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IMPOSSIBLE TO STAY ON, SAYS MATTHEWS

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FORT HARE, Wednesday.

AT a solemn and moving final assembly today under the old regime at the University College of Fort Hare, Professor Z. K. Matthews, the vice-principal and vice-chairman of the senate, who has been offered reappointment on January 1 next year, announced that he found it impossible to become a part of the new Fort Hare.

"Men and women graduates of this country and throughout the world have been deeply indebted to Fort Hare for endeavouring to teach a broad South Africanism," he said.

"Fort Hare, for 40 years, has worked under a happy association of staff and students of different race, politics, culture and faith, and unless South Africa as a whole learns to work the same way it will come to disaster."

The Great Hall was filled with students and staff, and a big contingent of professors, staff and students from Rhodes University, and this final meeting was opened with the students' song known the world over, "Gaudeamus igitur . . ." "Let us rejoice while we are young."

OTHER SPEAKERS

The other five speakers were: Dr. T. Alty (representing Rhodes University); Dr. Alexander Kerr (for the College Council); Professor H. Raymond-Burrows (College Senate); Miss Gertrude M. H. Darroll (Lecturers' Association); and Mr. J. M. Majola (president of the Students' Representative Council).

The Ven. Archdeacon H. P. Rolfe, warden of Beda Hall, the Anglican hostel, pronounced the benediction, and this was followed by the singing of the Bantu national songs: "Nkosi Sikelel Afrika" and "Morena Boloka."—(Sapa).