

1911 1957 Mayor Warns Africans

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THE Johannesburg City Council has started a campaign to persuade the non-European people of Johannesburg not to join the stay-at-home protest planned to start on Monday.

Leading the campaign is the Mayor, Mr. T. Glyn Morris. Speaking with the full authority of the council, and after discussions with commerce and industry, he says to the non-Europeans:

"I believe that a danger exists that you may unwittingly allow yourselves to be used by forces that may not have the ultimate interests of your people at heart.

"There is fast-growing evidence among employer organisations of goodwill, and a willingness in the various firms to develop proper means of consultation between employer and employee.

DISCUSSION BEST

"Discussion is the best way in which to settle these matters, instead of illegal work stoppage.

"To seek co-operation is far better than to make threats, which can only endanger understanding and sympathy on the part of your friends, cause yourselves loss of pay which you can ill afford, and unfortunately can possibly lead to incidents which may have the most unhappy consequences."

Mr. W. J. P. Carr, manager of the council's Non-European Affairs Department, says that so far there is no evidence of any support for the protest among the 2,000 African officials under his control.

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To-day at noon he will brief several hundred African officials on how they should go about their business on Monday and the days following.

Broadcasts are being made by the City Council to its 20,000 African workers in their compounds, advising them to ignore the call to stay at home.

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