

AFRICANISTS WANT NO 'INFORMERS'

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NEARLY 300 Africans from all parts of the Union met in Orlando, Johannesburg, over the week-end for the first national conference of the Africanist movement. The three-day conference is being held exactly five months after the breakaway of the Africanists from the African National Congress on the grounds that the A.N.C. was dominated by Whites and Indians and did not work for the true interests of the African people.

"Informers and members of the Press" were asked to leave that hall at the start of discussion of the Africanist programme. About 12 African and several White Security Branch detectives sat in cars outside the hall.

The meeting was quiet and orderly, with discipline rigidly

maintained. There was a flurry of excitement when the presence in the closed session of Mr. Jordan Ngubane, a national vice-chairman of the Liberal Party, was challenged.

After a prolonged and heated argument, he was accepted as a member of the Durban delegation. Later, more angry exchanges took place because of allegations that information had been given to the Press.

UNITY APPEALS

Speaker after speaker 'appealed for Africans to unite on the basis of African Nationalism.

Delegates have been quick to give enthusiastic support to the fiery declarations of speakers such as Mr. P. Leballo—"We must restore the African fatherland to the true sons of the soil"—and bearded, gesticulating Mr. Josias Madzunya—"We must have our own national church of Africa to be free."

There was loud applause also for the statement by Mr. Z. Mathopeng, the chairman of the conference, that "those who want to remain and live in Africa must resign themselves to the inevitable end of being ruled by Africans.

"Africans own every square inch of Africa. The land belongs to us and we must rule."

NO CO-OPERATION

There could be no co-operation between normal groups because of the irreconcilable clash and contradictions between the ruling Whites and the oppressed Africans.

"The African people will resolve the contradiction by virtue of our numbers and the fact that we will unite. Then we will be one big African nation."

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