

# Talks Today On 'Africa Week'

By a Staff Reporter

**T**HE PRETORIA BRANCH of the African National Congress will meet in closed session tonight to discuss, among other items, what action it will take about "Africa Week" — from April 12 to 19 — and what its attitude should be towards the Pan Africanist Congress, an organisation formed in Johannesburg yesterday with the aim of "overthrowing White domination."

Dr. Peter Tsele, an executive member of the Pretoria A.N.C., said today he was not able to reveal what plans his organisation had in mind, but stressed that it would not involve itself in "senseless and purposeless campaigns."

It has been reported from Port Elizabeth that an A.N.C. spokesman announced that during Africa Week members of the congress would "go slow" at work, would not buy "Nationalist" products and would not buy food or drink in the city, but would bring food and drink with them from the townships.

## "STATUS CAMPAIGN"

It is understood that there has been strong pressure within the Pretoria A.N.C. and from non-members lately for a "status campaign" in Pretoria aimed at obtaining better treatment for Natives in their dealings with shops, the public service and other European-controlled bodies. This is one matter on which action is likely soon.

The Pretoria A.N.C., with a membership of more than 500 drawn from all fields, has in the past had strong support from non-members. It is believed, however, that even its own members doubt whether its influence is sufficient to organise a successful "stay at home" strike in Pretoria such as has been suggested elsewhere for Africa Week.

The formation yesterday in Johannesburg of the Pan Africanist Congress is seen in Pretoria today by political observers as a movement which has discarded the idea of multi-racialism and which can become the most powerful moving force of Black nationalism.

## LITTLE SUPPORT

The movement, which broke away from the African National Congress last November, is most active in Johannesburg and to a lesser degree also in Durban and Port Elizabeth, but has little support in Pretoria.

The Government is closely watching the activities of the organisation, which has already bluntly rejected its Bantustan concepts and has openly stated that it is striving for government by the Natives for the Natives.

Mr. Robert Sebukwe, a lecturer in Bantu languages at the Witwatersrand University, was unanimously elected president. A major surprise was that Mr. Josias Madzunya, of Alexandra, was not even elected to the executive of the organisation.

Mr. Madzunya can be regarded as the major moving force behind the break with the A.N.C. He rejected the A.N.C. idea of co-operation with other racial groups and plunged for pure Native nationalism.

But, it is pointed out in Pretoria, the election of Mr. Sebukwe, an educated Native, has again raised the question whether, as in the past, there has not already been infiltration by other groups into the new congress. Informed circles believe this to be the case.

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