

the influence of democrats in it has at least prevented it from allying itself with the reactionary forces. The one real barrier to the swamping of NUSAS by the fascist Afrikaner Studentebond is the absence of a colour-bar in NUSAS. If the Non-European students walk out — or even allow themselves to be forced out without a struggle — the way is open for the entire European student movement to be captured by the A.S.B. and converted into a powerful and active anti-democratic force.

- \* NUSAS has proved to be an excellent platform for the putting of democratic ideas to students who would never otherwise have the opportunity of hearing them. And substantial numbers of students have been won over to active participation in the liberatory struggle.
- \* While experience has shown the organisational and financial difficulties of organising a more militant national student federation, NUSAS serves a most valuable meeting place for democrats from all the universities, where they can exchange their views and co-ordinate activities at their own centres.
- \* But most important, there is no doubt at all that NUSAS can be convinced of the need for participation — even though participation is limited — in the struggle for democracy. And who will argue that we should spurn allies in that struggle?

For all these reasons there seems little doubt that the correct policy to pursue is for the disaffiliated centres to attend the meeting and put forward a minimum essential policy for NUSAS — greater identification with the needs of Non-European students, manifested immediately by participation in the most urgent immediate activity of students — preparations for the Congress of the People. NUSAS could not justifiably refuse such a proposal.

Nor could democrats, once the proposal is accepted, refuse to work within NUSAS.

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# THE WHEELBARROW

By RUTH MILLER

**T**HE black man was bent almost double as he staggered down the street with the wheelbarrow. It was loaded with all his belongings, and the bed and mattress bulged, and the cane table on top slipped with every jerk of his feet. Pots and pans, blankets,

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