

2.38

# mayibuyye

BA 322.405  
MAY  
S. 89/173



38

bulletin of the A.N.C., South Africa

110/11/68

# CONTENTS

EDITORIAL . . . . .	1
Contradictions In Western Diplomacy . . . . .	3
Progress In Fight Against Racialism In South African Sport . . . . .	7
More Attacks On Indian People . . . . .	9

# ANTI-ZWA

On Wednesday the 6th of November a new President of the United States of America was elected. As the richest nation in the world with many international interests one would imagine a U.S. Presidential election would be a major event in the world. But, while many unreal attempts are made to blow up the campaign, there was little real interest in the outcome of the elections. The reasons are not difficult to see.

For, though great play is made of the "free world" and the leadership of the U.S., there is little genuine democracy in the U.S. The American system is such that the almighty dollar finally controls every aspect of life. Millions of dollars are expended on electioneering by every Presidential candidate and many thousands by candidates for other offices. Every aspirant for position must rely on the "generosity" of those who possess the wealth and inevitably he has to promise many benefits and privileges to these donors. The system is riddled with corruption. Ability and efficiency count for little mediocrity is the outstanding feature of candidates. The recent Presidential elections were a classic example.

Hubert Humphrey, the Democratic Party aspirant, distinguished himself by trying to be all things to all people and ended up by being a vague and weak shadow of a man. Nobody knew what his own thoughts were. He merely echoed the voices of his masters. Richard Nixon, the new President, similarly spent most of his time smiling and trying to project a different image of himself. Apparently he and his backers concluded that he lost the 1960 elections to the late John Kennedy because he projected an unsatisfactory harsh and puritan image. The problems that beset U.S. society and are the cause of great concern to so many people were clearly dealt with by either candidate. They were merely glossed over by generalisations. And again the reasons are not difficult to see.

Except in minor details Presidential or any other elections do not affect the real rulers of the U.S. - the large trusts and cartels, the Pentagon, the CIA, the FBI. etc. Whoever is in power this establishment makes and executes all major policy and has been aptly described by true American democrats as the "invisible government."

The manoeuvring by those in positions of power, the manipulation of public opinion by those who control the mass media, the purchase of votes by offers of jobs was as clearly demonstrated in this election as in any other. The cynicism and inhumane way in which these things are done was shockingly revealed in the behaviour and actions of the Johnson Administration in the issue which is of such deep concern to us all - the war in Vietnam. If there was no other evidence but this it would be enough to damn the American system.

The lives of the millions of Vietnamese people, the destiny of Vietnam

was used/...

was used for cheap electioneering. This terrible war being waged by U.S. imperialism against a heroic people, a war which has resulted in indignation and protests throughout the world including the U.S., a war which touches and affects every single one of us was used to win votes for Hubert Humphrey. As electioneering got underway, the U.S. agreed to peace talks in Paris but as these were merely to win votes no real progress was made. Then, just a few days before the elections Johnson suddenly announced that bombing raids over North Vietnam would cease. This move was again taken not in the interest of Vietnam but that of Humphrey and the Democratic Party.

A system which can sink to such abysmal depths of inhumanity condemns itself. It is a rotten, decaying system which needs to be destroyed so that a cleaner and better system might arise from its ruins. Even the Johnsons know this. Their vague references to peace in Vietnam, their bombing halt in order to win votes reflects their awareness that the American people oppose the policies of the establishment. And this, in the final analysis, will be their downfall. We have full confidence that the time will come when the American people will rise up as an army and destroy this rotten system which regiments and oppresses them.

= = = = =

#### AIBA EXPELS S.A.

MEXICO CITY. - South Africa has been expelled from the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) because of her policy of racial discrimination in sport, AIBA secretary Harry Banks said here. The expulsion means South Africa will be barred from international tournaments controlled by the AIBA, which is the world governing body of amateur boxing.

"The decision was passed on a majority vote at a meeting of the executive committee here," Mr. Banks said, "and although it must be reported to the full AIBA congress in Rio de Janeiro in 1970, it takes immediate effect."

"It's unfortunate but there was a great deal of pressure from certain African countries to bring this about," he added. "There was no South African delegate at the meeting but I am sure S.A. will ask us under what rule of the AIBA constitution the decision was taken," he said.

"But our rules state that the sport must be encouraged in all countries regardless of race, religion or creed."

In Johannesburg, the expulsion was described as "unconstitutional" by Frank Braun, chairman of the South African Boxing Association.

"We have not been given a chance to defend ourselves. We will protest immediately."

## CONTRADICTIONS IN WESTERN DIPLOMACY

Everyday, many times a day, "the news" gets thrown at us - the radio, the newspapers, T.V., our friends. Hundreds of items of unconnected, undigested, inadequately reported scraps of information pour in upon us. So much of our mental energy is absorbed by coping with this bombardment that the pattern of events often escapes us. Peru had a coup the other day. Its overthrown government had just nationalised an American Company. What is the link? It is these links between events which organise them into patterns. It is only by seeing patterns that the world becomes intelligible.

### Where words do not mean actions:

There is one pattern which needs our attention drawn to it. It is a type of event which is increasing in frequency: a state - particularly western states - says one thing and then does the opposite. Now when individuals say they are doing one thing, and in fact are doing the opposite, they are called liars. When states do this, it is called diplomacy. For an individual to lie in Court is a criminal offence. For a state to lie, in court of world opinion, is regarded by some as clever.

### The case of Italy:

Let's look at some cases. In 1963, the Italian Government voted, at the U.N., for a total arms embargo against South Africa because of apartheid. It promised, "to cease forthwith, the sale and the shipment of equipment and materials for the manufacture and maintenance of arms and ammunition in South Africa". Shortly afterwards, the Atlas Aircraft Corporation of South Africa, starts the manufacture of Italian war planes. It is under licence - i.e. the Italian patents are hired out to the South African firm. Thereby - claim the hair-splitters - the Italian Government is not transgressing its promise, is not breaking U.N. sanctions, and is not bolstering apartheid. No - a licence or a patent are pieces of paper. The U.N. resolution referred to arms, not to the pieces of paper which tell us how to make arms. So the Italian Government got itself off the hook. And so successfully, that by 1966 - what do we find? The second largest Italian export to South Africa is "aircraft and parts" worth K5.3 million. And what are these aircraft and parts for? Believe it or not, but they are jet engines bought from Piaggio's in Italy by Atlas to put into its war planes. So Italy builds South Africa's war machine while continuing to have its signature on the U.N. Arms boycott.

France:

This peculiar duet - of statement to mislead the ignorant and action to profit the businessman - is not confined to Italy. The French foreign minister at the U.N. has just condemned South Africa's apartheid policies.<sup>3</sup> But the French Government's horror at racialism is not too great to scare it from making a quick profit arming the racialist menace. In Germany during World War II, when certain chemical firms supplied the gasses used to kill the Jews, the Poles, etc, the Allies - Western and Socialist - chose to regard these industrialists as War Criminals, and tried them for crimes against humanity. What is the difference with supplying an equally racialist South African Government with weapons to suppress the bulk of its people and to intimidate its neighbours?

Portugal:

The Portuguese Foreign Minister has just announced that no Portuguese plane has ever bombed Zambia. Yet people are lying wounded in Zambian hospitals from bomb splinters. Zambians have died. One of these marauding planes was shot at and hit by a Zambian Army unit commanded by British Officers. Who is lying? Does the Portuguese Foreign Minister expect the world to think that these planes came from the moon? Or do they come from South African air bases in Angola and Mozambique?

Britain:

Just before the "Fearless" talks, ZAPU reported that Wilson was about to meet Smith to work out an agreement acceptable to themselves. With righteous indignation on the morning's radio,<sup>4</sup> Whitehall says this is rubbish, a base allegation. By lunch time, the denials continue - but are made a little feebler by agency reports of lawyers in the Commonwealth Office standing by to fly with Mr. Wilson for the settlement talks, and further reports of the actual meeting-place about to be finalised. Finally, the news was out - Wilson and Smith were going to meet. So why the earlier denials? Why lie in the first place? And this time it is the British Foreign Office - renowned for the skill of its diplomacy - the subtle product of centuries of empire building!

The United States:

President Johnson protests: he will fly any time, to any place, to

---

<sup>1</sup> Financial Mail, 20-9-68, p.75

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Radio Zambia, 8-10-68.

<sup>4</sup> Radio Zambia, 7-10-68.

"wage peace". The only places he has flown to are Vietnam - to wage war; and to Australia and Honolulu - to plan the waging of that war.

Why these lies? What do these western States think they gain? This is an important question, for the answer to it may cast light on the underlying trend of Western Foreign Policy.

### Africa and the West:

The Western States say that they "gave" Independence to Africa. They maintain they are Africa's best friends, that the West and Africa are united by language, by common historical experience, (if being colonial ruler and colonial exploited can be called a common experience), by bonds of trade and aid. Yet in fact the West's interests and Africa's are not the same. The West wants cheap raw materials; Africa wants a high export price for her crops. The West wants larger markets for her manufactured goods; Africa wants to build her own factories. The West wants her newly hatched chicks to stay under mother's wing; Africa wants to be independent in foreign and domestic policies. The West wants to remain capitalist, with a large expatriate private sector; the masses of Africa want capital to be controlled to the good of all.

It is in Southern Africa that the real conflict between the interests of Africa and the West is made clear. It is in Africa's interests that the whole continent be liberated. For there is in central Africa a basic competition of system. The Southern African regimes are racialist, dictatorial, and organised so as to benefit a tiny minority. The rest of Africa is not racialist. Most African governments try to reflect the will of the people, and act to spread some benefit to all. Elsewhere in the World, where competing system neighbour one another, subversion and even war have often broken out. Look at Cuba and the U.S.-engineered Bay of Pigs. Or Berlin and Russia's attempt in 1948 to end the existence of West Berlin by blockade. Or Vietnam today. Zambia realises, and the rest of Africa will soon see more clearly, the threat which these White minority regimes pose. Africa cannot be either secure or prosperous until the South is liberated.

But what of the West's interests? In December 1966, Britain had K1636 million of investments in South Africa. The U.S.A. followed with K363 million. The Common Market countries had between them K192 million. In addition, these same countries in 1967 supplied 62.5% of all South Africa's imports, which are over K2,000 million. Britain has rights to the Naval base of Simonstown. The U.S.A. has its space-tracking station. West Germany is co-operating with South Africa in nuclear science. France is about to deliver her first submarines. These are some of the interests which the West has in South

Africa. All these countries either have governments which admit to being the party of the businessman - the Christian Democrats in Italy and Germany, the Gaullists in France; or have governments which have proved themselves very susceptible to businessmen's pressure - e.g. Britain and U.S.A.

### The West's Dilemma

So the West is caught in a dilemma; the pressure from Africa is that it should act radically to topple the racialist system in Southern Africa. The pressure from its own businessmen is to do no such thing. So, within days of the D'Oliveira case, a U.K. trade delegation arrives in South Africa, with its leader - Lord Erroll (President of the London Chamber of Commerce) - trying to prevent the incident from damaging British exports to South Africa by saying that the only effect of D'Oliveira's case might be "that the sale of cricket bats would drop slightly"! It is no accident that it is businessmen who form the backbone of the pro-South African regime lobbies in the U.S., in Britain, and even in Italy.<sup>2</sup> It would be a mistake to think of these men as racialists. They get along fine with their fellows all over the world. They may even hate racialism. But they hate not making profits more.

As the tension in South Africa rises, so the dilemma of Western Governments becomes more acute. They have gone as far as words can go in opposing South Africa, and thereby meeting in part Africa's pressure. They have condemned South Africa with the best. They voted for military sanctions. They did not veto the revocation of the mandate over South West Africa. They have invoked sanctions against Rhodesia (although that country mysteriously continues to thrive). But they have not ceased to pour capital into South Africa at very profitable rates of return. They have not stopped trading with South Africa. They have not unanimously implemented the arms boycott. So we see the situation: the West is prepared to go along with Africa so long as her own economic interests are not hurt. At that point the West draws back. The fear of revolutionary war is too much. The dangers to investments too great. So Mr. Wilson seeks desperately for peace with Smith. George Ball and others in the U.S.A. talk of closer, more friendly relations with South Africa.

### Western Policy Tomorrow:

This is the background to the current spate of contradictions between the word and deed of Western States. They are acting more blatantly in pursuit of the interests of their businessmen. The masks of words to the contrary is still kept up, and can be used to deceive the ignorant. But there is a link between what a State says and does. In

the long/...



the long run, either its actions must be changed to fit its words, or its words must be dropped, and new verbal policies stated which are compatible with its actions. So we are in a transitional phase. If the West can get away with recognising Smith as the legal government and becoming more friendly with South Africa; and if Africa does nothing effective - then we must expect the mask of condemnation to be dropped in time. Today new right-wing movements are gaining strength in many Western States. Africa is finding it more difficult to influence the West. Western businessmen regard guerrilla war as a growing threat to their interests. These forces may cause the West to take a softer line towards racist South Africa. We must be prepared for the possibility of a bleaker period in world affairs. We must be ready to face and resist the possibility of the West supporting South Africa more openly - using the future implementation of Bantustans as the ideological excuse. We must be ready to resist South Africa's threats to African States, and to expose her use of the red herring of Communism. It is the people who are suffering. Only faith in our goals, only the friendship of our allies and the memory of our people in our own land can carry us through the times ahead.

= = = = =

#### PROGRESS IN FIGHT AGAINST RACIALISM IN SOUTH AFRICAN SPORT

---

We wish to re-affirm our determination to continue the fight against racialism in South African sport until we have won and all South Africans can take part in the Olympic Games and all international sport without racial discrimination.

Here at Mexico we have made significant advances in securing support for our fight and for applying pressure against the racialist bodies from South Africa, notably the South African Olympic Committee (racial) and the South African racial bodies for Weightlifting, Swimming and Athletics.

But we must warn that the racial bodies in South Africa continue to seek support, especially for their plans to stage racial "National" Games next year, to which sportsmen of other countries will be invited on a strictly racial basis. We are concerned at the support which is being given to the racial bodies in South Africa by representatives of sports bodies in certain other countries, notably Australia, Britain and the United States. We ask all sportsmen not to assist the racialist bodies of South Africa: if necessary we shall have to appeal direct to the sportsmen of all countries not to approve of projects which assist the racialist bodies.

After/.....

After the resounding success secured when the racist South African Olympic Committee and its affiliates was excluded from the Mexico Olympics, we are pleased to note that we have made further advances. The I.O.C. has re-stated its position based on the Baden-Baden decision to suspend South Africa before the Tokyo Olympics. This is a much stronger and clearer stand than that taken at Lausanne earlier this year, and puts the onus on South Africa to show its willingness to remove racialism in sport, whereupon the I.O.C. will be prepared to review the position.

In Weightlifting the FIHC has resolved that South Africa be given nine months to establish that the Weightlifting Union is opposed to racial discrimination and that it is in fact by government order that racialism is imposed on the sportsmen. Failing this the World Federation will be prepared to take further action to the point of suspending the South African body.

In Swimming, Athletics and Wrestling and Modern Pentathlon, as well as in other world federations of sport, the pressure against the racial bodies is steadily increasing and must lead to their exclusion from international sport.

It is therefore necessary to re-affirm that the goal of our work is not to be content with the exclusion of the racial South African bodies. We propose to take active steps, in the International Olympic Committee, and in the International Federations, and particularly with regard to sport in the Continent of Africa, to secure the recognition and admission of non-racial bodies representing all South African sportsmen. These are long-range projects, but a beginning must be made and we propose to set in motion certain exploratory steps on behalf of all the sportsmen of South Africa.

We are also examining the possibility of expanding the steadily growing work we have undertaken against racialism in sport, and hope to announce further plans for the expansion of our work in the near future.

We wish to express our appreciation of the assistance we have received from sportsmen all over the world, and particularly from the sportsmen and sports bodies of Africa, as well as those of other parts of the world.

We are grateful for support received and trust that we can look forward to even more in the future.

We have no doubt that we will continue to achieve successes until racialism is removed from sports and South Africa is represented in the international family of sporting nations by sportsmen drawn from

her entire/...

her entire population entirely on merit.

Dennis Brutus (President) &  
Chris de Broglio (Executive Member)  
South African Non-Racial Open Committee for  
Olympic Sports;  
Steve Mokone (South African)  
Jim Bouton (U.S.)  
American Committee on Africa.

PRESS STATEMENT: issued by South African Non-Racial Open Committee  
for Olympic Sports and American Committee on Africa.

MEXICO, 12th October, 1968

= = = = =

MORE ATTACKS ON INDIAN PEOPLE  
- Anti-Pass

The notorious Bantustan scheme was launched some five years ago by the fascist minority regime, ostensibly to compartmentalise the various sections of the South African community into separate territorial units with a view to eventual self-government. The real reason was, of course, to further intensify exploitation and oppression of the Black majority. Part of the scheme was a separate area in Natal for Indians, an Indostan as it were.

Today, the racists no more think it necessary or desirable to pursue this objective of a separate Indostan. The reasons are not far to seek. The gaoling, banning or exile of vocal and progressive Indian leaders combined with a series of crippling anti-Indian legislation has placed the Indian people in a completely voiceless and defenseless position. In this situation the racist regime, assisted by a few hand-picked stooges, feels that the Indians are sufficiently regimented without the need for herding them into an Indostan. Thus when the pro-government South African Bureau of Racial Affairs recently proposed the establishment of an Indostan on the coast of Natal the suggestion was rejected by Natal Nationalists who:-

".....feel that the present development of the Indian people in local areas under their own control is progressing satisfactorily." (Sunday Tribune, 20/10/68).

Among the anti-Indian legislation the most vicious was the notorious  
amendments./.....

GROUP AREAS ACT AND ITS VARIOUS amendments. Its express intention was to drive the Indian people out of towns and settle them in the bare veld as many as twenty or thirty miles from the centre of town and thus to deprive the small percentage of Indians who had succeeded in establishing commercial enterprises from their livelihood. But to the annoyance of the government the people continued to patronise Indian shops even miles from towns; many of the less well-off Whites also continued to patronise these shops. Thus while some traders lost their businesses, many continued to thrive. It is in this context that we must see the latest attack on the Indian people by Blaar Coetzee, Minister of Community Development. He is reported to have said:-

"Indians must not rely to such an extent on commerce. They must diversify. They must look to other jobs for their livelihood. It may take five years or it may take 50 years, but diversification must take place."

Blaar Coetzee went on to threaten that if Indians did not voluntarily move into other fields the government would compel them to do so by withdrawing trade licenses. Coetzee's remarks are nonsensical rubbish except that they spell further tragedy for the Indian people. He should know that only 28.7% of Indians are engaged in commerce and this includes those employed by Indian AND White traders. He should also know that given the opportunity to enter other occupations even this figure of 28.7% would fall rapidly.

But opportunity is denied. The Colour Bar Act, the Job Reservation Act, discriminatory labour and trade union laws, the restrictions on free movement within the country make it impossible not only for Indians but all non-Whites to enter a whole host of skilled categories and professions. The policy of the fascist regime is that all Blacks must be unskilled labourers to be exploited by the Whites and oppressive legislation is designed in pursuance of this policy. The call to Indians to give up commerce and "diversify" is in reality a call to them to throw themselves on the labour market as manual workers.

Blaar Coetzee exposed his cynical disregard for the interests of the Indian people when in reply to a questioner who asked him if he would not urge White workers to change their attitude towards Indian workers he said he could not expect the White worker not to look after his own interests. We need not remind the reader that White trade unions have been in the forefront of anti-Black legislation and have maintained a strict closed-shop principle debarring non-Whites from obtaining skilled work.

Blaar Coetzee is a Minister in the fascist Cabinet of South Africa.

His/.....

His latest attack on the Indian people is but a reflection of the racists regimes utter callousness and total disregard for the Black majority. In dealing with people who have reached such a depth of degradation and inhumanity appeals to reason, appeals for justice have no chance of succeeding. The only language they will ever understand comes out from the barrel of a gun fired in the name of revolution. That language has already been tellingly used by the Liberation Army of the A.N.C. in Zimbabwe and it is in that language that the people of South Africa will eventually overthrow centuries of oppression.

= = = = =

Final Reminder:

READERS PLEASE NOTE

Dear Reader,

Owing to extremely high production and postage costs we are compelled to reduce our mailing list to a bare minimum. We shall no longer be able to send free issues of MAYIBUYE to readers who, for various reasons were unable to subscribe. We regret taking this step as our financial resources no longer permit us to continue free service.

Readers are kindly requested to fill in the following questionnaire which should be returned to us by November 15, 1968. Please Note: If the questionnaire is not returned by the above date we shall assume that you are either not receiving MAYIBUYE or not interested in receiving it and shall accordingly delete your name from our mailing list.

- EDITOR

Q U E S T I O N A I R E

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....  
(Please Print)

1. Are you a subscriber? .....
2. Are you a donor to the ANC (SA)?...
3. How long have you been a subscriber? .....
4. Do you receive MAYIBUYE regularly? .....
5. Do you find the publication interesting? .....
6. Have you any suggestions for improvement? .....
7. Does MAYIBUYE serve the purpose of an educational and informative journal? .....

Please cut out and return to: The Editor, MAYIBUYE,  
P.O. Box 1791, LUSAKA, Zambia.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Zambia (75 Ngwee); Africa (15/- - 2½ U.S. dollars); Europe, U.K., India and Malaysia (£2.15.0 - 7½ U.S. dollars); Americas, Canada, Australasia & Far East (£3. 5 . - 10 U.S. dollars).

\* \* \* \* \*