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South Africa

'Seige Trial' Watched Closely

Julie Frederikse

JOHANNESBURG [AN] On September 11, a South African appeals court commuted the death sentence of James Mange, a black man convicted of conspiracy in what was perhaps the country's most intense criminal trial in recent years. Mange's reprieve follows ten months of clemency appeals from dozens of governments and international agencies, and coincides with another pivotal court case.

If the death sentence had been carried out on James Mange, defenders of the South African legal system would no longer be able to claim that no one has ever been executed for a purely political crime.

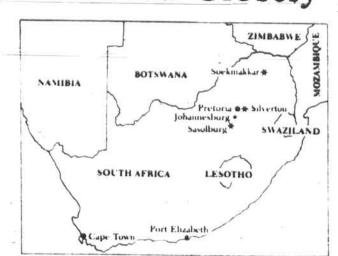
Solomon Mahlangu, hanged in 1978, who like Mange was a self-avowed guerrilla of the African National Congress (ANC), was convicted on a criminal charge—the murder of a white civilian in downtown Johannesburg.

Neither Mange, who will now serve 20 years, nor his eleven co-defendants killed or injured anyone. They were convicted of involvement in a plot to attack a police station in Cape Province, though they had no weapons in their possession at the time of their arrest last

The success of the appeal for clemency in the Mange case is seen here as evidence of the government's reluctance to flaunt local and international opinion, hanging Mange would have tarnished Prime Minister P. W. Botha's carefully cultivated reformist image. It should also be noted, however, that the South African appeals court has a generally more liberal reputation than the lower courts, as evidenced in recent rulings opening up the fields of labor and influx control to broader interpretation.

The appeals court ruling in the Mange case comes in the middle of a similar and potentially more sensational political trial, one involving charges of treason and terrorism in connection with two guerrilla attacks in January 1980. Those accused of carrying out the raids were allegedly trained in socialist countries as ANC guerrillas.

The trial takes on added importance because, unlike the spate of guerrilla attacks against police stations in black townships over the past few years, the attacks in January



This map shows the locations of several guerrilla attacks in recent months. / Africa News man

targeted white areas. In the first incident, a police station in the tiny white farming community of Soekmekkar was riddled with bullets from Soviet-made AK assault rifles. In the second incident, three guerrillas armed with AKs and hand grenades marched into a bank at midday in the Pretoria suburb of Silverton, took hostages and demanded the release of political prisoners. The five-hour siege ended when a police SWAT team stormed the building in a shoot-out that left three guerrillas and two of the hostages dead.

As in the Mange case, the Silverton-Soekmekkar defendants were nowhere near the scene of the attacks when they were arrested. The prosecution, consequently, has depended chiefly on the testimony of security police and unnamed witnesses, who have turned state's evidence to link the nine accused to the armed incidents, allegedly planned by the ANC.

The mood of the current trial, known as the Silverton siege trial, cannot be compared with the Mange case, for that was the most bizarre political trial this country has ever seen, Mange and his co-defendants refused to recognize the legitimacy of the court, fired their legal counsel, interrupted the trial with renditions of freedom songs, and were finally incarcerated in a glass cage in the courtroom.

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Young Twirlers

The Tiny Indians Midget Majorettes are into their first year as a group. Under the direction of Jacqueline Richardson, the group performs during halftime for the Boy's Club Indians Junior Midget football team. Left to right are: (standing) Mona Redd, Chevy Rice, Pam Mills, Jacqueline Richardson; kneeling left to right: Tammy Brown, April Brown and Angela Holt.

Patterson Ave. Y To Move

'Y' Sites Sought

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

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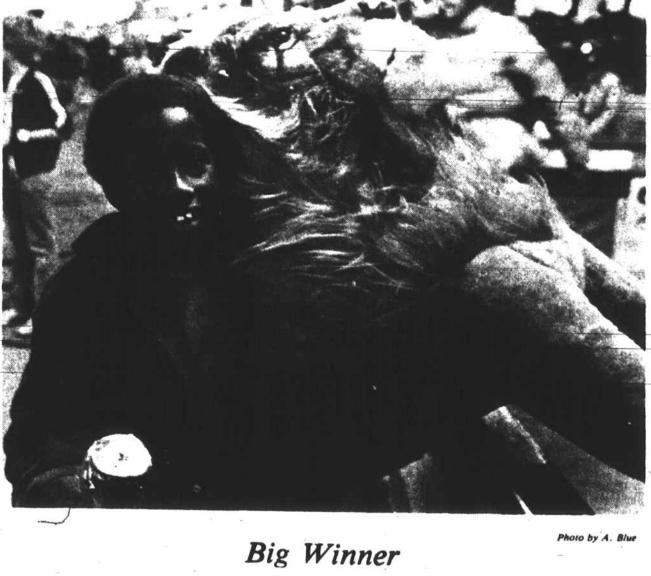
Board members of the project. "Y" had been negotiating and had expressed interest Glover, executive director Lake Park behind the Jet- opportunity for the goals of approximately \$2,000 in relocating the facility for of the Patterson Avenue

it had purchased the land with interest.

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where the "Y" is now Seventh Street, off Clarelocated as past of its multi- mont Avenue; Highway cludes all local, state and three months. million dollar expansion 311, between Gerald and national offices," he said Mary Cockerham of Dellabrook Streets and an adding, According to Richard area of land in Winston democratic offers the best personally had been robbed

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Jeremy Dion Fulks can hardly carry the large stuffed lion he won the first day of the Dixie Classic Fair which runs through Saturday, Oct. II.

Honoring Mrs. Dazzelle Lowe

Portrait Unveiled

A portrait of Mrs. Dazelle Foster Lowe, of 2403 N. Cherry Street, Winston-Salem was unveiled and hung in the Agriculture Building at N.C. A & T State University during a program that traced the roots of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Mrs. Lowe worked 32 years with Extension and through August 30, 1980 continued to support it in her retirement.

A member of a family of 13, Mrs. Lowe was reared by her grandmother and an aunt. Her grandmother influenced her to prepare herself for public service. She studied at Shaw University and taught in the public school system of Wake County.

During the summer of 1919 Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon; State Demon-

Black Ministers Endorse Democrats

The Political Action Committee of the Baptist Ministers .Conference and Associates has proclaimed the remaining Sundays in October, and the first Sunday in November as "Get Out and Vote Sunday," according to the committee's president, Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church.

The association Drayton said has voted to provide vans to transport any registered voter to and from the polls on November 4 at no cost. The Rev. W.C. Hay, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, will coordinate boro Road will meet with

election.

"Voting Galaxy Court said that she and achievement we seek." worth of jewelry and



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families with food prepara- and local concerns. tion, sanitation, and conservation. Mrs. Lowe audience will provide dialvisited with McKimmon which resulted cording to Allen and Curry, in her employment for the the forums are not debated summer in Lexington, and all candidates seeking N.C.; the begining of her offices will be given equal career in Extension.

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Political Forums Set By NAACP

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

In connection with its questionnaire that was pro "Voter Eduction Project vided to the candidates 1980, member s of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has designated the next three Sundays in October for public candidate forums.

According to Mrs. Bessie Allen, chairperson of the Voter Education Project, and Father Michael Curry. chairperson of the Candidate Forum, the purpose of the forums. inform the voting public of October 12 issues in the 1980 campaign and the position of the Each of the three forums is of) fic issues of federal, state

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got to start all over."

Mrs. McKimmon was so The format of the forum, 26

2. Each candidate will be

give an opportunity to respond to prepare questions based on the issues of a prior to the forums.

3. Each candidate will be given an opportunity to respond to written questions form the audience.

4. Each candidate will be given two minutes for closing remarks.

Only candidates registered with the Forsyth County Board of Elections for the following offices will be allowed to participate in

the Sunday sessions is to FEDERAL OFFICES.

President and vice president (representatives of) candidates on those issues. U.S. Senate (representaive

designed to focus on speci- Member of Congress- 5th District

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> > Lt. Governor (representatives of

> > State Senate State House LOCAL OFFICES- October

County Commissioner

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B&C Survey Part III

Race Relations Worsening

ByRobert Brown and

Hal Sieber B & C Associates

A black college administrator, an elected official in local government, said: "There's a hotel I know which claims to be an equal opportunity employer. One of its resturants has only black waiters; its cafe has only white waitresses on one shift, only black waitresses on another shift; all three units have white managers, white maitre d's, white cashiers, black busboys, white top chefs, black assistant chefs, black dishwashers. I've asked questions and I get the same story, "We hire the best people we can find." But the dosen't explanin why the staffs are so racially indentifialbe, does it'0 Some of the company presidents and board chairmen ought to look at their EEO figures, espically at the top levels, and see

whether there isn't a whole lot that still could be done to eliminate discrimination in employment." A black engineer, employed by a large manufacturing firm, said: Some companies are doing a lot better than they used to, but they are few and far between. I'm okay here, but many blacks, a lot of my friends, have been laid off in our company's cutbackrecently. The union and everybody is watching to make sure that the cutback is done fairly, but is it fair when seniority means "last hired, first laid off," and the last hired is black people? Affirmative action gains of several years get wiped out-and then we've

"These companies aren't very smart. They ought to be trying real hard to get our interest and attention because we spend billions of dollars. If you look at T.V. you can tell which companies care and which

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Crime Up In Housing Complex

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money. Ms. Cockerham al- children to steal.

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

Residents of Kingston Hunt Cites Economic Greens, a Turnkey III development off Old Greensofficials of the Winston-Growth In Forsyth Drayton also announced Salem Housing Authority

Governor Jim Hunt cited the \$299,551,000 invested The largest new investof residents that have Forsyth County today as an "This endorsement in plagued the area for about "outstanding example of what state and local governments working together can accomplish in creating jobs for the people of North Carolina."

Hunt was talking about

so said that she believes "Children don't know the jewelry. Someone has to

in new and expanded in- ment came in the first six dustry that has come to months of 1980 when CPC Forsyth County in the first International, Inc. decided

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three and half years of his to locate in Forsyth. The administration--an invest- plant represents a \$60 ment that represents 1,637 million investment and provides 150 new jobs.