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# Prof. Matthews says he will quit Fort Hare

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ALICE, Wednesday.

PROF. Z. K. MATTHEWS, Vice-principal and Chairman of the Senate of Fort Hare University College today told the final assembly of the college (under the present regime) that he found it impossible to be part of the new Fort Hare.

It was a sad and unforgettable ceremony, attended not only by the leading members of the College (who have been advised by the Department of Bantu Affairs that their services will be terminated at the end of the year), but by Rhodes University representatives.

Professor Matthews spoke on behalf of the generation of students who have passed through the gates of the College.

He said there were feelings of sadness throughout this country and others beyond. Past students had felt they were indebted to Fort Hare for having developed a broad South Africanism.

Fort Hare was probably one of the most representative places in the world, where people of different races, cultures and languages had worked together harmoniously and happily.

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He said: "Unless South Africa learns the same lesson, it will come to disaster. All credit to Fort Hare for having paved the way."

Professor Matthews thanked the Fort Hare Council and staff, and said it would probably be the last occasion that he would address them.

He had earlier been told by the

Government that it was prepared to continue to employ him, subject to his resigning from the African National Congress.

He is only two years from retirement—and still has three children at the college to support. He was the first graduate at Fort Hare.

## Protest over Fort Hare dismissals

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GRAHAMSTOWN, Wednesday.— Fifty-six members of the staff of Rhodes university have signed a protest against the dismissal of staff members of the university of Fort Hare at Alice.

The protest was arranged by the Rhodes University committee for academic freedom.

The protest reads as follows: "We protest against the summary dismissal of six of our colleagues from the staff on the University College of Fort Hare. We understand that they have been dismissed with no suggestion of improper conduct, no stated reasons and no opportunity to defend themselves.

"This is contrary to the principles of justice and of university autonomy. We affirm our belief that the Act the provisions of which can be used in this way, can only bring discredit upon the universities and therefore upon all its citizens."