

Africanists' conference

JOHANNESBURG. — A lecturer in Bantu languages said here that both Russia and America were trying to win the friendship of African states.

Mr. Robert Sobukwe, of Witwatersrand University, said "some Africans are flirting with the Soviet camp, and others with the American camp."

He was addressing a conference of the extremist "Africanist" rebels of the African National Congress who launched themselves as an independent group.

Neutral

After an attack on the Union for "fascist tyranny", Mr. Sobukwe said the Africanist movement would support neither the Western nor the Eastern blocs.

"Africans reject totalitarianism in any form or shape," he said. "We shall take the best from the East and the best from the West, and retain our distinctive African personality."

On South Africa he said: "True democracy in South Africa can be established only when the African oppressed majority has come into its own . . . when White supremacy has been destroyed and liquidated . . . the freedom of the African means the freedom of everybody."

About 250 Africans, among them delegates from the Cape and Natal met in Orlando at the weekend for a three-day inaugural conference.

The Africanist movement stands for "Africa for the Africans" and no co-operation with Europeans or other races in the fight for equality. (Sana)

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