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WISDOM, NOT SLOGANS, NEEDED TO SOLVE AFRICA'S PROBLEMS

—Prof. Matthews

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CAPE TOWN, Tuesday.

PROFESSOR Z. K. MATTHEWS, former acting principal of Fort Hare University College, said here today world peace and security demanded that the problems of emergent Africa should be tackled with resolute action, research and wisdom and not with facile solutions based on popular slogans.

The crux of the African problem was how the different racial groups could be welded together into societies or nations with common ideas dedicated to the pursuit of the common objectives of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.

He was speaking to 2,000 people who packed the Jameson Hall at the University of Cape Town.

Professor Matthews was delivering the third T. B. Davie Memorial Lecture.

UNLIT TORCH

The meeting opened with the Chancellor, Mr. A. van der Sandt Centlivres, the principal, Mr. J. P. Duminy, and other university staff entering the hall in procession. The procession was headed by a student carrying an unlit torch symbolising the loss of academic freedom caused by the enforcement of the colour bar.

Prof. Matthews said univer-

sities, by tradition the institutions entrusted with the task of the pursuit of truth, were the obvious bodies to meet the challenge of Africa today.

"MUST BE FREE"

"But if the universities are to perform this task of speculation, experiment, investigation and creative thinking, they must themselves be free.

"It seems to me a tragedy that the universities which can lay some sort of claim to a better acquaintance with African conditions than others are not in a position to share in this work because of Government policy. I refer, of course, to the South African universities."

ACADEMIC SELFISHNESS

"It is a peculiarly South African form of academic selfishness that the same man who is prepared to go and study in one of the great open universities of the world and to rub shoulders and minds there with teachers and students drawn from all racial groups should, when he returns to his country, forswear the broadening experiences he has had and work for the shutting up of students and teachers in practically watertight university kraals.

VISION

In Africa the greatest demand was for people of vision, faith and work and who would remember that moral issues inseparable from problems of human relations could not be settled by immoral or amoral means.