

AFRICANIST: 'I'M NOT EXTREME'

His aim is democratic South Africa

Special Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — "No, I would not call myself an extremist. The only Whites who have anything to fear from us are those who persist in trying to maintain White baasskap."

The speaker was ^{ter-} suavely-spoken Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, 35.

He is the newly elected Chairman of the Pan-Africanist Congress, the rebel group which has split from the African National Congress on a programme of "undiluted" African nationalism.

Mr. Sobukwe is an African languages assistant at Witwatersrand University.

He said yesterday he realised his new post will get him into trouble with the university authorities.

"But if I lose my livelihood because of this then I just cannot help that. I cannot give up my beliefs."

Safeguards not guaranteed

Mr. Sobukwe said: "We want a universal adult franchise, one man, one vote, and we cannot guarantee safeguards for minorities.

"We recognise individuals, not groups.

"I do not see any reason, for example, why Black voters should not return a White to represent them in Parliament in the democratic South Africa we would like to see."

He declared "All political parties in South Africa, from the Nationalist to the African National Congress, today are simply instruments of White supremacy."

Strength not disclosed

"We split from the A.N.C. because we felt it was being dominated by European and Indian minority groups which do not have the true interest of the African at heart.

The only point on which Mr. Sobukwe — Fort Hare-educated son of a poor labourer—was reticent was the strength of his movement.

"We are not disclosing that for the time being."

He teaches Zulu at the University and his European students describe him as a "brilliant" lecturer.

Born in the Cape, he worked his way through mission school to train as a teacher.

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