

The Editor, Ilanga Lase Natal,

I notice that your worthy correspondent Busy Bee has accepted a statement from certain quarters which is not in accordance with true facts. He has chosen to make an attack against me in a language that does not surprise me knowing the writer as I do.

I want to deny that the Organisers of the Inanda Centenary wrote to me a letter or that by word of mouth or written word, asked me to help in any shape or form. I felt insulted when a printed circular last year was posted to me without any covering letter as though I was a European or Indian, when their fathers who ~~started~~ started the preparations in 1945, ignored my position. I challenge anyone to show if I was written to. I deny also that I made a counter attraction. I prepared food for those who are my friends and were attending the Centenary. I actually attended the celebrations on the given day with the Paramount Chief designate Prince Cyprian ka Solomon. When we came I reported to the Chairman who told a member of the Committee that we were not different from the other people and refused to allot to us chairs. We actually sat on benches in the crowd. That prevented us from attending other sessions of the Celebrations because I felt that we were slighted. I knew that the Organisers of the Centenary had not prepared food for the multitudes. So it became my duty to do so. It was not a counter attraction. Busy Bee's remarks in this connection are uncalled for. I slaughtered two beasts. A bag of samp mealies, a bag of rice and one bag of potatoes were prepared for our visitors. This was a feast not a counter attraction but in addition to the Celebrations. Many of the visitors availed themselves of this feast.

Busy Bee is not absolutely correct when he states that he has not criticised me. When he wrote these notes he took himself to be the Editor of the Ilanga for reasons better known to *himself*. I made my position very clear in the three articles I had published in the Ilanga. The first one was to correct the omission; the second was to remove the blame from the present officials; the third was to ask everybody to bury the dead and look forward to 2047. If Busy Bee has been influenced to make these comments about these three articles of mine after spending days at Inanda, I want to say that personally I am no more interested in this matter after closing it with a blessing.

If, however, one of the organisers chooses to re-open the matter openly, not by whispering it to the willing ears, I shall again consider it my duty to join in the issue.

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