

P R E S S R E L E A S E :

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The Guilford Group of St. Philip's Church presents Dr. Z. K. Matthews speaking on THE PRESENT CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA, Sunday, April 12, 1953, at 4 P.M., in the Church School Auditorium, 214 West 134th Street.

Dr. Z. K. Matthews is the representative of the African National Congress and president of the Cape Province Branch and a member of the Executive Committee. He is now at Union Theological Seminary in New York, USA, as Henry Luce Visiting Professor of World Christianity. Himself an African and a national of the Union of South Africa, he is Professor of Social Anthropology, Native Law and Administration, and head of the Department of African Studies at the University College of Fort Hare in South Africa. This institution was established in 1916 to provide for the higher education of the non-white groups. There are eight universities established primarily for white students.

As a member of the South African Native Representative Council and of the Union Advisory Board on Native Education, Dr. Matthews has held the highest offices open to an African in South Africa. As a member of the De la Warr Commission appointed by the British Government in 1936 to inquire into and report upon Higher Education for Africans in East Africa, he played a part in the development of Mankere College in Uganda and Gordon Memorial College in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

From his intimate knowledge of the African National Congress as an organization, his long association with the leading personalities in the movement, his experience as elected representative of the African people in various public bodies, and as a frequent contributor to learned journals on South African racial and political questions, he is eminently fitted to speak and to interpret the present events in South Africa.

Dr. Matthews holds the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. from the University of South Africa, the M.A. from Yale University, and did post-graduate work in anthropology at London University.