

AND WHEREAS and in view of the importance and gravity of the situation and the very limited time at the disposal of the Conference and the fact that this policy ~~will~~ affects posterity;

THIS CONFERENCE is unable at this moment to give a matured and considered decision on the fundamental principles and details involved, because:-

- (a) The Chief and delegates were not conversant with the principles involved,
- (b) They have had no time to obtain the mandate of the people they represent,
- (c) The Bills not being in the vernacular are beyond the comprehension of the majority of the Chiefs and delegates.
- (d) The Chiefs and Delegates are not at the moment in a position to visualise or locate the proposed released areas nor do they know to what extent some of the released areas are occupied and owned by missionaries, Africans and private bodies and individuals,
- (e) It is the intention of the Government to take Native Census next year, in the opinion of this Conference the present Bills should therefore be held over until the Native population has been ascertained in the scheduled and released Native areas and on private farms.

NOW THEREFORE this Conference respectfully asks the Government :-

- (a) To translate the Bills into various Bantu languages.
- (b) To appoint a mixed Commission to investigate the scheduled and released areas with a view to assure the Chiefs and the public as to what areas are really and actually being granted to them under this Bill and the principal Act.
- (c) To convene a Union Conference of African Chiefs and leaders during next year to consider the whole policy.

The Secretary for Native Affairs accepted these resolutions and promised to place them before the Government and to use his personal influence to see that the terms thereof are carried out. He also expressed the desire ~~of~~ for annual gatherings of this kind to consider the various measures affecting the African people. He was certain in his mind that the Conference had served a useful purpose. The Conference would be informed later of the Government's decision and he himself appreciated the difficulties of the Conference to understand the Bills.

The Conference then terminated with the singing of the National (African) Anthem and benediction by his Lordship the Bishop of Pretoria.

H. Selby Msimang
Secretary of the Committee of the whole house and chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

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