THE RISE OF AFRIKANER CAPITALISM

A Study Document by M. Dickson to read and file for reference.

ONE of the most interesting features of the development of South African capitalism during the last decade has been the enormous growth of Afrikaner business enterprises. No longer is the whole country a market for the English-speaking monopoly of the English-speaking Southern Rhodesian language press. This press has been replaced by the Afrikaner press in the big financial groups, and has more and more represented their interests and their ideology.

By their control over the publication of Afrikaner books, by their influence essentially by means of their publications, and by their influence on the intellectual and agricultural Afrikaner capital has established a virtual stronghold in the cultural expression of the Afrikaner people. One result of this has been the appearance of Afrikaner literature in recent years.

And how well our financial groups have known how to cash in on the nationalistic sentiments of the ordinary Afrikaner! They have induced him to insure only with Afrikaner insurance companies, to bank only with Afrikaner banks, to build his home through an Afrikaner building society, to patronise Afrikaner shops as far as possible. The savings of certain sections of the Afrikaner people have played a big role in the financial manipulations of the controlling financiers. Afrikaner Nationalism of the modern variety has by the ordinary Afrikaner been given the privilege of being exploited by Afrikaner financiers to muscle in on that stronghold of English-speaking capital.

The capital invested by Afrikaner Big Business in Afrikaner Nationalism, both in its cultural and in its political form, must have been tremendous. For the truly breath-taking rise in the fortunes of these financial groups, which we have noted above, is evidence of the fact that this investment has proved much more profitable than an ordinary stock exchange speculation.

CONTEMPT FOR DEMOCRACY

Another point to note is that the Afrikaner Nationalism has much more contempt for the democratic than for the international finance capital of the era of Imperialism than it did before. Almost all Afrikaner people. Its contempt for democracy, its contempt for the intellectual and economic Afrikaner capitalist outlook, and its bureaucratic contempt for democracy is the fact that it is at variance with the more progressive aspects of Afrikaner tradition. Those Afrikaner people that have turned into the bureaucratic policemen that he in fact is coming to realise this. The recent rumblings at Universities of Pretoria and Stellenbosch are an expression of these contradictions.

Once their investment in Afrikaner nationalism had delivered the state they would abandon their hands the leadership of the financial groups were able to accelerate Afrikaner nationalism increasingly. (To be continued.)

MOROKA RESIDENTS may in future have to pay an annual tax of £1 on their dogs. This proposal of the City Council of Johannesburg is before the Moroka Advisory Board. The Board, which has the powers to charge the residents in the area who are not properly housed.

S.A.C.T.U. Invites Robeson to star in Russian film "Othello"

NEW YORK

PAUL ROBESON, world famous American Negro singer and film star, has reapplied for a passport in order to accept an recent invitation to appear in a Russian film, "Othello". This was announced by Sergei Yutkevich, director of the Mosfilm Studio and one of the judges at the recent Moscow Film Festival held at Cannes, France.

"Othello", a magnificent portrayal of this role," he wrote, "would be very much enhanced if you would come to star in 'Othello' in a film, in either English or Russian, which we would be prepared to undertake the production.

After cabling his acceptance, Robeson told reporters he had no fixed preference to the language to be used in the film. "The important thing to me is that here is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a major artistic work, the most important since when Shakespeare's play has ever been afforded. The Russian theatre has a Shakespeare tradition that is perhaps the com pulsion of their tradition with their national expression in film technique, should make this film version a truly exciting event in world culture."

Robeson, whose greatest triumphs have come from his stage performances and his concert and stage contracts in England, America, Africa and other countries for which he has received a considerable sum of money.

A S.A.C.T.U. meeting received a resolution of the new militant, non-coloured group of non-white South African socialist. The local committee has already been set up and is functioning.

Mirroring the opposition of the South African Congress of Trade Unions to the S.A.C.T.U. executive at the recent International Film Festival at Cannes, France, the secretary to the S.A.C.T.U. meeting recorded the decision of the conference of the South African Congress of Trade Unions to merge with S.A.C.T.U. "It cannot be forgotten," Mr. Masina said in his report, "that the Congress of Non-European exhibits of other countries an understanding of the working class into a militant federation." The political committee of the Congress has already been formed.

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ECONOMIC CORRELATION: "FROM CONTRAST TO UNITY."

LONDON

The Socialist countries of the world have drawn a giant plan to co-ordinate their economic systems, according to the East German paper Neues Deutschland.

The Warsaw conference in May decided on the general outlines of the economic plans of the countries of the East European People's Democracies and the German Democratic Republic.

Addressing a meeting of the central committee of the Socialist Unity Party, Deputy Prefect Walter Ulbricht said that the importance of the first time in the history of humanity" the socialist and democratic regimes unite, under the leadership of the centre, to draw up specific plans for the huge area from Rochester to Belgrade.

The political consultative committee set up at Warsaw would end with less than 7 million members. It will co-ordinate their policy and efforts toward the solution of major problems," he said.

S.A.C.T.U. Affiliates to W.T.U.

JOHANNESBURG.

The South African Congress of Trade Unions is to affiliate to the World Federation of Trade Unions. This was decided at a recent meeting of S.A.C.T.U.'s national executive. The Congress held here recently, and the application for affiliation has been forwarded to the World Federation of Trade Unions, headed in Vienna.

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"I MUST ADMIT RUSSIAN ATHLETICS ARE GREAT!"

Says U.S. Olympics Chief After Visit to Soviet Union

By LESTER ROONEY

ANYONE who honestly wonders how come the socialist Soviet Union is suddenly all fired up about international sports can find a pretty fair answer in the papers. The Masses in Brundage in the Saturday Evening Post of April 30, 1955, said "Mr. Olympics" the president of the international Olympic Committee, after a trip to see for himself: "During my 1954 visit I learned about the Soviet plans to give physical training to all Russians. The government was proposing to build playing fields, stadia and swimming pools in every city, town and village at every large factory and on every collective farm. On my 1954 trip I saw the fruition of those plans."

Plans to make the ways and means to spread this entire population — and the fruition of those plans! Here is the heart and soul of what the Post called on its front cover "The Russian Menace in America" (inside, the magazine, where they have to say what the Post actually wrote and what Brundage actually said, the government "will be forced to close down, and Pretoria will cease to get news which can be obtained in the Soviet Union."

Yes, Brundage is frank in his admissions. He is "alarmed" over "the contracting demand for amateur sport in America."

FOREVER FUN, NOT PAY

Amateur sport, in its final analysis, means sport for fun, not for pay. That's what Brundage said in the Soviet Union. "I could not believe in the Soviet sports programme, not to pass judgment on their political system," the anti-Communist Chicago hotel owner. "What I saw was amazing."

Here is an idea of what he saw which led him to his conclusion: the one hand as a sports lover, and gloomily say on the other hand as an American: "Unless there is a sudden awakening in the United States, the Soviet sportmen are almost certain to dominate the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne, Australia."

In the Ukraine alone, he said, there are 60,000 soccer football teams, 5,000 of them rated of topnotch quality. In Gorl, a city in the Ukraine, a district volleyball tournament in which 900 teams took part. He found ski jumps in the centre of large cities for the Olympic Games for All? CITY OF J ohANNESBurgE

A letter urging that South Africa should in future be allowed to participate in the Empire and Olympic Games only if her teams are chosen without regard to race, was written to the three last week by Father Trevor Huddleston and Mr. Patrick Duncan.

They point out that South Africa has been selected to date from only the white population, although the other 80 per cent of the population have produced men of Olympic status. If the future South African teams were chosen without regard to race, it would remove the stigma of racialism attached to the Games, said the letter.

first time in his life, in Kiev and Moscow. He saw running tracks in "red velvet and golden stripes," and he saw stadium seats in Leninabad which seats 100,000, and is being enlarged!

Once during a chat with some sports officials he asked how many track and field athletes the country had in training. "Four million," was the casual answer.

Everywhere Brundage went in the Soviet Union (what, no iron curtain?) he saw it. On the Dnieper River, yachting clubs with swimming, diving, motorboating and rowing facilities. It was the same on the streets of Moscow and on the Neva in Leningrad. He witnessed a festive All Union sports celebration in Moscow's Dynamo stadium whose participants, he wrote, were from all over the Soviet Union. There were Uzbek, Kazakh, Armenian, Georgians, Kirghiz. They represented trade unions, sports societies, schools and colleges. The educative value of sport is in his opinion as high as magnitude and beauty of anything of its kind. I have been in other parts of the world."

Down on the Black Sea coast he was struck by the "scores of clubs — which they call sanatoriums. These are rest camps for workers. They are equipped with swimming, diving, motorboating and all sports facilities of all kinds. I saw more than 300 of these in Odessa alone."

Olympics for All!

PLA N TO IN TENS IFY U. S. SpY CAMPAIGN

On the eve of the Big Four meeting in Geneve, an enormous proposal has been made inashington that United States espionage and sabotage in the socialist countries should be intensified.

The proposal is contained in the report of a non-official six-man "Task Force on Intelligence" of the United States Central Intelligence Agency, whose chief is Mr. Alain Dulles, brother of the Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

General Clark, who was formerly U.S. commander in Korea, recommended that the United States be called for the United Nations to be converted into an anti-Soviet bloc. At the same time he demanded the severing of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. "Inevitably," he said, "I think there must be a show of force against the Soviet Union."

The report calls for a "more boldness at policy level," which must include the "more dependence on the certain calculated political and diplomatic initiations of the same on the 'line' praised Alain Dulles for his "indostion, originality, coolness, and imaginative leadership" of U.S. espionage activities.

The report recommends: "the tenth anniversary celebrations of the United Nations in San Francisco last month, John Foster Dulles said there was an extremely simple method of ending the cold war: "Refrain from the use of force or threats of force in international relations, and from the support and direction of subversion against the institutions of other countries."

THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN!

"Every man and woman shall have the right to vote for and to stand as a candidate for ALL BODIES WHICH MAKE LAW."

All people shall be entitled to take part in the administration of the country.

The rights of the people shall be the same, regardless of race, colour or sex.

All bodies of minority rule, advisory boards, councils and authorities shall be replaced by democratic organs of self-government.

(Extract from the Freedom Charter)

Appeal to Pretoria Readers

Congress members and Progressives; New Age is the only paper which helps you in your struggle for Liberation. Unless our sales in Pretoria district increase our office will be forced to close down, and Pretoria will cease to get news which can only be got from New Age.

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—LIBERAL COMMISSION RATES

Write or see: Mr. Elifas Ditsele, 979, Swart Street, Lady Selborne Location, Pretoria.

"I saw nothing during my brief visit that made me question Mr. Romanov's answers," says Brundage.

PRESIDENTIAL WIN

Brundage's article reflects the impact of the discovery that the Russians are moving "at a pace which may carry the Red flags over the land in the next few years. There is a touch of irony in this, for sports and games are not as yet the most attractive medium for the Russians as they are almost exclusively Anglo-Saxon." He also shows that he sees this as something more than an accident, or a national trait of the Russians, by tipping the hat to the Hungarians' similar amazing development.

"In the last Olympic Games," he says, "United States athletes won 76 medals, Hungarian athletes won 42. There are 160 million people in the United States, and Hungary. Think that one over. It was only because of the speed of our Negro boys that we did as well as we did at Athens."

No matter who wins or who loses in the unofficial Olympic point score, everyone wins when friendship and humanity replace artificial hatred and war hysteria.

S.P.Y. CAMPAIGN

LONDON

The United States was trying to sabotage the holding of elections in Viet Nam, Mr. Chou En-lai, the Premier of China, told the President, Mr. Eisenhower, in Peking recently.

He was speaking at a banquet in Hanoi, the capital of the Viet Nam, which was visited by Ho Chi Minh, Premier of North Viet Nam, who was visiting Moscow.

Mr. Chou said the Chinese Government was "brought new hope for the relaxation of international tension," but went on to warn the United States of the dangers of U.S. policy in Indo-China.

The United States had not only illegally included South Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos in the scope of its S.E.A.T.O. war pact, but was training and equipping troops of Nguyen Diem in South Viet Nam, he charged.

He also concluded a military assistance pact with Cambodia and Laos, and was trying to conclude one with Laos. "All these activities are in violation of the Geneva agreement.

After leaving China, Ho Chi Minh is to visit Moscow.