

.... JUNE 26th IN LONDON

--Report from Herby Pillay

Over 500 people attended a meeting at the Holborn Hall London on the evening of June 26th where the Economic Boycott was launched. It was an enthusiastic meeting and was a good indication of the tremendous support for our struggle against apartheid. Speakers at the meeting were Julius Nyerere of Tanganyika, K. Chiume of the Nyasaland African Congress, Tonyson Makiwane and Vella Pillay of South Africa and the Rev. Michael Scott.

A highlight of the meeting was the presence of Julius Nyerere who had arrived in London after the triumph of his Tanganyika African National Union in the Elections. It will be remembered that TANU candidates won all the African, Indian and European seats in the Tanganyika Legislative Council. They have been given 5 seats on the Cabinet.

Mr. Nyerere said that the economic boycott might be the turning point in the struggle in South Africa. "People in Africa are not

asking whether Africa should be free or whether we should struggle for Africa. They are saying Africa shall be free, Africa must be free.

"We know that the imperialists who are holding the reigns are not going to let go—we must struggle and sacrifice. Even though the African Continent is a symbol of suffering and cruelty, the people have decided that the struggle shall be non violent.

"The South African Government is fighting against history and they are bound to lose. We know that the liberation struggle will triumph in South Africa. If you have confidence then we are going to win! The battle will not be over until we are all free.

100% BOYCOTT

"I am just from home where arrangements are being made to boycott South African goods. We are going to campaign for a total 100% boycott of South African goods, and we are going to work to see that it is a success."

REV. MICHAEL SCOTT

"The South African Government was going against human history," said the Rev. Michael Scott. "The whole legal system in South Africa has been drawn up on discrimination, hatred and apartheid. The racial laws imposing various

prohibitions against Non Europeans are degrading to Christianity and Western civilisation.

"... the time is long overdue when we must take a stand against injustices in South and Central Africa. I appeal to you to support the campaign for Economic boycott. This is the testing point for the white people . . ."

MR. K. CHIUME

Mr. Chiume who managed to slip away from Nyasaland when the emergency was declared and all the leaders detained, was the next speaker. He is the Press Secretary of the Nyasaland African National Congress which has been declared illegal.

He said that a new form of slavery was instituted in South Africa with the lauding of Jan Van Riebeeck. "Africa is tired of this slavery and people must discard any ideas that they might still have of continuous white rule. Idea that the white man can oppress man is a thing of the past. The Continent of Africa belongs in the final analysis to the people who live in Africa.

"In the South Africa of tomorrow it is not going to be Verwoerd who will be the head of State—it will be Chief Luthuli.

"In the name of democracy I appeal to you to support the boycott of Nationalist goods . . ."