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WORK ON NATIVE COLLEGES TO BEGIN THIS YEAR

Coloureds and "Others" Will Have to Wait

(From Our Political Correspondent)

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, Tuesday.

Work will start toward the end of the year on the building of the first two Native university colleges envisaged under the University Apartheid Bill, which was introduced in the House of Assembly a fortnight ago by the Minister of Education, Arts and Science, Mr. J. H. Viljoen.

Plans are already being drafted and, I understand, work will begin in the reserves in October or November.

One of the new colleges will be situated in the Northern Transvaal and the other will be in Zululand. Fort Hare University College, which the Government will take over, will serve the Transkeian reserves.

The other two non-European university colleges which are to be

provided will probably not be built for about four years, though preliminary investigations for sites for these two have already been started by the Department of Education, Arts and Science.

The proposed university-college for Coloureds will be situated in the Western Cape and that for "other non-Europeans" will be in Natal, probably near Maritzburg.

The main reason for the four years difference in starting the non-European (excluding African) university-colleges is that tenders will have to be called for and the whole building job will be handled by the Public Works Department.

These two colleges will come under the Department of Education, Arts and Science, whereas the university-colleges for Africans will fall under the control of the Native Affairs Department.

OWN BUILDERS

The Native Affairs Department already has its own building teams working in the reserves and they will be used in the building of the colleges. The necessary funds will be taken from those available to the Department of Native Affairs, whereas those for the other non-European colleges will have to be provided from funds voted for that purpose by the House of Assembly.

For non-European students who are not resident near the colleges, the Government will make available loans and bursaries which will cover the expense of their being away from home. The funds for these subsidies for African students will come from the Bantu Education Act and those for other non-Europeans from general revenue.

Though the Government's intention is finally to staff the non-European colleges with non-Europeans, I understand that until the necessary staff has been trained, Europeans will continue to teach.

The salary scales for Coloured and Asiatic lecturers will compare favourably with those of Europeans, though salaries for African lecturers will be considerably lower than those received by the other groups.

RHODES STUDENTS TO STAGE PROTEST

(From Our Own Correspondent)

GRAHAMSTOWN, Tuesday.

Students of Rhodes University will stage a protest march in Grahamstown on Saturday against the Separate University Education Bill. The day has been chosen because of the influx of visitors from all over the Union who will attend the graduation ceremony to be held at the University on Friday night.

SAPA reports that a statement issued today from the University of the Witwatersrand says that at a meeting of members of the academic staff last Friday a resolution was passed stating that the Separate University Education Bill "Constitutes an attack unparalleled in the history of South Africa upon university autonomy and academic freedom."

WHOLLY UNACCEPTABLE

The resolution expressed its opposition to the Bill which it finds wholly unacceptable on the grounds that:

- It will force upon the University of the Witwatersrand and the University of Cape Town a criterion for the admission of students which has nothing to do with academic merit.

- It constitutes an attack, unparalleled in the history of South Africa, upon university autonomy and academic freedom.

- That the institutions which it is proposed to establish in terms of the Bill cannot, in the opinion of the meeting, be regarded as university institutions.

LETTER TO PREMIER

The Prime Minister, Mr. J. G. Strijdom, has been sent a letter by the Students' Representative Council at King's College, University of Durban, protesting against the South African Government's intention to enforce apartheid at the South African universities.

In a letter to the National Union of South African Students the president of the SRC at King's College gives the full support of King's College to NUSAS in its "fight for freedom in education."

DANISH STUDENTS PROTEST

The National Union of Danish Students has also sent letters to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, to the President of the Senate of the Union, to the South African Consulate-General in Copenhagen, to the Danish Legation in the Union and to the rectors at the universities of Cape Town and the Witwatersrand, offering their full support to the opposition to the Bill.

The joint action group for understanding among races at Cambridge University, which is sponsored by more than 30 university societies, has sent a letter to the Students' Representative Council at the University of Cape Town in which it deprecates the attempt by the Government to limit, by reason of race alone, any man's opportunity of enjoying the benefits of higher education.— Press Assoc.