

A new African party formed

JOHANNESBURG, Monday.

A NEW non-White political organisation was formed in Johannesburg today, when nearly 300 Natives from all parts of the Union decided to establish the "Pan Africanist Congress".

Their decision came at the end of a three-day conference in Orlando called by the Africanist movement—a group which broke away from the African National Congress in November 1958.

The aims of the new congress include: to unite the African people on the basis of African nationalism.

Most of the conference was closed to the Press and public.

Mr Robert Sobukwe, a lecturer in Bantu languages at the University of the Witwatersrand was unanimously elected president of the organisation.

A statement of policy adopted by the conference included an acceptance of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

A target of 100,000 members was set for July 31, which is also to be celebrated as "African Heroes Day".

On the Government's Bantustan plans, Mr Sobukwe said afterwards: "We reject them completely. We grant to nobody the right to 'Balkanise' our land," he said.

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