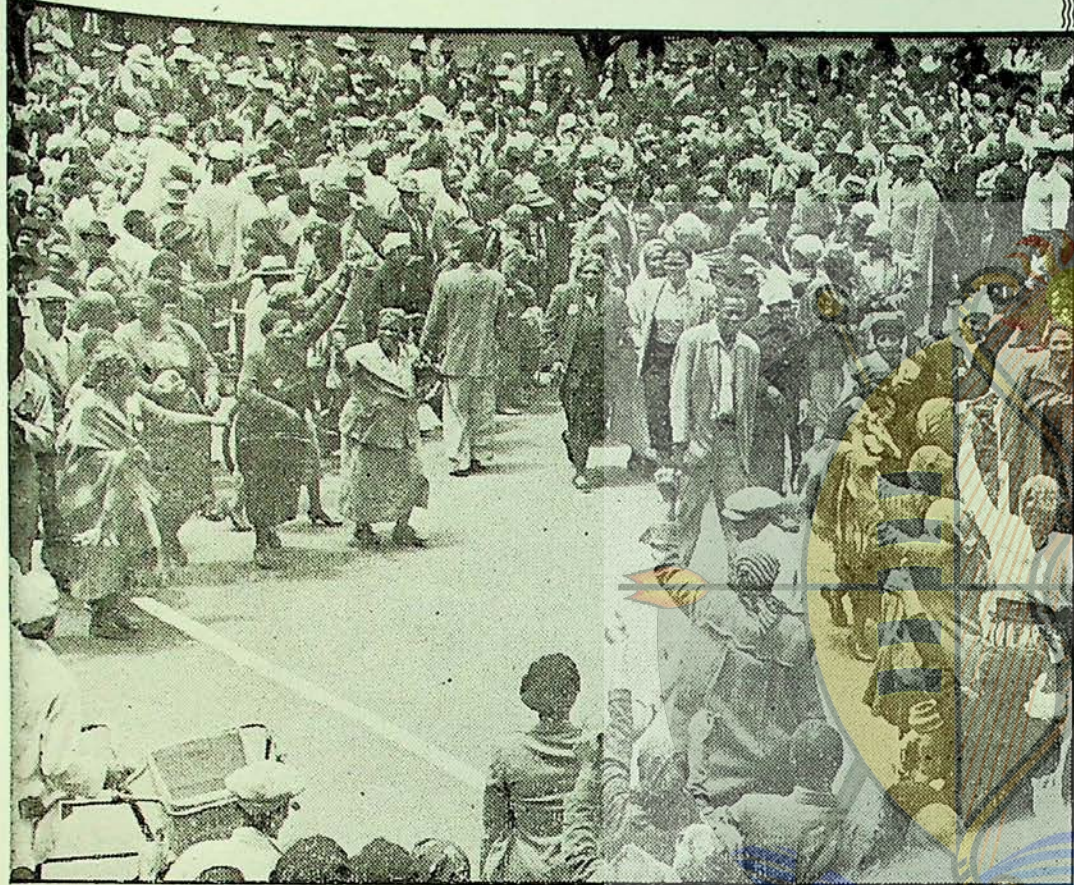


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At First Everyone Was Happy...



Women from Sophiatown and Newclare, in custody for over a week, were suddenly released without any charge being preferred against them while the trial of 133 of their colleagues was in progress at the Magistrate's Court, Johannesburg, last week. Here the women, almost dancing with joy, advance to greet their friends outside the court.

## Women Prepare For

# NEXT ROUND IN

Pass Laws

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## "GOOD RIDDANCE:"

# Africanists Routed At ANC Conference

**JOHANNESBURG.** LAST week-end's Transvaal A.N.C. conference soundly defeated and drove out the Africanists, restored unity and an elected leadership to the province and endorsed the present A.N.C. policy as expressed in Chief Lutuli's words: "The label of 'Europeans only' must be replaced by 'Democracy for all'."

For weeks beforehand the Africanists had been working out their conference strategy to enrol gangsters, storm the platform and under cover of the confusion announce themselves as the new Congress leadership.

Of 200 delegates from 86 branches the Africanists could muster only 12

delegates drawn from three branches. So they turned elsewhere.

### MARCHED IN

During Chief Lutuli's opening address in the Saturday afternoon session, a tight group of Africanists marched into the hall accompanied by blanketed "Russians" and settled themselves towards the back. Chief Lutuli's address got a clear passage during this public session, but immediately afterwards the Afri-

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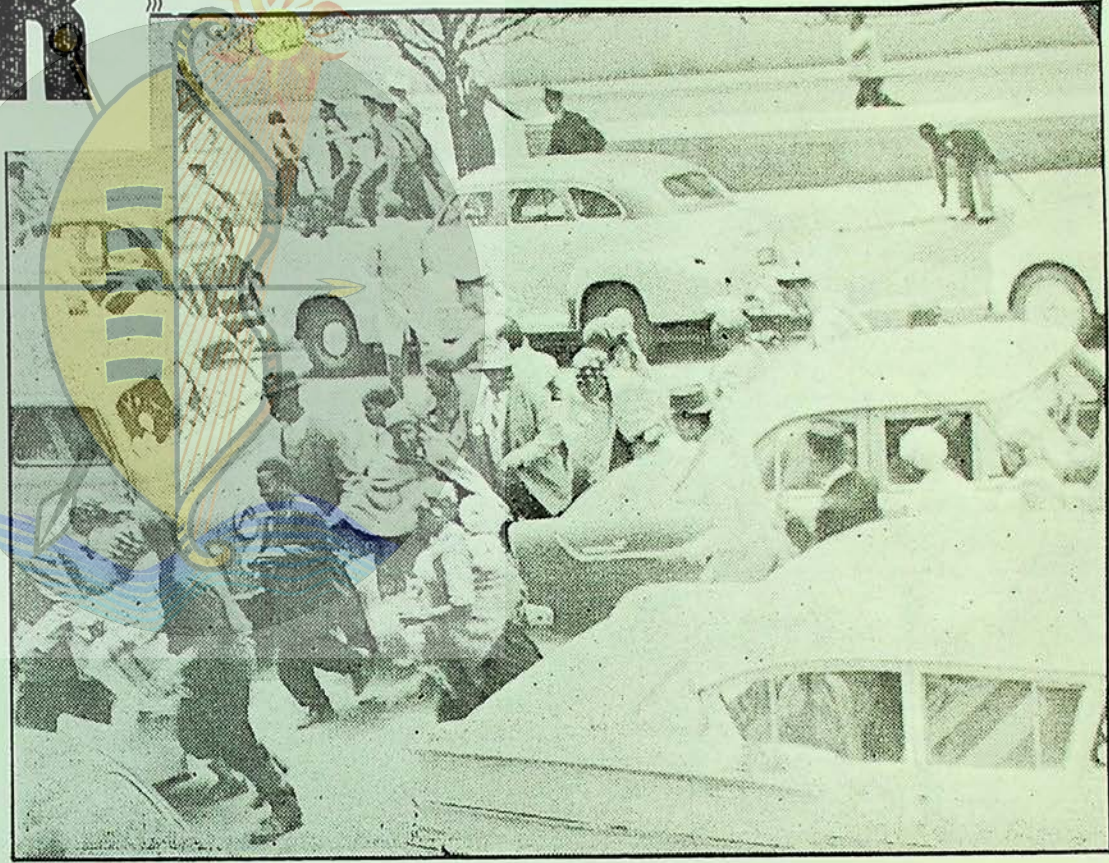
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# NEXT ROUND IN PASS WAR

...Until The Police Made A Baton Charge



Women were beaten as the police, with drawn batons, chased after dispersing crowds in the street outside the court.

## JOHANNESBURG.

THE news of the arrests of close on 2,000 women anti-pass demonstrators has blazed into every Reef township and the campaign has become battle field number one of men and women.

The campaign is expected to take new forms following on the week-end conference of the Transvaal African National Congress, and the court cases now in session are also being closely watched.

### CRIMINAL LAWS ACT CHARGE

From being charged under a traffic bye-law the women were suddenly confronted with a prosecution under the Criminal Laws Amendment Act, one of the twin measures passed by a jittery Parliament in February, 1953, to smash the Defiance Campaign. The maximum penalty is 3 years' imprisonment. The women are charged with breaking the traffic bye-law by way of protest against passes.

By the end of last week the only trial in progress was of the 133 women arrested on the second day of the demonstrations.

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## 45 Students Walk Out Of Adams College

### DURBAN.

45 male students—245 of them enrolled at the new Bantu Education Amantzimtoti Zulu Training School, which was formerly the 150-year-old Adams Mission School, walked out of their classrooms last week in angry protest at alleged insults and the threatened expulsion of 20 students. Although their action was considered in the most disciplined and orderly manner armed police were called to the school and six students arrested "for further questioning in connection with an alleged rioting and dormitory-wrecking incident two days earlier." Students interviewed by New Age said that the walk-out was the culmination of numerous demonstrations conducted by them against school complaints.

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