gold Coast have a wry saving that the mosquito has been their best friend, because it was only the prevalence of malaria which prevented the development of a large White settler population such as has so fiercely resisted African freedom in other parts of the Continent.

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The British were forced to rule through 'good boys' who helped them buy up the rich produce of the peasants for a song. All trade, transport, mining (gold, manganese and bauxite), the police force and the army were in the hands of the British rulers and their agents. More than half the world's cocoa production brought fortunes to the British monopolies which marketed it, while the producers were forced to live in hunger, illiteracy and misery.

The last world war, which saw so many fortresses

The last world war, which saw so limit rottlesses of imperialism crash to the ground, had a powerful impact on the Africans of the Gold Coast, many of whom fought against Fascist imperialism in Europe and Asia. In the post-war years feeling ran deep against British rule, but there was no leadership for the people. The spark that started the fire came in the person of Mr. Kwame Nkrumah, a man with a powerful personality and organisational ability.

### His Story

After studying for some years in the U.S.A. and Britain, Nkrumah returned to his homeland and became secretary of the United Gold Coast Convention in 1947. A paper organisation, this body consisted of chiefs and lawyers who followed a policy of "gradual evolution" relying on memoranda and nettions to obtain convessions.

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The only member of the Convention who did not come from a wealthy or middle class background, Nkrumah, the son of a village goldsmith who worked NKruman, the son of a vinage golusming who worked as a docker to pay for his studies, set about trans-forming the nature of the organisation's activities. Advancing a policy of 'positive action', he began a drive in the towns for membership prepared for open struggle against colonial rule.

So frightened were the U.G.C. leaders at the pros-So frightened were the O.A. reauers at the propert of an all-out struggle that they deposed Narumah from the secretaryship. Narumah walked out of the Convention and set up the Convention People's Party in 1949, turning directly to the workers for support.

The response to his policy was immediate-the common folk rallied in their thousands, conducting cotts, strikes and mass demonstrations to further the struggle for independence. Many were killed, scores thrown into gaol. In 1950 Nkrumah was sentenced to two years imprisonment, but before he had served the full period, the British realised that they could no longer rule the Gold Coast in the old way, especially since there were too few White settlers to maintain their supremacy.

### Constitution

In order to save what they could of the rapidly sinking ship, they agreed to a new constitution in terms of which a general election was held for the first time in the country's history. Though most of their leaders were still in gaol, the C.P.P. won a sweeping victory, and Nkrumah emerged victorious-

ly from prison to become Prime Minister. Since that date the country has been beset by many

Since that date the country has been beset by many problems, and Nkrumah has often shown a tendency to turn away from the people who put him into power and to allow himself to be swayed by the interests of the rich and powerful who earlier had disowned him. Yet his personal popularity has remained high, for he is the symbol of independence, and under his leadership the people of Ghana have finally realised the goal for which they made so many scriffices.

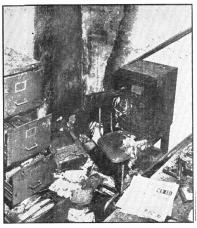
many sacrifices.

Political independence will not of itself solve all of the many difficulties facing the country. British capital still dominates the country's economy. There are the objective of the North fear for their autonomy. As the Congress Party in India has come realise, the political revolution must be followed. to realise, the political revolution must be followed motives of the Chamber of Comits to maintain true independent in the country of the chamber of Comits to maintain true independent of the country of the country of the chamber of Comits to maintain true independent of the country of the

by a social and economic revolution if the country is to maintain true independence and advance the interests of its people. The construction of socialism, to which the C.P.P. has pledged itself (the first ruling party in Africa to do so), will not be easy.

Yet now is a time for celebration. The problems of tomorrow can confidently be left to the millions of ordinary folk whose noble battles for political with the country of the problems of independence have paved the way for a great social country

Hall to the people of Ghana!



### Threat To Boycott Leaders

JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Maimela, one of the Pretoria boycott leaders, has been admitted to hospital following his assault by unknown persons. Last week another Pretoria boycott leader Mr. P. Mo-gano received an anonymous letter hreatening him with violence.

In Johannesburg a number of boycott leaders were visited by PUTCO employees who told them that they would demand jobs from them if they were sacked by PUTCO as a result of the bus boycott

The reaction of the people in Johannesburg to the threats was so violent that none of the leaders here have been touched,

The letter written to Mr. Mogano warns him that 'the gods' would visit him and would strike with a hard hand.



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### **EXTENSIVE** DAMAGE TO **NEW AGE OFFICES**

Our pictures show (left) wrecked filing cabinet, in each drawer of which documents had to the safe there used to be a bookcase, now completely disin-tegrated. The covering of the chair has been burnt and the stuffing forced out by the heat. Burnt documents litter the foor. On the charred desk is a type-writer, now no longer serviceable.

(Below) a corner of the (Below) a corner or the records room, showing back copies of New Age blackened and charred. On the left is a gaping hole which used to be a window. In the foreground is the wreckage of a cupboard. On the right a chair has lost its seat and back.

### RAILWAY AND DOCK WORKERS BAN OVERTIME, DEMAND HIGHER WAGES

### Shipping Seriously Delayed

PORT ELIZABETH.

DEMANDS for higher wages have been lodged by the railway and dock workers in Port Elizabeth, and have been backed by a refusal to work overtime until their demands are met.

Railway traffic and shipping has already been drastically affected by the workers' action.

mands with a refusal to commence work earlier than 8.30 in the mornand to continue work later than in the afternoon. They have also refused to work on ships over week-end unless their demand higher wages is met.

#### DOCK MEETING

When the workers carried out their decision, the police special branch. Native Commissioner, Labour Bureau officials and M.R.A. representative—the international strike breakers—came to the scene. A large meeting of the workers was held at an open space in the dock

After the interpreter had introduced the various officials the workers said they had never known the Native Commissioner to do any good for them, nor the Labour Bureau officials. They were there-fore not prepared to negotiate with anybody or in the presence of anybody other than their employers

Further, the workers demanded that there should be an interpreter into Afrikaans for the Coloured

When the Native Commission persisted to talk, the workers rose in a body and walked away to

unless their demands are met. In the meanwhile the goods shed and platforms are packed with perishable fruit, Feverish meetings are taking place amongst the employers.

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The P.E. dock workers, whose wages per week depend on the number of days there is work for them, are demanding 25/, as a gainst 11/6, a Native Commissioner remainer and which they are now earning. As the workers had been pressing for higher wages for the workers had been pressing for higher wages for some time they continued to the workers have refused to commence workers have pressing a pressing the workers have refused to work workers were old that the workers had been pressing for higher wages for some time they continued to the workers have refused to work workers were continued to the workers have refused to work over the week-end they were pressuaded to continue work-

accept vague promises of an in- were persuaded to continue work

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New Age learns that in future the workers will resume work at 8.30 a.m. and stop at 4.30 p.m. Like the stevedores they are not willing to work overtime, nor over ON Friday morning the Railway

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The Railway workers have re-fused to work after 5 in the evening

#### NEGOTIATIONS

were persuaced to continue work-The action of the dock workers has already thrown some ships out of schedule, while more liners come into the port late to wait.

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System Manager a few weeks ago. trouble.

son, directed that future issues of the notice were to be amended. "Women Would Choose Jail

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Climbs Down

warship against having anything to do with Non-Europeans (New Age, February 21), the Royal Navy has decided to alter the offending sec-

tion.
The notice deals with contact the

crew of the warship might have with Non-Whites ashore, and made

references to the incidence of vene-

real disease and prostitution among

lity laws.

Mr. Crawley, Director of the
United Kingdom Information Office,
said that no insult to the Coloured

people was intended, but the Com-

ander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Rob-

CAPE TOWN. Following widespread indignation and protests caused by the notice warning seamen on a visiting British

Rather Than Carry Passes"

JOHANNESBURG.
"Women of the Transvaal would choose jail rather than carry passes," declared a resolution adopted at a special Women's Conference called by the ANC Woference called by the ANC Wo-men's League recently, Over 200 delegates from all over the Transvaal and as far afield as Bechuana-

land attended.

Speakers emphasised the need for countrywide campaign to teach omen the consequences of accenting passes. The conference saluted the action of the Ventersdorp High School girls who decided to go

home sooner than accept passes. After prolonged discussion on Bantu Education the conference re-solved to recommend to the ANC

### FAREWELL TO

STEP IN WITH

THEIR DEMANDS

enthusiastic Alexandra residents and for all flocked to the meeting. Those who remained at home, even many streets from the place of the meeting, heard the report as the voices thundered through the air of the township. Never was the shout "Azikwelwa—Bye-Bye PUTCO",

more clear, more harmonious It was a victory claim. The mon-ster had fallen. The PUTCO bus monopoly, whose ever-extending tentacles had held an undisputed grip on the Non-European transport service in Johannesburg and Pretoria. Was staggering under the

ON the eve of the withdrawal of the PUTCO buses, thousands vels designed to bury PUTCO once

"If they are not prepared to charge 4d, let them go," said the people. The new proposal only meant queuing twice on every trip—for the bus and for your penny.

### THEIR TRIALS

PUTCO had made the people walk for two months in all

## By Tennyson

JOHANNESBURG. Is why the speeches at the Friday plained about long queues to 'get

### THE END?

At the meeting held last Wednesday people danced wildly saying "Bye Bye PUTCO'; cyclists waved their bicycles in the air shouting 'These are our buses.'

The PUTCO buses raised the dust behind them as a convoy left for Pretoria. "Poor PUTCO," said

### Textile Workers'

The Industrial Council for the

The Textile Workers' Industrial Union has been negotiating for a new agreement for three years demanding higher cost-of-living allowances, overtime pay at time and a third on basic wages plus c.o.l, and, in the flock section, a 10% increase

The employers demanded that the workers accept a reduction in their basic minimum wages—from £3 to £2 6s. 6d.

## **Demands**

CAPE TOWN.

blanket, flock and Kaffir sheeting sections of the textile industry broke down recently when the employers flatly refused to meet the demands of the workers

The Union will now negotiate

## **BOYCOTTERS SAY WHY COMMERCE** OFFER WAS REJECTED

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UNDERTAKING
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### INDIAN FAMILY BEATEN UP BY POLICE — "ALL A MISTAKE"

**JOHANNESBURG** 

POLICE assaults in the Western Areas of this city do not stop at Africans. An Indian family attacked in their Sophiatown home one night last week were later told "It is all a mistake." but to this day they do not know why the police invaded their

of those attacked, 52-year-old Mr. Shunmughan Naidoo, is still in hospital with a fractured arm.

Mrs. Mummy Govendér of Gold Street, Sophiatown, said that on the Saturday evening her father was in bed and she and her sister Miss Gladys Naidoo were in the kitchen when two European constables in uniform and a number of African policemen burst constables in u

Mr. Naidoo asked them what they were doing in the house but they pulled him out of bed and one constable said: "We are looking for liquor."

"My father asked him where his search warrant was and he

"The police then started beating my father. I came in and asked them to take my father away decently if they had a charge against him. Then one of the African constables beat me about the head and all over my body with his baton.

"They were like madmen. The African policeman went into my grandmother's bedroom. She was sitting on her bed. The police grabbed her and dragged her off the bed and pushed her about the room."

"When they took my father outside he was in his pyjamas. We asked them to allow him to put his clothes on, but they just laughed at us."

Mr. Naidoo's arm was broken in the melee, and he had to be taken to the Coronation Non-European Hospital.

No charge was laid against him. After he and his daughter, Mrs. Govender, arrived at the police station at Newlands, they were told that it was "all a mistake. We are sorry, and you may go now"



Mr. Peter Clarke seen with some of the paintings at his exhibition,

### ART MUST HELP SOLVE LIFE'S PROBLEMS, SAYS COLOURED ARTIST

From Mervyn Bennun

PETER Clarke, the Coloured artist whose first exhibition of paintings has been on view at Oranje House, Cape Town, is a

sby, simply-dressed, soft-spoken young man of 27 with decided views about the role of the aristin society.

Born in Simonstown, he started, and the soft of the aristin society.

Born in Simonstown, he started and the soft of thing, I had no paper, so I used fly-leaves of books."

He chuckled, "I didn't ask for permission, so I was in trouble quite a lot. I used too sketch when things, too, Often, when I was sent too had been steered and and arw."

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Mr. Clarke feels there-is a great Mr. Clarke feels there-is a great future for art in this country, "People are busy now with other problems. That will change in time, and then our art will really flou-rish," he said.

### **Boycotters Arrested For**

Traffic Offence JOHANNESBURG.

JOHANNESBURG.

Bus boycotters from Alexandra

Township arrested and prosecuted
for crossing against a robot in Louis

Botha Avenue were kept in the cells
for one and two nights before the
crown finally agreed to withdraw the

charace against them

charges against them.

Bail had been fixed at £1 each and culy a sprinkling of the 76 mea arrested managed to pay that amount. The rest were held in

amount. The rest were held in custody.

An application for the release of the men on their own recognisances was turned down.

Dr. G. Lowen, Q.C., said in open court that the crossing of the robot was a "pifflig" and trifling offence and "this cannot be anything but trying to bring these people back to the buses. That is not the function of the traffic laws at all."

### WHAT THE BOYCOTT **TAUGHT** HAS

From Govan Mbeki

PORT ELIZABETH.

PORT ELIZABETH.

A ZIKHWEWA! rang out ghost voices in the dark in the evening of February 9 as in less than 48 hours the people of the Eastern Cape responded to the ANC call to boycott buses in sympathy with the Recf-Petoria people. From Uitenhage, New Brighton, Veeplaats, Despatch, Kleinskool, Missionvale, Korsten, Schauder Townshin, Walmer, Salisbury Park and sionvale, Korsten, Schauder Town-ship, Walmer, Salisbury Park and Fairview, large masses of men and women of all ages poured out daily.

### WORKERS ON THE MARCH

Here were thousands of workers on the March; on the march to ful-fil their daily task—to produce the commodities to satisfy the needs of commodities to satisfy the needs of mankind, and more significant, on the march to their destined goal— their own liberation. They had de-cided to walk in sympathy with the people on the Reef and Pretoria. What could have illustrated better

what could have illustrated better the glaring injustice of the situation in South Africa! Those who sweat to produce the wealth of the coun-try do not enjoy the fruits of their labour; those who strain the muscle to produce the wealth of the Courtry do not enjoy the fruits of their labour; those who strain the muscle to build luxury houses are turned out on to the bleak veld a long distance away from their places of work. When they complain they cannot afford the extra 1d., the last severe that thereters to break the

withstand the sufferings which the Nationalists are determined to in-flict on them.

#### SHARP CONTRASTS

What a sharp contrast as trudg-ing, suffering thousands walk along while sleek, smooth-sailing luxury glides past. Toe to heel the marchers follow one another along the narrow pavements, while bum-per to bumper the privileged classes drive slowly past in luxury which has been created by those who trudge. The marchers look ahead as though they were not aware of this contrast, and the drivers and their passengers drive indifferently past as though those whom they passed were but trees.

#### MARCHERS' ENEMIES

Many are the enemies for marchers. There is the stifling heat; marchers. There is the stifling heat; there is the gale; then a rainstorm —these sudden changes of the weather are a trial. Then there are the police at the check points—that gruff voice: "Hey, waar is jou boek?" The grab and a fling into the Sterry (Pick-up van) or Nylon (riot truck) because a reference book was the struck of the struc was left at home in the hurry to get to work on time.

The harsher the police the more cannot afford the extra Id., the last straw that threatens to break the back of the African child, Ben Schoeman orders them to get on the buses. If they obey Schoemans orders it is death for them-a slow death from starvation.

The people choose life, but to have it they must got through the mill, they must deleat Schoeman archers as they go through the mill, they must deleat Schoeman three thim; they chose the hard long road where they train them-selves in long daily marches to steeled are the people in their de-

thrown out of their transport van thrown out of their transport van while the driver is accompanied by an armed police escort to the nearest police station; women's shopping bags are turned out in a manner calculated to humiliate. But the spirit of the people is indestructive.

#### THE LESSON

On the way to and from work there is hardly ever a day when the road mate is the same, yet here on the hard road there has developed a new fraternity kneaded out of the sweat and blisters. Out of the long walks has been born an awareness that those who walk belong to a class that must assert its right if it is to live.

The marchers on the Reef, the marchers in the Eastern Cape, the marchers everywhere have forged unity with their feet—unity, their most effective weapon which the oppressor fears most. It is a weapon that can only be kept in a state of readiness for use if it is always sharpened in united action.

THAT IS THE CHALLENGE FOR THE LIBERATORY MOVE-MENT.

### Dr. Conco Arrested On **Poll Tax Charge**

JOHANNESBURG.

Dr. Wilson Conco, deputy president-general of the African National Congress and one of the 156 on trial for treason, was arrested in Sophiatown recently for failure to produce a poll tax receipt. Dr. Conco produced an income tax receipt but was removed to Mewlands police station by the

SCHOOLING

He went to school till Standard
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in Claremont. His parents could
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training as a painter. In 1947 he was a member of the St. Phillip's Group in District 6, under the leadership of John Copelands. The leadership of John Copelands. The Group used to meet for discussion! and criticism on cultural topics. In 1948 the Group moved to the Tech-nical College, and he left. Apart from what he learned from the Group and hints picked up from books, he has been entirely self-raught. taught

### DISREGARD LIFE

DISREGARD LIFE
Peter Clarke feels that today too
many artists disregard life itself.
There are too many "nice" pictures
—"no getting down to the realities
—"no getting down to the realities
of the world about one."
His own exhibition does not contain many pictures which could be
described as profound social studies,
but: "From now on there will be
a change," he said firmly.
"If one can help solve these problems through one art one should
do so. The idea should be not only

### It Happened Before And It's Happening Again

### U.S. MONEY BUILDING **WEST GERMAN INDUSTRY**

LONDON.

THE tie-up between American giants is rapidly expanding—both within the Federal Republic and farther afield in South America, India, Canada and the Middle East. American capital is flowing into Western Germany, and the Ruhr barons are busy forming joint companies with their U.S. counterparts.

First steps were recently taken
for a gigantic West German-Ameri-

can project to replace Britain and France in exploiting the Middle

### U.S. VISIT

At the beginning of the year, a group of Americans, members of the Public Council of the Joint Security Programme, visited

cunty Programme, visited Western Germany. Leading the group was the former president of the U.S. Steel Corp-ration, Benjamin Fairless, and the chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of America, Jesse Tapp. It was agreed that West Germin frees belead by American control It was agreed that west cermin firms, helped by American capital, should make an even more determined drive to oust Britain and France from Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi-Arabia and other Midaq, Saudi-Araosa le East countries.

Iraq, Saudi-Arabia and other Mide East countries. The Americans argued that West Germany would provide a suitable Germany would provide a suitable Germany would provide a suitable lands, since it has no recent colonial history. In short, American capital will be provided for the West Germans to do the dirty work. Details were worked out with representatives of Krupps, Kloeckners, Thyssens, Phoenix-Rheinrobrand other Rohm mammoth concerns. Joint companies are to be formed, and other Rohm mammoth cancer in the concerns and other Rohm mammoth cancer in the control of the c

#### OTHER SPHERES

Co-operation between West German and American Big Business interests, however, is not confined to the Middle East. The chiefs of U.S. steel trusts and Ruhr heavy industry are busy getting together, often linking up with their Canadian

often linking up with their Canadian counterparts.

In the middle of last year, the huge Krupp concern signed an agreement with the American Blaw Knox Steel Company for the joint exploitation of underdeveloped countries. The Thysen steel concern is linked with the American ARMCO Steel Corporation and Mannesmanns with other American firms.

Currently, negotiations are being conducted between the Duesseldorf industrial giant Phoenix-Rheinrohr and the American Bethlehem Steel

and the American benefits of the Corporation.

The idea is that Bethlehem buy a 50 per cent interest in the Phoenix-Rheinrohr's newly formed New

York company.
Ostensibly, it is for the purpose of the American company supplying scrap metal and coal for the West German company's furnaces.
Behind it, however, lies the plan

for Bethlehem to supply the capital to enable Phoenix-Rheinrohr to carry out contracts in Venezuela and Brazil.

### INVESTMENTS

The traffic is not one-way: huge amounts of American capital have been invested in Western Germany since the end of the war.

The U.S. concerns of Fords and General Motors control 30 per cent

of the West German motor-car in-

dustry, according to the American periodical Fortune.



Nazi General Hans Speidel, for-merly of Hitler's army, has been given a top job in NATO, where he will give orders to British and other troops. In the second world war, Speidel was in charge of troops who butchered thousands of French citizens.

Standard Oil, together with the British Shell and Anglo-Iranian oil companies, are estimated to control between 70 and 80 per cent of the West German fuel market.

Fortune calculates that at present about 40 per cent of West Germany's iron and steel industry, and about a quarter of its coal industry, about a quarter of its coal indi-are in the hands of foreigners.

There has been a meteoric rise in export of West German capital, which increased nearly twenty-fold between 1952 and 1955 alone.

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Throughout the Middle East, in South America, in Africa and Asia, the West German monopolists, the thinly camouflaged successors to L.G. Farben and similar firms which helped Hitler to power, are extending their influence.

It is estimated that in the Arub Lasters countries clear Meet Gere.

League countries alone West German firms are undertaking long-term projects to the value of 1,000 on marks (about £85 million)

### SAME PICTURE

In West Europe the picture is the same. The industrial barons of the Ruhr have their hands in projects in Spain, Holland and France and

they have ambitious plans for extending their influence.

West German Big Business, the merchants of death, are on the march again, this time helped by their American "big brothers."

### AND NOW THEY DRINK BEER IN CHINA

BEER has suddenly become the BEEK has suddenly become the most popular drink in Peking. One year ago, a confirmed tosspot like myself had to walk quite a way between drinks but now a rash of pubs has sprung out all over the city.

over the city.

You can have your mug of beer in the co-op and drink it sitting down or while you wander round doing the week-end shopping. Beer drinking became so universal during the recent spell of sweltering weather that for several days the situation was as bad as in wartime British. Trainloads of light ale had to b Mukden to Peking.

All this may not seem very surpsing—after all it's only beerbut it is surprising to me because the Chinese never used to drink it.

but it is surprising to me because the Chinese never used to drink it. I recall the time when I first came into Peking with the Chinese People's Army in 1949, how a friend and myself lovingly drank what we believe to be the last American small-beer in the city.

But now beer is all the thing and when my supply was internated with the control of the

who like a pint or more.

They told me not to worry, the situation was firmly under control. We sat around sampling their pro-We sat around sampling their products as we talked, especially a new brew called "Temple of Heaven Beer," put up in half-pint bottles instead of the usual pint and selling at about 12 cents. In conversation with these two socialist beer-barons I found out the Religion, true heavening the transparent products and the second products and the second products are the second products and the second products are the second products and the second products are the

new brew called "Temple of Heaven Beer," put up in half-pint bottles instead of the usual pint and selling at about 12 cents. In conversation with these two socialist beer-barons I found out that Peking's two breweries—the other one being a smaller one jointly run by the state and private capital—exceeded all provious will be more than 30 delegations.

records this year but were caught on one foot by the recent general wage increase. Consumption sky-

wage increase. Consumption skyrocketed.

"And they havent all got their
wage increase yet," Ling Wantsing said wryly, "I'm pretty sure
that when they do they will all
rush straight out and spend it to
heer. It's difficult."

I asked some young people as
they quaffed a pint under the
trees in Chungshan Park, why they
had taken to beer. (It should be
and drunk anywhere at any time
of the day or night in China).

At first, these youths told me,
they had not liked beer but "it
grows on you. We like it now."
They persevered, in spite of the
bitter taste because they found
beer to be the best thirst quencher,
cheaper than aerated waters or
watermelon and because, as one
of them chipped in: "Beer is good
for you."

for you."

When I mentioned this to Ling
Wan-tsing he told me that present
maximum national capacity of
88,000 tons a year will be raised
to 130,000 tons in five years
to 130,000 tons in five years
and to 300,000 tons by 1967.

"And suppose that's still not
enough?" I asked.
"Don't worry" said Ling as he
clinked the glass. "Cherest"

### ALAN WINNINGTON.

### **Cultural Co-operation**

AFRICAN ROUND-UP

### **UGANDA WANTS INDEPENDENCE**

A FRICAN leaders of the Buganda people in Uganda are con-tinuing to press for independence for their country. Members of the Buganda Lukiki (Council) unani-mously decided recently to send a petition to the Queen asking for discussions between representatives of the Crown and of the Lukiki in the near future "to discuss and make a definite policy which will lead us to self-government in a fixed time within the Commonwealth."

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The petition recalls that Buganda accepted British protection in 1893 in an agreement signed by the then Kabaka, Mwanga, and continues by saying that there has subsequently for the saying that there has subsequently of the saying that there are subsequently of such departure are quoted—the deportation of the Kabaka in 1953, recent moves by the Uganda Protectorate Government to acquire compulsorily land over which the new Western Uganda railway runs, and the return of East African military forces to local administration with a proposal to establish a central administrative body for such forces in Nairobi.

The petition refers to Buganda's

The petition refers to Buganda's 1955 agreement and says self-government is not mentioned in it because the making of that agreement was the only means of securing the Kabaka's return from exile. "Therefore we were not able to express all our political needs in the agreement."

The petition is to be handed to the British Secretary of State for forwarding to the Queen.

### MORE BANNINGS IN

### TANGANYIKA

THE Tanganyika Government THE Tanganyika Government is clamping down on the activities of the Tanganyika African National Union, whose president, Mr. Nyerere, spoke recently at the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations Organisation in New York. Two meetings which Mr. Nyerere planned to hold at Tanga and in

the neighbourhood were banned. A Government official wrote to the Government official wrote to the provincial organising secretary of the T.A.N.U. at Tanga: "Owing to the inflammatory nature of speeches made recently by the president of the T.A.N.U. there are grounds for believing that any further such speeches might lead to a breach of the peace, Permission to hold the meetings is accordingly refused."

### MULTI-RACIAL UNIONS

### S. RHODESIA

THE new Southern Rhodesian THE new Southern Rhodesian Trade Union Bill has been received with mixed feelings by African trade unionists in the territory. On the one hand they welcome the provision made in the Bill for the recognition of Africans as 'employees' and hence as entitled to join trade unions. At the same time it is felt that the Bill has too many provisions aimed at restricting the Specific Control of t

power of the unions.
Speaking at a meeting of the
African Commercial Workers'
Union in Salisbury recently, Mr.
Maluleka, Mashonaland organising
secretary of the T.U.C. said that the
T.U.C. welcomed the provision of
the Bill doing away with the Native
Labour Boards which the African

workers had always fought against.

Yet "too much power is being given to the Governor," he said, "who will be bound in the exercise of his powers to interfere with free

"We feel that domestic workers and farm labourers should also be allowed to organise themselves into unions, because they also have very legitimate grievano

In terms of the Bill the unions will not be allowed to give financial or any other help to a political party. Mr. Maluka said this was not in keeping with other principles of free trade unions.

He also criticised the proposed Works Joint Committees which are to be presided over by the works manager. These committees had failed in America, Mr. Maluleka pointed out, "and are destined to do the same here."

The most significant feature of the Bill is that it provides for the setting up of multi-racial trade unions. The old Industrial Conciliation old Industrial Conciliation which denied registration to can unions has been repealed, Afri

### LAND-ROBBERY IN

### SOUTH WEST AFRICA

THE plight of the Africans in South West Africa was revealed in a recent UNO debate on the status of the territory by Rev. Michael Scott and Mburumba ua' Kerina, a student from S.W.A. studying in the United States.

Kerina, who got a passport by changing his name to conceal his Herero nationality, told the General Assembly that the Africans hold only 15% of the land in SWA. Even this miserable amount was being reduced to make room for White families from Kenya and Angles who, were being acquarated by gola who were being encouraged by the South African Government to settle in the territory, he said.

### Nasser's Plan For Egypt

President Nasser has declared that Egypt will devote its major efforts to consolidating its national economy on a purely national basis not vulnerable to imperialism.

Nasser said this in a talk with the Nasser said this in a talk with the Governor of Liberation Province, according to the latest issue of Sasara magazine. The Egyptian President added that this was necessary "in order to make up for the waste during hundreds of years when imperialism sentenced us to rigidity and backwardness."

A free national economy meant the destruction of imperialism, he declared. This was why imperialism had fought and would continue to fight by all means at its disposal, he

He called on the Egyptian people to work for this aim and added: "The wheel of history will not turn back. Eventually all imperialist conspiracies and attempts will break upon the solidarity of our unity, faith in our rights and power."

### PEOPLE'S "NO" COMMERCE OFFER

(Continued from page 1)

there have been increases):-

1. The people would board the buses and pay 5d.

2. The Chamber of Commerce would erect booths at which the passengers would queue up after alighting and receive a penny re-fund on production of their tickets.

The scheme was to last for three months. The Chamber promised £25,000 to cover the scheme. Meanwhile it undertook to press for upward revision of the wages of Africal Roberts can workers.

#### PEOPLE'S REACTION

The boycott leaders, consisting of members of the Witwatersrand and Pretoria Joint Transport Co-Ordi-nating Council and the Alexandra Transport Action Committee, agreed Transport Action Committee, agreed to place the proposal before the people at public meetings on Friday afternoon, on the eve of the expiry of the PUTCO ultimatum that it would withdraw its services. They carried out that undertaking.

AND AT EVERY MEETING THE PEOPLE REJECTED THE PLAN BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITIES.

AAJORTITES.

At the meeting of Alexandra Township's "Number Three Square", the chairman was barely able to make hinself heard above repeated cries of "Azikhwelwa!" from the crowd. He was trying to read out the terms of the Chamber's offer from a sheet of paper he held in his hand, But people already knew all about it, for somehow the Star had obtained and published the "secret" proposals beforehand. And they had made up their minds to reject it.

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They hadn't been boycotting for eight weeks to start paying five-pence, they said. Who knew how long the pennies would last? And meanwhile paying the fivepence was the thin end of the wedge.

#### MORE OUEUES

It meant, too, another queue,

One of the compensations of the boycott has been no more long tire-some queues at the Townships in some queues at the Townships in the morning and again the endless queueing at Noord Street and Di-agonal Street after the day's work. And with the new scheme there would be still more queueing—lin-ing up at the Chamber's klosks for pure the same time, it is purely to the same time, it could mean a long wait for that penny!

As it is, people have been getting into bus queues at four in the morning in order to get to work at 7.30 8 o'clock.

And knocking off at 5 or 5.30, it is nine o'clock before many workers arrive home.

The withdrawal of PUTCO was The withdrawal of PUTCO was thought by the Government to be a killing blow: a spiteful revenge for their utter failure to break the people's spirit. It is true that the people have not given up their demand for good, cheap transport. And many PUTCO employees have less their jobs. lost their jobs

But to the majority of the people the departure of PUTCO is not something to be mourned. They have become hardened through the long weeks of walking, and the road to town does not hold any terrors for them now. And at least those killing queues have come to an end!

One woman said heatedly at the Alexandra meeting, "I work in Yeoville—where am I to get my Yeoville-penny?"

At Moroka people were bitter about "promises" made by the authorities. They were promised that their municipal shanty-town (still known as Moroka Emergency Camp) would soon be replaced by proper houses. Moroka would not only in Moroka still there, but new "houses" are still being added.

#### PROCESSION

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A great procession formed at Newclare, following a mass public meeting, which had rejected the Chamber's proposal, and shouting "Azikhwelwa!", marched right through Western Native Township to join forces with a huge meeting in Sophiatown, which had just taken a similar decision, Scenes of extraordinary enthusiasm were tracken a similar decision, Scenes of extraordinary enthusiasm were proposed to tackle with the proposed to tackle wases and the pass system as the next steps forward.

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To the people, the boycott and the withdrawal of PUTCO too are not seen as a defeat, but a victory.

#### COVE TO BLAME

GOVI. TO BLAME

The fact is that the people have come to identify the bus company with the Government and the police, and with all the bitter persecution they have suffered over the past two months. And in this they are not so far wrong. The company, in receipt of large subsidies from the Government, has had representa-Government, has had representatives of State denartments on its
Board of Directors for a number of
vears. At one time Dr. Eiselen,
amoninted by the Native Affairs
Denartment, sat on the PUTCO
Roard At present one of the four
PUTCO Directors is a nominee of
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It is not difficult to surmise that It is not difficult to surmise that the fare increase. Ben Schoeman's intransigent attitude, and the pre-sent decision to withdraw services, are all part of a ioint PUTCO-Govt. plan against the people. BEATEN BY THE BOYCOTT

### NAT. GOVT. WANTS REVENGE

STRIJDOM'S Government is up to something. You can smell it a mile off. Its defeat in the boycott has filled it with hate and a desire for revenge. Blind with fury, it is getting ready for a trial of strength with the African people.

Usually, it is Mr. Swart, the Hepple said, the Government wants Minister of Justice, who tells tales to break the spirit of the Afrikan of poisoned wells and "cheesa-pople. Cheesa" armies. But in the debate last week Mr. Schoeman surpassed metary. Opposition that every sechal the state of the spirit of the partial state week Mr. Schoeman surpassed metary.

### IN A TANGLE

Mr. Schoeman wove the threads into a fantastic tangle: he turned the bus boyott—a simple struggle for economic rights—into a giganic conspiracy, emanating from the treason hearing and aiming at driving all the Whites out of Southern Africa. He embelished the story with "evidence" of violence and intimidation

He said that the African National He said that the African National Congress wanted to expel the White man and set up a "Native State." He declared that it was planning "drastic action in the future." What is the explanation for this nonsense? What is Mr. Schoeman

after?
THE ANSWER IS THAT THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT, HAVING FAILED TO BREAK THE BOYCOTT. IS OUT NOW TO BREAK THE BOYCOTT. IS OUT NOW PEOPLE. SCHOEMAN COULD NOT ACHIEVE THE LESSER TASK; SO HE GETS READY TO TACKLE ONE A THOUSAND TIMES MORE DIFFICULT.
For criminal bryado, for suicidal

For criminal bravado, for suicidal stupidity, the Nationalist Governstupidity, the Nationalist Govern-ment's new plans are unique. Some people say that the Nationalists never read history: I believe that they must have culled every history book written to condense so much folly into their actions. No mortal mind is capable of making so many mistakes unaided.

#### SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

You ask: How do I know the Na tionalist Government has not tionaist Government has not learn its lesson? How do I know that they are going to unleash a reign of terror? I claim no special knowledge of their plans. I say simply: Read

their speeches!

Mr. Schoeman traced the outline, provided the connecting links between boycott and treason, "exposed" the "conspiracy." Mr. Blaar Coctzee said that a victory for the bovcotters would thave meant a victory for the communists." And Mr. M. Vilioen demanded that the Government should ban the ANC.
Boycott. treason. Communism. their speeches!

Boycott, treason. Communism, ANC, violence, murder, drive the White man into the sea! It's one and the same thing, the Nationalists tell the country. They stare into their crystal ball and see plots.

their crystal ball and see plots, shadowy shapes, sinister movements arising out of Darkest Africa.

The technical terms used among Nationalist propagandists to describe this particular aspect of their trickery is: Scare the hell out of the White man!

But this time I fear it is serious.

But this time. I fear, it is serious. terrifyingly serious. All restraints are being tossed to the wind. FIRST TARGET

There seems to be little doubt that the African National Congress is the Government's first tareet. Mr. Schoeman described the ANC as a "subversive organisation." Mr. Viljoen has called for it to be banned. And according to a newspaner re-port, the Government in fact is considering banning the ANC. fact is

But the attack will not be con-fined to the ANC. The ANC has been chosen because it represents the African people, their aims and desires. The attack, therefore, is against the African people. As Mr.

mentary Opposition that every section of it—even the United Party—warned the Government in last week's debate against the folly of its methods.

### LOOKING AT **PARLIAMENT**

Graaff dodged the boycott issue for several weeks, but at least when he spoke last week it was to admit that the Africans were in an "eco-nomic plight," and to declare that if the Government tried to suppress the boycott by force alone, it would merely be dealing with symptoms that might easily show their head

that might easily show that now again.

Mr. Hepple was more outspoken. He said that the only satisfactory answer to the boycott was to pay better wages, "decent wages," The Minister of Transport, he said, had turned a serious economic problem into a racial one and had embarked more a wenderfas seainst the African upon a vendetta against the African National Congress—"the Minister appears to be determined to have

ARROGANT

No pleading by the Opposition had the slightest effect on Mr. Schoeman. He remained arrogant and adamant throughout the debate

and adamant throughout the depate, even throwing in interjections like the following:

Mr. P. Pocock (U.P.): Will the Minister explain in what way the boycott Bill will help to solve the

Minister explain in what way the boycott Bill will help to solve the boycott. There will not Mr. Scheman: There will be no buses to boycott. There will be no buses to boycott. Mr. Schoeman: Yes, permanently. Mr. Pocock: Are the buses going to be withdrawn for all time? Mr. Schoeman: Yes, permanently. Mr. Pocock: The Minister is talking nonsense. This cannot be done. Mr. Schoeman's intentions need made up his mind to teach the African people a lesson. He is going to show them who is Master and who is Servant. It is not only the boycott he has in mind: be intends the lesson to be a permanent one. last for all time, settling once and fall the question of White baars and the standard way in the standard way in the settlement of the settlement o

The old-fashioned term is "putting the kafir in his place." But now Mr. Schoeman wants to do it on a gran-diose scale. He wants to put ALL the "kafirs" in their place—all 9,000,000 of them.

### Africans Angry At Langa Meeting Ban

A FRICAN National Congress officials are angry at the banning of their meeting planned for last Sunday at Langa. The meeting was banned by the chief magistrate following an application by the location superintendent, Mr. Rogers, who said he feared there would

Mr. Rogers based his application the fact that there had been a lash between police and Africans the Langa the previous week. Since his was also an ANC meeting, also disputed the account of the Mr. Rogers based his application on the fact that there had been a clash between police and Africans at Langa the previous week. Since this was also an ANC meeting, there might again be trouble.

Eye-witnesses of the disturbances at Langa the previous Sunday, however, are unanimous in blaming the police for the fact that violence took place.

#### NO INCITEMENT

Mr. T. Nyemya, who was a speaker at the meeting, in a letter to New Age denies that the audience was ever incited, "Speakers urged the Government to open direct negotiations with the bus boy-cotters in Johannesburg and other parts of the country and also asked Colden Arrow Ris Company to Golden Arrow Bus Company to employ Africans as crews on its buses on the same basis as other crews of other races.

"I regret indeed the events that took place last Sunday at Langa and took place last Sunday at Langa and I believe every sensible person ought to. I submit it is not the ANC which is inclining black against white, but white politicians who are denying the existence of black men in South Africa, and tabout two sections, the English and diream men and women.

events at Langa given to the press by Captain J. Rheeder, of the Ath-lone police.

"It seems to be quite clear," says the COD, "that the police broke up a perfectly legal and orderly meeting of the African National Congress and arrested nine of the leading members of the organisation. Eye-witnesses tell of defenceless and unresisting Africans being hit about the head and face by policemen armed with batons, of police chasing and batoning both men and women who were at all times quiet and orderly, of police actually stoning Africans they could not reach with their batons,

"The whole picture seems to have been one of ruthless and wild police attacks, utterly unprovoked."

The COD demanded that those guilty be punished and that the Commissioner of Police instruct his

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