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STATISTICS II.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVE TRUST : PURCHASES OF LAND.

The South African Native Trust has now acquired very nearly 60% of the 7,250,000 morgen\* of land for Native settlement which it set out to acquire under the Native Land and Trust Act of 1936.

Up to September 30, 1950, it had bought 2,219,017 morgen and confirmation of sale was awaited on another 47,533 morgen. With the 1,781,608 morgen vested in it in the beginning and 281,955 morgen bought by Natives in released areas, this brings the total of land available for Native settlement under the Trust to 4,282,580 morgen.

Since 1936-37 the Union Parliament has voted £8,175,000 for the purchase of land by the Trust. Of this, £7,566,798 has been spent and another £389,917 is earmarked for land the purchase of which is awaiting confirmation.

Each year the Native Affairs Department aska Parliament for sufficient money to carry out its programme of land purchase for the ensuing financial year, taking into account the balance of funds carried over from the previous year.

Details of the land purchased in the various provinces and the cost up to September 30, 1950, are:

	<u>Morgen.</u>	<u>Purchase Price.</u>
Transvaal	1,623,347	£4,180,649
Cape	421,013	1,880,398
Natal	96,121	647,131
O.F.S.	<u>78,536</u>	<u>858,020</u>
	2,219,017	£7,566,798
 Commitments up to September 30, 1950:		
Transvaal	26,756	£ 174,029
Cape	5,883	69,505
Natal	14,894	146,383
O.F.S.	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	47,533	£ 389,917

As some indication of the way prices have risen, it is worth noting that on September 30, 1949, commitments totalled 49,068 morgen at a total purchase price of only £200,941.

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(This cancels all previous issues of Statistics II).

\* One morgen equals 2.1165 acres.

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