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## NATIVES IN URBAN AREAS.

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that provision should be compulsory and not permissive.

It was probable that the surplus Native labour in urban areas was largely due to the fact that the Native seeking employment did not know where to go. If, instead of introducing the Bill, the Minister had made provision in the estimates for the establishment of proper Native Labour Exchanges, dealing solely with the demands for Native labour, and had staffed those exchanges with people who were sympathetic to the Native and who understood their needs, there might have found that a surplus would not have existed at all, because there would have been a more rational distribution of Native labour throughout the country.

Mr. Coulter said that clause 21, with its drastic powers to remove Natives "into the blue," was one which no modern democratic Parliament would dream of passing. The Minister could not reasonably expect the House, in view of past experiences of Natives thrown off farms on to the road, to allow the Minister to exercise those powers without adequate safeguards. There was not even a right of appeal against the prescriptive rights granted to the Minister.

At the time of Union, in certain towns like Kimberley, there were officers known as Protectors of Natives and he considered that if these rights were to be given to the Minister Protectors of Natives should be appointed in all the large urban centres.

### INHUMAN TENDENCY.

It should be an indispensable condition before the Minister issued a certificate for a man to be "dumped" in this way that accommodation must be available for him and that he would be in a position to earn a living at the place to which he was sent. Mr. Coulter condemned the provision of the Bill which sought to deprive the Cape Native voter of some of his few remaining rights. There was a tendency in the House to treat the Natives repressively and that tendency was becoming more and more pronounced.

"As long as I have a voice in this House," declared Mr. Coulter, "I shall set my face against the development of a policy which seems to me to be inhuman and repressive.

He moved the adjournment of the debate, which was rejected by 53 votes to 15. The minority consisted of nine Government members, Messrs. Higgerty, Henderson, MacCallum, Van Collier, Payn, Joubert, Kentridge, Alexander and R. J. du Toit, one Nationalist, the Rev. C. W. M. du Toit, Mr. D. C. Burnside (Socialist), and the four members of the Dominion Party.

Mr. A. O. B. PAYN (United Party, Tembuland) said it was wrong that in a matter of such vital importance there should not have been the Select Committee report before them. He considered the Bill could very well have stood over for another year or two. Mr. Payn, who emphasised that he regarded the Bill as a non-party measure, was severely criticising some of its provisions when he was interrupted by the automatic adjournment at 10.55 p.m.

The debate was adjourned until tomorrow and the House rose.

## TZANEEN WEEK-END OF TERROR.

### Accused Native Appears in Court.

### ALLEGED MURDER OF STOREKEEPER.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Monday (Reuter). — Heavily manacled, the native who is alleged to have terrorised the neighbourhood of Tzaneen over the week-end of February 27 by running amuck with a rifle, appeared in the magistrate's court today for preparatory examination on a charge of murder. The accused, John Mahlala, is alleged to have shot a young storekeeper, Hendrik Beukes, dead in his bed in a rondavel at the back of the store a few miles from Tzaneen. In the afternoon of the same day he is alleged to have held up a European woman, Mrs. Wheatcroft, whom he shot in the arm with the result that her arm had to be amputated at the shoulder. Mr. C. E. Whiley was on the bench, and Mr. L. R. Breytenbach prosecuted. Extraordinary public interest was shown in the examination, many people having come up from the Tzaneen district to hear the evidence.

The accused was brought into court under heavy guard and all the time he was in the dock he was handcuffed to a Native policeman.

The exhibits spread on a table in court included a Lee Enfield rifle, a hurricane lamp and a case containing numerous articles found in the possession of the accused.

The examination had been arranged to last over a period of five days, only a few hours being devoted to the matter every day in order to permit the magistrate to do his other work as well. The principal witness, Mrs. Wheatcroft, will be called tomorrow.

Mr. Breytenbach, in outlining the Crown case to the magistrate, said it started at Tzaneen on September 30 with the railway station being broken into and goods being stolen. Subsequently the accused broke into various shops and at the end of December he again broke into the railway station and on this occasion left a note stating "I am a dangerous man from Capetown." Later he broke into a magazine and stole dynamite and detonators. This was followed by the theft of a rifle, the one before the court, belonging to Fourie.

This was followed by the shooting of Mrs. Wheatcroft and the murder of Hendrik Beukes in his bed. Also, the same afternoon as Mrs. Wheatcroft was shot, four Natives were held up by a Native armed with a rifle. The Crown's contention was that the shootings were done by the accused. There was a total of 19 counts of house and store-breaking, as well as the hold-up of the Native and the shooting of Mrs. Wheatcroft, but he intended to combine them and proceed with only one charge, namely that of the murder of Beukes.

#### RIFLE MISSING.

Jakobus Ernest Fourie, farmer of Tsake, near Leydsdorp, told the court that the rifle before the court was his property. This rifle he had kept in his

## What Natal Natives Want

"What the Maritzburg gathering of Native chiefs and headmen most reasonably ask is that this procedure shall be followed in regard to the Native Bills themselves. There can hardly be any future Bill more 'specially affecting the interests of the Natives' than these present Bills. Why wait until these Bills are passed to form such a Council?"

"Rather form the Council first, let that Council share in the consideration of these two Bills of far-reaching and weighty import, and give the Native now that voice which, as the summary truly says, 'they have hitherto never had in their own affairs.'

"When Europeans realise that such a Native Representative Council is provided for by these Bills in regard to future legislation affecting Natives, they will surely see that there is both justice and commonsense in the request that the formation of the Council shall precede the passing of the Bills, and that it shall be given time to function as desired before the Bills become law.

"The Natives ask for time for the consideration and understanding of these Bills—again a most reasonable request. The country has admittedly waited a long time for the Bills, but in the waiting period no one knew what form they would take. Only slowly is the European public learning their provisions.

"The Native has not yet had time to do so. They are not yet available to him in his mother tongue, nor has it yet been promised that they shall be. If they are not, then his requests for delay, for time, for explanation and consideration, and for the consideration of them by a Native Representative Council, are requests for which he may reasonably seek the backing of a strong European public opinion.

### Need for Co-operation

"Do not provide for a Native Representative Council which shall only come into being when his most vital interests have been settled for him. Give him a Council now, which shall have a say before it is too late to speak.

"Co-operation between the White and the Black will alone give us an harmonious settlement of what we call the Native problem. Attempts to deal it by the White people alone will inevitably produce discord.

"That famous African, Dr. Aggrey, never tired of his illustration of the white and black notes on the keyboard of a piano. Both together, he said, were necessary for harmony, and co-operation between the White and Black races of South Africa is just as essential for their harmonious living together in this land.

"The Native now—through the Maritzburg gathering—has asked for his share in such co-operation. Reasonable men will see that it is a reasonable request.

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