

# AFRICANIST CONGRESS IS LAUNCHED

Johannesburg, Monday.

A NEW non-white political organisation was formed in Johannesburg today, when nearly 300 Africans from all parts of the Union decided to establish the "Pan-Africanist Congress."

Their decision came at the end of a three-day conference in Orlando called by the Africanist movement—a group which broke away from the African National Congress last November.

The aims of the new congress include: To unite the African people on the basis of African nationalism.

Most of the conference was closed to the Press and public.

Mr. Robert Sobukwe, a lecturer in Bantu languages at Witwatersrand University, was unanimously elected president of the organisation.

A statement of policy adopted by the conference included an acceptance of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

A target of 100,000 members was set for July 31, which is also to be celebrated as "African Heroes' Day."

On the Government's Bantustan plans, Mr. Sobukwe said afterwards: "We reject them completely. We grant to nobody the right to Balkanise' our land," he said.

Mr. Sobukwe said that the congress flag would be green with a superimposed black map of Africa and a gold star. The anthem was the same as the A.N.C.—"God Bless Africa."—Sapa.

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