

PARTY NEWS

NATIONAL AND CAPE

Last month brief mention was made of the visit paid by Alan Paton, Patrick Duncan and Peter Brown to Cape Town. This month we can give more detail.

The public meeting, which was addressed by Messrs. Paton, Duncan and Molteno was better-attended than any meeting of this sort held in Cape Town recently. Some 400 people were there and gave the speakers a very good hearing. There was also a long period of question and answer after the meeting. Publicity was good, especially in the *Burger* which has carried a series of vicious attacks on the Party ever since! The visitors had talks with the Provincial Committee and with as many members as they could meet. In addition, meetings were held with non-members and (most important) an extremely enjoyable cocktail party was held by Leslie Rubin.

The occasion was also used to make preliminary arrangements for Congress. These are virtually the same as mentioned in last month's *Contact*—National Committee meeting on Friday 11th, Public Opening that night and then private session throughout Saturday and Sunday. Resolutions, or most of them, have been sent to all delegates and the Agenda for both National Committee Meeting and Congress is almost ready.

The national statement on the mass arrests, issued at the time they took place, is reproduced in *Zulu* in this issue.

NATAL AND TRANSVAAL

The Natal Division usually lapses into a slump between its Congress and Christmas but that has not been the case this year. During the month a public meeting was held at Stanger and was addressed by Ronald Morris. As usual in Stanger, the attendance was very good. Then there was a public meeting in Verulam. Speakers were Alan Paton, John Didcott and E. V. Mahomed. This was the Party's first attempt at an open-air meeting. It poured with rain. Net result, an adjournment to a small room, disappearance of most of the expected audience and disappointment for the organisers. But there is plenty of potential support in Verulam and we will return there in the New Year. Towards the end of the month the Kloof Branch held its first house-meeting since it was formally established. The meeting was held at the Patons' and was a great success, from all accounts. Speakers were E. V. Mahomed, Mlahleni Njisane and Alan Paton. Since this meeting the membership of the Branch, only established two months ago, has risen to some 50 members.

The annual Christmas Gift Stall was held in Pietermaritzburg over the last week-end of November. £50 was taken on the day and a further £20 to £30 still has to be collected. This was a very gratifying result and our thanks go to all those who contributed so freely.

The Party's representatives on the Group Areas Vigilance Committee are being kept busy and will no doubt be kept even more so in view of recent developments. Members have also been active in helping to organise and in speaking at meetings held subsequent to the treason arrests.

In the Transvaal the Provincial Congress has been followed by further efforts to clear up outstanding subscriptions. These have been quite successful. The campaign against the Group Areas Act is gathering momentum and various methods of fighting the Act have been explored in conjunction with the Transvaal Indian Congress.

LITABA TSE TSOANG O.F.S.

Hona le tsoelopele e ncha sebakeng sa lefatse la batho ba batso la Herschel. Ka lilemo tse telele huku ena e 'nyenyane ea sebaka sa Ciskei ha ea ba le tsitsinyeho ea letho ea lipolitiki. Baahi ba eona, bao boholo eleng Basotho le Bathapu, ba iphelela ka bophelo bo khutsitseng hole-hole le lerata la metse e meholo ea litoropo.

Empa kajeno hona le sehlopha se senyanyane sa batho ba bolokolohi (Liberals) hona teng. Ba 16 ba keneng mokhatlong leha ho eso ho be le phutheho ea batho e ileng ea etsoa teng. Ba kene mokhatlong ka baka la cheseho ea Moruti J. J. Skomolo. Bakeng sa tsebetso ea tlhopho ea Mokhatlo ba abetsoe ho oela lekaleng la Bloemfontein sehlopheng sa Free State kaha ba le hole le tulo tse seng li ntse li sebetsa tsa Mokhatlo.

Haufi morero ke ho etsa phutheho. Etna lokela ho etsoa ka hloko. Empa hoo re seng re ho bone ho bontsa hore mokhatlo oa rona o nkile molaetsa o sebetsang oa tokoloho ho o hasanya ka hare ho mafatse a batho ba batso, joaleka ha o tesa joalo le metseng e meholo.

INCWADI ETHUNYELWE EMAPHEPHENI YEBANDLA LENHLALA-KAHLE LASE SOUTH AFRICA

Ukubanjwa kwabantu base South Africa abangama 140 ngecala lokuvukela umbuso, inengi labo ku ngabaholi abaziwayo bezinhlango ezinkulu zalelizwe, iBandla lenhlalakahle lase South Africa liyakusola kakhulu.

Kuyisifiso saleliBandla ukuba abantu base South Africa bangangenwa itwetwe ngenxa yalesehlo, futhi bangakhohlaliseki ngokungathi kungathi uma benqaba ukuthobela isimo esingafanele esithwelwe ubandlululo bavelelwe ingozi.

Ngaloko iBandla leli lixwayisa bonke abamhlophe base South Africa ukuba kufanele balwe nakho konke okuqonde ukulimaza inkululeko yabantu, nokuba baqonde ukuthi alikho izwe elingaba nempatho-enhle nenkululeko uma kungekona okwabo bonke abantu balo.

Uma abamhlophe balelizwe lase South Africa bengenako ukuvikela izimfanelo lezo bona uqobo lwabo abazikhonzile lofika ilanga abolahlekelwa yizo.

Ibandla ligcizelela enkolweni yalo yokuhlanganyela kwazozonke izizwe izimfanelo nama-lungelo empilo kulelizwe lapho ubandlululo koba yinto elinyala efana nokuvukela umbuso.

LIBERAL PARTY BALANCE SHEET

DEBIT

1. Apartheid was applied to the renewal of taxi licences in Durban recently. This principle does away with licences for carrying both European and non-European passengers.
2. School officials at Clinton (Tennessee) have asked the U.S. Attorney-General to help stamp out organised "race-baiting" if they are not to have to close the local school.
3. It is rumoured that the racecourses at Milnerton, Kenilworth and Durbanville, in the Western Province, will soon have to comply with the government's apartheid policy and provide separate enclosures for all racial groups.

CREDIT

1. A deputation of executive members of the Road Passenger Transport Association has met the National Transport Commission and asked it to stay its hand in rigidly applying apartheid to major transport services in South Africa.
2. The principal of Natal University has stated that at the next graduation ceremony, in March, compulsory segregation will be dropped.
3. The first African Bishop of the Catholic Church in the Belgian Congo has been installed at Leopoldville.

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