

Wits. Native lecturer says

Bantustans to provide cheap labour for Afrikaner capitalists

THE BANTUSTANS HAD BEEN CREATED in order to provide markets and a reservoir of cheap labour for growing middle-class Afrikaner capitalism, said Mr. R. M. Sobukwe of the department of Bantu languages, Witwatersrand University, when he addressed the Pretoria Joint Council of Europeans and Non-Europeans last night.

Mr. Sobukwe said the chief instrument would be the Bantu Investment Corporation, and the Nationalist Government would make sure that only Afrikaner Nationalist firms were given the right to establish themselves on the borders of the reserves.

"The Jews and the English firms will be kept out because the Afrikaner has found the competition from the Jews and English very tough indeed. The Nationalists are not concerned with the welfare of the White worker in the White areas, but with the extension of Afrikaner capitalism," said Mr. Sobukwe.

All South African Governments had used the reserves as a source of cheap Native labour and the Bantustans would be nothing different, said Mr. Sobukwe.

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extension of the Native encampments in the urban areas. In the Bantustans the police will be able to take as ruthless action as they please without anyone hearing about it.

"The Bantustans are going to be concentration camps to provide labour for the border industries. The ordinary Native people have rejected the Bantustan idea in meetings with their chiefs."

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