

A Pan-Africanist recruiting drive

Leaders in New Brighton

THE "EXTREMIST" Pan-Africanist Congress—a rival of the African National Congress — is conducting an intensive membership drive in the Eastern Cape.

A group of leaders, headed by Mr Robert Mangalis Sobukwe, President of the organisation and African languages assistant at Witwatersrand University, began campaigning in the area yesterday.

The Pan-Africanist Congress was formed in 1959 after a split in the African National Congress in the Transvaal over policy and personalities.

Pan - Africanists advocate "Government of Africans by Africans and for Africans"—but deny they are racialistic.

Privileges

This week Mr Sobukwe addressed a well-attended meeting which was held in secret in a house in Port Elizabeth.

Other speakers were Mr P. K. Leballo, National Secretary, Mr S. T. Ngenane, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and Mr H. S. Ngcobo, member of the National Executive Committee.

They arrived from Cape Town. He addressed a big meeting on Friday afternoon at Langa Town-

Sobukwe said: "The minorities ruling this country have certain rights and those which they would like entrenched and protected, that can be done only at the expense of the African people.

Other

...tees are worth
...ts is the
... of the

country is further evidence of their contempt for the African people—they believe they are incapable of running the country on their own. They need White leadership.

"Further, multi-racialism implies the transfer of racial prejudices and antagonisms that obtain in the present society, to the future Africa we intend to create.

"We do not regard South Africa as an island. We do not subscribe to the doctrine of South African exceptionalism.

"South Africa is an integral part of the African continent and its problems are interwoven with those of the rest of Africa."

Glorious

Asked what the future of the European was in Africa, Mr Sobukwe said: "There is no future for the White man as an oppressor group but there is a wonderful and glorious future for individuals whatever their colour.

Many White organisations today are extremely anxious to make themselves acceptable to the African people. They will have to accept African nationalism.

"Our ultimate goal is an Africanist - Socialist democracy, with Africa united from Cape to Cairo and from Morocco to Madagascar.

"All territorial boundaries created by the imperialists must be dissolved," Mr Sobukwe said.

"We prefer starvation in freedom to opulence in bondage."

PUBLISHER:

Publisher:- Historical Papers, The Library, University of the Witwatersrand

Location:- Johannesburg

©2010

LEGAL NOTICES:

Copyright Notice: All materials on the Historical Papers website are protected by South African copyright law and may not be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, displayed, or otherwise published in any format, without the prior written permission of the copyright owner.

Disclaimer and Terms of Use: Provided that you maintain all copyright and other notices contained therein, you may download material (one machine readable copy and one print copy per page) for your personal and/or educational non-commercial use only.

People using these records relating to the archives of Historical Papers, The Library, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, are reminded that such records sometimes contain material which is uncorroborated, inaccurate, distorted or untrue. While these digital records are true facsimiles of paper documents and the information contained herein is obtained from sources believed to be accurate and reliable, Historical Papers, University of the Witwatersrand has not independently verified their content. Consequently, the University is not responsible for any errors or omissions and excludes any and all liability for any errors in or omissions from the information on the website or any related information on third party websites accessible from this website.

DOCUMENT DETAILS:

Document ID:- A2618-Cp2-5-2

Document Title:- Evening Post: A Pan-Africanist recruiting drive

Author:- Evening Post, Port Elizabeth

Document Date:- 18 February 1960