

# Blacks form new body to 'end White rule'

STAFF REPORTER

**N**EARLY 300 Africans meeting in Orlando decided yesterday to form a new political organisation pledged "to overthrow White domination." It will be called the Pan-Africanist Congress.

The Africans made the decision at the end of a three-day conference of the Africanist movement—a group which broke away from

the African National Congress last November.

The aims of the Pan-Africanist Congress are:

- To unite the African people on the basis of African nationalism.
- To fight for the overthrow of White domination and the maintenance of the right of self-determination for the African people.
- To strive for the establishment of an Africanist democratic society.
- To promote the educational, cultural and economic advancement of the African people.
- To promote the concept of the Federation of Southern Africa and Pan-Africanism.

## MAJOR SURPRISE

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

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

A secretariat of seven, with "portfolios" including pan-Africa, foreign affairs, economic development and education, was also elected.

One of the major surprises of the conference was the non-election to the executive of bearded Mr. Josias Madzunya, well-known for his fiery speeches. But in spite of this Mr. Madzunya pledged his support for the congress.

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## NEW BODY 'TO END WHITE RULE'

A statement of policy adopted by the conference included 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."

At the end of the conference Mr. Sobukwe, asked to comment on the allegation that the Africanists were anti-White, replied: "We are anti-nobody."

## NO MINORITY RIGHTS

He added: "We aim at government of the Africans, by the Africans and for the Africans, with everybody who owes his only loyalty to Africa and who is prepared to accept the democratic rule of an African majority being regarded as an African."

"We guarantee no minority rights because we think in terms of individuals, not groups."

On the congress' attitude to the South African Bureau of Racial Affairs' proposal to hold talks with African leaders, Mr. Sobukwe said: "We are prepared to hold discussions with everybody."

But the Africanists would not cooperate with other organisations "because we have no common ground and our aims are different."

## REJECT BANTUSTANS

But if they were satisfied that it was in the interests of the African people, the Africanists would consider the issues involved, said Mr. Sobukwe.

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

Mr. Sobukwe added that the congress flag would be green with a superimposed black map of Africa and a gold star.

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