

ANC "NOT DANGER TO THE STATE" —PROF. MATTHEWS

PRETORIA, Wednesday.

Professor 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.

Professor Matthews, who was formerly president of the ANC in the Cape, has been giving evidence for the defence since Monday. He has described the policy of the ANC 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 ANC's defiance campaign 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.

MASS ARRESTS

Only recently there had been mass arrests on a far greater scale than during the defiance campaign and the tranquillity 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."

The ANC expected favourable results from the campaign otherwise it would not have embarked upon it. He did not believe the Government would have allowed a State of chaos to develop. They would have negotiated before such a stage was reached. Prof. Matthews agreed the campaign was an attempt to change certain laws and that was the desired conclusion.

He agreed that the campaign was to an extent preparation of the people for future campaigns.

For the remainder of his evidence today Prof. Matthews replied to questions by the Crown on the significance of various extracts from documents issued by the ANC.

The trial was adjourned to tomorrow.—SAPA.

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