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Professor explains defiance campaign

PRETORIA, Wednesday.—Sapa.

PROF Z. K. MATTHEWS, former vice-principal of Fort Hare, and the last witness to be called by the defence, continued his evidence at the treason trial today under cross-examination by Mr G. Hoexter, for the Crown.

Prof Matthews, formerly president of the A.N.C. in the Cape, has been giving evidence for the defence since Monday. He has described the policy of the A.N.C. and the methods it adopted to achieve its objects. Both, he has said, were completely non-violent.

Replying to Mr Hoexter today, Prof Matthews said the defiance campaign of the A.N.C. was not in his opinion dangerous to the security and stability of the State. There was no possibility of the campaign overthrowing the State, nor was that its aim.

Only recently there had been mass arrests on a far

greater scale than during the defiance campaign and the tranquility of the country had not been disrupted. "The whole basis of our struggle is to influence the Government and the defiance campaign was simply another way by which we hoped to influence the Government," he said.

The A.N.C. expected favourable results from the campaign, otherwise it would not have embarked upon it. He did not believe that the Government would have allowed a state of chaos to develop. They would have negotiated before such a stage was reached, he said.