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A.N.C. DELEGATES SCREAM ABUSE AS TEMPERS RISE

And most of the Africanists, by a decision of the credentials committee, were not delegates. The Africanists, however, refused to recognise the committee. They claimed that it was biased against them.

At 1 o'clock yesterday, the last of the delegates was allowed into the hall. More than 100 Africanists stood outside. This was the crucial moment of the conference. Had they attempted to go into the meeting, a bloody clash would have been inevitable.

Instead, they decided to leave, and they went off to hold their own conference. There the decision was taken to dissociate themselves from the conference.

On the first day, ex-Chief Albert Luthuli, President-General of the A.N.C., delivered the opening address to an open session. The 600 people present listened quietly and intently as he accused the Nationalist Government of "injecting the virus of prejudice and sectionalism into race relations."

TEMPERS RISE

The discussion which followed the address became more and more heated. There were constant demands for the emergence of a strong African nationalism.

One speaker appealed to the audience to stand together as Africans against the Whites. He was greeted by loud cheers.

"The Whites came into Africa to oppress us. Our business is to overthrow them," he said.

"We cannot accept the minority who come to us when they see the Black child of Africa waking up."

As hours passed, tempers rose. The Africanists, led by Josias Madzunya, vehemently opposed the election of a committee, but it carried on. When one of the Africanists stepped forward to assist in the voting, his colleagues surged towards him and pulled him back.

NEARLY A FIGHT

In a moment the meeting was in wild disorder. People stood up and screamed abuse across the hall. It seemed that an open clash between the two sides was about to begin.

A Coloured detective of the Security Branch was attacked by about six African women yesterday morning as he stood outside the meeting hall. He was forced into the street.

Earlier, a group of African detectives had been refused entry to the meeting.

Throughout Saturday and yesterday, uniformed police stood by in radio-equipped vehicles. Reinforcements were at call.

Mr. G. Sibande was elected Transvaal president of the African National Congress.

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