

CURRICULUM VITAE

Z. K. MATTHEWS

Head of the Department of African Studies, Professor of Social Anthropology, Native Law and Administration, occasionally Acting Principal, member of Faculty since 1936, at Fort Hare University College, Union of South Africa.

In 1952-53, Henry Luce Visiting Professor of World Christianity at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Holds the University of South Africa's LLB (about 1938); MA in anthropology, Yale University, 1933; also did further graduate work in anthropology at the University of London, 1934-35.

Became, in 1928, the first African to hold the post of head of a secondary school, at Adams Mission College, Natal.

In 1924, the first graduate, and the first African to earn a bachelor's degree in the Union, at Fort Hare College.

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In public life and politics:

Prof. Matthews was, until lately, one of the defendants in the so-called "Treason Trial." The indictment of treason against him was quashed by the Court in the spring of 1959.

Has served as President of the African National Congress in the Cape, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Congress.

In 1943-48, was an elected member, and Chairman of the African Caucus, of the Native Representative Council, an advisory body set up to discuss and consult with Government on problems affecting Africans.

In 1936, Prof. Matthews served, by invitation of the British Government, on the De La Warr Commission on Higher Education in East Africa.

During the 1930's and 1940's, served on the Union Advisory Board on Native Education.

Has written prolifically in a great number of journals and periodicals about affairs in the Union of South Africa.

Mrs. Frieda Matthews holds the degree of M.A. of the University of South Africa and was a teacher. Their eldest son is a practicing attorney; another son and a daughter are both medical students; a second daughter is training as a registered nurse. Prof. Matthews is 58 years old.