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A World Council of Churches report on segregation in South Africa was described yesterday as "appeasement" by the Rev. Dr. Zachariah K. Matthews, South African theologian who is serving as a visiting professor on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary.

In an interview, Dr. Matthews, president of the African National Congress in Cape Province, criticized a report made by the Rev. Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council, urging further study by theologians of race relations in South Africa.

The report was made by Dr. Visser 't Hooft to the World Council's Central Committee, meeting from Dec. 31 until Friday, in Lucknow, India, on a trip he made last year to survey the "place of the churches" in the racial situation in South Africa. It was distributed in this country by officials of the World Council of Churches, 156 Fifth Ave., and the National Council of Churches.

The report touched on economic and political issues involved in the explosive question of "apartheid," or racial separation. It described the historic position of the South African Dutch Reformed Churches as favoring apartheid theologically because "the unity of the church does not mean the equality of its members" and "the most advanced have the calling of trusteeship toward the less advanced."

Dr. Visser 't Hooft's analysis said that several English-speaking churches in South Africa have protested against segregation but have not succeeded in convincing large sections of their own membership "of the truth of the principles which they advocate."

In a series of recommendations, his report asked that a number of consultations be held and that theological conversations with South African member churches of the council be conducted.

Dr. Matthews described the report as "pussyfooting all the way through." He said he felt that African Christians, whom he has championed for years, "would not be pleased with the attitude of appeasement in the report."

"The African people look on the Christian Church as a force which should be able to criticize both black and white in this question of relations between man and man.

The church should not identify itself with one side or another.

"This report represents a tendency to make excuses. Instead of being forthright in condemning racialism for what it is—a divisive force in a world that is growing more and more interdependent—it tries to explain the South African attitude. To explain is not to explain away.

"The Christian Church throughout the whole of Africa is confronted with the challenge of whether to stand up for justice, in the race question, or to appease."

Dr. Matthews, an Anglican, is a faculty member of the University College of Fort Hare, South Africa. In November, when the possibility of his being invited to appear before the Ad Hoc Political Committee of the United Nations, to discuss the South African apartheid policy, his university was warned by the Malan government that such an appearance might be "detrimental" financially to the university.

Dr. Matthews did not appear before the committee.

Besides worrying about whether he will still have a job when he returns to South Africa in July, Dr. Matthews is concerned about the future of his son, Joseph, twenty-four, a South African law student and organizer for the African Youth League. In September, Joseph was arrested on a government charge of "statutory communism," with twelve other league members, for continuously defying segregation laws.

UHRICHSVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 11 (UP).—A Pennsylvania Railroad Diesel engine hit a Baltimore & Ohio freight train at the intersection of the two tracks near here last night, derailing the engine and twenty cars and injuring two crew members.

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