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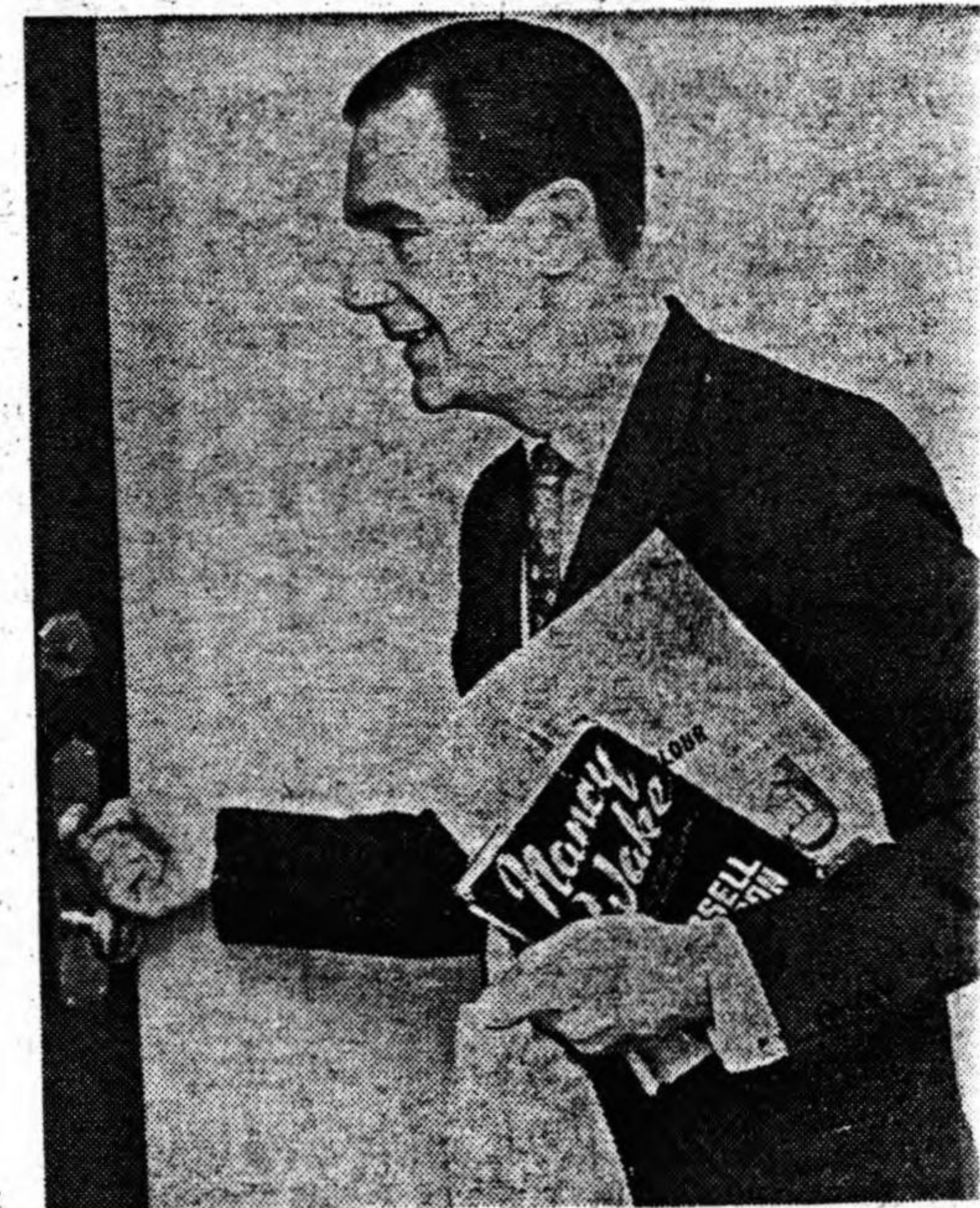
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By ANN CAVILL

THE young lives of 19-year-old Barbara Harmel and Spencer Hodgson, 15, entered a twilight of uncertainty yesterday as the 24-hour house-arrest orders closed in on their families.

Barbara, who is a first-year B.A. student at the University of the Witwatersrand, faces the prospect of having to sacrifice her university career to help her parents.

Her father, 47-year-old former journalist Mr. Michael Harmel, is forbidden to leave his home in High Road, Gardens, Johannesburg, for the next five years. The ban means that he cannot continue working as a clerk in a Johannesburg advocate's office and has no way of supporting his family.

Spencer, whose mother, Mrs. Rica Hodgson, was placed under 12-hour house arrest at the same time that her 54-year-old husband, Jack, received the notice confining him to his flat 24 hours a day for five years, may have to leave the private school he attends in Johannesburg.

Mr. Hodgson, who will have to close down his wholesale business because he cannot leave his Bruce Street, Hillbrow flat, will have to depend on a R22-a-month war disability pension to help to support his wife and son and pay R66 a month rent for the flat.

Mrs. Hodgson, whose work as fund-raiser for "New Age" involves travelling throughout the country, may lose her job.

Still stunned by the orders which have drawn a curtain of solitude over their families and homes, Barbara and Spencer were busy yesterday replanning their lives.

They will not be able to invite friends to their homes, as their fathers are forbidden all visitors except a doctor, who must not be a banned person.

For the next five years they cannot hold a party at their homes. And if they hold one outside they cannot invite their fathers.

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Barbara, a petite blue-eyed brunette, has had to cancel a birthday party planned for next month.

"I shall have to get a job," she said. "I cannot see my parents struggling to keep me at university. I will help them all I can and perhaps one day I'll have enough money to put myself through university."

Barbara's mother runs a small dress shop but the money she earns is not enough to support the family.

When Barbara's boy friend calls for her he cannot go up to the front door but must stand in the street behind the wire fence which encloses the quarter-acre garden.

"I am going to consult a lawyer to see exactly what my position is," she said. "I'll stand by my father and help him all I can. It is dreadful to see him like a tiger in a cage. Even a game of squash or a swim in the hot weather is forbidden."

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Dramatic decision

It will also remove all restrictions on buying and renting houses in residential areas at present reserved for Whites. Natives, Coloureds and Indians will be able to live in any area in town or country they wish.

It was the most dramatic decision in the race field ever made in Southern Rhodesia and is a calculated election gamble. Many party members thought the resolution would split the party wide open. A long and heated session was expected, but speaker

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"In the case of the bid to take over Hulett's I was a sitting duck — because I could not buy my own shares."

His successor

"The sugar battle has pointed to the need for an alteration to the Stock Exchange rules, and if this results in such a way that the small man and the company itself are protected, then this battle will have been worthwhile."

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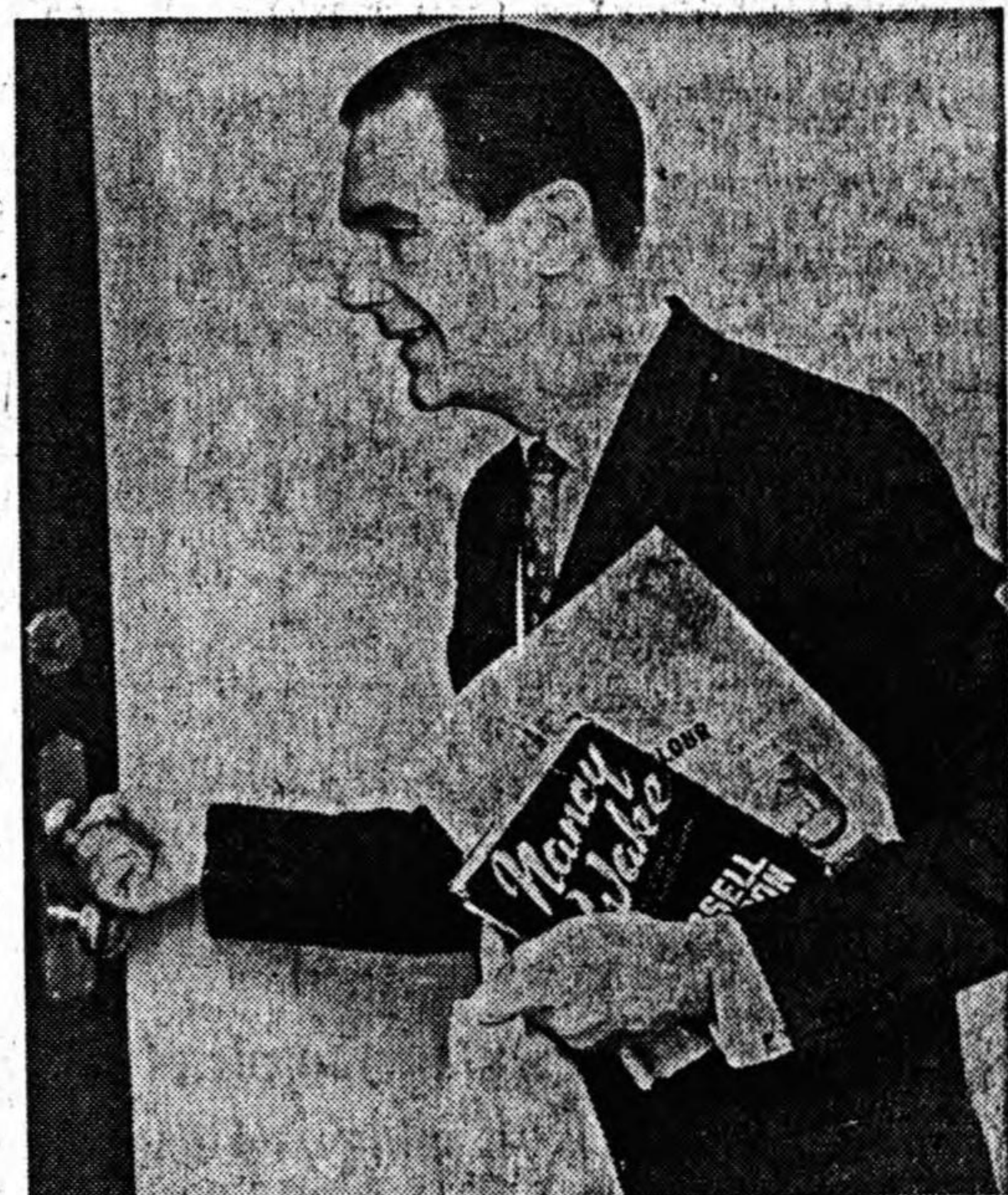
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It confines him to his flat at week-ends, on public holidays and between 6.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. on weekdays. He must report daily to the police at Marshall Square.

Mr. Williams's career as a professional producer is likely

to be affected severely by the house-arrest order.

Amateur companies, which usually rehearse at night, will be unable to engage him, and if a professional company engages him, all rehearsals will have to take place during the day—and Mr. Williams will never be able to see the finished product before an audience at night.

Mr. Williams was a founder-member and first chairman of the now banned Congress of Democrats. In September, 1953, he was banned from membership of various political organisations and also from attending gatherings.

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Carrying respect for privacy too far

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Despite a barrage of per-



suasion, cajoling, exhortation and even threats by the socialites to induce the cameraman to take their pictures, he refused to do so.

Said one of the Socialites: "This is outrageous. This is an unwarranted interference with our publicity."

"I wish I'd said that," re-

marked Oscar Wildebeest admiringly.

"You will, Oscar, you will," said Penny Whistler, the girl with the decimalised smile.

BUST THE BUST TRUST

MRS. DITHER of Dunkeld, who is very distressed by the matrimonial troubles of Liz Taylor and Eddie Fisher, is going round Dunkeld with a petition demanding that United Nations observers be called in to observe the Taylor and Fisher cases.

"Why are you worrying about Taylor and Fisher?" grumbled Mr. Dither. "Why don't you call U Thant in to observe the Dunkeld Bus?"

The rebuke struck home. Mrs. Dither is now demanding that the Dunkeld Bus be placed under United Nations trusteeship or have sanctions imposed against it.

"Either that," said Mrs. Dither, "or the Dunkeld Bus be given its independence. For too long has it been required to suffer under the yoke of the Tramways Department."

Next week, says Oscar Wildebeest wittily, we will disclose the identity of the yoke of the Tramways Department. What a laugh!

Joel Mervis

POLITICAL COMMENT

Dr. Verwoerd and Israel

THE only inference to be drawn from Dr. Verwoerd's election speech at Roodepoort this week is that he is taunting Israel to carry out the sanctions resolution for which it voted. His remarks were so provocative that no other interpretation can be placed upon them.

Dr. Verwoerd told Israel to come down off the fence, and in this contemptuous challenge lies a wealth of hidden meaning.

In the first place, nearly everyone—including Dr. Verwoerd—agrees that Israel voted for the sanctions resolution because it wanted to identify itself publicly with the anti-apartheid outlook of the African States, which it is perfectly entitled to do.

"Israel wants to be in the good books of the Black States of Africa," said Dr. Verwoerd. "It thinks the whole of Africa will be Black soon, and for business reasons it wants to be on the right side."

Whether the reasons are business or political is a matter of dispute, but let that rest for the moment.

ON THE FENCE

NEARLY everyone agrees, too, that Israel probably is not anxious to implement the sanctions resolution fully, although it has voted for it for two consecutive years at UN.

Dr. Verwoerd is right then when he says Israel wants to sit on the fence. It wants to have its matzos and eat it.

What is wrong with sitting on the fence though—as far as Dr. Verwoerd is concerned? Surely he should welcome the fact that, while Israel feels itself obliged publicly to vote for sanctions, it is reluctant privately to carry them out?

Several countries have found themselves in a similar position. They have agreed publicly to boycott South Africa, but privately they have done nothing about it, or as little as possible.

UNIFIED

EARLIER this year, for instance, I travelled in a ship up the east coast of Africa. The ship off-loaded South African apples at every port, including Dar-es-Salaam, Mombasa and Mogadiso.

Yet, two years ago, trade unions in East Africa announced "unified action" not to off-load South African goods in the three main East African ports, Tanga, Mombasa and Dar-es-Salaam.

Tanganyika, if I remember correctly, decided to launch an unofficial boycott on August 31, 1960, yet last year Tanganyika was still importing more

By
STANLEY UYS

than R1,000,000 of South African goods!

Ghana, too, still imports small quantities of mining machinery from South Africa; Sierra Leone and Nigeria import goods; while the Congo (Leopoldville) has a flourishing trade. These countries are supposed to be sworn enemies of South Africa.

ECCENTRIC

EVEN some Communist countries, like Rumania, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, buy limited quantities of goods from South Africa, and it is reported that Russia and Red China have a substantial "concealed" trade with South Africa.

There are two possible explanations for this eccentric behaviour. One is that the governments of the countries are slow to apply in practice what they approve of in theory; the other explanation is that they take the view that politics is politics and business is business.

This brings us back to Dr. Verwoerd—why does he taunt Israel with remarks like "I wonder whether Israel will still find it worthwhile to continue with its airlines here . . ." "I wonder whether South Africa will continue with its goodwill towards Israel just because Israel's delegate (at UN) had certain reservations . . . which make no impression on us."

HESITANT

ACCEPTING that Israel feels itself obliged to vote for the sanctions resolution, surely the understandable thing for Dr. Verwoerd to have done would have been to welcome Israel's position of sitting on the fence?

Israel is hesitant about applying sanctions to South Africa. It does not want to break off the export and import trade. It does not want to withdraw its Minister in Pretoria. It does not want to close down its airline.

Why then push it into these actions?

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THEORY

IS this what Dr. Verwoerd wants? His remark that neither he nor his Government will help Israel out of its dilemma and that when Israel makes its decision it will not be a decision of which it will be ashamed, suggests this.

One hesitates to accuse Dr. Verwoerd of such provocation, but what other explanation is there?

What possible motive could Dr. Verwoerd have had for picking such a serious quarrel with Israel? I have a theory, a purely personal theory.

Some Nationalists accuse a section of South African Jewry of dividing its loyalties between South Africa and Israel, in exactly the same way that some English-speaking South Africans used to divide their loyalties between South Africa and England.

And, the Nationalists say, a person with a dual loyalty can never be won over to the Nationalist Party. He will always support the Opposition.

EMOTIONAL

THE Nationalists believe that, when they cut the links with Britain and the Commonwealth, the English-speaking section in South Africa, which was practising a divided loyalty, came adrift emotionally and politically, and is now being attracted by the the magnetic pull of the Nationalist Party.

Is this manoeuvre now to be applied to a section of South African Jewry? If there is a break with Israel, would it produce a recoil locally that would be politically advantageous to the Nationalist Party?

If so, then we can expect the first harvest of this new situation to be gathered by the Nationalist Party in the present Florida by-election—which by-election, it must be remembered, was the theme of Dr. Verwoerd's meeting in Roodepoort.

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