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# PROPOSALS ON NATIVE POLICY CRITICISED

## "Vague and Disappointing," Says African Leader's Statement

JOHANNESBURG, Monday.

The working committee of the African National Congress finds the Prime Minister's tentative proposals on Native policy vague and disappointing, says a statement by the president, Dr. A. B. Xuma, issued yesterday. "The Prime Minister seems to have side-stepped the main cause of the deadlock—the demand of the Native Representative Council for the repeal of discriminatory colour legislation against Africans and the Council's consequent resolution to adjourn indefinitely until such demands have been complied with," says the statement.

"The Prime Minister's reported proposals might appear to be generous and an improvement on the present political status of the African, but in fact they are a retrogressive step in that as long as present discriminatory legislation remains on the statute book Africans are in effect asked by the Prime Minister in his proposals to administer their own domination, discrimination and oppression under the cloak of giving them responsibility and participation in the administration of their own affairs.

"In fact, there can be no truly representative democratic Government or Parliament within any State in which all members of the State are not directly represented. In other words, we do not accept any proposal that does not provide for direct representation of all sections of the community in all legislative bodies.

"The proposed Bill dealing with the so-called recognition of African trades unions is unacceptable, because it maintains the principle of racial and colour discrimination and domination and excludes African mineworkers—the largest working group of Africans.

"The presence of Africans in the mines from territories outside the Union should not be used to deprive African workers of their industrial rights.

### "NO ACTIVE PART"

"The proposed Bill gives the workers or their trades unions no active part in the settlement of industrial disputes in which they are concerned and ignores the fundamental right of workers—collective bargaining and the enforcement of the workers' demands by means of the strike weapon.

"My working committee supports the Native Representative Council's resolution to adjourn indefinitely until their demands have been complied with and submits for the consideration of the Government the following:

"1. The removal of the political colour bar in the South Africa Act and direct representation of Africans in all legislative bodies—national, provincial and municipal

"2. Abolition of the pass laws.

"3. Removal of land restrictions against Africans in urban and rural areas.

"4. Recognition of African trade unions under the Industrial Conciliation Act and adequate wages for African workers, including African mineworkers.

"5. Adequate housing for Africans and adequate mass training facilities for Africans as builders and in other trades, with outlets for employment as skilled workers.

"6. Extension of free compulsory education to all African children of school-going age.

"7. The re-establishment of the status of African chiefs in national affairs."—S.A. Press Association.

## Natives Convicted for Violence in City Location

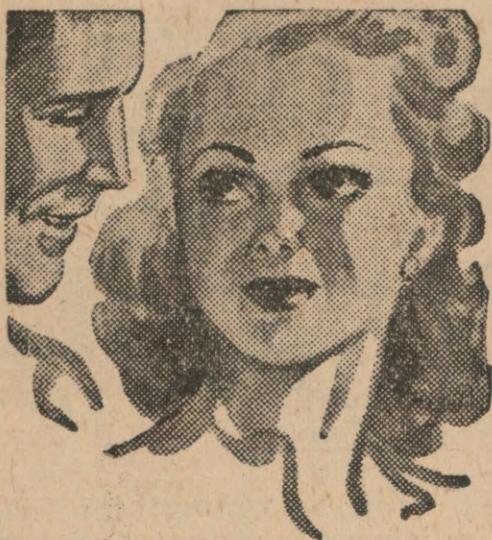
Eight Native men were each fined £10 or two months' imprisonment with hard labour by Mr. A. Brink, additional Magistrate, in the East London Magistrate's Court yesterday when he found them guilty on a charge of public violence. Mr. G. M. Coetzee prosecuted and Mr. J. A. Shapiro appeared for the defence.

It was alleged that on March 23 at Duncan Village Native location the Natives "riotously assembled with intent to disturb the public peace and security," that they "forcibly invaded the rights of other persons" and that they caused a "riot and an affray." They pleaded not guilty.

Milton Mapiya, a Native, said that he was visiting Samson Masele on March 23. Masele left the room and went to a nearby fruit store. He (Mapiya) stayed in the room with another Native, Sergeant Vongombosa. He heard shouting outside and saw Masele running to the room and behind him came the eight Natives, who were armed with sticks, stones and bricks. Masele came into the room and bolted the door.

Stones and bricks were thrown at the window and door of the room until the door and the window were broken. He was struck on the head with a brick and was knocked unconscious. His skull was fractured and he was taken to hospital.

Masele said that he went to the fruit shop and he found a Native, Stanford being assaulted by two men. He interfered and Stanford ran off. The two men who had been assaulting Stanford then turned and set upon him. The other six Natives had been standing about watching the fighting and when he ran away they joined in the chase.



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(By "SCRUM")

Border will make a late start with its Currie Cup fixtures and inter-provincial friendlies this season. When the start is made the matches will take place frequently.

The first Currie Cup match, against South-Western Districts, will be played in East London on June 28. A further three provincial encounters will follow on the next three Saturdays, all being staged at East London. They will be: On July 5, v. the newly-created union, Eastern Transvaal; July 12, v. Natal; and July 19, v. North-Eastern Districts.

This run of big games is unique in the history of Border Rugby and while not sought after by the Border Union, is has out of necessity been compelled to stage them in East London if the friendly fixtures against Eastern Transvaal and Natal were to be accepted.

The matches against Eastern Transvaal and Natal are friendlies. The game with Natal, judging by the visiting team's performance against Border at Kingsmead last year and in subsequent matches, should be one of the best seen in the city during the season.

**BOOKING FOR BIG GAMES**

This string of four provincial games is giving the Border executive some cause for thought as to the best method it should adopt in the booking of seats. It is probable that applications in writing, accompanied by the necessary payment, will be adopted, thus avoiding queues each time for these matches.

This method of booking will enable the applicant to obtain a certain number of seats for each of the four games, and while it is appreciated that it is probable that more applications than seats on the grandstand will be received, it should be remembered that for this season there are in addition to some 300 seats in front of the stand between 2,500 to 3,000 seats on open stands now in the course of erection.

Border Union officials are giving the matter their fullest consideration as they realise the considerable waste of time involved in people having to queue up for hours to book seats for big games.

**SCHOOLS' HOCKEY  
 TRIALS**

**High Standard of Play  
 Reached**

Local schools and the Kaffrarian High School, King William's Town, took part in a series of trial matches at the East London Recreation Ground yesterday. They will be