

ZULU CAST BOOKED IN

The Star Bureau

Organisers of the World Theatre Season emphatically denied allegations that 50 African of the Zulu production, "Amabatha," were refused accommodation by 16 leading London hotels. Rodney Ballington, a South African travel agent, recently told London hoteliers of being "hypocrites" for allegedly turning down applications for accommodation for the

spokesman for the Season's organisers said yesterday Africans were provisionally booked into hotels in London, as early as September last year. The bookings were confirmed this week.

The spokesman added: "We had no problems in finding for them to stay, and we encountered no discrimination on account of colour."

Indeed, the group of hotels which agreed to accommodate the Africans is going out of its way to be helpful. Extra cooking facilities are being laid on for those who are bringing with them their own special food."

The spokesman said it was possible that Mr Ballington applied for accommodation not realising it had already been arranged.

"This was the case," the spokesman said, "he has been applied too late. Most hotels are fully booked months in advance."

Security men duped by demos at SA House

The Star Bureau

LONDON — Anti-apartheid demonstrators duped security men at South Africa House yesterday to stage a 30-minute sit-down protest in the embassy foyer against Security Police methods in South Africa.

It is impossible to enter South Africa House en masse, mainly because of a heavy, revolving door which lets in visitors in ones and twos.

Commissionaires are at hand to find out the business of the visitor almost the moment he steps in.

All this goes on under the watchful eye of a security officer on duty in the foyer.

The demonstrators filtered in one by one yesterday, each with a polite and legitimate reason for getting past the commissionaires — emigration prospects to sunny South Africa and the need to consult the reference library were some of the reasons given.

Within a minute or two an estimated 30 protesters were inside the spacious, subterranean foyer. Suddenly the demonstration erupted about the ears of the unsuspecting security guard. The multiracial group unfurled banners from their pockets, shouted slogans and sat on the marble floor.

At one point the lights went

out to add to the confusion, but an information spokesman could not be sure whether the demonstrators or the periodic power problems of the English electric were responsible.

Police were called and the protesters left. There were no arrests.

The protest was staged under the auspices of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. The group issued a statement denouncing detentions, political arrests and alleged torture in South Africa by secret police.

A woman among the demonstrators who shouted "We don't see burn it down" was ignored by the others.

An urgent review of security arrangements is being made at South Africa House to ensure that "agent invaders" do not succeed again.

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TO THE POINT WHEN SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN

It is time that ratepayers complained to the city council about the acoustics at the Civic Theatre.

The sound has never been good and only shows placed to the front of the stage seem reasonably audible. But the whole stage must be used for productions of the magnitude of the 'JODS' show, 'Applause,' and when the full stage is used the audience hears very little.

Theatre-lover.

Westcliffe.

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THE piece by Tony Robinson in Sleep Talk (November 10) about the two world wars is misleading.

He states that the military casualties in World War 1 exceeded those in World War 2. This is incorrect to one who has studied the horrific casualties of the Russo-German war 1941-45.

The total military deaths on both sides exceeded 9-million.

These two belligerents suffered more deaths than all the armies at conflict in World War 1.

P. Graham.

Johannesburg.

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MR. MAYET, a member of the so-called South African Indian Council, as reported in the Star, November 10:

"Eventually he foresaw the Coloured and Indian Groups having a future closer to the Whites, while the Africans followed a different road to independent homelands."

The Indian youth of South Africa would like Mr Mayet to know that our political future is tied with our Black brothers, the Africans, and under no circumstances will be brought together with the Whites without the Blacks.

Blacks not Indians

Fordsburg.

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MR Theo Gerdener is indeed a Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. On

occasions he speaks like a liberal Progressive and on other occasions he talks like a rabid verkrampste Nationalist.

Where does he stand and what is his position in the Cabinet?

Dr Hilgard Muller has been relegated to a junior position as regards succession to the throne because of his comparatively liberal views: liberal in that he is not an extremist and does not bluster and threaten.

Petrus Louw

Bedford View.

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WE are apprehensive that the British Labour Party and the British Council of Churches have declared their support for terrorist organisations trying to disrupt the Portuguese provinces in Africa.

They should first try to halt the "winds of change" that are blowing fiercely over Britain herself, particularly in Northern Ireland.

J. M. Nazareth

Hon Gen Secretary,
East Africa Goan Union.

Laurence Marques.

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THE newspaper Post has been taken over by the Argus group, but never in my wildest dreams did I think that this paper would be taken out of circulation.

I am very disappointed as I have been a reader of this newspaper for many years. My Fridays will never seem the same without Post. It's a crying shame.

(Mrs) B. Fitzpatrick

Springs

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I SUGGEST that the title, "Women of the Year," be dedicated to the nurses of South Africa for their unflinching devotion to humanity.

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LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

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Hospital Hill.

Charitable idea

I HAVE a better suggestion for Claire Eisenhammer (The Star, November 12) who urges readers to think and join or support the Christian Institute and the Black Sash, that hand-maiden of the Anglican Church.

I urge her rather to think and join or support the Jewish Women's Benevolent Society or the Women's Zionist League.

This would help to set an example for other vulnerable groups on how to run self-help organisations and on the fostering of a social and charitable consciousness.

(Mrs) Z. P. Feldman

Johannesburg.

Government must show the way

SURELY the Railways' decision not to allow the City Council to run buses on the Soweto motorway should be challenged?

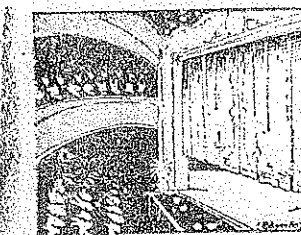
Since the Government set the original stipulation that buses cannot use the road without the approval of the SAR, it is time it intervened on behalf of African commuters' safety, convenience and comfort. Or is this yet another matter in which officialdom appears not to care?

Mrs R. Thornton-Smith

Johannesburg.

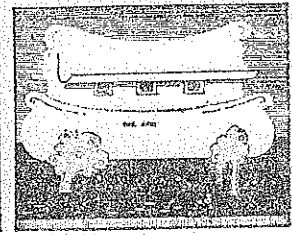


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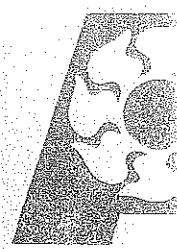


Now, let's pretend we're in the stalls, all sitting in a row, and watching with the Animals, the Great Dramatic Show. Let's make believe that every scene takes place before our eyes. And let's cry "Ooo!" with all

and Gussie Goose



Oh see . . . A lovely coloured house . . . No, no, it is a boat! No . . . Wait! I know. Of course, it is a Noah's Ark afloat! It's rocking gently up and down on painted waves of blue. Oh, watch the painted shutters



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