

been loudly proclaimed by the boycott leaders.

In other words, there *is* intimidation — but it is intimidation of the trade union type, the intimidation which makes a South Wales coal miner shy away from becoming a “black-leg” when his fellow unionists call a strike.

That in itself is an African step-forward towards what might be called an “industrial psychology”. It is a token of the future and another sign of developing African maturity.

There is one more factor in the boycott situation which (at the time of writing) deserves comment. With negotiations on issues such as this whittled down to nil, with other means of expression proved useless or disallowed, the boycott has become possibly the sole African weapon in the struggle of the Black community to have its voice heard and its wishes considered.

And if a boycott is started, as was the bus boycott, in the spirit of “We will not give up — we will walk for months if necessary”; and the automatic reaction of the Government authorities, as has been the Nationalist reaction, is “We will not be intimidated”, then there is little ground for compromise.

The whole picture presents a rather stormy prospect.

## JOHANNESBURG MINES

LANGSTON HUGHES

In the Johannesburg mines  
There are 240,000 natives working.

What kind of poem  
Would you make out of that?

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In the Johannesburg mines.