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## Applauded By Varsity

THE president of the Convocation of the University of Natal, Mr. A. Goldberg, and his executive committee have applauded the stand taken by Professor Z. K. Matthews in regard to his position at the Fort Hare University College.

Mr. Goldberg said that the committee backed Professor Matthews against the arbitrary action, motivated by political considerations, of the Minister of Bantu Education.

Mr. Goldberg said that this action had resulted in the loss to the University of men of proven worth and integrity and of the highest academic qualifications who were entrusted with the education of the rising generation.

### **THREAT TO FREEDOM**

He said: "The action spells a threat to the accepted principle of freedom of thought for university teachers and the executive committee is opposed to the rejection of this fundamental principle."

**FOOTNOTE:** Prof. Matthews, vice-principal of Fort Hare, was offered reappointment by the Government on condition that he severed his connection with the African National Congress, but last week he declared that he could not become part of the new Fort Hare College to be administered by the Department of Bantu Education.