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Rand Daily Mail Editor Resigns After Police Inquiry

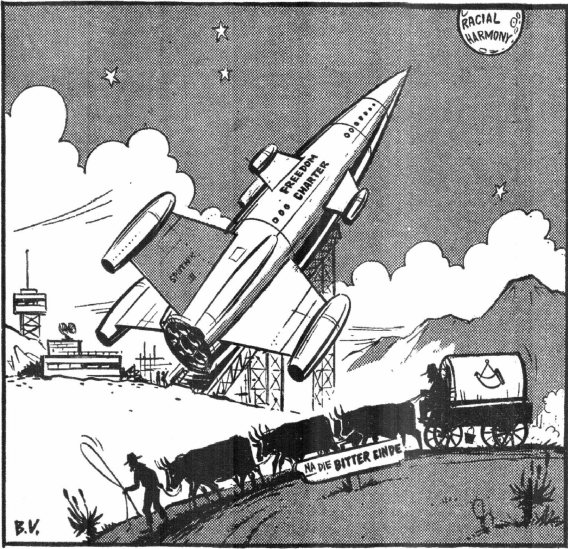
JOHANNESBURG. A SECRET police order to keep a special look-out for boycotters of alleged Nationalist cigarettes during the court proceedings against the Congresses is being linked with the sudden "resignation" of Mr. A. P. Cartwright, Editor of the "Rand Daily Mail," at the beginning of the month.

The order (reported in the Rand Daily Mail on June 13) was issued by the office of the Commissioner of Police, Major-General C. I. Rademeyer. It instructed all police stations throughout the Union to "give the necessary attention" to any breach of the court interdict restraining the Congresses from boycotting the products of Rembrandt Tobacco Corporation (South Africa)—the makers of certain brands of cigarettes.

A statement issued by the Congresses at the time strongly criticized the police intervention in what was a private civil dispute between themselves and the alleged Nationalist cigarette company.

Although there has been a complete press blackout on the reasons for Mr. Cartwright's resignation, it is understood that there were "differences over policy" with the Board of directors. His successor is Mr. L. Grandhar, head of the Public Relations Division of Anglo-American.

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TENSION RISING OVER RAND RENT INCREASES

FOUR ARRESTED AFTER BENONI DEMONSTRATION

From Tennyson Makiwane

JOHANNESBURG.

TENSION is rising in many of the African areas on the Witwatersrand as a result of the rent increases which were introduced about a month ago.

In SPRINGS the people of Kwa-Thema have decided not to pay any rent at all, in protest against the increases, and it is believed other townships may follow suit. In BENONI a deputation of 500 went to the Town Hall last week-end to lodge their objections. At a meeting the following day four people's leaders were arrested.

consider naming a date when it would meet representatives to discuss these issues. Meanwhile the battle against rent increases and permits goes on.

SPRINGS

A group of people of Kwa-Thema location in Springs have decided to boycott payment of all rents in pro-

test against rent increases. It appears that other townships might follow the example of Kwa-Thema. Up to now there has been talk of fighting the issue through the courts.

Kwa-Thema residents have been goaded to action by the arrogant manner in which the local authorities have increased rents without consulting the people. The residents.

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BENONI

BENONI'S Mayor turned back the residents' deputation of over 500 which came to the Town

Hall to protest against the rent increases.

On the following day, Sunday, at a huge location meeting four speakers, all Congress officials, were arrested as they stood on the platform in full view of the crowd charged with holding a gathering without permission. Three of the four spent the night in the cells and were bailed out the following morning.

The four are Messrs Paul Seretseanehi, Herbert Mekuto, Jacob Tau, Amon Koomine.

Their case has been set down for October 22.

The rent increases about a month ago have brought the rents for Wattville municipal houses to £3.8s., but water charges in addition bring some monthly payments close on £4. The people are up in arms over these rent and water charges, also the operation of influx control in Benoni and the permit burden. Meetings were held on Sunday in other Benoni centres too, among them Daveyton.

Benoni's Mayor, when he refused to meet Saturday's mass deputation, said the residents should write officially to the Council which would

CRIPPLED, HE PLAYS THE GUITAR WITH HIS FEET

JOHANNESBURG. WALKING along West Street on a busy Saturday morning, New Age cameraman was attracted by a crowd of

people. Was it an accident? Was it the notorious Ghost Squad? NO! One does not hear sweet melodies where the ghost squad operates.

One click of the camera told the story of Rhodesian born Slaye Ngwenya, the self-taught crippled guitarist. Twenty-eight years old, Slaye was born a cripple and being the son of poor parents he never had any chance of schooling.

Because of his physical handicap he could not find work and so was cut off from the means of livelihood. But because Slaye was determined to live he did not allow himself to be the victim of his unfortunate circumstances. Twelve years ago he took to playing the guitar with his toes and in that way managed to earn for himself a few shillings from sympathetic passers-by in the streets.

Slaye plays anything from jazz to hymns and folk songs. At the time this picture was taken he was thrilling his audience with Nkosi sikelel' Afrika.

According to Slaye the police, as is the case with many an African, are his only menace, for he has been threatened with arrest on several occasions if he continues to produce sweet melodies in the streets of Johannesburg.

JOSEPH JACK



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Why Sputnik
Came From
Russia

EDITORIAL

THE MESSAGE OF SPUTNIK

SPUTNIK has brought about a revolution in men's minds everywhere. As it circles about in the heavens above us, the unlimited possibilities that science is opening up for humanity become obvious to all. We live on the threshold of Utopia, Space and time travel, the extension of life, abundance for all—everything previously thought by many to be mere wishful thinking is now seen to be well within the realms of possibility. Much of it may even be achieved in our lifetime.

But above all, Sputnik has brought about a revolution in men's attitudes towards the Soviet Union itself. It is only 28 years since the first Five Year Plan was launched in the Soviet Union in 1929, and since then the Soviet peoples have had to face famine, the threat of civil war, the rise of fascism, the devastation of their land and the loss of between 20 and 30 million citizens at the hands of Hitler's armies.

How is it possible, many are asking today, that despite all these handicaps, a backward peasant state has been converted into the world's leading scientific power in a generation?

Mr. Kuschov says it is the Soviet system which has brought about this miracle. What is the Soviet system? Most South Africans have no means of knowing. Our Government has made it its business to prohibit the importation of any book (about anything) favourable to, or even merely printed in, the Soviet Union.

It is not enough that, by means of the Suppression of Communism Act, people should be prevented from working for Communism in South Africa. The Government also decrees that we must not even know what Communism is. And its fear has gone so far that the ban now covers not only everything Soviet, but also everything Russian, no matter whether pre- or post-revolutionary.

Thus Pavlov's psychological experiments, the proceedings of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, the art of the Soviet ballet, the works of Dostoevsky and even of Leo Tolstoy—all are now on the banned list. As far as the Government is concerned Russia doesn't exist.

The iron curtain is complete.

Meanwhile the professional anti-Communists and Soviet-haters have been free to spread their falsehoods. Learned professors abuse their titles by parading their prejudices in the columns of the daily press and passing them off as fact, safe in the knowledge that they are beyond contradiction.

Or were until a week ago. Now Sputnik has paid put to all that. The achievements of the Soviet Union can no longer be hidden from the peoples of the world. The Soviet moon that thousands, perhaps millions, of South Africans have seen moving through the evening sky carries a message that Donges cannot stop—because he so far hasn't got the means to get up there and stop it.

What is the message? That you can't put ideas in prison. In fact it is positively dangerous to try. In the age of the H-bomb and space travel, the safety and peace of the world depend upon all people getting to know and understand one another. Peaceful coexistence is impossible in an atmosphere of cold war and national hatred.

It is time to roll up the iron curtain. The Freedom Charter says: "All the cultural treasures of mankind shall be open to all, by free exchange of books, ideas and contact with other lands." The United Nations Charter of Human Rights says: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

Sputnik has transmitted this message home with a vengeance.

WE WANT PEOPLE'S EDUCATION

God created everyone to live a happy life, not enslaved by another man, because all are equal in the sight of God.

with passes for women. We want People's education not Bantu Education for our children. We demand I.A. a day to improve our living.

Long live the suspects! FRANK MAKANA Grahamstown.

REPLY TO CORRESPONDENT

P. J. Ledwabs, Durban: Your suggestion has been considered many times in the past, but has been turned down on grounds of expense. It would not be "just a few extra shillings," but many hundreds of pounds, and we just cannot afford it at this stage.

Seretary, Dispatch: Please send us the result of the court case on October 9.

Down with apartheid, away

No Anti-Semitism In Soviet Union

May I direct the attention of your correspondent Y. Bornstein (New Age, October 10) to the statement last week of Mr. L. F. Ilyichev, press chief of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, that "there are not now, and never have been in the USSR, any quotas or discrimination directed against the Jews or any nationality. Admission to higher educational institutions is decided by competitive exams (industrial workers and men released from the armed forces get some preference)."

Chief Rabbi Solomon Schliffr of Moscow said also last year: "There is no Jewish question in any part of Soviet life. During Beria's regime there were isolated manifestations of anti-Semitism in different places. But even under Beria there was never any state anti-Semitic doctrine."

Schliffr said Jewish bibles, prayer books and religious calendars were being published; that his congregation was increasing; that special Jewish food could be bought easily, as well as Jewish religious objects; that the state sold matzoth very cheaply; that state shops would soon sell kosher meat at state prices; and that the state organisation planned to open a Jewish cafe in Moscow.

Bad things have happened in the Soviet Union, but we should not make them worse than they are by saying "feelings of anti-Zionism have given rise to a Soviet version of anti-Semitism," which simply isn't true. Cape Town. CRITIC

No Discrimination

In these days of censorship and Government restrictions, New Age should show more discretion in publishing "innocent" letters from such "progressive Jews" as Bornstein in regard to the existence of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

His letter contains innuendos and half-truths. He says—from hearsay—that the Jews have to have their pedigree shown on their passports. If this is so, then the rest of the half-grown nationalities of ethnic origin will have to show it, so where is the discrimination?

Racial discrimination as such, including anti-Semitism, is severely punished by law in the Soviet Union. JEW

Cape Town.

IN MEMORY OF G. X. TSHUME

My wife and I have been very grieved to learn of the death of G. X. Tshume in New Brighton. This is a great loss to us, to know him in the fight for freedom. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife, children and brothers.

This sudden death of our brother in struggle is a grievous blow to the ANC branch in Port Elizabeth. This is his money and time, in the fight for freedom. I know also that he constantly insisted on the importance of prayers at our meetings. I say "Lala nka kashume, nyigibhile eyakho indanga ngokolo. May God bless your soul!" H. F. MBI.

What is the All African Convention?

Can anyone tell me what this organisation stands for? Someone has called it the All African Convention. More often than not, these people have accused Congress of being racialistic and of selling out. They mercilessly attack anything which is progressive. They have attacked Messrs Nehru and Nkrumah, saying they are puppets and quislings.

Are these people for democracy or for servitude in disguise? Why were they not represented at the 'all in conference' (Idam!) last year? When was discussing the importance of the forthcoming multi-racial conference the Convention satellites said that their policy is that of 'fighting oppression as a whole'—is it? What a miraculous fight!

Youth of Africa let us not be swayed by these political fanatics. Freedom in our lifetime. A.K.G.

Alice.

NEW AGE LETTER BOX BANTU EDUCATION TROUBLES

A disagreement has arisen between the Standereton Bantu School Board and the school school committee on the one hand, and the Inspector of Bantu Education on the other, over the appointment of a Principal teacher for the Secondary school.

I am one of the interested parents, and one of the many parents who knows what he is talking about.

Some of us borrow some of the Bantu Education Journals from those who are privileged to get them to acquaint ourselves with the machinery of the present-day education system.

We find that the School Boards have powers to appoint and dismiss teachers. The officials of the Education Department can only advise and recommend. Apparently, some such officials dislike the fact that in certain matters especially in the appointment of some teachers their "official advice" is ignored, even if the "advice" is ignored with good reasons.

Our school may be without a duly appointed Principal teacher for a considerable time, meantime the innocent African children will suffer very considerably.

As an observant parent, and one who is not in any of the school committees or school board, I would suggest that those in higher authority intervene in this tug-of-war situation, by appointing Commissions of Inquiry into these things. The Commissions of Inquiry should be composed of both Europeans and Africans on the basis of equal membership.

RESPONSIBLE PARENT

Standereton.

Free White and Twentyone

By BAM

Cutting capers They banned some newspapers.

They forbade certain books. About communists and crooks.

And now, like fools, They THINK they've stopped the pools.

NEW AGE CIRCLES THE WORLD

"SPUTNIK" is not the only thing which encompasses the globe. "New Age" does likewise as can be evidenced by the letters which reach us every week from all parts of the world. As recently Mr. Gollan, writes: "We have been inspired by the gallant struggle of your paper and its supporters against the assault by the reactionary forces of your country..."

Another letter nearer home: "I am not educated but I have interest in the political sphere of our land and other countries... I am working in the sugar estate... and the conditions here are bad. So I have had of your paper that it enlightens people like myself."

These are two examples of readers who are either subscribers or who want to become agents of our paper. But we need many more like these to reach our target of between 40 and 50 thousand readers within the next few months.

There are various things which each one of our readers can do to help us achieve this target. They are—

- 1. be interested in receiving a free copy of our paper for two weeks. We will do the rest.
2. Let us know of any friend in any part of the Union who might be interested in earning a few extra shillings per week by being a part-time agent. In almost every village in the Union there are people who would buy New Age if only there were an agent to sell it. Give us the name and address of the person who you think might be a possibility if approached by us.
3. Anybody who obtains six new subscribers for New Age will be put on our subscribers' list for a period of one year free of charge. We don't want just the names—almost anybody can do that—but six people who will take out subscriptions for New Age for a period of not less than six months.
4. Any person who sells five dozen or more papers per week for a period of not less than six months will be entitled to a free copy of New Age for one year—or he can nominate anybody else to receive this free gift for that period.

We want to send New Age skyrocketing to 50,000 readers round the Union in the space of the next three months or so. Then New Age backed by 50,000 people fighting against oppression, can be guaranteed not to disintegrate when coming into the denser and more oppressive atmosphere of Nat legislation, but will the more easily withstand the pressure and rise to even greater heights.

So do your bit now. Sell New Age and collect donations for us.

Last Week's Donations:

- Cape Town: Alex. 2 brandies I.L.2.6. (Advance to celebrate birth of Alvic 10s, Jimmy 10s, Stella v.d. Hum £2, Molevot St. W. Matala 1s, Anon I.L.1.0.6, Party £3.12.5, Jumble 11. Johannesburg: Jumble £48.2.9, R. £5, V and Co. £4, Sputnik £5. Durban: George £1. Friend £1. Geyser £1, Friend £1. Mayet £5, J.N. £3, Alan £1, J.B. £10. TOTAL—£143 14s. 2d.

DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGE IN JO'BURG ELECTIONS

Liberal Party And COD In The Field

From Michael Hwamel

JOHANNESBURG.

FOR the first time since the Labour Party dropped out of municipal affairs, four or five years ago, the United Party will face a vigorous democratic challenge in the City Council elections which take place here on October 30. Of the 18 seats which are being contested, eight will be fought by progressive candidates—seven of them from the Liberal Party and one—Dr. Percy Cohen—from the Congress of Democrats.

No Liberal or Democratic candidate is standing in any ward where the U.P. is being opposed by a Nationalist.

"For many years the U.P. has enjoyed a monopoly of municipal affairs," Dr. Cohen told New Age last week. "In many Johannesburg wards, unopposed candidates have walked into the Council without being elected. What they do there nobody knows. The voters have become apathetic and uninterested in City affairs as a result.

"This progressive challenge from Liberal and Congress candidates comes like a breath of fresh air."

Dr. Cohen is standing in Ward 19 (section of Yeoville and Bellevue).

LIBERAL CANDIDATES

The Liberal candidates are as follows:—

Ward 4 (Parktown N.-Dunkeld area) Mr. John Wilson, Ward 5 (Houghton-Norwood area) Clr. Jack Lewson, Ward 6 (Highlands N.-Waverley-Bramley) Mrs. Marion Friedmann, Ward 9 (Roosevelt Park-Emmentaria Extens) Mr. David Craighead, Ward 13 (Saxowold-Killarney-Parktown) Dr. Eddie Roux, Ward 14 (Upper Houghton and part of Yeoville) Mr. Leslie Cooper, Ward 24 (Berea) Adv. Ruth Hayman.

Both the Congress of Democrats and the Liberal Party election manifestoes stress the needs of the City's voteless Non-White citizens, and their opposition to U.P. and Nationalist "White domination" and segregation policies.

"Both Parties (U.P. and Nationalist) take their stand on White

Raaschnp," declares the Congress of Democrats policy statement "We, on the contrary, take our stand on Democracy."

The Liberal Party says in its statement that "it stands for direct representation in local, provincial and national government for every one. (The U.P. and Nationalists do NOT.)"

Notes issued to canvassers by the Liberal Party add:

"The present situation (in South Africa) cannot be allowed to continue. No country can build a future upon the suppression of four-fifths of its people.

"The bus boycott, economic boycott, June 26 strike indicate the increasing determination of the Non-Europeans to assert their viewpoint and fight for their rights.

"To attempt to meet these activities with increased repression would be both morally wrong and extremely foolish. It has become a matter of utmost urgency to show the Non-Europeans that there is a peaceful and democratic way out. Otherwise, black nationalism will grow and a head-on collision will result."

The Liberal Party proposes that the "franchise must be extended to all adult inhabitants of South Africa. If necessary, this may be done in stages, with a qualified franchise as an intermediate step.

"There is no reason to suppose that Non-Europeans are less capable of exercising the franchise than Europeans. 'Civilised' people have often voted foolishly and selfishly (e.g. present S.A. Government, Nazi Germany). Present Native representatives in Parliament are among our best M.P.s."

ANTI-COMMUNIST

The statement asks the question: "Is the Liberal Party in sympathy with Communism?" and answers: "No. The Liberal Party is opposed to Communism and in fact represents the best hope of preventing the Non-Europeans from turning to Communism."

On the question of miscegenation, the Party says: "Marriage is a private matter which should be left to the good sense of individuals. The white race survived for centuries without the protection of a Mixed Marriages Act, and can continue to do so."

Explaining why it is opposing United Party candidates, the statement adds: "It is absolutely vital that there should be a third party in the field to show the Non-Europeans that the whole white race is not united behind the idea of white supremacy. Unless this is done now, Non-European discontent will turn to hatred of the whole white race."

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Racing At Milnerton

Following are Damon's selections for Saturday.

Table View Handicap: CONGENIAL. Danger, Calvados.

Milnerton Handicap: ONWEER. Danger, Sun Fish.

Anchor Handicap: TETRINA. Danger, Skirts Ahoy.

Owners' Progress Ten: OIL. Danger, Corewood.

Progress Six, A Div: BARD OF AVON. Danger, Finer Finish.

Progress Six, B Div: ARMOURD TRAIN. Danger, Sun Goggles.

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WHAT DOES THIS ELECTION OFFER THEM?

This picture appears on the Liberal Party's Jo'burg election manifesto.

NEW ANC COMMITTEE IN MARITZBURG

DURBAN. Last week the members of the Pietermaritzburg branch of the African National Congress elected new officials after the chairman and most of his committee members had walked out of the meeting.

The "walk-out" occurred when the meeting passed a vote of no confidence in the local leadership.

Since the resurrection of the branch in 1945 the inactivity of the leadership and its refusal to cooperate in the Defence Campaign and June 26 demonstrations caused a great deal of dissatisfaction amongst the rank-and-file. This dissatisfaction became acute after the arrests last December when the leadership remained unresponsive to the African people's militant reac-

tion and eagerness to express support for their arrested leaders.

Rank-and-file members formed the Congress youth and women's leagues in an effort to revitalise the branch but found it extremely difficult to stimulate the leadership into action, and for some time pressure has been applied for the holding of elections.

Finally a meeting was called a few weeks ago and for the first time in many years a hall was packed for an ANC meeting. After making it clear that new officials were desired, the members elected Mr. A. Mntaka as chairman, Mr. A. Zuma as vice-chairman, Messrs L. M. Madlebe and P. J. Mkhize as secretary and assistant-secretary respectively, and Mr. C. M. Mncwabe as treasurer.

UP MY ALLEY

EVERYBODY is talking about the satellite these days. From top politicians and scientists to the little man in the street, I was in a shop the other day and there the hangers-around were talking about it. They didn't seem to know what it really was all about, but one of them expressed the opinion of millions of others.

"The — Russians can do anything."

Of course there are sceptics. On a radio-quiz last week an entertainer denied that there is such a thing as a man-made moon circling the earth. He just didn't want to know in spite of the radio chap's efforts to convince him.

"Can you deliver a lecture on the satellite?" inquired our friend.

"What satellite?"

"The Russian satellite."

"Oh, that?" growled the star-gazer. "It's a hoax. It's the easiest thing to perpetrate a hoax like that."

I bet the only stars he's seen were launched in Hollywood.

BUT the local boys are convinced.

The reports are that the fair-fake punters on Hanover Street have been putting their pants on "Moon" all week.

AND the local pub has evolved a Sputnik Cocktail. Two-thirds vodka (for the Russians), one-third five-star brandy (for outer-space), a dash of bitters (for the Yanks) and BOOM-POW!!!! you're launched.



By ALEX LA GUMA

A FRIEND of ours in Cape Town tried to get hold of an astronomer to lecture on the subject. Two of the leading ones were too busy or had other engagements. The third star-gazer, who claims membership of the Astronomical Society, answered the phone.

"But are you prepared to speak?"

The star-gazer wanted to know who for and was told Congress of Democrats.

Said the star-gazer: "I'm not prepared to speak to any congress or any democratic!"

JOHNNY, of Johnny's Parcels, is happy too. Said he to a member of the Special Branch the other day: "Say, I'm feeling fine. Every time the satellite goes over, I raise my right thumb!" The dick didn't get it. Beep. Beep.

SOVIET MOON PRODUCES PANIC IN THE WEST

UP went the Soviet Union's space satellite. DOWN crashed prices on the New York Stock Exchange.

DOWN tumbled prices on the London Stock Exchange and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and on all the other exchanges in the capitalist countries which jump when Wall Street jumps and which fall head over heels when Wall Street falls.

The United States economy has a superficial appearance of great strength, but the men who run America are well aware that their economy is sick.

This has been shown again and again by their nervous panic at every happening which could conceivably change the beginning of the landslide which would carry them to their doom.

EASILY SHOCKED

The illness of President Eisenhower led to one such panic, his second fitness to another. Even a heavy Tory defeat in a British by-election is enough to cause a perceptible flutter. But each time the market has recovered and gone on with relative smoothness.



The latest sharp fall—which had financial editors writing nervously about the "black Mondays" of the past that have marked the beginning of the terrible depression coincided too closely with the launching of Sputnik to be accidental.

United States economic self-confidence has depended to an important extent on the conviction that America was far ahead of the rest of the world—and particularly of the socialist world—in every major sphere of achievement.

MANY SIGNS OF PROGRESS

Thoughtful people have long known that the Soviet Union was catching up hand over fist and that it was already ahead of the United States in many respects. Soviet achievements in the Olympics, the revelations that she was producing far more scientists each year than all the western countries combined; her pioneering of the peaceful use of atom energy; her jet passenger planes and her inter-continental

WORLD STAGE

By Spectator

missile had all made their impact. But the western Press, radio and films have combined into an extremely powerful thought-stifling machine and after each job that ordinary people have been lulled back into the belief that everything is as it was before.

But SPUTNIK WAS AN ACHIEVEMENT OF A DIFFERENT ORDER.

"Listen now," said the U.S. National Broadcasting Company announcer introducing the famous beep-beep, "for the sound which forever more separates the old from the new."

Commented Time Magazine, not a journal prone to enthuse over Soviet achievements, "A milestone in history, a giant step toward the conquest of inter-planetary space" (Oct. 14).

SOMETHING MORE

But the satellite was more than this. It was the means of laying bare to the world public the magnitude of the lead that Soviet science held over that of the U.S. And science here meant not only a matter of clever men and clever thinking.

It meant complicated machines, immense steel production, new types of material, the unprecedented harnessing of power. Only a smoothly functioning industrial giant could produce Sputnik.

SOME COMPARISONS

● Sputnik weighs 184.3 lb. The satellite which the U.S. had hoped to be able to send up in about six months' time weighed—on the highest U.S. estimate—2.15 lb. And there were many who stressed that this was the highest and most optimistic estimate by U.S. army chiefs—who have been known to exaggerate things. In fact, the Press reported, the U.S. had intended sending up a little six-pounder in order to beat the Russians.

● Sputnik is some 560 miles up. The U.S. satellite was to have gone up only 300 miles, so close to the earth's atmosphere that it would probably not have lasted more than a few days.

● Sputnik was launched into an orbit which made it visible from nearly all over the inhabited earth, although this meant that the Soviet scientists would not be able to take advantage of the earth's eastward

rotation which would have given the satellite a start equivalent to about one thousand miles an hour of free speed. The U.S. satellite was planned so that it would take full advantage of the rotation—and this would have meant that it would not have been visible almost anywhere in Europe or the Soviet Union.

● Sputnik's timing was so exact that it passes over Soviet territory at times when it is most easy to track and photograph it while it is hidden from U.S. observers by the glare of the sun. Later, after Soviet scientists have had a full opportunity to study it, changes in orbit will ensure that U.S. scientists get their fair share.

● And, what shook Dulles most—the U.S. Intelligence Services had no inkling of the Soviet intention to launch Sputnik.

MOONSHINE THEORY

Round and round went the red moon. A whole school of sociologists has developed in recent years which, anxious to demonstrate that economic slumps and booms are not capable of being controlled by man, has produced graphs and statistics to show that slumps coincide with certain phases of the moon. Sputnik gave a fillip to their theories, for with Sputnik came trouble in the stock exchanges. The high-speed ticker-tapes were unable to keep up with the wave of selling and prices fell sharply.

There were two schools of thought on the effect of the satellite on the market. One school listed the Sputnik among the reasons contributing to the fall in prices—it was one of the factors weakening confidence in the strength of the economy.

But the other school saw Sputnik as the one factor which should counter-balance a slump. For surely Sputnik would frighten the people of the west into agreeing to increased armaments expenditure and a halt to trade union demands.

BASIS OF WEAKNESS

Neither view is wholly correct. For the basis of America's economic vulnerability is this: That in order to make a profit the bosses have to pay the workers less than the value of the goods they produce. And if the workers, who make up the overwhelming majority of the population, are not paid the value of what they produce, they are not able to buy back the things they produce, the goods pile up on the shelves, sales fall off, production is cut, workers are sacked, and there is depression.

In countries with a huge industrial output, like the United States, it is possible by means of large-scale government expenditure, to delay the coming of a crisis. For some years after the war the huge expenditures on reconstruction and the replacement by the big industrialists of old and obsolete factories and equipment kept the economy booming.

This was protracted by the huge state expenditures on armaments which were possible while war hysteria was at its height.

In pre-war times slumps were delayed by such frightful waste as the burning of "surplus" food, pouring milk into the sea and slaughtering animals, all while people were starving. In the modern age a similar result is achieved by spending huge amounts on socially useless things like war-weapons.

MORE DIFFICULT

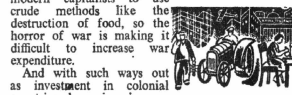
But just as public indignation makes it difficult for modern capitalists to use crude methods like the destruction of food, so the horror of war is making it difficult to increase war expenditure.

And with such ways out as investment in colonial countries become increasingly shaky there is good reason for the recent New York Times comment: "A shadow is creeping over the economic landscape . . . the economic boom is entering the twilight stage."

While Philip Deane, of the London Observer, put it this way: "Quite suddenly, almost overnight, the worrisome inflation and depression have become far more frightening for Americans than the words Communist giant could produce Sputnik."

This time the Americans are not taking fright at myths. The depression is a very real danger, and although economists of the left, the right and the centre have all been inclined to jump the gun in predicting its immediate imminence at times during the past twelve years, few things can be more certain than that the western stock exchanges will experience another Black Monday.

OR THAN THAT THE NEXT BLACK MONDAY WILL BE THE LAST BEFORE THE PEOPLE SO ORGANISE THEIR SOCIETY THAT NEVER AGAIN WILL WE LIVE IN THE SHADOW OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND STARVATION.



Some of the women who took part in last week's Nyanga pass raids.

NYANGA WOMEN CHASED THE POLICE AWAY

Deputation Protests Against Brutality In Pass Raids

From Wolfie Kodesh

OVER 400 angry and indignant women, many of them with babies strapped to their backs, converged on the superintendent office at Nyanga on Wednesday afternoon last week after a with the police in the morning during a pass raid in the concentration camp" about a mile away.

The deputation of these women interviewed the Mr. Pansengrow, and told him that they objected to these pass raids and assaults by the police.

At least one African constable, after being knocked down, had to flee into the hills around the location hotly pursued by a small detachment of women who had become incensed at the brutality in beating up a sixteen-year-old youth who had previously given the alarm at the approach of the police van.

The police van itself was heavily stoned by the people when they saw the police assault women who were protesting against being asked for their passes. After making several sorties against the crowd which had gathered, the police beat a hasty retreat in their van when they saw hundreds of screaming women pouring out of the ponds. They were intent upon doing battle with them because of the brutal manner in which they were assaulting defenceless women and children.

TENSE ATMOSPHERE

The atmosphere in new Nyanga has been tense for several months now because of the frequent raids carried out by the police at all hours of the day and night. The people, who have been herded into this area from all parts of the Peninsula in the past couple of years, say that their patience has reached breaking point because of the harsh police treatment, the bad conditions and lack of amenities in this location.

Nyanga, they say, is becoming more and more like a concentration camp where they are isolated and at the mercy of the police and the camp commandant, Mr. Pansengrow. Mrs. —, who is a grandmother, was beaten by one of the policemen and has her wrist heavily bandaged. She has not had time

against police brutality during

behaviour of the police when searching for passes and liquor.

The resolution condemned passes for women and Section 10 of the Urban Areas Act as the sources of all the trouble and demanded that this legislation be abolished forthwith.

It is noteworthy that since the clashes last week, the "Nylon" has not put in an appearance at Nyanga and the daily raids, which have been a feature of the location for the past 18 months, have apparently been suspended for the time being.

Anti-Semitism In Israel?

TEL AVIV.

A deliberate "policy of discrimination against the Non-European Jewish immigrants to Israel, whom we usually call the Schwartz (the blacks)" was alleged by the large conservative daily Haaretz here last week.

Nearly all of the 60,000 immigrants who were living in the so-called temporary quarters "where conditions are terrible" were from Arab and North African countries, the paper said. They were left there while the white immigrants were "promptly getting modern flats and having everything done for them with respect to education and employment."

The Labour Party government's paper, Davar has denied these allegations.

Sydenham NIC

DURBAN.

Resolutions condemning the Group Areas Act and expressing full support for the demand of the South African Congress of Trade Unions for a national minimum wage of £1 a day were unanimously passed at the annual general meeting of the Sydenham Branch of the Natal Indian Congress, held in Durban last week.

The meeting also resolved to intensify its campaign to raise funds for the defence of Congress leaders who are facing trial on allegations

"LEEUWKOP PRISON IS HELL" — Says Ex-Convict

Beatings Are A Daily Ration

From Tennyson Makiwane

JOHANNESBURG.

ON a wide stretch of land between Johannesburg and Pretoria on the Bryanston road stands the prison work-camp known as Leeuwkop. Within its fastness are housed long-term prisoners. The very mention of the word "Leeuwkop" gives the shivers to even the most hardened criminal. Prison warders everywhere use it as a threat to terrorise prisoners. "I'll have you sent to Leeuwkop," they shout.

Two years ago a commission inspected the place, and found that all was well.

"Leeuwkop is Hell," said Henry Kolisang and screwed his eyes as if the "fires" were still burning him. He had just been discharged after serving two and a half years there. The prisoners are treated with extreme brutality, he said. There are daily beatings. Complaints are suppressed and the story of what really goes on never reaches the outside world.

Not long ago a shocking atrocity occurred there. An escaped prisoner was shot by armed guards as he made a bid for freedom. All the prisoners were paraded out to see his dead body. They were told by the warders: "Look what happens to a wise kafir." For several days afterwards his blood-stained shirt was hung up to serve as a reminder to all.

In 1955 a party of visitors among whom was Mrs. Bullinger, M.P., came to investigate the conditions after some of the prisoners had smuggled out letters complaining about the bad treatment in the jail.

CLEAN-UP

"We were ordered to clean up the cells," says Kolisang. Normally 60 to 75 prisoners sleep in each cell but they were told to remove most of the blankets and leave only 30 bundles. The prison itself was painted. When the spans (work teams) went out the armed guards who usually escort them were withdrawn and janitors (who are also prisoners) were put in charge.

PRISONERS WERE WARNED THAT THOSE WHO GAVE UNFAVOURABLE REPORTS WOULD GET ANOTHER FIVE YEARS!

The visiting party came and left, and the spans were strong—or so it seemed to the prisoners.

The dust behind the feet of the visiting party had hardly cleared when the old order was re-instated. Assaults on prisoners by the warders started afresh and the old slogan, "Daar's nie 'NEE BAAS' vir 'n Kaffer" reigned.

Kolisang himself was badly assaulted with an iron bar on the head by one of the warders, but he was not allowed to see the doctor, he says.

There are cases of some prisoners who were certified sick by doctors or placed on light work but were sent out with the spans and made to push heavy wheelbarrows.

THIS IS HOW "KING KONG" DIED

According to Kolisang, the former African boxer King Kong, who committed suicide by drowning himself in a dam at Leeuwkop, was one of those on the sick list and

not supposed to go out with the spans. He was taken out and he got the chance to drown himself.

The assaults are quite unprovoked. One evening, says Kolisang, some of the warders who had gone to a braai were expected to be under the influence of drink. They assaulted prisoners and demanded rags.

The food is bad and served on rusty plates. When they object to this the prisoners are told: "You are as good as pigs."

I asked Kolisang how it happened that the senior authorities of the jail do not hear, or do nothing, about these things.

He said that most of the prisoners hardly ever dare or do see the visiting magistrates, while the director of the jail is seen only when he comes to fetch flowers and vegetables.

At a loss as to how to make their grievances known, the prisoners resort to using confession time during church service.

Shortage Of Non-European Labour In Industry

DURBAN.

Mr. Elias Kunene, secretary of the Metal Workers' Union, Durban, said that low wages and the industrial colour bar were important factors causing the shortage of Non-European labour in the industry.

He was referring to the attack by Mr. J. S. Sinton at the Steel and Engineering Federation meeting recently that certain labour legislation was the cause of the shortage of Non-European labour.

Mr. Kunene said that the United Metal Workers' Union had submitted a memorandum to the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of S.A., requesting that a minimum wage of £1 a day be paid to all workers and that other working conditions be improved.

"We feel that direct negotiations between our Committee and the Federation leading to increased wages will contribute to making the industry more attractive to Non-European workers," said Mr. Kunene.

ANC Conference In Transvaal

JOHANNESBURG.

The big event of the year in Transvaal ANC circles is the Provincial annual conference scheduled for this week-end. For the first time rural delegates from different Transvaal storm centres are expected to outnumber the urban representatives.

Passes, "Public Enemy No. 1," and Group Areas and the £1 a day campaign will again be floodlit at this conference. The conference will press for the struggle against passes to be given priority by ANC head committees in future campaigns.

Workers Blacklisted After Labour Dispute

PORT ELIZABETH.

ABOUT four months ago the African National Congress (Eastern Cape) issued a statement in which it alleged that Industry and Commerce dismissed workers at the instigation of the Special Branch, and that subsequently these workers were endorsed out of town.

Since then New Age has learnt that Industry is carrying out more unwholesome practices. In a recent case a number of African workers who had been dismissed from one factory after a labour dispute were blacklisted. A list of all such workers is sent to the other factories in the area.

Against the names are marks to indicate which of them are regarded as ringleaders.

Some of the men who were so blacklisted have found it very difficult to find any sort of employment, and almost all of them have failed to find employment in a factory.

One of them who did manage to find employment at one factory during a very busy period was dismissed recently because he addressed his foreman in English instead of Afrikaans, he told New Age.

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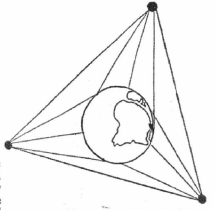


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A GUIDE TO SPUTNIK —For The Man In The Street



What is Sputnik?

The Soviet satellite Sputnik is a large ball about twice as big as a football. It is made of a silvery metal and has a number of scientific instruments inside it. It also has a radio inside which is transmitting signals to earth. It weighs 185 pounds, that is about as much as an average man. At present it is travelling at 17,000 miles per hour at a height of about 560 miles above the earth.

How did it get up there?

On Guy Fawkes day children set off sky rockets. The satellite was sent up in a very similar though much bigger rocket. The rocket must have weighed about

What happened to the rockets eventually?

The first two stages probably fell back to earth, or were

By Dr. Ronald Press

destroyed after they had done their job. The final rocket stage, Sputnik and the cover which protected it

The Astronomers who made it must be very clever?

They did share in the triumph but it must be regarded as the victory of a whole band of scientists. Mechanical engineers made the shell of the rocket; mathematicians calculated the path of flight; metallurgists invented new metals for the job; chemists discovered new fuels and radio engineers installed the radio transmitters. All these people and many more are responsible. Above all the workers of the Soviet Union who backed the project and made it possible deserve to celebrate this victory.

Kruschov has claimed that this is not only a victory for the scientists of the USSR but in fact a victory for the Soviet system. It is less than 35 years ago that the first tractor built in Russia was hailed as a great triumph. Now these ignorant peasants may well be the first people to travel in space.

Why did they make the satellite?

The reasons are mainly scientific. There are many things which we don't know about the earth. The speed of the satellite and how quickly it slows down will tell us how dense the air is 560 miles up. It will tell us how cold or how hot it is. Much can be learnt about cosmic rays and new advances in the theories of the atom can be made as a result.

The force of gravity and its variation can be studied. The Northern lights, sun spots and the resultant electron streams can be studied. Imagine what magnificent pictures of the earth may be taken from up there.

As with every major advance in science and technique it is not so much a matter of what questions it will answer as of what new questions it will raise.

Of what practical use is it?

Its main use at present is as a tool of science. But immediate uses of direct value to the mass of the population also are apparent.

If a satellite which circles the earth every 24 hours is launched, it will appear to be standing still in the sky. This is because the earth also turns round once every 24 hours.

Such satellites could give world coverage for television programs. This is impossible at present because T.V. signals can only travel in straight lines. Such satellites or space stations would also vastly improve radio and telephone communications.

Similar stations could be used to assist meteorological forecasting and geographical surveys. Such stations would not necessarily be manned.

Once we have manned space stations then science will have a new laboratory, a laboratory where there is no gravity, where there is a complete vacuum all around, where the stars shine unhindered by an atmospheric blanket, where man can get an unhindered view of the universe.

What next?

This first step into space is only a beginning. Once mankind stops all this war nonsense and begins to develop atomic and electronic power drives for rockets, then the next step to the moon becomes a distinct possibility. Manned flights, space stations, laboratories in space and stations on the moon, even perhaps a trip to Mars, all this is possible. Twenty years ago only dreamers

... world coverage for television programmes.

and comic readers believed in satellites. Now we can see one every night.

Above all, we do not yet know how the conquest of space can help us here at home in our world-wide campaign against poverty and oppression. Who knows what secrets we may be able to bring back from outer space which may help us to raise the standard of living of all the world's peoples?

The possibilities opened up by the launching of the satellite are limitless and breath-taking.

TENSION RISING OVER RAND RENT INCREASES

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on hearing about this move, immediately approached the local manager of Non-European affairs to seek permission for a meeting to discuss the rent issue as well as other grievances related to housing. While not refusing, he directed them to the district commandant of police to ask for permission.

The district commandant subsequently wrote them a letter saying that a meeting of the residents was not necessary and if they wanted to discuss the question of rents they would have to elect a deputation of three to meet him.

DEPUTATION

A meeting of the residents was then called to elect the deputation but the police arrived and attempted to break up the meeting. The residents protected themselves by producing the letter from the district commandant and pointed out that he had called the meeting for the purpose of electing the required deputation.

Five men were elected and they were accompanied by a large group of men and women when they went to lodge their objections to increased rentals.

According to some of the members of the deputation both the manager of Non-European affairs and the superintendent were rude to them and were unwilling to listen to the point of view of the residents. One official told them that they could clear out of the houses if they were not prepared to pay the new rents.

When the leaders came out to report to the people a provocative incident occurred: An African woman appeared from nowhere, turned to the superintendent and said: 'Don't worry about these baboons, boys, they don't know what they want. The rent we are going to pay is quite all right. In fact it's

too little, we ought to pay £5 for the houses.'

This remark immediately provoked the anger of the people. A few women began to assault her and she had to be taken into the superintendent's office for safety. Later she was taken to her home in the superintendent's car. The people were so angered however that a large group of women followed her to her house and stoned it. Her husband, who was also present, received a beating from the women.

Tension is mounting in the location. People who are not affected by the rent increases, such as those who have bought houses, have pledged their solidarity with the boycotters by refusing to pay rates.

RAND DAILY MAIL EDITOR RESIGNS

(Continued from page 1)

New Age learns that as a result of the publication of the boycott report Minister Swart established an official Commission of Inquiry into the 'leakage.' After the police had made an application to court, Mr. Cartwright was summoned before a Magistrate in chambers and ordered to divulge the source of his newspaper's information on pain of imprisonment.

He understood that Mr. Cartwright refused to do so. Rather than comply, he expressed his willingness to be imprisoned instead.

It is not known whether the directors of the "Rand Daily Mail" supported his stand.

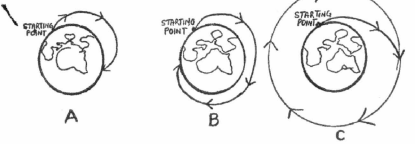
Another Beer Hall Clash

BOKSBURG.

On Sunday October 6, 1957, there was a clash between the people and Municipal Police at Driefontein hostel (Boksburg). It is alleged that the clash was caused by the Municipal Police at the beer hall.

It is said that the Municipal Police were giving some beatings and threats to the people who were in the queue to buy beer cards.

Pretty soon people were angry, and the fight was begun. Many people were beaten up, three of them being seriously injured. The S.A.P. came to their rescue.



30 tons or more depending on how powerful the fuel was.

Why does it not fall down?

When we shoot a rocket up into the sky on Guy Fawkes day it goes up, curves over and comes back to earth.

If we make a bigger rocket it travels as in the diagram A. It goes up, gradually curves back and then comes down to earth again. It travels a great distance and lands on another continent. It is what is called an Intercontinental Ballistics Missile.

If we make an even more powerful rocket it will go up as in diagram B. From the path it takes it seems that it may even miss the earth when it comes down. Now if we increase the power of the rocket it will eventually miss the earth and just go around and around, as in diagram C.

Is it like a stone whirling at the end of a string?

Yes. A stone wants to fly away from the hand but the string holds the stone and it travels in a circle. With the satellite, gravity takes the place of the string and holds the satellite in its orbit around the earth.

This rocket, what was it like?

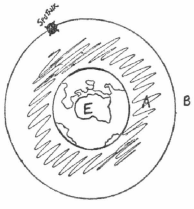
The rocket was probably made in three sections. The first and most powerful section is shown in the diagram. It consisted of a number of rockets clustered around sections 2 and 3. These rockets carried the main sections 2 and 3 about 100 miles up, and at this stage these first rockets were burnt out and discarded. The second rocket stage then took over. This must have carried the satellite to about 300 miles into the sky. (Diagram on the right.)

Finally the last rocket shot the satellite into its orbit—a path 560 miles above the earth and at a speed of 17,000 miles an hour.

during its travels, are now playing hide and seek in the heavens.

When will it come down?

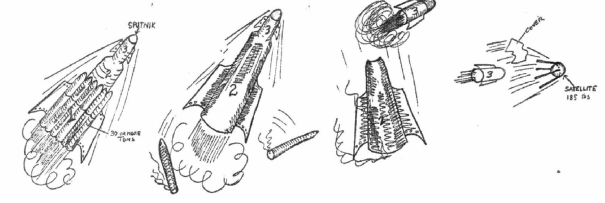
Nobody knows. That is one of the reasons why it was sent up. It will eventually come down. It is gradually slowing down.



The earth E is surrounded by a relatively dense atmosphere A. Beyond this is a much less dense region B. Sputnik is at present in the region B. It loses speed because of friction with the rarefied gases and cosmic dust, and gradually falls into the atmosphere A.

Is it not dangerous when it falls down?

No. Because when it reaches the relatively dense atmosphere A it will become very hot from friction and burn up much as the shooting star does. Only ashes and small fragments will reach the earth, as far as can be foretold by scientists.



"HANDS OFF SYRIA!"

KRUSCHOV'S WARNING HEARTENS MIDDLE EAST

LONDON.

THOSE who had hoped that the carefully-laid barrage of press propaganda against the Syrian government, since it broke from the west's apron-strings and adopted an independent policy, would culminate in an attack upon Syria launched from Turkey were brought to a sudden stop by Mr. Kruschov's forthright statement to a New York Times correspondent last week.

Mr. Kruschov said that the Soviet Union had evidence that Mr. Dulles's envoy to the Middle East, Roy W. Henderson, had been seen there with the specific purpose of inciting Jordan and Iraq to attack Syria, and that pressure was still being placed upon Turkey to launch an invasion.

The Soviet statement followed a protest to the United Nations from Syria itself, drawing attention to Turkish troop movements on the border and completion of frontier incidents sparked off by Turkey, and incursions by aircraft over Syrian soil.

The Syrian allegations about troop movements were confirmed by the Soviet Union which reported that Turkey had even gone so far as to withdraw her troops from the border with the USSR. This, Mr. Kruschov hinted bluntly, would be found to be a most unwise move if Turkey should decide to attack Syria.

GREAT FEROCITY

The United States propaganda attack upon Syria ever since she decided to follow Egypt's lead and pursue an independent policy, even where the interests of the Syrian people might clash with those of the U.S. government, has been of an almost unprecedented ferocity.

In a solemn statement U.S. Secretary of State Dulles has described Syria as "a grave military threat to neighbouring Turkey." Syria's decision to impart armsmen from the Soviet Union instead of from the West where she has always bought them in the past was described by Dulles as "a risky business" that "perhaps unwittingly" incited Arab governments to aggression against Syria.

Not even the right-wing press could swallow this latest Dulles nonsense. "With only 60,000 men under unfamiliar or obsolete arms, Syria is hardly in a position to launch an attack on Turkey's 30 Nato-supplied divisions," remarked Newsweek (Sept. 30) dryly.

In actual fact the U.S. propagan-

da boomeranged very badly indeed. As the American fleet steamed towards the Syrian coast for war manoeuvres people all over the Middle East recognised the threat to Syria as a threat to themselves and even the puppet governments of the area hastened to express their solidarity with Syria.

This "touching of hands by Arabs who basically are quarrelling with one another was the result of the U.S. State Department's ill-advised attempt publicly to isolate and quarantine Syria from its neighbours," complained Time Oct 7.

SPECIAL VISTS

The Iraqi Premier, Ali Jawdat, paid a special visit to Damascus, Syria's capital. And Saudi Arabia's King Saud specially broke off his European tour to make a goodwill tour of Syria.

At the United Nations, Saudi Arabia infuriated the U.S. delegate by declaring, "Syria's decision to build-up is a danger to any Arab neighbour."

Indonesia Will Be Socialist State

DIKARTARA.

"All the sacrifices made by the Indonesian people in the past were aimed at the creation of an Indonesian socialist society in which there will be no capitalism," said President Sukarno at Menara in East Indonesia last week.

He was addressing local leaders in the North Celebes and urging them to reconsider their decision to proclaim their territory an autonomous province in defiance of the central government.

"We need co-ordinated development. It is incorrect if each province acts as it pleases without taking the interests of the other provinces into account," said the President.

Nigeria's First Prime Minister

LAGOS.

Former Nigerian Transport Minister, Mr. Balewa, has been sworn in as first Prime Minister of Nigeria. He heads an all-party Federal Government.

His appointment follows constitutional changes recently agreed upon in London which resulted in minor concessions to the Nigerian independence movement. The new constitution keeps control of the key ministries—defence and foreign affairs—in the hands of the British Colonial Office.



Egypt's Premier Nasser: Brags Syria's independence struggle.

EGYPT ACTS

Encouraged, no doubt, by the Soviet attitude, Egypt showed once again that she was prepared to stand up against any aggression. After talks with Syria she dispatched troops, ships and aircraft to assist that country to meet any invader. "This historic decision will undoubtedly be seen as the first step by the forces of Arab nationalism to unite in their attempts to build unity against foreign aggression," declared Cairo Radio.

CHINA'S INFLUENCE GROWS

Her Neighbours Show "Spontaneously Welling Sentiment," Says London Times

SINGAPORE.

ALTHOUGH world newspaper headlines are concentrating their attention on the Middle East and spotlighting the rapidity with which the countries of that area are moving out of the United States "sphere of influence," the process is by no means confined to the Arab countries.

In Asia, the countries bordering on China are moving with equal speed towards growing friendship with China and increased suspicion of United States interference.

Referring to this development the Singapore correspondent of the London Times asked last week: "Where is this process to stop? And how will the government ever be able to seal off the apparently spontaneously welling sentiment for Communism, or more directly for Communist China, which the Chinese-speaking Chinese, whether born in Singapore or in China turn?"

Not is this trend confined to the Chinese—who make up a substantial proportion of the populations of the neighbouring countries.

CHINESE FILMS

The immense popularity of films produced in New China among all sections of Asian cinema-goers, is a gauge of the growth of China's influence and prestige.

Chinese films were almost unknown in Ceylon only a year ago, but today, according to New-

week (Sept. 30), "Faking's movies have moved into second place in popularity, close behind the Indian films that have dominated the market for so long. The traditional runners-up, French and American films, are now farther behind than ever."

HIGH QUALITY

"Almost all Communist movies exalt China's 'socialist' experiment and many carry a pointed anti-American message," Newsweek continues. "Yet in other respects the movies are generally of high quality. Behind them stands an expanding motion-picture industry which is now completing an ultra-modern, three-million dollar studio in Canton. Facilities will include animation, wide-screen, technicians, and dubbing in a half-dozen languages."

In Thailand the showing of the first Chinese film screened in the Thai capital, Bangkok, was sponsored by the Royal Thai Navy last year, and since then Chinese films have been playing to capacity audiences.

When, according to Newsweek, a representative of Chiang Kai-Shek flew from Formosa to plead with the owners of a chain of Singapore cinemas to refuse to handle Chinese films, he received the answer: "If I don't, the opposition will, and I'll be forced out of business. Every Chinese student in the city seems to consider it his duty to see every one of our Chinese films and to applaud it wildly."

MASS ARRESTS

It is in Singapore that the au-

thorities have been waging the most determined war in a futile attempt to wipe out "the spontaneously welling sentiment for Communism."

Last September and October 180 students, teachers and trade unionists were arrested or banished. Last month a further 39 trade unionists were arrested. And now in a new swoop the government last week arrested a further 48 students, including two girls.

Also locked up was Dr. Chuang Chu Lin, headmaster of the biggest Chinese school in the colony. And the government announced that it intended to banish to China one of Singapore's most influential millionaires—a plan which was frustrated when the millionaire—not named in the press—quickly took out British citizenship papers.

ATTACK ON CHINESE CULTURE

The raids will, according to the London Observer, have the gravest consequences. "The arrest of the millionaire would confirm for the Chinese, who constitute 80 per cent of the population, a suspicion already being voiced over the proposed banishment of Dr. Chuang, that the government is now launching a direct attack against the propagation of Chinese culture in the colony."

"Dr. Chuang is no communist and has been shut out of his own school by demonstrating left-wing students. But he has refused the government grant-in-aid for his school and opposed the new education Bill which seeks to establish

state supervision over Chinese schools."

The unnamed millionaire is described by the Observer as a man who heads a Chauvinistic group of powerful industrialists and merchants in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, has been the greatest financial benefactor of the Chinese educational system here, within which nationalist admiration for the new China has provided a fruitful ground for pro-Communist activities.

"His group of capitalists has nothing in common with communism as such, but its rejection of 'Malayanisation' and determination to foster Chinese culture has sometimes dovetailed fortuitously with the ambitions of the Chinese left-wing."

SONG-BOOKS SEIZED

Perhaps taking their cue from the South African Security Branch, the Singapore police seized as exhibits 253 copies of a song-book which was to be used by students. Here are some lines from the songs objected to:

"Don't be afraid of the wolves and jackals that are in front of us. Don't be afraid of the tigers and leopards that are behind us. Heighten our spirit and be brave! Lead our guns and shoot them dead!"

Another song begins: "Arise and roar! The people are struggling and resisting, struggling and resisting!"

The arrests have completely failed to intimidate the people of Singapore. Leaflets distributed while the raids were still taking place declared: "The more the Government tries to restrict it, the more the progressive movement will multiply!"

And the London Times sighed warmly: "Singapore may have to use more finesse if it is not to exhaust itself pulling on an endless chain."

4th World Trade Union Congress

LONDON.

The fourth World Trade Union Congress of the World Federation of Trade Unions, representing nearly ninety million workers of all countries, is now taking place (4th October to 15th October) in Leipzig, German Democratic Republic.

Africa is represented by delegates from the trade union federations of Algeria, Morocco, Tunis, Egypt, Sudan, Nigeria, Madagascar and French West and Equatorial Africa.

Growth Of Soviet Industry Makes 5-Year Plan Obsolete

LONDON.

THE Soviet Union has scrapped the five-year plan which was due to end in 1960, and is preparing a bigger and more comprehensive plan to run for the seven years from 1959 to 1965.

The change is due to recent great increases in industrial productivity and the discovery of vast new sources of mineral wealth and of power which were not taken into account when the original plan was prepared. One factor of great importance has been the rapid development of entirely new industrial centres with an enormous potential output.

Heavy industry will still receive the first priority, but particular attention is to be paid to the building of houses for the people. Substantial increases in the production of consumer goods have been promised.

Focal point of the new plan will be the task of raising Soviet production per head to the level of that of the most highly developed capitalist countries.

COOK'S BUSH TO GO

But No Alternative Housing Provided

From Alex la Guma

CAPE TOWN.

FOUR hundred families, African and Coloured, have been ordered to move from their homes in Cook's Bush by the Cape Divisional Council. The Africans have been told to take sites at Nyanga at which they can build their pondokkies. The Coloured families, many of whom rent their shanties from Africans, must go wherever they can.

Notice to demolish their homes and to quit by the end of this month was served by the Divisional Council under its scheme to clear up Cape Town's "black spots."

When I arrived at Cook's Bush, off the Ottery road, the recent rains had turned the area into a sea of mud and stagnant water, and the crazy rusty pondokkies seemed to be sinking into a black, oozing quagmire.

I picked my way through the muck looking for somebody to talk to, and found a group of Coloured people warming themselves around a brazier in a pondokkie as big as a hen-house.

OLD WOMAN

Mrs. Maria Swartz was an old woman, very old. Withered and gaunt, she crouched shivering around the coils. The people around her couldn't tell her age, but to me she looked very near ninety.

"We've got to go," she told me in a quavering voice. "I've been here ten years. Where must we go, my child? When it rains here the

pull down these pondokkies and then put them up in Nyanga. Have you ever been there? It's like hell, a wet hell.

"Apart from that, it'll mean more expense. My husband will have to pay more bus fares, and will have to get up at 5 a.m. to go to work. Is the boss going to raise his wages because we have to go to Nyanga?"

Everywhere else it was the same story. The people were willing to leave Cook's Bush, but to better quarters.

Mrs. M. Woodland, a Coloured mother of seven children, had come to Cook's Bush 5 months ago because no other place was available for the family. Her husband's earnings had been above the sub-economic level at that time, so they were not eligible for accommodation in one of the City Council's housing schemes. Now he is unemployed, and there is no hope of finding a house at all. But they too have to leave Cook's Bush.

NO MONEY, NO HOME

"If we must move," Mrs. Woodland said, "then at least the authorities must provide alternative accommodation for us. And if everybody has a job and good pay they will be able to rent better houses. Now we have no work, no money and no home."

"The African people must move from here and put up their pondokkies in Nyanga. It will probably be as bad as Cook's Bush."

The demolition of pondokkies which has already begun has resulted in several Coloured families being left homeless, and has also caused the further overcrowding of

TO GO

other pondokkies whose owners have taken in several of these families.

The tragedy of Cook's Bush has again highlighted the appalling slum conditions and the terrible housing shortage which the Union's Non-European population must endure.

But most of all, it emphasises the need for a completely new order, not only in housing and living conditions, but in the system which allows places like Cook's Bush to develop.

FINAL MATCHES AT MOWBRAY

PERSEVERANCE R.F.C. swept the board last Saturday when the final matches of the season left them in possession of the Commando Cup, the League trophy, as well as the much coveted Diamond Cup, the Union's biggest trophy.

In the Diamond Cup game between Perseverance and California, the ball was kicked in by the four-year-old son of Mr. J. Diamond the sponsor of the trophy.

For the first 10 minutes in the first half, Callies held the upper hand of the game and opened the

score when Daries neatly slipped through Persies' backline and passed to H. Petersen, his centre, who also shortened the distance to the post.

Petersen was stopped by R. Mitchell of Persies but succeeded in passing to his wing. Although the pass was too short, the latter managed to foot the ball back upfield where F. Lackay, the Callies flanker, collected to score. He attempted to convert his own try but failed (3—0).

For the next few minutes there were good backline movements on both sides, one of which resulted in a try by J. Geldeblocq of Persies. G. Geldeblocq failed to convert. (3—3).

The scrum-halves of both teams deserve praise for the way in which they served their respective backline at every available opportunity. Callies were soon penalised in front of their own posts for late tackling. October put over the ball bringing the score to 6—3, in favour of Persies.

Shortly before half-time, Persies missed what could have been a good try when C. Lang, instead of passing to his wing, tried to do the scoring on his own, and was confronted by the Callies full-back, De Waal.

Half-time score: Perseverance 6, California 3.

Callies, who were now playing against the wind, were time and again saved by the clever touch kicking and tackling of H. de Waal their full-back. He was the most outstanding player in the Callies pack and led his forwards brilliantly against E. Petersen of Persies, who on the other hand came out tops in the line-outs. The two teams shared the scrums.

Near the end of the game K. Brown of Persies collected a grubber from October and scored in the corner. R. Mitchell's kick for conversion was too wide (9—3). With only about 4 minutes to go, Persies were penalised within their own 25. Lackay made sure of the kick (9—6). Callies struggled to come up to scratch but time was against them.

Final score: Perseverance 9, California 6.

OTHER WINNERS

- 1st Teams: California—Runners Up Cup.
- 2nd Teams: Excelsiors, League Trophy; Thistles, Sedgwick Cup and Grand Challenge Trophy.
- 3rd Teams: Torrance, Thorne Cup and Grand Challenge; Perseverance, Shield.



Mrs. Maria Swartz.

water comes through the roof. But I haven't anywhere else to go. They say we must go at the end of the month, but they have not given us another house."

Mr. Michael Julius voiced the attitude of everybody in doomed Cook's Bush. "We don't like living here. Who likes to live in a pondokkie. And we'd leave. Naturally. If we had better places to go to. It's all very well for the Council to say everybody must go. But do they provide other and better houses? No. Just go. Go."

I squelched over to the only brick house in Cook's Bush. It is occupied by an African family, I found Mrs. Margaret Alam resting in bed after having spent the earlier part of the day tramping for miles looking for alternative accommodation. She is expecting her seventh child.

WET HELL

"I'm not sick," she told me. "I'm just tired. I've been trying to find a place. They want us to leave this house and put up a pondokkie in Nyanga. It's not so bad here. It's a brick house. But still they have ordered us to leave. To the site and service in Nyanga. They are chasing the people from the frying pan into the fire. The African people must

CAPE TOWN.

ABOUT 200 African men, women and children, singing freedom songs, marched to the administration offices at Nyanga last Saturday. The crowd arrived from Cook's Bush in lorries to demonstrate against their proposed removal from there to the Nyanga service sites.

At the administration offices a deputation of fifteen, introduced by Mr. B. Turck, M.P.C., saw the Nyanga manager of Native Affairs, Mr. Pansergoek, and told him that the Africans of Cook's Bush did not wish to move to Nyanga, but if they were forced to do so they should at least be provided with proper houses, instead of having to erect pondokkies.

Statements were taken from the deputation and they were assured that their case would be put to the Divisional Council, and a written reply sent to Mr. Turck.

STOOD OUTSIDE

Mr. Turck told New Age that as his treason bail conditions did not allow him to attend gatherings, he had to wait outside while the deputation interviewed the manager. A member of the Special Branch arrived but left before the interview was completed.

Later officials of the Divisional Council took the names of all the demonstrators. Mr. Turck was told

that this was done because the administration wanted to know the exact number of people concerned. Several Coloured people from Cook's Bush took part in the demonstration as a mark of solidarity with the Africans.

FILM SHOWS FOR TREASON FUND

CAPE TOWN.

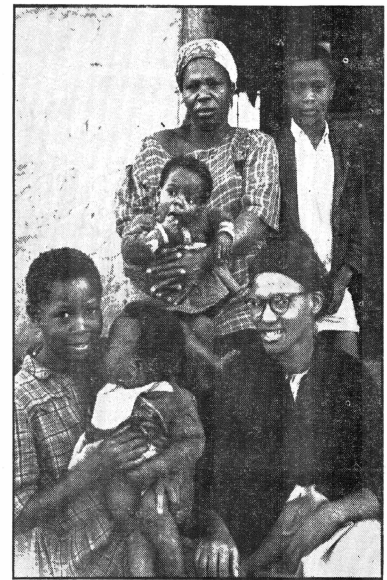
Two film shows in aid of the Treason Trial Defence Fund will be held in the Peninsula during the next few weeks.

They are "Genevieve" the popular comedy starring Dinah Sheridan, which will be shown at the Athlone Municipal Hall, Klipfontein Road, on Friday October 25; and "Jane Eyre" with Orson Welles and Joan Fontaine at the Mitra Hall, Mount Street, Mowbray, on Friday November 1.

Admission to each show will be: Adults 3/-, Children 2/- and they will commence at 8 p.m.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of the late James Tyvo. We have lost a brave shop steward—Metal Workers' Union.



Mrs. Margaret Alam and children.

SACPO General Meeting

CAPE TOWN.

A new committee for the Cape Western Region of the South African Coloured People's Organisation was elected at a well-attended annual general meeting held in Cape Town last week-end. Among the committee six are Mr. J. La Guma, chairman, and Mr. H. Naudé, secretary.

Decisions were taken to co-sponsor a local multi-racial conference on the Group Areas Act, and to organize workers against the implementation of the Industrial Conciliation Act.

Other subjects of discussions were the strengthening of SACPO organization in the Western Cape, and preparations for the second national conference.

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